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Administrivia

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Correspondence

In the last issue we carried the obituary for Ed Quickel. His wife Gwen wrote last month and her e-mail was so moving, I wanted to share it with everyone, and she graciously agreed that I could do that.

Hello Pat and Charlie,

Thank you for the write up pertaining to Eddie's death. No write up ever seems to be enough to describe his life. He was an extraordinary person and we had almost 57 years together.

I ran into an acquaintance this week that remarked that "Ed was an icon in Brazoria County." That describes him completely. His life was his God, his family, his work and his country. He loved his work as a Registered Professional Land Surveyor in Texas, since 1967. His registration was to end on December 31, 2011. (He passed away Dec. 17, 2011) His Drivers License expired on Nov. 20, 2011.

His children and grand-children adored him all their lives and he was the center of any family gathering.

He looked like a Bonnell and had traits like a Bonnell. He had said if he had known years ago that his biological surname was Bonnell, he would have made a name change just like our son did in the year 2000. Our son, Jerry David Bonnell, said he never felt that his surname was Quickel. But, Eddie's name was on many documents as Quickel (because he had been a RPLS in Texas for too many years to make the change when we learned of his Bonnell lineage in 1987.) It was then that I located Bill Austin from an ad in the Genealogical Helper magazine. Researching his Bonnell lineage was the most exciting genealogical projects we have ever worked on, and it appeared that everything just fell into place after communicating with Bill, and with his assistance, those many years. At that time, none of our research was on the computer...we traveled, nearby in Texas, also, Oklahoma and the state of Virginia. After research at the Texas State Library in Austin, TX, we discovered that Eddie's biological paternal grandfather was buried just a short distance away in San Antonio, TX. Needless to say we were on the Interstate to SA very quickly and located the cemetery and his grandfather's grave site that had a marker. He was buried near other Bonnell relatives.

I would like to suggest that all interested Bonnell/Bunnell researchers check out our research in the newsletter beginning in 1987. Also, i would like to thank Bill Austin for his assistance and his communications in those early days of our Bonnell research. Bill Austin and Clem Bonnell also researched and completed Eddie's lineage back to the immigrant William Bonnell. Eddie was so excited to join the DNA research to prove his Bonnell lineage. That was the "frosting on the cake" when he learned it had been proven that he was a Bonnell.

Eddie's service in WWII was something he did not discuss very much unless we asked him questions and that seemed to "pull out" a lot of memories that he had forgot. He served in both the European and Asian theaters, which is unusual. He received a bronze star for participating at the Battle of the Bulge near Brussels, Belgium. He was in the second wave of infantry to come in at Utah Beach at Normandy. After his service in Europe he was with his battalion that was shipped to the Philippines at Luzon. He "camped" on the Lingayen Gulf near Baguio, searching for Japanese soldiers left behind. Afterwards his battalion was shipped back to the US to LA then on a train to San Antonio to receive his honorable discharge at Fort Sam Houston in 1946. His service was 1942-1946.

Of course this is not this remarkable man's entire life but just a small segment of his 91 years on this earth.

Yes, the Clayton Library is really a good place to do research and we were there many times. I found the first Isaac Bonnell research in Eddie's lineage there and just had "the feeling" that Isaac

was the father of "our" William and Jonathon and sure enough that was right. I passed on the info to Bill and he and Clem "ran" with it.

Thank you again!

Gwen Caldwell Quickel

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I have put my own database, some of which comes from Claude's database, on Ancestry.com. It goes far beyond my own or Pat's ancestry and contains about 8,800 individuals in it, including about 1900 surnames. For those who may be interested, the name of the Family Tree is allmerge-1. As a result, Diane Steers contacted me requesting information on one of the families in my tree. Ira Everett Bonnell (351792) married Helen Przybylski sometime before 1924 and two sons resulted from that union: Clyde and Merle, both of whom are now deceased. Helen was Diane's great Aunt and she had wondered for years what had happened to Helen. We were not able to piece that together, but thanks to information provided by Elmer Bonnell, Ira's half-brother, I was able to provide Diane with their stories. Her intent is to try and contact Don's widow, if living, to see what information she may be able to provide. Diane's mother believed that Helen may have ended up in a mental hospital in California but I had no info on that; only that she was in California with Ira as late as 1936.

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John Grady, grady.john1@gmail.com or 4218 Oxhill Rd., Spring, TX 77388-5752, sent me some material that had been provided to him by Thomas Bonnell of Columbus, IN. Within that material was information that hadn't been in the Newsletter before or wasn't in Claude's database, or both. You will find them scattered throughout the Newsletter and I am only going to preface them with the comment that: "This is from the Thomas Bonnell material provided by John Grady."

New & Returning Members

Linda A Bonnell	LABJKB@aol.com		
Mark D. Bonnell	mdbonnell@comcast.net		

E-Mail Addresses

This shows only e-mail address changes to the listing in the November 2011 Newsletter.

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Direct Lines

(1) Gary Bonnell, lgbonnell@comcast.net or 3715 Fieldstone Avenue, # 606, Naples, FL 34109, provided his lineage as far back as he has been able to find it. Note: Martha, nee Raiford, was adopted by stepfather, William Thompson. John Bonnell and descendants have been added to the database and John is 041512. Gary's request for help is in the Queries Section:

- John P (R?) Bonnell ~ Rowena Westcott
- Joseph Stanley Bonnell ~ Martha Elizabeth Raiford/Thompson
- Nathaniel Bonnell ~ Mary Searing
- Gary Stanley Bonnell – (1) Shela Earle Maharay
- (2) Linda Catherine Sousek

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(2) This is from the Thomas Bonnell material provided by John Grady. This is the lineage for Thomas Bonnell, a descendant of the Kentucky clan for which we are trying to locate the link back to William, the immigrant. The Bettie Ganno connection is alleged, but unproven. It is also suspected, but not yet proven, that Peter Bunnell, progenitor of the many of the Kentucky Bunnells living today, was the brother of Jonathan Bonnell, below.

