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## Administrivia

**2004 Dues:**

**Last chance to keep your newsletters coming.** Many of you have paid the 2004 dues and a few have paid through 2005. We appreciate that vote of confidence. Some still haven't had the chance to mail their checks yet.

For those receiving the printed version, this is the last issue we'll be able to send you if we haven't received the 2004 dues by the time the May 2004 issue goes to print. We just can't afford the printing and mailing costs and we'll have to assume you no longer want to receive the Newsletter. The printed version is still \$14 a year, which also allows you electronic access. Your mailing label shows your expiration date.

For those receiving the electronic version, we'll have to close out your account if you haven't paid the 2004 dues by the time the May 2004 issue goes on line. The price is still \$10 a year. We have sent you an e-mail letting you know when your subscription expires.

When sending your check, please make it payable to **Charles Bunnell** rather than the newsletter.



**Submitting items for the newsletter:** To help us keep track of the material, please include your name, address and date on each piece of paper you submit, including photos. For newspaper articles, including obituaries, please include the name of the paper it came from to include the date, city, state and page number. As most of you know, this is the same type of info we write down when researching. If you have the capability to send in your item electronically, that would be great and save us a lot of time scanning or retyping. Just send it in as an attachment to your e-mail. But we'll accept it in any format, **so send it in!**



**Queries:** Queries are **FREE** and will be published when received and if room permits. Please try to keep them brief. As a first response we will use Claude Bunnell's database and check with William Austin for information. We also want readers to add to the answers we provide. Please feel free to send your reply to the address at the end of the query. Please also send a copy to us so that we can share the information.



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### **Web Page Update:**

First of all, my lap top, which is where I maintain all the newsletters, e-mail traffic, and family history, died during the holidays. We were in Ohio visiting our daughter and son-in-law when it wouldn't even start up. I knew it was a serious situation when our son-in-law, who works on computers for a living, said he couldn't do anything for it without reformatting (a euphemism for "erase all your stuff") and suggested that when I get it back home, the startup disks that came with it may provide me a chance to save the data before reformatting. I had backed-up most of the data on Pat's computer but there was a month's worth of e-mail that hadn't been backed-up. To make a long story short, after two days of working with it I was able to save all the files and then reformat it and start all over loading software. So, I should have all of your e-mails and data. Moral is, needless to say, back up your data ... often.



Thanks to the efforts of Marjorie Gibbs, Pat Bunnell, and a little bit on my part we have several issues of the first 3 years of the newsletter on the web. All of Vol. 1 and some of volumes 2, 3 and 4 are there. More will be added over time. To help us further with the project, William Austin mailed us the original, camera ready copies of the first 10 years of the newsletter. The gives us the original pictures he used so the versions out there on the web won't be copies of a copy, but a scanned version of the photos or drawings he used. That insures that we have high quality photos on the web. Thanks Bill.

## Correspondence

We received many favorable written comments from our subscribers during the holiday season. Listed below are some inputs which we greatly appreciate:

- W.J. Hatch – “Excellent newsletter Nov 2003.”
- Ruth Seaver – “I appreciate all the time and effort it takes to do what you’re doing.”
- Darlene Ryan – “Keep up the good work on the newsletter. Very enjoyable.”
- Towner Jayne – “I’m impressed with the new look.”
- Joan Flavel – “Thank you so much for keeping the Newsletter going.”
- Bill Tidball – “Thanks, your doing a great job.”
- Lorna Ray - “Thanks for another year of work on our genealogy. We appreciate it.”



Unfortunately we also received an e-mail announcing that one of our contributors and authors, Ruth Duncan, would no longer be subscribing.

Hi Charles: I am asking you to drop my name from your mailing list for the newsletter. I believe you and the others have done a wonderful job and I have enjoyed reading them all. They are a wonderful source for those starting out looking for their family. When I researched my Bunnell family, there was no newsletter or any other help like that. My complete Conn. Bunnell family is printed in my book "William Bunnell and His Descendants" which I published in 1986. Bill Austin was researching at that time and I am amazed and pleased with his dedication to this family. He and Claude deserve a medal for all their work. I am giving up on genealogy because my children are taking over the task. I want them to enjoy it as much as I have. Good luck with the newsletter. Ruth Cost Duncan, P.O. Box 249, West Simsbury, CT 06092

## New Subscribers

<b>Carol Brotzman</b>	<b>SueAnn Harding</b>	<b>Jacquelyn A. White</b>
<b>Mark A. Bunnell</b>	<b>Harry L. Bounnell</b>	

*There are 195 sixth generation male Bunnells and Bonnells, presently being researched by William Austin in preparation for Volume II of "The Bunnell/Bonnell Family in America". No completion date has been set.*

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## Direct Lines

Direct Lines are provided by subscribers. I would recommend that you not treat them as primary source material, but the submitter may be able to provide you with his/her primary sources. William Austin will

review Lines submitted to him. Send them directly to him with a request that he review them and forward them to me with any corrections. Addresses are on page 1.

Direct Line submitted by Jacquelyn (Bunnell) White, 21607 Rambling Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95945; Not submitted to William Austin, but validated against Claude Bunnell's database. Also see her entry in the Queries section. Information provided by Jacquelyn is in standard print; data added by Claude is in bold print.

**Joseph O. Bunnell ~ Martha A. \_\_\_\_\_**

Joseph O. Bunnell ~ Sarah A. \_\_\_\_\_

Samuel Dewey Bunnell ~ Dorothy E. Brewer

Jacquelyn E. Bunnell ~ Donald White

## Life Changes

### Obituaries, Deaths, Marriages, Births

#### Obituaries:

From The Calhoun County WV Gen Web page (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wvcalhou/index2.htm>)

"The Calhoun Chronicle," Grantsville, WV

NELLIE G. BONNELL 2/12/1998

Nellie G. **Bonnell**, 91, of Parkersburg, died Friday, Feb. 6, 1998, at Worthington Manor Care Center, Parkersburg.

She was born in Big Battle, Doddridge County, a daughter of the late Terrence Lee and Margaret E. **Tate Ford**. She was a home-maker and a member of Hurst Chapel United Methodist Church. Surviving are three daughters, Alma **Halker** of Marietta, Margaret **Corbitt** of Vienna and Virginia **Ringer** of Parkersburg; one son, Gene **Bonnell** of West Union; two sisters, Arvilla **Millican** of Grantsville and Roanna **Holbert** of Cleveland; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Edward **Bonnell**; one son, Lloyd **Bonnell**; four brothers; one sister; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Spurgeon Funeral Home, West Union, with Pastor Denver **Burnside** officiating. Burial was in Salem K of P Cemetery.

Ed. Note: David Edward Bonnell is CB351848.

