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## COMMENT

With only a few obituaries to print this quarter, I have taken the opportunity to include a lengthy article on the Benjamin Bonnells in New Jersey before 1800. Unfortunately, there are more questions than answers, but I hope the article will generate some discussion.

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Did anyone else happen to catch the broadcast on public television of last year's Metropolitan Opera production of Otello, starring Placido Domingo? If so, you saw our own Jane Bunnell sing the role of Emilia, wife of Iago. In the last act she exposes Iago's evil plotting, but alas, too late. We heard her again on the radio a week later in the same role, live from the Met, again with Domingo as Otello.

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Robert L. Pratt, Wilmington, NC, sent in this clipping from the Wilmington Morning Star, 26 February 1996:

### BUNNELLS WED FOR 50 YEARS

Ervin J. Bunnell and Mary E. Todd Bunnell of Wilmington celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 24. A surprise dinner party was held at Chris's Restaurant given by their daughters, Rebecca Paul of Monks Corner, S.C., and Sharon Polley of Burgaw. They have three grandchildren. They were married Feb. 23, 1946.

[Bob Pratt added that their address is 73 Pinecrest Parkway, Wilmington, NC 28401. Claude Bunnell's Database lists Ervin James Bunnell CB000898, b. 1924 NC, parents unknown, married Mary Elizabeth Todd, b. 1930; their daughter Sharon Lynn was born 6 July 1956 in Wilmington. My guess is that Ervin James Bunnell is the son of Ervin Norfleet Bunnell CB340068 and his first wife Effie Cora Calcutt. They had a daughter Ruth, b- 1917, appearing with them in the 1920 census in Rockfish twp, Cumberland co, NC. In 1951 Ervin Norfleet Bunnell's residence was in Holly Ridge, Onslow co, NC. This is only 25 or so miles north of Wilmington on US route 17. Can anyone confirm or refute this parentage?]

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Claude Bunnell, Longboat Key, FL, called me to provide the answers to several questions raised in recent Newsletters.

From Vol. IX, No. 4, page 47, Andrew W. Bunnell, who appeared in the 1984 Alumni Directory for Kappa Sigma Fraternity, is Andrew Warren Bunnell CB370289, who descends from William Bunnell the immigrant through Benjamin, Benjamin, Gershom, Joseph, James, Elijah, William, Willard Maine, Walls Willard and Willard Walls to Andrew Warren Bunnell.

From Vol. IX, No. 4, page 51, Claude also gave me the ancestry of Paul Bunnell whose infant daughter Kimberley's obituary was noted. Paul Bunnell CB370650 is descended from William Bunnell through Benjamin, Nathaniel, Jairus, Jairus, Jairus B., George, Samuel R., Herbert Richard, William Herbert, and John Pierce to Paul Bunnell.

From Vol. X, No. 1, page 12, Claude identified J. H. Bunnell, the White House telegrapher as Jesse H. Bunnell CB330720, who was born in 1843 in Massillon, Stark co, OH. His father J. Bunnell CB00775, born in 1810 in New York, was listed as a boat builder in Massillon, OH, in the 1860 census. Jesse's mother Mary was born in 1816 in Pennsylvania. Jesse had two brothers, Francis, born in 1837, and Dewitt C., born in 1849. The identity and ancestry of J. Bunnell, Jesse's father, is not yet established.

Also from Vol. X, No. 1, page 12, in which I stated that I had no further information about Randall Bonnell, Sr., whose wife's obituary I printed there. This **was** not true, but the answer was included in a large packet of data on the West Virginia branch that had been compiled and sent to me by Clement M. Bonnell III, Milford, NJ. I had not had a chance to transfer this information to my files at the time I prepared the January Newsletter. When I did so, I passed right by this Randall without realizing that the question had been raised. Claude Bunnell pointed out my error, and I am grateful to both Clem and Claude for their help.

Randall Lynn Bonnell, Sr., CB370608 is descended from William Bunnell through Nathaniel, Isaac, Abraham, Abraham, John, Jonathan, David M., Lester, William Coleman and William to Randall Lynn Bonnell.

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Jean Bonnell Seigley, Tiffin, OH, found this obituary in an Indianapolis, IN, newspaper while visiting there about the first of March 1996.

