

BUNNELLS AND BONNELLS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

In Vol. III, No. 4, of the Newsletter I began what I said would be a series of articles on this subject. However, I never continued it. Lou Anne Bunnel, Green Valley, AZ, sent me a copy of page 428 of the DAR PATRIOT INDEX - CENTENNIAL EDITION, PART I, which lists Bunnells and Bonnells who served in the Revolution and from whom descent has been proved. The list includes the following men not covered in my article in Vol. III. The line from the DAR INDEX is shown in quotes, followed by notes from my records.

1-1-9-7 D20 CB290021

"Abner; b 3-24-1721 CT d 2-3-1810 CT m Elizabeth Preston PS CT"

ABNER BUNNELL was born and lived all his life in Cheshire, New Haven co, CT. He and wife Elizabeth had 12 children. Late in life he married (second) Thankful Beach. I have not found any reference to service during the Revolution. I believe the "PS" in the DAR list refers to some form of Public Service, acceptable to the DAR, rather than military service.

HH-1 CB310336

"Abner: b 10-5-1760 NJ d 4-26-1835 OH m Anne Scudder Pvt NJ PNSR"

ABNER BONNELL was born in Essex co, NJ, probably, the son of Henry CB300091 and Hannah (Clark) Bonnell. (See Vol. V, No. 4, for a discussion of this family,) Abner enlisted late in 1776 in Capt. Crane's company for 3 months and was stationed in Elizabethtown, NJ. In 1778 he enlisted again for 9 months and took part in the battle of Monmouth. He enlisted a third time in 1780 or 1781 for one year, during which he was stationed at Newark. He was also called out in the militia several times between his enlistments. He applied for a pension on 3 October 1832. He was awarded \$80 per year from 4 March 1831.

1-2-1-7-3 D67 CB300134

"Abraham: b 1736 NJ d 2-5-1820 NJ m Jane ——— Pvt NJ"

ABRAHAM BONNELL was born at Scotch Plains, Essex (now Union) co, NJ. He married Jane Jenkins. They lived much of their lives in Westfield, Essex co, NJ. I have not found any other reference to military service for him. In the 1779 and 1780 tax lists for Westfield he was exempt from military service.

1-2-1-7-8 D68 CB300136

"Daniel: b 3-30-1751 FR d 9- -1798 OH m Martha Hughes Pvt NJ"

DANIEL BONNELL, brother of Abraham above, was born in Essex (now Union) co, NJ, not in France as some accounts have it. He appears in the records of Westfield, NJ, both before and after his marriage to Martha Hughes in 1779. During the Revolution he served in the Eastern Battalion of Morris co militia as a private in Capt. Moses Munson's Company. In 1795 he moved to Kentucky and then Ohio where he died.

Retyped by Margaret Rutledge

1-1-7-2-2 D44 CB300056

"Jacob: b 4-6-1734 CT d 1-19-1828 CT m Mary Kimberly 2Lt CT"

JACOB BUNNELL was born at Branford and died at North Branford, New Haven co, CT. He was probably the Jacob Bunnell who was 2nd Lieutenant in Capt. Samuel Ellis' company of 57 volunteers raised in the town of Branford, 13 January 1777. In MAy he was Lieutenant of the 14th Company, 2nd Connecticut regiment.

1-1-9-8-4 D57 CB300097

"Joel; b 11-12-1758 CT d p 1840 CT m Martha ——— Pvt CT"

JOEL BUNNELL was born at Farmington and died 2 September 1840 at Kensington, Hartford co, CT. He served as a private in Capt. Selah Heart's 3rd company. Col. Erastus Wolcott's State Regiment in service at Boston, MA, January to March 1776. He also served during the War of 1812 as a private in Daniel Dealing's company, for which he received a pension from 4 March 1831.

1-1-9-8 D21 CB290018

"Joseph: b 1-17-1723 CT d 10-1-1799 CT m Hannah Hotchkiss Pvt CT"

JOSEPH BUNNELL, father of Joel above, was born in the Cheshire section of Wallingford, New Haven co, and died at Southington, Hartford co, CT. Like his son, Joseph saw service in two wars, first in the French and Indian War in Capt. Israel Woodward's 6th Company, Col. David Wooster's 2nd Regiment, in the campaign against Crown Point in 1756, in Capt. Joel dark's 4th Company, Col. Nathan Whiting's 2nd Rdgiment, in 1759, and in Capt. John Pattison's 4th Company, Maj.-Gen. Phineas Lyman's 1st Regiment in 1762. During the Revolution he served as a private in Capt. Hooker's Company, Col. Erastus Wolcot's Regiment, from January to March 1776.