William Bonnell – (Bettie Ganno?)  
 Jonathan Bonnell – Rebecca Dean  
 Thomas J. Bonnell – Elizabeth P. McConnel  
 Thomas J. Bonnell – Sophia Finkle  
 Frank Bonnell – Della E Boyer  
 Lyman S. Bonnell – Caroline Zurbrugg  
 Thomas H. Bonnell – Sharon K. Hendershot

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(3) Johanna Bonnell, Johanna_Bonnell@tempe.gov, had provided her husband's lineage a year ago, but I had several questions as it appeared to converge two different lines. Recently she provided some additional data and I was able to sort out the correct lineage.

William Bunnell ~ Ann Wilmot
 Nathaniel Bonnell ~ Susanna Whitehead
 Isaac Bonnell ~ Elizabeth _____
 Abraham Bonnell ~ Mary Shinn
 Abraham Bonnell ~ Elizabeth Foster
 Clement Bonnell ~ Rachel Woolverton

Abraham Bonnell ~ Sarah Luck
 James Bonnell ~ Mary Jane Smith
 Albert Bonnell ~ Ada Pedelty
 Clarence Bonnell ~ Helena Culp
 Clarence Bonnell ~ Donna Jones
 Joseph Bonnell ~ Johanna Tomkiel

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(4) Kathleen (Verley) Watson, [veryred52@gmail.com](mailto:veryred52@gmail.com), left a note on our Guest Book saying: "My 2nd great grandmother was Emma Bunnell." After several e-mail exchanges I was able to sort out which Emma she was talking about and construct her lineage.

William Bunnell ~ Ann Wilmot  
 Benjamin Bunnell ~ Rebecca Mallory  
 Benjamin Bunnell ~ Hannah Plumb  
 Solomon Bunnell ~ Elizabeth Holdren  
 Isaac Bunnell ~ Lanah Barkeloo  
 Henry Bunnell ~ Mary Nihart

James Bunnell ~ Mary Ann Hull  
 Emily H. Bunnell ~ Frank M. Verley  
 Ernest L. Verley ~ Alice L. Currie  
 Chester C. Verley ~ Helen A. Youngberg  
 Donald W. Verley ~ Garnet Johnston  
 Kathleen Verley ~ Ted Watson

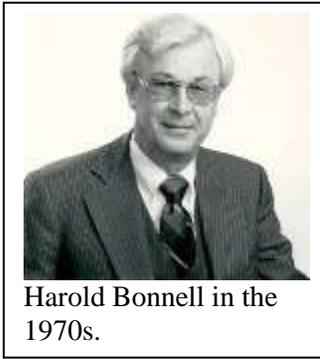
## Life Changes

### Births, Marriages, Obituaries

#### Obituaries:

Donald Sage, [dsage@usfamily.net](mailto:dsage@usfamily.net) or 13742 Marigold St. N.W., Apt 263, Andover, MN 55304-3770, sent the following obituary. Harold Bonnell is the brother of Donald's wife Joyce, and the father of Mark D. Bonnell, a new subscriber.

Former Anoka resident Harold Bonnell has died at the age of 90.



Harold Bonnell in the 1970s.

**Bonnell** was very active in the community before he moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1993, serving on a long list of boards and commissions both in Anoka and the Twin Cities. **Bonnell** died April 2 from complications related to Alzheimer's disease.

"He was a first class guy from a first class family," said Bob (Robert B.) **Johnson**, one of **Bonnell's** oldest and best friends.

**Bonnell** was the son of the late Leola P. and Carl E. **Bonnell**, former Anoka mayor (1953-1960) and business owner. Carl **Bonnell** also became a well-known folk artist later in life.

He followed his father's lead and lived a life that was full of civic and community involvement.

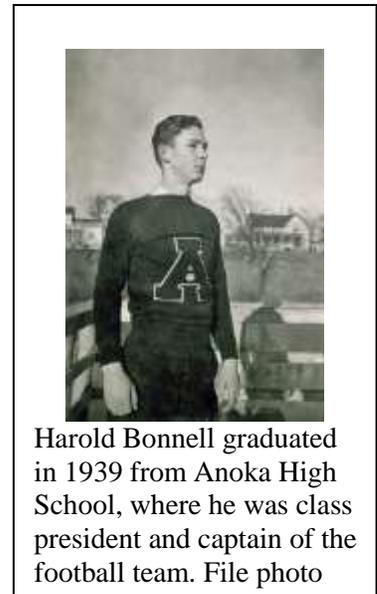
**Bonnell** was a charter 20-year member and served as chairman of the Anoka Housing and Redevelopment Authority; on the boards of the State Bank of Anoka, the Harlan Thurston Foundation and the Correctional Service of Minnesota. He was also the secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Athletic Club.

He also served for many years as the treasurer at Zion Lutheran Church, Anoka, where he was instrumental in fund-raising and acquiring the church's pipe organ, said son Mark **Bonnell**.

The **Bonnell** family moved to Anoka in 1925, where Carl **Bonnell** operated **Bonnell Family Grocery**.

**Bonnell** graduated from Anoka High School in 1939, where he was the school president and captain of the football team. He went on to Carleton College, Northfield, where his education was interrupted by World War II. He served as a technical sergeant in the Army Air Corps in Burma.

Following the war he finished his Bachelor of Arts degree at Carleton and went on to earn a master's in business administration degree at Harvard University and became a certified public accountant.



Harold Bonnell graduated in 1939 from Anoka High School, where he was class president and captain of the football team. File photo

**Johnson** and **Bonnell** met in seventh grade, were classmates and played on the varsity basketball team together in the late 1930s. They remained close throughout their lives, part of a tight knit group that for decades made sure they got together once a year to catch up.

"He was very wise and worked very hard," said **Johnson**, Anoka's city engineer for 30 years.

**Johnson's** wife Lenore called **Bonnell** one of the most intelligent and kind men she knew.

**Johnson** recalls while he, **Bonnell** and other friends were raising young families they would gather every year on a Monday night to watch the championship Final Four basketball game.

In later years they didn't see each other often, but occasionally talked on the phone and exchanged Christmas greetings.

Accomplished and generous.

After running his father's grocery store in 1951, **Bonnell** joined the accounting firm Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., becoming a partner in the Minneapolis office in 1960 where he was in charge of the Cargill, Green Giant and Control Data audits.

