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## CURRENT

Last time I mentioned my concern that I was not receiving enough material from most of you for publication in the Newsletter. That was enough to trigger a healthy response, and in this issue you will find a variety of articles regarding different branches of the family. I really appreciate your help, both from the standpoint that it makes my job easier in preparing the Newsletter, and also that your contributions and breadth and depth to the family history. Keep the materials coming. If you have not written recently, I would be particularly glad to hear from you again.

**IT'S ANOTHER BOY!**

The biggest news around here is the arrival of our third grandchild, James Leamon Crutcher, son of Jeffrey L. and Anne e. (Austin) Crutcher. He was born 16 May 1990, at 11:30 p.m., at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, NY. He was 22 inches long and weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

June is a big month for us here at Camelot. Pat and I will both turn 60 June. (I am 12 days older than she.) Son Bill and his wife Linda and daughter Anne and her husband Jeff will all celebrate their 6th wedding anniversaries. The end of the month also marks the 6th year of my retirement from IBM. Father's day falls in there somewhere, and the Feast of the Plaid Tiger occurs on 29 June. We'll have one big party for the family to celebrate them all about the middle of the month.

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Ruth Duncan, West Simsbury, CT, submitted the following clipping which appeared under the heading, "Milestones," in the Hartford, CT, Courant, 18th 1990:

-DR. JUDITH BUNNELL SELLERS OF West Hartford has been appointed associate director of Uncas on Thames Hospital in Norwich, a division of the University of Connecticut Health Center. She has her master's and doctoral degrees from Boston University.

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Nona Bassett, Merced, CA, one of my most faithful correspondents, has been compiling a book on the family history of Charles, CB320356, and Margaret (Barlow) Bunnell, her great-grandparents, and all of their hundreds of descendants. Her book includes pictures, birth and death certificates and other documents, newspaper articles, life stories and anecdotes. Since she does not type, it's all written out by hand, and she has made copies of relevant parts for some of her relatives.

Over the last year, Nona has sent me, section by section, her original book, which I have copied and returned to her. It includes almost 600 pages.

This picture of Nona was taken in December 1989. She was born 20 September 1915, the daughter of Gerrett and Lydia Jane (Bunnell) Zuiderduin. Her Bunnell lineage is as follows:

CB260001 William Bunnell m. Ann Wilmot  
CB270004 Benjamin Bunnell m. Rebecca Mallory  
CB280011 Nathaniel Bunnell m. Desire Peck  
CB290021 Abner Bunnell m. Elizabeth Preston  
CB300041 Abner Bunnell m. Sarah Atwater  
CB310026 Chester Bunnell m. Ann Atwood  
CB320356 Charles Bunnell m. Margaret Maria Barlow  
CB330494 Charles Barlow Bunnell  
    m. (2) Lucinda Jane Hicklin  
CB340374 Lydia Jane Bunnell m. Gerrett Zuiderduin  
    NONA IRENE ZUIDERDUIN  
    m. (1) Malcolm Palmer Martin  
    m. (2) Ernest Ray Bassett



In compiling her book Nona has written hundreds of letters to her widely scattered relatives. As we all find, some relatives have been extremely helpful, others not interested at all. She has asked me to honor in this Newsletter a very special lady who has done so much to help her gather data over the past 29 years. I am very happy to do so.

This special lady is Carrie May (Schreiber) Bunnell, wife of Eugene Robert Bunnell CB351160. Eugene's father, Walter Elzie Bunnell CB340472, son of Joseph Almy Bunnell CB330496, son of Charles, married his first cousin, Lulu Mae, daughter of Byron Lord Bunnell CB330498, son of Charles. Carrie and Eugene visited with many of the descendants and got the information first hand. Carrie also sent out hundreds of family group sheets and passed them along to Nona as they were completed and returned.

Carrie and Eugene were married on 3 July 1921. They make their home today in Ada, OK. On 3 July 1990 they are celebrating their 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes go to them. On the next page you will find a selection of pictures from Nona's book chronicling their years together, as well as a news paper clipping about their Golden Wedding anniversary nineteen years ago.

