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PLAN TO “COME HOME TO VIRGINIA”
FRIDAY, OCT. 6 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCT. 8.

Many of your cousins, in-laws, and “out-laws” are gathering that weekend in Williamsburg, VA, for the Bondurant Family Association’s annual reunion. Our headquarters will be the Williamsburg Hospitality House, 415 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA [757/229-4020]. Ask for the “Bondurant Family Reunion rates” when you call for reservations. The deadline is September 6th.

We’ll begin the gathering at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening at the Hospitality House with registration and a reception. \$10 fee will cover costs of the room.

Saturday morning we will convene at 9:00 a.m. for further registration and our annual business meeting and to hear presentations from area residents, and Mary Bondurant Warren regarding our family and its history.

Saturday afternoon is yours to enjoy Colonial Williamsburg and the surrounding environs. Directions will be provided to historic Jamestown, where Jean Pierre Bondurant landed in 1700, and to his gravesite near Richmond – plus other sites of interest.

Reserve Saturday evening for a Bondurant Family Association “dinner on the ground” near Colonial Williamsburg. Cost for the dinner should be less than \$25.00. The program that evening will be a surprise, but one we’re all certain to enjoy.

Sunday morning is planned as additional time to enjoy new acquaintances and old friends before departing for home.

Your hosts for the weekend are: BFA Co-presidents Jackie and David Bondurant of Lexington, KY, and their son and daughter-in-law Tom and Mary Helen Bondurant of Williamsburg, VA.

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BONDURANTS. Send copies of your family members' photographs
to the editor to be included in the first issue of 2007.

DEATHS

Our sympathy to their loved ones.

MARCIA ELIZABETH LeGRAND GRAINGER

Mrs. Marcia Elizabeth LeGrand Grainger, age 92, of Richmond, VA, died 25 July 2006. She is survived by a son James M. Grainger III, a daughter Dorothy Valentine Grainger, and a granddaughter Elizabeth Estelle Grainger of Phoenix, AZ, and a sister and brother Virginia Martin, York, SC, and Louis LeGrand, Squaw Valley, CA [a member of BFA]. Mrs. Grainger touched many lives as a music teacher and professional musician. Burial in Signal Hill Memorial Park.

WANDA STRICKLAND PRITCHETT

La Center, KY. Mrs. Wanda Strickland Pritchett, age 94, died 16 March 2006. She was the daughter of Henry Strickland and Arrah (Willie) Bondurant [a descendant of Darby Bondurant]. She was a member of First Baptist Church, where she served as church secretary for many years; she also wrote "The LaCenter News" for the *Ballard Yeoman*. She is survived by two nieces, Reba Orr, La Center, Blanche Britton, Villa Ridge, IL, and three nephews, Paul Strickland, La Center, Virgil R. Stinnett of OH, Robert Gray, Shreveport, LA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Loys Pritchett, four brothers and three sisters. Burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, La Center, KY.

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CORRECTION

Lydia/Sylvia Hixon, page 11, issue 71. Her birth date should be 1898, not 1998.

VESTRY BOOK OF KING WILLIAM PARISH, VA, 1707-1750

Translated by R.H. Fife, and published 1906.

This 155 page book is being reprinted by Southern Historical Press, P.O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267, and will be ready for delivery in late Oct. 2006. Price \$30.00.

This is the record of the vestry of the Huguenot congregation at Manakintown, VA, of whom our Bondurants were a part. Jean Pierre was elected in the fall of 1734 to serve on the vestry, but died before he could take office. His sons Joseph and John served on the vestry in the late 1740s, as well as becoming Church Wardens for a year each.

The translation has been reprinted a number of times, and will be of interest to Bondurant descendants.

REUBEN BONDURANT

Possible son of John Bondurant and Martha Unknown of Bedford Co., VA

Clint Bondurant, [e-mail:eod13@aol.com](mailto:eod13@aol.com), sent this information on an early Alabama settler. REUBEN BONDURANT also BUNDRANT, Private, 1 Sept. 1814 to 30 Nov. 1814 in 2nd VA Militia, detached from 91st and 10th Regiment Bedford, Capt. John P. Gray's Company of Riflemen, was stationed at Camp Bottom Bridge near Richmond, during the War of 1812. Reuben was born about 1768 in VA, and died before 1850 in Madison Co., AL. He married Mildred Buford 15 Nov. 1819 in Madison Co., AL. Clint could find no will for either Reuben or Mildred, nor records on their younger children who would have been minors when their father died. Has anyone documents to establish the parents' deaths?

These are probable children of Reuben and Mildred B. Bundrant, established by Clint using census records.

Julia A.C., born about 1821 AL (Did she marry? To whom?)

Harriet, born about 1825 AL, married P.E. Ledbetter. (When and where did they marry?)

Children shown in the 1860 census of Madison Co., AL, New Hope Post Office:

Reubin, born about 1844

Mildred, born about 1846

Julia, born about 1849

Mary, born about 1851

Daniel, born about 1857

Martha, born abt. 1859. All children born AL.

William W. born about 1825 AL, married Susan M. Ledbetter 12 July 1853 Madison Co., AL.

Only two known children, Laura born about 1856, and Harriet born about 1858. (Were there others?)

John W., born about 1829 AL, married Josie Mahon, 5 Dec. 1888 Etowah Co., AL

Edward D., born about 1831 AL, married Lucy T. Phipps, 21 Aug. 1852, Madison Co., AL.

HARRY GREENE'S SUBMISSION

On 28 Aug. 2002, Harry Greene sent this answer to Jean Churchill Harris in response to a question she raised in BFA #54. This represents Harry's best information at the time, but not proof of his conjectures. It is published in order to give his ideas, and others the opportunity to make corrections of his assumptions. For the convenience of those of you who can elaborate on, or correct this presentation, we're marking the paragraphs [A...K].

"Jean,

When I saw your question in BFA #54, p. 11, I figured we might be cousins through both the Bondurants and the Churchills where they join about three generations back in time. My 4 Generation Pedigree ... seems to agree with this.

[A] Your specific question in the BFA Newsletter – has anyone documented the father of 'our' Thomas, who married Peggy Drury? The only answer I could give is 'Not to my knowledge ... nor do I expect such documentation to ever be found.' Too many people have been looking too long for the data that would prove [his] parentage. I have been looking since Oct. 1990 and the most I could offer is a '**Greene Guess**' based on extensive research, and the most 'logic' that I could apply to conditions back in the 1750 to 1800 era.

I firmly believe, BUT WITHOUT PROOF, that Joel [Bondurant], Sr. is the father of our Thomas, and that Thomas was born very near to 1769.

