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## Administrivia

**Dues are due:** For those who have not yet sent in their 2014 dues, please feel free to send them in. For those who receive the mailed version, your address label shows the expiration date of your membership. For those who receive the on line version, we'll be sending an e-mail to you if you owe for 2014. If you don't hear from us, you don't owe – see, no news is good news.

**Who's the next publisher/editor?** We're still looking for someone to take over the newsletter. The earlier you let us know, the easier the transition will be. So don't be shy.

**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. If you have the capability to send in your item electronically, as an attachment to your e-mail, that's great. But we'll accept it in any format, **so send it in!**

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This is an update to the listing provided in the November 2013 listing.

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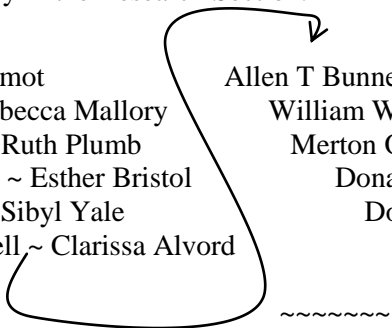
## New & Returning Members

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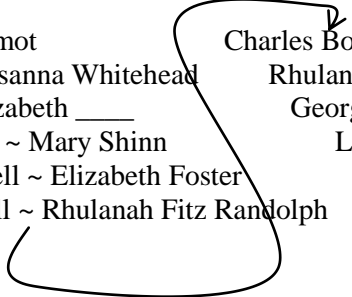
Donald A. Bunnell, Jr, of Hawaii, queried me as to the history and ancestry of his father whom he really never knew. Take a look at the story in the Research Section.

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| William Bunnell ~ Ann Wilmot       | Allen T Bunnell ~ Harriet N. Johnson  |
| Benjamin Bunnell ~ Rebecca Mallory | William W. Bunnell ~ Fern I Capron    |
| Hezekiah Bunnell ~ Ruth Plumb      | Merton O. Bunnell ~ Ethelyn M. Hughes |
| Hezekiah Bunnell ~ Esther Bristol  | Donald A. Bunnell ~ Ocia I. Register  |
| Titus Bunnell ~ Sibyl Yale         | Donald A. Bunnell, Jr ~               |
| Allen Bunnell ~ Clarissa Alvord    |                                       |



Allen Head, [awh1485@gmail.com](mailto:awh1485@gmail.com) of Clarksville, TN, wrote after filling out our on-line form to receive the newsletter. Interestingly we had more in common than Bunnell ancestry: We are both retired Air Force and living in Tennessee. Anyway, here is his lineage. He provided it back to Rhulanah (Fitz Randolph) Bonnell.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| William Bunnell ~ Ann Wilmot          | Charles Bonnell ~ Jane Martin  |
| Nathaniel Bonnell ~ Susanna Whitehead | Rhulanah Bonnell ~ Peter Ash   |
| Isaac Bonnell ~ Elizabeth _____       | George W. Ash ~ Eva Stewart    |
| Abraham Bonnell ~ Mary Shinn          | Laura Ash ~ Earl Birnie        |
| Abraham Bonnell ~ Elizabeth Foster    | Mary H. Birnie ~ Allen Head    |
| John Bonnell ~ Rhulanah Fitz Randolph | Allen Head Jr. ~ Janet Feather |



## Engagements/Weddings

I was alerted to an engagement of a couple because Google notified me that they had a wedding registry on theknot.com. Jessica Bunnell and Curtis Moore from Binghamton, NY have registered at 1 store(s) for their wedding on October 17, 2015.

Could be 370541 Name JESSICA MAE BUNNELL

## Submissions

Anthony Joseph Bunnell, [highfavor1004@aol.com](mailto:highfavor1004@aol.com), and Laura F. Randell, [lfairrandell@gmail.com](mailto:lfairrandell@gmail.com), of Ft. Myers, FL are cousins who found each other through the database and newsletter. They are both descendants of George Willis Bunnell (1829-1891). Anthony recently sent Laura and me an interesting story.

Archie Hale Bunnell (who died 1971) was a WWII veteran. Great Uncle Archie was married prior to the joining the Army; however, his wife ran away with another man. She also took their child. Which he never heard from or seen again. From what I am told, great Uncle Archie was [so] displeased [at] what had happened that he wanted to get away from everything. He joined the Army prior to WWII starting. He served throughout WWII. When he came home the Army owed him so much money that they gave him points. These points could be used to purchase military equipment. Great Uncle Archie brought two G506 trucks and several military jeeps. Upon returning home, he gave the equipment to the orange grove farm that was owned by his brother George William Bunnell (1892-1978). The two brothers worked the groves together until the death of Archie. Uncle Archie re-married and had a son named Roger Bunnell (he is now known as Uncle Roger). Archie passed away from PTSD related illness. He will always be remembered as charitable, loving, and family oriented.

I hope this helps you; this is from the memory of those that knew him. I personally never had the honor meeting him.

I have two attached photos of Archie one is of the wife and child that he never heard from or seen again. The other picture is him on the tractor at the groves with his brother and another worker.



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Leo Scherer, [luv2travel@ksbroadband.net](mailto:luv2travel@ksbroadband.net) of Topeka, Ks provided an extremely well written and entertaining family history story. Part I was provided in the previous issue of the newsletter. Part II below closes out the article. Again, it shows the importance of trying to learn all the info you can from the eldest family members and it provides a great human interest twist to the genealogy hobby. Leo wrote that the author is “Melinda Lynn Bonnel Ryder who was adopted by Claude Edward (Claude’s database 001425) and Daisy May (Brooks) Bonnel. Lyn Ryder died in Colorado on May 20, 2008.”



# DISCOVERING THE PIANO IN THE BARN

By

Lyn Ryder

©July 2004



## Part II



**Cornerstone slab of barn built by Claude Bonnel in 1922, 3 miles south of Effingham, Kansas.**

**Home built by Claude Bonnel 3 miles south of Effingham, Kansas. It is adjacent to barn.**

[The last issue closed with]

I wasn't quite sure I understood the significance until he said, almost indignantly, as if I should have known, "Well, your Dad was the one who built the barn and was runnin' those dances." I was flabbergasted. I sputtered, "My Dad built it? Ran dances? During prohibition?"



**Piano on loft rising of the barn built by Claude Bonnel.**

Don said, "Well, sure, he and your Mother too. She must have been the one who played the piano for them dances. I'm pretty sure there was a lot of drinking and carousing' going on over there. But people loved to come and have a good time. I envied them. You know that old grand piano is still over there in that barn, although I haven't seen it myself for a long time. But I'm pretty sure Perry still has it in the barn."

Listening to Don tell of the past, I had to wonder how I could have lived 51 years and never made any connection, remembered or perhaps was never told about the house or the barn, much less the piano in the barn story. I wasn't too surprised I'd never heard the specific barn dance story, as my parents always had been ones to walk on the "upper side" so to speak, and managed to convey a certain disdain for folks who drank, partied, danced and in general whooped it up.

If I was flabbergasted before, I was now no less astounded. Nonetheless, it was getting close to supper and although Don and Pearl invited me to stay, I declined, hoping go to the house that Mr. and Mrs. Perry Garten owned and talk with him before it got too dark.