1-1-7-1-4-2 D115 CB310121

"Nathaniel 2d: b 5-9-1758 CT d 8-22-1828 CT m (1)X (2)Rhoda (Bates) Hotchkiss Capt CS PS CT"

NATHANIEL BUNNELL was born in Farmington, Hartford co/ CT, and died in Burlington, Hartford co, CT. He served a few months in the Revolution under his uncle Titus Bunnell. The John Biles manuscript says, "At the age of 20 he enlisted at New London, CT, in the Continental army and was present 6 September 1781 when Arnold burned the town." I have not confirmed that, but it is clear that this Nathaniel was NOT a captain in the Revolutionary army. See the next entry for the correct person.

1-1-9-2-1 D16i CB300063

NATHANIEL BUNNELL was born 4 June 1739 at Wallingford, New Haven co, CT, and died 29 December 1787. He married Lois Royce, but they had no children and there are no descendants. He served at length as an officer during the Revolution, first as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 9th Company, 1st State Regiment. He was a Captain in the 7th Company of the 5th Battalion under Col. William Douglas. This battalion was

raised in June 1776 to reinforce Washington's army at New York. It served in the city and on the Brooklyn front. It was at the battle of Long island on 29 and 30 August 1776. It was the militia at Kips Bay, 34th East River at the attack on New York 15 September 1776, and retreated at the battle of White Plains on 28 October 1776-Subsequently he served as captain at Fishkill, NY, in October 1777, and Captain in Col. Thaddeus Cook's 10th Regiment, Mew Haven Alarm, 5 July 1779 in Tryon's invasion of Connecticut.

1-1-6-5-9 D36 CB300018

"Noah: b 1-18-1741 CT d a 12-18-1790 CT m Mary Beardsley Sgt CL CT"
NOAH BUNNELL was born and died at Redding, Fairfield co, CT, although at various times he lived at Derby, New Haven co, New Milford, Litchfield co, CT, and Clinton, Dutchess co, NY, where he was buried. During the Revolution he served as a private (or sergeant?) in Capt. John Hinman's company, 13th Regiment of Connecticut militia in August 1776. He was at New York that year.

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Bill Tidball, Summerville, BC, sent in copies of several pages from a book entitled THROUGH THE CENTURY, A HISTORY OF SOUTH WAYNE, WISCONSIN (1889-1989). On page 196 it refers to the death of Mrs. Emma F, Heindel on 28 February 1937. After recounting some of her history the article goes on to say: "Ironically not long after the passing of Mrs. Heindel The Homestead chose to reprint an article from the Darlington Democrat of seventy years[?] before (no date given). It was a two paragraph item 'from Wayne.' Because of the historical importance it is here reprinted in full, . .

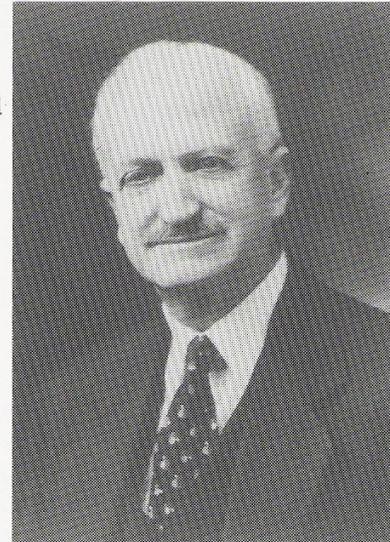
" 'Spafford has got to be quite a business point, one store, and post office, flouring mill, one blacksmith shop, one shoe shop. The store is owned by Lewis Heindel. . . . WEBSTER BUNNELL runs a blacksmith shop, they say, "Come and see if we don't get you out [of] here in short notice." Fred Deetz the miller, . . ."

Because of the vagueness of the article, I can't date this with any degree of confidence. My best guess is that it was first printed in the late 1870's. In any case, I have no idea who Webster Bunnell was. The only Webster Bunnell who appears in Claude Bunnell's Database is CB011097, born in 1824. He appears as a farmer in the 1850 census and as a gentleman in the 1860 census, both in Perry, Wyoming co, NY. He could have moved to Wisconsin and set up a blacksmith shop, but I see nothing to suggest it except his name. Does anyone know anything more about him?

