

THE BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

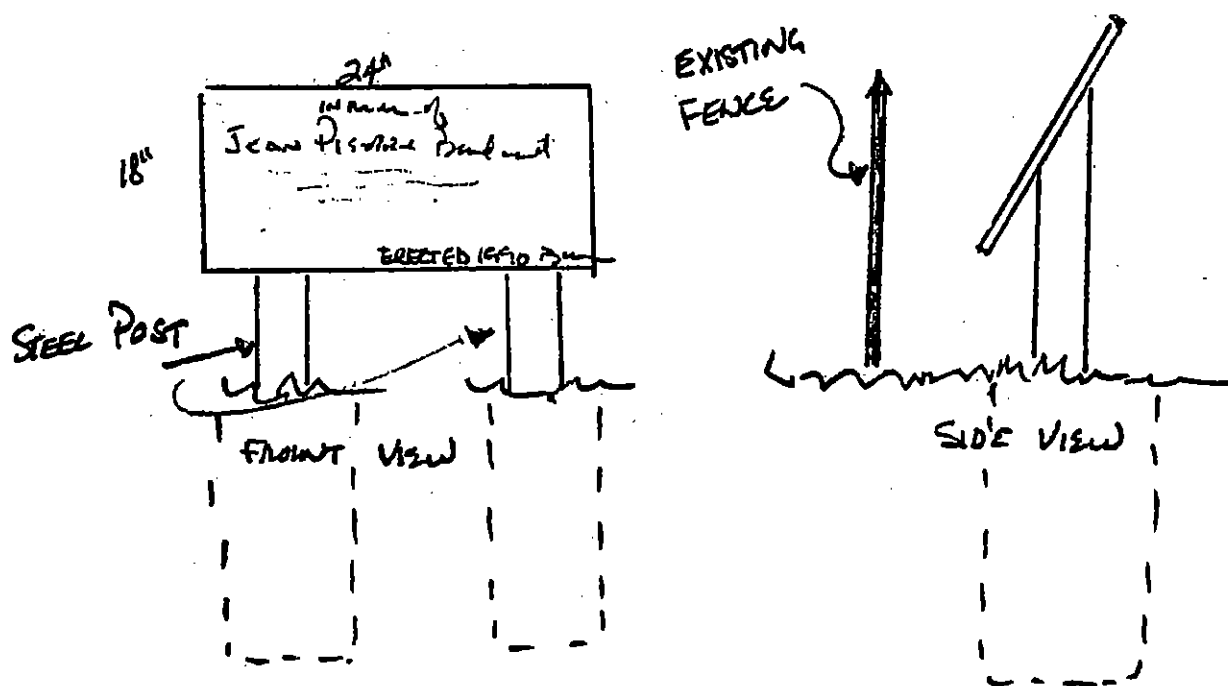
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THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Carroll and Ginny Wray, owners of Foothills Awards and Signs, Mt. Airy, NC, offered at our 1989 meeting to obtain and oversee the erection of the commemorative marker. The text has been pruned to fit the 18" x 24" bronze marker, and their suggestion is that the plaque be erected inside the fence, rather than mounted on it.

"Steel posts, mounted in cement 3' to 4' deep will be used, and there will be no exposed mounting bolts; all joining parts will be welded to reduce vandalism," wrote Carroll. Here is his diagram, so that you can see what he has in mind. Its cost will be about \$950.00.



TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in memory of

JEAN PIERRE BONDURANT and his wife ANN

Born Genolhac, France 18 July 1677, Jean Pierre (John Peter) Bondurant escaped to Switzerland 1797, and reached Jamestown with other Huguenots 1700. Trained as an apothecary, he practiced medicine in Virginia where he married Ann. Members of King William Parish; he died near Manakin 1734/35. Their five children were Dr. Joseph; John, Sr.; Peter; Ann; and Frances.

Erected 1990 by descendants.

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE AN AUTO TOUR?

So that we can make arrangements to visit Bondurant sites and churches, **IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A TOUR**, please fill in the form on page 9, and return by the end of May. If there is sufficient interest, we'll contact the home-owners, and the churches, then plan a family outing for Saturday afternoon, or Sunday (Oct. 27th or 28th).

