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## Administrivia

**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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## E-Mail Addresses

This is an update to the listing provided in the November 2012 listing.

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### Direct Lines

Steven Tuckett Bunnell, [sbunnell60@yahoo.com](mailto:sbunnell60@yahoo.com) (CB360172) wrote asking about any descendants of David E. Bunnell, 320330, one of the early founders of the Mormon Church, that we may be in contact with. After sharing some information with him, he provided his lineage.

William Bunnell ~ Ann Wilmot Nathaniel Bonnell ~ Susanna Whitehead Joseph Bonnell ~ Martha Frazee David Bonnell ~ Hannah Thompson David Bonnell ~ Temperance Wade Ithamer Bonnell ~ Phebe Meeker	David Bunnell ~ Sarah Conrad Steven Bunnell ~ Percia Grover Frederick Bunnell ~ Elizabeth Holland Thell Bunnell ~ Mary Ann Tuckett Steven Bunnell
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Bonnie Keller, [mikiva@comcast.net](mailto:mikiva@comcast.net), provided some corrections to the database, other information regarding Willard Bunnell, brother of Lafayette Houghton Bunnell, and her lineage back to Willard:

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| William Bunnell ~ Ann Wilmot<br>Benjamin Bunnell ~ Rebecca Mallory<br>Benjamin Bunnell ~ Hannah Plumb<br>Gershom Bunnell ~ Margaret Johnson<br>Job Bunnell ~ Rachel Bradley<br>Bradley Bunnell ~ Charlotte Houghton | Willard Bunnell ~ Matilda Desnoyer<br>Louise Bunnell ~ Henry Page<br>Harry Page ~ Grace Morton<br>Henry Page ~ Ellen Hansen<br>Ellen (Bonnie) Page ~ Daniel Keller<br>Brian Keller ~ |
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Willard "Bill" Bunnell, [wwb@mindspring.com](mailto:wwb@mindspring.com) or 2 Strathmore Lane, Madison, CT, recently joined the "club." He and his lineage were already in the database, and here it is:

William Bunnell ~ Ann Wilmot Benjamin Bunnell ~ Rebecca Mallory Benjamin Bunnell ~ Hannah Plumb Gershom Bunnell ~ Margaret Johnson Joseph Bunnell ~ Abiah Kirby James Bunnell ~ Azuba Carter	Elijah Bunnell ~ Lucy Stone William Bunnell ~ Mary Jane Maine Willard Bunnell ~ Irene Walls Walls Bunnell ~ Elsa Skoglund Willard Bunnell ~ Deborah Wiepert
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Anthony Joseph Bunnell, [highfavor1004@aol.com](mailto:highfavor1004@aol.com), wrote providing additional information for and generations to the database. In fact, he added a dozen names, including spouses, to the database. He is a descendant of George Willard Bunnell whose obituary was in the Feb 2012 Newsletter on page 5. George had passed away about 25 days short of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Anthony's input allowed me to construct his lineage:

William Bunnell ~ Ann Wilmot  
 Benjamin Bunnell ~ Rebecca Mallory  
 Hezekiah Bunnell ~ Ruth Plumb  
 Hezekiah Bunnell ~ Esther Bristol  
 Jesse Bunnell ~ Mehitable Royce  
 Bela Bunnell ~ Eunice Gilbert  
 Sheldon Bunnell ~ Elizabeth Robinson

George W. Bunnell ~ Louisa Atwood  
 Willard W. Bunnell ~ Ann Porter  
 George W. Bunnell ~ Florence \_\_\_\_\_  
 George W. Bunnell ~ Florence Martin  
 Robert L. Bunnell ~ Cynthia Parker  
 Geoffrey W. Bunnell ~ Pamela Strowbridge  
 Anthony J. Bunnell ~ Ashley Smith  
 Madison Grace Bunnell (b. 2009)

## Life Changes

### Births, Marriages, Obituaries

#### Births:

Finally, we get to report a birth. We Bunnells and Bonnells need to be a bit more procreative.

Paul Bunnell, [BunnellLoyalist@aol.com](mailto:BunnellLoyalist@aol.com) or 7 Cottage Street, Milford, NH, wrote:

Hi All,

I do have some good news for once.

The past 48 hours was spent with no sleep as I sat at the side of my granddaughter Rebecca Bunnell in the Peterborough NH Hospital until 9:36 PM last night [15 April] when my Great Granddaughter Angel Marie Bunnell. 20 inches long, 7 lbs 11 ozs [was born]. She was so alert and beautiful.

Boy did I crash last night.

Love, Paul

#### Obituaries:

Again, thanks primarily to Google/Alerts, we have far more obituaries than we would like to have.

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Carol Brotzman, [brotzmans@epix.net](mailto:brotzmans@epix.net) or R.R. 1, Box 1206, Laceyville, PA, sent me this obituary in December and it should have been in the February issue. However it appears I was overwhelmed by the ones from Google and overlooked this one. I do not have the source for this obituary.

Torrence E. **Bonnell**

Friday December 21, 2012

Late in the evening on Wednesday, December 12th, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer, Torrence E. **Bonnell** of Trout Run passed away quietly while at his home with his beloved family at his side.

He was 71 years of age. Born February 17th, 1941 in Williamsport, he was the son of Arthur and Mildred (**Halderman**) **Bonnell**. Mr. **Bonnell** was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Vietnam War. ...

Mr. **Bonnell** is survived by his wife, the former Delores **Campbell**, daughter Wendy (& Michael) **Adams** of Cogan Station, brothers Harry (& Jennie) **Bonnell** of Gillett, Ray (& Kristi) **Bonnell** of Montgomery and Bobby **Bonnell** of Louisiana, as well as his grandson, Evan **Adams**.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rodger **Bonnell**.

[Ed. Note: Torrence Edward Bonnell is 040833 in the database. His obituary added his wife's, children's and grandson's names. He is part of the possible Irish Lineage starting with John & Nancy(Farraday) Bonnell. His lineage is: John<sup>1</sup>, Geore<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, Irvin<sup>5</sup>, Arthur<sup>6</sup>, Torrence<sup>7</sup>.]

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From [www.morrisoconnorblute.com](http://www.morrisoconnorblute.com), Morris, O'Connor & Blute Funeral Home, 678 Main St. Harwich, MA:

Lois **Bonnell** (April 22, 1932 - February 28, 2013)

Lois **Bonnell**, 80, of Harwich passed away February 28, 2013. She was the loving wife of George C. **Bonnell** of Harwich. She is survived by her son Bruce **Bonnell** and his wife Meg of Hingham.

... Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, East Harwich.

[Ed. Note: George Bonnell is 002823 in the database. His line descends from Saul Bonnell of Newfoundland. Paul Bunnell, our Loyalist expert, advises that the most we can say is that Saul was born in Newfoundland. We don't know if he/his father emigrated from England or was a Loyalist descendant. George's lineage is: Saul<sup>1</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>.]

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Found at [www.giffinfuneralhome.com](http://www.giffinfuneralhome.com), Giffin Funeral Home, Inc., PO Box 100 Capon Bridge, WV 26711:

David Daniel **Bunnell**, Jr., 73, of Capon Bridge, WV died on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at his home.

Mr. **Bunnell** was born on April 7, 1939 in Philadelphia, PA, the son of the late David D. **Bunnell** Sr. and Ellen **Lewis Bunnell**. ... Mr. **Bunnell** was married to the late Marion **Dickey Bunnell**. Surviving is a sister: Elizabeth G. **Walty** and her husband David of Jamison, PA; three nieces: Gail, Ellen and Danielle; four great nephews: Danny, Justin, Christian, Mark and two great nieces: Kirstyn and Isabelle.