My main research was actually a Family Tree starting with the Immigrant as the first generation, and then extending through the 3rd generation. Our Thomas was of the 4th generation, so the idea

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was to ELIMINATE 3rd generation names based on: birth date, marriage date, area of residence, existence of Thomas (not ours) in the family. This will entail (in some instances) having the 4th generation names nearby. **Only the sons will be listed in this tree.**

| [B] | Jean-Pierre Bondurant | | 1 st Gen. |
|--|--|--|----------------------|
| John (Sr.) [born] ca. 1709 | Peter ca. 1711 | Dr. Joseph ca. 1720 | 2 nd Gen. |
| John (Jr.) 1737 Richard 1740 Joel 1742 Rev. Thomas 1744 Darby 1749 | [*] John Peter ca. 1743 * Obediah ca. 1745 * Benjamin ca. 1751 * David ca. 1754 | Joseph (Jr.) 1755 Edward 1758 William 1769 | 3 rd Gen. |

* thought [by Greene] to be sons of Peter

* The three [four] men marked with an asterisk all headed for Kentucky. David was killed in an [Indian] uprising, and the other two had families and appeared on early tax rolls in KY. Eliminate these three.

[C] Do I have all of the Bondurant men listed here? No, I can think of two more, Daniel and Abner, but I don't feel that they need to be considered in this study.

Now let's start over in the right hand column and check each 3rd generation name to see if he might be the father of our Thomas.

[D] DR. JOSEPH, in his will named all of his children, and there is no Thomas. His three sons are too young to be the father of our Thomas. This group is eliminated.

[E] JOHN P. [Peter] the only documented son of Peter, lived in several counties of VA including the old home place, Buckingham, and Cumberland [Cos., VA]. He was in Cumberland Co. when he met and married a widow with 5 kids. John P. [Peter] and his wife [Mrs. Martha (Patty) Walton Mosby] had two kids of their own, George and William. When the wife died in 1794, John P.[Peter] went to KY, and died there in about 1810. Eliminate this group.

[The only documented son of Peter is John, not John Peter.]

[F] DARBY didn't get married till about 1771, while our Thomas was born in about 1769. Darby's family is fairly well documented. At a second marriage, Darby had a son Thomas in about 1792. Eliminate Darby and company.

[G] REV. THOMAS spent most of his life in Buckingham Co., just north of our Bedford Co. Rev. Thomas' son, Thomas was born in 1782. Eliminate this group.

Let's jump over Joel and Richard for a short time and visit John, probably Junior.

[H] JOHN (Jr.) was probably the first Bondurant to live in Bedford Co. He and his father were in Buckingham Co. prior to this Bedford move. John [Jr.] and wife had about a dozen kids between about 1761 and 1794, and nearly all of them have documented marriage dates in Bedford Co., VA. The kids' names have been listed in the BFA Newsletter in the past.

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The birth year for some of the boys can be determined by the year they were first taxed at age 21. John had a son Thomas born in 1781, and in 1807 he [Thomas] married Susanna Locket. This eliminated John [Jr.] from consideration as the father of our Thomas.

[I] RICHARD. The first printed family group I ever saw (pre-1990) was one of Richard's family. The listings were: Francis, Thomas, Richard [Jr.], and two unknown daughters. This data went on to say that Thomas married Sarah Maxey. This family group must not have been complete because in the 1790 census of NC, Richard's numbers were 2-3-4. The two men would be Richard, Sr. and Thomas. The three males under 16 would be Claibourn, John, and an unknown child. The females would be Richard's wife Celia, two unknown daughters, and Thomas' wife Sarah Maxey.

In this same NC census, Francis and family plus Richard (Jr.) and wife were in a separate household. I have never seen Richard's name associated with Bedford Co. so let's eliminate this family because of not being in Bedford [Co.], and already having a Thomas.

[J] Now we're back to JOEL who was in Bedford and Campbell Cos., VA. I suggest here you get BFA Newsletter #37, page 7, and #42, page 12 to have Bedford tax payers in front of you. There were only two 3rd generation Bondurants in the area: John and Joel.

John and sons Josiah, Edward, and Caleb are mentioned in one or both of these references. The balance of the young Bondurants have to be sons of Joel. They are: Littleberry, OUR THOMAS, and Drury. To my way of thinking it just can't be any other way.

[K] A few points about Thomas [Bondurant] and Peggy [Drury]

1. Married in 1792
2. Probably lived with Drurys for a while.
3. Bought 50 acres on Island Creek in Jan. 1803.
4. Sold this 50 acres in Sept. 1803.
5. Bought 118 acres in Feb. 1805, close to the Drury farm. [Peggy's parents]
6. Sold this 118 acres in Nov. 1818.
7. Must have left VA soon after, because they were in Boone Co., KY, for the 1820 census.

JAMES BONDURANT or JAMES AGEE BONDURANT

Rev. Thomas Bondurant's son James Bondurant, born 21 Sept. 1779 Buckingham Co., VA., died 7 June 1846 Prince Edward Co., VA, has been confused here and elsewhere by calling him James Agee Bondurant. True, his mother was Rhoda Agee. A descendant Carolynn Knauff Waldon of Ripon, CA, e-mail: waldonhaus@aol.com, caught this error. She stated "I have never seen an official document for his having a middle name."

James married first Phebe Ford but had no children, His second wife was Sarah Josephine (Sallie) Watson, by whom there were 12 children, including John James Bondurant born 12 June 1826.

But there are James Agee Bondurants, descendants of John Bondurant and Sarah Rachael Taylor Moseley through Darby Bondurant:

JAMES AGEE BONDURANT, SR., born 23 May 1779 in Rockingham Co., died about 1832 in Ballard Co., KY. He was the son of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Payne, his first wife. J.A. married

Chloe Garrett.

Their son JAMES AGEE BONDURANT, JR. was born 20 Dec. 1808.

Darby's son DAVID BONDURANT and wife Mary (Polly) Garrett, whose mother was an Agee, had a son JAMES AGEE BONDURANT, born 1815, married 1834 Cumberland Co., VA, Mrs. Amelia M. Young Price (1796-1870). It is this James Agee Bondurant whose family can be found in *THE AGEE REGISTER*, p. 265.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH # 2

BENJAMIN BONDURANT

Son of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee (1st wife)

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Benjamin Bondurant was the son of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee (Bible record posted at <http://lvaimage.lib.va.us/Bible/33256/index.html> Bible Record Image and <http://lvaimage.lib.va.us/Bible/25386/index.html> Bible Record Image, which show Benjamin's father as Darbey). He was born 17 Feb 1773 (Bible record see sources listed above). However, Donald C. Bondurant in *History of Fulton Co., KY*, p. 67, says he was born 17 Feb 1774. His tombstone supposedly says that he was born 1774 (BFA Newsletter #44, p. 5). However, his brother Joseph was born Apr of 1774 (Bible record see sources listed above), making it impossible for Benjamin to have been born in Feb of that same year.