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REV. CHARLES JEROME BUNNELL

Charles Jerome Bunnell CB341202, son of Alfred and Catherine Jane (Edwards) Bunnell, was born in Waynetown, Montgomery co, IN, on 5 February 1866. His father died when he was two years old, and his mother four years later- Orphaned at the age of six, Charles was raised by "Aunt Kitty Edwards", the third wife and widow of Charles's maternal grandfather, Eli Edwards.



He attended Franklin College in Franklin, IN, from which he obtained his B.S. in June 1894. Feeling called to the ministry, he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Following his graduation, the Baptist Church in Waynetown, IN, convened a council on 25 June 1896 to consider the propriety of his ordination to the ministry. Dr. W. T. Stott of Franklin College was selected to lead the examination. The candidate gave a very satisfactory statement of his Christian experience, call to the ministry and views of Bible doctrine. The council then proceeded to a thorough examination, after which it unanimously voted to recommend the church to proceed with the ordination.

Thus began a long and successful career as a minister in the Baptist church. For 42 years he served as pastor of 14 different churches in north, central and south central Indiana. For some years he was also a member of the State Board of the Baptist Church in Indiana. At the time of his death at his home in Franklin, Johnson co, IN, on 8 March 1939, he was pastor of the Beech Grove and First Mt. Pleasant Baptist churches, two small churches in rural communities in Johnson co.

On 26 June 1895 he married Lillian May Westfall of New Richmond, Montgomery co, IN. They were the parents of two sons, Ruskin Spurgeon and David J., and a daughter, Frances.

This information was provided to me by Rev. Bunnell's grandson, Charles Robert Bunnell, of Huntsville, AL. Charles R.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruskin S. Bunnell, moved from Indianapolis, IN, to Franklin to live with Rev. and Mrs. Bunnell in the summer of 1938. Charles Robert was five years old at the time. Rev. Bunnell died the next March, but Charles retains memories of his granddad as a tall, slim man with white hair. He remembers his grandfather standing at the pulpit preaching in the First Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church just outside Franklin, IN.

Charles Jerome Bunnell was descended from the immigrant William Bunnell through Nathaniel, Nathaniel, James, Stephen, David, Ephraim, and Alfred Bunnell.

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MORE ON THE KENTUCKY BUNNELLS AND BONNELLS

In Vol. VI, No. 2, page 22, I noted that, according to the 1850 census Jonathan Bonnell, b. about 1772, Peter Bunnell, b. 15 January 1784, Joseph Bonnel, b. about 1783, and David Bunnell, b. about 1792, were all born in Virginia- Also, according to the 1880 census listings of their sons, Samuel Bunnell, b. between 1770 and 1775, and Jeremiah Bunnell, b. between 1775 and 1780, were born in Virginia, The 1860 census says that David Bunnell was born in Kentucky. Peter's children in 1880 listed their father as born in Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio.

Ellen Dorn of Manhattan Beach, CA, offers the suggestion that most or all of these births may have occurred in what is now the state of Kentucky. In researching another family she learned that Kentucky became a state on 1 June 1792. Before that it was part of the state of Virginia. When Jonathan Bonnell was born about 1772 it was part of Fincastle co, VA, and in 1776 the present area of Kentucky was set aside as Kentucky co, VA.

According to my 1954 edition of ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA, in 1780 Kentucky co was split into three counties, Lincoln, Jefferson and Fayette. Before 1790 these three counties were further divided into nine, still all in the state of Virginia. One of the nine was Mercer co, which was formed in 1786 from Lincoln, according to THE HANDY BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS, 8th edition. It was not until 1 June 1792 that Mercer co, VA, became Mercer co, KY. Although it is possible that all of these men were born in what is now Virginia (or even West Virginia), it is just as possible that most of them were actually born in what is now Kentucky. Unfortunately, the 1790 and 1800 census records are lost for all counties of Kentucky.

Probably Jonathan, b. about 1772, was not born in Kentucky. Again referring to the BRITANNICA: What would later become Mercer co, VA, and then KY, was the site of the first permanent English settlement in what is now Kentucky, when James Harrod established Harrodsburg in 1774. Could the parents of these men have been members of Harrod's company of settlers?

Although those of you who are most concerned with this branch of the family may already have been aware of this geographical history, I was not until Mrs. Dorn brought it to my attention. While it doesn't answer any of our questions, I believe that it cuts through some of the fog.