My visit with the Garten's, an elderly farm couple was delightful. They gave me a tour of the house upstairs and downstairs. They showed me scrollwork design my father had made to decorate corners and various knick-knack built-in cupboards and shelves. They said they still exclusively used water from the well he'd dug 75 years before when he built the house and barn in 1923. The city was upset with them because they would not subscribe to city water use and fees.

Mr. Garten confirmed the piano was still there after 75 years but he had no intention of removing it because as he said, "after all, it is the mice and other barn critters home" and he didn't want to upset their home. He said that even to this day, every now and then if somebody backs a truck or tractor up too close to the barn and bumps it a bit another whiskey or beer bottle will fall out from some crack or crevice. Sometimes these bottles just seem to fall out all by themselves and he is never ceased to be amazed. He's found several in the rafters and behind the walls. Unfortunately, he didn't show me any of his collection.

It was too dark to go to the barn and take pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Garten was an elderly couple and I noticed each had tried to stifle a yawn a few times before the evening approached 8:00 PM. I left two or three rolls of film with Perry and a promise to send him two or three envelopes to drop the film in to mail to my developer where I would arrange for payment from my end. He said he would be glad to take pictures of the piano for me. I left about 7:45 PM with feelings of awe about what I'd heard and had seen that afternoon. I was amazed to make contact that had known my parents, my aunt, and even my grandmother Kate. My own parents had passed away – Daddy in 1984 and Mother in 1992.

Those events of the day had fed my soul and memories and I had learned about a part of my parent's life and their younger years I'd never even suspected.

My father had been somewhat stern; not particularly harsh or strict, but to me, when I was growing up, he didn't seem to have a particularly outgoing or interesting personality, interests or hobbies, other than woodworking and fishing. My mother had always seemed to be a prim and proper acting individual, who always considered others and was always willing to pitch in and help when someone was in need. She was concerned with presenting a good image and frowned physically and symbolically at what she considered "lesser" folks. Those people were the one who danced, drank, partied, smoked, women who wore slacks and high heels and dangly earrings. To discover she herself had played for barn dances during prohibition was even more enlightening.

Later when I got home I started going through family pictures and looking at old black and white snapshots I'd never really looked at closely. Instead of my memories, backed up with photos showing my parents to be very proper and conservative, I discovered an entirely different view.



And there they are – my parents, who I never thought had any fun or goofed around and acted silly – out in the woods sometimes during their courtship in the mid 1920s.



They appear to have had a picnic in the woods and they trade off wearing the picnic basket on their head. In one my mother wears my father's cap. The foolish grins on their faces show they must have been having the time of their lives – courting, laughing, and being silly. For whatever reason, they never chose or thought to share that part of their lives with me but discovering it now make that knowledge and the photographs very precious.



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Dave Bunnell, [Bunnell@centurytel.net](mailto:Bunnell@centurytel.net), connected one of our unattached families. But he connected it to members of the Lost Kentucky Clan, so it's a limited connection. Thomas S. Bunnell, 029283 was in the database without parents. He did marry, but died young leaving his wife and one daughter. We have no record of the daughter beyond that statement. Dave found the marriage certificate for Thomas (Tom) Bunnell and Ruth Pauley. That provided the name of their parents which in his case were Thomas W. Bunnell (013267) and Anna Burton. So this find also provided us with the name of the wife of Thomas W. Whether they had other children or not is not known.

## Research

You may need to reread the lengthy article about Lynda Bunnell's ancestry in the previous issue on pages 7 through 9. One small mystery has been solved. On the bottom of page 7 I stated that "But Privateeye.com in 2008 showed an Ida M. Bunnell (72) and Jerry Jay Bunnell (75) living in Shady Cove, Jackson Co, Oregon. This is a different couple than Lynda's parents, as unlikely as that sounds." Well Lynda showed the article to her father and learned that: "He and Ida did actually have a residence in Shady Cove Oregon. After they initially retired they took a year and travelled in their motor home in the Northwest with Shady Cove as their base. Apparently back then you could purchase one square foot of land to establish a residence for tax purposes and they made Shady

Cove their travel home base for about a year. So, that solves that mystery.” I wish the rest of the mysteries associated with this lineage were as easy to resolve.

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It started with an e-mail from a Donald Allen Bunnell, Jr in Hawaii who wanted to know if I could tell him anything about his father, whom he had only met once. He said that “ my mother was Ocia Irene Register born in Lynn Haven Florida in 1931. According to my birth certificate, my father was born in San Bernardino, California and worked at Kaiser Steel there. He was 30 years old when I was born in 1946.”

Turning first to the database resulted in confusion as this Jr was shown as the son of Glenn Morton Bunnell, who died a few years ago in Hawaii. To make a long story short, Donald Sr.’s info was scattered across 6 different database pages. Each instance made perfect sense based on the source of the data shown on the bottom of each page. Additionally we had no wife listed for Donald Sr and no children.

Being as Donald Sr was reportedly born and always lived in San Bernardino, CA I first went to the 1940 census there. I found a Donald A. Bunnell but his wife’s name was Mary and they had a son named Donald O. Bunnell.

Then I started researching his mother, Ocia. I first found her in Lynn Haven, Fl in the 1930 census, age 5, the daughter of Alex E. and Ettie Register. Then in a local Panama City, FL newspaper at the age of about 14 she is mentioned in an event with a Baptist youth group. In the 1940 census she is still with her parents, but her father’s wife is listed as Mary E. Register, which could be and probably is the same woman with a middle name of Ettie.

In 1941 Ocia marries Dempsey Barron and they are divorced 3 years later. In the 1946 California Voter Registration she is now Ocia R. Bunnell wife of Donald A. Bunnell, both living at 896 Virginia Ave. By the time of the November 1948 voter registration, she is living alone at the same address.

The next big break was found in the California Marriage Records: the record for the marriage of Mary Cecelia Ragan and Donald Allen Bunnell on 4 March 1939. This record also provided the parents’ names. His parents were listed as Berton [correct name is Merton] Oliver Bunnell and Eythlen May Hughes. Hers were Arthur Fredederick Ragan and Magdalen Ohlwein. Then the California Birth Index showed a Donald Oliver Bunnell, born 1 Oct 1939 whose mother’s maiden name was Ragan. So that explains the 1940 census.

I next found a Family Tree on Ancestry.com that contained Donald Oliver Bunnell. Contacting the owner of the tree I was pleased to learn it was a sister of Donald Oliver Bunnell and her name was Ethelynn Anne Bunnell, evidently named after Donald Sr’s mother. She told me of another sister, Mary Joan Bunnell, born 1 March 1940 in Pensacola, FL. And the California Birth Index showed Ethelynn’s birth date as 4 March 1941, mother’s maiden name was Ragan.

About 1945 Donald and Mary divorced and Donald married Ocia Register. Son Donald Allen Bunnell Jr was born 23 Aug 1946, mother’s maiden name was Register. That was reported in the California Birth Index, as was the birth two years later of Sandra Lee Bunnell on 31 Mar 1948, mother’s maiden name was Register.

Evidently Donald and Ocia divorced sometime before 1951 as that year she married a Viottia P. McCaghren.

And in 1959, Donald Sr. married Jewel I. Jones. Donald died in 2005 at Sun City AZ. The only children listed in his obituary is his daughter Ethelyn.