#### Deaths

From The Harrison County WV Gen Web page (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wvharris/>)

HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
DEATH RECORDS 1853-1903  
by Patricia B Hickman  
1991

**1888**

BUNNELL, Caldwell 2y b Doddridge Co WV s/o Lester & Misori; died Mar—  
 MAXWELL, Margaret 27y b Doddridge Co (W)V d/o David & Angeline BONNELL;  
 wife of Johnathan Maxwell; died 10 Mar

**1893**

BONNELL, Arrill J 24y b Doddridge Co WV child of Charles & Rulina; died 5 May  
 BONNELL, Laura C 20y 2m 10d b HC d/o Morgan & Buena E DAY; sister, Anna Day,  
 informant; died 13 Apr  
 BONNELL, Rulina No age b HC d/o Nathan G & Mary A DAVIS; wife of Charles B Bonnell;  
 died 20 Feb

**1901**

BONNELL, India 1y 1m b Oct 1900 d/o N G & Bertha died Nov--

**1902**

BUNNELL, Indus E 1y 7m 9d b 6 Nov 1900 child of Nathaniel & Bertha; d 15 Jun

**Marriages**

The following are from a website title "Old Newark." The address is:  
<http://www.virtualnewarknj.com/frontindex/featmenu.htm>. The site was started by and is still maintained by  
 Mr. Glenn Geisheimer and provides an interesting glimpse into the history of Newark, NJ.

BONNEL, Charles	1807 Abigail WOODRUFF
BONNEL, Elias	1808 Catharine SIMPSON
BONNEL, Elizabeth	1798 Moses BURNET
BONNEL, Hannah	1810 Moses MILLER
BONNEL, Ichabad	1810 Esther PARSELL
BONNEL, Ithamar	1826 Polly BRIANT
BONNEL, James	1800 Prusia STACKHOUSE
BONNEL, Jane	1819 John ANDRESS
BONNEL, Joanna	1821 Ebenezer MILLER
BONNEL, Joanna	1826 James N. WADE
BONNEL, John	1825 Lucinda EDWARDS
BONNEL, Jonathan Crane	1814 Phebe WARD
BONNEL, Julia	1816 John M. BABBIT
BONNEL, Mary W.	1814 Samuel G. SISCO
BONNEL, Nancy D.	1834 William SAYER
BONNEL, Oliver	1822 Phebe WINANTS
BONNEL, Sally	1811 Enos TOWNLEY
BONNEL, Sally	1814 Stephen BLAKE
BONNEL, Sarah	1821 Thomas HASTINGS
BONNEL, William	1806 Sally DOTY

BONNEL, William J.	1832 Margaret REID
BONNELL, Benjamin	1827 Mary Anne ELLIS
BONNELL, David	1832 Mary Ann LYON
BONNELL, Eliza	1830 George SAYRE
BONNELL, Phebe Eliza	1833 David G. WYCKOFF
BONNELL, Sarah	1832
BUNNEL, Elizabeth	1830 Jacob A. WOODS
BUNNEL, Stephen	1811 Harriet BALL

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From The Hardy County WV Gen Web page (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wvhardy/>)

Hardy County, WV Marriages

| <u>NAME</u>      | <u>SPOUSE</u>   | <u>DATE</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| McCloud, William | Burnell, Phoebe | 1833        |

## Queries

Jacquelyn White ([jwhite@mysterylane.com](mailto:jwhite@mysterylane.com)), 21607 Rambling Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95945, has recently started searching for her ancestors. Between her records and Claude's database, here's what she has:

Joseph O. Bunnell (020288) b. 1836 in MO; Married Martha A. \_\_\_\_\_, b. Feb. 1837 in AL (from Claude)

Joseph O. Bunnell (007390) b. 18 Apr 1870 or 22 Mar 1871 in AL, d. 29 Jun 1947, Franklin Co. AL. Married, 1891, Sarah A. \_\_\_\_\_, b. Mar 1872, d. 17 Apr 1953.

- Issue: 1. William(Willie) F (007391)
2. Robert M. (007392)
  3. Allen (Alexie) M. (007393)
  4. Samuel Dewey (013618)
  5. Luchen (L.A.) (went by Burnell) (013619)
  6. Vera (013620)
  7. Marvin (013621)
  8. Gladys P. (013622)

Claude added via e-mail the following comments: "I discovered an entry in the database 029343 OLANDO which matched the dates for 007390 Joseph O Bunnell and it was obvious the "O" in Joseph's name was Orlando. I have combined these two records into 007390. Orlando's parents were 020288 Joseph and Martha, so you are now back another generation. A search for local records for 020288 Joseph may yield his parentage. The website will be updated in early March with the new information. Hope this is helpful. Claude"

Now she needs to get past Grt-Grandpa Joseph. Anyone else researching this line please contact Jacquelyn.

## Cemeteries

In the last issue we printed the burials in Kentucky and Virginia from Claude Bunnell's database. Marjorie Gibbs has provided some additional Kentucky graves, so we'll print those. Floyd Baldwin sent some photos of Bounel gravesites in Indiana and we'll list the data from them. Then we'll provide the Tennessee and West Virginia burials from Claude's database. Finally, William Austin provides a listing of burials at two cemeteries in Pennsylvania. If you know of a burial site that we don't list, or if you can fill in the missing information, please send the info to me either via e-mail or snail mail and to Claude at his mailing address on the first page or to [cbunnel@comcast.net](mailto:cbunnel@comcast.net). We'll all benefit.

First: Marjorie Gibbs data for Kentucky.

| Sources: 1 = Claude Bunnell's Database<br>2 = Provided by Marjorie Gibbs<br>3 = Kentucky Cemetery Records, Volume I, compiled, edited & indexed by the Kentucky Records Research Committee, Kentucky Soc. D. A. R., 1960<br>4 = Cemeteries in Hardin County, Kentucky, Volume V, Compiled by Mrs. Ernest L Dykes and Mrs. Dewey B. Pate<br>5 = The Kentucky Cemetery Records Project, Hart Co., KY, Editor and Compiler, Gracie R. Rowntree, Dec. 31, 1990 |           |        |         |            |       |       |               |                         |         |             |        |         |                            |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------|--------|---------|----------------------------|------|
| Fam. No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | NAME      |        |         | DEATH DATE |       |       | Town/City     | Cemetery                | SP. No. | SPOUSE NAME |        |         | Comment                    | SRC  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | First     | Middle | Last    | Year       | MM/DD | State |               |                         |         | First       | Middle | Surname |                            |      |
| 010188                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Samuel    | W      | Bunnell | 1895       |       | KY    | Hardin County | Mt. Zion Baptist Church |         | Catherine   |        | Unk     | b. ?/?/1830                | 2, 3 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Catherine |        | Bunnell | 1907       |       | KY    | Hardin County | Mt. Zion Baptist Church |         | Samuel      | W      | Bunnell | b. ?/?/1827<br>Nee: ?      | 2, 4 |
| 004137                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Wm        | B      | Bunnell | 1862       | 1/3   | KY    | Hardin County | Mt. Zion Baptist Church |         | Mary        |        | Unk     | b.5/2/1778                 | 2,3  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Mary      |        | Bunnell | 1861       | 1/27  | KY    | Hardin County | Mt. Zion Baptist Church |         | Wm.         | B      | Bunnell | b.<br>10/26/1777<br>Nee: ? | 2,3  |
| Spouse of 006507                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Sallie    | E.     | Bunnell | 1881       | 11/5  | KY    | Hardin County | Mt. Zion Baptist Church |         | Orville     | L      | Bunnell | b.<br>2/21/1851<br>Nee: ?  | 2,3  |
| Spouse of 006507                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Amanda    |        | Bunnell | 1892       | 1/28  | KY    | Hardin County | Mt. Zion Baptist Church |         | Orville     | L      | Bunnell | b.<br>3/14/1858<br>Nee: ?  | 2, 3 |
| Spouse of 006507                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Amanda    |        | Bunnell | 1892       | 7/18  | KY    | Hardin County | Mt. Zion Baptist Church |         | O           | L      | Bunnell | b.<br>3/14/1858<br>Nee: ?  | 2, 4 |