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CORRECTION

On 3 October 1991 Marjorie Gibbs, Union Springs, NY, sent me a lot of Bunnell and Bonnell data she had collected in a recent research trip to Kentucky and Indiana. Among all this data was a list of marriages copied from BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA, MARRIAGES, 1821-1850, copied and indexed by Ruth Slevin for Fort Wayne, IN, Public Library. One of the marriage records reads:
"Bunnel, Cinderella, m. Adams, William C. 17 Mar. 1831"

I made the assumption that Cinderella was one of the children of Jonathan CB001601 and Rebecca (Dean) Bonnell, residents of Bartholomew co at the time. Marriages of several of their other children are

CORRECTION (Cont'd)

included in the same list. Claude Bunnell's Database also shows Cinderella as Jonathan's daughter, giving as a reference, IN SOURCE BOOK - WILLAIRD HESS, IN HIST SOC, 1981, Vol. 2, p. 21.

Accordingly, I included Cinderella in the list of Jonathan's children and sent that information to several of Jonathan's descendants with whom I corresponded. On 24 July 1995, Karen Kiefel, Columbus, OH, wrote; "I also have a question on the list of children of Jonathan & Rebecca Dean Bonnell. You list 9, but my information only shows 8. The Brant & Fuller History of Bartholomew County Indiana (1888) states that Jonathan's son Thomas was the fourth of eight children. The record of Jonathan Bonnell's estate in Platte Co., Missouri also only shows 8 children. I ran into Cindrilla (Cinderella) in the Bartholomew County Court House & I believe she belongs to a different Bonnell."

On 8 January 1996 Carol J. Jenkins, Elizabethtown, IN, sent me a letter with the information that William Clifford and Cinderella (Bunnell) Adams were her great great great grandparents, and that Cinderella was the daughter of Miles CB310219 and Deborah Bunnell. She said that Cinderella was born 9 September 1814 and died 21 March 1846 in Rockcreek twp, Bartholomew co, IN. She is reported to be the first person buried in the Donaldson Cemetery there. There was a Presbyterian Church there at the time.

There is ample evidence of the presence of Miles Bunnell and his family in Bartholomew co at this time, and the marriages of two other daughters are included on the marriage list which Marjorie Gibbs sent me. I made a wrong assumption and have now corrected my records on the basis of these letters from Karen Kiefel and Carol Jenkins.

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Ellen Dorn, Manhattan Beach, CA, copied the following marriage records from several issues of THE HOOSIER GENEALOGIST. I have added the numbers assigned by Claude Bunnell in his Database. Neither Claude nor I can identify the parents of any of these Bunnells. Can anyone help?

Vol. 5, No. 2, 1965, page 3. Daviess co, IN:

Bunnell, Burrill & Abby Smith on 21 December 1822.

[Claude identifies this person as Barzilla Bunnell CB005322.]

Vol. 5, No. 2, 1965, page 6. Daviess co, IN:

Bunnell, Jacob CB010877 & Sarah Eubank on 2 May 1833. Vol. 5, No. 5, 1965. Henry co, IN:

Wright, William & Cynthia Bunnell CB011191 on 12 March 1838.

Vol. 6, No. 2, 1966. Delaware co, IN:

Blunt, Thomas & Araminta Bunnell CB011190 on 22 April 1833. Bunnell, Willis CB011215 & Clementine Jackson on 22 July 1830.

MORRIS co, NJ, DEED BOOKS (Cont'd from last issue)

Deed Book U, p. 66- 10 August 1810. DRAKE LUDLOW of Morris twp, Morris co, NJ, to LUTHER BONNEL CB310285 of Morris twp. For \$1300, a tract of land in Morris twp beginning at a stake in Washington street a corner of the most northerly lott which DANIEL PHOENIX(?) JUN. lately purchased of WILLIAMSON & CHETWOOD and known (?) also as the most westerly corner of the lot said PHOENIX? conveyed to said LUDLOW Containing .145 acre. Witnesses: DANIEL PHOENIX(?) Jr. and FREDERICK KING.