Benjamin Bondurant married a Moseley 12 Jul 1797. One Bible record shows her as Saley C. or E. (Bible record see sources listed above; the initial is difficult to read), but another shows her as Sarah E. (BFA Newsletter #5, pp. 4-5). Saley Bondurant, wife of Benjamin Bondurant, was born 4 May 1781 (Bible record see digital sources listed above). This date is also given in the genealogical research of M. Dennis (document available at the 300th Anniversary Celebration of the BFA in Williamsburg, VA, October, 2000). However, FamilySearch Ancestral File shows her birth as 1780, and the date engraved on her tombstone is 4 May 1780 (photo in BFA Newsletter #67, p. 2). In either case, she was about 7 years younger than her husband. Sarah "Sally" E. Moseley was the daughter of Robert Moseley who died 7 Jun 1829 in Logan Co., KY ("Robert Moseley of Buckingham County, Virginia, and Logan County, Kentucky, Property Settlement," *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, Vol. 35, No. 2. This article, written by M.B. Lozo, contains much genealogical information about this Bondurant family with citations to sources). Several sources list her middle name as East (e.g., Donald C. Bondurant in *History of Fulton Co., KY*, p. 67; Dennis research document), and East is engraved on her tombstone (photo, BFA Newsletter, #67, p. 2).

The *Surveyor's Plat Book of Buckingham Co., VA*, shows that on 18 Sep 1798, 120 acres of land at the head of the south fork of Rock Island Creek, adjoining Joseph Good, Isaac Sallee, Fore, and Darby Bondurant were surveyed for Benjamin and David Bondurant. This description seems to refer to the beginning of what is now known as Little Rock Island Creek. This property would have been about 4 miles southwest of [the town of] Centenary, near VA highways 655 and 704. It would also have been about five miles due south of the James River. Benjamin does not seem to appear in the 1800 tax list, but he must have been in the area because on 27 Dec 1800 Benjamin and David were granted 120 acres on the head of Rock Island Creek on the east side of the road from Goodwin's Church to the Albemarle Old Courthouse Ferry (source: grant #46,

1797-1801, p. 570) **(Who can identify the location of Goodwin's Church and/or the Albemarle old courthouse ferry? Was this Route 20? Was Scottsville the site of the ferry? [Yes.]**). Although the description is somewhat different, it seems probable that this was the same land that was surveyed in 1798. We can be reasonably certain that this is the right Benjamin Bondurant because he had a brother named David.

However, Benjamin may not have stayed long on this land (and may never have occupied it). Instead, he may have crossed to the north side of the James River and purchased land there because he appears in Nelson Co., VA in the 1809 tax list. He was still there in 1810. The census record shows that he was aged 26 to 45 as was his wife. In the household were 2 males aged 10 to 16, 1 female aged under 10, and 4 males aged under 10. [Author's note: I question whether this is actually a census of Nelson County; it is labeled Nelson Co. in a different hand than that of the census taker, the list is only 8 pages long with approximately 16 names per page, and it contains only people whose names begin with letters A through C. Nelson Co. was created 1807/1808 from Buckingham Co., so perhaps there was some confusion about the boundaries. This might also serve to explain Benjamin's appearance in the Nelson Co. tax list of 1809 as well. On the other hand, Benjamin and Sarah's daughter Pauline Bondurant is reported to have been born in Nelson Co., VA.] Research on descendants (e.g., Dennis research document) shows that Benjamin and Sarah had 7 children prior to 1810: Robert M., William A., Albert G., Hillary H., David L., Benjamin T., and Pauline B. This census record seems to match exactly with the known births of these seven children.

Sometime between 1810 and 1820, Benjamin Bondurant moved to Kentucky **(any land records to show when they moved?)**. Dennis's research document indicates that Benjamin may have first moved to Logan Co., KY before moving on to Shelby Co., KY. Benjamin's grandson, Benjamin V. T., in **(source?)** reported that his grandfather Benjamin moved from Buckingham Co., VA to KY and then to Dresden, TN about 1821 **(Is this in his Civil War veteran's interview?)**.

Donald C. Bondurant (*History of Fulton Co., KY*, p. 67) states that while living in Shelby Co., KY Benjamin "operated an inn for travelers; but later moved with his family to Weakley County, TN" (same statement is found in Dennis's research document). While Benjamin may have resided in Logan Co. at some point between 1810 and 1820 (note that his wife's father did reside there), the census records show him residing in Shelby Co., KY in 1820. That entry shows that he was over age 45 (he would have been 47), but his wife was aged 26 to 45 (she would have been 39 or 40). They had with them a daughter aged 10 to 16, 2 sons under 10 and 2 daughters under 10. The census also shows that 4 people were engaged in agriculture. The household also included 7 male slaves and 9 female slaves. Between 1810 and 1820, Benjamin and Sarah had had 4 children in addition to the 7 produced before 1810. The 4 additions were James E., Virginia Ann, Joseph S., and Louisa C. This 1820 listing seems to include these 4 youngsters plus Pauline B. who would have been about 11 at this time. Other records also show that by the time the 1820 census was taken, 2 of Benjamin and Sarah's children, Robert M. and William A., had married (both were married in Shelby Co., KY). Missing from Benjamin's household were 4 males: Albert G., aged about 18; Hillary H., aged about 17; David L., aged about 15; and Benjamin T., aged about 13. Later records show that they all were living, but their whereabouts in 1820 is a mystery.

As noted, two of Benjamin's sons married while the family was in Shelby Co., KY. William A., whose middle name is often recorded as Agee (e.g., Dennis research document), was born 15 or 31 Jul 1800 **(which record gives which date?)**. He appears to have been one of the

earliest in the family to arrive in Shelby Co., KY. Marriage records show that a William Bondurant married 23 Feb 1819 in Shelby Co., KY, Elizabeth Richerson. However, if this were he, the marriage was not recorded in the Bondurant family Bible and the marriage must have been brief because William A. Bondurant married 15 Nov 1819 Katie Esters (Shelby Co., KY marriage records), daughter of Joel Esters (Dennis research document). However, just a few weeks later, on 4 Dec 1819, William died (Bible record published in BFA Newsletter #5, p. 5). He does not appear in the 1820 census. It is probable but unproven that William A. Bondurant died and was buried in Shelby Co., KY. Nothing more is known about his widow, but there is no evidence that a child resulted from this brief union.

