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by Charles Bunnell

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Visitors at Camelot

Mrs. Ralph C. Bunnell, Kenmore, NY, wrote to me seeking information about her husband's family. I was able to furnish his ancestry back to William Bunnell. On 6 October Mr. and Mrs. Bunnell visited us here. Ralph's roots are here in Laceyville. In fact, from my front porch I can see the houses where his grandfather and his great-grandfather lived. They brought my records up to date on current members of the family, and we shared information on other local families in which we both have an interest.

On 6 November Mr. and Mrs. Clement M. Bonnell III stopped in to see us. Clem brought his charts along and gave me a lot of additions and corrections to the descendants of Clement duMont Bonnell CB310016. He also left a copy of a fascinating memoir by Georgia Bonnell Walton recalling her early life in Vincennes, IN. She was the daughter of George William Bonnell CB330221, who raised, trained and raced horses. More recently Clem sent me a large packet of genealogical data regarding the descendants of Clement duMont Bonnell, including a copy of "Genealogy of the Bonnell Family," written by Arthur Franklin Bonnell many years ago. I had heard of this document back in 1963 when I corresponded with Arthur Bonnell's nephew Gilbert Bonnell, of White house Station, NJ. Gilbert told me at that time that the manuscript was lost, and I am delighted now that Clem has been able to locate it and obtain a copy for me.

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Recently I received a letter from Ted Wallace, of Brantford, Ontario, requesting a copy of the Newsletter. He is a member of the Brantford Genealogical Society, which is affiliated with the Ontario Genealogical Society. Anyone interested in membership in those organizations can get information from Ted. He goes on to say: "If any of your members & readers are researching in Ontario & would like help on where to write, I'm willing to help anyway I can if possible. But I am not a professional genealogist. This is a spare time hobby of mine which I enjoy doing very much. For those who might be interested in my offer please write to: Mr. Ted Wallace, 21 Southglen Road, Brantford, Ontario, Canada N3R6Z8. With each request please enclose 2 IR coupons or some money to help cover the cost of postage. Looking forward in hearing from your members & readers in the coming months ahead."

My own notes indicate that Enos Bunnell CB310179, #150 in Ruth Duncan's book, was born in 1777 at Cheshire, CT. About 1806 he moved to the Grand River Valley at Brantford, Ontario, Canada, the second white man to settle at Brantford. He had children there, and Mr. Wallace's offer would be especially interesting to any of the descendants of Enos.

VITAL RECORDS

Judy Osborn, St. Petersburg, FL, sends along this birth announcement.

Stephanie Diane Whitman, daughter of Michael and Beth Ellen (Osborn) Schieren Whitman, was born on Monday, 5 September 1988 at Pensacola, Florida. With her 2-1/2 year old brother Jason Robert, Stephanie is a William Bunnell descendant through her mother's paternal grandmother Beth E. (Bunnell) Osborn Augustine, daughter of Clark Bunnell (Abraham Runyan, Nathaniel, Nathaniel "Peg Leg", Stephen, James, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, William).

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This notice, from the Lake Oswego Review, Lake Oswego, OR, 10 November 1988, was submitted by Lorna Bonnell Ray:

Cami Leanne Hartenberger of Lake Oswego married Gregory Allen Bunnell Aug. 6, 1988, at Portland's Zion Lutheran church. The bride is daughter of Walter and Mary Ann Hartenberger, Lake Oswego. The groom is the son of Loren Bunnell of Portland and Mrs. Roger Hillman of Lake Oswego. The Rev. W. A. Rumsch officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Soloists were Sanna Bunnell, the groom's stepmother, and Steve Sporre, his cousin. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a floor-length lace gown with an antique cross originally belonging to her great-grandmother. Honor attendant was Shari Craig, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids were Jeri Mandlebaum, Heather McCullam, Molly Bunnell, Cathy Belesiotis and Ashley Zehrung. They wore tea-length, royal blue lace dresses and carried white roses.

