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Recently Pat and I enjoyed a visit by Kevin CB360239 and Diana Bunnell of Boulder, CO. Kevin is retired from a career in education, with an emphasis on education in the medical field. They came east with an invitation to speak on education methods to a meeting of the American Pediatrics Society. While here, Kevin decided to learn something about his ancestry, a subject in which he had never been especially interested. His roots are in Wyoming co, PA, and the Wyoming co Historical Society referred him to me for Bunnell history.

I was able to provide him with his descent from the immigrant ancestor (William, Benjamin, Benjamin, Solomon, Benjamin, Solomon, John Solomon, Albert, Byron Oscar, George Albert, Kevin Paul Bunnell), as well as with some family pictures, newspaper clippings, etc. He has subscribed to the Newsletter, and he will send me information to fill in the blanks in my records for the recent generations. All in all, it was a useful occasion for both of us.

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Claude Bunnell has now completed entering the 1920 census data for Bunnells, Bonnells, Burnells, etc., in his Database, a massive undertaking in itself. He asked me to pass along this request to all of you. In each of your local areas there are vital records available which would be difficult for him to uncover himself. These might be church records, town or county birth, marriage and death records, city directories, family bibles, etc., etc., etc. If you will seek out such records, obtain copies of them, and send them to Claude for entry into the Database, he would appreciate your help very much. He is interested in all references to Bunnells, Bonnells, Bumells, etc. In other words if the name begins with B, ends with L and has an N in the middle, it doesn't make any difference what the rest of the spelling is. I would also like copies of this material if it is convenient.

Claude's address from April to November is 408 23rd St, Ocean City, NJ 08226, and from November to April it is 2110 Harbourside Drive-538, • Longboat Key, FL 34228. He is prepared and willing to answer any inquiries for information from his Database.

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Retyped by Margaret Rutledge

Where is this Journal?

Nona Bassett, Merced, CA, has spent many years compiling the genealogy of the descendants of Charles CB320356 and Margaret Maria (Barlow) Bunnell. As an offshoot of the research, Nona learned that their daughter, Margaret Josephine Bunnell, kept a journal or diary for a number of years. Josephine, as she was usually called, was born in 1848 near Rockford, Winnebago co, IL. In 1851 she moved with her parents to Clinton co, IA. In 1877, following the death of her mother and her father's remarriage, the family moved again to Milwaukee, Clackamas co, OR. There, on 24 November 1879, Josephine married Thomas Robert Albert Sellwood. They had two sons, William Alvie and Thomas Wister Sellwood. Josephine died in Milwaukie on 15 October 1932.

Nona believes that at one time Josephine's granddaughter, Alisa Sellwood, daughter of Thomas Wister Sellwood, had the journal. However, its present location and ownership are unknown. Since the journal would throw a lot of light on the history of this branch of the family, having it available for research would be a boon. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the original journal or a copy of it, please write either directly to Nona Bassett, P. O. Box 1445, Merced, CA 95341-1445, or to me at the Newsletter.

Nona has pictures of all but one of the twelve children of Charles and Margaret Maria (Barlow) Bunnell. The only picture she is missing is that of William Tecumcia Bunnell CB330497. William was born in 1838 in Ohio, and died 24 February 1912 in Portland, OR, where he had lived for 15 years. Nona would be very grateful to anyone who could supply a picture of him.

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This wedding notice from the Buffalo, NY, News of 5 June 1994 was contributed by Mrs. Ralph Bunnell, Kenmore, NY:

Miss Rupp, sculptor, wed to city planner

Christina Rupp, nationally known sculptor who teaches at Bard College, was married to Mark Bunnell of New York City, a designer and planner of public parks, at noon Saturday at the house in Denver, Colo., that will be their summer home.

A reception was given after Middletown Town Justice Gary Rosa performed the ceremony for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Rupp of New Amsterdam Avenue and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bunnell of Klamath Falls, Ore.

A graduate of the Buffalo seminary and Colgate University, the bride has master's degrees from Rhode Island School of Design and Maryland Art Institute. Her work has been exhibited locally at Burchfield-Penney Art Center and Nina Freudenheim Gallery. The bridegroom, an associate with Quennell, Rothschild Associates, landscape architects and planners, is a magna cum laude graduate of University of Oregon. The newly married couple also will live in New York City.

