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*Editor's Comments: **Happy Spring** one and all!! The daffodils, tulips and rhododendrons are in bloom. This issue we have a lot of new information that William Austin has sent to us. On Page 19 Bill has traced Beth Chambers's great-great-grandfather, William F. Bonnell's ancestry and then there is his letter of a correction to his book, which I think everyone will find very informative. Carole is home for the summer and will be back for the next issue ~Teri*

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*(Her lineage is on Page 19, by William Austin)*

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### A Tidbit

12 March 2002, From William Austin:

“On Pages 2 & 3 (last issue) you printed a couple of tidbits from the 1900 Federal Census in Union Co., OR. **Lizzie and Callie Bunnell**, although they appeared in different precincts, were sisters (Callie was female, not male), daughters of **Samuel Washington Bunnell** CB005417 and his second wife Matilda Stevens. Both parents died the same day, 25 April 1893 on Wallowa, Wallowa Co., OR. Wallowa Co. is adjacent to Union Co. in OR. The mother’s birthplace was given correctly as Missouri, but the father was born in Kentucky. Apparently, when the parents died the children spilt up and parceled out. There were

other young children who may have wound up with older half-siblings who were married and on their own.”



Subj: Dallas Bonnell

Date: 3/7/2002 12:31:47 PM Pacific Standard Time From: jbon@quik.com  
To: billau2@excite.com CC: tlbonnell@aol.com Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hi Bill, long time no communicate, hope all is well with you as is with me. In Vol 16, #1, I am pleased to see you, Claude and Clem have closed the loop on my query from Vol 3, #1, p. 12, about **Dallas Bonnell** and his ancestry. You wrote me back on 19 Nov.1993 that the family was traced to Ohio and that Gwen Quickel was also looking, but was stopped there. Well done, I can now close that chapter of my curiosity.

Mother, **Thora S. Bonnell**, quietly passed away 10 August 2001, due to the complications of old age, 94. She was in the Monroe Village home, in Monroe Twp., NJ. She is buried at Allentown, NJ, Presby Church with dad, **John C. Bonnell, II**. Best regards John C. Bonnell, JR

*(Thora S. Bonnell's Obituary is on page 28. Dallas Bonnell was in Vol.12 #2 page 29, May 1998)*

QUERY

Subj: RE: bonnell family

Date: 04/29/2002 9:26:29 PM US Mountain Standard Time From: hicotton@oco.net  
Reply-to: hicotton@oco.net

To: CAROLEBONNELL@aol.com

Hi, Carole,

I just mailed my check for the newsletter. I'm sending you my query. If it's too late for the May issue, it can go in the next one.

My gggrandfather was **John Bonnell**, b. abt. 1778 in Ga. His son was **John Bonnell (m. Caroline Beal)**, b. 1817 in Camden Co., Ga. His son was **John Bonnell, b. 1844 (m. Zilphia Sandlin)**. His son, my grandfather, was **David Henry Bonnell**, b. 1886 in Columbia Co., Fla. I have been unable to find the parents of John, Sr. Any information on this family would be appreciated. You can contact me **hicotton@oco.net**.

Thanks, Paula Jones

*Letter from William Austin to Beth Chambers, 19 February 2002*

Beth Chambers      52 King's Grant Rd      Hockessin DE 19707

Dear Ms. Chambers:

Early last September Carole Bonnell sent me a copy of your query regarding the ancestry of your great-great-grandfather **William H. Bonnell**. I'm sorry it has taken so long to give you a reply, but other circumstances

intervened. Better late than never, I hope. In all probability, you have had a response long before now from Claude Bunnell.

**William F. (not H.) Bonnell** was the son of **John Wesley Bonnell**, grandson of John Bonnell and the great-grandson of **Joseph Bonnell**. First, I will give you all the information I have about your line of descent from Joseph. Some speculations about the possible parentage of Joseph will follow.

S-1. CB003083. **JOSEPH BONNELL** lived in New Jersey at the beginning of the nineteenth century. His children were born in Livingston twp, Essex co, NJ.

Children:

1. 002372. Elizabeth (Betsy), b. about 1800; m. 9 Sept. 1819 Moses Crane; d. 19 Dec. 1886, age 86.
2. Sarah, b. 1802.
3. 002474. John, b. Oct. 1804.

References: C114-94; C127-401; C486-6; CB Database 1996.

S-1-3. CB002474. **JOHN BONNELL**, son of Joseph, was born in October 1804 in Livingston, Essex co, NJ. He lived in Orange, Essex co, NJ, when he was married on 19 November 1824(25?) in Springfield, Essex co, NJ, to Lucinda Edwards, daughter of Joseph and Phebe (Cook) Edwards. She was born about 1808, probably in Caldwell, Essex co, NJ. They seem to have remained in Orange, Essex co, for the rest of their lives. John appears there in the 1830 census: 20011-00001 and in the 1850 and 1860 census as a shoemaker. In the 1870 census his occupation was listed as "nurse". They appear with their daughter Sarah in the 1880 census in East Orange. Lucinda died in 1887 in Orange. John died 12 April 1890 in Memorial Hospital, Orange. They were buried in the Old Burying Ground in Orange. The notice of his death in the Orange Journal of Saturday, 3 May 1890 reads:

**"Mr. John Bonnell** died on Monday, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. **Mr. Bonnell** was a professional nurse, and was widely known throughout the Oranges, where he practiced for fifty years. For soiree years past he had been almost helpless on account of his advanced years, and his death had been expected for a long time, his exceptionally strong constitution alone warding it off from week to week."

*Note that in 1890 Mondays in April fell on 7, 14, 21, and 28, not on April 12.*

Children:

1. 003084. Joseph W., b. 1826 or 1831 (g.s.)
2. 002772. John Wesley, b. 1831, 1832, 1830 or 1835.
3. Emeline, b. Aug. 1836(7)?
4. 002452. Charles P., b. 30 Nov. 1838.
5. 002656. Mary E., b. 1842; m. William Lyon. Children (surname Lyon):
  1. Gladys Boru1ell.
6. 002351. Sarah H., b. about 1845.