Would you like to make an auto tour, or attend church at Manakin Episcopal Church, or the Buckingham Baptist Church

Possible stops would include the Manakin Episcopal Church and Bondurant marker, in Powhatan Co. Muddy Creek Mill and house, and Cartersville in Cumberland Co. Buckingham Baptist Church, founded by Rev. Rane Chastain, Jr., and many of his wife's Bondurant cousins, in the old Tillotson Parish Episcopal Church, of which the Bondurants had been members. Variety Shade's Bondurant graveyard, Buckingham Court House and Clerk's Office, Willow Lake (Moseley), and Aspen Grove (Maxey), James Ford cemetery, the Gold Mines, and Col Alto (Bondurant, ca. 1859), all in Buckingham Co. and Bondurant homes in Prince Edward Co. There are probably other spots of interest, too.

If we do not include the Manakin area, a tour from Farmville to Cumberland and Buckingham Cos. and back would cover about 80 miles.

BETTY GALE, OUR VICE PRESIDENT

For many of you she was the first Bondurant you saw! Ably assisted by her husband Jack, Betty stuck on stars, made tags, and kept us color-coded by family. Not only did Betty enlist in our Archives expedition last year, she also took over registration for the annual meeting. We all appreciate both their efforts which made our 1989 meeting run smoothly.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 1990 MEETING

Wouldn't you like to get involved?

We need persons to help with registration, set up displays or tables, welcome and introduce newcomers, and assist with the tour (if we take one). And don't forget -- bring your "family things" for "show and tell" Friday night!

DID YOU RECEIVE A MUTILATED NEWSLETTER AT CHRISTMASTIME?

The Post Office turned on their shredder, and managed to deliver only the address label to some of you! The other 9 pages were lost. If you were a victim of their efforts, please send a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope, and we'll send you a replacement issue.

DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES ROBERT BONDURANT

MEET JUNE 1-3, ROANOKE COLLEGE, SALEM, VA

Maurice E. Bondurant, 5 Colchester Place, Newtown, PA 18940 called to tell us that descendants of C.R. Bondurant who died about 1961 at the age of 93, will be gathering the first of June. For particulars, please get in touch with Maurice.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1990 DUES? You have if "90" follows your name on the mailing label. If you haven't, only \$5 will keep the newsletter coming for the calendar year 1990. **BACK ISSUES ARE AVAILABLE.** A donation of \$5 per year pays for copies of the Bondurant Family Association newsletters issued 1987-88 contain some French family history; the 1989 issues focus on their first century in America. Please make your check payable to the Association.

WHO WAS DR. WALTER E. BONDURANT?

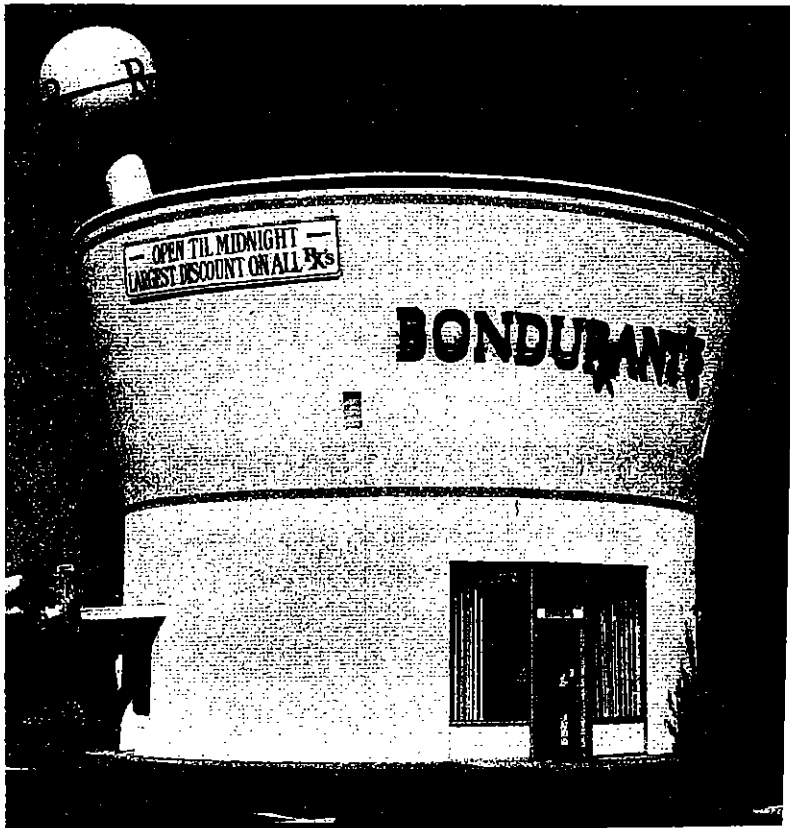
Dr. W.R. Chitwood, Pine Ridge Road, Wytheville, VA 24382 has been collecting information on Confederate Naval Medical Officers, and his list includes this man. Dr. Bondurant was at Columbus, GA and then on the C.S.S. Palmetto State at Charleston, SC in 1864.