[The bridegroom, Mark Allen Bunnell CB380092, descends from William Bunnell, through Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Isaac, Clark, Isaac A., Charles Elmer, Edward Everett, Ellwood Pylman, Gene Hebron, and Mark Allen Bunnell.]

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Dot Bunnell Ray, of Fayetteville, NC, sent in the following clipping from the Fayetteville Observer-Times, Sunday/ 17 April 1994:

Bunnell, Clayton

TiMBERLAKE—DeAnn Michelle Clayton and Jeffrey Carlin Bunnell, both of Timberlake, were married at 3 p.m. April 9 in Timberlake Baptist Church. The Revs. Harry Barnett and Donald Harris officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Dorothy Clayton of Timberlake. The parents of the bridegroom are Carlin and Suzanne Bunnell of Cameron.

The bride was escorted by her father. The maid of honor was Valerie Duncan of Timberlake. The bridesmaids were Bridget Goodwin of Timberlake, Michelle Barclay of Roxboro and Amy Bunnell of Cameron.

The bridegroom's father was the best man. The ushers were Dwayne Clayton of Timberlake, Gary Blue of Cameron and Billy Meeks of Durham.

The wedding musicians were Barbara Lakey and Amy Bunnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlin H. Bunnell were hosts for a reception at Clarksville Station in Roxboro.

The bride is a graduate of Person Senior High School in Roxboro and Piedmont Community College in Roxboro. She is employed with Roxboro Medical Associates.

The bridegroom is a graduate of union Pines High School in Cameron and attended Piedmont community College. He is a firefighter with the city of Durham.

The couple will live in Timberlake.

[Dot Ray has been the major contributor of information on the North Carolina branch of the Bunnell family. She writes: "Jeffrey Carlin Bunnell is a descendant of Durham P. Bunnell. . . . Durham P. Bunnell (1860 census) was residing in Moore County, N.C. . . I have not searched the records on this line of the family."

Durham P. Bunnell CB320748 descends from the immigrant ancestor as follows: William, Benjamin, Hezekiah, Hezekiah, Titus, Asa, and Durham P. Bunnell. The connection between Durham P. and Carlin H. Bunnell needs to be established. wra.]

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From Ruth Duncan, West Simsbury, CT, comes this clipping from The Hartford Courant, Sunday, 26 December 1993.

WOLANIN---BUNNELL

Lynn M. Bunnell and John C. Wolanin, both of Meriden, were married Sept. 25 at 10:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi Church, Wethersfield. The Rev. Thomas Campion officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Wesley W. and Anne Bunnell of Auburn, N.Y. The bridegroom is the son of Chester E. and Florence B. Wolanin of Wethersfield.

Geraldine Crowley was maid of honor; bridesmaids were Laurie Babin and Dawn Garcia. Sarah Wolanin was flower girl.

David Wolanin was best man; ushers were Richard Leveille and Gregory Garcia. Jason Bunnell was ring bearer.

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The couple left for St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles, after a reception at Marc Antony's, Hartford. They live in Meriden.

The bride, a graduate of State University of New York at Albany, is a tax supervisor at Haggett Longobardi & Co., Glastonbury. The bridegroom, a graduate of central Connecticut State University, New Britain, is a tax specialist at Vecchitto Schnioman Macca and Co., Farmington.

[The Auburn City Directory for 1958 has these listings:

Bunnell Chas emp Col Rope Co r RD 1

- Effie M wid Amos emp Col Rope Co h 1 Milligan
- Elmer L (Beryl G) dist mgr Farm Bureau ins h 215 Owasco rd (Owasco)
- Francis H (Charlotte) fighter Eng 3 AFD h 10 1/2 Vanden Bosch av
- Margt M nurse State Dept of Social Welfare h 95 1/2 Franklin
- Robt M (Rosalie) emp Aub Photo Service h 5 Chapel av
- Sydney R emp Alco r Franklin st rd RD 4
- Wesley r 5 Evans
- Wesley W r 95 1/2 Franklin
- Wesley W (Anne) gas station mgr Atlantic Refining co Port Byron NY h 7 Morris.