References: C114-94; C127-401; C486-4, 5; OB-43, 91; Gen. Mag. of NJ, Vol. IV, p. 47; CB Database 1996.

S-1-3-2. CB002772. **JOHN WESLEY BONNELL**, son of John, was born 19 June 1831, or 19 June 1830, or 1832, or according to his gravestone 1835, in Orange, Essex co, NJ. On 8 May 1848, in Manhattan, NY, he married ELIZA JENKINS, who was born about 1830 in Ireland. They appear in the

1850 census living with his parents. He was a shoemaker. In the 1860 census they were living in the second ward in Orange, next door to his parents. His occupation was given as shoe cutter. The 1861 City Directory of Newark, Essex co, NJ, lists him as a jeweler, living at 43 Lawrence Street.

On 21 August 1862 he enlisted as a drum major in Company D, 7th New Jersey Infantry Regiment. By 1870 they were back in the second ward in Orange, where he was employed in a shoe and boot factory. He now owned real estate valued at \$4000, with personal estate of \$200. They appear again in the 1880 census in Orange. On 12 July 1890 he applied for a pension based on his Civil War service. He died in Orange on 12 October 1890 and was buried with his parents in the Old Burying Ground there. His widow applied for a pension on 23 September 1891. She appears in the 1900 and 1910 census in Orange. She died in 1913.

Children:

1. 002659. Elizabeth I., b. Nov. 1849.
2. 009500. Emma, b. 9 Jan. 1854.
3. 002829. William F., b. 1 Dec. 1856.
4. 002771. Frederick Aloysius, b. 14 Jan. 1859.
5. 009298. Phebe, b. 1866.
6. 008368. Stephen A., b. July 1867.
7. 009534. Benjamin F. (Frank J.), b. Jan. 1869.

References: C114-94; C486-3; Gen. Mag. Of NJ, Vo. IV, No. 1, p. 47; 1880 Census; CB Database 1996: 1850, 1860, 1870, 1910 census; NJ Register of Volunteers in U.S. Service in 1863, Newark City Directory 1861, and Civil War pension files.

S-1-3-2-3. CB002829. **WILLIAM F. BONNELL**, son of John Wesley, was born 1 December 1856. He appears in the 1860, 1870 and 1880 census in Orange, Essex co, NJ, living with his parents. In 1880 his occupation was listed as "Book Keeper." He married MARY A. MONAHAN who was born in December 1865 in Essex co, NJ. Some time after 1885 the family split. Mary took the children and moved to Connecticut. William remained in Orange. In the 1900 census William appears as "widower", living with his mother in Orange. Mary and her children appear in the 1900 census in Bridgeport, Fairfield co, CT. Again in 1910 William, "bookkeeper", was living with his mother in Orange, NJ. Mary and her son Grover were living at 567 Johnson Street, Stratford, Fairfield co, CT. Mary died in 1936 at the home of her son George at 1223 Central Avenue, Bridgeport, and was buried in Saint Michael's Cemetery in Stratford, CT. It is not known when or where William died.

Children:

1. 002696. George Francis, b. 5 Mar. 1883.
2. 004233. Grover, b. Nov. 1885.
3. child, d. young.

References: C114-94, 96; 1880 Census; Ruth Duncan's Census files 1860, 1870, 1900; CB Database: 1860, 1870, 1900 and 1910 census records.

S-1-3-2-3-1. CB002696. **GEORGE FRANCIS BONNELL**, son of William F., was born 5 March 1883 in Orange, Essex co, NJ. He appears in the 1900 census in Bridgeport, Fairfield co, CT, living with his mother. He married first JENNY PYLE who was born in 1884 in Fairfield co, CT. They appear in the 1920 census living at 47 Parrot Avenue, Bridgeport, CT. Jenny's sister Mildred Pyle, age 23, lived with them. George engaged in the printing trade in Bridgeport.

On 26 June 1928, in Fairfield co, he married (second) BELVA L. FINNEGAN as her second husband. She was born 3 May 1887 in Fairfield co. She was a member of Orient Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star. She died 28 May (or April) 1940 of gas poisoning in Bridgeport. She was buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport. George married (third) ELEANOR F. FRAY. In the later years of his life he was president of the Standard Print Shop. He died 27 January 1945 in Bridgeport and was buried in Saint Michael's Cemetery there (or in Stratford, Fairfield co, CT).

Children (by first wife):

1. 002830. George Francis, b. 8 May 1907.
2. 004242. Howard Raymond, b. 2 June 1910.
3. 002695. Ellen Gertrude, b. 28 Apr. 1913; m. Clarence Veckarelli.

References: C 114-96, 97; Ruth Duncan's Census file 1900; CB Database 1996; Census 1900, 1920.

S-1-3-2-3-1-1. CB002830. **GEORGE FRANCIS BONNELL**, son of George Francis, was born 8 May 1907 in Bridgeport, Fairfield co, CT, where he appears in the 1920 census living with his parents. On 30 May 1930, in Middlesex co, MA, he married FLORENCE SYLVIA STEWART, who was born in 1909 in Chautauqua co, NY. George died in April 1974 in West Palm Beach, Palm Beach co, FL. His Social Security No. was 047-07-8317.

Children:

1. 002688. George Francis, b. 16 July 1931.
2. 004369. Richard Stuart, b. 4 Feb. 1936.
3. 004200. Mary Theresa, b. 16 June 1943; m. 30 May 1964 Dennis Christopher Stewart.

References: C114-97; SS Deaths, p. 17; CB Database 1996: 1920 census.

S-1-3-2-3-1-1-1. CB002688. **GEORGE FRANCIS BONNELL**, son of George Francis, was born 16 July 1931 in Bridgeport, Fairfield co, CT. On 5 May 1962, in Fairfield co, he married CATHERINE FRANCES TIMOTHY, who was born 20 January 1930 in Fairfield co. George died in May 1986 in Phoenix, Maricopa co. AZ. His Social Security number was 043-24-5965.