[Ed. Note: Initially, I was unable to find any of the family in the database. But the 1940 census shows David, ae 31, Ellen, ae. 29, David, ae 1, Albert, ae 35 [brother of David Sr.] and Eva Lewis, ae 58 [mother-in-law of David Sr.]. Then going to the 1930, 1920 and 1910 census data I was able to find the parents of David D. Sr (Clifton and Bertha Bunnell). They were in the database. So the obituary enabled me to add two generations to the database. David Jr. is now 352692. The lineage for David Jr. is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Solomon<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Clifton<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>9</sup>, David<sup>10</sup>.]

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Found at <http://www.findagrave.com>. and at [www.nicholfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholfuneralhome.com), Nichol Funeral Home, 1873 East Maiden St., Washington, PA.

Marjorie **Bonnell McCrory** of Wichita, Kan., formerly of Washington [PA], died February 28, 2013 in Wichita. She was born April 28, 1918 in Beallsville, a daughter of the late Aaron C. & Maude **Bristor Bonnell**. Mrs. **McCrory** lived in the Washington area most of her life and then resided in the Tampa Bay area for 35 years and most recently in Wichita for 15 years.

On August 9, 1937, she married J. Kenneth **McCrory** with whom she shared 49 years of marriage before his passing July 30, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Marjorie Grace **Saindon** of Wichita; four grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; as well as several great-great-grandchildren. Deceased, in addition to her husband and parents, are two infant sons, James Melvin **McCrory** and Donald Eugene **McCrory**; brothers Melvin, Ora, Bud and Francis **Bonnell**; and sisters Mildred **Bonnell**, Elsie **Ogden**, Ruth **Jennings**, Della **Willis** and Louise **Elliott**.

Interment will be in Lone Pine Cemetery.

[Ed. Note: Elma Marjorie (Bonnell) McCrory is 352280 in the database. Her obituary added info on birthplace and date of marriage, plus data of marriage and spouse's death. Her line goes back to the Benjamin Bonnell disconnect and Aaron Bonnell. The descendants of Aaron's brother David have shown through DNA testing to be descended from William Bunnell the immigrant. However the descendants of Aaron's brother Benjamin are not proven by DNA to be descended from William. Thus the disconnect. The lineage for Elma back to Benjamin is: Benjamin<sup>1</sup>, Aaron<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Aaron<sup>4</sup>, Morgan<sup>5</sup>, Aaron<sup>6</sup>, Elma<sup>7</sup>.]

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From [www.fltimes.com](http://www.fltimes.com), The FingerLake Times, 218 Genesee St., Geneva, New York. Published in Finger Lakes Times from March 3 to March 4, 2013:

Geneva - Lynne Eileen **Bunnell** died unexpectedly yet peacefully at the Geneva General Hospital in Geneva, New York on March 1, 2013, surrounded by family members. She was 68.

... Lynne was born near Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Houghton, New York. After graduating from college, she married David **Bunnell** in 1966. ...

She and Dave raised their family in Dallas, Texas, where they lived for over 30 years. ... Lynne and Dave moved to Marshall, Minnesota in 2002, where they lived for five years before retiring to Geneva, New York, closer to Lynne's childhood home.

Lynne was a loving wife to her husband and devoted mother to her three children, Jason, Jessica and Rebecca. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Judy **Slawter** of Ballston Spa, New York, and Mrs. Deborah **Barker** of Richmond, Virginia.

Her third sister, Sheryl **Slate** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, passed away in 2009.

[Ed. Note: David Bunnell is 360506 in the database. His lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Solomon<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Gershom<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>7</sup>, Gershom<sup>8</sup>, J. Arthur<sup>9</sup>, Paul<sup>10</sup>, David<sup>11</sup>.]

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From [www.boston.com](http://www.boston.com); The Boston Globe, 135 Morrissey Blvd. Boston, MA 02125. Published in The Boston Globe from March 5 to March 6, 2013



**WALSH**, Janice A. (**Bonnell**) 74, of Lexington, MA passed away peacefully Friday, March 1, 2013. She was the wife of the late John "Jack" W. **Walsh**. Born and raised in Somerville, MA on May 3, 1938. She was one of three children born to the late Everett E. and Alice E. (**Holland**) **Bonnell**. ... She is survived by her two daughters Tammy M. **Walsh** of St. Petersburg, FL and Debra M. **Walsh** of Framingham, MA; her Brother Thomas E. **Bonnell** and his wife Dianne **Bonnell** of Ayer, MA; her sister Marilyn Susie **Bonnell** of Landers, CA; her grandchildren Meghan Marie (Bucky) **Pelletier**, Daniel K. (Dano) **Pelletier** and his wife Jessica A. **Pelletier**, her beloved great granddaughter Lila M. **Pelletier**, several nieces and nephews, Tom **Bonnell** Jr., Kerry **Pare**, John **Bonnell** and Larry **Bonnell**. ... Mass of Christian burial at St. Brigid Church, Lexington at 10am.

[Ed. Note: Janice Alice Bonnell Walsh is 002732 in the database. Her lineage goes back only 3 generations to Ruggles and Isabel (Waters) Bonnell, assumedly out of Ottawa, Canada. That assumption is based on the fact that Ruggles and Isabel's son Harry was born in Ottawa. See the Research section for a discussion on "Ruggles Bonnell". Janice's lineage is: Ruggles<sup>1</sup>, Harry<sup>2</sup>, Everett<sup>3</sup>, Janice<sup>4</sup>.]

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Published in the *Buffalo News* from March 8 to March 10, 2013; The Buffalo News, 1 News Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14240

**BUNNELL** - Overine I. (nee **Ehman**) 94, of West Valley, died March 6, 2013, at The Pines in Machias. She was born August 31, 1918, in West Valley to Henry and Orell (nee **Folts**) **Ehman**. ... She was the wife of the late Richard Bunnell; mother of Karen Parsons, Duane (Linda) Bunnell and the late Sandra Bishop; mother-in-law of Glen Bishop; grandmother of 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; sister of Theola (Glenn) Cooley; sister-in-law of the late Ralph (Marion) Bunnell and Doris Cram; and aunt to many nieces and nephews.

[Ed. Note: Richard Llewellyn Bunnell is 351619 in the database. His lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Solomon<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Edmond<sup>7</sup>, Llewellyn<sup>8</sup>, Walter<sup>9</sup>, Richard<sup>10</sup>.]

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Nancy Bunnell, 1122 Waldman, Flint, MI 48507 sent me newspaper clippings of her brother's and his wife's obituaries. The one below, for Nancy's sister-in-law, was published in *The Flint Journal*, March 10, 2013. The one for her brother was published in *The Flint Journal*, Feb 26, 2013 and was printed in the last issue of the newsletter.

Carol L. **Bunnell**, age 61, died Thursday, March 7, 2013 at her residence. Funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2013 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Pastor Wally Rose officiated. Burial in Flint Memorial Park.

[Ed. Note: Danny Charles Bunnell is 029322 in the database and his lineage was listed in the previous issue.]

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From [www.the-leader.com](http://www.the-leader.com), The Corning Leader, 34 W. Pulteney St. Corning, NY 14830; Posted Mar 13, 2013

CORNING, N.Y. —Alice K. **Bonnell**, 100, of Corning, NY, passed away Monday, March 11, 2013 at Bethany Manor, Horseheads, NY. She was born on November 17, 1912 in Corning, NY, to the late Francis and Clara (**Hodgins**) **Giblin**.

She is survived by one daughter, Patricia (Hyde) **Smith** of NJ; step-sons: Jim and Bernie **Bonnell**; grandchildren: Kerry (Edward) **Albright**, Allison (Michael) **Paoletta** and Bradley (Tiffany) **Smith**, all of New Jersey; great-grandchildren: Jeremy, Randall and T. J. **Weir** and Samantha **Albright**, all of New Jersey; niece and caregiver, Anne (Cotter) **Haynes** of Corning, NY; and several other nieces and nephews.