On his retirement from the company in 1980, he was called one of the firm's "technical giants" and was acknowledged as one of the nation's leading grain experts.

In 1980 he was appointed by the United States Department of Agriculture to a three-person arbitration board that settled losses incurred by the grain industry as a result of the embargo of grain exports to the Soviet Union following its invasion of Afghanistan.

“Harold did a lot to support Anoka,” said Steve **Schmidt**. “He was widely known and respected.”

**Bonnell** served on the board of directors of Anoka State Bank while **Schmidt** was president and chairman of the board.

“Harold **Bonnell** was a mover and a shaker way beyond Anoka,” **Schmidt** said.

According to **Schmidt**, for many years **Bonnell** handled the finances and taxes for the Harlan Thurston Foundation, pro bono.

Son Mark **Bonnell** remembers his father as a typical example of the greatest generation – a hardworking family man.

He was a kind man, said Mark, very involved in the Boy Scouts, loved the outdoors and was an Eagle Scout himself.

**Bonnell** was also a Boy Scout merit badge counselor.

“Dozens of Boy Scouts came through our house to earn their citizenship badges,” recalled Mark. “He was very strict and they really earned them.”

**Bonnell** was also known as a very giving man.

“One of his most obvious and admirable character traits which was his generosity – to family and friends and to his churches, schools and many charitable organizations,” said Mark.

Many years ago he established the Bonnell Family Endowment Scholarship at St. Olaf College, Northfield, where three of his children attended school. Every year it provides financial aid to graduates of Anoka High School.

Back in 2007 the **Bonnell** family also donated a piece of property along the Rum River to the city of Anoka for use as a sanctuary as well as a tribute to Carl **Bonnell**.

**Bonnell** is survived by his wife Rebecca, four children along several grandchildren and one great-granddaughter and one sister. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and first wife Janet (**Carlson**) **Bonnell**.

A memorial service in Bonnell’s honor is planned 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17 at the University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave. S.E. in Minneapolis.

[Ed. Note: Harold Bonnell is 352390 in the database. His lineage is: Benjamin<sup>1</sup>, David<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>3</sup>, Emanuel<sup>4</sup>, Edmond<sup>5</sup>, Carl<sup>6</sup>, Harold<sup>7</sup>. Harold’s father, Carl, was featured in the August 2005 issue, pages 43 and 59, and in the November 2005 issue, pages 63 and 75.]

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Carol Brotzman, brotzmans@epix.net or R.R. 1, Box 1206, Laceyville, PA 18623, sent the following obituary from the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, Williamsport, PA; April 16, 2012:



Derek **Bonnell**, of Cogan Station, Pa., passed away Saturday, April 14, 2012, from injuries received in an automobile accident. He was 23 years old.

Derek Ray, "Duke" **Bonnell** was born on Sept. 20, 1988, in Williamsport. He was the son of Michael **Budd** of New Jersey and Betty **Bonnell** (Eric **Pennington**) of Cogan Station, and the devoted father of Alivia Toni Marie **Bonnell**. In earlier years, Duke enjoyed wrestling in school.

He loved being outdoors enjoying nature, especially four-wheeling and riding motorcycles. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Most recently, Derek was employed in the natural gas industry. He was a social member of Montgomery's American Legion.

In addition to his parents and daughter, he leaves behind a brother, Steven **Mayer** of Ralston; grandmothers, Bonnie **Austin** and Ann **Bryington**, both of Ralston; grandfather, Ray (Kristy) **Bonnell** of Montgomery; special aunt and uncles, Bonnie **Bonnell**, James **Austin** III, both of Ralston, and Donald **Bonnell** of Montgomery; the mother of his daughter, Felicia **Reynolds** of Montgomery; half sisters and a half brother, Sophia, Stephanie and Mike **Budd Jr.**; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was predeceased by his sister, Toni Marie **Bonnell**; his grandfather, James "Junior" **Austin**; and great-grandparents, Harry and Velma **Woodward**.

Calling hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at Pepper Funeral Home, 578 Springbrook Drive in Canton. His funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will follow in Pensdale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Diabetes Assoc., P.O. Box 4383, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Share online condolences at www.pepperfuneralhomes.com.

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While researching a correspondent's lineage I ran across the following obituary which was published in *Alamogordo Daily News* from April 1 to April 5, 2010. Carrie's marriage and death and her sisters' marriages were absent from the database and have now been added. Most importantly it provided an unknown brother (Don) and extended another family.

Carrie B. Green



Carrie B. **Green**, 92, lifelong Cox Canyon resident, passed away Thursday, April 1, 2010, at the home of her daughter.

She was born June 16, 1917, in Pierce Canyon to Frank Melvin and Lulu Mae (**Hitchcock**) **Bonnell** and lived her entire life in the area. She was a member of the Cloudcroft First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leon **Green**, in 1985; a son, **Arnold Green**; two sisters, Ruth **Wilson** and Vera **Davis**; and two brothers, Don **Bonnell** and Jim **Bonnell**.

Survivors include her daughter Frances **Goss** and husband, Jimmy, of Weed; three sons, Norman **Green** and wife, Sylvia, of Carlsbad, Gene Green and wife, Kay, of Cloudcroft, and Derrell **Green** and wife, Zona, of Alamogordo; daughter-in-law Louise **Mendonca**; 20 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in the Hamilton-O'Dell chapel with Hugh Rogers officiating.

Interment will follow in James Canyon Cemetery.

The family will greet friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Monday, April 5, 2010.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons Dale Austin, Gerold Green, Devin Green, Wes Green, Justin Green and Spike Goss.

[Ed. Note: Carrie (Bonnell) Green is 035354 in the data base. Her lineage is: Benjamin<sup>1</sup>, Frank<sup>2</sup>, Carrie<sup>3</sup>.]