Children:

1. 002687. Elizabeth, b. 29 Apr. 1963, Brockton, Plymouth co, MA. I suppose this to be you.

References: C114-97; SS Deaths, p. 17; CB Database 1996.

Now for some thoughts about **Joseph, father of John**. The only evidence we have for him is John's death certificate, a copy of which is attached for you. The two girls shown as sisters of John, Elizabeth and Sarah, are assumptions based on proximity. However, within a radius of only a few miles there are several references to Joseph Bonnell, some or all of whom COULD be the same person as the father of John.

1. **Linda A. Bonnell**, 65 Rollison Street, West Orange NJ 07052, also a descendant of **John Wesley Bonnell**, says she discovered a **Sarah Bonnell** born in 1802 in Livingston, NJ. This is one of the daughters we have assumed for Joseph.
2. The Vital Records of Essex co, NJ, Vol. 1, p. 247 (in CB Database): "**Sarah Bonnell**, m. 3 March 1832, Springfield, Essex (now Union) co, NJ, Tubs. Her residence was listed as Springfield. Linda asks if this could be the same Sarah as in #1 above. Yes, it could. No other identification

has been made for her as yet. Springfield was the next township south of and adjacent to Livingston. Note that John, of Livingston twp, and Lucinda Edwards, of Caldwell twp (next township north of Livingston), were also married in Springfield.

3. *Madison New Jersey Presbyterian Church Vital Records 1747-1900*, by Viola E. Shaw and Barbara S. Parker, p. 90, reads: "Crane, Moses, d. Jan. 21, 1867, (m. Sep 9, 1819 @ Livingston by Condit - N.P.); w **ELIZABETH (BETSY) BONNEL**, dau of Joseph of Pequannock, B & C Sep 3, 1834, dism. Dec. 1844 to M.E. Ch. Madison, d. Dec. 19., 1886, age 86 (B & K)."

[N.P = Newspaper; B = baptized; C = confirmed; B & K = Burroughs undertaking records]

4. In his will dated 23 January 1788, and probated 11 May 1790, **Thomas Bonnell** of Hanover, Morris co, NJ, divided his remaining real estate between two of his sons, Henry and Joseph. Joseph's portion included Thomas's house, barn and meadow, for which he was enjoined to settle a certain mortgage in the loan office of 57 pounds and all other debts. Joseph was also appointed executor of the estate. He must have been at least 21 and was probably somewhat older.

5. Joseph appears on the Hanover tax lists for the first time in 1790 and again in 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.

6. On 20 May 1791 Joseph mortgaged this farm to Jonathan Morrell of Essex co for 100 pounds. The mortgage was cancelled some time before 1809, apparently paid in full.

7. The part of Hanover which included Joseph's farm was set off as the town of Chatham in 1805, and a Joseph appears on tax lists there in 1812 and 1816.

8. A **Joseph Bonnell** was a witness to the will of Nicholas Muysinger of Franklin twp, Bergen co, NJ, in 1804. Franklin twp extends from just a few miles north of the northern border of Pequannock twp north to the New York state line.

9. On 25 April 1819, in Morris co, a **Joseph Bonnell** was married by Jacob Demouth, J. P., to Elizabeth Taylor.

10. A **Joseph Bonnell** appears in the 1840 census in West Milford twp, Passaic co, NJ, living alone. His age was given as 80 to 90 years. West Milford is north of and adjacent to Pequannock twp, Morris co.

Joseph was not a common name among the **Bonnells** of northern New Jersey. There were several generations of Josephs in one line in Elizabethtown. There was also a **Joseph Bonnell** who served in the Revolution. He was a son of David and lived almost his entire life in Connecticut Farms (now Union), Essex (now Union) co, NJ.

However, the various isolated references to **Joseph Bonnells** listed above could conceivably refer to one person, and thus MIGHT be the father of John Bonnell. This suggestion is predicated on the proximity of all the locations mentioned in the references. The township of Livingston, Essex co, is bounded on the east by Orange twp, on the north by Caldwell twp, on the west by Hanover twp (and after 1805 by Hanover and Chatham twps), Morris co, and on the south by Springfield twp, Essex (now Union) co. Pequannock twp, Morris Co, lies immediately to the north of Hanover twp, and West Milford twp, Passaic Co, adjoins Pequannock twp on the north. The southern end of Franklin twp, Bergen co, is only a few miles north of

the northern border of Pequannock twp. So, with a stern warning that the following outline lacks much evidence it needs to stick together, here is a POSSIBLE outline of the life of **Joseph Bonnell** as it MIGHT have been.

**JOSEPH BONNELL**, son of Thomas was born in the 1750s, probably in Morris co, NJ. He was raised on his father's faun in Hanover twp, Morris co. The farm was located on the main road between the South Hanover Presbyterian Church (almost certainly this was the Madison or Bottle Hill church) and the Whippany Presbyterian Church to the north.

When his father died in 1790, by the terms of his father's will, Joseph divided the home farm with his brother Henry. Joseph kept the homestead itself and was executor of the will. He had probably remained at home living with his father. Although he was over 30 by the time he became a landowner, we do not know if he was married yet.

His father had been associated with the Presbyterian Church at Madison, and the records show that Joseph contributed to the church in 1795.

Whether he kept or sold the old homestead is not known (a **Joseph Bonnell** was taxed on property in Chatham twp in 1812 and 1816. Is this the same property?), but he appears to have moved across the line into Livingston twp, Essex co, at least by 1800. He was married by this time, and at least three children were born in Livingston:

1. Elizabeth (Betsy), b. about 1800; m. 9 Sept. 1819 Moses Crane; d. 19 Dec. 1886.
2. Sarah, b. 1802. She may have been the Sarah Bonnell who married Tubs in Springfield, Essex co, on 3 March 1832.
3. John, b. Oct. 1805.