Wesley W. Bunnell still lives at 7 Morris Street in Auburn. I called him to ask for further information. He said at the outset that he is not interested in genealogy, but he did tell me that his father was Amos Bunnell, his mother was Effie Winters, and his grandfather was Wesley Bunnell. He does not remember his grandmother's name since she died when he was very small. I am unable from my records to carry this line farther back.]

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THE BUNNELL NO. 4 D.D. HOME MEDICAL APPARATUS

Recently, my wife and I attended an auction of the personal property of the late Dr. Charles C. Guyer in Montrose, PA. Among the many items offered for sale was the Bunnell No. 4 D.D. Home Medical Apparatus. When we found the Apparatus it turned out to be a small wooden box, 9" long by 5 1/2" wide by 4 3/4" high with a fine mahogany finish. The top and bottom were both hinged, with hooks on the side to keep them fastened when closed. There was a nice brass carrying handle on top.

When the top was lifted, it revealed a compartment the length and width of the inside of the box, but only an inch or less in depth. A flat piece of metal nearly covered the bottom of the compartment, but there was nothing else in it.

Unhooking the bottom, I was able to tip back the rest of the box, which showed a larger compartment comprising the remainder of the inside. This compartment housed a variety of electrical components, including a large probe about six inches long and several smaller probes, electrodes and other pieces I couldn't put a name to. A paper printed with the directions for use was pasted inside the top lid. I hoped to buy the Apparatus for my Bunnell collection, but it went for \$80 to an antique dealer, more than I felt I could afford. Before the sale, however, I copied the directions for use, and here they are:

Directions for using the Bunnell No. 4 D.D. Home Medical Apparatus with Standard Dry Cell Battery

The small switch to the left of base is used to put the battery in operation.

The cell is working only when this switch is on the contact stud, consequently the life of the cell will be prolonged by taking care not to turn it on until everything is ready for the application, and to turn it off promptly when through.

The rheotome, or current interrupter, should commence to hum or vibrate as soon as the switch is turned on its stud; if it does not do so, throw it towards the coil and release it suddenly. The contact screw should be adjusted so that the vibration will give an even continuous hum or buzz; it should never be turned so far as to press the vibrating spring against the coil. Three different currents are obtained from the apparatus: the mildest, or primary current (alone) by placing the cord tips in the contact holes marked 1 and 2; by placing the tips in 2 and 3, the secondary current (alone) is obtained; and by placing them in 1 and 3, the combined currents are given out. No. 1 is negative, and either 2 or 3 positive when used with No. 1. Nos. 2 and 3 together give alternating pulsations. The strength of all the currents can be varied by moving the regulator or core shield of the coil; the further out this shield is drawn, the stronger the currents become. The Upright Carbon Post Connector (Patent Pending) in this battery is reversible, and is arranged so that it can be turned to accommodate any style of dry cell, having either square or round carbon, which is an immense advantage over other manufactures of this style medical battery.

One cell will last from 4 to 12 months, according to the length and frequency of application.

We furnish a copy of "the Electropathic Guide" and the following accessories with each battery.

Two Metallic Tube Hand Electrodes, two Conducting Cords with Tips, two Improved Sponge Electrodes, one Foot Plate Electrode, two Insulated Handles for attachment to the two metallic hand electrodes or to the two sponge electrodes, or to one of each. Moisten the sponges to use them, and have them as nearly dry as possible when put away in the box.

To take out the dry cell, loosen the screws which clamp its poles to the flat upright connectors. The Battery cell can then be lifted out of the plated cup, on lifting the latter, which is hinged to an upright post. In replacing the cell, notice that the CARBON POLE belongs and fits to the flat upright connector at the BACK of the base, and the Zinc pole fits the one nearest to you. The dry cell will last many months with proper use. Apparatus complete, \$8.00. Extra cells, 50 cents each.

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Now you all know as much as I do about this mysterious box. Can anyone throw any light on its purpose? or on the Bunnell who presumably invented and sold the apparatus? Was he a doctor? Unfortunately, I found nothing to indicate the age of the machine or the place where it was made.