As the previous data indicate, Benjamin did not remain long in Kentucky. Sometime shortly after the birth of their last children in October of 1821 (a set of twins named Churchill P. and Emeline E.), he moved the family to Weakley Co., TN, which is located in the northwestern corner of the state and borders on Kentucky. However, Weakley County had yet to be organized. Benjamin and Sarah apparently were there by 13 or 31 Dec 1822 (**what source shows that he died 13 Dec; BFA Newsletter #5, p. 5 shows that he died 31 Dec**) when their seventeen-year-old son David Latin, born 24 Sep 1805, died (BFA Newsletter #44, p. 5). On 16 Jun 1823 their seven-year-old son Joseph Simpson, born 4 Jun 1816, died. Both were buried in the Bondurant Graveyard in Weakley Co., TN (cemetery catalog published in BFA Newsletter #44, p. 5 shows dates and full given names). According to M. Dennis, "...he [Benjamin] is listed as 'one of the first settlers in Weakley Co.,' which was established on Oct. 23, 1823. The act establishing the county provided that sessions of the county and circuit courts would be held in the home of John Terrell until otherwise provided -- court continued to hold sessions in the house of John Terrell & Benjamin Bondurant until April 1828. Next session was held in the new courthouse" (Dennis research document). However, according to *Tennessee the Volunteer State 1769-1923*, Vol. 1, p. 902, the county was organized in 1825 and Dresden was selected as the county seat and laid out in that same year. The first courthouse was completed in 1827 and the first session of the court held in it in 1828. Prior to this time some of the sessions of the court had been held in the house of Benjamin Bondurant in Dresden. A sketch entitled "First Settlers of Weakley" posted on the Weakley Co., TN GenWeb site includes Benjamin Bondurant as part of the "Ridgeway Settlement" on Cane Creek. The same year the courthouse was finished, Benjamin Tallasee, who was born 8 Oct 1807, died on 16 Oct 1827 and was buried in the Bondurant Graveyard (cemetery catalog published in BFA #44, p. 5 gives date and full name). He died just eight days after celebrating his twentieth birthday.

Despite these losses, the family remained. They were there in 1830 as the following census record shows:

Weakley Co., TN

Benja Bondurant 0 1 1 1 3 1 0 1 ----- 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1

(1 male 5-10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 15-20, 3 males 20-30, 1 male 30-40, and 1 male 50-60)

(1 female 5-10, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 15-20, and 1 female 50-60)

However, there is a problem; this household includes more people than should be here.

Benjamin and Sarah had a total of 13 children. However, by 1830 at least 4 were deceased – William Agee, David Latin, Joseph Simpson, and Benjamin Tallasee. Their eldest son, Robert M. was living in his own household in 1830. The same can be said for Albert G. and Hillary H. Additionally, their daughter Pauline B. was married and living with her husband at another location. That means that 8 of their 13 children are accounted for. The 2 youngest children in their household were, no doubt, the twins. The next older female was their daughter Louisa C.

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The male 15 to 20 should be their son James E. That accounts for 4 of the missing 5. What of the other one, Virginia Ann? She might be the eldest of the younger females; she was recently married and had not yet had any children. Her husband could be one of the 3 men aged 20 to 30. However, that leaves a male aged 10-15, 2 males aged 20-30, and a male aged 30-40 unidentified.

On 22 Aug 1832 Sarah East Moseley/Bondurant died (Bible record published in BFA newsletter No. 5, p. 5; Dennis document gives same date). Soon afterward, Benjamin married Martha Aydelott (Dennis document gives her name and says “no issue, she had children by former marriage”). Benjamin’s marriage to Martha was not recorded in the family Bible. Ancestry.com World Tree (The Pilcher-Barrow-Swiggart Families of Nashville) states that this marriage occurred 12 Dec 1833 (**Is there any official confirmation of this marriage?**). Data posted at Computerized Ancestor (<http://www.sanbachs.com/cdi>) shows that she was b. 1784. Ancestry.com World Tree (The Pilcher-Barrow-Swiggart Families of Nashville) shows Martha Aydelotte, the wife of Benjamin Bondurant, as having been born 4 Apr 1784, but that remains unconfirmed.

Although it is not proven, it seems likely that Benjamin’s house in Tennessee was a place where travelers could stay. The following news report (Ancestry.com Wilson Co., TN message board, posted 8 Oct 2004) seems to indicate this:

National Banner and Nashville Whig, August 7, 1835
DIED: At the residence of Benj. Bondurant in the town of Dresden, Tenn. on Saturday the 18th of July, 1835, a traveller who called himself John Millwood, and said he was from Clay county, Illinois.

Perhaps the unidentified people in the 1830 census were temporary boarders.

The identity of the extra people in Benjamin’s household is not explained by the 1840 census data. Benjamin was still in Weakley Co., TN. The household contained Benjamin who was listed as age 60-70. His second wife was aged 40-50. In the household were a female aged 20-30 and a male aged 15-20. The male was most likely Benjamin’s son Churchill P. who had not yet married by 1840. The identity of the female, however, is somewhat of a mystery although she might have been a child of Martha Aydelott’s from a previous marriage.

On 23 Oct 1845 Benjamin Bondurant died in Weakley Co., TN (Bible record published in BFA Newsletter #5, p. 5, but Dennis research states that the Bondurant-Jones Bible says d. 22 Oct 1845). He was buried in Weakley County in the Bondurant Graveyard as were his first wife and at least 5 of their children. The catalog of the Bondurant Graveyard (BFA #44, p. 5) includes a record of Benjamin's stone that supposedly says that he was born Feb 1774 and died 23 Oct 1845 and includes a Masonic emblem. M. Dennis states that Benjamin Bondurant left a will dated 26 Sep 1845 proved 3 Nov 1845 in Weakley Co., TN (**need a copy of this will!**)

His widow does not seem to appear in the 1850 census. Ancestry.com World Tree (The Pilcher-Barrow-Swiggart Families of Nashville) shows that she died 11 Aug 1845, but this is unconfirmed. There is no evidence that she and Benjamin had children, which is not surprising given the age of both when they married. She was buried in the Bondurant Graveyard (BFA Newsletter #67, p. 3).