Alice was predeceased by husbands: Carl **Hyde** and C. J. **Bonnell**; brothers: Frank, Don, and Jerome **Giblin**; sisters: Marie **Lee** and Louise **Cotter**; son-in-law Earl H. **Smith**; and grandchild Leslie S. **Weir**.

Alice was a member of All Saints Parish and Catholic Daughters. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, March 15, 2013 at 11:00 am at St. Mary's Church, 155 State St., Corning.

Interment will immediately follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Corning.

[Ed. Note: Clarence J. (C.J.) Bonnell is 350698 in the database. His marriage to Alice was the second marriage for both. Clarence's first wife, Helena Culp died in 1991. Clarence died 3 Dec 1993. Clarence's line is: William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Clement<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>7</sup>, James<sup>8</sup>, Albert<sup>9</sup>, Clarence<sup>10</sup>.]

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From Chase Parkway Memorial Funeral Home, 430 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT;



Peter J. **Bonnell**, 90, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2013, at Apple Rehab in Watertown, CT. He was the loving husband of the late Bessie (**Tricoukes**) **Bonnell**. Peter was born on Dec. 5, 1922, in Flint, Michigan, son of the late James and Joanna (**Charouhis**) **Bonnell**. He served in the Navy during WWII and later served in the Naval Reserves for 25 years.

Peter is survived by his children: Joanne **Crowell** and her husband, John, of Watertown, CT; Nick **Bonnell** and his wife, Patricia, of Harrisburg, NC; Karyn **Cahill** and her husband, Dennis, of Durham, NH; his brother John J. **Bonnell** and his wife, MaryAnn, of Flint, MI and his sister Theodora **Stevens** of Flint, MI; 10 grandchildren – Jamie (husband Mike), Joanna, James, Brittany, Amanda, Katie, Tori, Devin, Brenna, and Liam; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Peter was predeceased by his brother Nicholas J. **Bonnell**.

Military funeral will be held Thursday, 9:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Watertown, CT.

[Ed. Note: Peter is 035119 in the database. We only have his lineage back to his parents, James N. and Joanna J. (Charouhis) Bonnell. The obituary added his children to the database.

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From Forest Park The Woodlands Funeral Home, 18000 Interstate 45 S, The Woodlands, TX.



David Samuel **Bunnell**, 79, passed away peacefully at his home in Magnolia, TX on March 17, 2013 following a 4 year battle with cancer.

He was born to Omar and Helen **Bunnell** on July 1, 1933 in Wellington, UT. ... He met Martha Daschmann **Lacayo** at the [University of Utah] in ... He was a member of The LDS Church.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; his two children Franz (Cheryl) and Cecilia **Bunnell**; two grandchildren, Zack and Tiffany **Bunnell**; two sisters, Mary Helen **Powell**, Price, Ann (William) **Mathis**, Sandy; and brother, Steven (Karyn), West Valley.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Mar 22, 2:00 p.m., at Forest Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 18000 I-45 South, The Woodlands, TX 77384. Burial, Forest Park Funeral Home & Cemetery.

[Ed. Note: David is 370654 in the database. His obituary adds 2 more generations and his wife's maiden name to the database. 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>, Samuel<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>9</sup>, Samuel<sup>10</sup>, Omar<sup>11</sup>, David<sup>12</sup>.]

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From [pharostribune.com](http://pharostribune.com), Pharos-Tribune P.O. Box 210 Logansport, IN and Frain Mortuary, [www.frainmortuary.com](http://www.frainmortuary.com) March 24, 2013



CHANDLER, Ariz. — Argel James “Spud” **Bonnell**, 94, Chandler, Ariz., formerly of Star City, passed away at 12:55 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at Hospice of the Valley Dobson Home, Chandler, Ariz.

He was born April 29, 1918, in Star City, IN, to Milo and Muriel Penny **Bonnell**. Argel was married on December 31, 1938, in Star City, IN, to Hazel May **McFarland**. She passed away on October 6, 1994.

Survivors include: Daughter Betty Jean **Riffil**, Chandler, AZ; Granddaughter Carla (Bill) **Riffil-Fisher**, Chandler, AZ; Grandson Alan James "AJ" (Melanie) **Berger**, Winamac, IN; Granddaughters Alynn (Aaron) **Humerickhouse**, Logansport, IN and Rhonda **Berger**, Winamac, IN; 8 Great Grandchildren, many Great Great Grandchildren; Sister Alice (Frosty) **Montgomery**, Royal Center, IN; Brother Wayne (Marylou) **Bonnell**, Star City, IN.

Preceded in death by: Father, Milo **Bonnell**; Mother Muriel Penny **Bonnell**; Wife Hazel May **McFarland Bonnell**; Daughter Muriel Louise **Tolson**; Great Granddaughter Jennifer **Spurgeon**; Brothers Owen **Bonnell** and Howard “Buck” **Bonnell**; Sisters, Dorothy **Bonnell**, Bonnie **Hiatt**, Mildred **Roth** and Margret **Bechdol**.

Burial will be in Buck Cemetery, Thornhope.

[Ed. Note: Argel is 361453 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>, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Theodore<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>9</sup>, Milo<sup>10</sup>, Argel<sup>11</sup>.]

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From [www.legacy.com/obituaries/denverpost/](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/denverpost/) ; Published in the *Denver Post* from March 20 to March 21, 2013

Harry Thomas **Bunnell**, II, born 3/9/30, in Denver, CO, died 14 March 2013. He graduated from Westwood HS in 1948 & served in the US Navy for 4 years. He married Theresa **Plisinski** of Gallitzin, PA, recently celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He was preceded in death by son, Tom. Survived by wife Theresa, brothers Clarence (Lynn) & Alfred (Roz) **Coffern**. Sons Dan, Steve (Erin), & Dave (Tresa), daughter-in-law Rosemarie, granddaughter Kaylee. Private Burial, Fort Logan Cemetery.

[Ed. Note: Harry is 360599 in the database. Harry's father died in 1932, the same year his brother Clarence was born. Their mother, Jessie Ruth (Bone) Bunnell then married an Alf F. Coffern and they had a son, Alfred, born about 1936. Harry's lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Nathan<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>7</sup>, Jabe<sup>8</sup>, Fred<sup>9</sup>, Harry<sup>10</sup>, Harry<sup>11</sup>.]

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From [www.SaukValley.com](http://www.SaukValley.com), Sterling, Illinois, Friday, March 29, 2013 1:15 a.m. CDT:

DIXON – Edna M. **Bonnell**, 86, of Dixon, died Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at Serenity Hospice & Home in Oregon.

She was born Oct. 21, 1926, in Stillman Valley, the daughter of Clarence and Lula (**Gouker**) **Morris**. She married Darwin G. **Bonnell** on Dec. 9, 1950, in Rockford. He preceded her in death on Oct. 5, 1993.

Survivors include two sons, Richard (Sue) **Bonnell** of South Carolina and Dennis (Belenda) **Lewis** of Dixon; four daughters, Deb (Bob) **Fossett** and Rhonda (Roi) **Degner**, both of Dixon, Deniece (Al) **Charvat** of Helena, Mont., and Daretta (Paul) **Lester** of Citronelle, Ala.; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Annabelle (**Harmon**) **Aubuchon** of St. Louis.

She also was preceded in death by her sons, Glenn and Dewayne **Bonnell**; one grandson; one great-grandson; brothers, John, Raymond, Luther, and Charles; and sisters, Olivia and Ruth.

Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon.

[Ed. Note: Darwin G. Bonnell's line goes back through David Bonnell the Benjamin Bonnell disconnect. The descendants of David have shown through DNA testing to be descended from William Bunnell the immigrant. The lineage for Darwin is: William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>5</sup>, Henry<sup>6</sup>, Henry<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>8</sup>, Hollis<sup>9</sup>, Darwin<sup>10</sup>.]