Can anyone identify Dr. Bondurant, provide biographical information for inclusion in Dr. Chitwood's research?

DO WE HAVE "BASQUE" BLOOD?

Ms. Susan Bondurant, 530 Henry St. #3, Brooklyn, NY 11231, responded to Dr. John C. Bondurant's speech in which he gave us some background of our French ancestors.

"The BFA might consider polling its members to see how many of us have Rh-negative blood, a characteristic of the Basques. Since Jean Pierre came from southern France, it seems likely that the Bondurants are Basque in origin, as well as Gauls, etc. I'm sure geneticists would be interested in the result," she concluded.



BONDURANT'S PHARMACY RECEIVED NATIONAL ATTENTION!

The innovative building of Bondurant's Pharmacy, Lexington, KY, was the subject of a Du Pont ad in several business journals. Thanks to several persons for sending a copy to be included in this issue.

IS ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH STUART H. HILL'S FOUR VOLUMES ON THE BONDURANT FAMILY?

Mrs. Jane McDonald of Birmingham asked if anyone has seen this material in a library other than the North Carolina Archives? According to her information, Hill's work was stolen from that North Carolina repository.

JEAN PIERRE BONDURANT'S GRAND CHILDREN

Thanks to Mrs. Jean Harris, 1425 US 19 S, B2A 14, Clearwater, FL 34624 we have a list of births found in Brock's *HUGUENOT EMIGRATION TO VIRGINIA*. These were entries in the King William Parish Register, now at Huntington Library, San Marino, CA.

The Faurés / Fords

2nd September 1730 was born Marie Fauré, daughter of Jaque Fauré and of Anne [Bondurant] his wife. [Dau. became wife of James Agee]

The 6th September 1733 was born Judith Fauré, daughter of Jaque Fauré and of Anne his wife

The 11th January 1733/34 was born Pierre Faure, son of Jaque Fauré and of Anne his wife

The 20th August 1736 was born Magdelaine Faure, daughter of Jaque Fauré and of Anne his wife

The 24th February 1738 was born Anne Fauré, daughter of Jaque Fauré and of Anne his wife. [Dau. Anne became wife of Rev. Rane Chastain of Buckingham Baptist Church]

the 29th August 1739 was born Rachel Fauré daughter of Jaque Fauré and Anne his wife

The 14th March 1742/43 was born Jaque Fauré, son of Jaque Fauré and Anne his wife. [Son James, Jr. m. Sally Bioret, a Huguenot daughter.]

[Ruth Fauré / Ford born 14 Feb. 1745, m. Nathaniel Maxey, Sr.]

The 2nd June 1749 was born Boos [Boaz] Ford [Fauré], son of Jaque Ford.