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Wedding 3 July 1921

CARRIE MAY SCHREIBER  
and  
EUGENE ROBERT BUNNELL

Married  
3 July 1921



25 Years 3 July 1946

Page 14-Las Cruces Sun-News-Sunday, June 27, 1971

### BUNNELLS TO NOTE GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Bunnell will be honored on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at an open house July 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. at their home, 1311 E. Branson.

Hosting the affair will be their two daughters and their families which include Mrs. Harold Rosholm, Scottsdale, Ariz. and children, Miss Terri Rosholm and Mrs. Jerry McCrary of Omaha, Neb., and Drew Rosholm of Scottsdale; and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Watson of Ada, Okla., and their daughter, Mrs. Freddie Cupps. Assisting will be Mrs. Bunnell's sister, Mrs. Merle Childs of Mesa, Ariz.

Mr. Bunnell and Carrie Schreiber, both of Avoca, Iowa, were married July 3, 1921, in the First Congregational Church of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

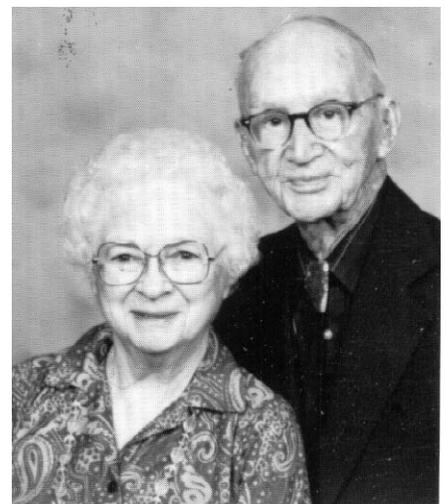
50 Years  
3 July 1971

Mr. Bunnell is a retired Civil Service employee and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mrs. Bunnell is a member of the Linger Longer Club. Residents of Las Cruces for 18 years, the couple is a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunnell invite all their friends and relatives to join them in celebrating this special occasion and request "no gifts, please"



65 Years 3 July 1986  
(above and below)



In January, I received a letter from Mrs. Florence Buck of Starucca, PA and Skaneateles, NY. Among other things, she said: "I wondered if you know that our line has spread to Australia, and if there are other Bunnells there?"

"My grandson, Alan F. Chaffee, spent his high school and college years there, graduating (with honors) and obtaining a PhD in Chemistry from Melbourne U. He is now married to a lovely girl of Welch descent (Sue Jones), has a daughter Emily, and has built a very nice home near Sydney, N. S. W. He is employed as a research chemist in exploring possible uses for the large deposits of lignite (brown) coal found there.

"This summer, the family was over here for several weeks. He attended two conferences at Colby College and at Penn State and also spent time searching for his "roots" – including photographing the Bunnell records on the monument on Lyon Street, Herrick Twp. If there are others in the "Land Down Under," I'm sure he would be interested in learning of them."

In response, I sent her the names and addresses of seven Bunnells who live in New South Wales and Victoria, Australia. They were included in the list of Bunnell names and addresses I purchased from Halbert's Inc.

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The following obituary is one I neglected to print in the Newsletter at the time I copied it from our local newspaper, the Rocket-Courier, Wyalusing, PA, Thursday, January 19, 1989:

#### Ruth Keeney, 97, Of Sugar Hill Passes Away

Mrs. Ruth Kenney, 97, of Grand Island, N.Y., formerly of Wyalusing, died Saturday morning, January 14, 1989.

Born Sept. 2, 1891, daughter of Llewellyn and Catherine Keeney Bunnell in Skinners Eddy, she attended the Skinners Eddy School and lived on Sugar Hill most of her life. Her husband, Leroy Kenney, predeceased her in 1962.

She was a member of the Hollenback United Methodist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Harry of Wyalusing, Norman of Sayre and Walter Keeney of Zephyrhills, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Green of Grand Island, N.Y.; 17 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother, Walter Bunnell and two sisters, Minnie Gibbons and Anna Parker.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the P. Dean Homer Funeral Home, 1 Grovedale Lane, Wyalusing with the Rev. Philip Wanck officiating.