Neither Donald Allen Jr. nor Ethelyn seemed to know the other existed and Ethelyn was happy to know she had a living brother. Her other brother Donald O. passed away in 2010.

With multiple database pages for Donald Allen Sr, and all of his children, no less than a dozen pages were affected. Donald Allen Bunnell, Sr. is 352694 in the database.

And the summary for Donald Allen Bunnell, Sr's life is:

b. 14 May 1916, in California [or Boone, Iowa per obit]; son of Merton Oliver and Ethelyn May (Hughes) Bunnell.

m. (1) Mary Cecilia Ragan, 4 Mar 1939, Los Angeles, CA

Issue:

1. Donald Oliver Bunnell, b. 1 Oct 1939, Los Angeles, CA
2. Mary Joan Bunnell, b. 1 Mar 1940, Pensacola, FL
3. Ethelynn Anne Bunnell, b. 4 Mar 1941, Los Angeles, CA

m. (2) Ocia Irene Register, abt. 1945, p'haps in Florida

Issue:

1. Donald Allen Bunnell, Jr., b. 23 Aug 1946, San Bernardino, CA
2. Sandra Lee Bunnell, b. 31 Mar 1948, San Bernardino, CA

m. (3) Jewel I Jones, 23 Apr 1959, Los Angeles, CA

d. 18 Jan 2005, Sun City, AZ. Buried St. Peters Cem, Clifton, IL

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As I mentioned in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the above quest, Donald A. was originally listed as the son of a Glenn Morton Bunnell (CB001192). After disconnecting them, I wondered who is the Donald mentioned as a son in Glenn's obituary. Additionally, the database showed no ancestry for Glenn; he was an unattached branch. So I started researching Glenn's life starting with clues provided in his obituary.

From *The Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, Vol 10, Issue 304- Monday, Oct. 31, 20050

Glenn Morton Bunnell

*Oct. 23, 2005*

**Glenn Morton Bunnell**, 74, of Honolulu, a retired Hawaiian Electric Co. electrical engineer, U.S. Navy Pacific Division veteran and Kaneohe Yacht Club commodore, died at home. He was born in Oregon. He is survived by wife Dorothy Y. Lee, sons David and Donald, stepson Gil Dirk Lee, daughter Tracy Alward, stepdaughter Barbara Yamamoto, sister Donna Moore and nine grandchildren. Mass: 10 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 2124 Pauoa Road. Call after 9 a.m. Aloha attire. No flowers.

The Social Security Death Record provided this additional information:

Born: 30 Dec 1930

State (Year) SSN Issued: California (before 1951)

The 1930 census would not list Glenn as he was born too late in the year. But it was possible that his sister Donna may have already been born. Using Ancestry.com, searching the 1930 census for Donna Bunnell in Oregon proved fruitful. There was only one:

Donna Jean Bunnell, age: 5, b. Oregon; Home in 1930: Portland, Multnomah, OR;

Father: Pearl M. Bunnell, age: 44, b. Iowa;

Mother: Katherine Bunnell, age 33, b. Washington.

Now I can use the 1940 census and search for Pearl, Katherine, Donna or .. What I found was that in the 1940 census, he is listed as Martin Glenn Bunnell, undoubtedly the same person, and the family has moved to Los Angeles, living at 3202 Darwin Avenue.

This finding allowed me to carry Glenn Morton Bunnell's ancestry back one generation to Pearl M. and Katherine Bunnell. The database contains a Pearl M. (CB035697), a Pearl Merton (CB008439), and a Persus Pearl Bunnell (CB350814).



Pearl M. is shown as born in 1886, in Iowa, married to Katherine \_\_\_\_\_, with a son Glenn Morton and daughter Donna Jean. This would be the Pearl in the 1930 and 1940 census

Pearl Merton is shown as born 20 May 1885 in Missouri, married (1) unknown female and (2) Grace \_\_\_\_\_. Issue: Mary E Bunnell, b. 1930.

Persus Pearl is shown as born 27 Sep 1888 in Scribner, Dodge Co., Nebraska

Going through each census report from 1900 to 1940, California death indices (All 3 Pearls died in California according to the database), and WWI and WW II Draft Registration Cards I was able to separate the three Pearl Bunnells and found that some data for each were put with the wrong individual. The Iowa birth location was actually for the same Pearl who was born in Missouri. In each census year starting with 1900, his birthplace was shown as Missouri, except for 1930, where it was listed as Iowa.

I'm confident that Pearl M. and Pearl Merton are the same person and the son of Seberry [multiple spellings] F. and Johann (Dunn) Bunnell, b. 20 May 1885 in Missouri.  
Married (1) and divorced an unknown female, between 1910 and 1920; Issue: none known.  
Married (2) abt. 1924 Katherine \_\_\_\_\_. Issue: Glenn Morton Bunnell, b. 1930; Donna Jean Bunnell, b. 1925.

Persus Pearl Bunnell is listed in all documents I found as Pearl or Pearl P. Bunnell, except for his WW II draft registration card. There he lists his name as Pearl Purses Bunnell. So I have changed his name in the database to match the registration card. The child Mary E that was listed as Pearl Merton's child is actually the daughter of Pearl P. Bunnell.

Married (1) between 1910 and 1920, Lillie M. \_\_\_\_\_. Issue unknown.

Married (2) Bef. 1930 Grace \_\_\_\_\_. Issue Mary E. Bunnell, b. 1930

The California Death Index reports that Pearl's mother's maiden name is Dunn and the Missouri Marriage records report a Seberry F. Bunnell marrying Johann Dunn on 19 Nov. 1876 in Knox, Knox Co., MO. Seberry/Seaburry is 006794 in the database.

Sebury's parents are shown in the database as David Daniel and Mary Amanda (Coulson) Bunnell. And there the trail ends in the database. The 1880 census shows that his father was born in NJ and his mother in PA. Also interesting in the 1850 census are 3 people living with David and his family in Union, Warren co., OH:

Caroline Brown, Female, age 17

James Bellingsby, Male, age 16

D. H. Fox, Male, age 1

I don't know how or if these three fit into the family and the 1850 census does not show relationships. None of the three are present in the 1860 census, although David and family have moved to Missouri by that time. I can identify none of them in the 1860 census. So this is where my quest ends for now

Having started with Glenn Morton Bunnell as an unattached branch, we have taken him back three generations: parents Pearl & Katherine Bunnell; grandparents Seberry & Johann Bunnell; great-grandparents David & Mary Bunnell.

## Queries

I need some help with this one. A lady advertised on Rootsweb that she had "rescued" an old photo of a Jean Bunnell and wanted to give it to a member of Jean's family. I told her if no one responds, I'd buy it from her and advertise it. So here it is.



The picture appears to have been taken in the late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was taken in Livingston, MT. The close-up of the photographer's name shows that the company was actually "R.H. Mertz successor to" Potter. Searching the database, Ancestry, Archives and US GenWeb, I cannot find a Jean Bunnell who would have been in MT during the period of time this photo was taken.

Trying to pin down a range of probable years the photo was taken I searched the web for an R. H. Mertz, photographer, in Livingston, MT.