LEWIS BUNNELL, 61, Indianapolis, died Feb. 27. He was a laborer 26 years for Peerless Pump Co., retiring in 1993. Services: 1 p.m. March 2 in Boatright Funeral Home, with calling from 11 a.m. Burial: New Crown Cemetery. Survivors: wife Evelyn H. Bunnell; children Lewis Richard Jr., Carla Bunnell, Tonya Kendrick; stepsons John Hardman, Ronald Freeman; brothers William, Frank Jr., Kenneth, Larry, Richard Bunnell; sisters Phyliss Ann, Gayle Bunnell; nine grandchildren.

[I need help on this one. Lewis's father was apparently Frank Bunnell, since one of his survivors was a brother Frank, Jr. However, I can't identify this family in my records.]

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I had the chance to borrow this picture labeled Alumni of Scranton Corners School and want to share it with you. The old one-room school was located on Bunnell Hill in Meshoppen twp, Wyoming co, PA. The building is still standing, but in a very decrepit condition. The picture was taken by photographer Watson B. Bunnell at the Bunnell-Overfield Reunion at Bacon's Grove on Bunnell Hill 28 August 1926. Fortunately, the people were named on the back of the picture.

Front row:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Bacon. I believe this was Myrtle (Bacon) Koup, daughter of Henry W. and Emma Delphine (Bunnell CB330705) Bacon.
2. Hazel Edna (Bunnell CB340830) White, Mrs. Harry W., daughter of Nicholas S. CB330181 and Sarah (Barlow) Bunnell.
3. Nellie Mary (Bacon) Ayres, Mrs. William, daughter of Henry and Emma (Bunnell) Bacon.

Second row:

1. Erdine Ione (Benninger) Bunnell, second wife of Charles F. Bunnell CB340822.
2. Ida (Bacon) Decker, Mrs. George, sister of Henry W. Bacon.
3. Bertha Edna (Bacon) Treible, Mrs. Peter, daughter of Henry and Emma (Bunnell) Bacon.
4. Lula Vieve (Bunnell CB340680) Love, Mrs. Ernest, daughter of Albert CB330701 and Harriet (Overfield) Bunnell.
5. Lydia Lacey (Bunnell CB340681) Mowry, Mrs. Addison, daughter of Albert and Harriet Bunnell,

Back row:

1. Charles F. Bunnell CB340822, son of Nicholas S. and Sarah Bunnell, second husband of Erdine Ione Benninger.
2. Fred Dean Bunnell CB340677, son of Albert and Harriet Bunnell.
3. Charles Barlow, husband of Ida Theressa Bunnell CB330177, sister of Nicholas S-Bunnell-
4. Mary Ottie (Bunnell CB340045) Terry, Mrs. Burleigh R., daughter of Henry Clay CB330704 and Lydia Martha (Overfield) Bunnell.
5. Ellis Dunlap, whose relationship to the Bunnell family was more distant. He was a great grandson of Moses and Rebecca (Bunnell CB310248) Bartron.
6. Watson Brownscomb Bunnell CB340678, son of Albert and Harriet Bunnell, the photographer who took the picture.

## MORE ON BENJAMIN BONNELLS

Last quarter, and before that in Vol. VI, No. 1, I devoted several pages to consideration of two of the Benjamin Bonnells who appear in New Jersey prior to 1800. To provide a better focus on Benjamins in the early generations, I will try in this issue to bring together what is known about Bonnells bearing this name; then to share with you a number of references to "Benjamin Bonnell"<sup>w</sup> that have not been satisfactorily identified.