Interment was in the Lacey Street Cemetery, Laceyville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hollenback United Methodist Church c/o Wayne Rosengrant, RD1, Sugar Run, PA, 18846.

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Marion Bunnell (Mrs. Ralph C. Bunnell), Kenmore, NY, writes that she and Ralph attended the wedding of Tammy Lynne Bunnell to Gary Sauter on 12 May 1990 at St. Judes Church in Sardinia, Erie co, NY. Tammy is the daughter of Duane Richard Bunnell CB001303, and the late Vicky McLaughlin. Duane's parents Richard Llewellyn Bunnell CB351619 and Overine Ehman were married 29 June 1940. As this is written, a party to celebrate their Golden Anniversary is planned for 23 June 1990. Their home is in West Valley, Cattaraugus co. NY.

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Mary Jane Welsh-Pyle, Cleveland, GA, sent in the obituary of her husband, Jack Clinton Pyle, as it appeared in "The Times", Gainesville, GA.

### JACK CLINTON PYLE

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5, 1988, at Ward's Funeral Home of Cleveland for Jack Clinton Pyle, 64, of Cleveland, route 2.

The Rev. Calvin Haney will officiate. Interment will be in Mountain View Memory Gardens.

Mr. Pyle died Friday, Sept 2, 1988 at Habersham County Medical Center following an extended illness.

Born Sept 7, 1923 in Walker, Vernon County, Mo., Mr. Pyle was the son of the late Joseph Clinton and Ethel Mae Adcock-Pyle. He was an electrical engineer and designer for 38 years for Siemen's Energy and Automation, Inc. of Tucker and served in the South Pacific with the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard during World War II. Mr. Pyle was a member of many Ohio and Illinois genealogical societies. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and AARP. He was also a member of Habitat for Humanity of Northeast Georgia and was a member of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include his loving wife of 29 years, Mary Jane Welsh-Pyle, Cleveland; one sister, Mrs. Joanna Mar Pyle-Baldwin, North Kansas City, Mo.; three aunts, Mrs. Mina Marie Adcock-Stoffer, Ottawa, Kan.; Mrs. Ruby Florence Adcock-Rutledge and Mrs. Viola Irene Adcock-Coate, both of Wichita, Kan.; many nieces and nephews and cousins.

Mr. Pyle's Bunnell lineage is as follows:

CB260001	William Bunnell m. Ann Wilmot
CB270005	Nathaniel Bonnell m. Susannah Whitehead
CB280015	Nathaniel Bonnell m. Mary Searing
CB290025	Nathaniel Bonnell m. Joanna Miller
CB300178	Nathaniel Bonnell m. Elizabeth Allen
CB310357	Abigail Bonnell m. Jacob Minturn
	Phebe Minturn m. John Clark
	Stephen Clark m. Hannah Jones
	Nancy Jane Clark m. Moses Sylvester Hendrick
	Anna Elizabeth Hendrick m. William Henry Adcock
	Ethel Mae Adcock m. Joseph Clinton Pyle
	Jack Clinton Pyle m. Mary Jane Welsh

Charles E. Bunnell, CB360075, San Antonio, TX, writes that he has a number of clippings and old family letters which might be of interest to our readers. As a sample he submitted the following:

The author was Hermon E. Bunnell (1863-1946). During the 1940's, he wrote for at least one newspaper in the Whitney Point, NY area. The copies I have do not include the full newspaper logo. One appears to be the Whitney Point Reporter; another article mentions his subscription renewal to "The Independent." All the articles seem to have been written between 1940 and his death in 1946. All are "down-home" reminiscences of people and places of his childhood. His descent from William Bunnell is as follows:

CB260001	William Bunnell + Ann Wilmot
CB270004	Benjamin Bunnell + Rebecca Mallory
CB280006	Benjamin Bunnell + Hannah Plumb
CB290004	Solomon Bunnell + Elizabeth Mary Holdern
CB300044	Isaac Bunnell + Eleanor Barkalow
CB310253	John Bunnell + Hannah Jayne
CB320215	Henry Jayne Bunnell + Eliza A. Livermore
CB330265	William Henry Bunnell + Nancy Dickinson
CB341653	Herman Eugene Bunnell + Mary Elvira Morenus

The following article is quoted from a photocopy of the original article. All comments in brackets ( ) have been added by me (Charles R. Bunnell).