On 28 May 2005 a commemorative marker was placed on the grave of Benjamin Bondurant (BFA Newsletter #67, pp. 2 & 3) in the Bondurant Cemetery on Summers Road, Dresden, TN. The article in the newsletter reviews the history of Benjamin’s life and the work that went into restoring the cemetery. “In all nine gravestones were found here: Benjamin (died 1845) and Sarah (died

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1832), Albert Gallatin Bondurant, one of the first lawyers in the county, and his two daughters Mary and Cordelia Bondurant; Benjamin Tallassee Bondurant; Louisa Clayborn Bondurant Knox, and Martha Aydelott Bondurant, and grandchild Churchill Payne Ethridge who died in infancy.”

In summary, Benjamin Bondurant and Sarah “Sally” East Moseley began their married life in Buckingham and/or Nelson Co., VA. They moved to Shelby Co., KY and finally settled in Weakley Co., TN in what would become the county seat of Dresden. Four of their children died relatively young – William Agee, David Latin, Joseph Simpson, and Benjamin Tallassee. Their remaining ten children lived to adulthood, married, and had children: Robert M., Albert G., Hillary H., Pauline B., James E., Virginia Ann, Louisa C., Churchill P., and Emeline E.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH # 16

CHURCHILL P. BONDURANT

Son of Benjamin Bondurant and Sarah E. Moseley
Grandson of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee (1st wife)

Churchill P. Bondurant was the son of Benjamin Bondurant and Sarah E. Moseley (BFA Newsletter #48, p. 5) and the grandson of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee (Bible record posted at <http://lvaimage.lib.va.us/Bible/33256/index.html> Bible Record Image and <http://lvaimage.lib.va.us/Bible/25386/index.html> Bible Record Image). He was a twin (BFA Newsletter #48, p. 5) born 16 Oct 1821 (Dennis research document but this source also states that *Tennessee Cousins* shows that he was born in Kentucky in 1822). Census records (1850) do show that he was born in Kentucky. A male child of the appropriate age did appear in Benjamin’s household in Weakley Co., TN in 1830 and 1840. While he is often identified as C. P. in a variety of documents, none of these lists his middle name. Nevertheless, he is often identified as Churchill Payne (e.g., BFA Newsletter #48, p. 5) (**Is this verified in his grandson’s Civil War interview?**).

On 18 Dec 1845 in Weakley Co., TN (Weakley Co., TN marriage records) he married Mary E. Etheridge who was born 13 July or Aug. 1827 (Dennis research document shows 13 July; Ancestry.com World Tree [Farris and Cunningham Family Ancestors] shows 13 Aug) in North Carolina (1850 census), possibly Currituck Co. According to her obituary (see below), she was the daughter of Thomas Etheridge, Esquire, who was born 8 Apr 1792 in Currituck Co., NC and died 25 Dec 1861 in Weakley Co., TN (Ancestry.com World Tree [Farris and Cunningham Family Ancestors]). Her mother was Elizabeth Harvey (or Harvy) who was born 26 Feb 1792 in Currituck Co., North Carolina and died 17 Jan 1875 in Dresden, Weakley Co., TN (Ancestry.com World Tree [Farris and Cunningham Family Ancestors]). This file also shows Churchill’s wife as Mary Elizabeth and supports the contention, but offers no documentary proof, that she was a sister to the James Etheridge who married Churchill’s twin sister, Emeline (Dennis research document).

Tax lists show C. P. living continuously in Weakley Co., TN from 1843 to 1850. While he owned 1 slave in 1842 and gradually acquired more, so that by 1849 he owned 4 slaves, he had no real estate. Furthermore, in 1849 he and Alf Gardner were apparently administering his father Benjamin Bondurant’s estate. The 1850 census shows C. P., aged 29 born KY, living in Weakley Co., TN. He was the Clerk of the Weakley County Court. His wife Mary was age 23 born North Carolina. With them were their children Benjamin, who was aged 4, and Poline, who was aged 2. Also in the household was P. Harvey, aged 64, born North Carolina, most likely Mary’s maternal grandmother. Additionally, they had in the household M. E. Bondurant who was aged 17, born Tennessee (female). This appears to have been Martha E. Bondurant, daughter of Hillary H.

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Bondurant and Unity Jolly Terrell, both of whom were deceased by 1850. Thus, Martha E. was Churchill's niece. Records (Dennis research document and cemetery catalog in BFA #44, p. 6) show that Churchill and Mary had one additional child, Daniel Oscar, after the 1850 census.

However, on 3 or 4 Apr in 1853 (catalog of Mt. Vernon Cem. near Sharon, TN shows 4 Apr [BFA Newsletter #44, p. 6]; Dennis research document shows 3 Apr) Churchill P. Bondurant died in Dresden, Weakley Co., TN. He was still serving as the Clerk of the Court when he died (**source, probate record or will?**). He was buried in the Bondurant Cemetery located south of Dresden, Weakley Co., TN or the Mt. Vernon Cem. in the Sharon, TN, area (BFA Newsletter #44, p. 5 & 6; these cemeteries may be identical). When his widow Mary E. died 26 Jun 1858 in Weakley Co., TN, the following obituary appeared in the *Southern Standard*, Gibson Co., TN, on 14 July 1858:

Died -- at the residence of her father in Weakley County, Tennessee, on Saturday, June 26, 1858 of consumption, Mrs. Mary E. Bondurant, eldest daughter of Thomas Etheridge, Esq. and the widow of the late Church P. Bondurant. She was 31 years old.

She was buried in the Corinth Cemetery, in or near Sharon, Weakley Co., TN (BFA Newsletter #44, p. 6). A biographical sketch of their son Benjamin which appears in Goodspeed's *History of Tennessee* (posted at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnobion/weakley/b.htm>) includes the following information about the family:

The father of C. P., Benjamin Bondurant, came to Weakley County, Tenn., when he [C. P.] was quite small. Our subject's father [C. P.] was married in December, 1845, and tilled a farm near Dresden until his death in 1852. His wife [Mary] was born in North Carolina, in 1826 and died in 1858. After her husband's death she and her family made their home with her father, Thomas Eskridge [sic].

As the records show, Churchill and Mary had three children all of whom were aged 7 or younger when their father died and 12 or younger when their mother died. However, their last born child, son Daniel Oscar, who was born 15 Sep 1850, died in 1859 (Dennis research document) and was buried in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Weakley Co., TN (BFA Newsletter #44, p. 6). Furthermore, Pauline Emeline Bondurant, born 8 Oct 1848 (Dennis research document), the middle child of Churchill and Mary, who seems to have been living with her uncle T. C. Edwards and aunt Pauline Bondurant/Force/Edwards in 1860, died in 1861 (Dennis research document) and was buried in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery (BFA Newsletter #44, p. 6). T. C. Edwards was a doctor, so it is possible that she was ill for some time prior to her death.