By 1819 Joseph had moved back to Morris co, settling in Pequannock twp, north of Hanover. His first wife having died, he was married (second) on 25 April 1819 by Jacob Dernouth, J.P., to Elizabeth Taylor. His daughter Betsy was married the following September in Livingston, suggesting that Joseph's move to Pequannock was fairly recent.

Joseph is not found in the 1830 census, the first New Jersey census still extant. But in 1840, as an old man over 80 years old, he appears living alone in West Milford twp, Passaic co, NJ. Presumably he died there soon after, but no record of his death has come to our attention.

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There you have it, for what it's worth. Unfortunately, I don't even have that much of a suggestion about the antecedents of Joseph's father **Thomas Bonnell**. One source says he was born in England, but I have grave doubts about that. I think he fits somehow into the numerous **Bonnell** clan in New Jersey, but I can't offer any evidence for my opinion.

Please let me know if you have any questions about all of this. Also, any information you care to share with me about the more recent generations would be very welcome.

Sincerely,

William R. Austin

CC: Carole Bonnell

Encl.

# Office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics

City of Orange, Essex County, New Jersey

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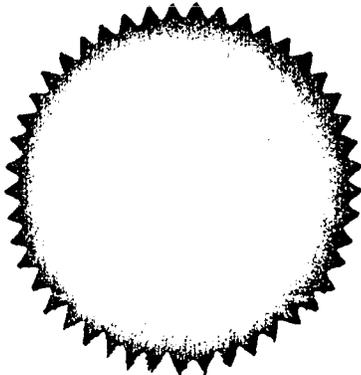
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This is to Certify that the following is correctly copied from a record of Death in my office.

|                                                              |      |              |                                                     |                         |  |                                    |          |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Name of Deceased                                             |      |              | Place of Death                                      |                         |  | Date of Death                      |          |             |
| JOHN BONNELL                                                 |      |              | Memorial Hospital , Essex Co.<br>Orange, New Jersey |                         |  | April 28, 1890                     |          |             |
| Social Security Number                                       | Sex  | Color        | Marital Condition                                   | Date of Birth           |  | Age                                |          |             |
| ---                                                          | Male | White        | Widower                                             | UNKNOWN                 |  | Yrs.<br>85                         | Mo.<br>6 | Days<br>--- |
| Place of Birth                                               |      |              | Cause of Death                                      |                         |  |                                    |          |             |
| Livingston, New Jersey                                       |      |              | Bronchitis Chronic                                  |                         |  |                                    |          |             |
| Supplemental Information If Death was Due to External Causes |      |              |                                                     |                         |  |                                    |          |             |
| Accident, Suicide or Homicide                                |      |              |                                                     | Date of Occurrence      |  |                                    |          |             |
| Where Did Injury Occur?                                      |      |              |                                                     |                         |  |                                    |          |             |
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| While at Work?                                               |      |              | Means of Injury                                     |                         |  |                                    |          |             |
| Name of Person who Certified                                 |      |              | Cause of Death                                      |                         |  | Address                            |          |             |
| F. B. Laul, Medical Attendant                                |      |              |                                                     |                         |  | East Orange, New Jersey            |          |             |

Undertaker: Theo F. Freeman, Brick Church  
East Orange, N.J.

Place of Burial: St. Mark's  
West Orange, N.J.



*Edmund J. ...*  
*Edmund J. ...*

*Registrar of Vital Statistics Orange, N. J.*

. Father's Name: Joseph Bonnell  
Birthplace: U. S.  
Mother's Maiden Name: Unknown  
Birthplace: Unknown

October 23, 1979

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*Date of Issue*

## Obituaries

*Plymouth Pilot News, Plymouth, Indiana*

*Home -> News -> Content Monday 11 February, 2002 obituaries*

*Area deaths, February 11, 2002 Area deaths 2-6-02*

### Mary K. Garrison

PLYMOUTH - **Mary K. "Kate" Garrison**, 86, an area resident most of her life, died following an illness at 7:40 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 4, 2002 in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home.

Kate was born in Warsaw on March 4, 1915. She was the daughter of **Chloie** and **Richard Bonnell**. She graduated from Lincoln High school, Plymouth, with the class of 1932.

On NOV. 25, 1933, in Etna Green, Kate and Jesse H. Garrison were married. Jesse died on Aug. 9, 1997.

Kate worked at the Kingsbury ordnance Plant during World War II, after which she and her husband ran the Garrison Home store in Donaldson for over 20 years. After leaving the store she devoted her time to being a homemaker and an avid collector of antiques.

She also raised and collected African violets. She enjoyed watching wrestling and other sports on television.

Kate is survived by a son, Phillip L. and Kay Garrison of Plymouth; a granddaughter, Melinda Garrison of Plymouth; a grandson, Stephen and Lara Garrison of Orlando, Fla.; two great-grandsons, Brandon Moyer and Kalem Linville, both of Plymouth; a sister, Betty and Ed Oaks of Apopka, Fla.; a brother, **James and Joey Bonnell** of California; and several nieces and nephews.

Kate was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, and a granddaughter, Kerri Garrison. **Richard Bonnell**, a brother, and **Doris Bonnell**, a sister, have also died.

Visitation will be from 12-1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, in the New Oakhill cemetery chapel, Plymouth.

Funeral services in the chapel will be officiated by the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity united Methodist church, at 1 p.m., following visitation. Burial will be in New Oakhill cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made in Kate's memory to the American cancer society. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com)

*Submitted by James P Bonnell 2968 Bedford Drive, Merced, CA 9534*

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*Caledonia Record Newspaper, St. Johnsbury, Caledonia Co., Vermont, February 2002*

**BUNNELL: Sheldon "King,"** 81, of St. Johnsbury, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002 at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital.

He was born in Canaan, Vt., Feb. 8, 1921, the son of **Edgar Edward and Mildred (Rowell) Bunnell Jr.**

**Mr. Bunnell** was well-known in the area for his logging and construction business, which he ran for 45 years. He served his country during World War 11 as a corporal in the U.S. Army; locally he was a life member of the VFW.

On June 23, 1985, he married **Juanita (McDade) Bunnell**, who survives him in St. Johnsbury.