#### EVENTS LONG AGO

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Henry Jayne Bunnell  
(CB320215)

He was born December 23, 1803. He married Eliza Livermore and later bought a farm about 1830, situated in the towns of Lisle, Broome County, and Berkshire, Tioga County. At first they lived in the town of Lisle and some time later they built the buildings on the hill and lived there in the town of Berkshire until he died in 1890.

He used to do carpenter work and at one time he came off a job and stopped at the Caldwell schoolhouse to attend a political meeting and a pole raising; he set his adz down beside the door. It was sharp when he left it but it was dull and the pole was hewn in two when he got it back.

At another time, someone wanted some help. He said: "Wal, if you want education I'll send John Gardner (CB330263); if you want ambition I'll send Charles Arnold (CB330264); if you want muscle I'll send William Henry (CB330265); and if you want calculation I'll go myself."

About the time the first grain binder came around, Cora Travis (prob. the dau. of Sarah Eliza Bunnell & Gilbert Travis), his grandchild, was at the Bunnell farm, and he wanted her to go and see how it worked, so she went where they were cutting grain; and the man who owned the machine shoed her how it worked, how it tied the knot and she came back and told grandfather how it tied the knot. He said, "That's all right. Let me tell you something now, some day you'll see farmers farming with engines, and maybe some day you'll see somebody fly, but don't tell anybody for they'll think I was crazy>"

Before grandfather bought the place, a tale is told of a man attempting to steal some timber on the place. He was in the woods

cutting down a pine tree when a hunter came up behind him, and being wise to what he was doing fired a shot into the tree about ten feet above his head. The thief ran and afterwards told that he was in the woods after basket timer and someone shot at him.

In grandfather's house there used to be an old-fashioned clock about 6 or 7 feet high. Sometimes grandfather and grandmother would leave the children at home alone; at which time they would try doing tricks. One of the boys said to my uncle Chas., "I bet you can't look over your left shoulder and throw a hammer out the door." Uncle Chas. thought they meant he could not throw it hard enough. He threw the hammer and hit the clock, which still carries the dent which he made with the hammer. The clock was otherwise unhurt. This clock is now in the possession of my cousin Cora Payne (prob. nee: Travis), who now resides in Byers, Colorado. H.E. BUNNELL. - - - End of ARTICLE.

Copied by Charles E. Bunnell, April 3, 1990

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Joanne Sterrett, Kansas City, MO, submitted a photocopy of an 1866 affidavit which proves that the wife of Jacob Hetherington was Mary E. Bonnell, not Harriet ("Hetty") Bonnell as reported in Jeane Kennedy's book, "Descendants of David and Mary Ann Masters Bonnell." The affidavit was prepared to support Mary Hetherington's application for a pension following Jacob's death in service during the Civil War. Here is the text of the affidavit:

State of Pennsylvania Ss  
Washington County Ss

Alexander Fraizer of said County and State aforesaid being duly Sworn on oath says – that on or about the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1839 acting in the capacity of a justice of the peace he united in marriage Jacob Hetherington and Mary E. Bonnell according to the laws of the State of Pennsylvania in said County and State. and deponent further says that there is existence no church or public record or certificate of said marriage to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Alex. Frazier (seal)  
then acting J. P.

Commonwealth of Penn  
Washington Co Ss

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July A.D. 1866.  
William Kidd, Clerk of Orphans Court

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Ellen Dorn, Alhambra, CA, writes: “I’m presenting a theory about another matter however for your consideration - - that is, the surname of the wife of Isaac Bonnell (Nathaniel, William), whom we know only as Elizabeth per his will.

“I came to this theory through reading of the Melyn/Hatfield family history as given in New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, year 1937, months January and July. On pages 135 and 225 Elizabeth Hatfield married (date unknown) Maxmillian La Lour. Her gravestone in First Presbyterian Cemetery, Elizabethtown, NJ, is #1863 and she died in 1742. #1864 is Isaac Bonnell (Isaac, Nathaniel, William), the right age to be her son. #1865 is Cornelius Hatfield, her brother.