1. The first BENJAMIN BONNELL CB280020 in New Jersey was the son of Nathaniel and Susanna (Whitehead) Bonnell. He was born about 1682 in Elizabethtown. He lived there the rest of his life and died there 27 May 1760. Benjamin's name appears as a witness on at least 15 wills in Elizabethtown from 1716 to 1758. In 1731 he was High sheriff of Essex co. His wife Sarah (Potter) died 17 December 1760. He left no will, but Sarah left her possessions to the children of her Potter brothers and sisters. Clearly, Benjamin and Sarah had no children. Note, however, that she was 14 years younger than he. It is very likely that he had been married before, and it is possible that he left children who have not been identified. See No. 5 below.
2. Samuel Bonnell CB280017, brother of the preceding, married Abigail \_\_\_\_, "daughter-in-law" of Samuel Rose. They are not known to have had any children. Samuel died 11 January 1711/12. However, in the New Jersey Archives is a draft of an indenture, by which Benjamin Bunhill of Elizabeth Town binds himself, with the consent of his mother Abegell Bunhill, as apprentice to Anthony Ollife and wife. It is not dated, but is written on the same sheet as the will of Edward Osborne of Elizabeth Town, proved 14 June 1714. This suggests that BENJAMIN, perhaps now in his early teens, might have been the son of Samuel and Abigail, since I know of no other Abigail B-n-1 in the area at this period.
3. The next BENJAMIN BONNELL CB300043 was the son of Nathaniel III and Joanna (Miller) Bonnell. He was born 23 November 1723. He seems to have been married young to a first wife, name unknown, who died soon after giving birth to a son Jacob. He was soon remarried to Rachel Van Winkle, by whom he had some 13 children. His residence seems to have been at New Providence in what was then the Springfield ward of Elizabeth, near the Passaic River. He was taxed there as "Capt. Benjamin Bunnell in 1779, and in 1780 as Bonnell. In the Springfield tax lists of 1782, 1783, 1795, and 1796 he appears as Benjamin Bonnell Esq. He died 10 November 1798 by drowning when a boat capsized. He was buried in the Hillside Cemetery at Bottle Hill, now Madison, Morris co, NJ. His widow married (second) Albert Ackerman.
4. BENJAMIN BONNELL CB310239 was the son of Benjamin and Rachel (Van Winkle) Bonnell. He was born in 1749. He married Hannah Ward. Contrary to a number of published accounts, he did NOT move to Ohio with his brothers, but remained in New Jersey until his death on 9 October 1808. The inventory of the estate of Benjamin Bonnell "of Springfield twp, Essex co, NJ," was made 29 November 1808. He was buried in Hillside Cemetery, Bottle Hill (now Madison), NJ. Hannah (Ward) Bonnell married Elder Moses Miller as her second husband.

Benjamin Bonnell (Cont'd)

5. On 13 March 1734/35 BENJAMIN BONNELL CB001561 and wife Margaret signed a Quit claim to Joseph Bonnell of Elizabethtown. Sam Headly, Sr, grantee- Witnesses: Joseph and Nathaniel Bonnell, This is probably the same Benjamin as No. 1 above, with a first wife Margaret Another less likely possibility is that Margaret was the wife of Benjamin No. 2 above, if he lived to be old enough for marriage.
6. BENJAMIN BONNELL CB012978 married Eleanor \_\_\_\_\_. They had at least one child, Aaron Bonnell, born in 1749 at Mendham, Morris co, NJ. The only source for this information is the Hatfield Family Bible which gives the parents of Aaron Bonnell.
7. BENJAMIN BUNNEL was named in the will of his father Thomas Bonnel CB002197, who died in Hanover twp, Morris co, NJ. "Also I have already given unto my son Benjamin Bunnel the House and lot of Land that I Bought of David Ward," The will is dated 23 January 1788, and the estate was appraised 28 April 1790. See Newsletter, Vol. X, No. 1. I have not found any other references which can be assigned with certainty to this Benjamin.
8. BENJAMIN BONNELL CB006839 was born in 1744- He married Sarah (Jones?). In 1781 he joined the British Loyalist troops in New York City- From there he was evacuated in July 1783 with his wife and two children, noting that he was a "farmer from New Jersey." He was said to have been a Quaker who was disowned by the Rahway, NJ, monthly meeting. The rest of his life was spent in New Brunswick, Canada. See Newsletter, Vol. X, No. 1.
9. BENJAMIN BUNNELL CB004106 was born in 1761 in New Jersey. He married Hannah Golden and at least four of their children were born in New Jersey. They moved to Hamilton co, OH, probably a year or two before 1800, and the rest of their children were born there. See article in Newsletter VI, No. 1. (In re-reading this article I find that it focusses on Morris co, NJ, as if we knew that this Benjamin came from there. That is not the case. We have no more precise location for his early years than "New Jersey."
10. BENJAMIN BONNEL CB003873 married Elizabeth Shipman 4 July 1790. The marriage is listed in the records of the New Providence Presbyterian Church, Essex (now Union) co, NJ. Benjamin No. 7 is the only one of the preceding that could possibly fit this record, although it would seem that he would have been married by the time his father gave him the land (prior to January 1788). Perhaps this is a second marriage. Or perhaps this is simply another unidentified Benjamin.

This completes the list of Benjamin Bonnells I have found who lived as adults in New Jersey prior to 1800 and who show a relationship to at least one other person. However, there are a great many references in the records to Benjamin Bonnell. Which, if any, of the above they apply to can be difficult to determine. Some have never been identified, and others, in my opinion, have been identified incorrectly.