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Retyped by Margaret Rutledge

NAMES ON THE LAND

Bill Tidball, Kelowna, British Columbia, took this picture in June 1993 while driving through West Virginia near Harrisville, Ritchie co. Along with the picture Bill sent copies of several pages from RITCHIE COUNTY IN HISTORY AND ROMANCE by Minnie Kendall Lowther, copyright 1990 by West Virginia University Libraries. The history notes that in 1798 John Bunnell built the first cabin within the present bounds of Ritchie county in the town of Pennsboro, a little northeast of Harrisville. John Bunnell apparently did not stay long, since his improvement was soon taken over by a John Webster. There is no further mention of John Bunnell in the Ritchie County history.

This John Bunnell is the same person as John Bonnell CB310A33, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Foster) Bonnell. He was born in 1762 in Hunterdon co, NJ, served in the Revolution, and later moved to what is now Ritchie co, WV, but was then part of Harrison co, VA. Although he did not stay long in this cabin, John Bonnell remained in the area, settling in the part of Harrison co, VA, which is now Doddridge co, WV. There he died in 1823. Many of his descendants live there yet.



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COLLEGE PRESIDENT PAUL G. BUNNELL

In the last issue I printed a notice of the inauguration of Paul G. Bunnell as president of Sue Bennett College in London, Laurel co, KY, asking if anyone could provide more information about him. Clement Bonnell, Milford, NJ, got on the phone and talked to Mrs. Paul Bunnell, who provided the necessary data to connect them to the family tree. Clem also talked to Paul's brother, Charles Todd Bunnell, who lives in Minneapolis, MM. Both Charles and Mrs. Paul later called me. Clem had sent them copies of the Newsletter, and they expressed their interest in subscribing.

President Paul G. Bunnell's descent from the immigrant William Bunnell is through Nathaniel Bonnell, Nathaniel Bonnell, James Bonnell, Stephen Bunnell, Jonas Bunnell, Elijah Bunnell, John Wesley Bunnell, Hiram Todd Bunnell, Clifford Paul Bunnell CB351448, to Paul G. Bunnell.

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Retyped by Margaret Rutledge

NATHANIEL BUNNELL/BONNELL (Cont'd)

In the April issue I began a study of the Nathaniels who have appeared in the Bunnell/Bonnell family by arguing that two of the Nathaniel Bunnells, due to misinterpretation of the records, were probably identical to two others on the list. This quarter our study of Nathaniels will continue.

In response to the April article. Jerry Hatch, Chicago, IL, wrote suggesting a review of his ancestor, Nathaniel Bonnell of Mendham, NJ. He contributed a very useful item which I hadn't seen before:

From the WOOD'S NEWARK GAZETTE, Newark, NJ, No. II - Vol. II, Thursday, July 26, 1792, Numb. 63, among listings under the heading, "MARRIED":

"Also by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, of Rokaway, Mr. Henry Bonnel, to Miss Phebe Bonnel, daughter of Nathaniel Bonnel, of Mendham."

This is the first contemporary reference I have seen to this marriage and to the fact that Phebe's father was "Nathaniel Bonnel, of Mendham."

My records show that Phebe was the oldest child of Nathaniel CB300154 and Anne (Cozad) Bonnell, and that Nathaniel was the son of David and Hannah (Thompson) Bonnell. Unfortunately, the evidence for these two connections is very weak.

The first question then is: Is Nathaniel CB300154 the same person as Nathaniel of Mendham, father of Phebe?

I have no contemporary record of the marriage of Nathaniel Bonnell and Anne Cozad. However, the will of Samuel Cosad of Mendham, Morris co, NJ, dated 15 February 1806, mentions his "daughter Anne, wife of Nathaniel Bunnel." Thus, the marriage seems certain, but the children are the problem. I include nine children in my list, although no source available to me names more than seven. The nine are:

Phebe, b. 1772, Elizabeth 1776, Henry 1777, Nathaniel 1779, David Thompson 1783, Aaron Pitney 1784, Anne 1786, William 1778, Hannah 1788.

Henry Spencer Clark, in his book on the Clark family written in 1909, lists seven children, omitting Phebe and Hannah, the first and last on my list. Data from Sharon Holley and Virginia Carroll agree with Clark's list.

On the other hand, data received from Vera Gray and Mrs. John Brines also list seven children, but they include both Phebe and Hannah. Instead they omit Henry and Elizabeth. Until I learn better, I have chosen to retain all nine children on the list.