“The historians established her identity through an estate settlement in 1725 and at that time, she was wife of La Lour, but since that marriage was childless and the marriage date was unknown, it is possible she in fact was widow of Isaac Bonnell.

“There are some other tempting tidbits, like a will – NJA 1731 “Benj. Spinning” – John Bonnel and Max Labors debtors. Another Hatfield historian lists La Lour as Labors, Le Loue, La Loue and La Loun. If my theory proves correct, this item shows John Bonnel and his stepfather owing the same man.

“Members of Bonnell family and members of Hatfield families married into same families and were witnesses to each others wills and had other connections, such as listed in town affairs at the same time and place. A Benjamin Bonnell signed as witness at least 2 wills of Elizabeth Hatfield’s kin.”

Thanks, Ellen. This is a valuable contribution to the study of the family of Isaac Bonnell CB280014 (Nathaniel, William), a family about which there is much yet to be learned. Isaac was born at Elizabethtown, NJ, in the early 1670’s. He married Elizabeth (Hatfield?), who was born about 1666. His death occurred on 17 January 1711/12 and he left a will naming his wife Elizabeth and seven children, all under age. The second son, Abraham CB290024, b. 1700, through his son Abraham CB300042, left many descendants whom we have identified and placed on the family tree. However, no marriages or children have been identified for the other four sons and two daughters. Surely, many of the unattached branches of the Bonnell family would fit here if we could find the connections. The children of Isaac and Elizabeth were:

1. Isaac, b. 1697; d. 15 Feb. 1736, buried next to Elizabeth La Lour
2. Abraham, b. 1700.
3. Jacob, b. about 1702.
4. John, b. about 1704.
5. William, b. about 1706.
6. Lydia, b. about 1708.
7. Sarah, b. about 1710.

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From John C. Bonnell, Jr., Clear Brook, VA, we have an account of military service to our country which extends through many generations. (The numbers, (D 64), etc., are the ID numbers from Ruth Duncan's book, "William Bunnell and His Descendants.") Mr. Bonnell writes:

In your Vol. III, No. 4, you talked about Rev. War roots, enclosed find some data applying to Nathaniel Bonnell IV (D 64).

Capt. Nath. Bonnell IV was an officer in Capt. Joseph Pierson's Co. of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Essex Regt. Continental Army.

NSSAR 132500 John C. Bonnell, Jr.  
NSSAR 105712 John C. Bonnell II  
NSDAR 264163 Lin. Book Vol. 26, Page 43 Thora Jean Bonnell  
NSDAR 24116 Lin. Book Vol. 25, Page 62, Jennie Bonnell Frost

Nath. IV (D 64) was the first (should be second – wra) son of Nath. III (D 24) and Nancy was his daughter by his second wife.

John (D 65) was the third son of Nath. III. His 3<sup>rd</sup> (should be 4<sup>th</sup> – wra) son Sylvanus (D 164) married Nancy. The rest of the line follows:

D 338 Calvin Day, son of Sylvanus  
D 595 John Calvin I  
D 789 Ralph Arnold  
D 911 John Calvin II  
D 977 John Calvin, Jr.  
D 988 John Calvin III (my 1<sup>st</sup> son)

The next significant military service, as I know, is as follows:

John Calvin I (D 595) enlisted as a Fifer into Co. E of the 19<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry on 12 Aug 1862, just 15 days after his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. The following information comes from military records from the National Archives and a diary.

John C. went on to rise from Pvt. to 1st Lt. in his three years of service. He saw action at Prairie Grove, Ark., participated in the occupation of Vicksburg, Miss., and the capture of Yazoo City, Miss. After the battle of Stirling Plantation, La., when the Regt. Sgt. Maj. was captured, John C. was selected (appointed) Sgt. Maj. He served in this capacity during the year the Regiment spent on border duty at Brownsville, TX. The Reg. moved back to the Florida area in 1864 when he was promoted to 1st Lt. in Sept. 1864. The Regiment finished the war with the assault of Mobile, Ala., at the end of the war. The unit was mustered out on 10 July 1865.