Deed Book U, p. 172. 19 October 1810. JONATHAN DAYTON and SUSAN his wife of Elizabeth twp, Essex co, NJ, to SILVINUS BONNELL CB310322 of Chatham twp, Morris co, NJ, For \$875, three lots in Morris twp, adjoining and surrounding the saw mill, one-half of which & of the pond, pondage, (?) tank(?) &c was sold to SAMUEL ROBERTS (?) in 1809. First lot- Beginning on the NW side of the road leading from the sawmill to SILAS CROWELL's . . . -, crossing the bridge below the sawmill Containing 11 1/4 acres. Second lot- Where ASAHEL P(?)ANMEN formerly lived. Beginning at a black oak tree corner of JOHN MCCOMB'S land, standing nearest the head of the sawmill pond, thence various courses to the beginning. containing 23.3 acres. Third lot- Purchased by DANL. ROBERTS of SILAS CROWELL and begins at a stake in the NW corner of said ROBERTS's land in the line of DANL. COCHRANE, thence S32°W 5 chains to a stake in line of JED. FROST's land, S65-1/2°E 12 chains & 20 links to a black oak tree near the corner of said ROBERTS's meadow, thence various courses to the beginning. Containing 3.3 acres.

Deed Book U, p. 239. 26 March 1805. JACOB CANFIELD of Morristown, Morris co, NJ, administrator of the estate of SAMUEL BONNELL CB001225, late of the township of Mendham, Morris co. Whereas the said SAMUEL BONNELL at the time of his decease was indebted to sundry persons for more monies than his personal estate could pay or satisfy, upon application by me the administrator, the judges of the Orphans Court of Morris County in the term of December 1804 authorized me to sell all or as much of the real estate of SAMUEL BONNELL as should be sufficient to pay his debts. Sold at auction to SAMUEL COZAD for \$70 a tract of land in Mendham twp. Beginning at a stake for a corner standing in the middle of the road leading from ISRAEL ABER's to Morristown, it being a corner of JAMES WILKISON'S land, thence various courses to the beginning. Containing 25 acres, excluding & reserving thereout 1-1/2 acres which SAMUEL BONNELL conveyed to REUBEN HALBERT by deed dated 19 October 1802. [Reuben Halbert's wife was Betsy, daughter of Nathaniel Bonnell CB300154 and Ann Cozad.]

Deed Book U, p. 241. 20 September 1810. HENRY PARSONS of Randolph twp, Morris co, NJ, to SAMUEL COZAD of Mendham twp, Morris co, NJ. SAMUEL COZAD conveyed the above 25 acres in Randolph twp to HENRY PARSONS, but the 1-1/2 acres reserved to Reuben Halbert was omitted from his deed. PARSONS paid COZAD \$5 to accept the correction.

MORRIS CO DEED BOOKS (Cont'd)

Deed Book U, p. 441. 27 March 1805. STEPHEN BONNEL CB003454 and SUSANAH his wife of Morris twp, Morris co, to AARON RIGGS of Morris twp. For \$350 a tract of land in Morris twp. Beginning at a post in SE corner of SILAS GOBLE's land, thence by various course to the beginning. Containing 3 acres & 1 rod, bounded E by the road leading from DAVID CONGERS to SIMEON BROADWELL, SW by land of THOMAS GUERIN, & N by land of SILAS GOBLE.

STEPHEN BONNEL /S/
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Deed Book V, p. 524, 13 January 1812. ISAAC SEARLES and SUSANNAH his wife and DAVID L. OSBORN and PHEBE his wife of Chatham twp, Morris co, to JACOB BONNEL CB310365 of Chatham twp. For \$310 a tract of land in Chatham twp. Beginning of at the corner of WILLIAM DAY'S house lot at the side of where the old Road ran, now at the edge of the foot walk on the north side of the turnpike Road, thence along said walk N80°50'W 48 feet to a notch on the board fence(?), thence along the line of the said JACOB BONNEL N4°E 6 chains & 74 links to WM DAY'S line, thence along said WILLIAM DAY'S line S82°E 48 feet to the corner of sd WM DAY'S Peach orchard, thence along his line S4°W 6 chains 80 links to the beginning. Containing 1/2 acre.

Deed Book W, p. 57. 17 December 1811. NATHANIEL BONNELL CB300154 of Randolph twp, Morris co to AARON BONNELL CB310379 of Randolph twp. For \$325, 3 tracts of land in Randolph twp. First piece- Beginning at a post for a corner (?) of the house then occupied by JAMES CHIDESTER, thence S66°E 13 chains & 46 links to a line of DANIEL BEERS' land, thence S24°W 8 chains & 30 links to a line of HENERY DOTY's land, thence by various courses to the beginning. Containing 11.66 acres.