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From [www.SouthBendTribune.com](http://www.SouthBendTribune.com),

SOUTH BEND - Mary E. **Langford** (nee **Bunnell**) died on Monday, March 25, 2013 in Saint Louis, MO. Born July 27, 1915 in Carroll County, IN, she was the beloved wife of the late Harold L. **Goebel** (34 years) and the late Walter M. **Langford** (22 years); beloved mother of Janice **Elzey** (Steve **Schnabl**), Judith (Richard) **Wilson** and Joel (Vicky) **Goebel**; beloved grandmother of eight & great-grandmother of eleven; and sister of the late Ruth **West**. A memorial service is 7 pm Monday at the New Apostolic Church, 5602 S. Ironwood, South Bend, IN 46614. Visitation is from 5:30 pm until time of service. Private Interment is at Riverview Cemetery.

[Ed. Note: Mary E. Bunnell 350627 in the database. However it erroneously lists her death in 1984, which will be corrected. It also provides her correct birth date and adds the full name of her first and second husband. Mary's lineage is; William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, Stephen<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>8</sup>, Thomas<sup>9</sup>, Mary<sup>10</sup>.]

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Published in *Lexington Herald-Leader* on April 5, 2013 and : <http://www.legacy.com/>:

**BUNNELL** David B. "Dave", 65, beloved husband of 40 years to Patricia **Gorham Bunnell** "Patsy", passed away Thu, April 4, 2013. Born on July 14, 1947, he was the son of the late George D. **Bunnell**.

He had been inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

Dave is survived by his mother, Gene **Crawford Bunnell**, aunt, Jody **Atkins**, wife, Patsy, three children, David "Bo" Jr. (Siri) **Bunnell**, B. Todd (Kristin) **Bunnell**, and Kate **Bunnell** (Brad) **McLean**, grandchildren, Leah Kathryn, Kal David, Luke Jolin, Brooke Evelyn and Brandt Crawford.

Burial at Calvary Cemetery

[Ed. Note: David is 360113 in the database. His lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Solomon<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Henry<sup>6</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Franklin<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>9</sup>, George<sup>10</sup>, David<sup>11</sup>.]

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Published in Daily Press, Hampton Roads, VA on April 7, 2013; [www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailypress/](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailypress/):

HAMPTON - Marion Bunnell Patch, 91, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband of over 62 years, George William Patch, and survived by two children, Gigi and Dan. A graveside service will be held at 11 AM Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk.

[Ed. Note: Marion Bunnell 351388 in the database. She married George Patch 14 Oct 1950. Her lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>3</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Chester<sup>7</sup>, Wales<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>9</sup>, Marian<sup>10</sup>.]

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From [www.hearldpalladiumcom.](http://www.hearldpalladiumcom.), The Herald-Paladium, St. Joseph & Benton Harbor, MI. Posted: Thursday, April 18, 2013 6:00 am



STEVENSVILLE - Edwin Bunnell, 77, of Stevensville passed away April 16, 2013, at the Lakeland Continuing Care Center in St. Joseph.

Ed was born July 31, 1935, in New Britain, Conn., the son of C. Wallace and Eva Bunnell. He moved to southern California in 1950 and married Valerie in 1967.

Ed is survived by his wife, Valerie; children, Kirk (Melissa) of Grand Rapids, Teri (Louis) of Houston, Texas, Daniel (Becky) of Vancouver, Wash., Cheryl of San Diego and Richard of Boise, Idaho; sister, Gail (Richard) of Lodi, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman, 465-3239.

[Ed. Note: Edwin is 360318 in the database. His lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>3</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>7</sup>, Allen<sup>8</sup>, Charles<sup>9</sup>, Charles<sup>10</sup>, Edwin<sup>11</sup>.]

## Submissions

Pat Saletore, [psaletore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:psaletore@sbcglobal.net) or 579 Durgos Dr., Henderson, NV 89012, and I carried on a lengthy e-mail discussion and I even dragged William Austin into the fray. The following will explain why. This is going to be a little lengthy as I want to share her humorous approach to "brick walls."

**From:** Patricia Saletore [mailto:psaletore@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2012 5:04 PM

**To:** [charlie@bunnellfamily.com](mailto:charlie@bunnellfamily.com)

**Subject:** Keziah Bonnell

I have been working on genealogy for decades, but I have to admit I have spent a disproportionate amount of time trying to sort out my father's hillbillies in WV to the neglect of my mother's comparatively civilized New Englanders. Having hit a really solid brick wall in the hills, I sometimes pick an end of line name on Mom's side and throw myself at it. Wherever I land can't be as hard as with the hillbillies. Really.

The winner of this episode's draw was Margaret Sturges, who married Daniel Sayre in the mid1700s. ...

I am looking to confirm that Margaret Sturges was the daughter of Ebenezer Sturges and Keziah Bonnell.

I pointed out to her that in *The Bunnell/Bonnell Family in America*, 2nd Edition, by William R. Austin, Heritage Books, 2007, on pages 61 and 62, there are extracts of the will of Joseph Bonnell. In it Joseph mentions his “ three daughters, viz. Phebe, wife of Noadiah Potter, Keziah, wife of Ebenezer Sturgis, Martha, wife of John Dickinson, ...” Also on page 62 he lists Margaret is the daughter of Keziah and Ebenezer Sturges. His reference is *The Lineage of Theodore Melvin Banta of New York*, extracted from the C.C. Gardner file folders in the New Jersey Historical Society, Newark, NJ. [She found a copy of William Austin’s book for sale on-line and purchased it.] Then she wrote:

I started looking one generation back and have found another confusing problem. Theodore Banta has Keziah as the daughter of Joseph Bonnell and Martha Frazee, but then other people have her as the daughter of Rebecca Dodd. They can't seem to agree whether Martha was the first wife or Rebecca...Keziah's birth year ranges from 1709 to 1720. Sometimes Rebecca is only the mother of Keziah, some[times] she is the mother of David or he could be the son of Martha.

William Austin states that there was likely three wives: (1) unknown; (2) Rebecca (Dodd) Riggs; (3) Martha (Frazee) Clark. Finally, after pouring through William Austin’s book, an e-mail from William, and a website <http://www.westfieldnjhistory.com/reclark/nti02317.htm> that looks credible, she provided the following analysis about Keziah:

- I am pretty sure about her birth [being] closer to 1709/10 than 1720. She is in the Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Cemetery, having died in 1759 "in her 49th year"...that makes her birth in 1720 unlikely. She might have been born as late as 1711 or 1712.
- There was a wife #1 whose name is not known, she must have had the children listed with her
- Rebecca Dodd was married to Samuel Riggs when he died in 1709 or10, but by the time his will was probated in 1711 she was married to Joseph Bonnell. But was Keziah born as late as 1711 or 12? Rebecca reportedly died in 1713
- Martha Frazee was married to John Clark when he died in 1705, leaving her with 3 young children. Some say she married Joseph Bonnell in 1713, but the first record I have found that indicates their marriage is that Joseph is named the executor of her brother's will in 1716. My question is; why would she wait to marry for almost 10 years?

So our windows are tight, here. If Keziah was born in 1709/10, Samuel Riggs was probably alive. So she would have belonged to the mysterious first wife. She had Phebe in 1708, she could have had Keziah in 1709 or 10 and died in childbirth. Bam, Joseph goes looking for a wife and there is Rebecca recently widowed...everybody wins. But if Keziah was born in 1711-13, as some have suggested, she would belong to Rebecca Dodd. I can't see her later than 1713, then the age on the grave stone starts to fall apart. So she is unlikely to belong to Martha Frazee, as Theodore Banta suggested. Even Theodore Banta can make mistakes.