The first year of John C.'s military service was partially described in a small pocket diary, which has survived. Only the first year is included, and I don't know if any more exists or not.

His first entry was on 21 Aug 1862. "Today I ceased to be a citizen of Iowa. This is a very strange feeling, being one of Uncle Sam's Boys. Our company was sworn in for 3 yrs. or during the war." His last entry was "My first year in the United States service ends today."

The next service was my Father, John C. II (D 911). He graduated from Northwestern University in 1927 as an Army Reserve 2nd Lt. He served his time as a military Civil Engineer with the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) for a year.

My time in the military was with the USMC both as a regular service in 1946 to 1948 and Reserve Week-end Warrior until 1968, with a year of active duty during Korea.

My son John III, is an 11-year veteran of the USN.

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Esther Simrell, Conklin, NY, shared with us the following information about her aunt, Miss GRACE BUNNELL KNOELLER, who celebrated her 100th birthday on 22 January 1990. Miss Knoeller is a resident of the Collington Health Center in Mitchellville, MD.

GRACE BUNNELL KNOELLER was born 22 January 1890 in Hallstead, Susquehanna co, PA, the daughter of Charles Henry and Sarah L. (Bunnell) Knoeller. Her Bunnell descent is:

CB260001	William Bunnell m. Ann Wilmot
CB270004	Benjamin Bunnell m. Rebecca Mallory
CB280006	Benjamin Bunnell m. Hannah Plumb
CB290004	Solomon Bunnell m. Elizabeth Mary Holdren
CB300045	Benjamin Bunnell m. Catherine Barry
CB310244	Isaac Bunnell m. Anna Depew Overfield
CB320057	Edmund Bunnell m. Eliza Rebecca Overfield
CB331394	Sarah L. Bunnell m. Charles Henry Knoeller

Grace attended the local school, graduating from High School on 6 May 1906 as Valedictorian of her class. She passed teachers examination but was too young to qualify. She started teaching in 1907 for the next 10 years—2 in a local school near Hallstead, 1 year in Thompson, PA, 6 years in the graded school in Hallstead and 1 year as Principal of a consolidated school in Kingsley, PA.

On 24 December 1917, having passed the Civil Service requirements, she entered government service in Washington, D.C. She was assigned to a typist position in the War Risk Insurance Division, Treasury Department, charged with issuance of allotment and allowance checks to dependents of service men. Shortly she was made Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Disbursement Officer. At the close of the war she assisted him in the organizing of the War Risk Insurance Division and then served as his Administrative Assistant in the capacity of Assistant Chief, specializing in the classification of all positions.

During that period, she enrolled in the Washington College of Law, graduating with an LLB degree on 28 May 1923. Later she was offered and accepted the position of Classification Officer of the Prohibition Bureau, responsible for determining the grades and salaries of all employees in the headquarters office in Washington. She was the first woman to serve as the classification officer of a Bureau.

After the repeal of Prohibition, she assisted the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury as a member of his staff in the division of functions of the Prohibition Bureau (Permissive 'legal' in the Treasury Department and enforcement of illegal acts in the Department of Justice). She accepted the position of Chief of the Procedure Division in the Alcohol Tax Service, responsible for the drafting of regulations governing the liquor industry and related administrative procedures. She preferred this to a desk position in the Law Division.

She remained in this position until shortly before retirement (31 May 1967) when she was asked to assist the chairman of an Ad Hoc committee to study the functions of the Service and the governing laws for the purpose of strengthening of the organization, and simplification of the governing laws. During the latter years of her employment, she was detailed for a short period to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury to study the procedures of the Income Tax Division for simplification, but specifically to discontinue the submission of all tax returns to the Washington office and to place responsibility for their audit on the respective collectors. Her recommendations were accepted and put into effect.

For her outstanding contributions to the Treasury Department, she was awarded the Albert Gallatin Citation, named after the Secretary of the Treasury in the Thomas Jefferson Administration.