Eric Henshaw served as best man, with Eric Sporre, Terry Fauero, Rhett Murfitt and Jason Hartenberger serving as ushers. The flower girl was Heidi Hillman. A. J. Hartenberger was the ring bearer. A reception was held in the garden of a home of a family friend. The honeymoon was in San Francisco, Carmel and Monterey, Calif. The bride graduated with a degree in journalism, and the groom with a degree in biology, both from the University of Oregon. The groom will attend the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College.

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I regret to report the death of one of our subscribers, F. Earl Bonnell of North East, PA. His obituary, sent to me by E. Jack Mowry, of North East, appeared in the Erie, PA, Times on Sunday, 18 December 1988:

NORTH EAST -- F. Earl Bonnell, 94, of 32 Robinson, North East, died Saturday at the Hamot Medical Center.

He was born in North East on Aug. 10, 1894, a son of the late Francis M. and Julia Comstock Bonnell. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of North East, where he had served as a trustee and moderator. He was a member and past president of the North East Exchange Club and a member of the National Railroad Historical Society and the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society of North East. He was also a member of North East Lodge 399 F. & A.M., the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Erie, and the National Amateur Press Association. In 1987, he received a Book of Golden Deeds from the North East Exchange Club for his outstanding achievements in the community.

Before his retirement, he had been employed for 49 years at the Erie Strayer Co. and served during his latter years there as secretary-treasurer of the company.

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He is survived by a sister, Marion Lindsay of Willoughby, Ohio; two nieces, Carol Newbolt of North East and Jeannette Bonnell of Erie; and two nephews, Nr. Allen T. Bonnell of Wallingford, Pa., and Robert E. Lindsay of Euclid, Ohio. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Allie Newbolt and Mabel Bonnell; two brothers, Elmer Bonnell and L.P. Bonnell; a half-sister Bertha Goff; and two half-brothers, Charles and Harry Bonnell.

Friends may call at the William D. Elkin Funeral Home, 65 S. Lake, North East, Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and may attend a service there Tuesday at 11 a.m., with the Rev. J.R. Elliott officiating. Memorials may be made to the North East community Nurses Association, 41 W. Main, North East, Pa. 16428, or the First Baptist church, 43 S. Lake, North East, Pa. 16428. North East Lodge 399 F.&A.M. will conduct Masonic Services Monday at 7:30 p.m., at the funeral home. Burial will be in North East Cemetery.

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Dorothy Wiener sent in this clipping from The Reporter, Fond du Lac, WI, 15 October 1988:

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Marie Bonnell, 72, of 291 E. First St., will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. at Uecker-Witt Funeral Home, and a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. The Rev. Michael Moran will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Charles Cemetery. Friends may call Sunday from 3 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Bonnell died Thursday, Oct. 13, 1988, at her house.

She was born March 20, 1916, in Fond du Lac, a daughter of Harry and Mary Rauls Jarvis. On Sept. 20, 1937, she married Casper O. Bonnell at St. Patrick's Church.

Mrs. Bonnell was a member of St. Mary's church. She and her husband celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sept. 20 of last year.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Judy Lindell and her husband Richard of New Hope, Minn.; two sons, Thomas and his wife Loraine and James, all of Fond du Lac; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Cleone Hannes of Fond du Lac, and Betty Patt of Janesville; and one brother, Harry Jarvis of Fond du Lac. Preceding her in death were a son Fredrick, and one brother, Bernard.

Memorials in her name may be directed to Hospice Hope.

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From the Press and Sun-Bulletin, Binghamton, NY, 13 December 1988:

OLIVE I. BUNNELL of Lisle, N.Y.

Olive I. Bunnell, 88 of RD #1, Box 138B, Lisle, N.Y., died Sunday, December 11, 1988 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, after a long illness. She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marie and Richard Martin, Lisle, Jane and Norman Woodward, Norwich, Bernice Knapp, Orlando, Fla.; seven grand and 23 great-grandchildren; two cousins, Lela Patterson, Mass., Paul Hamlin, Vestal Center. She was a member of the Nanticoke United Methodist church.