Second piece- Beginning at a heap of stones & stake the south side of the mine road in the line of JORDAN'S lot now in the possession of ISRAEL ABERS, thence running parallel with said road and binding on the road till you come 26 rods short of ISRAEL ABERS line, thence S°2-1/2 chains, thence a straight line to the line of ISRAEL ABERS, thence southwardly along ABERS line to DOTY's, thence along DOTY's line to a line formally (sic) the line of CHARLES RICHARDS a westwardly course to the line of JORDAN'S lot above-mentioned, thence running along said line to the mine road, on the east by ABERSes line on the south by RICHARDS line. Containing 12 acres.

Third piece- begins at the corner of OAKS LEACHes land, thence various courses to a line of LEACHes land along this line to the beginning. Containing 7.20 acres. Except 2 acres supposed to be on the SW side of said land which is appropriated for DAVID T. BONNELL and his heirs.

NATHANIEL BONNEL /S/

MORRIS CO DEED BOOKS (Cont'd)

Deed Book W, p» 171. 1 August 1810. ABRAHAM SAMPSON and CHLOE his wife of Chatham twp, Morris CO, to WILLIAM BONNELL CB310372 of Chatham twp. For \$112 .50, "all one equal undivided sixteenth part of all that tract or parcel of Land and premises herein after particularly described situate lying and being in the town ship of Chatham in the County and state above sd butted and bounded as follows. Being the homestead tract of Land on which NATHANIEL BONNELL late of the township of Chatham decaasd lived supposed to contain about forty four acres bounded by lands of JAMES and JOSIAH WILKISON, the Pasaiac river, lands ISAAC SARLES WILLIAM SPENCER, the heirs of JAMES BONNELL decsd, and others, also one equal undivided sixteenth part of all the right which the sd NATHL BONNELL decaes'd had at the time of his death to the Mills situate in the township of Chatham commonly called and known by the name of the Chatham old mills to which property the said ABRAHAMs wife is entitled as one of the legatees of the sd NATHL BONNELL decesd and which property the sd ABRAHAM SAMPSON and CHLOE his wife engages to be free and clear from all incumberances except the right of dower which the widow of the sd NATHL. BONNELL is entitled to during her natural life."

ABRAHAM SAMSON /S/
CHLOE SAMSON /S/

Deed Book W, p. 419. 18 June 1812. DAVID T. BONNELL of Randolph twp, Morris co, to DANIEL LAWRENCE, Junr of Randolph twp. For \$100, a tract of land in Randolph twp. Beginning at a stone standing on a course N54°W distance 2 chains & 52 links from the west corner of said DAVID T. BONNELL new house, thence various courses to and along the line of WILLIAM POOL's land and back to the beginning. Containing 7.20 acres.

DAVID T. BONELL /S/

Deed Book W, p. 421. 13 March 1812. NATHANIEL BONNEL CB300154 of Randolph twp, Morris co, to DAVID T. BONNEL CB310378 of Randolph twp. For \$100. A tract of land in Randolph twp. [Same property as the preceding deed.]

Deed Book W, p. 478. 8 May 1812. NATHANIEL BONNEL CB300154 and ANNA his wife of Randolph twp, Morris co, to SAMUEL T. LAWRENCE of Randolph twp. For \$42.50, a tract of land in Randolph twp. Beginning in the middle of the Road that' leads to Collis(?) at the corner of a lot of land that said BONNEL sold to ARCHABALD OLES, thence N55°W 3 chains & 36 links to the widow BRIANT's line, thence by various courses to the beginning. Containing 3.37 acres.

NATHANIEL BONNEL /S/
ANNA BONNEL /S/

MORRIS CO DEED BOOKS (Cont'd)

Deed Book W, p. 531. 3 August 1812. JAMES BONNELL CB310391 and PRUSIA his wife of Morris twp, Morris co, to JOHN B. JOHNES of Morris twp. For \$125, a tract of land in Morris twp. Beginning at a stake & stones corner of a lot of eleven acres JAMES ROGERS & wife conveyed to HENRY KING in the line of JOHN HARPAREE's land, thence S48°E 6 chains & 60 links in said HARPAREE's line, thence in PIERSON's line N42°E 7 chains & 60 links to a stake corner of a 5 acre lot said ROGERS & wife sold to JOSEPH BROWN, thence in said BROWNS line N48°W 6 chains & 58 links to a stake in said KING'S line, thence S42°W & chains & 60 links to the beginning. Containing 5 acres.