| Fam. No.               | NAME      |        |         | DEATH DATE |       |       | Town/City     | Cemetery                | SP. No.   | SPOUSE NAME |         |                                     | Comment | SRC |
|------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|-----|
|                        | First     | Middle | Last    | Year       | MM/DD | State |               |                         |           | First       | Middle  | Surname                             |         |     |
|                        | Daughter  |        | Bunnell | 1900       | 10/31 | KY    | Hardin County |                         |           |             |         | b. 10/11/1900; child of J.A. & N.C. | 2, 4    |     |
| 005239                 | James     | W      | Bunnell | 1905       | 2/11  | KY    | Hardin County |                         | Elizabeth | M           | Bunnell | b. 7/6/1835                         | 2, 4    |     |
|                        | Elizabeth | M      | Bunnell | 1910       | 6/19  | KY    | Hardin County |                         | James     | W           | Bunnell | b. 12/25/1832<br>Nee: Bunnell?      | 2, 4    |     |
|                        | Infant    | Son    | Bunnell | 1859       |       | KY    | Hardin County |                         |           |             |         | son of I.W. & Arine                 | 2, 4    |     |
| 004137                 | W         | M      | Bunnell | 1862       | 1/3   | KY    | Hardin County |                         |           |             |         | b. 5/2/1778                         | 2, 4    |     |
|                        | Mary      |        | Bunnell | 1861       | 1/27  | KY    | Hardin County | Mt. Zion Baptist Church | William   |             | Bunnell | b. 10/26/1777<br>Nee: ?             | 2, 4    |     |
| Spouse of 012645       | Nora      | C      | Bunnell | 1900       | 10/28 | KY    | Hardin County |                         | Jimmie    | A           | Bunnell | b. 9/5/1878<br>Nee: ?               | 2, 4    |     |
| Spouse of 006507       | Sallie    | E.     | Bunnell | 1880       | 5/4   | KY    | Hardin County | Mt. Zion Baptist Church | Orville   | E           | Bunnell | b. 2/24/1851<br>Nee: ?              | 2, 4    |     |
| 010188                 | Samuel    | W      | Bunnell | 1895       |       | KY    | Hardin County | Mt. Zion Baptist Church | Catherine |             |         | b. 1830                             | 2, 4    |     |
| 005523                 | B         | T      | Bunnell | 1903       | 2/20  | KY    | Hardin County |                         | Sarah     | C           | Bunnell | b. 5/5/1836                         | 2, 4    |     |
|                        | Sarah     | C      | Bunnell | 1915       | 3/23  | KY    | Hardin County |                         | B         | T           | Bunnell | b. 2/25/1839<br>Nee: ?              | 2, 4    |     |
| Spouse of 006465       | Georgia   | Hill   | Bunnell |            |       | KY    | Hardin County |                         | James     | H           | Bunnell | b. 10/27/1883                       | 2, 4    |     |
|                        | Doll      | B      | Bunnell | 1962       | 6/31  | KY    |               |                         |           |             |         | b. 1876                             | 2, 5    |     |
| Prob. Spouse of 007941 | Emily     | S      | Bunnell | 1899       | 4/17  | KY    |               |                         |           |             |         | b. 12/1/1858                        | 2, 5    |     |
| 012828                 | Fannie    | B      | Bunnell | 1943       |       | KY    |               |                         |           |             |         | b. 1865                             | 2, 5    |     |

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| ?                                        | Harriett | M      | Bunnell | 1896       | 11/12 | KY    |           |          |            | Peter       |        | Bunnell | b. 11/6/1817<br>Nee: ?                               | 2, 5 |
| Possibly<br>spouse<br>of<br>000196       | Louisa   | J.     | Bunnell | 1878       | 7/4   | KY    |           |          |            | John        | A      | Bunnell | b.5/6/1827<br>Nee: ?                                 |      |
| ?                                        | Mara     | A      | Bunnell | 1856       | 9/7   | KY    |           |          |            |             |        |         | Dau of John<br>& Louisa                              | 2, 5 |
| ?                                        | Mary     | J      | Bunnell | 1910       | 5/13  | KY    |           |          |            | Unk         |        | Bunnell | b.<br>12/31/1835<br>Nee:<br>Hutcherson               | 2, 5 |
| Does<br>not<br>appear<br>to be<br>012813 | Rebecca  |        | Bunnell | 1918       |       | KY    |           |          |            |             |        |         | b. 1/7/1856                                          | 2, 5 |
| 013270                                   | Amanda   | W      | Bunnell | 1858       | 20/10 | KY    |           |          |            |             |        |         | b. 1/8/1857                                          | 2, 5 |
| ?                                        | Frances  | M      | Bunnell | 1905       | 11/3  | KY    |           |          |            |             |        |         | b.<br>12/10/1863                                     | 2, 5 |
| 012806                                   | Infant   |        | Bunnell | 1891       | 11/17 | KY    |           |          |            |             |        |         | b.<br>11/16/1891;<br>son of<br>Robert L. &<br>Minnie | 2, 5 |
| 012807                                   | Infant   |        | Bunnell | 1893       | 7/15  | KY    |           |          |            |             |        |         | b. 7/5/1893;<br>son of R.L. &<br>M.A.                | 2, 5 |
| Spouse<br>of<br>006522                   | Myra     | E      | Bunnell | 1914       | 3/4   | KY    |           |          |            | William     |        | Bunnell | b. 5/3/1857<br>Nee: Houk                             | 2, 5 |
| 007932                                   | Ruth     | T      | Bunnell | 1855       | 8/30  | KY    |           |          |            |             |        |         | b. 1/29/1817                                         | 2, 5 |
| 001888                                   | Samuel   | W      | Bunnell | 1895       | 9/29  | KY    |           |          |            | Sarah       | F.     | Smith   | b. 6/10/1824                                         | 2, 5 |
| Spouse<br>of<br>001888                   | Sarah    | F      | Bunnell | 1912       | 12/26 | KY    |           |          |            | Samuel      | W      | Bunnell | b.12/27/1827<br>Nee: Smith                           | 2, 5 |
| ?                                        | Sarah    | A      | Bunnell | 1910       | 10/7  | KY    |           |          |            | Unk         |        | Bunnell | b. 2/9/1842<br>Nee: Leach                            | 2, 5 |