The Salles

5 October 1734 was born Isaac Salle, son of Pierre Salle and of Françoise Salle

18th November 1736 was born Abraham Salle, son of Pierre Salle and of Françoise his wife; had for godfather Pierre Bonduran and Joseph Bonduran [uncles]; for godmother Ann Fauré [aunt]

The 9th March 1745 was born Joseph Sallé, son of Pierre Salle

The 25th October 1749 was born Judith Sallé, daughter of Pierre Sallé and Françoise his wife; had for godfather Estiene Mallet, the younger, for godmother Judith Sallé and Judith Fauré

The Bondurants--

1st October 1737 was born Jean Bonduran [John Bondurant, Jr.], son of Jean Bonduran

22nd August 1740 was born Richard Bonduran, son of Jean Bonduran

The 10th of November 1745 was born Anne Bonduran, daughter of [Dr.] Joseph and Agnes Bonduran

[There were other grandchildren who were not included in the King William Parish Register.]

THE GOLDEN WEDDING,

Relating The Events In The Life Of Daniel L. Bondurant.

Thanks to J.R. Abell, of Cincinnati Public Library, we received a biographical sketch published in the Scioto Co. Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society magazine. Here are some excerpts:

"His ancestor, Dr. Joseph Bondurant, a French Huguenot, immigrated to America, and was physician to the Huguenot Colony in NORTH CAROLINA.

Daniel's grandfather Drury Bondurant, emigrated to Virginia and later to Jackson County, Ohio. Some members of this family later settled in Scioto County [OH].

The 1850 census shows Daniel living in Milton Township, Jackson County, with his parents Thomas and Polly BonDurant....

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. BonDurant of 141 Marbrisa Ave., Huntington Park, CA celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 3, 1917. Seven children, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild and a few invited guests were present....

The eldest daughter Mrs. Grace Jewett of Randsburg, CA, the discoverer of the exciting Tungsten strike last year, took the floor and called for a story of the courtship of 50 years ago by the bridegroom --

"My first meeting with the Bride was in the First Methodist Church, Algiers, Louisiana, in 1864, while I was a soldier in the Union Army. She was singing a solo in a Sunday School Convention. Algiers is a suburb of New Orleans. The bride's father in his time had been a ship carpenter. The family as I knew them consisted of Mother, son and daughter. The mother was German born, the daughter of Bernard Flasch, a retired officer of the German Army. The bride was named for him, Bernadine. The mother was a staunch Union defender during those days....

In that way the first acquaintance in the church ripened into invitations to evening caslls at their residence, which I accepted not oftener than once a week, taking with me some one of my church-going comrades, two of whom became eminent Methodist preachers after the war.

One of them was our drummer boy, a really well trained boy of a fine Ohio family; but after taking him with me a few times, I discovered he was as much interested in the girl as I was, and began to leave him in camp and take with me Tom Tiles. Tom has a wife and two beautiful black eyed baby girls at home. Tom was a loyal friend of mine, and used to get me to paint roses and rose buds on his letter heads to send to his wife and babies.

About this time I received a letter from home announcing the death of one of my sisters, your Aunt Electa.... The year had come and gone since our courtship began; it had been a happy year for me, the was had been over six months and more. Peace had come but the disbanding and home coming of the Confederate army required the strengthening of the police force, and regiment of veterans had the situation so well in hand that the authorities thought it well to retain us in service a whole year after the close of war.

I had served as company clerk for a long time, kept the books and accounts of each of the 100 men... They wanted my services up in the Provost Marshal's office, they called upon my dear friend and comrade Tom Giles to take charge of the company books....

Well about three months after this, we received instructions to prepare for muster out of service. I returned to the company to help Tom make the muster out rolls, and there were all kinds of activities in the barracks; a few had married, and some of them were going to stay, while a few were arranging passage for their wives. Tom said to me, "Dan! Dan! You're not going to leave that girl behind! You're going to take her with you, aint' you, Dan?"

I replied drily, "Tom, how could I take that girl with this bunch?"

"Well then, you're coming back for her?"

"Yes, Tom, if the Mississippi River doesn't dry up too soon," and Tom was satisfied.

Of course I asked the bride if she would leave her mother and go with me, and she replied, "You'll have to ask my ma about that."