Funeral and interment services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at the Coleman and Daniels Funeral Home, 300 E. Main St., Endicott. The Rev. Dennis Webber, Pastor of the Olney Church of Christ, Olney, Md., will officiate. Burial will be in Riverhurst Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

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Bible Record Correction

Judith Osborn, St. Petersburg, FL, writes:

“The Bible records you published in the last issue filled in a little data for us as Stephen and Freelove (Williams) Bunnell were brother & sister-in-law of my 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather Nathaniel “Peg Leg” Bunnell. Our records, however, indicate a small discrepancy with the “Notes on Family” fastened into the Bible. “Peg Leg” and 1<sup>st</sup> wife Elizabeth Donovan had eight children. Brazilla seems to be missing...Brazilla: 02 Apr 1807 - 29 Dec 1891 marr. Sophia Bumgarner 28 Aug 1810 - 23 Jan 1883; they had issue - Telitha Ann, Rebecca, George W., Sarah J., Sophia L., Susan J., Margaret C., and John A. “Peg Leg” married (2) 11 Nov 1821 Elizabeth (Price) Bunnell, his widowed sister-in-law, who was dau of Veasey Price and Anne Barton. I would question the dau Nancy listed as “Peg Leg’s.” We have an Eliza b. 1816 who is not listed, but no Nancy. “Peg Leg’s” brother David had a dau Nancy who is not listed in the notes attached to the Bible. I suspect that someone was a bit confused about whose dau she was. Nancy married “Peg Leg’s” son Thomas in 1835. As it is, we then have a first cousin marriage here; if Nancy really were Nathaniel’s daughter, we’d have an incestuous marriage! A brother and sister! And while we’re on this line, do you happen to know who Mary Daniels was? We’ve come up empty-handed on every occasion that a search has been initiated.”

Thanks, Judy, for clarifying this matter. Here is what little I have on Mary Daniels, and perhaps one of our readers can add to it:

Stephen Bunnell CB300135, son of James, was born at Scotch Plains, Essex (now Union) co, NJ, in 1731. In 1754 (or 1764) he married Mary (Daniels) Blackford, widow of Nathaniel Blackford. They had eight children: James, Jonas, Brazilla, David, Stephen, Rhoda, Mary and Nathaniel. Stephen was born 25 June 1767 and Nathaniel was born 3 July 1778. For the other children I have two sets of approximate dates, one set beginning in 1755 and the other in 1765, corresponding to the two marriage dates given above. We find that a Mary Daniels married Nathaniel Blackford on 20 August 1759 at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church. This is probably the same Mary Daniels, which would indicate that the second set of dates is the correct one. I have no further information on Mary Daniels.

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INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX

For the last several issues I have been printing extracts from the IGI sent to me by Ruthelle Finnerty and Jerry Hatch. These extracts were from the 1984 update of the IGI. Now I am informed that the 1988 edition has been delivered to the family history centers across the country. World-wide, it now contains 118 million entries, 30 million more than the 1984 edition. Judy Wilkins, of Salt Lake City, UT, wrote as follows:

“The 1988 version of the IGI has been available to the public for several months now. I am enclosing a 1984/1988 comparison for the British Isles showing the number of names on the 1988 for each shire in England. The increase for England is a little over 9%.” (36 million to 39 million.)

“It is true that microfilming is going on in England at the present time, as is the case in many places worldwide. It might be interesting to you to know that the LDS Church is adding microfilm to its collections at the rate of 4000 rolls per month. That figures out to 200 rolls per working day! Of course that figure is worldwide and not just British Isles.

IGI (Cont'd)

“There are some problems with the 1988 IGI, as anyone who has worked with it very much has already recognized. Due to a computer malfunction sometime last year, some entries were lost which had appeared in earlier editions of the IGI. The word is that it involves ‘only a small percentage of entries’, but I discovered a dozen missing in a matter of twenty or thirty minutes that I happened to have personal knowledge of. That makes me wonder that the actual number of lost entries is, of if anyone really knows.