The only surviving child of Churchill P. Bondurant and Mary E. Etheridge was their eldest son, Dr. Benjamin V. Thomas Bondurant.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH # 17

EMELINE E. BONDURANT

Daughter of Benjamin Bondurant and Sarah E. Moseley
Granddaughter of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee (1st wife)

Emeline E. Bondurant was the daughter of Benjamin Bondurant and Sarah E. Moseley (BFA Newsletter #48, p. 5) and the granddaughter of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee (Bible record posted at <http://lvaimage.lib.va.us/Bible/33256/index.html> Bible Record Image and <http://>

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lvaimage.lib.va.us/Bible/25386/index.html Bible Record Image). She was a twin to Churchill P. Bondurant, both having been born 16 Oct 1821 (Dennis research document, but points out that *Tennessee Cousins* says that they were born in 1822; Ancestry.com World Tree [Farris and Cunningham Family Ancestors] notes that she was a twin) in Kentucky (1850-1880 census records). A female of the appropriate age did appear in Benjamin's household in the 1830 census in Weakley Co., TN. There is a bit of controversy over her name, however. She is listed as Emeline in the 1880 census, Emiline in 1870 and as E. E. in 1860, but in the 1850 census she is listed as Sarah. However, her eldest child was named Sarah and Sarah does not appear in the 1850 record, so it appears that entries for Sarah and her mother were switched. Several sources (e.g., BFA Newsletter #48, p. 5; Dennis research document) show that her middle name was Ellis, but there does not seem to be any official documentation of this.

On 16 Jan 1840 Emeline married James Etheridge (aka Ethridge) (Dennis research document). He was born 14 Apr 1816 (Dennis research document) in North Carolina (1850 & 1860 census records). He was supposedly a brother to the Mary E. Etheridge who married Emeline's twin brother, Churchill P. (Ancestry.com World Tree [Farris and Cunningham Family Ancestors]). In the 1850 census, James was listed as a tax collector. This census shows that James and "Sarah" had had 2 children, a daughter named Louisa and a son named Cullen although other data show that Sarah was their eldest child. However, other evidence shows that they had also had a son named Churchill Payne Etheridge who was born 11 Dec 1844. He died 12 Dec 1845 (BFA Newsletter #44, p. 5, which shows him as C. P. B. Etheridge) and was buried in the Bondurant Cemetery near Dresden (BFA Newsletter #67, p. 3).

Sometime between 1851 and 1858 (census records based on birthplaces of children), Emeline and James moved to Texas. They appear in the records of Rusk Co., TX, which is located in the far eastern part of the state, almost on the Louisiana state line. Longview is the nearest large town. James was working in an iron foundry then. They had the same list of children, but only initials were used. They had added two children to the family – a son named W. R. and a daughter named V. J. Their youngest child was born about 1858 in Texas. All the others were born in Tennessee.

By 1870 Emeline was a widow living in Rusk Co., TX. The youngest child in the household, Jennie, was aged 6, so it is reasonable to assume that James died between 1863 and 1870 although no document has appeared to confirm that assumption. Also with her in 1870 were her children, Walter and Virginia. Walter was doing the farm work.

She was still in Rusk Co., TX in 1880, listed as Emeline Ethridge (indexed as Estredge). She was aged 57, born in KY (father b. VA and mother b. KY). She was listed as a widow. With her were Walter R., aged 27 born TN (father b. NC; mother b. KY) who was single and Jimmie (female) who was aged 16 born TX (father b. NC; mother b. KY).

The Dennis research document shows that Emeline died Mar 1888, but FamilySearch Ancestral File shows that she died Mar 1886. The catalog of an old cemetery at Easton in Rusk Co., TX (posted at <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/tx/rusk/cemeteries/oldeastn.txt>), which may also be known as the Camden Cemetery, shows that her tombstone identifies her as Emillinee Etheridge and shows that she was born 16 Oct 1821 and died 6 Apr 1886.

The on-line records for Texas are somewhat scarce, so not much has been gathered on the children of James Etheridge and Emeline Bondurant, but it appears (based on Ancestry.com World Tree [Southerland Genealogy] and [Farris and Cunningham Family Ancestors] and the Dennis research document) that they had seven children: Sarah Elizabeth, Churchill Payne who died young, Louisa Clayborne, Cullen, Walter R., Virginia Ann, and Jim Ellis, who was also known as Jimmie Ellis and

who was a female. Apparently she is the same one who is listed as Jennie in the 1870 census.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH # 20**DAVID GARRETT BONDURANT**

Son of David Bondurant and Polly Garrett

Grandson of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee (1st wife)

David Garrett Bondurant* is reported to have been the son of David Bondurant and Mary Garrett (BFA Newsletters #35, p. 1 and # 56, p. 13). Assuming this is accurate, he was also the grandson of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee. He is reported to have been born 22 Mar or May 1817 (BFA Newsletter #35, p. 1 says May; FamilySearch Ancestral File says Mar) in Buckingham Co., VA (BFA Newsletter #35, p. 1). A male of the appropriate age did appear in David Bondurant's household in 1820 in Buckingham Co., VA. He also seemed to be there in the 1830 and 1840 censuses. His middle name is given as Garrett in *The Compendium of American Genealogy*, p. 66 and in BFA Newsletters #35, p. 1 and #56, p. 13.

He married in 1848 in Kentucky Mary Price Bondurant (BFA Newsletter #56, p. 13), who was his cousin (FamilySearch Ancestral File). However, no record of this marriage appears in the available sources. Mary has been identified as the daughter of Thomas Bondurant, Jr. and Mary Ann Agee (FamilySearch Ancestral File; BFA Newsletter #56, p. 13; *A Record of the Agee Family* by P. M. Agee), but again there are no documents to verify this report. Mary was born 27 Aug 1826 (tombstone engraving; BFA Newsletter #56, p. 13 says 25 Apr as does *A Record of the Agee Family*). However, she died 23 Aug 1849 (tombstone engraving). BFA Newsletter #56, p. 13, states: "She and their first child died in childbirth." *A Record of the Agee Family* (p. 174) states that she died "in parturition [childbirth] after a winter baptism" although it seems odd to consider August as winter. Nevertheless, the source confirms that the child died, too. FamilySearch Ancestral File shows a child born 10 Oct 1850 and died 25 Oct 1850, but since Mary was already deceased, this child could not have been hers. Neither Mary nor an offspring is named in Thomas Bondurant Jr.'s will. She is buried in the Lea-Bondurant Cemetery, Shelby Co., KY, identified as the daughter of T. & M. Bondurant on the stone (source: *Cemeteries in Shelby Co., KY*, p. 157). This is the same cemetery where Thomas Jr.'s wife is buried. There is no evidence that the infant was also buried here although it seems likely that this would have been so.