The mother answered me from the depth of her mother heart in great wisdom: "It would not do for my Bennie to go home with you now, your mother could not receive her as a daughter. She would think her some cheap girl you had picked up; and then I want to teach her some things she will need to know.

If you will write to us for two years and keep in touch with us, and at that time you will come for her, you shall have her."

Of course I was not all displeased, her wisdom was apparent, and I approved her judgment. The wise mother, in considering the welfare of her daughter, reasoned in her own mind that I could go home among so many girl friends wishing to honor the returning soldiers, without being captured for two years, I might be depended on.

Well, we were soon at home in Ohio, and your grandfather said to me, "Count up and tell me how much I owe you and I'll see if I can raise the money for you."

I had sent about a thousand dollars home and had \$250 in my pocket. I had denied myself all luxuries in saving to go to school, but now how could I go to school?

Father continued, and said, "We have that little store over on the west side of Scioto River, (at that time Bear Creek) I've been keeping it till you come, thinking you might want it.

Your cousin just out of the army a year ago is attending to it for us, and would like for you to visit them. Hitch up the mare to the buggy and take your mother and drive over and look around; and if you think you want it, you and your mother and the clerk invoice the goods.

the little farm upon which it is located at the fork of the road cost us \$00 just before the war, at the lowest prices. You can take it over at the same price.

We invoiced the goods - \$1735 - and the little 35 acre farm made \$2135.

Well, before the first year was out, my correspondence with the bride and her mother was so satisfactory the request to have one year knocked off was granted, and on the third day of April 1867 at 7:30 P.M. the church was packed full to see the ex-Yankee soldier march up the aisle and lead away his bride from where he had first met her three years before.

The bride and I took passage on a Cincinnati steamer and was soon at our new home and business in Sedan, Ohio (Morgan Township) where for fourteen years we lived an unmarried life,

where six of the oldest children were born."