In January 1989 Claude Bunnell provided a lineage report for William J. Foley which included seven children, omitting Henry and Elizabeth, but including Phebe and Hannah. (Claude's current Database includes all nine children to match my records.) Also, the Family Group Sheet submitted by Viola Kuhni lists Phebe as the daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Cozad) Bonnell.

The book by Henry S. Clark is the earliest record, published in April 1909. This was more than a century after the births of these children.

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What authority he had for his list is unknown to me. I have seen only a photocopy of the single page of his book on which the Nathaniel Bonnell family is listed. There appear to be no sources provided.

Clark does say that Anne Cozad was born in 1754 and married Nathaniel Bonnell in 1774. If true, this would preclude her being the mother of Phebe in 1772.

There are several alternatives. Nathaniel and Anne could have been married as early as 1771. or - Anne could have been Nathaniel's second wife, with Phebe a daughter of the first. (It is intriguing to note that the marriage of a Nathaniel Bonnel and Sibah Hoel on 19 February 1772 is listed in the records of the Presbyterian Church in New Providence. The identity of this Nathaniel is a matter of debate, and there are problems in making him identical to Phebe's father, but it's worth thinking about.)

Now let's go back to the newspaper statement that Phebe was the daughter of Nathaniel Bonnel of Mendham. Sharon Holley, Budd Lake, NJ, studied the tax records of Mendham twp, and found only two Nathaniel Bonnells taxed in Mendham between 1778 and 1797, Nathaniel and Nathaniel, Jr.

Nathaniel, Jr., was listed as a single man in 1779 and thus could not have been the Nathaniel who married in 1774 (or before). He is certainly not the Nathaniel, Jr., son of Nathaniel and Anne Cozad, who was not born until 1779.

The marriage notice printed in the newspaper makes it clear that Phebe's father was "Nathaniel Bonnel of Mendham." The tax records compiled by Sharon Holley make it equally clear which of the two Nathaniels had to be her father. What is not clear is that this is the Nathaniel who married Anne Cozad.

Henry Spenser Clark says that Nathaniel and Anne (Cozad) Bonnell "settled near the bend in North fork, and in 1804 sold the 52 acre tract to N. Clark and moved to the head of fork, where they died." Apparently, this refers to the Whippany River, but I don't have a large-scale map of Morris co which would help me identify these places. Did these points on the Whippany River fall in the town of Mendham? If so, this would lead us to believe that the Nathaniel who married Anne Cozad was the same person as the Nathaniel who was taxed in Mendham between 1778 and 1796 (and later?). H. S. Clark says that Nathaniel died about 1820 and Anne about 1825. Has anyone searched for their wills or probate records? Deeds to the land owned by the various Bonnells in Morris co would also be of great help.

With all the uncertainty about which Nathaniel was Phebe's father, we are also faced with the question of his own parentage. As I said, my records list him as the son of David Bonnell by his first wife, Hannah Thompson. I have no contemporary evidence to support this, and the available sources are a long way from unanimous.

The only source, so far as I can determine, for listing Nathaniel as the son of David and Hannah is the research done by Iva Bunnell Adams

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and her family. The data we received from Viola Kuhni and Vera Gray were from the same source. Viola is Iva's niece and Vera is her first cousin once removed. (Carolyn Brines also lists Nathaniel as David's son.)

In 1963, when Iva first wrote to me, she said that David Edwin and Sallie (Heller) Bunnell, her grandparents, became Mormons and "were very anxious to preserve their family ancestry. They kept family records as far back as they knew. The youngest daughter, Rosetta Bunnell Halliday [1854-1921-wra], went East for a couple of years and contacted as many relatives as she was able to locate and copied their family records. After she came home the search was continued with the help of professional genealogists."

Iva Adams's line was through David Elias Bonnell, son of David and Hannah, and none of the data received from her refer to Nathaniel except as a brother of David Elias. Her Family Group sheet for David and Hannah lists three children, all born in Union twp. Union co, NJ:

David Elias, b. 1739/40, m. 31 Nov. 1762 Temperance Wade, d. 27 Aug. 1800;
Nathaniel, b. 1746, m. Hannah Cozad, d. 25 Apr. 1814.
Stephen, b. 28 Apr. 1749, d. 28 Apr. 1749.