Benjamin Bonnell (Cont'd)

NEW JERSEY TAX LISTS 1772-1822, Vol. 1, Ronald Vern Jackson, Editor, includes a great many Bonnell/Bunnell entries for Essex and Morris counties. In using these it is necessary to understand the political changes that have altered the boundaries over the years. First of all nearly all the Essex co townships in which Bonnells were found lie in the southern part of Essex co which was set off in 1857 as Union co.

The village of Chatham, in which the Bonnell family was prominent presents a more complicated situation. Chatham sits on the Passaic River at the point where the old highway from Elizabeth Town to Morristown crosses. The present Chatham twp is completely within Morris co on the north side of the Passaic River, but at first, people living on either side of the river could be said to be living at Chatham. In both Essex and Morris co townships were established using the highway as a dividing line, so that Chatham residents could be found in Springfield and New Providence twps in Essex co or in Morris or Hanover twps in Morris co, depending on which side of the river and which side of the road they lived on. In 1806 Chatham township was established out of parts of Hanover and Morris twps. All of the tax records in Hanover twp for Benjamin Bonnells concern property which became part of Chatham twp in 1806.

In the Tax List for Springfield, Essex co (which at the time included New Providence) we find:  
Benjamin Bonnell in 1781  
Benjamin Bonnell Esq in 1782 and 1783  
Benjamin Bonnell in 1789 and  
Benjamin Bonnell Esq in 1795 and 1796.

These certainly refer to Benjamin No. 3, CB300043.

Also in Springfield, Essex co:  
Benjamin Bonnell Jr. in 1781, 1782, 1783, 1789, 1795 and 1796.

This clearly is Benjamin No. 4, CB310239.

All other references to Benjamin Bonnell in this volume of New Jersey Tax Lists fall in Morris co, first in Hanover twp, and after 1806 in Chatham twp. The spelling of the surname varies from year to year according to the whim of the recording clerk: Buneel, Bunnell, Bonnal, Bonnel, Bonnell and Bunnl,

Benjamin appears in Hanover twp in 1780, 1781, 1783, 1786, 1787, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794 and 1795.

Benjamin Jr. appears there in 1785.

All of these records could refer to Benjamins Nos. 3 and 4, since it would appear that both owned property in Hanover even though they continued to live in Springfield. Note that when they died, both were buried in Hillside Cemetery at Madison, which was in Hanover twp in 1798 and in Chatham twp in 1808.

Benjamin Bonnell (Cont'd)

In the Tax List for Chatham, Morris co, we find:

Benjamin Bonnel in 1806 and 1807  
B. Bonnel and B. Bonnel Jr. in 1808  
Benjamin Bonnel Jr in 1809, 1810 and 1811  
Heirs of Benjamin Bonnel in 1810 and 1811 and  
Heirs of B. Bonnell in 1812 and 1813

Of the 10 Benjamins listed, only Nos. 4, 6, 7 and 9 (and 10 if he was not the same as No. 7), are possible candidates for these Morris co Benjamins. Nos 1, 2 and 5 were too early and seem to be restricted to Elizabeth Town in Essex co. No. 3 died in 1798. No. 4 could account for some of these references. No. 6 is possible, but was probably too early for these tax lists.

No. 7 should appear, since we know from his father's will that he became a property owner in Hanover twp some time before 1788.

No. 8, the Loyalist, had left New Jersey by 1781 and moved to Canada in 1783. His property, if any, would have been confiscated during the war. Besides, we have no reason to believe he came from Morris co.

No. 9 could have been the Benjamin on the tax list in Hanover before 1798, but not after, since he moved about that time from New Jersey to Ohio. However, as with No. 8, we have not found anything to connect him to Morris co.

No. 10, married in the New Providence Presbyterian Church, could have been one of the Benjamins in the Hanover/Chatham tax records.

Notice that in the tax lists before Chatham twp was formed in 1806, there is no record of more than one Benjamin in any tax year.

In Chatham, however, in 1808 both B. Bonnel and B. Bonnel Jr. appeared. Since Benjamin No. 3 died in 1798, he was not one of these. B. Bonnel Jr. may well have been No. 4, although he was no longer the younger Benjamin. Remember that at this period "Junior<sup>w</sup>" was not restricted to the meaning "son of" as it is today. It simply meant that Benjamin Jr. was a younger person than another Benjamin in the community.