“There is an excellent article in the September/October 1988 issue of the Genealogical Helper that gives detailed information about the 1988 IGI. Included in that piece is a request to inform the Family history Department, IGI Committee, of any missing records we are aware of.

“Still, the IGI is a great tool.”

With the 1988 update now available, I believe it makes sense to delay printing any more of the Bunnell/Bonnell extracts until I can get copies of the new lists. Geneva Draper, of Pocatello, ID, has already offered to make copies of some states. If anyone else wants to volunteer, I will try to coordinate the effort to avoid duplication.

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Lyda Gray Cloud, Locust Grove, OK, sent along the following book notice, saying that it may be of interest to researchers who are Bunnells and those from the Arkansas area who are not Bunnells. (James Smitchell Bunnell, CB330256, #212iv in Ruth Duncan’s book, and some of his descendants were buried in the Beaty Cemetery.)

#### CEMETERIES, OUR HERITAGE

This is a new book about to be released by Jaunita Wilson, the author of the HISTORY OF CINCINNATI, ARKANSAS. This book contains listing for 14 cemeteries in or near Illinois Township of Washington County, Arkansas. They are: BEATY, BRADY, CINCINNATI, GANDERVILLE/NEW CHURCH, GIBSON, HARRELL, NORWOOD/TRIDENT, PEDEN, ROCK SPRINGS, some listings from RHEA, SMITH, WEDDINGTON, WEST/POOL, AND LITTLE LOST CEMETERY.

Over 2600 names are listed, along with pictures, reproductions of historical papers, interesting facts and some poems by the author.

This is a soft bound book or spiral bound containing 75 pages. It is very valuable as a research tool and is interesting too. The price is \$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling. Make checks payable to Guthrie Publishing.

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Siloam Springs, AR 72761

In the last issue you saw the pictures of John Bunnell and his wife Mary Place. John Bunnell's brother Solomon Bunnell CB310249 married Mary's sister Eleanor Place, and here are their pictures, again courtesy of Miss Marian Biles, Greene, NY. Solomon and Eleanor had ten children, five of whom survived to have children of their own. They lived in Wyoming co, PA.



Solomon Bunnell  
1792-1874



Eleanor (Place) Bunnell  
1794-1859

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Judy Osborn submitted this family portrait of her great-great-grandparents, Abraham Runyan and Susan Matilda (Rinker) Bunnell with two of their six children. Clark Bunnell was Judy's great-grandfather. Clark appears below in later life with his wife.



Susan Matilda Rinker  
1846-1887

Abraham "Abram" Runyan Bunnell  
CB330419 1832-1918

Frank "Bert" Bunnell  
CB340393 1870-1936

Clark Bunnell  
CB340392 1868-1938



Clark Bunnell  
1868-1938



Etura Josephine Long  
1873-1942

## Some Thoughts on Research

Whenever I receive an inquiry from someone new, it gives me a lot of pleasure if I can pull together and send him or her the full line of descent from the immigrant William Bunnell. That has happened a number of times since I started the Newsletter. Unfortunately, most of the time that is not the case. The number of unconnected branches that keep turning up continues to amaze me. I usually spend quite a bit of time on them trying to relate them to other information in my files, and I am always glad to share anything that might be useful in your research.

However, I don't often get the chance to get out to do original research myself, and I rely on your efforts to help me bring all this together. Here is just one example that has impressed me as a classic step-by-step approach to family tree climbing: When Gwen Quickel, of Lake Jackson, TX, first wrote to me, she said she had reached a dead end in hunting for her husband's Bonnell ancestors. All they knew was that his grandfather's surname was Bonnell. The grandparents were divorced early in this century, the grandmother remarried, and even the grandfather's given name was lost.

They began an intensive search of cemeteries, court houses and libraries in their area. Within a month they had their first success. They found a marriage record and a birth record which proved that the grandfather's name was Stephen E. Bonnell. Census records for 1880 and 1900 showed that he was son of William A. and Molly E. Bonnell, who were both born in Virginia. At this point I was unable to help, except to suggest that the Bonnell seemed to point to a New Jersey origin. Their research continued with great persistence and Gwen sent me a lot of data which filled in some of the descendants of William A., but didn't give a clue as to his parents.