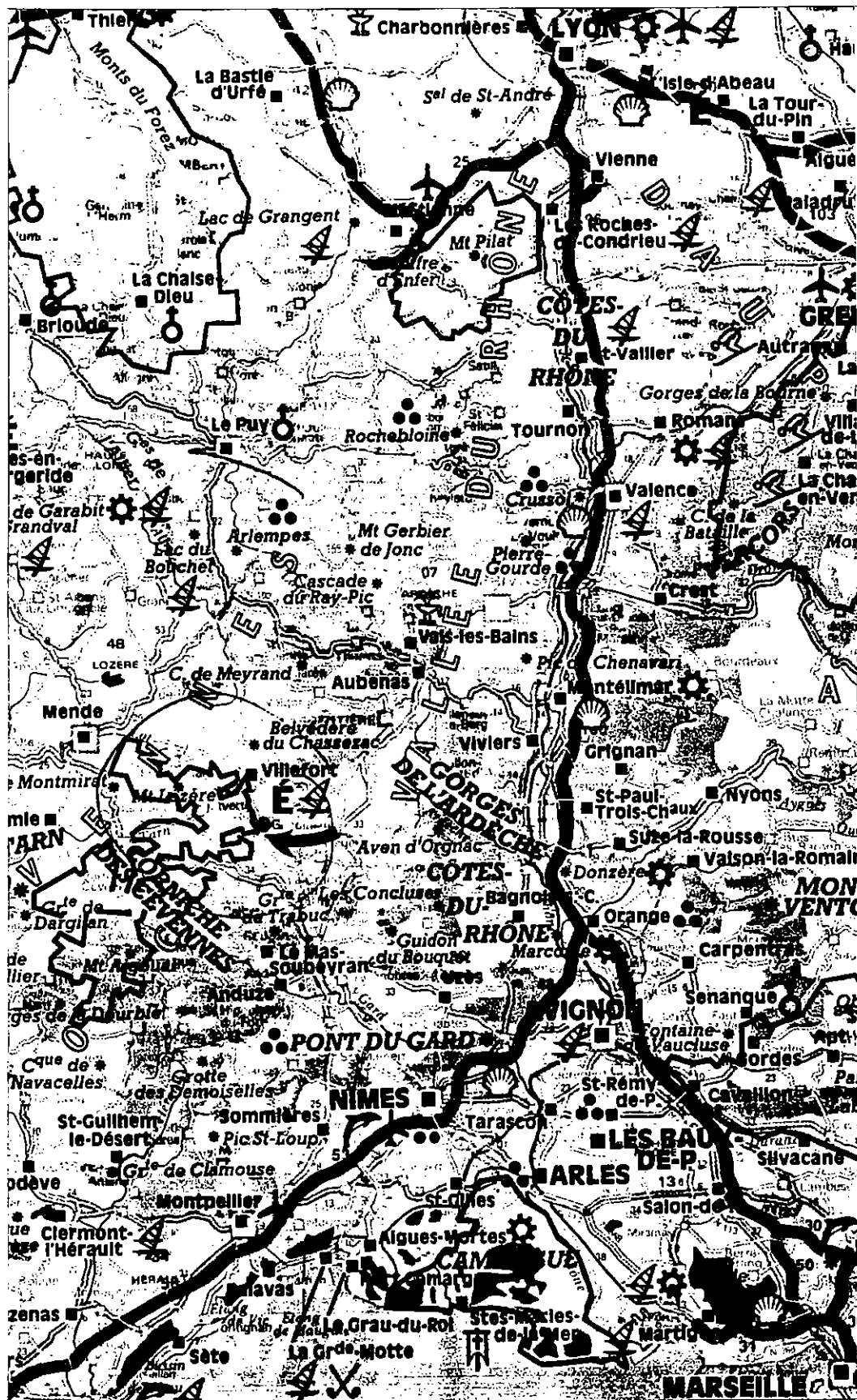


AARAU, SWITZERLAND, between Basel and Zurich

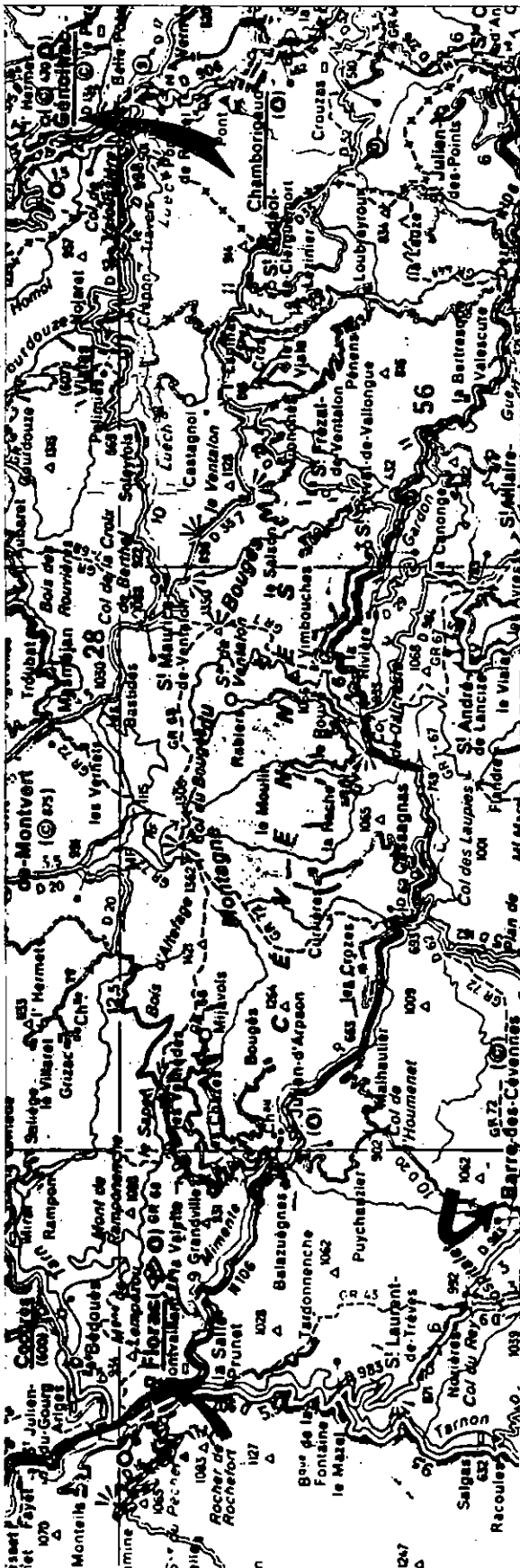
WHERE DID THE BONDURANTS LIVE IN EUROPE?