I suggest that Benjamin Bonnel in 1806 and 1807, B. Bonnel in 1808, Heirs of Benjamin Bonnel in 1810 and 1811 and Heirs of B. Bonnell in 1812 and 1813 all refer to Benjamin No. 4, who we know died 9 October 1808. Further, that B. Bonnel Jr in 1808 and Benjamin Bonnel Jr in 1809, 1810 and 1811 refer to Benjamin No. 7, son of Thomas. This is purely guesswork, but reference to actual deeds and their transfer over time could either prove or disprove this speculation.

Next, let's look at some military records.

Benjamin Bonnell (Cont'd)

There are three references to Benjamin Bonnel in OFFICIAL REGISTER OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF NEW JERSEY IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, compiled in 1872 by William S. Stryker and reprinted in 1993 by Heritage Books Inc.

Page 61, the commander-in-Chief's Guard, Continental Army.

"Description of the men: Height from five feet eight inches to five feet ten inches. Age from twenty to thirty years, robust constitution, well-limbed, formed for activity, and men of established characters for sobriety and fidelity. They must be Americans born."

The following soldiers were attached to this corps at different times during the war:

...  
Benjamin Bonnel ..... Private  
....

Page 152, Continental Troops, "Jersey Line".

Bonnel, Benjamin. Captain Mead's Company, First Regiment.

Page 158, Continental Troops, "Jersey Line".

Bunnel, Benjamin. Captain Mead's Company, First Regiment.

THE NEW JERSEY JOURNAL, No. 97, for 27 December 1780 carried this ad:

- - - THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.  
DESERTED from Capt. Mead's Co., the 12th instant. Benjamin Bonnel & etc, etc,  
belonging to the 1st Jersey Regt. Any person that will apprehend and secure the above  
deserters shall be entitled to the above reward. G. Mead, Capt.  
19 Dec. 1780.

THE NEW JERSEY GAZETTE, No. 164, for 14 February 1781 included this item:

SUSSEX ss. WAS committed to the gaol of this county the 31st of Dec. last the three  
following soldiers belonging to Capt. Mead's Co., of the 1st Jersey Regt. viz: Benjamin  
Bonnel, etc, etc who were lately advertised in the New Jersey Journal as deserters.  
Newtown, Jan. 7, 1781 James Morrow, Gaoler.

It appears to me that these references all apply to a single person, No. 4, Benjamin Bonnell, Jr., CB310239. While there are some accounts that try to make Benjamin No. 3 the soldier in Capt. Mead's company, I believe that it is highly unlikely. In 1780 he was 57 years old. Most sources are clear that the son was the soldier. It is, however, possible, even likely, that the father took up arms in the defense of Connecticut Farms and Springfield, NJ, when the British attacked in June 1780. I doubt if he was ever actually enrolled in the army except as a member of the local militia, subject to call in an emergency.

## Benjamin Bonnell (Cont'd)

Gwen Quickel, Lake Jackson, TX, sent me the war record of Pvt Benjamin Bonnel, which she copied from Page 117 of HISTORY OF CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY, by Ambrose Ely Vanderpoel, published by Chatham Historical Society, 1959. His war record is as follows:

Enlisted for the war Aug. 9, 1777 as private in the 3rd Co. under Capt. Conway; later Capt, Mead of 1st N.J. regt., Col, Matthias Ogden, attached to Gen. Maxwell's brigade. Deserted at Brandywine, Del., Sept. 11, 1777; rejoined Apr. 1, 1778. Fought in battle of Monmouth June 28, 1778. Promoted Cpl. Jan. 21, 1780. Fought at Conn. Farms June 7, 1780 & at Springfield June 23, 1780. Deserted Dec. 13, 1780, rejoined in Jan. 1781 & reduced to the ranks. Detached at Morristown Feb. 26, 1781, to Captain Jonathan Forman's (the 1st) Co. of the 3rd Bat. of Lt.-Col. Barber's 1st Bgd. in Gen. Muhlenberg's 1st Div. of Light Inf., commanded by Gen. Lafayette. Fought at Green Springs, VA, July 6, 1781 and at Yorktown Oct. 19, 1781. Transferred at Newburgh, N.Y. Apr. 30, 1782, to the Commander-in-Chief's guard under Lt.-Col. Wm. Colfax. Furloughed at Newburgh June 6, 1783 until the ratification of treaty of peace. Discharged Nov. 3, 1783. - from Lossing's Biography of Washington, II, 177n; Godfrey's The Commander-in-chief's Guard; Littell's Passaic Valley Genealogies, 46.