Some months later, after a research trip to Oklahoma, where they studied city directories, newspaper archives and other sources, they learned that William A. was a Confederate soldier and had received a pension. They discovered his date and place of birth and his date of death and place of burial. Still nothing about his parents.

Then in October this year they obtained a copy of William A. Bonnell's death certificate, giving the name of his father as Ludwell Bonnell, b. in Ohio. At last I was able to help. Claude Bunnell's Database had a Ludwell Bonnell and everything fit into place. I was able to extract a great deal of information from the database to send to Gwen, including the name of Ludwell's father, William Bonnel, who was born about 1790 in New Jersey. Since then the Quickels have searched Virginia records extensively and have added many facts to the story. Now the question is, who was William Bonnel of New Jersey? Gwen's query is on the last page of this Newsletter.

A number of you are trying to discover how, or even if, your Bunnell or Bonnell ancestors fit into the William Bunnell line. As you pursue your studies of your end back in time, I thought it might be useful to highlight the "empty branches" of the family tree, where additional descendants might be found.

**FIRST GENERATION:** This, of course, was William himself. He and Ann had three sons, two of whom grew to adulthood. This seems to be complete.

SECOND GENERATION: Benjamin Bunnell and his brother Nathaniel Bonnell each had large families. The births of Benjamin's children were all recorded in the New Haven Vital Statistics. I'm sure they are complete. Nathaniel's children, born in Elizabethtown, NJ, were not officially recorded. He could possibly have had other children we haven't yet discovered, but there is no reason to think so at this time.

THIRD GENERATION: Benjamin Bunnell's grandchildren in Connecticut seem to be complete and well-recorded. In New Jersey, however, two of Nathaniel's sons, SAMUEL and BENJAMIN, are not known to have had any children. Now, a couple of items uncovered and sent to me by Ellen Dorn, Alhambra, CA, make me wonder. Samuel married Abigail, step-daughter of Samuel Rose or Roos. Samuel Bonnell died 11 January 1711/12. A record in the New Jersey Archives, not dated, but apparently about that time, states that Benjamin Bunhill with the consent of his mother Abigel, binds himself to Anthony Aliffe and wife. At this period I find no other Abigail who could have been this Benjamin's mother, and I suspect Benjamin was the son of Samuel. If that could be proved, and if we could prove identity with the Benjamin who married Eleanor and was the father of Aaron Bonnell, a lot of Bonnell researchers would be happy. The reference in the New Jersey Archives is to Volume 23, page 348. If any of you have the opportunity to pursue this line of inquiry, it could be very fruitful.

BENJAMIN BONNELL married Sarah Potter, a woman who was 14 years younger than he. Her will makes it clear that she, at least, did not have any children. Until recently I had no reason to think that he might have. But again Ellen Dorn found a notice in the New Jersey Gardiner papers of a Quit Claim signed by Benjamin and Margaret Bonnell on 13 March 1734/5. Since Benjamin, son of Nathaniel, was the only one of this name I know of, this seems to indicate that Benjamin had a first wife, Margaret \_\_\_\_\_, and that Sarah Potter was a later marriage. If so, some of the unattached Bonnells might be descendants of Benjamin and Margaret. I suspect that only intensive search of New Jersey deeds and legal documents will answer the question.

FOURTH GENERATION: In the Connecticut branch I find only two members of this generation whose children are not accounted for:

ISAAC BUNNELL (Benjamin, Benjamin, William) was born 30 August 1713 at New Haven, CT (ref: NHVR and Jacobus). The only other reference I have ever found regarding this Isaac comes from one of the box charts prepared and sent to me by Claude B. Mitchell. On the copy of the chart, written in ink after the chart was photocopied, was the notation in Isaac's box, "D 14 June 1734 NHVR." I assume that NHVR in this case stands for New Haven Vital Records. However, when I went through the published Vital Records of New Haven to 1850 and copied out every reference to Bunnells I did not find this reference to Isaac's death. It is possible that I missed it. Even so, he would have had time to have married and fathered one or more children. Isaac's parents moved to New Milford, CT, a year or so after his birth and lived there the rest of their lives, and Isaac must have been brought up there. Did he move away as a young man, only to die in New Haven at age 21, or to marry and father a family elsewhere?