Other survivors include two sons, **David and wife Susan Bunnell** and **Sheldon Bunnell**, all of St. Johnsbury; a daughter, Diane and husband Albert Achilles Jr. of Danville; two stepdaughters, Kimberly Bartlett of East Haven and Cherylanne Bailey of St. Johnsbury; two brothers, **Bill and wife Mona Bunnell** of Monroe, N.H., and **Sherwood "Sherdie" Bunnell** of McIndoe Falls, a sister, June "Betty" Mitchell of Concord; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his first wife, **Delia (Legendre) Bunnell**, in 1975; and by several brothers and sisters.

A gathering of friends will be held Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Sayles Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, May 4, at 1 p.m., with full military honors.

Contributions in his memory may be sent to the American Cancer Society, Vermont Chapter, 11 Loomis St., Montpelier, VT 05602-3021.

Sayles Funeral Home, 525 Summer St., St. Johnsbury, is in charge of arrangements.

*Submitted by Becky West Rutledge, 1644 Bass Ave., Seville, FL 32190*

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**THORA S. BONNELL, 94**

MONROE TWP, NEW JERSEY.- Funeral services for **Thora S. Bonnell**, 94, who died Friday, August 10 2001, at Monroe Village, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at the Pepler Funeral home, Allentown, NJ, by her grandson, the Rev. Karl Guhn. Internment will be in Allentown Presbyterian Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday.

Born in Montclair, NJ, **Mrs. Bonnell** lived in Allentown for 27 years before moving to Rossmoor in 1982 and to Monroe Village in 1997. Thora, a graduate of Abington, PA High School attended Northwestern University, Evanston Illinois, School of Music from 1925 -1927 and was a life member of Lambda Chapter, Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity. **Thora** was a 26 year member of the Allentown Presbyterian Church where she sang in the church choir, was the pianist for many church functions, and served in many church volunteer positions on many committees and boards. She was a member of the Board of Deacons at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury and a life member and former secretary of the Allentown Villagers. She was also a past member of the Contemporary Woman's Club of Trenton, and during the Korean War she was on the Board of Directors for the Camden County Chapter of the American Red Cross and served as a volunteer at Watson Army Hospital in Fort Dix. She was a past member of the Haddon Forthnightly and the Haddonfield Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Daughter of the late Arthur and Katherine Kraner Simons, **Thora** was married to the late **John C. Bonnell**, II, for 60 years. **John** was the retired Director of the Division of Correctional Industries, State of New Jersey. She is survived by two sons and daughter-in laws, **John C. Bonnell, Jr.** and **Barbara Bonnell** of Chesapeake, VA, and **W. Robert and Teresa Bonnell** of Highstown; and a daughter and son - in law, Thora Jean and Paul Coletti of Edgewater Park; a son - in law Dewayne Guhn of Columbus, NJ; a brother - law and his wife, **Dr. James M. and Caroline Bonnell** of Bradenton, FL; nine grand children; and twelve great - grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to your local Humane Society.

*Submitted by John C. Bonnell, JR. 3/2002*

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*Tacoma New Tribune, Tacoma, WA, May 31, 1978 (no page given)*

**Beulah E. Bunnell**, a retired accountant-secretary and owner of several buildings in Tacoma, died Monday. **Miss Bunnell**, of 1902 S. 84<sup>th</sup>, owned an apartment building at 210 Broadway and the Amarion Apartments at 422 S. J Street on land now occupied by Tacoma General Hospital. She also owned a warehouse and offices at 3011 S. Chandler St. and a commercial building in the 3800 block of South Yakima Ave.

Born in Livingston, MT, she had lived in Tacoma since 1918. Miss Bunnell was employed by the then Consumers Central Steam Heating Co. for 23 years.

She was a charter member of Warren Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, A past royal matron of Destiny Court of the Order of Amanranth, a past counselor of the Daughters of America and a charter member of the American Society of Women Accountants.

**Miss Bunnell** also belonged to the First Presbyterian Church. She is survived by a sister, **Aileen Nordquist** of Tacoma.

Mountain View Funeral Home is in charge.

From Claude by email on 4/18/2002: Subject: **Beulah Bunnell**

Hi Carole,

I have a record on your **Beulah**. She is my **021301 Beulah** born 18 Feb. 1903 in MT, d/o **Fredrick Bunnell and Julia**. She died 29 May 1978 in Tacoma. She is listed in the SSDI. Her line is:

004083 **Samuel** born 1775 married Elizabeth Sutterfield

005430 **James Samuel** born 1810 married Elizabeth McAfee

004227 **Theodore W.** born 1851 married Savannah Miner

004228 **Fredrick** born 1876 married Julia

004083 Samuel is one of the Mercer Co., **KY Bunnells** whose ancestry remains unsolved.

Hope this is helpful. Best Regards, Claude

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**Bunnell, Charles P. (Sparky)** Of Flint (MI), age 82, died Thursday April 12, 2001 at Genesys Health Park. Funeral services will be held at 12PM Tuesday, April 17, 2001 at Flint Baptist Temple, 1430 East Bristol Road in Burton. Reverend Gerald Hodgeson and Reverend James O. Loughheed officiating.

Burial in Sunset Hills Cemetery. Those desiring may make contributions to a charity of one's choice.

Visitation 1-4 and 6-9 PM Monday at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road. **Mr. Bunnell** will be at the church from 11 AM Tuesday until the time of the service.... (Swartz -1255 W Hill Road - Flint, MI)

**Bunnell - Browder Wedding**

**Danny and Carol Bunnell** of Swartz Creek (MI) announce the engagement of their daughter, **Wendi LuAnn** to Daniel Levon Browder, the son of Steve and Donna Browder of Grand Blane. The bride-elect works for Metamora Products Corp. in Metomora. Her fiancé works at Meijer in Burton. An Oct 6, 2001 wedding is planned. (**Danny C. Bunnell** - 5187 Seymour Rd, Swartz Creek (Genesee Co) MI (810) 635-4483 Fax 694-8581)

*Submitted by Paul J. Bunnell, Amebury, MA, sent to him by Margaret Behme of Flushing, MI*

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*The Loveland Reporter, Loveland, CO, Thursday, January 2, 1908, Page 8*

**MARRIED**

**BONNELL~MORGAN**

At noon on Christmas-day, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alford, about two miles north of town, on the Fort Collins road, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Eugenia Morgan to **Mr. Homer E. Bonnell**, of Fort Collins.