## Submissions

Lou Ruf, [luf@aol.com](mailto:luf@aol.com) or 1500 23rd St, Parkersburg, WV 26101, was looking for marriage records or some proof that James Bishop was married to Susannah Bunnell (dau of Abraham & Jane Bunnell). He knew that Bill Austin's book has exact dates which listed as a source, Homer Baldwin. Further research on Lou's part disclosed that Homer Baldwin died in 1969 in Greensburg PA. In a 1930 Bishop/Bunnell article in the Linesville Herald, Linesville, PA, Homer had very exact dates. Lou was kind enough to send me a

photocopy of that clipping. I'm going to include a little extra info from the clipping as I think it's interesting reading. From the *Linesville [PA] Herald*, 11 April 1930:

LOCAL GENEALOGY [sic]  
By Homer Baldwin  
Bishop Family Bible Records

Moses Bishop, born in England, married Katherine Keats, born in England. They came to America about 1760, and settled in Essex Co. N. J.

They had one son James, born Dec. 28, 1762. When James was a small child his mother, Katherine Keats Bishop, returned to England on a visit. On the return trip in a violent storm the ship was lost at sea and all on board perished.

James Bishop, son of Moses and Katherine Keats Bishop, born Dec. 28, 1762, died May 8, 1848, married Aug. 31, 1783.

Susannah Bunnell, born Feb. 15, 1765, died Apr. 24, 1836. Both born at Connecticut farms, Essex Co., N. J.

Lou was looking for proof that James Bishop was married to Susannah Bunnell (dau of Abraham & Jane Bunnell) for a DAR application for his sister-in-law. He later wrote that: "I finally got the DAR papers approved for my sister-in-law. Also for SAR. The History of Crawford County, PA mentioned the family. It was published about 1885 when some of the Bishop family members were still alive."

[Ed. Note: Susannah is 310395 in the database. Her lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Susannah<sup>6</sup>.]

## Research Findings

From *Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of The Juniata Valley, comprising the Counties of Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, and Perry, Pennsylvania*, J. M. Runk & Co, Chambersburg, PA., Publisher, 1897; page 644:

"Mr. W. C. Bunnell, son-in-law of Mr. [James M.] Brown, is a son of Usnal [sic] and Harriet (McClure) Bunnell, of Crawford county, Pa. He married Sarah Jane Brown, November 11, 1868. They have had five children: James Brown; Harriet Elizabeth, wife of Dr. W. H. Kohler, of Milroy, Mifflin county, one child; Edna Della; Walter Irwin; and Fanny Cyrus.

Mr. Bunnell resided with his family on a farm near Siglerville, Mifflin county, until the spring of 1892. They then removed to Milroy, where they still reside."

[Ed. Note: W. C is William Cyrus, CB331681. The database shows his father's name as Uzual; the 1840 census shows it as Uzal; one of W.C.'s grandsons was named Uzual. It was a most unuzual name in all.]

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Taylor (Bunnell) Amen, theamens09@att.net, wrote with some information, gradually increasing it over time, that started me searching to help her in her ancestral quest.

"My fathers name is Frank Bunnell...he was born in NJ and his fathers name was George William Bunnell and was married to Lila Louise Bunnell.

My dad was born in NJ and Quigley are great grandparents. My dad grew up in Anaheim. His dad, my grandfather was a police officer in Garden Grove as well as when they previously lived in NJ.

My grandfather George William Bunnell has the date of his death, which was in May of 1982 or 83? I also saw [in the data base] the last name Lurker which are my great grandparents

[After I prompted her to look at one family in the database, Lila Louise Quigley, 031299] I am at a loss for words,,Quigley is from our side!!! ... Quigley are great grandparents."

With the grandfather's name and the other grandparental surnames, Quigley and Lurker, I started my search in the database which provided the following possibilities:

Number 370735
 Name GEORGE WILLIAM BUNNELL
 Date of Birth Year: 1924 Month: 12 Day: 07
 Place of Birth UNION TWP NJ *Union County*
 Date of Death Year: 1988 Month: 05 Day: 29
 Place of Death MAUD TX *Bowie County*

Marriage

Maiden Name SONYA MAE ALDRICH

Grave Site

Parents GEORGE LESTER BUNNELL (1905-1949)
 FLORENCE B FIRESTONE (Living)

Notes

Year	Place / County	Note / Source
1930	UNION TWP NJ <i>Union County</i>	28 APR-USCEN-W/P-GEORGE JR 5 NJ <i>020-0160-0047-063</i>
1947	BLOOMFIELD NJ <i>Essex County</i>	2 JAN-GEORGE WILLIAM BUNNELL, s/o MRS FRANK LURKER ENGAGED <i>B633-1947/01/02-15:4</i>
1947	NJ <i>Essex County</i>	TO SONYA MAE (ALDRICH) d/o M/M EDSON ALDRICH OF BELLEVILLE
1988	MAUD TX <i>Bowie County</i>	29 MAY-GEORGE W BUNNELL DIED-b 17/7/1924-SS# 142121607 NJ <i>SSD</i>
1988	TX <i>Bowie County</i>	LAST RES MAUD/TX <i>SSD</i>

And in response to Taylor's mention to Lila Louise, I found this in the database:

Marriage

Number	031299	Maiden Name	LILA LOUISE QUIGLEY
Name	(MALE) BUNNELL	Date of Birth	Year: 1924 Month: 07 Day: 13
		Place of Birth	PA
		Date of Marriage	Year: Month: Day:
		Church of Marriage	
		Place of Marriage	
		Date of Death	Year: 1986 Month: 02 Day: 25
		Place of Death	ANAHEIM CA <i>Orange County</i>

Just from the notes for George W., we can see that the Lurker name is the result of a divorce between George W.'s parents. However, it also appears that George W. became engaged at the age of 22 years and one month to Sonya Aldrich. So, where did Lila Quigley enter into the family?
 More research using Ancestry.com resulted in less than a clear picture.

Sonya M. Aldrich

1930 Census; East Orange, Essex co., NJ; Single, b. abt 1927; ae: 3; Father: Edson E. ae 26; b. ME; Mother: Ruth L. ae 23; b. ME

1947, Newark (NJ) Evening News; George William Bunnell engaged to Sonya Mae Aldrich d/o Edson Aldrich of Belleville.