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| Should be spouse of 007947; dates don't match | Grace  |        | Bunnell | 1918       | 1/18  | KY    |           |          |         | Unk         |        | Bunnell | b. ?/?/1858<br>Nee: Meadows | 2, 5 |
| Spouse of 001406                              | Martha | A      | Bunnell | 1916       | 2/7   | KY    |           |          |         | James       | H      | Bunnell | b. 6/1/1824<br>Nee: ?       | 2, 5 |
| Spouse of 006514                              | Minnie | C      | Bunnell | 1934       | ??    | KY    |           |          |         |             |        |         | b. ?/?/1876                 | 2, 5 |



Floyd Baldwin and his wife ran across some “Bounel” gravestones in Indianapolis and sent us some photos. Here’s the data. Claude has some Bounels in his data base, but not these particular ones. See my comments in the Research Section.

| Sources: |           | 1 = Claude Bunnell's Database<br>7 = Floyd L. Baldwin |        |            |       |       |              |          |         |             |        |         |                            |     |
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|          | Elizabeth |                                                       | Bounel |            |       | IN    | Indianapolis | Newby    |         |             |        |         | Dau of Ellis & Elizabeth   | 7   |
|          | Ellis     |                                                       | Bounel | 1849       | 11/22 | IN    | Indianapolis | Newby    |         |             |        |         | aged 41 yrs, 6 mo, 9 days  | 7   |
|          | James     |                                                       | Bounel | 1850       | 8/15  | IN    | Indianapolis | Newby    |         |             |        |         | aged 17 yrs, 4 mo, 20 days | 7   |



Here are the Tennessee and West Virginia burials from Claude's database.

| Sources: 1 = Claude Bunnell's Database |         |        |         |            |      |        |      |                       |        |             |        |         |         |     |
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|                                        | First   | Middle | Last    | Year       | MMDD | State  | City | Cemetery              |        | First       | Middle | Surname |         |     |
| 029319                                 | CLIFTON |        | BUNNELL | 194?       |      | TN     |      | BAPT/METH CHURCHES CM |        |             |        |         |         | 1   |
| 029320                                 | ETHEL   |        | BUNNELL |            |      | TN     |      | BAPT/METH CHURCHES CM |        |             |        |         |         | 1   |

  

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| 032927                                 | LOTTIE BELLE | STURM LOHR   | BONNELL | 1933       |      | WV     | PHILIPPI   | SILENT GROVE CM         |         |             |           |           |         | 1   |
| 330415                                 | NATHANIEL    | FLETCHER     | BUNNELL | 1861       | 1103 | WV     | GRAFTON    | GRAFTON NATL CM         |         |             |           |           |         | 1   |
| 341860                                 | STEPHEN      | D            | BONNELL | 1879       | 1129 | WV     | ASHLEY     | UNDERWOOD CM            |         |             |           |           |         | 1   |
| 341867                                 | MARY         | JOSEPHINE    | BONNELL | 1941       |      | WV     | ASHLEY     | UNDERWOOD CM            | 1       | JESSE       |           | ASH       |         | 1   |
| 341893                                 | JONATHAN     | B GIFFORD    | BONNELL | 1948       | 0630 | WV     | W UNION    | LOWER ODD CM            | 1       | MARY        | CATHERINE | JONES     |         | 1   |
| 341909                                 | NATHAN       | DAVI GIFFORD | BONNELL | 1943       | 0312 | WV     | SALEM      | FELLOWS ODD CM          | 1       | BERTHA      | A         | SKINNER   |         | 1   |
| 341909                                 | NATHAN       | DAVI         | BONNELL | 1943       | 0312 | WV     | SALEM      | FELLOWS CM              | 2       | MARY        | OPAL      | SANDY     |         | 1   |
| 341917                                 | JOHN         | THOMAS       | BONNELL | 1939       | 0629 | WV     | BRIDGEPORT | BRIDGEPORT GREENLAWN CM | 1       | GERTRUDE    | ADALINE   | COLLINS   |         | 1   |
| 341920                                 | SAMUEL       | BOOTH        | BONNELL | 1937       | 0925 | WV     | CLARKSBURG | MASONIC GREENLAWN CM    | 1       | MYRTLE      |           | WOOD      |         | 1   |
| 341920                                 | SAMUEL       | BOOTH        | BONNELL | 1937       | 0925 | WV     | CLARKSBURG | MASONIC DENNISSON CM    | 2       | HETTIE      |           | LAFEVER   |         | 1   |
| 341934                                 | GENNETTIE    | CHRISTENA    | BONNELL | 1906       | 0615 | WV     | BENDALE    | PINE GROVE CM           | 1       | MASTISON    | ALONZO    | DENNISSON |         | 1   |
| 342091                                 | CHARLES      | BERKLEY      | BONNELL | 1950       |      | WV     | BEREA      | PINE GROVE CM           | 1       | SARAH       | CATHERINE | VANHORN   |         | 1   |
| 342095                                 | SUSAN        | CORDELIA     | BONNELL | 1948       | 0103 | WV     | SMITHFIELD | MORGAN PINE GROVE CM    | 1       | JOHN        | M         | CYPHERS   |         | 1   |
| 350931                                 | ERNEST       | RAY          | BONNELL | 1992       | 0612 | WV     | BEREA      | PINE GROVE CM           | 1       | ELSIE       | OTA       | MAXSON    |         | 1   |
| 351376                                 | HAZEL        |              | BUNNELL | 1924       | 0504 | WV     | BRIDGEPORT | BRIDGEPORT              | 1       | ASA         | M         | DOBBINS   |         | 1   |
| 351386                                 | NETTIE       | MARIE        | BUNNELL | 1908       | 0709 | WV     | HEPZIBAH   | BAPT CH W MILFORD CM    |         |             |           |           |         | 1   |
| 351465                                 | MARY         | B            | BONNELL | 1939       | 1103 | WV     | W MILFORD  | CM                      |         |             |           |           |         | 1   |