Although it seems likely that David was in Shelby Co., KY in 1850, he does not seem to be listed in the census. Nevertheless, he was in the vicinity because on 24 Oct 1850 (BFA Newsletter #35, p. 1) in Shelbyville, Shelby Co., KY (Ancestry.com World Tree [20203 posted by Doellman]) he married Almira Hope (FamilySearch Ancestral File; BFA Newsletters #35, p. 1 and #56, p. 13). She was born 30 Dec 1820 (BFA Newsletter #35, p. 1) supposedly in Jarrettsville, Hartford Co., MD (Ancestry.com World Tree [20203 posted by Doellman]), but census records consistently show that she was born in Kentucky and the same information is reported in BFA Newsletter #35, p. 1. She was the daughter of William Hope born 15 Mar 1779 in MD and Margaret Miles b. 21 Jun 1779 in MD (Ancestry.com World Tree [20203 posted by Doellman]; Ancestry.com World Tree [Mac/McPherson of PA and Related Families]). Margaret died 13 Dec 1834 in Shelbyville, KY; William died 19 May 1842, in Shelby Co., KY (Ancestry.com World Tree [Mac/McPherson of PA and Related Families]). *The Compendium of American Genealogy*, p. 66, confirms the occurrence of Almira's marriage to David Garrett Bondurant and verifies that Almira was the daughter of William Hope of Shelbyville, KY and Margaret Miles.

David and Almira remained in Kentucky for a short time, but, based on the birthplaces of their

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children as reported in censuses, by 1854 they had moved to Missouri. They were residing in Scotland Co., MO in 1860 and 1870. These two censuses show that David and Almira had five children: Margaret A., William E., Thomas, James D., and Marion L. FamilySearch Ancestral File and *A Record of the Agee Family* (p. 175) show that they also had a son named Joseph Nathan who was born 2 Oct 1860. *A Record of the Agee Family* (p. 175) shows that he died in infancy, and he did not appear in the 1870 census. **(Does anyone know anything more about this Joseph Nathan, such as where he is buried?)** David Garrett Bondurant is thought to be the uncle of John S. Ayres who took the young man to Scotland Co., MO about 1858 to help clear the farm.

On 7 Jan 1873 (BFA Newsletter #35, p. 1; *A Record of the Agee Family*, p. 174) David Garrett Bondurant died in Scotland Co., MO (BFA Newsletter #35, p. 1). *The Compendium of American Genealogy*, p. 66, confirms the year as 1873. He was buried in the Campground Presbyterian Church Cemetery near Downing, MO (FamilySearch Pedigree Resource File). According to information posted on the Scotland Co., MO GenWeb site, this church was recently rebuilt. Almira continued to reside in Scotland Co, MO and appeared there in the 1880 census with three of her children. However, on 18 Aug 1888 (BFA Newsletter #35, p. 1; *A Record of the Agee Family*, p. 175) she died in Scotland Co., MO (BFA Newsletter #35, p. 1) and was buried with her husband (FamilySearch Pedigree Resource File). **(Did either of them leave a will? Probate records? How do we know who their children were other than from census records?)**

Of the five children of David and Almira listed in census records, all survived to adulthood, married, and had children. Furthermore, they remained in or near Scotland Co., MO. While there is no official verification of this, Norton family researchers show that three of David and Almira's sons married Norton sisters (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~kypendle/norton.html>).

The five surviving children of David Garrett Bondurant and Almira Hope were Margaret Ann, Dr. William Edwin Hope, Thomas Nelson, James David, and Marion Lee.

*While there are some inaccuracies in these data, David Garrett Bondurant and his descendants are covered rather thoroughly in P. M. Agee's *A Record of the Agee Family*, which is available on-line at Ancestry.com.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH # 27

ELIZABETH THOMAS

Daughter of Daniel Thomas and Mary M. Bondurant

Granddaughter of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee

Elizabeth "Betsey" Thomas was born to Daniel Thomas and Mary Bondurant 3 Oct 1799 in VA (GenCircles [Families of Franklin "Dick" Davis]). She appears in her father's household in the 1810 census of Buckingham Co., VA as the elder of two daughters. She would have been 11 at that time. No doubt she spent most, if not all, of her childhood in the vicinity of the present town of Centenary, VA. However, in the 1820 census, when she would have been 21, she seems to have been mis-recorded as a child of 10 or under. Living in the same general area was the man who would become her husband – Asa Newton. He was living alone at the age of 16 to 26 (later census records show that he was born between 1796 and 1800 and would have been between 20 and 24 in 1820). He was listed as engaged in manufacturing.

None of the sources consulted for this sketch shows when the marriage occurred, but about

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1821 (based on birth of first child) Elizabeth Thomas and Asa Newton married. Ruby Talley Smith shows that Asa purchased 50 acres of land located 10 miles east of the Buckingham Court House from T. P. Pleasants in 1821. This would have been relatively close to the Buckingham-Cumberland dividing line. In 1823 he sold 45 acres to John West.

During the decade of the 1820s, Elizabeth and Asa Newton had 4 daughters (GenCircles [Families of Franklin "Dick" Davis] and research of R. T. Smith). However, the 1830 census of Buckingham Co., VA shows only 3 daughters, one was aged 5 to 10 and two were aged 0 to 5. This census record also show that Asa was aged 30 to 40 and his wife was aged 20 to 30 (she would actually have been about 31 then).

About 1833 or 1834, the family moved from Buckingham Co., VA to Highland Co., Ohio. On 15 Jun 1837, according to R. T. Smith, Asa and Elizabeth Newton filed a complaint in the Highland Co. Common Pleas Court. The suit stated that on 1 Sep 1835, while living in Highland Co., OH, they authorized Daniel M. Thomas (Elizabeth's brother) to sell their one-fifth interest in 220 acres in Buckingham Co., VA. They complained that the defendant had sold the land but had not paid them. (Author's note: This is a bit of a puzzle. If Daniel and Mary Thomas had six children and the land to be sold was what the heirs had received from Daniel's estate, why was the property divided into only 5 parcels? **Who was left out? Why? Are there any surviving documents in Buckingham Co. or other entries in Highland Co., OH that clarify this?**)

By 1840 Asa Newton and his family had settled in what was then called Dan Township, in Highland Co., OH (apparently the township boundaries were later redrawn because there is no Dan Township in Highland Co. now). This census shows that Asa was aged 40 to 50; Elizabeth was also aged 40 to 50. The list of children indicates that they had 4 daughters between 1820 and 1835 before having 1 son during the past 5 years. However, data posted at GenCircles (Families of Franklin "Dick" Davis) and information compiled by R. T. Smith show that Asa and Elizabeth had had five daughters and one son prior to 1840. They also had one more son after the 1840 census was taken.