Lila Louise Quigley:

1930 Census; Pittsburgh, Allegheny co., PA. single b. abt 1925; ae: 5; Father: George E. ae 53; b. PA; Mother: Mary E.; ae 43; b. PA

1960, 62, 64, 66, 68 Orange Co, CA voter registration records; Lila L. Bunnell (w/George W. Bunnell)

1986; California Death Index, 1940-1997; Lila Louise Bunnell; b. 13 Jul 1924, PA; d. 25 Feb 1986, Orange, CA; father's surname: Quigley

Undated US Public Records Index, Vol. 2: Lila L Bunnell, 2279 W Crestwood Ln, Anaheim, CA, 92804-6425

1992/1998:US Public Records Index,Vol. I; Lila L. Bunnell, Maud, TX [note: George's last residence was Maud, TX}

{confusion factor: 1940, 1942, 1944 a Mrs. Lila L. Bunnell lived in Binghamton, NY}

It appears that Lila Quigley, born in PA, lived in Orange Co., CA 1960-1986 when she died there. She was living with George W. Bunnell at least 1960-1968. However there is also a Lila L. Bunnell who was living in Maud, TX at least in 1992 and 1998, long after the death of the other Lila. So they can't be the same person. A George W. Bunnell died in Maud TX, according to the Social Security Death Index. Is that the same George who was in Orange County 1960-68? Did George and Sonya actually marry, or were they only engaged? It's beginning to sound like a TV soap.

I have provided all of this information and questions to Taylor but she has not replied. I believe her father is:

Number	037958
Name	FRANK W BUNNELL
Date of Birth	Year: 1952 Month: 02 Day: 18
Place of Birth	

Marriage

Spouse #	1
Maiden Name	TAMARA M KLUGE
Date of Birth	Year: 1957 Month: 08 Day: 19
Place of Birth	
Date of Marriage	Year: 1981 Month: 09 Day: 25
Church of Marriage	
Place of Marriage	CA Orange County

The birth date is about right and they end up in Shelby County, TN which is where Taylor is living. I am waiting confirmation from her.

I invite responses to the Lila Quigley puzzle.

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In my search for Taylor's grandfather, George W. Bunnell, I researched many people with that name, recognizing that often only a first and last name are used in documents and newspaper articles. As a result I learned much about four other George Bunnells: starting with info that was in the database:

**Marriage**

|                |                                                                   |                    |                                                                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number         | 342070                                                            | Maiden Name        | NORA G                                                                        |
| Name           | GEORGE WILLIAM BUNNELL                                            | Date of Birth      | Year: 1889 Month: Day:                                                        |
| Date of Birth  | Year: 1882 Month: 03 Day: 19                                      | Place of Birth     | PA                                                                            |
| Place of Birth | PA                                                                | Date of Marriage   | Year: 1909 Month: Day:                                                        |
| Date of Death  | Year: Month: Day:                                                 | Church of Marriage |                                                                               |
| Place of Death |                                                                   | Place of Marriage  |                                                                               |
| Grave Site     |                                                                   | Date of Death      | Year: Month: Day:                                                             |
| Parents        | <u>JOHN W BUNNELL (1858-191x)</u><br>ALMIRA SUSAN HERRICK (1849-) | Place of Death     |                                                                               |
|                |                                                                   | Grave Site         |                                                                               |
|                |                                                                   | Children:          | <u>GEORGE W BUNNELL</u><br><u>JOSEPH W BUNNELL</u><br><u>MADELINE BUNNELL</u> |

Then on Ancestry.com I was able to find the following information:

*New Castle News* (New Castle, PA),

2 March 1927, pg. 2:

**Mrs. Bunnell Buried.**

“Funeral services for Mrs. George Bunnell of Lafayette street, were conducted Wednesday morning at 9 o’clock in St. Margaret’s church. Solemn requiem mass, was celebrated by Rev. Fr. McKenna with Rev. Fr. Clifford, deacon and Rev. Fr. Brennan, sub-deacon, Miss Frances Vatter presided at the organ. The pallbearers were Frank Holliday, Raymond Horchler, Ellis Howard, Jess Huff, Jr., Raymond Rowan, and John McGarth. Interment was made in St. Mary’s cemetery.

2 May 1934, pg. 5:

**License Issued.**

A marriage license was issued in Mercer, Saturday to Cotta Mae Stright and George Bunnell, both of New Castle.

1940 U.S. Census, New Castle, Lawrence County, PA,

210 ½ Montgomery St.; George (ae. 58) & Cotta (ae. 50) Bunnell  
Joseph Bunnell, Sr (ae.30), son of George,

210 Montgomery St; Paul and Rose DiDario, (both ae. 30)  
Joseph Bunnell, Jr, Stepson of Paul DiDario (age is unreadable)

1942 WW II Draft Registration

George William Bunnell, age 60, born Mar 19, 1882 in Linesville, PA; living at same address as above with Mrs. Cotta Bunnell

As you can see from the above, I have much data to add to the database to include a second wife.

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The second George W. Bunnell was the son of the above one. So, first the info that was available in the database:

|                |                                                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Number         | 352085                                           |
| Name           | GEORGE W BUNNELL                                 |
| Date of Birth  | Year: 1910 Month: Day:                           |
| Place of Birth | NEW CASTLE PA <i>Lawrence County</i>             |
| Parents        | GEORGE WILLIAM BUNNELL (1882-)<br>NORA G (1889-) |

Then from Ancestry.com I found the following:

*New Castle News* (New Castle, PA),

3 Jul 1934, pg. 14:

**Hurl Stolen Buns, Four Men Jailed**

Take Buns From In Front Of East Washington Street Business Place

Bud Hamilton, Alex Bunnell, "Colonel" Hamilton and George Bunnell engaged in a "battle of buns" last night in East Washington street but it cost them a trip to a city jail cell, because the buns did not belong to them. Instead the buns belonged to an East Washington street store where they had been left in front of the building.

After having pelted each other with the buns some of them were taken to one of the defendant's home.

When the crown was rounded up by police, the officers had four prisoners and five dozen of buns.

They were being held pending charges which may be placed against them by the concern to which the buns were delivered.