Several of you have had difficulty finding out where the Bondurants lived when Jean Pierre emigrated.

The town of AARAU, Switzerland, sheltered refugee French Huguenots, including his uncle Pastor William Barjon and Jean Pierre in 1697. Barjon's congregation later resettled in what is now Germany, but Jean Pierre already had left them for England and ultimately Virginia.



Next are maps showing present-day France, on which are marked the towns of GENOLHAC, Jean Pierre's birthplace; BARRE DES CEVENNES, where his parents were married, and LOZERE, which figures prominently in the earlier family history. They lie south west of Lyon, north west of Marsailles, and in the Cevennes Mountains -- the Huguenot stronghold in the 17th century. On the next page you'll see a detail of the region showing the numerous mountains, deep gorges, and the "desert" into which some of the Huguenots fled after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The area is steeped in Huguenot legend, and was the scene of some bloody



fighting in the Carmargue War, before the Huguenots were crushed by royal troops. By then Jean Pierre was safely settled in the Manakin area in Virginia!

CAN YOU VIDEOTAPE THE OCTOBER MEETING?

We've had several requests from our eldest members, who are unable to attend, to preserve our programs on videotape. Since this is outside my knowledge, will some of you help make this request a reality?

May we copy the videotapes you made at the 1989 meeting for circulation within the Society?

We will continue to tape-record the speeches, but this is not nearly so satisfying to our absent members, as both seeing and hearing.

PLEASE HELP US PLAN THE OCTOBER 26-27 MEETING

I plan to attend YES NO

There will be ___ persons with me.

I'd like the meeting to include: [please circle]

Dedication of the marker to Jean Pierre and Ann.
YES NO

Attend church Sunday (28th) YES NO
at either--Manakin Episcopal Church [formerly King William Parish], or
Buckingham Baptist Church, near Arvon

An auto tour of Bondurant sites in the area
YES NO

Tour on SATURDAY AFTERNOON
or SUNDAY (Oct. 28)

We would like to see:

The commemorative marker, Powhatan Co.

Manakin Church

Muddy Creek Mill and house, Cumberland Co.

Cartersville, Cumberland Co.

Buckingham Baptist Church

Bondurant cemetery at Variety Shade, Buck. Co.

Buckingham Court House

The Bondurant Gold Mine, Buckingham Co.

Bondurant homes in Prince Edward Co.



SOME OF THE BONDURANTS AT OLD MANAKIN CHURCH

With excellent guidance from Lanier Allen a cavalcade of cars went from downtown Richmond to the old Manakin church on Sunday morning after our 1989 meeting. Neal Ford had arranged for us to see the interior of the building, and learn something of its history.

The Rev. Mr. Salle took us into the present brick church, a handsome edifice raised in the 1930s and recently expanded. The sanctuary includes a pew marked with the name of our ancestor Jean Pierre Bondurant. Lunch followed at a restored 18th century dwelling in Powhatan, then our group said their goodbyes for another year.

WE'VE BEEN TOLD: – That Jean Pierre married in 1730 in Norfolk Co., VA. Jean Booth read the Norfolk Co. marriage records which began in 1708, through to 1750s. No Bondurant of either sex was seen, although she remarked that there were few marriages compared to the population at that time. A couple could marry after the publication of banns in the local church and would not be included in the county marriage bonds, however. So keep an eye out for Bondurants anywhere (including NC and SC) in the period before 1750.

– That Dr. Joseph Bondurant, Jean Pierre's son, had a middle name "Augustine." This was reported by Dr. P.M. Agee in the 1930s, and where he learned this we don't know. Joseph never signed as either Joseph A. or Joseph Augustine Bondurant in contemporary records.

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