1900-U.S. Census, Livingston, Potter Co., MT. George W. Potter, occ: Photographer

1904-City Directory lists Richard H. Mertz, Photographer, 16 Hefferlin blk; res. 109 North H.

No Potter is listed as a photographer.

1906-Big Timber City and Sweet Grass County Dir, lists R.H. Mertz, Photographer, res. Livingston, Mont

1908-Livingston City Directory; Under the business heading: PHOTOGRAPHERS. Mertz, R.H., Business cor. Callender, Livingston. Four other photographers are listed, but not Potter.

1910-Livingston City Directory, Richard H. Mertz is listed, but no occupation is listed; res. 318 W. Geysar.

1910 U.S. census lists R. H. Mertz with occ. Farm laborer.; adr: 319 Geysar.

No George W. Potter is listed in Livingston after 1900 though a George R. Potter is listed in several city directories, but no profession/occupation is shown for them. Mertz appears to be out of the photography business by 1910. So it appears that the photo was taken between 1900 and 1910.

Does anyone know of a Jean Bunnell living in, or passing through, Montana, probably Livingston, Park County, between 1900 and 1910, while an infant? And if we find a descendant, the photo is available for our costs.

## Database

I asked Steve Bunnell, Claude's son, the current size of the database so I could determine how many records I've added since I took over maintenance of the database in January 2012. The answer is:

Members: 40,512 which is a 212 member increase

Spouses: 22,993 which is a 182 increase in spouses

Notes: 141,474 which is an increase of 741 entries

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I am usually way behind on updating the database, so I thought it might be a good idea to give you some explanation of how the database was designed. And with almost 63,000 names in there, it's a little late to change the software. So here's an example:

If you tell me that Billy Bob Bunnell needs to be added to the database and he is the son of Lash Bunnell and was born in Calf Creek, Texas, died in Alford, FL and is buried in Bonifay City Cemetery, FL here are the steps required.

1. First I go to Bing.com to look up the counties that Calf Creek, Alford and Bonifay City are in (McCullouch, Jackson, & Holmes).
2. Because the website doesn't allow typing in the county names, I have to go to <http://mcdc.missouri.edu/websas/geocorr90.html/counties.html#KS> which provides a 3 digit numerical code for every county in the US and possessions. Then the two letter state code is added to the front and you end up with a 5 digit alpha-numeric code that you enter in the data base for the county.
3. Next I go to another section of the database to see if Bonifay city cemetery is already listed in the database. If so, it will have a 5 digit code. If not, I will have to add it, including the county code. A new cemetery code will be added and I will use that on Billy Bob's page. There are currently 2074 cemeteries numbered and listed in the order they were added to the listing..
4. If you provide a reference, such as a newspaper, I then go to the section of the database dealing with References – again I will see if that newspaper is already listed and if not I'll add it resulting in a 4 digit alpha-numeric code identifying that specific newspaper. There are currently 1323 various books, newspapers and other documents used as references. Each one has a unique reference number which you'll see in the notes section. For example the entry *B840-VI-P23* in the Notes section would require you to look down the page to the Source Publications section where it would tell you that B840 is the book *Abandoned & Semi-Active Cemeteries of Kansas* by Don L. Ford, published in 1985.
5. Being as Billy Bob is being added I have to pick a six digit Member Number for him. For the most part there is logic to the numbering system, but over time it has been watered down. To add to the problem, there is no listing of numbers used or not used. I have created a spread sheet that seems to have gradually captured those numbers still available.
6. Initially, any direct descendant of William the immigrant was numbered based on his/her generation starting with William the Immigrant being not number 1, but number 26, allowing us the capability of going back 25 more generations. But each successive generation increases the first two digits by one: William's children are numbered starting with 27 such as 270001. So those persons not proven to be direct descendants of William have numbers starting with 0, such as 030012. They were not originally generationally descriptive, but I have tried to make the children of 03XXXX start with 04XXXX. It doesn't always work.
7. When I first started maintaining the database, if I found that a whole family of 0XXXXX is descended from William, the data base wouldn't allow be to renumber them to 3XXXXX. If I changed 046789 to 347862, ALL data was lost. Every entry on that page – dates of birth/death/marriage etc – were gone. Therefore, rather than rebuild every piece of data I was just connecting 046789 to his/her father numbered in the 3XXXXX series, thus ending the generational numbering system. When I mentioned this to Steve Bunnell, Claude's son and the owner/maintainer of the database program, he was able to fix the problem. We owe a lot of thanks to Steve who is still making changes to the program when I contact him with a problem. And he still hosts the database on a server in his office.
8. Besides the coded entries I mentioned (counties, cemeteries and references), there are also code tables for churches and correspondents.

So that gives you an idea of what's required to update the database. Just adding one person and their spouse can take 20 minutes or longer. Having said all that, about the only thing you can do to your submissions to save some

research time is include the county where an event occurs. If I were building a new database I would probably use Family Tree Maker, but what we have is certainly very valuable. There are few, if any other family names that can match the website that Claude built. It was started long before the modern day software was developed and I believe it's too valuable to allow it to become outdated.

## Post Script

Some time ago William Austin gave me a couple of boxes of papers. Included were 3 sets of the Bunnell/Bonnell Newsletter, Volumes 1-10, except Vol. I, Nos. 1 & 2. If anyone is interested in obtaining one of the sets, let me know and you can have a set for the price of postage. Additionally, I will run off copies of the two issues that are missing to make it a complete set. Just call me or write me.

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No one has offered to take over publication of the newsletter thus far. It may seem somewhat daunting – I know it first did to me. I was sure I didn't have near enough knowledge or experience to come close to matching the products offered by previous editors/publishers. But I tried it anyway and at that time William Austin, Clyde Bunnell and Carole and Teri Bonnell were available to provide me assistance. I would certainly do the same. While the addition of the web page publication may seem challenging, I would be willing to continue maintaining that. So the new editor would only have to do some research and publish the printed version and e-mail the electronic version to me. There's no requirement for it to be this number of pages long, or for this format to be followed. So think it over and take on something new. You'll be surprised at how much and how quickly you learn.

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From [www.news-journalonline.com](http://www.news-journalonline.com), I learned the following:

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flagler's [county, FL] agricultural mainstay will be on the county seat throne at the 6th Annual Potato Festival in Bunnell.

The event — featuring fresh cut French fries, entertainment, Flagler County potatoes for sale, and Twiggy the Skiing Squirrel — aims to celebrate “the potato's contribution to Bunnell's long agricultural history,” according to a media release.

## Obituaries

Just a reminder that I edit the obituaries so that they consist primarily of information of interest to genealogists. However, for obituaries of subscribers and their families, I rarely edit them.

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The husband of one of our subscribers, Jean Bonnell Seigley, passed away on March 25<sup>th</sup>. We offer Jean condolences from all of the Bunnell and Bonnell families. His obituary is from [www.hgmackfuneralhome.com](http://www.hgmackfuneralhome.com) Hoffmann-Gottfried-Mack Funeral Home, Tiffin, OH.