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| 351857   | MARGARET | LEE     | BONNELL | 1966       | 0921 | WV    | ARNOLDS CR | RULEY CM<br>CRYSTAL LAKE | 1       | EMERY       | GOFF         | PERINE    |         | 1   |
| 351859   | LEWIS    | RUSSELL | BONNELL | 1969       | 0110 | WV    |            | GREENLAWN MASONIC CM     | 1       | HELEN       | VICTORIA     | GAIN      |         | 1   |
| 351886   | ESSIE    | MABEL   | BONNELL | 1933       | 1011 | WV    | CLARKSBURG | GREENLAWN MASONIC CM     | 1       | SAMUEL      | JESSE        | MONROE    |         | 1   |
| 351887   | WILFORD  | ONAN    | BONNELL | 1963       | 0227 | WV    | CLARKSBURG | GREENLAWN MASONIC CM     | 1       | OCIE        | ETHEL        | NAY       |         | 1   |
| 351887   | WILFORD  | ONAN    | BONNELL | 1963       | 0227 | WV    | CLARKSBURG | GREENLAWN MASONIC CM     | 2       | HAZEL       | LEE          | RANDOLPH  |         | 1   |
| 352133   | RHULANAH | L       | BONNELL | 1969       | 0627 | WV    | CLARKSBURG | SUNSET MEMORIAL GDNS     | 1       | WILLIAM     | DAVID        | MORRISON  |         | 1   |
| 352133   | RHULANAH | L       | BONNELL | 1969       | 0627 | WV    | CLARKSBURG | SUNSET MEMORIAL GDNS     | 3       | ZEDDIE      |              | ONG       |         | 1   |
| 352133   | RHULANAH | L       | BONNELL | 1969       | 0627 | WV    | CLARKSBURG | SUNSET MEMORIAL GDNS     | 2       | JOSEPH      | PALIEZ       | GUTIERREX |         | 1   |
| 360728   | WILFORD  | ONAN    | BUNNELL | 1980       | 0923 | WV    | CLARKSBURG | GREENLAWN MASONIC CM     | 1       | MAGDALENE   |              | FINCHAM   |         | 1   |
| 360728   | WILFORD  | ONAN    | BUNNELL | 1980       | 0923 | WV    | CLARKSBURG | GREENLAWN MASONIC CM     | 2       | SARA        | JANE<br>OPAL | COTTRILL  |         | 1   |
| 360983   | ARNOLDA  | LEO     | BONNELL | 1966       | 1109 | WV    | SALEM      | ODD FELLOWS CM           |         |             |              |           |         | 1   |
| 361134   | LLOYD    | BROOKS  | BONNELL | 1985       | 0217 | WV    | ARNOLDS CR | RULEY CM                 | 1       | GLADYS      | ROBERTA      | PERINE    |         | 1   |
| 361295   | ALKIN    | GUY     | BONNELL | 1951       | 0507 | WV    | ELKINS     | ELKINS IOOF MEM GDN      | 1       | MABEL       | ORA          | WEESE     |         | 1   |
| 361299   | FLOYD    | EDWARD  | BURNELL | 1985       | 0921 | WV    | QUIET DELL | FLORAL HILLS MEM GDNS    | 1       | WAVELINE    | PAULA        | CHILDERS  |         | 1   |
| 370808   | PATRICIA | ELLEN   | BURNELL | 1940       | 0416 | WV    | GLEN FALLS | GRIFFITH CM              |         |             |              |           |         | 1   |
| 380330   | TIMOTHY  | ROBERT  | BURNELL | 1996       | 0425 | WV    | SHINNSTON  | SHINNSTON MASONIC CM     | 1       | JEANETTE    | IRENE        | GARRETT   |         | 1   |



From William R. Austin, P. O. Box 62, Laceyville PA 18623-0062, 20 February 2004.

Gilbert M. Burr, my wife's grandfather, was for many years secretary of the Overfield Cemetery Association in Meshoppen, Wyoming co, PA. He was a meticulous, orderly sort of person, and he spent a lot of time compiling a list of all the burials which had taken place in the Cemetery previous to his appointment. From about 1908 until 1945 when he turned over the job to someone else, he added the burials as they took place. His book, which is now in my hands, includes also a map of the cemetery, a list of lot owners by lot number, and list of military veterans buried there. Following are the Bunnell family burials just as he entered them in the list. Two things should be noted: Not all information is entered - in fact, some burials I know of are missing completely. Also, there are errors which do not coincide with other available information. In a few cases, I have added data, all of which appears in *italics*. I have also added Claude Bunnell's Database number.

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Name</u>            | <u>Residence</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Died</u>          | <u>Lot</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| 320060        | Bunnell, Charles       | Meshoppen        | 29-11      | Jun 16, 1854         | 10         |
| 310261        | Bunnell, James         | "                | 79-11      | May 4, 1879          | 29         |
| 310261W       | Bunnell, Louisa        | "                | 74-9       | Dec 29, 1872         | 29         |
| 310244        | Bunnell, Issac(sic)    | "                | 47         | <i>Jun 26, 1832</i>  | 39         |
| 310244W       | Bunnell, Ann Overfield | "                | 46         | <i>Oct. 10, 1842</i> | 39         |
| 320054        | Bunnell, Marguerite    | "                | 16         | <i>Aug 9, 1836</i>   | 39         |
| 320058        | Bunnell, Issac(sic) O. | "                | 72         | Jan 8, 1900          | 39         |
| 330338        | Bunnell, India         | "                | 3-3        | Feb 3, 1854          | 39         |
| 331398        | Bunnell, Annie         | Skinners Eddy    | 3-7        | Jan 15, 1856         | 42         |
| 320057        | Bunnell, Edmund        | Meshoppen        | 80         | Sep 21, 1906         | 42         |
| 330831        | Bunnell, Emma R.       | "                | 6          | May 6, 1873          | 58         |
| 330816        | Bunnell, D. A.         | "                | 66         | Jan 30, 1907         | 67         |
| 340903        | Bunnell, Mary          | "                | 18         | Aug 23, 1886         | 67         |
| 340543        | Bunnell, Carrie        | "                | -6         | <i>Jan 22, 1874</i>  | 67         |
| 340542        | Bunnell, Belle         | "                | -10        | Aug 3, 1873          | 67         |
| 340906        | Bunnell, Dennie        | "                | 1          | May 29, 1870         | 67         |
| 340544        | Bunnell, Jessie        | "                | 1          | Apr 29, 1879         | 67         |
| 340905        | Bunnell, Artie         | "                | 5-5        | Jul 13, 1881         | 67         |
| 320170W       | Bunnell, Margaret      | "                | 73         | Mar 2, 1888          | 72         |
| 320170        | Bunnell Jr., Benj.     | "                | 81         | Mar 2, 1894          | 72         |
| 330821        | Bunnell, Calvin S.     | "                | 6-9        | Apr 14, 1857         | 72         |
| 330814        | Bunnell, Judson W.     | "                | 14-2       | Jan 7, 1852          | 72         |
| 330818        | Bunnell, Margaret E.   | "                | 1-10       | Oct 20, 1852         | 72         |
| 341485        | Bunnell, Grace L.      | "                | 2-3        | Apr 4, 1881          | 72         |
| 330176W       | Bunnell, Lucy          | Braintrim Twp    | 43         | <i>Jun 27, 1897</i>  | 113        |
| ??            | Bunnell, (Infant)      | Auburn Twp       |            | Oct 10, 1904         | 113        |
| 330183        | Bunnell, Sarah M.      | Meshoppen        | 20         | Oct 26, 1862         | 114        |
| 330180        | Bunnell, George L.     | "                | 17         | Jun 4, 1858          | 114        |
| 320055W       | Bunnell, Lucy          | Scranton         | 88         | Oct 11, 1905         | 114        |
| 320055        | Bunnell, John W.       | Meshoppen        | 74         | Mar 21, 1892         | 114        |
| 340046        | Bunnell, Hartley       | "                | 4          | Sep 8, 1882          | 119        |
| 340572        | Bunnell, Dana          | "                | 6-3        | Jan 7, 1877          | 119        |