After the death of her sister Edith in 1972, Grace resided with her sister Paula Gore, in Upper Marlboro, MD, having sold her home in Forestville, MD. In the course of her career, she was admitted to practice in the U. S. District Court on 12 February 1924, to the D.C. Court of Appeals 13 February 1924, and later to the United States Supreme Court.

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#### MORE ABOUT MILES BUNNELL OF RUSH, PA

In the last Newsletter, I devoted a couple of pages to development of a hypothesis that Miles Bunnell CB004126, who appears in Rush twp., in what is now Susquehanna co, PA, shortly after 1800, was the son of Daniel Bunnell CB300049, who died in Bristol, Hartford co, CT, in 1792.

Since I had never seen any indication that Miles Bunnell had ever been in Hartford co, CT, the basis for my suggestion was the possibility that Miles might have been the brother of Phoebe Bunnell, wife of Nathaniel Maine, who settled near Miles in Rush twp. It was known that the Maine family came from Bristol and the adjacent town of Harwinton, Litchfield co, CT.

In May, I received a letter from Ruth Duncan, West Simsbury, CT, whose book, "William Bunnell and His Descendants," was published in 1986. She wrote:

"Now to your latest Newsletter – Daniel Bunnell and his son Miles. I have just a tidbit for you on Miles that I found in the Bristol land records:

“Vol. 3 pg 297: Lemuel Bunnell (brother?) of Bristol gave a warranty deed to Miles Bunnell of Bristol, land in the 18th lot in the Third division containing 25 acres and is an undivided piece with other proprietors bounded east and west on the highway, north on Joshua Potter and south on Stephen Hotchkiss and Timothy Upson. Signed: 3 Dec. 1792.

“Vol. 3 pg 463: Miles Bunnell of Bristol for six pounds leased land to Daniel Bunnell in the Fourth tier of lots containing 27 acres bounded east on the highway, west on Stephen Hotchkiss, north on Perz Mann and south on Timothy Upson, being the 18th lot in said tier. Signed: 2 April 1793

“Vol. 4 pg 316: Miles Bunnell of Bristol gave a quit claim to Solomon Whitman Jr. for land in the 18th lot in the Third division containing 25 acres as an undivided right. Signed: 23 Oct. 1793

“This would indicate a possible connection between Lemuel (son of Daniel) and Miles and your assumption that Miles was a son of Daniel could be correct. This is all that I can find on Miles. He is not listed again in the records.”

Having failed to find Miles anywhere in Connecticut, and postulating that he might be found in Bristol as a member of the family of Daniel Bunnell, Sr., we now learn that he was “of Bristol” in the years before he came to Pennsylvania. Not only that, but we find that his (probable) older brother Lemuel deeded land to him in the year their father died. (Was this part of their inheritance?). Also, that Miles leased land to another (probable) brother Daniel, Jr., in the following year.

I realize this does not constitute firm proof of the relationship, but now I am confident that such proof will be found the records of some of the related families. In the meantime, unless proof to the contrary is found, I am satisfied that Miles Bunnell was born about 1775, probably in Bristol, CT, the son of Daniel and Esther (Yale) Bunnell. Therefore, we can finally state that his descent from the immigrant William was as follows:

CB260001	William Bunnell m. Ann Wilmot
CB270004	Benjamin Bunnell m. Rebecca Mallory
CB280009	Hezekiah Bunnell m. Ruth Plumb
CB290012	Hezekiah Bunnell m. Esther Bristol
CB300049	Daniel Bunnell m. Esther Yale
CB004126	Miles Bunnell m. Amelia Doud

(\* In the last Newsletter, a typographical error lists the CB number for Hezekiah, father of Daniel, as CB290013. CB290012 is correct. My apologies for the error – wra.)

I know that a number of you will join me in fervent thanks to Ruth for digging out this information from the Bristol land records.

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Last December, Mrs. Ralph C. Bunnell, Kenmore, NY, notified me that Ralph had received an ad for “The Bunnell Family News” and “The National Registry of Living Bunnells.” The ad came in the form of a post card, which she sent on to me. The ad reads as follows:

The Bunnell Family News  
6825 E. Tennessee #2-300  
Denver, CO. 80224-1607

Dear Cousin Bunnell,

We are the Bunnell Family News. Every single article in the newspaper is about us – the Bunnells.