I’m inclined to leave it an open issue: Towards the end of the life of wife one or early in the marriage to wife two. But I’ll close this with Pat Saletore’s parting comment: “SO what do you think? Any epiphanies?”

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Dan Crepeau, [dancrepeau@comcast.net](mailto:dancrepeau@comcast.net), wrote that his grandmother, Esther Eileen Bonnell, 002716, died at Bon Secour hospital, Methuen MA in August 1984. He went on to say that there was no obituary nor

service and that she is survived by a daughter. He was not able to provide any info regarding Esther's husband.

According to a family tree posted on Ancestry.com, her husband was Rosario James DeGloria and her middle name is Genevieve. No marriage date is given. I have not been able to confirm this with any official documentation. But I did find a record of her marriage to Everett Nathan Chase in Plaistow, NH, 13 Jun 1936. In both cases her parents are the same as the Esther Eileen Bonnell in the database. I would assume from all of this that she had been married twice.

Esther's line goes back to the French immigrant, Daniel Bonnell, who arrived in South Carolina in 1690. His parents were Jean (John) Bonel and Marie Lalon. Esther's lineage is: Jean<sup>1</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Esther<sup>8</sup>.

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Bonnie Keller [mikiva@comcast.net](mailto:mikiva@comcast.net), that she is the great great granddaughter of Willard Bradley Bunnell and Matilda Desnoyer. Willard was the brother of Lafayette H. Bunnell, one of the discoverers of Yosemite. There was an article about Lafayette in Vol. VII, No. 2, 1 Apr 1993, pages 16-20. There were two articles about his brother Willard: Vol. IV, No. 2, 1 Apr 1990, pg 24 and Vol. XXIV, No. 1, Feb. 2010 pg. 13.

In our database we showed Lafayette and wife Sarah Smith having one son named Willard Eugene Bunnell. At the same time we showed a son named Willard Bradley Bunnell as the son of Willard and Matilada (Desnoyer) Bunnell. Through a couple of e-mails, Bonnie provided the following additional information:

Lafayette Houghton Bunnell and Sarah A. Smith did not have any children. The Willard Eugene Bunnell listed as their child is actually the son of Willard Bradley Bunnell and Matilda Desnoyer. There was no son named Willard Bradley Bunnell.

Willard Bradley Bunnell and Matilda Desnoyer Bunnell are my great-great grandparents. Their daughter Louise Marie (your data base lists Ann as her middle name) Bunnell Page is my great grandmother. After Willard B. and Matilda passed away Lafayette H. Bunnell and his wife Sarah moved into The Bunnell home in Homer Minnesota, In 1875 Willard E. was in a canoe on his way hunting when a gun went off hitting him in the leg. Before Willard E. could get to shore he bled to death.

There is one thing about Matilda: she was half French and half Chippewa Indian. J. B. Desnoyer's first wife was full blood Indian. She passed away when Matilda was a child; Matilda was raised by her maternal Grandmother. That is how she learned five different Indian languages. There is a story about Matilda in the kitchen in the Homer, Minnesota home. She was cooking when an Indian man reached into the pot she was stirring, Matilda hit him on the hand. The next day he brought her a peace offering of a beaded bag. The bag is in the Bunnell house to this day.

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John Grady, [grady.john1@gmail.com](mailto:grady.john1@gmail.com) or 4218 Oxhill Rd, Spring, TX, sent a newspaper clipping from his files. It is from the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, March 10, 1963. John hadn't determined where this gentleman fit into the family.

I'm confident that he is George David Bunnell (350168), son of George David and Grace (Darlington) Bunnell. He was born in Blairstown, NJ 7 August 1919. In correspondence with Claude Bunnell

he stated that he graduated from Blairstown Academy in 1937 and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1941 and was drafted in October that year. After Pearl Harbor he went to Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as an officer in May 1942, serving in N. Africa and Italy. He was discharged as a major in Dec. 1945. He returned to Blairstown and worked there until after his marriage to Gene Crawford in 1946 when he worked in Newark, NJ. In 1948 they, and son David, moved to Lexington, KY and were still living there in 1994 when he corresponded with Claude. George died at Lexington on 19 Sep 1999.

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In the last two issues I included some of the material provided by Alice Janssen, [gajanssen@cfu.net](mailto:gajanssen@cfu.net) or 2428 Valley Park Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613-5210. It is several pages long, so I'm providing a bit at a time. Last issue included the second born child, and descendants of Joseph Bunnell, 331078, and Sarah Bunnell. and his first born and her children. Now we go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> born child of Joseph with, as before, all changes in **bold and underlined.**:

**3<sup>rd</sup> child born to Joseph & Sarah Bunnell**

**#341226**

**Name: Bert Baxter Bunnell**

Date of Birth: (Correct)

Place of Birth: (Correct)

Date of Death: (Correct)

Place of Death: (Correct)

Grave Site: **Cedar Crest Cemetery, Jesup, Buchanan, IA**

**MARRIAGE**

Maiden Name: Grace Standish

Date of Birth: **22 Mar 1877**

Place of Birth: **Johnsonburg, Wyoming, NY**

Date of Marriage: (Correct)

Church of Marriage:

Place of Marriage: **Jesup, Buchanan, IA**

Date of Death: **5 May 1947**

Place of Death: **Jesup, Buchanan, IA**

Grave Site: **Cedar Crest Cemetery, Jesup, Buchanan, IA**

Five children born to Bert & Grace Bunnell:

**#351152**

**Name: Miles Standish Bunnell**

Date of Birth: (Correct)

Place of Birth: (Correct)

Date of Death: **10 Feb** 1983

Place of Death: (Correct)

Grave Site: **Calmar City Cemetery, Calmar, Winneshiek, IA**

**MARRIAGE**

**Maiden Name: LaVon Emma Louise Reisner**

**Date of Birth: 26 Aug 1902**

**Place of Birth: Hawkeye, Fayette, IA**

**Date of Marriage: 20 Dec 1941**

**Church of Marriage:**

**Place of Marriage: Lancaster, Schuyler, MO**

**Date of Death: 30 Nov 2001**

**Place of Death: Decorah, Winneshiek, IA**

**Grave Site: Calmar City Cemetery, Calmar, Winneshiek, IA**

**(She was previously married to Ansgar Bergland on 6 Aug 1919. He died 10 Sept 1940)**

**No Children born to Miles & LaVon Bunnell**

(2<sup>nd</sup> child born to Bert & Grace Bunnell)

#351154

**Name: Floyd Bert Bunnell**

Date of Birth: (Correct)

Place of Birth: **Jesup, Buchanan, IA**

Date of Death: (Correct)

Place of Death: (Correct)

Grave Site: **Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, IA****MARRIAGE**Maiden Name: Alma Boyce **(no middle initial)**

Date of Birth: (Correct)

Place of Birth: **Douglas Twp, Madison, IA**Date of Marriage: **14 June** 1928Church of Marriage: **Cedar Lawn farm; her parents' farm**Place of Marriage: **Douglas Twp, Madison, IA**

Date of Death: (Correct)

Place of Death: (Correct)

Grave Site: **Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, IA****Two children born to Floyd & Alma Bunnell****Name: Mary Grace Bunnell****Date of Birth: 22 May 1932****Place of Birth: Winterset, Madison, IA****Date of Death: (Living)****MARRIAGE****Maiden Name: Clifford Wesley Faye****Date of Birth: 23 Feb 1929****Place of Birth: Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, IA****Date of Marriage: 6 Aug 1955****Church of Marriage: First Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, IA****Place of Marriage: Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, IA****Date of Death: 18 Mar 1996****Place of Death: Orange, Orange, CA****Grave Site: Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles****(2<sup>nd</sup> child of Floyd & Alma Bunnell)****Name: Alice Viola Bunnell****Date of Birth: 31 May 1938****Place of Birth: Winterset, Madison, IA****Date of Death: (Living)****MARRIAGE****Maiden Name: Lewis Eugene Janssen****Date of Birth: 7 Oct 1931****Place of Birth: Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, IA****Date of marriage: 14 June 1959****Church of Marriage: First Baptist Church****Place of Marriage: Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, IA****Date of Death: (Living)****(3<sup>rd</sup> child born Bert & Grace Bunnell)**