|         |                        |                            |        |                         |              |     |
|---------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------|-----|
| 340573  | Bunnell, Anna          | “                          | 2-6    | May 14, 1875            | 119          |     |
| 340574  | Bunnell, Harry W.      | Meshoppen                  | 4-9    | Feb 17, 1888            | 119          |     |
|         | Bunnell, (infant)      | <i>George Marbel</i> “     |        |                         | 118          |     |
| 320272W | Bunnell, Laura M.      | “                          | 69     | Jun 4, 1888             | 118          |     |
| 320272  | Bunnell, John S.       | “                          | 71     | Jan 23, 1887            | 118          |     |
| 330701W | Bunnell Harry          | ( <i>Harriet</i> ) O.      | “      | 59-2                    | Apr 29, 1907 | 125 |
| 330701  | Bunnell, Albert        | “                          | 61-4   | Oct 10, 1906            | 125          |     |
| 350678  | Bunnell, Helen Mowrey  | “                          | 10     | <i>Oct 10, 1908</i>     | 125          |     |
|         | Bunnell, Ernest        | “                          | 2-7    | Sep 5, 1884             | 128          |     |
| 320164  | Bunnell, Aaron         | Washington Twp             | 66     | Jan 7, 1894             | 150          |     |
| 320164W | Bunnell, Mrs. Emmaline | “                          |        | May 27, 1894            | 150          |     |
|         |                        | ( <i>Mrs. Clementine</i> ) |        | ( <i>May 25, 1904</i> ) |              |     |
| 330815W | Bunnell, Adeline       |                            | 40     | Aug 3, 1882             | 192          |     |
| 330815  | Bunnell, Solomon       | Elmira, NY                 | 50     | May 17, 1889            | 192          |     |
| 350809  | Bunnell (Infant)       |                            | 0      | <i>26 Mar, 1894</i>     | 200          |     |
| 350938  | Bunnell, John L.(S.)   | Laceyville                 |        | Dec 16, 1908            | 340          |     |
| 330832  | Bunnell, Henry         | <i>Meshoppen</i>           | 9      | <i>29 Mar, 1879</i>     | 58           |     |
| 320268W | Bunnell, Sarah         | “                          | 69     | May 30, 1909            | 58           |     |
| 330702W | Bunnell, Alice M.      | New Albany                 | 66     | Jun 16, 1911            | 316          |     |
| 350941  | Bunnell, Roland G.     | Laceyville                 | 1-5    | Dec 28, 1911            | 340          |     |
| 330704  | Bunnell, Henry C.      | Scranton                   | 69-8   | Feb 13, 1913            | 125          |     |
| 350949  | Bunnell, Tillie L.     | Laceyville                 | -9     | Jun 9, 1913             | 340          |     |
| 340892  | Corbin, Jessie Bunnell | Sayre                      | 48     | Jul 23, 1918            | 316          |     |
| 341490  | Bunnell, Danl C.       | Laceyville                 | 38     | Sep 3, 1918             | 340          |     |
| 320058W | Bunnell, Marilla S.    | Meshoppen                  | 83     | Jul 15, 1919            | 39           |     |
| 350901  | Bunnell, Arthur B.     | Manchester                 | 24     | Aug 17, 1919            | 200          |     |
| 330704W | Bunnell, Martha L.     |                            | 76     | May 4, 1922             | 118          |     |
| 340822W | Bunnell, Lucilla A.    | Meshoppen                  | 51     | Jun 19, 1923            | 129          |     |
| 330181  | Bunnell, Nicholas      | “                          | 80     | Nov 1, 1923             | 129          |     |
| 320268  | Bunnell, Barton        | “                          | 95     | Feb 15, 1925            | 58           |     |
| 330179W | Bunnell, Dora O.       | “                          | 62     | Nov 9, 1925             | 130          |     |
| 330181W | Bunnell, Mrs. Nicholas | “                          | 80     | <i>Mar 6, 1926</i>      | 103          |     |
| 330179  | Bunnell, Elmer S.      | “                          | 70     | Dec 16, 1927            | 130          |     |
| 340904  | Bunnell, Benj.         | Canandaigua, NY            | 57     | Sep 22, 1928            | 122          |     |
| 340676  | Bunnell, Byron O.      | Brooklyn, NY               | 73(63) | Aug 15, 1930            | 370          |     |
| 341488  | Bunnell, Harry         | Auburn Twp                 | 59     | Aug 6, 1932             | --           |     |
| 330822  | Bunnell, Walker S.     | Meshoppen                  | 74     | Feb 12, 1933            | --           |     |
| 330368  | Bunnell, Lewis         | “                          | 59     | May 12, 1933            | 494          |     |
| 331250  | Bunnell, Perry S.      | Doolittle Hill             | 77     | Nov 1, 1933             | 485          |     |
| 330822W | Bunnell, Mrs. Etta L.  | Meshoppen                  | 80     | Apr 3, 1935             | 72           |     |
| ??      | Bunnell, Isabell       | Des Plains, IL             | 55     | Nov 3, 1937             | --           |     |
| 330176  | Bunnell, John J.       | Auburn Twp                 | 85     | Nov 15, 1937            | --           |     |
| 330816W | Bunnell, Mrs. Emma     | Meshoppen                  | 90     | Jan 23, 1940            | 67           |     |
| 340159  | Bunnell, Clarence      | “                          | 59     | Jul 28, 1943            | 544          |     |
| 331250W | Bunnell, Mrs. Emma     | Sayre, PA                  | 84     | Dec 17, 1943            | 485          |     |
| 330175  | Bunnell, Miss Jennie   | Dunmore                    | 84     | Mar 1, 1945             | 114          |     |