The home was very prettily decorated for the occasion and the ceremony was performed by Rev. O. L. Brownson of the Baptist Church. After the ceremony an excellent dinner was enjoyed by all present. About twenty guests including the family and intimate friends were present and wished the happy couple a most joyous and prosperous voyage through life. The marriage was a complete surprise to the family and friends.

The couple were made the happy recipients of a great many beautiful presents. **Mr. and Mrs.**

**Bonnell** will reside in Fort Collins.

*Submitted by: Elmer A. Bonnell, Box 1072, Moorhead, MN 56561-1072 (Editor's Note: Elmer wrote: "I noticed in the last newsletter a Homer E. Bonnell, ED#91 page 14. While I was in Loveland, Colorado visiting my daughter I came across the Wedding write up. I checked the SSN Death Index but found nothing for Homer E. Must have passed away prior to 1935 when social security came into effect."*

*1920 Federal Census of the United States, City of Seattle, King County, Washington, ED #91 **Homer E. Bonnell, age 38, born in Ohio is married and living with his wife Eugenia age 37 and his son William A. age 15 in a rented home, is a painter at the ship yards working for wages. Eugenia was born in Colorado; her parents were both born in Iowa. Homer's parents were both born in Iowa. Son William attends school and was born in Colorado.***

**1920 United States Federal Census** *(continued from last issue)***City of Shelton, Mason County, Washington**

**ED#164** **Ruth Bunnell**, age 20, widowed, and her daughter, Evalyn, age 4, both born in Washington, living with her parents in their home on Cota Street. Her parents are John C. & Susannah Pauley, he is age 60, she is age 50 and they rent their home. He is a Garage man by trade, he was born in Illinois, and his father was born in Kentucky and his mother in Illinois. Susannah was born in Minnesota, her father in Indiana and her mother in Iowa. Also living in the same house is another daughter and 2 grandsons. Naomi McNeill, age 22, born in WA, divorced. Angus McNeill, age 4, born in WA and John M. McNeill, age 1 ½, born in WA. The boy's father was born in Minnesota.

**City of Pickering, Mason County, Washington**

**ED#155** **Jack Bunnell**, age 30, is married and working/living in the Oakland Bay Logging Camp as a logger. He was born in Virginia, his father and mother was both born in Arkansas.

**Satsop, Mason County, Washington**

**ED#162** **Fay B. Bunnell**, boarder, age 29, single male, born in Oregon. Working as a faller in a logging camp. States that both his parents were born in the US.

**Burbank, Walla Walla County, Washington**

**ED#106** **John B. Bonnell** age 58 and wife Millie S. age 54 with their daughter Gladys age 13. John was born in Illinois, his father born in Tennessee and his mother in Illinois. Millie was born in Indiana, and both her parents were born in Kentucky. Gladys was born in Washington. John is a farmer who owns his home.

**Cheney, Spokane County, Washington**

**ED#117** **Frank L. Bunnell** age 35, white, single, male renting and working as a clerk on his own account. Born in Wisconsin, as was his mother and his father were born in New York.

**Dolphin Township, King County, Washington**

**ED#26** **George S. Bonnell** age 68 living with his wife Frances age 60 on their farm. He was born in Ohio as were both his parents. She was born in Indiana and says her parents were both born in the US.

**Port Susan, Snohomish County, Washington**

**ED# 170** **Leroy C. Bunnell**, male, white, single, age 30 and working as a farmer at a rabbit farm for wages. He was born in Virginia and both his parents were born in Arkansas.

**South Colfax, Whitman County, Washington**

**ED#160** **Palma E. Bunnell** age 37 renting a house with his wife Becky J. age 33 and their 3 children. Palma was born in New York as were both his parents. He is a wheat rancher. Becky was born in Nebraska and both her parents were born in West Virginia. Son George W. is age 12, daughter Edna M. is age 10 and son Palma D. is age 5 yrs 9 months. All 3 children were born in Washington.

**Vancouver, Clark County, Washington**

**ED#35** **F.L. Bunnell** age 56 and wife Ann age 50 renting their home. He works as a house carpenter and she is a housewife. He is born in Washington, his father in Iowa and his mother in Pennsylvania. Ann was born in Ohio and both her parents were born in England. They have one daughter living with them, Francis age 16 and single, born in Washington.

**Fallbridge, Klickitat County, Washington**

**ED#95** **Bennie S. Bunnell** age 36, born in Washington, owns his home and is a farmer. Living with his wife Mona E. age 31 born in Kansas. (Note: the census taker wrote in the towns they were born in, Bennie looks like he was born in Centerville, WA and Mona was from Mt. Pleasant, KS) Bennie's father was born in WA and his mother in Michigan. Mona's father was born in Kentucky and her mother born in Kansas. They have 6 children who were all born in Washington. Daughters Lorine age 13, Gertrude age 12 and Velma age 8. Sons Sheriden age 5, Melvin age 2 and Dale 8 months.

**Goldendale, Klickitat County, Washington**

**ED#104** **Audy L. Bunnell** age 55 and wife Dora (hard to read) age 45 with their grand-daughter Bettie Jane age 4. Audy is a stockman who owns his house free and clear. He was born in WA, his father in Iowa and his mother in Pennsylvania. Dora was born in WA, her father in Pennsylvania and her mother in the US. Bettie Jane was born in WA, her mother in US and her father in WA. Also living with them are a step-son Clark Richards age 19 and is a single student and step daughter Blossyn Richards age 22 divorced, both born in WA, their mother born in WA and their father born in Maine.