JAMES BONNELL /s/
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Deed Book W, p. 533. 3 August 1812. JAMES BONNELL and PRUSIA his wife of Morris twp, Morris co, to JOHN B. JOHNES of Morris twp. For \$132, a tract of land in Morris twp. Beginning at a stake standing in the middle of the turnpike Road in Morris street at the corner of the lot of land which Doct TIMOTHY JOHNES purchased of WILLIAM WOOLLEY(?) which lot is adjoining the west end of the house formerly owned by RECOMPENCE STANSBURY, thence extending along said Road in the line of said BONNELL's land N67°W 14 feet, thence S23°W 2 chains & 93 links touching the eastern end of the dwelling house of said JAMES BONNELL, thence S66°E 14 feet to the line of lands of Doct TIMOTHY JOHNES, thence along said line N23°E 2 chains & 93 links to the beginning. Containing 1/13 acre.

Deed Book A3, p. 352. 14 January 1830. JOHN BYRAM and SUSAN his wife and ABRAHAM BYRAM and SARAH his wife of Mendham twp, Morris co, to WM BONNELL CB310380 of Mendham twp. For \$140, a tract of land in Mendham twp. Beginning at a stake & stones in the first line of a tract of land in Grays hollow that JAMES PITNEY conveyed to MAHLON PITNEY & SAMUEL PITNEY now deced by deed dated 16 June 1802, stake & stones being also a comer of MAHLON PITNEY^ part of sd tract, thence by various courses to the beginning. Containing 9-1/2 acres.

Deed Book A3, p. 353. 13 February 1819. NATHANIEL CLARK and JOANNA his wife and STEPHEN LOSEE and PHEBE his wife of Mendham twp, Morris co, to WILLIAM BONNELL and ELIZABETH his wife, late ELIZABETH CONYER of Mendham twp. For \$270, a tract of land in Mendham twp. Beginning at a small white oak saplin standing on the hill in STEPHEN LOSEE's line on a course S6°15'E 2 chains & 65 links from the seventh (?) corner of sd LOSEE's first lot bot of SAMUEL COSAD, thence by various courses into the road that leads from STEPHEN LOSEE's to Callis(?), thence by various courses to the beginning.

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MORRIS CO, NJ, BONNELLS

Under this heading I want to bring together data from the Morris co Deeds and Mortgages with particular reference to the Benjamin Bonnells I discussed in Vol X, No. 2, and to the family of Thomas Bonnell covered in Vol. X, No. 1.

In addition to the Morris co deeds which Claude Bunnell copied and sent to me, he also provided copies of the early Morris co mortgages. Although I do not have room to transcribe them all here in the Newsletter, I will refer to several which are relevant to this discussion -

The will of Thomas Bonnell CB002197, transcribed on page 5 of Vol. X, No. 1, lists bequests to four sons. Henry, James, Benjamin and Joseph.

Mortgage Book C, p. 372. 20 May 1791. An abstract of a mortgage from Joseph Bonnell CB003175 of Morris County to Jonathan Morrell of Essex County, NJ, for a parcel of land in Morris co situated in a place commonly called Hanover, which parcel was formerly the homestead and property of Joseph Bonnell's father now deceased and left to said Joseph Bonnell by will of his father. The above lot of land is divided by and lays on each side of the road that leads from South Hanover Meeting house to Whippany meeting house, bounded by David Ward's land on the south-East side, by David Burnet's and Henry Bunnell's land on the Northeast side, by the land of Benjamin Harris deceased on the Northwest side, and on the land of John Ladner on the Southwest side, containing by estimation forty acres. It being to secure the payment of £100 lawfull money of New Jersey with interest agreeably to the condition of a bond of even date with these presents.

This mortgage, made the year after Joseph received the land, agrees well with the terms of his fathers will in which brother Henry received the half of the land which lay on the north or upper side of the road. The original mortgage was presented to the County Clerk and was cancelled on the record, but the date is illegible on my copy. It would have to have been before 1809 when Charles Russell, who signed the cancellation was no longer clerk.

Joseph Bonnell CB003175 appears on the Hanover twp tax lists in 1790, 1791 and 1792. He apparently did not own property before 1790. He was probably the youngest son of Thomas, living with his father until he inherited his half of the farm. But what happened to him after 1792? He no longer appears on tax lists in Hanover. That part of Hanover became Chatham in 1805, and Joseph appears on tax lists there in 1812 and 1816.

Claude's Database has a Joseph Bonnell CB003176, born in 1761, who applied for a pension in 1842 and again in 1844, based on Revolutionary War service. He could have been the same person, but there is no other data on him in the Database on which to base a judgment. Also from the Database: Sept. 1819. Moses Crane of Bottle Hill, Morris co, married Betsey Bonnell daughter of Joseph Bonnell CB003083 of Pequannack, Morris co. And again, in 1819 Joseph Bonnell CB003168 married Elizabeth ____ in Morris co. A second marriage for Joseph, or is this a different person?