# 351155

**Name: Clarence Joseph Bunnell**

Date of Birth: (Correct)

Place of Birth: **Jesup, Buchanan, IA**Date of Death: **5 Aug** 1979

Place of Death: (Correct)

Grave Site: Cedar Crest Cemetery, Jesup, Buchanan, IA

MARRIAGE

Maiden Name: Hope Leone Fliss

Date of Birth: (Correct)

Place of Birth: Jesup, Buchanan, IA

Date of Marriage: 28 Aug 1935

Place of Marriage: Manchester, Delaware, IA

Church of Marriage:

Date of Death: (Correct)

Place of Death: (Correct)

Grave Site: Cedar Crest Cemetery, Jesup, Buchanan, IA

## Research Findings

In the November 2012 issue, Vol. 25, No. 4, page 66 I had a piece submitted by Michelle Pendleton consisting of newspaper articles from a Clarksville, TN newspaper. It told of the discovery of a body thought to be that of a James C. Bunnell [007215] but we were left hanging as there was no firm identification reported. I had been unable to locate any further information other than the fact that James never showed up in later census.

Enter Jill Hastings-Johnson of the Montgomery County [TN] Archives in Clarksville. She wrote that:

“The Quarterly Court met ‘quarterly,’ so events that took place, like the January inquest, were reported to the next court’s meeting. I began searching in January and read through the April calendar. The minute books are the bare facts but the loose papers usually have more information. In this case, there wasn’t much, but maybe it will answer some of your questions. Since there weren’t any death certificates issued in 1913, there aren’t any official records of the death. Nor can I tell from any of this information where Mr. Bunnell was buried.”

Here is the main portion of the inquest report

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### State of Tennessee--Montgomery County.

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AN INQUISITION holden at.... or near Hackberry.....  
 in the County and State aforesaid, on the..17<sup>th</sup>..... day of....Jan..... 1915..  
 before....M.Sanders J.P.. as..... Coroner of said County, upon the body  
 of..... James Bunnell..... there lying dead, by the jurors whose names  
 are hereto subscribed, who upon their oaths do say:— That said James Bunnell,  
 came to his death from some unknown cause,  
 J.J.Yarbrough and W.H.Yarbrough, upon being sworn deposed and said that  
 they found the said body in and unfrequented place in the woods, and  
 suposing he came to his death by violence, or some unknown cause reported  
 the matter to M.Sanders J.P. and he summond the following jurors  
 H.T.Hodges, M.P.Flack, J.M.Thompson, Will Patrick, Jonce Yarbrough,  
 J.R.Thompson, W.H.Yarbrough,

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So it appears that James was killed by a person or persons unknown. In 1910, James was living with his nephew’s family, Leland and Olive Orrell. Based on looking through the census data, Leland was the son of

James' sister Harriet M. (Bunnell) Orrell, wife of William Orrell. This data has been added to the database. One of James' brothers, Theodore Adolphus "Dolph" Bunnell lived in McEwen, Humphreys Co, TN which is about 43 miles south of Clarksville. James may have been buried in Clarksville, or transported to where his brother is buried: McEwen Cemetery, Humphreys Co., TN. In any event, I have not been able to locate his grave.

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Paul G. Bunnell, [pbunn@fastmail.fm](mailto:pbunn@fastmail.fm) or 522 N. Sheppard St., Richmond, VA, submitted his lineage for publication in the last issue. To jog memories, his line goes back to a William Bunnell and Efcy Tolson. William was born in Fr. Canada, England, Scotland, or don't know depending on which Child's census report you read. Also the obituary for his son, William Bunnell, Jr., stated that William Sr was born in New Brunswick. With all of those possibilities in mind, Paul writes:

I have long been puzzled by the fact that my William never shows up in any of the records I've researched; only the wife Efcy and the children.

In following up on a tip I read about doing cluster genealogy, I went back to the US 1860 census for Arkansas which probably has the most of all the family members still together in one place. My plan was to look at the neighbors surrounding the family and see if any of them also moved from Ohio allowing me to fill in some gaps. As yet I have been unable to find any records at all for these Bunnell's in Ohio even though 3 of the children were born there. I started by making note of the families on the same page below the Bunnells. Efcy and the children were at the very top of the page with Efcy as head of household. Keep in mind that on this census, the family is listed with the last name of "Bundle", although I'm sure it's my Bunnell ancestors because all the children's names and dates match up and Efcy's birthplace, as always, is shown as "England".

Then I went back a page in the census on Ancestry to get the preceding neighbors. And there at the bottom of the previous page, in a separate residence, was William Bundle, i.e. my William Bunnell. I had an OMG moment. Would the birthplace say Canada? Would it say Scotland, or England? No! It said Maine! Now since this would have been William himself telling the census taker his place of birth, I figure this has to be the most accurate evidence so far. To give further proof that this was the right William Bunnell, the listed occupation for this guy living in Arkansas, no less, is Ship Carpenter. And that coincides with the description from William Jr's obituary article which states "His father, Wm. Bunnell Sr., was a ship-builder, a native of New Brunswick...". The census entry also indicates his birth year was 1801, whereas I had been estimating it at about 1817, the same as his wife's birth year.

- Regarding Maine versus New Brunswick, Canada: I did some research and discovered that:
- Maine and New Brunswick border each other
- Maine did not obtain statehood until the year 1820 -- after William was born
- After American independence, the border between Maine and New Brunswick was ambiguous and boundaries were in dispute until finally settled by the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1842.
- The coast of Maine had a thriving ship building trade during the early 19th century.

If William claimed citizenship from having been born in Maine, then this explains why he would never show up in any naturalization or border crossing records. William may have been born in or near the area of dispute between Maine and Great Britain or for some other reason might have associated himself more with New Brunswick and England than Maine and America and passed on that sentiment to his children. The exact areas of border dispute are more inland than coastal, but being a Ship Carpenter makes me think he was more likely to grow up along the coast between Portland and the New Brunswick border. For what it's worth, there is also a town of Brunswick up the coast north of Portland.

Regarding the surname of Bunnell in Maine in general, this seems like an area worth exploring for further clues on unconnected branches of THE William Bunnell's family tree. For example, in

Ancestry.com, there is a David Bunnell in the 1860 US Census living in New Hampshire, but stating he was born in 1787 in Maine, and he is [010333] in the Claude Bunnell database. <http://ancestry.me/14CTTW4> (1860 US Census for David Bunnell)

Thanks for reading this long narrative...if you got this far. :-)

Here is the link to the census page for William Bundle if you want to see it.

<http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=1860usfedcenancestry&h=12932853&indiv=try>

Paul has done a great job of applying logic and history to his search. And spurring his efforts are the results of his DNA testing. Take a look at the DNA & Genealogy section for that piece of the puzzle.

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Back in December, I ran across a recent addition to the FindaGrave.com website. It was the tombstone for Vernie Mae Bunnell and for Cornelius May Bunnell in Danville, VA, and it provided us with the



name of the wife of Cornelius May Bunnell which we didn't have. It gave us a place and timeframe to further research any descendants of this couple, as well as, possibly, his parents. Cornelius is 035522 in the database and with no ancestry and the notes identify him as being in an orphanage in the 1930 census.

After several e-mail exchanges with the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. , they finally confirmed they had in their records: Cornelius, Ada and Thomas Lee Bunnell. Parents: Joseph Thomas Bunnell and Nancy Jane (Scoggins) Bunnell

This confirmed what I had dug out in the census and other records.