I have not seen any contemporary documentation to support this record, but it would appear that Benjamin spent a good share of the war years in the army. It is interesting to note that the baptisms of his children list the first two in April 1774 and February 1776 and then no more until the third child in November 1784.

### Miscellaneous References to Benjamin Bonnell/Bunnell

--Claude Bunnell's Database lists a Benj. Bonnel, Jr., CB009368 who took the oath of allegiance in Berks co, PA, on 9 September 1777. This record is on page 22 of PERSONS WHO TOOK THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE IN BERKS CO, PA. I suspect this was Benjamin No. 4, who took the oath soon after he enlisted and just before his first desertion, if the account of his war record is accurate. He seems to have been passing through.

—Also in the Database, THE REVOLUTIONARY CENSUS OF NEW JERSEY by Kenn Stryker-Rodda lists Benjamin Bunnell CB006839 in Hanover twp, Morris co, NJ, in 1778. This was a census of men of military age, and I assume that this was Benjamin No. 7, son of Thomas. If so, it indicates that he was born by 1760 or before.

--From NEW JERSEY IN 1793, by James S. Norton, another census of males 18-45, we find Benjamin Bunnell CB000299 in Morris twp, Morris co, NJ. This is probably Benjamin No. 7 also. If so, it places his date of birth at 1748 or later.

—Also from NEW JERSEY IN 1793, Benjn Bonnell, Junr. was listed in Essex co, NJ. This should be Benjamin No. 4, although the list was supposed to exclude Revolutionary War veterans.

Benjamin Bonnell (Cont'd)

—From NEW JERSEY RATEABLES, 1778-1780, by Kenn Stryker-Rodda, in THE GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE OF NEW JERSEY.

Vol. 43, 1968, Springfield Ward, Elizabeth Township, Essex County: p. 79. February 1779:

Bunnell Benjamin Captn 170 acres; 4 horses, 9 cows, 4 pigs; £1036 at interest; exempt from military service.

Bunnell Benjamin Junr householder, 30 acres. February 1780:

Bonnell Benjamin Captn 170 acres; 2 horses, 8 cows, 2 pigs; £1636 at interest; exempt from military service.

Bonnell Benjamin Junr, 30 acres; 2 cows; £100.

These can only refer to Benjamins No. 3 and 4. Where Benjamin Bonnell Esq. got the title Captain is unknown to me.

—From the same source. Vol. 45, 1970, p. 122, Mendham Township, Morris County, June 1778.

Benjamin Bunnell, householder, 8 acres; 1 horse; exempt from military service.

This should be Benjamin No. 6, father of Aaron. He was old enough to be exempt from military service. He does not appear in the assessment of June 1780, and he may have either died or moved elsewhere. His son Aaron appears both years in Mendham.

--Paul Bunnell sent me a photocopy of the inditement in March 1779 of Benjamin Bunnell of Succasunny in Morris County, NJ, for knowingly passing counterfeit bills, "each of the Value of thirty Dollars lawful Money of this State," . . . His name was originally written Benjamin Bunnell Junr, but the Junr was crossed out. Paul suggested that this was Benjamin No. 8 and that this was one of Benjamin's anti-Revolutionary activities before he left New Jersey to join the British army. If he is right, it would definitely place No. 8, in Morris co, the only evidence so far found to do so. I hesitate about this identification because I can't seem to place him against the Benjamins who are known to have been there.

--Again from the Database: Claude found in GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL MISCELLANY NO. 2, by Frank H. Stewart, 1918, a Benjamin Bunnell who resided in Tuckahoe, Cape May co, NJ, in 1788. I have no idea who he was. I can only add that THE GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE OF NEW JERSEY, Vol. 11, page 24, lists under burials in Tuckahoe Baptist Burying Ground,

Rev. Isaac Bonnell died July 25, 1794 in his 64th year.

I don't know whether these two are related, and have found no other Bunnells or Bonnells in Tuckahoe.

This article has been longer than I like to include on one subject, but I wanted to get this material out in the hope that it will stimulate some discussion. Please let me know of any thoughts you may have, pro or con, on the data and my suggested attributions.

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John Paul Grady, Spring, TX, sent in this obituary from The Hart County News-Herald, Munfordville-Horse Cave, KY, Tuesday, 14 November 1995:

#### WALTER D. BUNNELL

Horse Cave—Walter D. Bunnell, 87, died at 12:25 a.m. Wednesday, November 8, 1995 at his home.