30 Nov 1942, pg. 11:

**Marriage License Applications**

George W. Bunnell, Jr., 442 ½ County Line Street, New Castle; Helen M. Ritenour, 323 Quest street, New Castle.

2 Dec 1942, pg. 3:

**Ritenour-Bunnell News**

Miss Helen M. Ritenour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee of Pennsylvania avenue and George W. Bunnell Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bunnell, Sr., of S. Lafayette street, were united in a quiet ceremony this morning, December 3, at 10:30 o'clock with Alderman Margaret Orres officiating. The vows were exchanged in the Orres residence.

Dispensing with a wedding trip due to the bridegroom being employed in defense work, the couple have taken up residence at 442 ½ County Line street.

9 Aug 1950, pg. 15:

**Realty Transfers:**

James N. Pattison and wife to George W. Bunnell, Union township, \$1."

10 Jan 1961, Pg. 17:

**10 Divorces Granted Here**

Helen M. Bunnell, 216 E. Long Ave., from George W. Bunnell, Leslie Hotel, for indignities.

12 Dec 1963, pg. 2:

**Bunnell Service**

Mass will be sung for George W. Bunnell Jr., 54, of the Leslie Hotel in St. Mary Church at 9 a.m. tomorrow. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis M. McCarter will be the celebrant.

Interment will be in St. Mary Cemetery.

Friends will be received at McGonigles, 133 N. Beaver St., from 7 to 9 p.m. today.  
Mr. Bunnell died as a result of injuries received when he fell on an E. Washington St. sidewalk on Tuesday. Lawrence County Coroner John A. Meehan, Jr. ruled that death was accidental.

More new data for the database including a wife we weren't aware of.

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In the following one, we did not know the wife's name and it isn't mentioned in his obituary though, we learn that instead of the one son cited in the database, this George had 2 sons and 2 daughters. The other articles do provide us his wife's name and other information for the database. Additionally, Mary S. Bunnell is in the database, 037891, and that entry can now be taken out.

|                |                                                  | <b>Marriage</b> |                                       |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Number         | 017844                                           | Maiden Name     | (FEMALE)                              |
| Name           | GEORGE BUNNELL                                   | Children:       | <u>DAVID JOHN BUNNELL (1945-2004)</u> |
| Date of Birth  | Year: 1915 Month: 10 Day: 03                     |                 |                                       |
| Place of Birth | PA                                               |                 |                                       |
| Date of Death  | Year: 1977 Month: Day:                           |                 |                                       |
| Place of Death | NEW CASTLE PA <i>Lawrence County</i>             |                 |                                       |
| Grave Site     |                                                  |                 |                                       |
| Parents        | <u>HARRISON BUNNEL (1889-)</u><br>MARY L (1894-) |                 |                                       |

*New Castle News* (New Castle, PA),

17 Sep 1963, pg. 6:

**Court Grants 17 Divorces**

Mary S. Bunnell of 1216 ½ S. Mill St. from George Bunnell of 326 ½ S. Jefferson St. for indignities. Married April 9, 1944, in Blairsville, Pa.

9 Dec 1964 pg. twenty

**Servicemen receive mock combat training.**

Three local servicemen recently participated in a four-day field training exercise in Korea. They are ...; and Pvt David J. Bunnell, son of Mrs. Mary S. Bunnell of 332 Halco Dr.

17 Oct 1967, pg. 9:

**Jones-Bunnell rites Oct. 21**

Miss Roberta Jean Jones, the daughter of Mrs. Albertha M. Jones of 338 Kurtz St. and William H Jones of State College, will marry David John Bunnell in open rites at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21 in New Castle bible church.

His parents are Mrs. Mary S. Bunnell of 118 Richelieu Ave. and George Bunnell of Montgomery Ave.

29 Oct 1977, pg. 3:

**Deaths of the day**

George Bunnell

George Bunnell, 62, of 312 N. Cedar St., died at 9:40 p.m. Oct. 28, 1977, in Deshon Veterans Hospital in Butler after an extended illness.

He was born in Altoona, Pa., on Oct. 3, 1915, to the late Harry and Mary Leidwonger Bunnell. He was formerly employed as a body man by the Rudy Klammer Auto Agency for three years prior to his illness.

He is survived by two sons, David of New Castle and Ronald of Ellwood City; two daughters, Mrs. Leroy (Mary Louise) Kurse of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Edward (Janet) Quimby of Bessemer; three sisters, Mrs. Henry (Elmira) McCanby and Mrs. Hilda DiMattis, both of Altoona, and Mrs. Esther Gilbert of New Castle; a brother James of Bryan, Ohio, and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, David and John.

Friends will be received at the William F. and Roger M. DeCarbo Funeral Home, 926 Cunningham Ave., from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday. The service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with burial to follow in Graceland Cemetery.”

31 Oct 1977, pg. 3:

### **Bunnell correction**

The name of a daughter, Mrs. Leroy (Mary Louise) Krause of Houston, Texas, was incorrectly given to the News as Kurse in the account of the death of George Bunnell, 62, of 312 N. Cedar St. on Saturday He was preceded in death by a sister Mrs. Henry (Almira) McCauley.

7 Nov 1977, pg. 35

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**

Letters of Administration in the Estate of George Bunnell, deceased, late of the Seventh Ward, New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims to present the same to DAVID J. BUNNELL, Administrator, of 312 North Cedar Street, New Castle, Pennsylvania, ...

## Queries

(1) E-bay, once again has provided a mystery for us. The following photo was for sale and provided only clues as to who is pictured here. The back side of the photo reads:



“Playing Sandpile with Gold

Washington, D. C., You’ve often done this at the beach with sand, but this isn’t sand that F. P. Bonnelli is allowing to trickle through his fingers, but gold – the stuff that makes the world go around. It is the product of the gold mine that is being operated across the Potomac River from the National Capital, in Virginia.

W 9-15-37-4.00”



I have searched through Ancestry.com and the database, but cannot pinpoint who this gentleman might be. Can anyone provide any clues?