JOHN BUNNELL (Israel, Benjamin, William) was born 4 September 1717 at New Haven, CT (ref: NHVR and Jacobus). He died in 1773 (ref: Jacobus). Ruth Duncan on page 16 of her book "William Bunnell and His



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Descendants,” gives the following: “JOHN b. 4 Sept. 1717; d 7 July 1773 (Haddam Neck Congregational Church records.) The NEW HAVEN TOWN RECORDS, Vol. III states: ‘April 7, 1760 took oath of freeman.’ John studied theology at Yale College and was licensed to preach in 1738. He was employed as a preacher and was a teacher in Haddam when he died.” There is no mention of whether or not he was married or had a family.

Turning to Generation Four of the New Jersey branch, we find:

ISAAC BONNELL (Isaac, Nathaniel, William) was born in 1697 at Elizabethtown, NJ. He died 15 February 1736 “in ye 38<sup>th</sup> year of his age.” He was buried in the burying ground of the First Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, NJ. No further information.

JACOB BONNELL (Isaac, Nathaniel, William) was born at Elizabethtown, NJ, about 1702. No further information.

JOHN BONNELL (Isaac, Nathaniel, William) was born at Elizabethtown, NJ, about 1704. No further information.

WILLIAM BONNELL (Isaac, Nathaniel, William) was born at Elizabethtown, NJ, about 1706. No further information. These last three might have died in infancy or they might have survived to raise families of their own.

Also, descendants, if any, of Samuel and Benjamin Bonnell mentioned above in the Third Generation.

Each succeeding generation will show more “empty branches”, and in later issues I will highlight as many as I can. In the meantime, I hope this approach helps to focus research opportunities for some of you.

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AN UNATTACHED BRANCH

A-1. CB005836. DAVID BUNNELL was born in Kentucky in 1792. He was a blacksmith. He married \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ McCALL?. They had at least three children born in Indiana. His wife died early, as he was a widower when he moved to Platte co, MO, with his three daughters. The first two, at least, were married in Platte co. It is said that the Bunnells left Indiana, came to Missouri, then over into Kansas Territory before it was a state. They were in Leavenworth co, KS, then on to Jackson co, KS, and into Shawnee co, KS. In 1860 David was living in Easton twp, Leavenworth co, KS, with his son-in-law and daughter, Lewis and Louisa Cox.

Children:

1. Louisa Jane, b. 1824; ma. 30 Sept. 1841, Lewis Cos
2. Mary Adeline, b. 23 Dec. 1831; m. 16 Feb. 1849, William Thomas Paslay; d. 5 Jan. 1925  
Children (surname Paslay):
  1. James Robert.
  2. Henretta.
  3. Anna Eliza (Lydia)
  4. David Lust.
  5. Martha Elizabeth.
  6. Mary Olive.
  7. Cordelia Thomas
  8. John Walter.
  9. George Washington
  10. Isaiah William
3. Margaret Isabella, m. 20 Mar. 1849 Jesse Cox.

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## WHO WAS MARY HOLDREN?

Joan el Murray, palatine, IL, writes: "How would you feel about writing a piece on Mary (Elizabeth?) Holdron (Holdern) in an upcoming newsletter?" I would be happy to, and there is no time like the present, especially since Joan sent along enough material to make it worth while.