Her Family Group Sheet for David and his second wife Elizabeth Jones lists:

Joseph, b. 1751, m. Nancy Lyon, d. 23 June 1849;
Stephen, b. 1756, d. 7 Sept. 1758;
Oliver, b. about 1759, d. 1806;
Jerusha, b. 17 Jan. 1764, m. John Beach;
William, b. 1765, m. Nancy Woodruff, d. 4 Feb. 1828.

The sources cited on the first FGS are:

Family Records
Research in New Jersey
N. J. Vol. 41 p. 42
Vol. 42 pp. 45, 42
Gardner Black Books, pp. 49, 51, 31, 79.

For the FGS for the second marriage:

Gardner Black Books, pp. 49, 51, 31, 79
The will of David Bonnell.

There is no way now to verify the Family Records or the Research in New Jersey. The references to N. J. Vol. 41 and Vol. 42 apparently refer to the Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society. I do not have copies of these references, but believe that Vol. 41, p. 42, gives us David's will, or an abstract of it. Also, I have not seen the Gardner Black Books. Jerry Hatch told me they do not clarify this problem.

All other accounts of this David that I have seen do not indicate that he had a son Nathaniel. Mrs. Leo Salters wrote to me in 1963 and

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listed the children of David, omitting sons Nathaniel and Stephen by the first wife and son Oliver by the second wife. She gave no source for her information.

Ruth Duncan, on page 31 of her book, WILLIAM BUNNELL AND HIS DESCENDANTS, includes all the children cited by Iva Adams, except Nathaniel. Her sources for David and his family were listed as N. J. Historical Society Proceedings, Vol. 42 [David's will] and Mrs. Maisie Beard. Ruth turned over all her files to me after publication of her book, but I didn't find anything in the material from Maisie Beard which provides information on the children of David.

The Bonnell articles on pages 333 and 334 of AMERICAN FAMILIES OF HISTORIC LINEAGE, and on page 61 of AMERICAN FAMILIES OF HISTORIC LINEAGE—LONG ISLAND, both give accounts of the life of David Bonnell and his two wives. Both of them omit from the list of children the sons Nathaniel and Stephen by the first wife and son Oliver by the second wife. One of these is probably the source of Mrs. Salters's information.

The Long Island volume provides the only contemporary record I have seen that applies to this problem - the text of David Bonnell's will. It reads as follows:

"In the name of God, Amen: I, David Bonnel, of the Township of Union, in the county of Essex, State of New Jersey, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, my will is and I do give and bequeath to my beloved son William and to his heirs and assigns forever, all my real and personal estate of whatever nature or kind soever which is Bequeathed to him on the following conditions, and no other: in the first place he shall pay or cause to be paid all my just debts and funeral charges, and to pay to each of my surviving children, the sum of five shillings each and second, that the said William shall keep, maintain and support in a Decent and Comfortable manner, my wife, Elizabeth, during her natural life, free from any charge whatever, to the residence [sic, probably residue - wra] of my said children or any part of them, and lastly, I do hereby appoint my beloved son Joseph and William executors, to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made, in witness whereof, the said David Bonnel hath hereunto set his hand and seal this twenty-eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine."

Although the will does not mention a son Nathaniel, the omission is not conclusive. The only children mentioned are sons Joseph and William as executors. The text makes it clear that there were others. William was the sole legatee, with the proviso that he take care of his mother Elizabeth without charge to the other children, and that he pay "to each of my surviving children, the sum of five shillings each."

Of the children named by Iva Adams, David Elias, the two Stephens and Oliver died before David wrote his will in 1809. The children still living at the time were Joseph and William, who were specifically mentioned in the will, and Jerusha and Nathaniel, who were not.

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There seems no question that Jerusha was David's daughter. Possibly, "each of my surviving children", to whom William was to pay, refers only to Joseph and Jerusha. However, as I read it, it sounds as though David meant more than two, and it could just as well include Nathaniel.

Unfortunately, this discussion does nothing more than identify what little we know for sure and the sources of the various contradictions. I think it is essential to get more contemporary data from Mendham twp.

Nathaniel's family is not the only mysterious Bonnell family in Mendham, and any Bonnell data we can dig out there might clear up some other problems.