He was a Hart County native, a retired farmer, a member of Green's Chapel Church of Christ and a member of the Board of Directors of Florida College in Tampa,

He was a son of the late David Wallace and Ruth Galloway Bunnell. He was preceded in death by his wife Gladys Edwards Bunnell in 1994.

Survivors include one son, Charles Richardson, Spokane, WA; three sisters, Mary E. England, Louisville; Katherine England, Nashville, TN; Rebecca Kirby, Cookeville, TN; two brothers, Paul Lewis Bunnell, Horse Cave and David Bunnell, Jr., Lansing, MI; two grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 10, 1995 in the chapel of Winn Funeral Home with burial in the Horse Cave Municipal Cemetery.

[Walter D. Bunnell CB001987 was descended from Peter Bunnell, who came to Kentucky from his native Virginia, through Samuel Washington, William Wallace and David Wallace Bunnell.]

#### THE PARENTAGE OF GEORGE WILLIAM BONNELL

In Volume III, No. 3, of the Newsletter, I printed an account of the life of George William Bonnell, for whom Mount Bonnell in Austin, TX, was named. (A recent newspaper article about Mount Bonnell was printed in Volume VI, No. 1.) At the time I could not identify George's parents.

According to THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE NEW WEST, by John Henry Brown and William S. Speer, 1884, George William Bonnell was a native of Onondaga co, NY. Assuming that statement to be true, I am satisfied that the following evidence, even though circumstantial, is sufficient to establish that George Bonnell was the son of Ambrose CB310130 and Rosanna (Woodruff) Bunnell.

The manuscript genealogy of the Bunnell family compiled some 75 years ago by John A. Biles, based on his research of the previous 30 years, tells us that Ambrose Bunnell, son of Titus and Sybil (Yale) Bunnell, was born 22 March 1765 in Burlington, CT, and that he died in 1817. He removed first to Onondaga co, NY, and later moved south, perhaps to North Carolina or Tennessee. Biles did not know the name of Ambrose's wife, but lists his children as Anson, Adna, George, Ambrose, Asa, Gad W. and Hartley.

Unfortunately, Biles did not provide the source of any of this information, and I did not find reference to this family in any of his correspondence which I copied through the generosity of his granddaughter Marian Biles.

GEORGE WILLIAM BUNNELL (Cont'd)

Ruth C. Duncan, on page 40 of her book WILLIAM BUNNELL AND HIS DESCENDANTS, lists Ambrose as the sixth child of Titus and Sybil (Yale) Bunnell as follows:

"vi. AMBROSE m 4 July 1793 ROSANNA WOODRUFF, dau. of Elisha & Ann (Griswold) Woodruff. She was b 19 April 1773 Farmington (VR); d 1865. They removed to Mobile/ Alabama"

No children are listed. Besides the reference to Farmington Vital Records, Ruth also cited HISTORY OF PLYMOUTH.

Claude Bunnell's Database indicates that Ambrose Bunnell appears in the 1800 census in Plymouth, Litchfield co, CT: 20010-40010, and in the 1810 census in Onondaga twp, Onondaga co, NY: 31110-32210. In other words, in 1800 the family included 2 boys and 4 girls under 10, and in 1810, 3 boys and 3 girls under 10. Although it is not necessarily true that all of these were actually children of Ambrose and Rosanna, it seems likely that the list of children provided by John Biles is not complete.

Claude also sent me extracts from the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, TOWN OF ONONDAGA, NY, which show that Ambrose Bunnell was elected overseer of the poor on 7 April 1812 and again on 6 April 1813.

Therefore: Ambrose was certainly resident in Onondaga co, NY, by 1810 or before. He was still living there in 1813. I know of no other Bunnell or Bonnell family in the county at this early date. We do not know the exact date when he moved to Onondaga co from Connecticut, but he seems to have had a number of children between 1800 when he appears in the Litchfield co, CT, census and 1810 when he appears in the Onondaga co, NY, census. Some of these may well have been born after the move to Onondaga co. Biles lists George among the children of Ambrose, George William Bonnell is said to have been born in Onondaga co,

Ruth Duncan says that Ambrose removed to Mobile, Al. The first definite appearance of George William Bonnell is as a newspaper editor in Mobile, AL.