Here is the list of cemetery lots in the Overfield Cemetery in which the Bunnells listed above are buried, plus a few lots owned by Bunnells which do not appear on the list:

| <u>Lot No.</u> | <u>Owner</u>                    | <u>Lot No.</u> | <u>Owner</u>        |
|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 10             | Nicholas Overfield              | 128            | Mrs. Hanna Biles    |
| 29             | George Bunnell                  | 129            | N? S. Bunnell       |
| 39             | Isaac O. Bunnell                | 130            | J. W. Bunnell       |
| 42             | Edwin ( <i>Edmund</i> ) Bunnell | 150            | H. C. Bunnell       |
| 58             | B? R. Bunnell                   | 158            | John L. Bunnell     |
| 67             | D. A. Bunnell                   | 192            | Solomon Bunnell     |
| 72             | Benj. Bunnell, Jr.              | 200            | Benj. Bunnell       |
| 103            | Charles Capwell                 | 280            | Bunnell & Shaeffer  |
| 110            | John L. Bunnell                 | 316            | Alice Bunnell       |
| 113            | John W. Bunnell                 | 340            | Dan C. Bunnell      |
| 114            | John W. Bunnell                 | 370            | B. O. Bunnell       |
| 118            | H. C. Bunnell                   | 485            | P. S. Bunnell       |
| 119            | Albert Bunnell                  | 494            | Mrs. Belle Bunnell  |
| 124            | Albert Bunnell                  | 544            | Mrs. Jennie Bunnell |
| 125            | H. C. Bunnell                   |                |                     |

## Research Findings

In December I was contacted by Rose Schaer of Edwards, IL. She possessed an old abstract of title for land in Montana belonging to Walter & Rosa Bunnell in the early 1900's. She was looking for their descendents, so that she could give the abstract to them. After exchanging several e-mails, she mailed the abstract to me, with my promise that it would be discussed in the Newsletter and if descendents are found, would be passed on to them. This is the original abstract and is 67 pages long.

Here's what we know.

From the Abstract: Evidently they failed to pay the taxes on the property from 1920 through 1925 and didn't repay the loan taken out, probably to purchase the land. Rose Schaer mentions that "The whole abstract deals with Walter & Rosa's financial woes over 320 acres of property which ended up as 160 acres going to Mrs. Moll." By 1927, when the sheriff attempts to serve a summons to Walter and Rosa, they are not to be found in the county and are living in Mae, Grant County, Washington.

From Claude's database:

Walter Ernest Bunnell (CB018936), born 1877 in California; Parents unknown. He married, June 6, 1895 in Grangeville, Idaho County, Idaho, Rosa May Nickel who was born 1879 in Missouri. This appears to be our Walter.

Walter E. Bunnell (CB331027), born in California; parents Dennis Dowd Bunnell (320752) and(2) Martha Scott. Dennis and Martha were married in Oregon. This could also be our Walter.

So working backwards, the 1920 census shows Walter and Rosa living in Fergus Co., Montana with their daughters Gladys (ae. 22, born in Idaho) and Flora M. (ae. 16 and born in Idaho). He is a



bookkeeper in a bank. He states his birthplace as California, but for his parents lists only "United States." He is 42 years old; therefore born about 1878.

The 1910 census shows them living in Grangeville; his father being born in NY and mother in NL; he was a bookkeeper in a bank and they have two daughters, Gladys 14 and Flora 6. He states that he was born in California, his father in New York, but has no entry for his mother's place of birth. He is 31 years old; therefore born about 1879.

The 1880 census for the United States has one Walter Bunnell who was born in California. This one is living in Washington Territory, Columbia Co, Town of Dayton. He was born abt. 1875 (5 years old in 1880 census), in California. He is the son of D.D. and Martha Bunnell. D.D would be Dennis Dowd Bunnell.

I can find none of the family in the 1930 census and we have no info on whether the daughters married and have descendents.

I contacted Claude and told him I believe that Walter Ernest Bunnell (CB018936) and Walter E. Bunnell (CB331027) are the same person, the Walter E. in the abstract, and the son of Dennis and Martha Bunnell. He was born in the right place and is the only Walter Bunnell who was. The birth year is off by about 2-3 years and I have no explanation for that. Claude agrees and is merging the two Walters.

William Austin checked his records and responded as follows: 'You are correct that Walter Ernest Bunnell was the son of Dennis Dowd Bunnell. I dug into my files for the following corroborative evidence:

First, In 1969 Mrs. Zoe Magden sent me a copy of Dennis Dowd Bunnell's obituary in the Lewiston, ID, newspaper. Here is an extract: "He has three living children, Ida, Oscar, and Walter. The former is married and lives in Chico, California, and her husband is one of the proprietors of the Chronicle. Oscar is married and with his family lives here. Walter is but a lad and lives here with his uncle," The uncle, of course, was Charles C. Bunnell 320753.

Second, Mrs. Magden sent her book of Bunnell notes to Ruth Duncan, who copied them for her own files, which she later sent to me. In them I find an abstract from the Office of Probate Judge, Lewiston, Nez Perce Co. Idaho, Case 952. "Charles C. Bunnell died 17 April 1908 made his will May 22, 1901. Will filed for probate 18 May 1908 left large estate, about 40,000 free from debt." Charles C. was aged 65 on May 22, 1901. Entire estate devised to wife Flora A. Other specified heirs: Oscar C. Bunnell, Mrs. J. S. Vincent of Kendrick, Idaho; Mrs. George H. Lake, Lewiston, Idaho; Walter Bunnell, Grangeville, Ida; Mrs. W. W. Brown, Grangeville, Ida; Mrs. Ida Thompson, Lewiston, Ida; to each 1/6 of remainder after death of wife Flora A."

There you have it. Dennis's son Walter went to live with his uncle Charles after his father died, and Charles left 1/6 of his estate to Walter Bunnell of Grangeville, ID. I think that constitutes sufficient proof that the two Walters were the same person. I have no further info on Walter's daughters.'

So, Walter's lineage is: Walter<sup>8</sup>, Dennis<sup>7</sup>, Dennis<sup>6</sup>, Israel<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>. But, we are still left without any descendants for Walter and Rosa beyond their daughters. Has anyone out there pursued that line?



Carol Brotzman requested information about two James Bunnells. She is trying to find the parents of James I Bunnell and James Israel Bunnell, and are they the same person?

**James Israel Bunnell** married Harriet Squiers.

Issue:

Charles Ralph Bunnell, b. 10 April 1884.

**James I Bunnell** was born 1850 in WI. He married Alice L Potter 4 October 1873 in Skinners Eddy [PA] Church marriage listing, daughter of Riley Potter and Loriania Palmer.

Issue:

Nettie, b. abt 1879;

Riley, b. abt 1880.

After reviewing her material and looking through Claude's database at James I Bunnell (330649), I was ready to conclude that they are the same person. But when trying to confirm her census reference and the one cited in the data base (1860 census, Smithville, NY, R0734-F0509-p0102) I couldn't find the data base reference. When I go to the cited page I find Edward Bunnell (head), but "Jane" rather than "James" is listed as a ten year old. The only son of Edward listed is Rufus, age 5. I believed that her two James Bunnells are the same person, but was not so sure they are the son of Edward. I asked Claude for his thoughts.