*(Editor's Note: Could Audy be brother to F.L. Bunnell in Vancouver, Clark Co.?? They both state that their father was born in Iowa and mother in PA.....And Clark Co. is just down the river from Klickitat Co., both counties border on the Columbia River.)*

**Tenino, Thurston County, Washington**

**ED# 390** **Floyd Bunnell** age 33 married and living with his wife Myrtle age 21 and their 2 daughters in a rented house. Floyd is an Engineer for the railroad and works for wages. He was born in Kansas as was both his parents. Myrtle was born in Wisconsin; her dad was born in New York and her mom in Germany. Their daughters were both born in Washington, Vivian age 2 yrs 3 months and Virginia is a newborn baby.

*(Continued next issue)*

**William R. Austin** P. O. Box 62 Laceyville PA 18623-0062 27 March 2002

Dear friends:

I'm beginning to think I should not have been in such a hurry to publish the first volume of the Bunnell/Bonnell history. New information keeps coming up to show that corrections have to be made. Once false data is put in print it is very hard to kill it by publishing a later correction. However, we have to try, and a major correction is enclosed.

For the book itself, this principally means deleting the reference to a first wife for Benjamin Bonnell CB300043 on page 141, deleting the son Jacob on page 142, and the entire letter from Grace Gridley Roscoe in Reference #2 on pages 143 and 144. Also, the "Benjamin" listed on page 58 as a possible son of Samuel Bonnell CB280017 becomes more probable. This Benjamin is clearly the father of Jacob, Benjamin, Aaron, Nathaniel, Simeon and David. The parentage of some of these men we have been searching for years.

It will be necessary for me to prepare new write-ups on several of these since they should appear in the book. I will send them to you as they are completed. Benjamin, the true father of Jacob falls in the fourth generation instead of the fifth, and all of the sons need to be included in the fifth generation. It never ends, does it. I have often compared genealogy to a jigsaw puzzle without a border. Every piece you put in calls for other pieces to add to it.

Sincerely,



William R. Austin

***William Austin ~ 27 March 2002 ~ Correction to  
"The Bunnell/Bonnell Family in America"***

The more we study and the more we search, the more we find that our early conclusions must frequently be subject to revision. After 45 years of research on the **Bunnell/Bonnell** family I keep finding new opportunities to acknowledge that I was wrong.

Now comes the latest instance to require a correction, and this one is major. At the same time it provides solutions to other long-time mysteries.

When Ruth Duncan published her book, ***William Bunnell and his Descendants***, she stated that the **Jacob Bonnell** who married Mary Schooley (to become the ancestor of the Waterloo, NY, branch) was the son of **Abraham and Mary (Shinn) Bonnell**. She listed her sources as: **History of the Bonnell Family**; Mrs. Paula Sacco; George Schooley and Mrs. Ruth Seaver.

On the basis of a letter written in 1921 by Grace Gridley Roscoe which I found 1 among the correspondence of John A. Biles, I concluded that Jacob was instead the son of **Benjamin Bonnell** (1723-1798) of Springfield, Essex co, NJ, and an unknown first wife. Mrs. Roscoe's letter cited an earlier letter written by Richard Brotherton, of Dover, NJ, to his cousin **Charles Bonnell** of Waterloo, NY. Mrs. Roscoe said, "The letter says very definitely that Jacob was son of Benj. by a first wife and mentions the children by second wife which tally with those [which] records give as children of Benj. & Rachel VanWinkle. Richard Brotherton knew them personally so we treasure this letter as the only known evidence of such a marriage."

Carolyn Syron Valentine in her manuscript reported the same conclusion after seeing the Brotherton letter. My book, Volume I of *The Bonnell/Bonnell Family in America* published this correction.

Lately, in my efforts to sort out some of the still unplaced **Bonnells** in Morris co, NJ, I have developed a growing feeling that something was not quite right with this identification. Benjamin Bonnell was born in 1723. His supposed son was married in 1760. This is possible if both father and son were married at age 18, but it made me wonder. Also, Benjamin and his family lived at Springfield, Essex co, NJ, while Jacob appears in Mendham, Morris co. Again, possible, but not evidence of a connection.

I looked again at Mrs. Roscoe's letter and decided that it doesn't actually say that Benjamin Bonnell's second wife was Rachel VanWinkle. Could Richard Brotherton have been referring to a different Benjamin? I decided that it was necessary to find the original Brotherton letter and read his precise words.

I wrote to the DAR Library in Washington asking if Mrs. Roscoe had submitted a copy of the Brotherton letter with her application for membership. She had, and this week I received from the DAR a typewritten copy, notarized, of the original letter. A copy is attached.

My suspicions were justified. Both Grace Roscoe and Carolyn Valentine had grossly misinterpreted Richard Brotherton's statements. He made no reference to the Benjamin Bonnell who married Rachel VanWinkle. Because of the propensity of **Bonnells** to use the same names over and over, there is some similarity in the names of the sons of the two Benjamins. **Benjamin and Rachel (VanWinkle) Bonnell** named their sons Benjamin, Nathaniel, Samuel, John, Aaron and Paul. According to Richard Brotherton, Benjamin, the father of Jacob, named his sons by his second wife Aaron, David, Nathaniel, Simeon and Benjamin. However, Samuel, John and Paul in the first family did not occur in the second, and David and Simeon in the second family did not occur in the first. Thus, the match was only apparent to a quick and uncritical comparison. But Richard B. really clinched the matter when he expanded on the family of Aaron, which did not correspond at all to that of Aaron, son of Benjamin and Rachel. Instead, it described the family of the Aaron who was the son of **Benjamin and Eleanor Bonnell**. This Aaron married Ann Brotherton, Richard Brotherton's aunt. Mary Schooley, wife of **Jacob Bonnell**, was a sister of Mercy (Schooley) Brotherton., Richard's grandmother. Richard Brotherton was therefore closely related to two of the sons of **Benjamin Bonnell** of Mendham and was not related at all to Benjamin of Springfield.