Biles's manuscript is my only source for the children of Ambrose and Rosanna. However, Claude sent me a list of soldiers in the War of 1812 which includes Adney, Anson and Asa Bunnell, all members of militia in New York state. Adney and Anson are both listed as privates in Wood's 147th Regiment of militia. This regiment was formed as the 1st Regiment of Onondaga co militia. It became the 147th under the new system of numbering adopted in 1812. Thaddeus M. Wood took command as its colonel on 31 March 1809. (See ONONDAGA'S CENTENNIAL, GLEANINGS OF A CENTURY, edited by Dwight H. Bruce, 1896, Vol. I, page 205.)

These names, Adna, or Adney, and Anson, identified with Onondaga co, NY, by their military records, are unusual enough to give credence to Biles's list of children for Ambrose, whose family was the only one of this name known to be living in Onondaga co at the time. Therefore, I

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see no reason not to accept: Biles' statement that another son was George. I believe this George Bunnell, son of Ambrose, to be identical to George William Bonnell. Until better evidence is found, and barring evidence to the contrary, I shall assume this to be correct.

As an aside I might mention that, while the vast majority of Bunnell migration from Connecticut went west, two of Ambrose's brothers, Titus Jefferson and Asa, were among the relatively rare migrants to the south, in their case to North Carolina.

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Submitted by Jerry Hatch

[Bartholomew county - formed 1821 from Unorganized Territory and Jackson]

>Bartholomew county - Marriages:

Bunnell, Cinderilla	William C. Adams	17 Mar 1831
Bunnell, Mary A.	Joseph E. Mitchell	18 Nov 1845
Bunnell, Washington	Phebe Hughes	05 Mar 1848

[Clinton county - formed 1830 from Tippecanoe]

>Clinton county - Marriages:

Bunnell, Olinda	Jacob Snyder	16 Mar 1848
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[Daviess county - formed 1817 from Knox]

>Daviess county - Marriages:

Bunnell, Burrill	Abby Smith	21 Dec 1822
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[Delaware county - formed 1827 from Randolph]

>Delaware county - Marriages;

Bunnell, Araminta	Thomas Blunt	22 Apr 1833
Bunnell, Arminta	Thomas Blount	23 Apr 1833
Bunnell, John	Nancy De Witt	26 Nov 1846

[Fountain county - formed 1826 from Montgomery and Parke]

>Fountain county - Marriages:

Bunnell, Barton	Mary Ann Buckles	30 Nov 1829
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[Fulton county - formed 1835 from Alien, Cass and St. Joseph]

>Fulton county - Marriages:

Bunnell, Stephen	Eliza A. Barber	22 May 1872
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[Marshall county - formed 1835 from St. Joseph and Bickhart]

>Marshall county - Births:

Bunnell, Etta F 06 Sep 1858

>Plymouth, Marshall county - Marriages:

Bunnell, Etta Benjamin F. Witwer 10 Mar 1878

>West township, Marshall county - Marriages:

Bunnell, Etta Benjamin Franklin Witwer 10 Mar 1878

[Montgomery county - formed 1823 from Parke and Putnam]

>Montgomery county - Marriages:

Bunnell, Amy Alice William Van Hook 25 Oct 1913

Bunnell, George W. Lillie Kincade 02 Jan 1887

Bunnell, John Sarah Reeves 20 Oct 1835

Bunnell, Stephen Nancy Hendricks 24 Feb 1848

>Cherry Grove, Montgomery county - Births:

Bunnell, Charles Lesley M 29 Dec 1919

Charles Edward Bunnell/Opal Allie Mitchell

[Ohio county - formed 1844 from Dearborn]

>Rising Sun, Ohio county - Marriages:

Bonnell, Caroline Benjamin M. Enoch 02 Apr 1854

[Saint Joseph county - formed 1830 from Cass]

>South Bend, Saint Joseph county - Marriages:

Bunnell, Lena Belle William Arthur Christensen 16 Jul 1928

[Switzerland county - formed 1814 from Dearborn and Jefferson]

>Switzerland county - Marriages:

Bonnell, Annie Harrison Marshall 21 Oct 1885

Bonnell, Ida M. Harmon H. Knollenberg 28 Jun 1885

Bonnell, John Emily Buckley 21 Nov 1860

Bonnell, Joseph E. Annie E. Andrews 17 Jan 1866

Bonnell, Mary J. Silas Dibble 24 Aug 1840

Bonnell, Samuel Hulda Fisk 20 Feb 1862

Bonnell, Sarah Samuel Fisk 18 Jun 1846

Bonnell, Theodore Clara Emerson 02 Oct 186

Bonnell, William Annie L. Buckley 23 Jan 1867

[That's all for this time. I'll finish Indiana next quarter.]