Mary (or Mary Elizabeth) or Elizabeth Mary) Holdren (or Holdern or Haldron) was the wife of Solomon Bunnell CB290004 (Benjamin, Benjamin, William). Solomon was born 27 Octoer 1705 in New Haven, CT. About 1737 he married Mary and moved to Kingwood, Hunterdon co, NJ. In November 1755 they removed again, to what was called "The Hollow" in Middle Smithfield twp, then Northampton (now Monroe co), PA. He signed the Oath of Allegiance in Northampton co, purchased land, and remained there until he died in 1779. They had three sons and five daughters, and their descendants number in the thousands all over the United States.

That is all I had gleaned about Solomon and Mary until I received a copy of the John A. Biles manuscript. Quoting now from his manuscript:

"The following is a copy of the notes taken by the author in the spring of 1881 while on a visit to his great aunt Katharine Bunnell (Carney) Crawford's, at the home of Katherine and her husband, Benjamin Crawford, then residing about two miles north of Meshoppen, Pa. near the home of Rebecca Bunnell Davis.

"She was then 84 years of age, in good health and sound mind with a clean recollection of the events of her early childhood. She possessed numerous antique articles which she showed with apparent pride. A month them my notes show the following: An old fashioned stand which had been in the family 74 years; an old bedstead for 63 years; a very large heavy pewter plate that she could trace to 1797; her great-grandmother's flat irons with a date as early as 1775; a pair of shears that had belonged to her great-great-grandmother.

"Her husband, Benjamin Crawford, aged 87, was cutting his summer's wood when this visit was made in the month of March and preparing for garden work, while his wife performed all the necessary duties of the household.

"In speaking of her grandfather, Solomon Bunnell, she said he was a Yankee from Rhode Island, she thought, born in 1705, and died in 1779. When a young man he came from New Haven, Conn. with his brother Nathaniel stopping for a time at Elizabethtown, N.J. with relatives, an uncle, I think she mentioned. Nathaniel remained there and changed the spelling of his name to Bonnell instead of Bunnell as before. Solomon came on to Kingwood, Hunterdon Co., N.J. where he remained until the beginning of the French and Indian War, when he stated for the valley of the 'Sisquannah', as she called it. Near the Wind Gap, near Stroudsburg, Pa., they met the refugees fleeing from the first Indian massacre in the valley after Braddock's defeat at Fort Pitt. They turned off into 'The Hollow' and settled. He brought with him young apple trees which they planted, mentioned elsewhere in this book. Her grandmother's maiden name, she said, was Mary Holdren, a low Dutch girl, born in 1707, and lived till 1804. Their children were:

Isaac who married Laner Barkaloe.

Lizzie married Drake

Solomon, Jr.

Rachel who married Brink

Benjamin, born in 1741 and died 1814, (her father).

Patty (or Martha) married Robert Hanners. They fought and parted. She then married John Tock.

Polly (or Mary) married Elias Daily"

Mary Holdren (Cont'd)

There are, of course, many many errors in the above account, either from Katharine Crawford's recollection or from Mr. Biles' transcription of it. However, apparently on the basis of that conversation, Mr. Biles states on a later page that in 1737 Solomon Bunnell married Mary Holdren, b. 1707, d. 1804, a native of Holland. I would certainly doubt that she was born in Holland rather than in the American colonies, but I have never found anything else that even hinted at her origin. Joan Murray's recent letter now suggests a possible line of descent. Perhaps one of our readers can provide further information. Joan says:

“My own theory is that she is the daughter of John and Cornelia Van Tienhoven (Holst) Haldron. John was the son of William Waldron, the emigrant who lived in Harlem, New York and died there in 1687.

“John and Cornelia had a daughter Elizabeth, baptized 5 October 1709. Since William Haldron had only two sons: Henry and John, and Henry died without issue, it appears only John remains as ancestor of the Haldrons. There seems to have been only one Haldron family in the colonies during that time period.

“John's sister, Anna, married a John Allen and moved to Milford, CN by 1705.

“John is known to have moved from Harlem to Tappan NY circa 1713 right on the New Jersey border, and not that far from Elizabethtown, where perhaps Mary Haldron married Solomon Bunnell.