### **William M. Seigley**

(September 5, 1934 - March 25, 2014)

William M. **Seigley**, 79, of rural Tiffin, passed away Tuesday morning, March 25, 2014 at his home. Survivors include his wife, Jean L. (**Bonnell**) **Seigley** of rural Tiffin; three sons, Jeffrey (Tina) **Seigley**, Kevin (Theresa) **Seigley**, and Scott **Seigley** all of rural Tiffin; two daughters, Lynette **Seigley** (Dean **Zimmerman**) of Iowa City, IA and Michelle **Seigley** (Ken **Daniel**) of rural Tiffin; two sisters, Joyce

**Crum** and Betty **Watson** both of Tiffin; twin brother Benjamin **Seigley** of Fridley, MN; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Services will be private and burial will be at Fairmont Cemetery at a later date. The family thanks friends for respecting their privacy during this difficult time.

[Ed. Note: Jean Bonnell Seigley is 029709 in the database and is part of the line that likely connects back to Ireland.]

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Another one of long term subscribers and contributors, Carol Brotzman, lost her husband on April 7<sup>th</sup> of this year. Pat and I met Carol and Dale several years ago during one of our trips up north. It was during our visit that Pat got to feed a new born calf for the first time. That remains one of our favorite memories and photos. We offer our condolences to Carol and family from all of the Bunnell/Bonnell families. She sent me the following obituary which appeared in the Wyalusing Rocket [PA on 10 April of this year. She also sent me a couple of her favorite photos of Dale.

On Monday, April 7, 2014, in the afternoon the Lord called another of His children home. Francis “Dale” **Brotzman** died at Scranton Regional Hospital, Scranton, PA. He would tell us “Do not stand at my grave and weep, for I am not there.”

He was born in Meshoppen, PA on Nov. 20, 1948, the son of Francis Arthur and Jeanette Amanda **Salsman Brotzman**. He resided his entire life on the **Brotzman** family dairy farm. Farming became his way of life. He lived for his Jerseys, his family and his farm. He graduated from Wyalusing Valley High School in May 1968 and immediately began farming with his father. He met the love of his life, Carol Ann **Hoose**, at the Troy Fair in July 1970, and the Rev. Al B. **Jayne** married them March 24, 1973 in the Beaver Meadows United Methodist Church.

They began housekeeping in the old farmhouse in which his grandparents had resided. The next year their family began to grow with Amanda being born in June 1974. They purchased interest in the family farm two days after Charles was born in November 1975, and two days after Mary Ellen was born in October 1977, they purchased the farm that his grandparents, Clark and Florence **Sink Brotzman**, had purchased from his father, Elisha and Rose **Culver Brotzman** in 1902.

The farm grew, as did their lives. Jersey cattle covered the hillsides numbering as high as 125. Farming was their life. After his father died, they purchased the remainder of the family farm and his brother, Randy came to live with them—the only home he too had ever known. In July 2002 both farms were declared Pennsylvania Century farms. The original farm in Tuscarora Township had been purchased by James C. and Margaret **French Culver** before 1845.

Dale was a member of the Beaver Meadows United Methodist Church and the Cemetery Association there. He was always helping someone do whatever needed to be done. Even after his death, his corneas will help someone else see. In October 2011 when his health was failing, Dale and Carol found a home for all their Jerseys on Rock Hill with the Jimmy **Milliron** family. They had to go together. They were a family too.

Dale is survived by his wife of 41 years, Carol; his daughter, Amanda Louise **Kingsbury** and her husband, Kevin. They have two sons, Alex and Storm who reside in Gouverneur, NY. Their son Francis “Charles” resides on the family farm and married Jennifer **Hunsinger**. They have two sons, Damien and Tyler. Mary Ellen **Brotzman** resides in Berwick with her two Rotties. He is also survived by his siblings, Ray **Brotzman** and his wife, Karen of Tunkhannock, Norma Jean **Ahlbrandt** of Mehoopany, Alan **Brotzman** of Grover and Sue **Teeter** of Ulster; brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Donna **Spencer** of Ulster. There are many nieces, nephews and cousins that survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis **Brotzman** on July 4, 2000 and his mother, Jeanette on May 3, 1992; brothers, Dennis **Brotzman** on June 30, 1997 and Randy **Brotzman** on May 24, 2005; brothers-in-law, Gerald **Ahlbrandt** on Oct. 1, 2006 and Ricky **Teeter** on March 20, 2008; his in-laws, Charles F. **Hoose** on Nov. 23, 1991 and Louise **Shefler Hoose** on Oct. 12, 2011.

It is Dale’s wish that there be no formal services. A small private service will be held at the family farm with a friend, Bill **Beebe**, officiating. Burial will be on the family farm he loved so very much.

Pallbearers that will be carrying Dale to his final resting place will be Charlie **Brotzman**, George **Bolles**, Kevin **Kingsbury**, Alex **Kingsbury**, Storm **Kingsbury**, Tyler **Brotzman**, Damien **Brotzman**, Marvin **Brotzman**, Sr., Jerry **Clapper** and Clyde **Trible**.

Arrangements were entrusted with Sheldon Funeral Homes, Main Street, Laceyville. Online condolences



Dale and Carol Brotzman

may be made at [www.sheldonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sheldonfuneralhomes.com).

We are all God's children, Thank you Lord for letting us borrow Dale **Brotzman** for a short time.

If you feel the need for donations, please donate to a local person in need or a local charity.



Dale and Hal

[Ed. Note: Carol also wrote: There is some good news for once. The Northeast Eye bank just called (April 24, 2014). My Dales eyes are helping a 77 year old gentleman in PA see and a 69 year old female in New Jersey see.]

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From [www.azcentral.com](http://www.azcentral.com), Published in The Arizona Republic on Jan. 10, 2014

**Bunnell**, Grace J (nee **Johnson**) 80, of Phoenix passed away on January 4, 2014. Grace was born in Waukegan, Illinois in 1933. ... She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 55 years William (Bill) **Bunnell**, Parents, Eino and Alma **Johnson** and brother Reverend Reginald **Johnson**. She is survived by her 4 children Byron (Jodi) **Bunnell** of Rice Lake, WI, Gere (Cheryl) **Bunnell** of Gurnee, IL, Donna **Debenham** of Phoenix, AZ and Carolyn (Thomas) **Lorenz** of Wheeling, IL, 4 grandchildren Nicholas (Lisa) **Bunnell** of Kansas City, MO, Jaime **Bunnell** of Gurnee, IL, Ashley (Jon) **Mathieu** of Pittsburgh, PA, and Courtney (Dan) **Ashby** of Waukegan, IL, favored cousins, sisters and brothers-in-law and countless friends. There will be a Celebration of Life service for Grace followed by a luncheon on January 25th, 2014 at 11am at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ 11002 S 48th St. Internment in the Mountain View Memory Garden will be private.

[Ed. Note: William James Bunnell was 037670 in the database and his parents were not known. However, the 1940 census provided his parents' and siblings' names. He is the son of Ezra and Helen Bunnell, Ezra being 341477 in the database, which will now be updated. William had a twin brother Albert. William's lineage now is William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Ezra<sup>8</sup>, Frank<sup>9</sup>, Ezra<sup>10</sup>, William<sup>11</sup>.]

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From [www.thedailyreview.com](http://www.thedailyreview.com), Published in The Daily Review, Towanda, PA on Jan. 12, 2014.