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(2) Gary Bonnelli, lgbonnell@comcast.net or 3715 Fieldstone Avenue, # 606, Naples, FL 34109, has just started the never-ending-quest for his ancestry. He has hit his first brick wall while looking for his Bonnelli great grandparents. I searched through Ancestry.com, California on-line records and Claude’s database with no helpful results. Here is what we do know.

His grandfather was John R (or P) Bonnelli from Santa Clara County California - he was a successful sculptor. John’s wife was Rowena Wescott of Santa Barbara County California; they married about 1923 and were divorced before WWII, possibly as early as 1927. She was a professor of art at UCLA and is the daughter of Winfield W. and Catherine F. Westcott. John died in 1957; Rowena was born about 1894 and died in 1974.

I have updated the database with much material that Gary provided. John R (or P) Bonnelli is 041512. If you can help Gary out, please contact him and me.

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(3) Jackie (Johnson) Bauer, [rbauer2@neo.rr.com](mailto:rbauer2@neo.rr.com), wrote that while looking through her grandmother's bible she found a faded newspaper clipping about her grandmother Alice Barthalow marrying Harry William Bonnell at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bonnell, Harry's parents in Cambridge, Ohio. No year is with the clipping but the article mentions a Thursday in September. She also has a later marriage license of her grandmother and grandfather for May 10, 1917. The document lists her grandmother as a widow previously married, named Alice Bonnell. She is looking for the circumstances of the marriage and death of Harry William Bonnell. Her grandmother NEVER spoke of the first marriage and only married her grandfather (?) two months before her father's birth. She adds that: "Perhaps I am not a Johnson at all but a member of the Bonnell family."

I was able to find out a few facts, though not the basic question of when Harry William Bonnell died.

Alice was born in 1893, daughter of George and Samantha (Stotler) Barthalow.

Harry William Bonnell, age 19, married Alice Barthalow, age 18, 14 Sep 1911, in Guernsey, Ohio.

He was born in Cambridge, OH the son of Walter L. and Belle (Paden) Bonnell.

Denver Johnson, age 23, married Alice Bonnell, age 24, 10 May 1917, in Guernsey Co., Ohio.

He was the son of Alonzo and Alice (Gow) Johnson.

I cannot find Harry and Alice in the 1920 census.

I can't find where or when Harry died or was buried.

This adds the spouse of Harry to the database. Harry is 342156 in the Database. Harry's lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>7</sup>, Walter<sup>8</sup>, Harry<sup>9</sup>. If you have any info on William's death or any other info about him, please let me know and I'll provide it to Jackie.

## Data Base Update

Changes to the database resulting from last issue and not noted in that issue;

- Sylva Renee Bonnell, from Births, page 4 is CB020300

Changes to the database from this issue;

- From Direct Lines (1), John R. or P. Bonnell (and Rowenna Wescott) and descendants have been added to the database; John is 041512.
- From Direct Lines (3), Clarence Bonnell (and Donna Jones) and descendants have been added to the database: Clarence is 362123.
- From Queries (3), Harry and Alice (Barthalow) Bonnell was added to the database; Harry is 342156.

## Biographies

From the Cornell Library, New York State Historical Literature web page: *Allegany County and its People: A Centennial Memorial History of Allegany County, N.Y.* by John S. Minard, W. A. Fergusson & Co., 1896, page 467:

Amity.

William D. Bunnell, son of George A. and Weighty J. (Royce) Bunnell, was born Mar 17, 1862 in Ward George A. Bunnell was born May 11, 1826, at Berkshire, Tioga Co. He settled in the west part of Alfred in June, 1849, (later part of Ward.) He was elected collector at the first town meeting in Ward, and succeeded himself 3 times. He was supervisor several times. His principal business was farming, but he was a natural mechanic, and in 1886, 1887 and 1890 he brought timber in Allegany county and framed barns at Wellsville and shipped them to New Jersey and there put them up. Mr. Bunnell died May 6, 1895, leaving a wife, 3 daughters and his only son, William D. His daughters are Mrs. Reuben Austin, Mrs. Clara Collins and Mrs. Anna Morehouse, all of Ward.

William D. Bunnell was married Dec. 24, 1882, to Alice, daughter of L. W. and Viana (Alles) Collins. (The Collins family have served in town offices in ward.) Their children are Lulu E., George W., Eldyn L. and Mary A. Mr. Bunnell was a student of Alfred University. His business has been farming and auctioneering, and for several years he has represented the manufacturing house of Mast, Foos & Co. of Springfield, Ohio, in the sale of pumps and mills. Mr. Bunnell was town clerk for 4 years, and in 1890, 1892, and 1893 was elected supervisor of Ward, the last year having but 3 votes cast against him. In March, 1894, he made his home in Amity.

[Ed. Note: George Alfred Bunnell is 330255 in the data base. His son William was William Devere Bunnell. George's lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Solomon<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, George<sup>8</sup>.]

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This is from the Thomas Bonnell material provided by John Grady. The original source is *History of Bartholomew County, Indiana: From the Earliest Time to the Present*, published by Brant & Fuller, 1888, page 770.

Thomas Bonnell. – Prominent among the old and highly esteemed citizens of Bartholomew County, is Thomas Bonnell, who was born in Mercer County, Ky., on the 27th day of April, 1804. His parents were Jonathan and Rebecca (Dean) Bonnell, natives of Virginia, and early residents of Kentucky, where they resided for a period of about twenty-five years. September, 1820, they immigrated to Indiana, and the year following settled in Bartholomew County, on land which Mr. Bonnell had previously purchased from the Government, and upon which he had erected a small pioneer cabin soon after his arrival in the new country. Here for a number of years the family encountered all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and amid the rugged scenes of toil, the early years of Thomas were passed. In 1846, Jonathan Bonnell emigrated to Missouri, in which State his death subsequently occurred. Thomas Bonnell is the fourth in a family of eight children and for a period of sixty-eight years has been an honored resident of the county and State of his adoption. Owing to the absence of school facilities, his early educational advantages were very limited, but possessed of an enquiring mind, and being a close observer, he succeeded in acquiring a practical knowledge of business affairs, and is well informed upon all general subjects. He has borne his share in the growth and development of the country, and has lived to see Bartholomew County transformed from an almost unbroken wilderness, into one of the most highly cultivated and enlightened portions of Indiana. His life's work has been farming, and as an agriculturist he has met with well earned success, being now in the enjoyment of a comfortable competence, which only those who battled with life for over three-quarters of a century know how to appreciate. He is now in his eighty-fourth year, active and vigorous for one of his age, and is perhaps, the only citizen of the county living who was here as early as 1820. He has been twice married, the first time on the 18th of November, 1825, to Eliza McConnell, of Ohio, who bore him eight children, five sons and three daughters, the daughters still living. Mrs. Bonnell died October 23, 1845, and subsequently Mr. Bonnell married Mrs. Elizabeth (Gaines) Treadway, a union blessed with two children.