- Charles Ada Bunnell, female, was born 21 Nov 1912 to Joseph Thomas and Nancy Jane (Scoggins) Bunnell [North Carolina Birth & Death Indexes, 1800-2000]
- C. Ada Bunnell, 7 years old, Student in the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage [1920 U.S. Census]
- Ida C. Bunnell, 17 years old, Student in the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage [1930 U.S. Census]
- Thomas Lee Bunnell, was born 26 Aug 1909 to Joseph Thomas and Nancy Jane (Scoggins) Bunnell [North Carolina Birth & Death Indexes, 1800-2000]
- Thomas L. Bunnell, age 8 months, son of Joseph and Nancy Bunnell, residing in Greenwood, Moore Co., North Carolina [1910 U.S. Census]
- Thomas Lee Bunnell, age 10, Student in the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage [1920 U.S. Census]
- By 1930 he is a soldier stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. [1930 U.S. Census]
- Thomas died 28 August 1982 in St. Petersburg, FL [Soc. Sec. death Index]
- Neal May Bunnell was born 29 May 1915 to Joseph Thomas and Nancy Jane (Scoggins) Bunnell [Index to Vital Statistics – Births – Moore County, N.C.]
- Cornelius M. Bunnell, age 4 years, Student in the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage [1920 U.S. Census]
- Cornelius Bunnell, age 14 years, Student in the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage [1930 U.S. Census]
- Cornelius Bunnell, born 29 may, 1916, living 400 W. 27th St., Winston-Salem, NC [WW II Draft Registration Card]
- Cornelius May Bunnell, born 29 may 1916, died 26 Dec 1991, buried Danville Memorial Gardens, Danville, VA [Gravestone on www.findagrave.com]

So the children were living with their parents in 1910, Cornelius is born in 1916 and in 1920 they are in an orphanage. We can speculate whether something happened to both parents between 1916 and 1920 or the mother died giving birth to Cornelius and the father just gave them all up. I believe that the Neal May Bunnell is a transcription error and is really Cornelius while recognizing that Neal could have been born and died in 1915 with Cornelius following a year later, as all following records give him a birth date of 1916. So we are left with a few mysteries still: (1) The event(s) that cause the children's' removal to the orphanage; (2) Was there a son Neal; and (3) Are there living descendants of Cornelius and Vernie? Unless I can locate more records these mysteries will likely remain.

The database did contain Neal May Bunnell as the son of James and Nancy (Scoggins) Bunnell under CB342659. So I updated that number to reflect the data for Cornelius and 035522 was deleted. I thanked the individual, Larry Eanes, who had taken the photos and added them to the website. He is no relation to the family but does this type of thing to help others. I also provided him with the rest of the information you see above so that he could use what he wanted to on the website.

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Until the obituary for Janice A. (Bonnell) Walsh in this issue, I don't recall running across the surname "Ruggles." Claude had entered it into the data base some time ago and I had never happened to see it. But when I started researching it for the obituary, I discovered that it was not that uncommon of a name, especially for the Bonnells. Here are the references I found, and how some of them fit in.

Our baseline information from the database is:

Ruggles Bonnell 002900 + Isabel Waters

Harry Bonnell 009585 + Flora S. Abbott

Ruggles Merlin Bonnell 002907 + (3) Margaret L. Hasmer (no issue from marriage 1 or 2)

Harry had other sons, but the Ruggles name appears to have ended with Ruggles Merlin Bonnell.

1. Research on this family uncovered the following:

- a. *All New Hampshire Marriage Records Index, 1637-1947*; Ancestry.com: Harry Bonnell, b. abt. 1878, ae. 26; parents' names: Ruggles Bonnell & Isabel Waters (mdn name); Spouse: Flora Abbott, ae. 20, parents: Hosea Abbot & Isabel Sweat (mdn name); marriage 30 Jun 1904, Cambridge, MA
  - o This is the basis for the database entry listing Harry's (009585) parents as Ruggles and Isabel,
- b. *U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946*; Ancestry.com: Ruggles M. Bonnell, b. 1908, native State or Country: Mass. enlistment date: 16 Jan 1941;
- c. *All Massachusetts Death index, 1970-2003*; Ancestry.com: Ruggles M. Bonnell, died. 26 Mar 1981, Lowell, MA; born 6 Aug 1908, MA.
- d. The 1910 thru 1940 U.S. Census shows a Ruggles Bonnell, or in 1940 a R. Merlin Bonnell, the son of Harry and Flora Bonnell.

Summary for this family:

- o These record the data for Ruggles (002907), son of Harry and Flora.
- o Ruggles 002907 was born in Massachusetts.
- o Harry (009585) was born in Canada-English abt. 1878; Flora was born in New Hampshire
- o Harry immigrated to the US in 1902 when he was about 25 years old.
- o Ruggles (002900) was born in New York; Wife Isabel was born in England.
- o So by abt. 1878 (Harry's birth) Ruggles, born in NY, and wife Isabel were in Canada.

2. *1901 Census of Canada, Quebec, Montreal*; Ancestry.com: Bonell, Ruggles, b. 22 May 1845, U. S. immigrated to Canada, 1860; Wife, Catherine, b. 1 Jun 1849, England, immigrated to Canada, 1868.
  - o Based on the individual's place of birth this should be Ruggles (002900) Harry's father, but the wife's name, Catherine, doesn't match the name of Harry's mother, Isabel. Both Catherine and Isabel were born in England but that certainly wasn't uncommon. There is a possibility of a second wife.
3. There is another Bonnell family with "Ruggles" in it, but I cannot connect it to Ruggles 002900:
  - a. *1851 Census of Canada East, Canada West, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia; Bytown, Ontario*; Ancestry.com: Amos? Bonell, ae. 60; b. England; wife: Martha, ae 44, b. England; Based on children's birthplaces, appears that family emigrated between 1835 and 1837; Children: Frances (F)/24; Mary Ann (F)/24; Elizabeth (F)/20; Thomas (M)/18; John (M)/16; Sarah (F)/14; Ally Jane (F)/12; **Rugles (M)/10**; Charles (M)/2.
  - b. *Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1801-1928*; Ancestry.com: **Ruggles Bonnell**, b. Ottawa, abt 1846, ae. 19, parents: Amos & Martha Bonnell spouse: Elizabeth Walters, b. England, abt. 1846, ae. 19, parents: John & Sarah Walters. Marriage: 2 Feb 1865 in Ottawa, Carleton District. [original Ancestry.com indexing for this entry read: Ruggles **Bond**; A subscriber corrected to Ruggles Bonnell; orig not avail for viewing on-line]
  - c. *Ontario, Canada Births, 1869-1913*; Ancestry.com: William Bonnell, b. 17 Feb 1874, Carleton District; parents: **Ruggles Bonnell & Elizabeth Walters** [mdn name].
  - d. *1881 Census of Canada, Ontario, Carleton, District, Nepean Subdistrict*; Ancestry.com: **Ruggles Bonnell**, ae. 36, b. Ottawa; Elizabeth, ae 34, b. England; **Ruggles**, ae. 15, b. Ottawa; Walter, ae13, b. Ottawa; Ida, ae 8, b. Ottawa; William, ae. 6, born Ottawa; Emily, ae. 4, b. Ottawa; Ethel, ae 1, b. Ottawa.
  - e. *Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1801-1928*; Ancestry.com: Walter Bonnell, b. Ottawa, abt 1861, ae. 28; parents: **Ruggles & Elizabeth Bonnell**; Spouse: Adeline Cusack, b. Ottawa, abt. 1868, ae. 21; parents James & Lusan/Susan Cusack; Marriage: 13 Nov 1889 in Carleton District.
  - f. *Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1801-1928*; Ancestry.com: **Ruggles Bonell**, b. Quebec, abt 1867, ae. 27; parents: **Ruglass Bonell & Elizabeth Walters** (Mdn Name); Spouse: Annie Adams, b. Ireland, parents: David Adams & Mary Proctor (Mdn Name), Marriage: 7 Jun 1894 in Carleton Dist.
  - g. *1911 Census of Canada, Ontario, Ottawa*; Ancestry.com: **Ruggles Bonnell**, b. Nov 1866, Quebec; Wife: Annie, b. Aug 1865, Ireland, immigrated to Canada 1889; Gordon, son, b. Jun 1896, Ontario; Harold, son, b. Dec.1897, Ontario; Elsie, dau, b. Aug 1899, Ontario.
  - h. *Ontario, Canada, Deaths, 1869-1938 and Deaths Overseas, 1939-1947*; Ancestry.com: **Ruggles Bonnell (Sr)** died 18 Jan 1918, CN. age 74, b. England; Reported by **Ruggles Bonnell, Jr**;
  - i. *Canada, Soldiers of the first World War, 1914-1918*; Ancestry.com: Harold Edgar Bonnell, b. 1897, father: **Ruggles Bonnell**; 25 Mar 1918
  - j. *Ontario, Canada, Deaths, 1869-1938 and Deaths Overseas, 1939-1947*; Ancestry.com: **Ruggles Bonnell**, died 30 Oct 1936, CN, age 70, b. Ontario abt 1866; father: **Ruggles Bonnell**; mother: Elizabeth Walters