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MORRIS CO, NJ, BONNELLS (Cont'd)

Henry Bonnell or Bunnell (the name appears both ways) CB002879, probably the oldest son, seems to have owned land in Hanover twp before the death of his father. He appears on tax lists in Hanover twp from 1781 to 1791, then he too disappears. Could he be the same person as the Henry Bunnell CB000409 who was born in 1752, who married Hannah Cranmer, and who moved to Milton (now Genoa), Cayuga co, NY, before 1800, when he appears in the census there? This Henry had a son George, who was born in 1795 in Pennsylvania according to later census records. The HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, 1615-1924, by Clement F, Heverly, under the heading "Towanda Township" on page 223, says that settlers in 1794 included Henry Bunnell, Joseph Wallace and Joshua Wythe. "Bunnell lived in the lower settlement on the creek." No other reference to Henry Bunnell appears in any Bradford co record I have seen. It is possible that he could have been the Henry, son of Thomas Bonnell, who disappeared from the Morris co, NJ, records after 1791, appeared in Towanda, PA, in 1794 and moved to Cayuga co, NY, before 1800. That is pure speculation, but might be useful as a basis for further research.

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Morris co Mortgage Book E, p. 448. 5 April 1803. From Benjamin Bonnell of Morris Town, Morris co, to Caleb Russell of Morris Town. A tract of land in Morris twp, being 1/3 part of lot No. 14, one of 16 10-acre lots laid off by Caleb Russell in the Southwest corner of a tract of land in the Great Swamp formerly called Staats Long-Morris's tract, adjoining lots of Phineas Bowers and Samuel Brant. Containing 3.33 acres. To secure the payment of the sum of \$65 with interest, with payments due in 6 months, 12 months, 18 months and 24 months.

Note in the last Newsletter, page 39, that a year later on 9 April 1804 Benjamin Bonnell CB003873 and Elizabeth his wife of Morris twp sold this land to Caleb Russell for \$65. Apparently, Russell sold them the lot, took a mortgage for payment and then took back the lot for the same price. This seems to be the Benjamin I listed as No. 10 in Vol. X, No. 1, page 19. He married Elizabeth Shipman.

Mortgage Book F, p. 266. 6 Jan. 1806. From Thomas Bonnell CB027863 of Morristown to Wm. & Abraham Britten, for 3 lots in Morris twp. The third lot of 3-1/2 acres lay between Benjamin Bonnell's land & the orchard now the property of David Ward & land of Joseph Winget & lands of said Bonnell & said Ward. To secure the payment of \$200.

Deed Book N, p. 16. 6 Jan. 1806, the same day. Thomas Bonnell CB027863 of Morris twp sold 3.57 acres in Morris twp to William and Abraham Britten for \$75. It is interesting that Benjamin Bonnell of Morris co also was paid \$75 by the Brittens for a quitclaim to his interest in this property.

From these records I would suggest the POSSIBILITY that the Benjamin who married Elizabeth Shipman was the son of Thomas who died in 1790, and that Benjamin in turn named his son Thomas, the seller in the above deed. Evidence in support is meager, but so far I see nothing to contradict the idea.

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Retyped by Margaret Rutledge

ANOTHER MYSTERY

Ronald J. Myers, Sr., Van Wert, OH, sent this, saying, "I found these pictures in a soft cover book about 'The Three Stooges' written by one of the stooges, Moe Howard. I have had this book for many years, but I never noticed the name under the top picture before. Do you know her?"

This is a new one on me. Is Bonnie Bonnell a stage name, or does she fit somewhere in the great Bunnell/Bonnell family? I'm showing you only one of the pictures, taken in the early 1930s. "The boys" between Ted and Bonnie are the Three Stooges, Curly, Moe and Larry.



Matthew Betz appears to be intimidated by Ted, Bonnie Bonnell and the boys in *Plane Nuts*.

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With that question this series of Newsletters draws to a close. I have enjoyed it all and hope that you have found them interesting as well as helpful. The compliments I have received from many of you have been very gratifying to my ego, although my wife assures me that needed no boost. In any case, thank you all for your help and encouragement. If all goes well, I hope eventually to be able to offer you a new genealogy. Until then, stay in touch and keep up the good work.

Happy hunting!