“John had a son, William, who moved from Tappan to Harrington Twp NJ in Bergen Co. (I am still searching for a book on border changes in northern NJ and southern NY. I believe I read somewhere way back that southern NY was once a part of NJ.

“At any rate, this Haldron family certainly had an opportunity of meeting up with the Bunnells either in Milford or New Jersey.

“Incidentally, in case you haven't gotten into it, Cornelia Van Tienhoven is the daughter of Dr. Lucas Van Tienhoven, the son of the Secretary of New Netherland, Cornelis Van Tienhoven. Cornelis was such a scoundrel and so hated by the people that there appears to be very little written on his descendants - at least not as far as I have been able to find.

“I have noticed that some researchers refer to Mary Haldron as Mary Elizabeth or Elizabeth Mary, and perhaps they are making the same assumption as I.

“Unfortunately I seem to have come to this conclusion regarding her ancestry more by a process of elimination than by proof of her parentage. I would prefer the other way around.”

Thanks, Joan, for that information. It is more than we had before.

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## OUR COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

Members of the Bunnell/Bonnell family have been particularly distinguished in the field of higher education. In the last issue I mentioned John Mitchell Bonnell CB003140, fifth president of Wesleyan Female College at Macon, GA, 1860-1871.

Charles Ernest Bunnell, CB340113, in 1922 became the first president of the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, a position he held for 25 years, during which time the college became the University of Alaska. The story is told in "FARTHEST NORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT," by William R. Cashen, a copy of which I am anxious to secure.

I have been told, but have not yet confirmed, that a Bunnell was president of Bucknell University at Lewisburg, PA.

And now I have just received a letter from one of our subscribers, Allen T. Bonnell, of Wallingford, PA, who says, "My own career has been in higher education. I have taught at the University of Illinois, St. Louis University, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. From 1948 until 1965 I was Vice President of Drexel University and from 1963-65 Vice President and Provost. In 1965 I accepted an invitation to become the founding president of Community College of Philadelphia, from which post I retired in September, 1983. The College was started from scratch and now has a beautiful center city campus and serves some 20,000 students."

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The name and address of the inquirer are included with each query. However, if you are able to provide the inquirer with the information requested, I would appreciate your sending me a copy of your reply.

1. The July 26, 1792 "Wood's Newark Gazette" states that HENRY BONNEL married PHEBE BONNEL, daughter of NATHANIEL BONNEL of Mendham (N.J.). Would like to correspond with an descendant or person knowledgeable of these three names. Jerry Hatch, 657 W. Melrose, Chicago, IL 60657-3415.

2. Searching for any info on WILLIAM BONNEL, born 1790, New Jersey. Was in Virginia 1813 when oldest child LUDWELL BONNELL was born. WILLIAM was in Ohio in 1840. Gwen c. Quickel, P. O. Box 806, Lake Jackson, TX 77566.

3. HEZEKIAH BUNNELL died in Surry co, VA, in 1709. Apparently he left no sons. My descent is through his granddaughter who married a Williams. HEZEKIAH may have been the son of 17<sup>th</sup> century Virginia immigrant, JOHN BONNELL/BUNNELL, who does not appear to be connected to the New England Bunnell family. Does anyone have any more information on this Virginia family? Franceine Rees, 116 S. Harding St., Greenville, NC 27858.

4. Dallas Bonnell served as a private in Co. A, 43<sup>rd</sup> Bn, VA Cavalry, Army of Northern VA (Mosby's Rangers), during the Civil War. Neither the Confederate Archives in Richmond, VA, nor the National Archives in Washington, D.C., have any data on this man. Can any reader help? John C. Bonnell, Jr., 2519 Sterrett Dr., Clearbrook, VA 22624.

5. Would like to correspond with FERN E. BONNELL, who wrote "A Brief Record of the Descendants of James Harvey and Rachel Ann Bonnell," of Dover, IA, or with anyone who has continued her work on this branch of the family. Does anyone have an address I can write to? John C. Bonnell, Jr., 2519 Sterrett Dr., Clearbrook, VA 22624.