We can now say confidently that **Jacob Bonnell CB310235** was the son of Benjamin CB012978 and not of Benjamin CB300043. In addition, **Nathaniel Bonnell**, father of Darius CB320210 and Nathaniel CB320224, is also shown to be a son of Benjamin CB012978 and not of Benjamin CB300043, although in my book I incorrectly combined the two Nathaniels into one identified as CB310308.

Besides these two major corrections, two other branches we have been trying for years to place seem solved. **David Bonnell** CB004085 is clearly the David mentioned in Brotherton's letter as a son of Benjamin CB012978, although he ended up in Bedford co, PA, instead of the upper part of Virginia. David's descendants form a very large branch whose records were compiled by Jeane Ansteth Kennedy. Richard Brotherton said in his letter, "Benjamin I never knew - therefore I suppose he died before my time." Remember that this Benjamin was his uncle's brother. I believe this is the Benjamin who was a Loyalist during the Revolution and who moved with his family to New Brunswick, Canada after the war. Two points to note:

1. A **Benjamin Bonnell** of Succasunny (in the Mendham/Dover area), NTJ was indicted in March 1779 for knowingly passing bills.
2. **Benjamin Bonnell**, of River St. John, New Brunswick, formerly of Rahway monthly meeting in New Jersey, but disowned for some conduct of a warlike nature. I thought at first that the Rahway meeting was too far away for this Benjamin until I learned that the Mendham meeting was a sort of extension of the Rahway meeting and that Mendham meeting was discontinued at an early day with records transferred to Rahway. Benjamin as a Quaker fits in with all the other members of the family described by Richard Brotherton, including Richard himself. On the other hand, the family of **Benjamin and Rachel (VanWinkle) Bonnell** in Springfield were all faithful Presbyterians.

*Next Question - Who was this Benjamin Bonnell?*

From his first wife Benjamin had a son Jacob who was married 27 November 1760. Jacob was probably born between 1735 and 1740. Considering this, Benjamin's own birth could not have been later than 1720, and an earlier date is much more likely.

As nearly as I can determine no **Bonnell** of the fourth generation had children prior to 1720. We have to look to the third generation for the parents of Benjamin or assume a separate immigration. The third generation, the sons of **Nathaniel and Susannah (Whitehead) Bonnell**, were Nathaniel, Isaac, Samuel, Benjamin and Joseph. Nathaniel, Isaac and Joseph all left wills listing all their surviving children. No Benjamins were included. Son Benjamin was married possibly twice, but we have no evidence of any children for him. He did not leave a will (extant, at least), but his widow's will left everything to the children of her brothers and sisters.

Son Samuel, born about 1675, married (first) Abigail, "daughter-in-law" of Samuel Rose of Newark. They were married before 1698 when Samuel Rose mentioned her in his will. They were apparently divorced. By 1707 we find **Samuel Bonnell and wife Susannah** in Woodbridge, Middlesex co, NJ. Abigail may have returned to Newark where, on 3 February 1712/13 she witnessed the will of Samuel Dod.

Samuel and Abigail are not known to have had any children. However, an indenture on file among the Essex co probate records states "**Benjamin Bunhill** of Elizabeth Town, binds himself, with the consent of his mother **Abegell Bunhill**, as apprentice to Anthony Ollife and wife." The indenture is undated but is written on the same sheet with a will dated 1714. I know of no other **Abigail Bunhill or Bonnell** in this area and time except the ex-wife of **Samuel Bonnell**.

This Benjamin would have been born probably between 1700 and 1705. If he was the Benjamin we are looking for, his first marriage would have occurred before 1735, the likely date of birth of Jacob. Then, after his wife's death, he married Eleanor, and their first son Benjamin was born about 1744. These dates are very tentative, but are supported by what few facts we have. Also, they do not take into account the birth of daughters before or among the sons' births.

I have no other candidate to offer, unless Benjamin of the third generation, by a suggested first wife Margaret had a son, for which we have no evidence whatsoever.

With the proviso, as always, that new information may require further corrections, I submit that we can outline this descent as follows:

**William Bunnell** m. Arm Wilmot, their son

**Nathaniel Bonnell** m. Susannah Whitehead, their son

**Samuel Bonnell** m. Abigail, their son

**Benjamin Bonnell** m. (1)

m. (2) Eleanor

Children (by first wife): **Jacob Bonnell** m. Mary Schooley

Children (by second wife): Benjamin m. Sarah Jones

Aaron m. Ann Brotherton

Nathaniel m. (1) Elizabeth Likens

Simeon never married

David m. Mary Ann Masters

daughters?

COPY OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY  
RICHARD BROTHERTON OF N. J.  
TO CHARLES BONNELL OF N. Y.

Dover, 11th mo, 28th, 1855,

Cousin Charles

Thine of the 10th instant came duly to hand, as couching the object of thy inquiry. Benjamin Bonnell lived in this neighborhood, Jacob WAS a son he had by his first wife. Henry was Jacob's only son. Benjamin had a second wife. By her he had five sons, namely Aaron, David, Nathaniel, Simeon, and Benjamin. Simeon died when a young man, Benjamin I never knew, - therefore, I suppose he died before my time. Aaron remove'd to Redstone, Pennsylvania, about sixty six 66 years ago. His two oldest sons Moses and Henry, each came back and spent one year. Moses returned to Redstone and I had a letter informing me of his decease near 38 years ago. Henry went from 'mere to upper Canada and settled at Pickering, a younger one by the name of William was afterwards out here. That was all that I ever knew of that family, David removed with a view of going to Redstone but settled in the upper part of Virginia. When he left here he had two sons, Thomas and John. Nathaniel settled at Waterloo. He had four sons, Simeon and William are both deceased. Darius Nathaniel both went with their Father to York State. The personal property of Elizabeth Vail is not yet settled, but they expect to have it settled soon, which when done I will attend to, I should like to know if thy Mother is yet living, if so, of her welfare.

to Charles Bonnel

Richard Brotherton

*Mrs. Ellen S. Barton.*