There is a good possibility that some or all of the Bonnells that appear early in the Mendham tax records represent another branch of the family whose link to the first Nathaniel has yet to be discovered.

More on Nathaniels in October. Your contributions to this discussion will be welcome.

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Ruth Duncan, West Simsbury, CT, sent in a couple of obituaries. The first is from the New Haven Register:

TRUMBULL--A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Monday for MARGARET WELCH BUNNELL, 99, of St. Joseph's Manor, formerly of the New Haven area, who died Friday, Nov. 5, 1993. She was the widow of Frank Bunnell.

Her funeral will leave the Redgate Hennessy Funeral Home, 4 Gorham Place, at 9:15 a.m. The Mass will be said in St. Stephen's Church at 10. Burial will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery, West Haven.

Mrs. Bunnell was born in New Haven July 10, 1894, and lived in the New Haven area for most of her life.

She is survived by three grandchildren, all in California.

Mrs. Bunnell was predeceased by her daughter, Frances O'Keefe.

[Margaret M. Welch married Francis Joseph Bunnell CB351693 on 22 August 1917. He died 10 November 1918. Mrs. Bunnell was a widow for 75 years. Her husband's descent was as follows: William, Benjamin, Hezekiah, Deliverance, Jacob, Stephen, David L., Selleck J., Frank H. and Francis Joseph Bunnell.]

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The second obituary, from the Hartford Courant of 4 March 1994, records the death of Matthew X. Boyne, Sr., 60, of Simsbury, CT, on 2 March 1994. He is survived, in addition to his wife, children and grandchildren, by his mother, Helen (Bunnell) Boyne of West Haven, two brothers, Richard Boyne of West Haven, and Paul Boyne of Branford, and a sister, Mary Lucibello of Florida. He was predeceased by his father, Richard F. Boyne.

[I did not find Mrs. Helen (Bunnell) Boyne in my records or in Claude Bunnell's Database. Can anyone tell us who her parents were?]

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Mabel Daniels, Beacon, IA, sent in the following obituary from an Iowa newspaper:

CEDAR RAPIDS—HOMER H. BUNNELL, 75, of Cedar Rapids, died on Monday, May 16, 1994 at his home following a long illness. He was born June 5, 1918 near Rose Hill to Thomas and Jennie Allsup Bunnell. He married Evelyn M. Skeels on June 21, 1941 in Union Mills. He was a farmer and hog buyer and worked as a processor at Wilsons for over 20 years before retiring in 1983. He volunteered for several community services. He is survived by his wife, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 20 at 3 p.m. at Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories in Cedar Rapids, with the Rev. Doug Peters of the Solon and Bertram United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the Cedar Memorial Funeral Home on Thursday, 408 p.m. and at the chapel after 2 p.m. on Friday. A memorial fund has been established.

[Can anyone supply us with the ancestry of Thomas Bunnell, father of Homer H.?]

INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX

NEW YORK (concluded) (as of April 1988)

from J. Hatch

[Wayne county—formed 1823 from Ontario and Seneca]

>Galen twp, Wayne county—Births:

Bonnell, Daniel M.	Henry Bonnell/Elizabeth Simcock	M	11 May 1816
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>Clyde, Wayne county—Births:

Bonnell, Elizabeth S.	Charles Bonnell/Deanna Dell	F	23 Jul 1829
Bonnell, Hannah S.	Henry Bonnell/Mary Dell	F	11 Aug 1830
Bonnell, Henry Schooley	Charles Bonnell/Deanna Dell	M	14 Oct 1831
Bonnell, Mary T.	Charles Bonnell/Deanna Dell	F	23 Aug 1838
Bonnell, Phebe Wilson	Charles Bonnell/Deanna Dell	F	11 Mar 1834

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ARIZONA (as of April 1988)

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[Navajo county—formed from Apache]

>Castle Butte, Navajo county—Births:

Bonnell, Helen Franklin	Frank Benell/Bah Frank	F	21 Jun 1920
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[Yuma county—Original county—1864]

>Yuma, Yuma county—Marriages:

Bunnell, Charles Elmer	Mary Pearl Brazil	24 Dec 1836
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CALIFORNIA (as of April 1988) from Jerry Hatch