Eloise Davis **Bunnell**, 97, of Montrose, Pa. passed away, Thursday, January 9, 2014, at Gracious Living Estates, Montrose, Pa. Born April 16, 1916, in Neath, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Albert M. and Mary **Davis**. Her husband, Laurence K. **Bunnell** predeceased her on October 22, 1997. ... The family would like to especially thank Dr. **Dana**, the staff of the Endless Mountains Health Systems, the staff of Gracious Living and the Hospice of the Sacred Heart for their care and concern. Survivors include her daughters & sons-in-law, Mary Katherine **Bunnell Ross** and Michael J. **Ross** of Great Neck, N.Y.; Jane B. and James R. **Reynolds** of Charlton, Mass.; grandchildren, Jonathan B. **Ross** of Manhattan, N.Y.; William B. **Ross** of Manhattan, N.Y.; Damon W. **Reynolds** of Memphis, Tenn.; Matthew L. **Reynolds** of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; sister, Harriet **Haire** of Meshoppen, Pa.; sister-in-law, Marion **Gaccione** of Manhattan, N.Y.; nephews, Richard **Haire** of Neath, Pa.; Dr. Davis **Haire** of Meshoppen, Pa. and Al **King** of Ashland, Ohio. Besides her parents and husband she was predeceased by a sister, Carmelita **King**. ... Interment will be held in Neath Cemetery on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

[Ed. Note: Laurence Kirby Bunnell is 350160 in the database. His lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Gershom<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, James<sup>6</sup>, Ephriam<sup>7</sup>, Kirby<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>9</sup>, Laurence<sup>10</sup>.]

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From <http://easyfhweb.com/mobile/obituary.aspx?MemberId=129646>,

Troy Allen **Bonnell**, age 76, of Brookport, IL passed away January 9, 2014 at home.

He was born January 6, 1938 in Rosiclare, IL to Sidney and Bessie **Bonnell**. He was raised by grandparents (Ma & Pa) Emma and Dan **Bonnell** and step parents Ruth and Leon **Elam**. ...

Troy is survived by his wife, Bonnie **Bonnell** of Brookport, IL; son, Troy **Bonnell**, Jr. of Momence, IL; daughters, Jennifer **Freeman** of Metropolis, IL, Judith **Carlson-Fairfield** (Fiancée Marvin **Fairfield**) of Brookport, IL; Orena (Robert) **Ball** of Brookport, IL, Tyra (Joshua) **Angles** of Killen, AL; brother, Sidney **Bonnell**, Jr., Robert **Bonnell**, Charles **Bonnell**; ten grandchildren, Johnny **Atkinson**, Grace **Brown**, Cody **Carlson**, Cory **Carlson**, Emily **Parmer-Ball**, Hannah **Parmer-Ball**, Calea **Angles**, Halea **Angles**, Balea **Angles**, Ren **Angles**, and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Orena **Bonnell-Leidch**, son, Jeff **Bonnell**.

Funeral service will be held 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014 at Mt. Sterling Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Brookport, IL. Bro. David **LeNeave** will conduct the service. Interment will follow the service at POCO Cemetery.

[Ed. Note: Troy Bonnell is 370529 in the database. This adds a second wife and children which we were not aware of. Troy's lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Aaron<sup>6</sup>, Clark<sup>7</sup>, Oscar<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>9</sup>, Daniel<sup>10</sup>, Sidney<sup>11</sup>, Troy<sup>12</sup>.]

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From [www.metropolisplanet.com](http://www.metropolisplanet.com), The Metropolis Planet & The Southern Scene, Metropolis, IL, 15 Jan 2014. This gentleman was the half-brother of the Troy Bonnell, listed above. They passed away within 2 days of each other.

Robert "Bob" Houston **Bonnell**, 70, of Golconda, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at his home.

Born Jan. 2, 1944 in Rosiclare to Sidney and Dema Ruth **Smith Bonnell**, Mr. **Bonnell** served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Survivors include one son, Robert Scott **Bonnell** and wife Carolyn of Kankakee; one daughter, Staci Lynn **Nugent** and husband Matthew of Manteno; five grandchildren, Alyssa **Mosier** and husband Duane, Cassidy **Bonnell**, Sydnie **Nugent**, Emily Jo **Bonnell** and Sophia **Nugent**; one great-grandson, Owen Scott **Mosier**; his fiancée, Diane **Vonderheid**; and two brothers, Sidney **Bonnell** Jr. and Charles **Bonnell**.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Orena Lee **Bonnell**; and one brother, Troy **Bonnell**.

Funeral service was held Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Golconda with Pastor Cherrie **Wilkerson** officiating. Burial followed at Palestine Cemetery near Golconda.

[Ed. Note: Robert is 370531 in the database. His lineage is cited above. This adds a previously unknown daughter and apparently a second wife. However I can't be sure if the daughter is a child of the first or second wife.

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From www.schoedinger.com, Schoedinger Funeral & Cremation Service, Worthington, OH,

Betty Finke **Bonnell**, November 22, 1915 - January 12, 2014

Betty Finke **Bonnell**, age 98, of Worthington, died on Sunday, January 12, 2014, at home after a brief illness. ... Betty was preceded in death by her husband, George H. **Bonnell** MD; son, 2nd Lt. George "Spike" **Bonnell** III; and brother, Tom **Finke**. She is survived by her children, Sally **Fullerton** of Marco Island, FL and Westerville, Susie **Bonnell** of Columbus, Jeff **Bonnell** of Atlanta, GA, Nick **Bonnell** of Palm Springs, CA, and Amy **Young** of Columbus; granddaughters, Sue (Bob) **Bateman** and Stacey (Pat) **Summers**; great-grandchildren, Emily and Thomas **Bateman**, Jake and Sarah **Summers**; nieces, Sandy **Hood**, Bonnie **Castle**, Kathy **Easley**, and Maggie **Darrow**; nephew, Tom **Finke** II; extended family and friends. Memorial Services for Betty are currently pending.

[Ed. Note: George is 342259 in the database. His lineage is William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, George<sup>8</sup>.]

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From www.heraldextra.com, The Daily Herald, Provo, UT, 16 Jan 2014.



Luana Porter **Bunnell**, 93, left this earth for her heavenly home on January 12, 2014. She was born September 16, 1920, in Blanding, Utah, the first child of Omni and Hattie **Roberts Porter**.

Luana married Elvin Wayne **Bunnell** on November 8, 1946. They were later sealed in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They spent their entire married lives on a dairy farm in Lakeview.

She is survived by her five children: Wayne (Helen) **Bunnell** (Provo), Deanne (Bruce) **Brighton** (Roosevelt), Larry (Judith) **Bunnell** (Mt. Vernon, WA), Kurt (Karen) **Bunnell** (Provo), and Jana (Steve) **Hoyt** (Price); 22 grandchildren, and 33 great-grandchildren. Also her in-laws: Wayne **Nuttall**, DeLoy **Gubler**, and LaVeryl Porter **Valadez**. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her siblings: Fontella **Nuttall**, LaDawn **Gubler**, and Dan **Porter**.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lakeview Chapel, 1680 N. Geneva Rd., Provo. There will be a viewing prior to the service from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church. Interment will be at Provo City Cemetery.