The 1850 census shows the family living in Salem Township in Highland Co., OH. Asa was a wagon maker, possibly the same "manufacturing" in which he engaged in 1820 before leaving VA. He was aged 54. Elizabeth was listed as aged 52. With them were three children: Frances, aged 17 born VA; Joseph, aged 13 born OH; and Thomas H., aged 9 born OH. Four of their daughters – Sarah F., Ruth, Elizabeth, and Mary Susan - were either married or deceased by that time.

By 1860 all of the children were out of their parents' home. Asa and "Betsey" were still living in the same location.

Apparently Asa died sometime between 1860 and 1870. He was not listed in the 1870 census. Elizabeth was living with one of her married sons, Joseph, and his family. She was listed as age 74 born VA. Also, she was described as an "invalid." She did not seem to appear in the 1880 census, so it is likely that she died sometime between 1870 and 1880. R. T. Smith shows that she died 6 Jan 1871 in Salem Township, Highland Co., OH. The cause of death was asthma. Unfortunately, the burial places of Asa and Elizabeth do not seem to be known. R. T. Smith reports, "May be buried on the 'old Newton farm' owned by Theo Shafer in 1952. Neighbors say that the graves were destroyed by plowing and crop planting. The monuments, years ago, were piled against the fence but none could be found."

Both GenCircles (Families of Franklin "Dick" Davis) and the research of R. T. Smith show that Elizabeth Thomas and Asa Newton had 7 children: Sarah F., Ruth, Elizabeth (who may have died young), Mary Susan, Annie Frances, Joseph Watson, and Thomas H.

SUMNER DAVID (Sud) BONDURANT

(18 Feb. 1916 AR- 25 March 1985 Henderson, NV)

Written by his widow Elizabeth Janette Henry Bondurant in 1999

Contributed by Mrs. Audry Bondurant.

Sumner David Bondurant was born in Gentry, AR, 18 Feb. 1916, to Edward Turner Bondurant and Hattie Belle Burton. His siblings were: Stella, Nettie Mae, and Edward Turner II. His family moved to Collinsville, OK when he [Sumner] was an infant. In 1918 Hattie Belle died in the flu epidemic. Stella was also a victim of this epidemic; it is said she died a year before her mother. Edward Turner Bondurant was left to raise his three remaining children. He never remarried.

Sumner attended elementary school in Collinsville and then moved to Neodesha, KS, where his sister Nettie Mae lived, to attend high school; he was a member of the 1935 graduating class. Since it was the Depression era, his only option was signing up with the Civilian Conservation Corps. (CCC). His tour of duty was at a camp in northern Minnesota. The young men planted trees in this area. Sumner and Elizabeth visited this area many years later and found many of the trees had matured. In 1939 Sumner was offered a ride to Los Angeles, CA. Jobs were scarce. He found employment in a grocery store, worked as a fry cook, and also as a clerk in Manning's Coffee Shop.

Sumner loved to dance and was quite agile on his feet. This is when he met his wife Elizabeth J. Henry. In his younger years he won many dance contests doing the "Charleston" ... unfortunately he was never discovered by Hollywood. He and Elizabeth married 8 Dec. 1940 in Las Vegas, NV. The War was heating up in Europe, and Sumner went to work at Lockheed Aircraft. He was also employed by North American Aircraft.

On 19 Oct. 1941 Sumner and Elizabeth became the proud parents of David Sumner Bondurant, and then on 25 Jan. 1944 Gary Edward Bondurant entered the world. Dr. Joseph Faber, prominent physician to the "stars" delivered both David and Gary in Hollywood, CA.

In 1945 Sumner was drafted into the Army, and was selected to become part of the new Army Air Corps, which later became the Air Force, and was stationed at Nellis Air Base in Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV, until his discharge in 1946. The war being over, he went to work for the Reconstruction Finance Corps. as an accountant, selling and disposing of war materials. Sumner enjoyed his life in the military, so reenlisted in the Air Force. From 1951-1953 he was stationed in Japan as part of the Occupation Army. During this enlistment he was involved in the Korean War. He was a Ground Safety Technician, inspected ammo dumps, and non-combat related accidents. He reached the rank of Tech Sgt. He returned to the States, rejoined Elizabeth, David and Gary, and was stationed at Tyndal Air Base in Panama City, FL. With the ending of the [Korean] war, opportunity for advancement was not in his favor, and he was discharged. In 1956 he again reenlisted in the Air Force and was sent to Okinawa. At the time of his enlistment he was promised at least 3 years state-side duty. He wrote to Senator Bible, and was Honorably Discharged in 1958.

As a civilian Sumner worked at Hoover Dam as a security guard. He was a postman, part owner of Desert Sporting Goods, part owner of an ice cream business, and then Business License inspector for the city of Henderson. Sumner retired in 1979 after 10 years of service with the city.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and an occasional game of golf. He loved to dance; he and Elizabeth could really "cut a rug." Every lady in town loved dancing with well-dressed "Sud." Sud had a great passion for the game of baseball, in fact he played in a local league as catcher until his mid-forties. His favorite team was the Dodgers; during one of Sud's hospital stays he had the

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opportunity to meet, talk and shake hands with the great Joe DiMaggio.

Prior to his retirement, he and Elizabeth would spend their summer months at their lakefront home in Lake Franklin, Minnesota. They did make several trips back to MN before Sud died. In 1980, Sumner suffered a heart attack, came through open heart surgery, but to our dismay, Sud's health seemed to decline. He endured a great deal of suffering and passed away at his home on 25 March 1985 with Elizabeth at his side.

Sumner David Bondurant was a kind, loving man, and I am only sorry that my two sons, Philip and Jonathan, did not have the opportunity to have Grandpa "Sud" Bondurant in their lives.

Children:

David Sumner Bondurant, born 19 Oct. 1941 CA, married Aleta R. Watkins 22 Oct. 1960, Henderson, NV. Their children:

David Michael born 24 July 1961 Henderson, NV, married Lynnette Deann Olson 12 May 1984, Las Vegas, NV. Their children:

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Jared Ray, born 23 May 1994 Las Vegas, NV

Steven John, born 1 June 1964 Henderson, NV, married Tamara Dean Brekke, 19 July 1986 Las Vegas, NV. Children:

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Brandon Sumner, born 30 June 1992 Las Vegas, NV

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