He responded: "About the ancestry of 330649 James I. Bunnell. I came to the conclusion that linkage was an error and have unlinked him. His number now is 033833. The change will appear in the next update of the web site. I looked at all the Bunnell families in Wisconsin in the 1850 census but did not find one that had a later son named James. There was listed some Census records dated 1854 and 1855. I have sent for information on how I can view these records. It appears James married his first wife Alice Potter in Skinners Eddy, Wyoming Co, PA. I wonder if anyone has a copy of the marriage record to see if it listed his parents. I feel confident we will find his ancestry eventually."

Then, just before finishing this article for the Newsletter, I decided to do a quick search of census data and the 1900 census shows James I Bunnell (b. 1850), wife Mary (b. 1838), and a son, Charles R. (b. 1884) living in Springville, Susquehanna Co., PA. James and Mary have been married 5 years and James was born in Wisconsin, father's birthplace unknown, and mother born in England. Very close to the information for both of Carol's James. This would indicate that, if there is one James, he was married three times, or perhaps I should say at least three times.

So while we don't have proof the three James are in fact one or two, there are enough similarities to suggest they are one. Anyone with further info is invited to send it in.

## Claude's Comments

Regarding the weavers cited on page 48 of the November 2003 Newsletter: 330101 Ellen, 330095 Salina & 330102 Martha. [Ed: Ellen<sup>8</sup>, Salmon<sup>7</sup>, Havilah<sup>6</sup>, Noah<sup>5</sup>, Gershom<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>; Salina<sup>8</sup>, Hiram<sup>7</sup>, Havilah<sup>6</sup>, then same as Ellen; Martha<sup>8</sup>, Salmon<sup>7</sup>, Havilah<sup>6</sup>, then same as Ellen. So it appears that 2 sisters and a cousin were boarding and working together.]

Regarding Harriet Bunnell on page 54 of the November 2003 Newsletter: Harriet Bunnell is memb # 027505. I have several notes on her. She married Joshua Woodbury Peck; however I do not know her parentage.

I have just completed adding all the 1910 census listings to the db and will update the web site about the end of Feb. Now I will concentrate on the 1930 census.

Best Regards, Claude.

## Misinformation

We've all run across data that we knew was of questionable accuracy, and often you've asked the other subscribers, William Austin, or Claude Bunnell for help in sorting it out. I don't believe that any of us would purposely publish erroneous data. Not all researchers seem to feel the same way however. Making the problem worse is the ease and speed with which bad information can be spread, thanks to the internet. And some websites provide neither sources for the data nor a means of contacting the contributing author. Familysearch.org, the LDS website, is unfortunately one of those sites for many of the listings they provide.

The most recent example of misinformation, or perhaps even disinformation, was brought to my attention by Cecil Bunnell. On the Family Search website, using the search function in the IGI for North America, you will find a listing stating that William Bunnell was born in 1610 in New Haven, CT, a Native American of the Mohegan Tribe. It shows Ann Wilmot born in 1614, also a member of the Mohegan Tribe. Needless to say, this goes against all of the research all of us have done. I can't imagine why anyone would make such a claim unless they're trying to prove Native American ancestry for some financial gain (Start their own casino perhaps?). William Austin, when I contacted him about this, provided an excellent response and I want to share it with everyone.

*"Hi, Charlie -*

*This is the sort of thing that gives genealogy a bad name. I suppose I should laugh about it, but I have spent so much time and effort in trying to scotch the many errors that simply won't die that I can't find anything funny about a new one. This is pure fabrication, without any basis at all. Please review the contemporary documentation which is all printed in Newsletter #2 (and in my book), and you will see there why we know that this is nonsense. There was no settlement in New Haven until 1639, and William Bunnell was not a part of it then. He did not appear there until he returned from England in the very late 1640s. Previous to 1646 all the references to him show that he lived in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Probably he was married there, tho that may have occurred in England. Certainly it wasn't in Wallingford; his grandson Nathaniel was the first Bunnell to move to Wallingford about 1712 as one of the early settlers there. The friends in England that William spoke of in 1654 who would take care of him there would have been surprised to hear that he was a Mohegan Indian!*

*If you put this in the Newsletter I hope that you take a firm position that this is proven false, so that no one will be able to cite the Newsletter as a source of this "information"*

*Thanks for sharing this with me.*

*Bill"*

As far as I'm concerned, even with the disclaimers that the website provides, publishing (that's what they are doing) such claims as this without providing a means to contact the author isn't right. In the April 1988 issue of the Newsletter, there was a discussion on the validity of IGI information and the source of the IGI. To paraphrase William Austin's warning at that time: Most of the data in the IGI is from unproven family sheets provided by individuals. To me, that makes the entire data suspect unless you are given the primary source.

## Post Script

Carol Brotzman has been a contributor of material to this Newsletter for as long as it has existed I believe. I know I've seen her name mentioned by William Austin in some of the 1988 issues. And she has continued to

provide articles, photographs, and other information. In January I received the following e-mail from her, and while it was a really sad story, I think you'll see that she kept her sense of humor even as she wrote it.

**From:** brotzman [mailto:brotzman@dfnow.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 9:40 PM  
**To:** charlie  
**Subject:** alive

Hi folks, the blue house burned down.  
We made it out amidst the black smoke and flames coming at us.  
Dale got 5 guns, I got my [computer] tower and the church money and my digital cameras all in one trip,  
The 30-30 shells went off about the time we got to the truck,  
You run like you never have before when they start exploding!  
Dale got the John Deere out of there and I got the truck.

My key board did not take the trip through the snow, it sticks so forgive the typing. The kids got me an extra old monitor.  
God blessed us and gave us life and wonderful friends  
Most of my books are being xeroxed to be replaced as we speak. I will never get them all but we are alive!  
Carol

The Newsletter, representing all our members, made a donation to a fund to help them rebuild and keep the farm going. By the way, Carol has already sent more material for the Newsletter.

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We have more material than we could publish in one Newsletter. Boy does that seem great. It doesn't mean you should slow down sending in material. But, please don't be surprised if something you sent in doesn't appear right away. Those of you with e-mail know that we carry on a lively information exchange between issues; the results are what frequently end up in the Newsletters. So keep those questions and that material coming; inundate us and we'll try to keep the information exchange going.

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One of the items we'll include in the next issue is the Nathaniel Bunnell in Elizabeth, NJ. Bill Austin had an article about it in Volume I, No. 3 of the Newsletter. Recently Charles R. Bunnell of Huntsville, AL sent some newer literature and asked if it could be put in the Newsletter. I wanted to include it this issue, but flat ran out of room. To whet your appetite, here's one of the photos Charles provided.