[Ed. Note: Elvin Wayne Bunnell is 350179 in the database. This is one of the branches that went from Bunnell to Bonnell and then back to Bunnell. His lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>5</sup>, Ithamer<sup>6</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Stephen<sup>8</sup>, Leslie<sup>9</sup>, Elvin<sup>10</sup>. Elvin is the uncle to Kirk Osmond Bunnell whose obituary is on page 40.]

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From www.bismarcktribune.com, The Bismarck Tribune, Bismarck, ND, 18 Jan 2014:



Charlotte J. "Toots" **Bunnell**, 77, Mandan, died Jan. 16, 2014, at Sanford Health, Bismarck, with her family by her side. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Spirit of Life Catholic Church, Mandan, with the Rev. Christopher **Kadrmass** as celebrant. Burial will be at Mandan Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, with a rosary/parish vigil at 5 p.m. Visitation will continue at the church one hour prior to the service on Monday.



Charlotte **Ripplinger** was born Jan. 22, 1936, in Mandan, to Pete and Margarette (**Lauinger**) **Ripplinger**. She married George **Bunnell** on May 15, 1954, in Mandan.

Toots will be deeply missed by her daughters, Debbie (John) **Wangler**, Mandan, and Linda (Loren) **Dally** and Laurie (Mike) **Hedstrom**, both of Bismarck; her sons, Kenny (Deb), Mandan, and George Jr. (Brenda), Maple Grove, Minn.; 21 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren with two on the way; her sisters, Annette **Schumacher** and Donna **Norton**, both of Mandan; her brothers, Garry (Kathy) and Larry (Michelle), both of Mandan, Jerry (LaVerne), Fargo, and Peter (Kathy), Billings, Mont.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George, who died in 2012; three sons, Patrick, Keith and Scott; five brothers, Cap, Bob, Bill, Richard and Ted; an infant sister, Shirley; and a brother-in-law, Cliff Norton.

[Ed. Note: I wasn't able to find much information about George. In November, 1954 he was fined for possession of an untagged deer somewhere near Bismarck, ND (The Bismarck Tribune, 30 Nov 1954). Any help connecting George and Charlotte to the family would be appreciated.]

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From [www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldnet/](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldnet/), Published in The Herald, Everett, WA on Jan. 19, 2014:



Ellen Irene (**Seward**) **Bonnell** was born in Everett, Washington, September 20, 1931, to Vernice Ellen **Seward** and Thomas B. **Seward**. She passed away on January 4, 2014 in Lynnwood, WA. ... Ellen was married to Robert **Bonnell** for 15 years and is survived by her three children, Janice **Bonnell**, Ted **Bonnell** and Stanton **Bonnell**; and six grandchildren, Colby **Olson** (Tracey), Rebecca **Bonnell**, Jennifer **Bonnell**, Aaron **Bonnell**, Brooke **Bonnell** and Katie **Bonnell**.

[Ed. Note: Another family that I cannot find any information about. Robert Bonnell is too common a name to allow a meaningful search. Any leads will be appreciated.]

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[www.bgdailynews.com](http://www.bgdailynews.com), Bowling Green Daily News, Bowling Green, KY, 20 Jan 2014: Sydney is the brother of Geneva (Bunnell) Grady. Her husband John has been a long term subscriber and contributor to the newsletter. Our condolences to Geneva and family.

Sydney W. **Bunnell**, 95, of Bowling Green, formerly of Hodgenville, passed away Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, at The Medical Center in Bowling Green. The Hart County native was born June 5, 1918.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carlos **Bunnell** and Myrrell **Davis** Bunnell; his wife of 72 years, Judelle **Bunnell**; a son-in-law, Billy **Rippy**; sisters, Artie Belle **Bunnell** and Mae Ola **Rigg**; a brother, Paul **Bunnell**; and a brother-in-law, B. **Reynolds** Jr.

He is survived by his children, Sydney M. **Bunnell** and his wife, Sue, of Cave City, James W. **Bunnell** and his wife, Jo Nell, of Decatur, Ala., Judith **Howell** and her husband, William **Nelson**, of Cave City, David L. **Bunnell** and his wife, Janice, of Hardyville, Patricia **Rippy** of Russellville, and Marilyn **King** and her husband, Ernie, of Bowling Green; brothers and sisters, Don **Bunnell** and his wife, Annelle, Nelson **Bunnell** and his wife, Margaret, Elizabeth **Borders**, Ruby **Mires** and Geneva **Grady** and her husband, John Paul; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He's also survived by a sister-in-law, Lou Reynolds; and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Genie Hogan.

Funeral Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel of Winn Funeral Home, with burial in Horse Cave Municipal Cemetery.

[Ed. Note: Sydney is 013273 in the database and is a member of the Lost Kentucky clan. His lineage goes back to William Bonnell of VA and KY: William<sup>1</sup>, Peter<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Carlos<sup>5</sup>, Sydney<sup>6</sup>.]

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Eric Bonell, eric.bonell@talktalk.net of Rochester, Kent, England, sent me this obituary that is from [www.westviewfuneralchapel.com](http://www.westviewfuneralchapel.com), Westview Funeral Chapel, London, Ontario, CN.

**Bonell, N. Isabel**

Died peacefully on Saturday, January 25th, 2014, at the age of 93. Predeceased by her husband, David **Russell**. Loving mother to Maureen **Stewart** (Doug) and Ann **King** (Tim). Proud grandmother of Mark (Tina), Karen, Bill (Jenni), Catherine (John), Andrew (Tiffany), and great grandmother of Mykaela, Nikolas, Kennedy, Brayden, Ethan, Jenna, Andrew and Nathan. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. ... A celebration of Isabel's life is to be held on Saturday, March 1st, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Westview Funeral Chapel, 709 Wonderland Road North, London. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to McCormick Home or to a charity of your choice.

[Ed. Note: I have no info on this one. I tried several different search engines with no success other than finding her obituary. Any info appreciated.]

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From [www.legacy.com/obituaries/bellinghamherald/](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bellinghamherald/), Published in The Bellingham Herald, Bellingham, WA on Jan. 23, 2014

On Monday, January 20th, 2014, Kirk Osmond **Bunnell** transitioned into the loving arms of Jesus after a 43 year long journey with Multiple Sclerosis. Kirk was born in Ogden, Utah on February 5th, 1941, to Merrill and Connie **Bunnell**, and grew up in Larchmont, New York along with his older brother John. ... He married Gini [**Wyant**] on Aug. 30th, 1964, and they journeyed out to Chicago where Kirk received his Ph.D. in Physics from Northwestern University (1969). There they added two boys to their family (Douglas Kirk and Scott Merrill). ... Kirk will join his parents Merrill and Connie, his sister-in-law Gale and his grandson Zachary in Glory. He is survived by his loving wife Gini (**Wyant**) **Bunnell**, brother John, sons Doug (Laurie) and Scott (Kris), grandchildren Paige, Quentin and Zoe, and great grand daughter Cillay, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

[Ed. Note: Kirk is 360161 in the database. This obituary provides the names of his children and his wife's maiden name which we didn't have. Kirk's lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>5</sup>, Ithamer<sup>6</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Stephen<sup>8</sup>, Leslie<sup>9</sup>, Merrill<sup>10</sup>, Kirk<sup>11</sup>.]