[Alameda county—formed 1853 from Contra Costa and Santa Clara)

>Alameda county—Births:

Bunnell, Woodbury George Woodbury Bunnell/Alice Theresia Baker M 1866

>Alameda county—Marriages:

Bunnell, George Woodbury Alice Theresia Baker 1861

>Fruitvale, Alameda county—Births:

Bunnell, Adelina George W. Bunnell/Alice Baker F 07 Dec 1868

>Oakland, Alameda county—Births:

Bunnell, Edwin H. George Woodbury Bunnell/Alice Theresia Baker M Feb 1870

Bunnell, George Woodbury George Woodbury Bunnell/Alice Theresia Baker M Dec 1874

[Contra Costa county—1850, Original county]

>Martinez, Contra Costa county—Marriages:

Bunnell, Adelina Albert Howell Elliot 09 Jan 1894

[Lassen county—formed 1864 from Plumas and Shasta]

>Lassen county—Marriages:

Bunnell, Abel Ella A. Stockton 23 Jul 1879

[Plumas county—formed 1854 from Butte]

>Plumas county—Marriages:

Bunnell, Luther Wellington Julia Hess 1861

Bunnell, Luther Wellington Julia Hess Lee 1869

[Riverside county—formed 1893 from San Diego and San Bernardino]

>Riverside, Riverside county—Marriages:

Bunnell, Clarence Cecil Geneva Josephine Gentry 28 Apr 1910

[San Diego county—1850, Original county]

>La Jolla, San Diego county—Marriages:

Bunnell, Jesse White Helena Gertrude Woodward 06 Jun 1911

[Santa Clara county—1850, original county)

>Gilroy, Santa Clara county—Marriages:

Bonnell, Dora George C. Harrison 23 Dec 1891

COLORADO (as of April 1988)

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[Delta county—formed 1883 from Gunnison]

>Delta, Delta county—Births:

Bonnell, Hattie Beatrice	Frank Chester Bonnell/Anna Elizabeth Gratz	F 14 Feb 1898
Bonnell, Hazel Bernice	Frank Chester Bonnell/Anna Elizabeth Gratz	F 14 Feb 1898
Bonnell, Louisa Wilhelmena	Frank Chester Bonnell/Anna Elizabeth Gratz	F 19 May 1899

[Denver county—formed 1902 from Arapahoe]

>Denver, Denver county—Births:

Bunnell, Alameda Isabell	Fred Elmer Bunnell/Bessie May Kellogg	F 06 Feb 1911
Bunnell, Harry Thomas	Fred Elmer Bunnell/Bessie May Kellogg	M 30 Apr 1908
Bunnell, Thula Mae	Fred Elmer Bunnell/Bessie Mae	F 29 May 1912
Bunnell, Thula May	Fred Elmer Bunnell/Bessie May Kellogg	F 29 May 1912
Bunnell, William Dwight	Herman Collins Bunnell/Nina Elizabeth Dwight	M 20 Dec 1907

>Denver, Denver county, marriages:

Bunnell, Fred Elmer	Bessie May Kellogg	24 Dec 1906
Bunnell, Harry Thomas	Jessie Ruth Bone	16 Apr 1929
Bunnell, Herman Collins	Nina Elizabeth Dwight	14 Jun 1906
Benell, James Franklin	Dorthinlia Keith	08 Oct 1898
Bonnel, Ophelia Lyle	Arvell Alderson Blakley	12 Sep 1880
Bunnell, Steven Lewis	Freda Marie Williams	18 Aug 1938

[Larimer county—Original county—1861]

>Estes Park, Larimer county—Births:

Bunnell, Arloa Bessie	Fred Elmer Bunnell/Bessie May Kellogg	F 01 Apr 1918
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[Montrose county—formed 1883 from Gunnison]

>Montrose, Montrose county—Marriages

Bonnell, Bertha Belle	Edward Cleveland Barnett	14 Sep 1908
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>Pueblo, Pueblo county—Births:

Benell, Harry	William Benell/Mary Benton	M 04 Aug 1873
Benell, Howard	William Benell/Mary Benton	M 04 Aug 1873
Benell, Sherman Delbert	William Benell/Mary Benton	M 02 Apr 1865

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