Summary for this family:

- o Amos and Martha Bonnell, were both born in England immigrated to Canada between the birth of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> child: 1835 to 1837.

- Their 8<sup>th</sup> born child was Ruggles Bonnell, b. abt. 1841 or 1846 in Ottawa, CN.
  - Ruggles married 2 Feb.1865 in Ottawa Elizabeth Walters, b. abt. 846 in England
  - Ruggles and Elizabeth had at least 6 children, the first born in 1867 was named Ruggles (Jr.)
  - Ruggles Jr. married 13 Nov 1899 in Ontario Annie Adams born in Belfast
  - Ruggles Sr. died 18 Jan 1918 in Canada at age 74
  - Ruggles Jr's son, Harold Edgar joined Canadian Army 25 Mar 1918
  - Ruggles Jr.died 30 Oct 1936.
4. The following "Ruggles" appear to be unconnected with either our Ruggles, or the family above:
- a. *1861 Census of Canada, Ottawa, Carleton, Canada West*; Ancestry.com: Ruggles Bonnell, b. 1844, Ottawa, ae. 17, Single.
    - This could be our Ruggles, father of Harry EXCEPT this Ruggles was born in Ottawa, while Harry's father was born in Massachusetts
  - b. *Border Crossings: From Canada to U.S., 1895-1954*: Ancestry.com: Ruggles Bonnell, Arrival Date: 23 Aug 1920; port: Vanceboro, Maine; ae. 39, b. abt 1881, Belfast, Ireland.
    - I cannot find this gentleman anywhere else. Was misleading information given upon entry?
  - c. *Ontario, Canada Marriages, 1801-1928*; Ruggles Bonnell married M. Ann Patton on 7 Jul 1888 in Ottawa.

None of the information in paragraphs 3, 4 or 5 was in the database but is being entered. And I haven't been able to determine the parents of Ruggles who was born in Massachusetts and lived in Canada in 1878 when his son Harry was born. For those unexplained Ruggles, some may be sons of Ruggles Sr's sons and we simply don't have the document or reference to prove it.

Ruggles, by the way was a fairly common surname in England and Canada during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century. And as a family name it was, and probably still is, extremely common.

I would appreciate your analysis of the data and any information or suggestions on the Ruggles puzzle.

## Book Review

I received a copy of *Leola and Carl Bonnell, Akin Remembered* by Mark D. Bonnell a grandson of Leola and Carl. It is a really enjoyable book on many levels. There is enough genealogical information in it to qualify for that category; it contains so many of Carl's works of art (all precisely reproduced) and poetry that it could qualify as an Art Book; and finally it is a wonderful human interest story. The personal history of Leola and Carl's lives on a personal level is a fascinating read. And it adds a human dimension to the normal genealogical date/place data.

This can also remind us of the importance of interviewing the oldest members of the family while they are alive. Or for many of us, being the eldest members, to write down our memories. Mark was very smart and very fortunate; smart in that he conducted lengthy interviews with Leola and Carl while they were alive; fortunate in that they were willing and able to provide so many details of their lives.

Finally, they led interesting lives. To quote Mark's cover letter to me: Carl was "a jack-of-all-trades – farmer, athlete, soldier, grocer and businessman, gardener, carpenter, politician, poet, banker, local historian, and artist. Leola was a social doyenne, belonging to every organization in my hometown of Anoka, Minnesota."

I must add that the print quality is exceptional. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, Mark can provide them at cost and postage for \$54. Contact him at 505-424-3377, [mdbonnell@comcast.net](mailto:mdbonnell@comcast.net), or 2904 Pueblo Halona, Santa FE, NM 87507. I don't think you'll be disappointed and if you're looking for a template to record your life's history, here is a good example.

## DNA & Genealogy

Paul Gregory Bunnell (See pg 35), whose great-great grandfather is listed as being from Canada, England or Scotland by various sources, recently participated in the DNA testing program. And it showed that his ancestry goes back to William the immigrant. Family Tree DNA report stated that: "In comparing Y-DNA67 markers, which show 1 mismatch, the probability that Mr. Paul Gregory Bunnell and Dr. Mark Douglas Bonnell M.D. shared a common ancestor within the last... 12 generations is 99.12%." You may recall that Mark Bunnell's DNA values match those of our constructed values for William the immigrant, thus he is our benchmark. So while he now knows the line, he still doesn't have the connecting individuals, much like our Kentucky Clan. But it does allow him to concentrate his research now, and not worry about Scotland or England.

## Post Script

From *The Tribune* newspaper, serving Greeley and Weld County CO I learned that Jim and Sharon Bonnell of Greeley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Sharon Meissinger and Jim Bonnell were married April 14, 1963, at Hillside Baptist Church in Greeley.

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So very many of you have shared your interests and family stories that we thought it would be good for us to do likewise. So, here goes. Besides genealogy and the newsletter, we have some other interests that keep us occupied.

In 2008 we finished a 3 year restoration of a 1952 MG TD British Roadster. We then started a British car club in our county. We now run that club, which means that right now we are in the middle of organizing two cars shows for the summer. We organized and ran one car rally in April. We also prepare our car for shows organized by other clubs. We've been to two thus far this season and will attend 3 or 4 others not counting the ones we're organizing. And we're in the middle of restoring a 1976 Triumph Spitfire that we bought as a basket case (no interior, no wiring; just the shell and engine and transmission).

Our oldest grandchild, Michelle Tye, graduated from Cedarville, OH High School the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, so needless to say we drove up there from Tennessee for that. We wanted to give her a little antique British Roadster as a graduation gift but settled on something more reliable, a 1990 Mazda Miata which required a little bit of restoration.

As you can see, cars do take up a lot of our time and interest. We both also golf a couple of times a week and seem to always be in the yard fighting weeds and deer. And we have to exercise two to three times a week at a nearby fitness center. Charlie's heart attack in 2002 prompted a change in our diets and exercise regimen. In other words, we started exercising.

So there's a bit about our current activities. I expect the cars, genealogy, golfing, gardening and exercising will continue for a long time. And there'll be a couple more high school graduations in three years when Michelle's twin brothers graduate. Two more cars to prepare.

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As I'm wrapping up this newsletter, I have 250 e-mails in my inbox, 200 dealing with genealogy, about 35 dealing with cars/shows and the rest are likely jokes. So if you didn't see your material in this newsletter or added to the database, it's not lost, it's sitting patiently and waiting.

*Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July*