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From [www.legacy.com/obituaries/fitchburg/](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/fitchburg/), published in The Sentinel & Enterprise, Fitchburg, MA on Jan. 25, 2014:

FITCHBURG -- Rita M. (**Allen**) **Twomley-Bunnell**, 83, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, in the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. She leaves two sons, Michael E. **Twomley** and his wife, Diane, of Penn Furnace, PA, and Alan J. **Twomley** and his significant other, Angela **Cullen**, of Westminster; a sister, Claire **Roy**, of Fitchburg; many grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers, Robert and Francis **Allen**. ... She was born in Fitchburg, on September 29, 1930, a daughter of the late Adelard and Leontine (**Boucher**) **Allen**. Funeral Services and burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Fitchburg will be private.

[Ed. Note: The database shows that she was married to Richard Hood Bunnell 13 Jul 1972, a second marriage for both. However, the database also shows her death as occurring 4 Nov 2007 in Claremont, NH. There is other conflicting dates in the database regarding Rita. However I'm confident that this Rita was married to Richard Hood Bunnell. Richard is 360618 in the database and his lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>3</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Jesse<sup>5</sup>, Bela<sup>6</sup>, Sheldon<sup>7</sup>, Levi<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>9</sup>, Harry<sup>10</sup>, Richard<sup>11</sup>.]

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From <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/>, Hosselton Funeral Home, Cisne, IL,



ALPHA LENORE **BUNNELL**, 95, of Fairfield, IL passed away 9:10PM Thursday, January 23, 2014 at Charlevoix Health Care, St. Charles, MO.

Alpha was born December 18, 1918 at Rinard, IL to Fred A. and Helen B. (**Flanders**) **Powell**. She married Ivan Dale **Bunnell** in 1939 in Kentucky and he has preceded her in death. ...

Alpha is survived by two sons Steven (Sharon) **Bunnell** of St. Charles, MO; and Fred (June) **Bunnell** of Kempner, TX. Four grandchildren Camilla Lynn **White**, Christina June **Henley**, Frederick Sean **Bunnell** & Ryan Justin **Bunnell**, four great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren also survive.

Preceding her in death were her husband Ivan Dale, two sisters Muriel & Maxine **Powell**, and her parents.

Funeral service for Alpha **Bunnell** will be 10:30AM Wednesday, January. 29, 2014 at Blue Point Free Will Baptist Church. ... Burial will follow in the Cisne Cemetery.

[Ed. Note: According to Findagrave.com, Ivan died 5 Jul 1970 of a heart attack and is buried in Jacksonville cemetery, Wayne Co., IL. His obituary does not mention wife Alpha, but does name 3 sons: Fred, Steve, and Burton. In the database Ivan is 352519, but his marriage, death and children are not entered. His line is another one that went from Bu to Bo and back to Bu. Ivan's lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Noah<sup>6</sup>, Seneca<sup>7</sup>, Harvey<sup>8</sup>, Justin<sup>9</sup>, Ivan<sup>10</sup>.]

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From [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com), Caldwell, ID,



Beryl E. (**Gusman, Reed**) **Bonnell**, loving wife, mother, and grandma, of Caldwell, ID, passed away at her home on Wed. Dec. 28, 2011 from natural causes. She has left us to be with her savior Jesus Christ. She was 89.

Beryl was born on January 7, 1922 to her parents Harry **Gusman** and Jessie (**Duncan**) **Gusman** at their home in Pleasant Valley, Idaho (near Jordan Valley, OR). She had two older brothers Dale Flora and Don **Gusman**. ...

After graduating from Caldwell High she married Kenneth **Reed** of Homedale, ID. They had three sons Kenton **Reed**, Eddie **Reed**, and Randall **Reed**. She lost her husband Kenneth in a car accident in 1961.

She remarried in 1967 to Robert **Bonnell**. ...

She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father Roy **Sewell**, her first husband Kenneth **Reed**, her brothers Dale Flora and Don **Gusman**, and two infant sons Dennis **Reed** and Gary **Reed**. Surviving members of her family are her husband Robert **Bonnell**, three sons Kenton **Reed** (wife Sandy) of Nampa (grandson Darrin **Reed**), Eddie **Reed** (wife Edna) of Caldwell, and Randall **Reed** (granddaughter Katherine **Reed**) of Caldwell.

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Funeral services to celebrate Beryl's life will be held at 10:30 am on Monday, Dec. 9, 2011 at the Caldwell First Baptist Church (221 East Linden Street; between S. 10th Ave. and S. Kimball Ave.; 459-4614). She will be laid to rest at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens 15682 Indiana Ave., Caldwell.

[Ed. Note: I am unable to find either Beryl or Robert in the database; nor can I find any info about their marriage on-line. So any help is appreciated.]

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From <http://theworldlink.com/news/local/obituaries>, Coos Bay World, Coos Bay, OR, February 01, 2014:

**Bernard Larry Bunnell**

July 23, 1931 - Jan. 27, 2014



Bernie will be loved and missed by all who knew him. He worked in the lumber mills all his life building a reputation with his co-workers and family as a hardworking, funny, and loving family man, who adored his children and grandchildren. ...

Bernie is survived by his four children: daughter, Lynne Irwin; sons, Larry, Lee, and Terry; and numerous grandchildren he loved so dearly.

[Ed. Note: The database contains only his name and that he was born about 1930 and that his residence in 2008 was Oregon.. Going to the 1940 census, there is only one Bernard Bunnell in the Oregon of the right age and he is the son of Fay and Eula Bunnell. Fay is 017769 in the database and, though born in WA, lived in OR much of his life. I found a marriage record of a Bernard Bunnell who married a Rober Salter, 7 Oct 1950 in Coos Co, OR. That is the proper time and place for the Bernard above and in the database. While this allows me to add Bernard's wife and children to the database and connect him to his parents, Fay and Eula, that is the entire lineage we have.]

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From [www.stringerfh.com](http://www.stringerfh.com), Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont, NH



Norman B. Bunnell, 89, of Sugar River Drive in Claremont, NH died on January 30, 2014 at Woodlawn Care Center in Newport. He was born in Berlin, NH on May 10, 1924 the son of Newton B. and Marion (Murphy) Bunnell. He served in the US Army during WWII and saw action in the Pacific and received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained during that time. ...

He married Rita M. Fortin on June 30, 1945, sharing 63 years of marriage and she died on November 4, 2007. The family includes a daughter, Holly J. Allard and her husband, Rock of Claremont; two sons, Charles Bunnell of Michigan City, IN and his wife, Rhoda of Cornish, NH and Scott Bunnell of Charlestown; his companion, Marge Deyo of Claremont; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Bunnell and Paul Bunnell also several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rita and a son, Lawrence N. Bunnell on August 26, 2013; four brothers, Billy, Fred, Herman and George Bunnell and three sisters, Elsie Bailey, Katherine Ferguson and Roseanne Gratacos. ...

A funeral service will be held at the Funeral Home at 11AM with Father George Majka, officiating. Burial will follow in St Mary's Cemetery with military honors.

[Ed. Note: Norman is 351100 in the database. This obituary will add his wife and children to the database. Norman's lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>3</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Jesse<sup>5</sup>, Seth<sup>6</sup>, Horatio<sup>7</sup>, Alva<sup>8</sup>, Newton<sup>9</sup>, Norman<sup>10</sup>.]