News from Bunnell family members alerts us to births, deaths and weddings – all sorts of family stuff.

We subscribe to a national clipping service that monitors the major news services so that when a Bunnell makes the big time news, we can publish the story.

We are unique if your last name is Bunnell.

Also – The National Registry of Living Bunnells is finished – we’ve chased down 2014 of us.

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To Order: 1 year subscription is \$7 - 3 years is \$17. The Registry is \$15 plus \$2 shipping. Our special this month is \$19 total for both a 1 year subscription and a Registry (save \$5). Checks are payable to: “The Bunnell Family News”. Mail today to The Bunnell Family News, 6825 E. Tennessee #2-300, Denver, CO. 80224-1607. WE NEED FAMILY SUPPORT!!!

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I SENT THE \$19 FOR THE News and the Registry. The Registry, as I suspected, was simply a list of Bunnell names and addresses across the country, almost identical to the one I got from Halbert’s a year or so ago – of little or no use to someone who is searching for his or her own family history. The Bunnell Family News, said to be issued quarterly, consists of 12 pages of miscellaneous articles, with more or less of a connection to the subject of family history IN GENERAL. I have received two issues of my subscription, and the name “Bunnell” is liberally sprinkled through all of the articles. However, in 24 pages, the only mention of any actual person named Bunnell consists of two full-page ads for Paul J. Bunnell’s books, “Thunder Over New England” and “The New Loyalist Index.” The rest is all filler.

I have learned that the same post card ad has been sent to people in the Haskell family. Since The Bunnell Family News is a computer-prepared publication, all that is necessary is to tell the computer to substitute “Haskell” for “Bunnell” wherever it appears, and you have another newspaper ready to go. I presume that many other names have been or will be solicited. I can only say that the first two issues, half of my subscription, are worthless for any purpose whatsoever.

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Philip Bunnelle, Santa Clara, CA, sent a newspaper article from the 27 May 1990 issue of the San Jose Mercury News. The headline reads, "An eclectic peek at the USSR – Hoover archives contains treasures of Soviet history." A small portion of the article is extracted for its interest to the Bunnell/Bonnell family:

"... The archives are like a vast, well-organized attic, holding box upon box of news clippings, diplomatic cables, missives, photos, receipts – innumerable scraps of data. Daunting to those mortals among us who struggle with basic public libraries, the archives are an experienced scholar's paradise."

Victoria Bonnell knows. An associate professor of sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, Bonnell spent much of 1986 and 1987 scrutinizing 3,000 posters – to write a book on Soviet political art.

"I'm interested in the way visual propaganda is used to shape the popular mentality." Bonnell said: "It's a fantastic collection of stuff."

"Icons idealizing peasants and workers (and satirizing bulbous, gluttonous capitalists) are richly represented in the collection.

"One parcel of posters, Bonnell said, depicts America in a surprisingly flattering light. The American Relief Administration, which Herbert Hoover headed before becoming president, came to the aid of the Soviet Union during the famine of 1921. A typical poster image depicts an American ship, flag waving, coming to port bearing sacks of grain for starving Russian peasants – proving, at least, that American aid to the Soviets is not without precedent."

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I checked Claude Bunnell's Database and found that VICTORIA E. BONNELL, CB001184, was the author of "The Russian Worker," published in "Contemporary Sociology," Volume 15, November 1986, and of "Roots of Rebellion," published in the "American Journal of Sociology," Volume 92, March 1987. I have no further information about her. Can anyone tell me where she fits in the family tree?

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## QUERY

The name and address of the inquirer are included with each query. However, if you are able to provide the inquirer with the information requested, I would appreciate your sending me a copy of your reply.

1. Need death dates for these children of CALEB GRANNIS and PATIENCE BUNNELL who were married 27 November 1745 in New Haven co, CT: PATIENCE, (death year 1809); SIMEON, (death year 1821); REBECCA; ELDAD; and MARY. Mrs. Dan Atkinson, 28890 Lilac Road #12, Valley Center, CA 92082.

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That's all for this time, Rich.