[Ed. Note: Thomas is 005287 in the database. This article allowed me to correct the parentage of two children in the database, being the two children of Elizabeth. Thomas is part of the Kentucky clan, but his parents relocated before many of the other members did.]

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From *History of Madison County Iowa and Its People*, Volume II, . J. Clarke Publishing Co, Chicago, 1915, page 98:

#### JOHN C. BUNNELL,

Among the prosperous agriculturists of Penn township is numbered John C. Bunnell, who is a native of Illinois, born in Stark county, October 23, 1872. His parents, Robert E. and Matilda (Jackson) Bunnell, were born in Wyoming county, Pennsylvania. The rather removed to Stark county, Illinois, in 1853 and there purchased land, which he operated until 1890, when he removed to Nebraska. After farming there for eight years he came to Madison county, Iowa, where he rented

land for a number of years. He then went to Dallas county, where he purchased land, which he is still operating at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, who is also living, is sixty-eight years old.

John C. Bunnell was reared and attended school in Illinois and Nebraska and remained with his parents until 1902. In the meantime he had farmed with his father for a number of years and was well qualified to operate land independently. In that year he was married and rented a farm in Jefferson township, this county. Three years later he purchased eighty acres on section 2, Penn township, and has since carried on general farming there, meeting with well deserved success.

In March 1902, Mr. Bunnell was united in marriage to Miss Edith Renshaw, a daughter of Sylvester and Sarah (Hazen) Renshaw, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Bunnell is a native of this county and her natal day was September 7, 1875. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: Howard, a lad of twelve years; and Helen G., aged ten.

Mr. Bunnell supports the candidates and policies of the republican party, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is energetic and capable and his personal characteristics are such as win him many warm friends.

[Ed. Note: John Clayton Bunnell is 340277 in the database. It appears that John and his sister married Renshaw sister and brother. John's lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Solomon<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Benjamin<sup>7</sup>, Robert<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>9</sup>.]

## European Research

British Postal Service Appointment Books, 1737-1969, from Ancestry.com

| Name                      | Year<br>Appointed | Ship & Place Appointed                             |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Captain John Dod Bonell   | 1761              | Harriot - Falmouth To New York                     |
| Captain John Dod Bonell   | 1762              | Duke of York Pacquet Boat – Falmouth to Lisbon     |
| Commander John Dod Bonell | 1764              | Duke of York Packet – Falmouth to Lisbon           |
| Captain John Dod Bonell   | 1766              | Dispatch Packet Boat – bet. Dover, Calais & Ostend |
| Captain John Dod Bonell   | 1770              | Resigned due to his age and infirmities.           |
| Mr. John Dod Bonell       | 1770              | Appointed Deputy of Shoreham                       |

## William Austin's Comments

For the information of the more recent researchers, William Austin is the originator of the Bunnell/Bonnell Newsletter, publishing the first issue January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1987. He is also the author of *The Bunnell/Bonnell Family in America*, Volumes I and II. Bill provided the following comments relative to our last issue:

As you know, my children are descended from William Bunnell. I am very interested in any progress you can make on his ancestry in England. It concerns me that so much has been printed connecting him to the Huguenot Thomas Bonnell through Thomas' son Benjamin. People who are just beginning their research are led astray and tend to add to the problem by repeating it. It is like a virus.

On page 3 of the Newsletter you noted that you wrote to Amber Douglas that the connection to Thomas Bonnell is "really unproven". I believe that the evidence is strong enough to state that Mrs. Valentine's assertion that William's father was Benjamin Bonnell is FALSE. First, there is no evidence of any kind that indicates where in England William came from or who his parents were. Looked at from the other end, Benjamin Bonnell's last appearance in the records was at age 18.

We have no indication that he married or had children, or even that he survived to age 19. Besides, he was born in 1589, which would have made him about 11 years old when he fathered William.

In November 1992 I prepared and sent to Claude a 38-page study on the possible ancestry of William Bunnell, listing every contemporary reference to him and all of the published statements

about his supposed ancestry that I could find. It covered the waterfront as it was available to me at that time. Since then I have not seen a single reference which added anything to that study. I think I sent you a copy of it, but I'm not sure. If not, and if you want one, let me know and I will send it. Most of the material in it is included in the early Newsletters, but this report focused it all.

Your efforts to gather more data from English records is the right way to go, I'm a great believer in serendipity, and sooner or later something will turn up. As I stated in my book, my own opinion is that the grouping of Bunnell and Bonnell families in the area surrounding the town of Bonehill in Staffordshire is the likeliest source to concentrate on. I have no other evidence to support that opinion.

Regarding the uncle-niece marriage in Jerry Hines' lineage, has Jerry or anyone found any real evidence that the wife of James Bonnell #290029 was Sarah Broadwell? The last I knew several people had suggested Broadwell as Sarah's maiden name, but Brownell was another suggestion. Hannah (Bonnell) Broadwell was the oldest of seven children, and her brother James was the youngest. It was physically possible for James to have married Hannah's daughter Sarah. But an uncle-niece marriage is so unusual that firm evidence would be welcome.

This letter has become much longer than I intended, but you see I still am interested in this family even after turning to other research. Now I must send a note to Gwen.

Best regards to you and the whole gang.

Bill

## Corrections

Perhaps I should call this section Oooops! Anyway in the last issue on page 4, under Births, where we announced the birth of Syla Rennee Bonnell, we should have announced the birth of Syla Renee Bonnell. Grandpa Steve says that his misspelling has to do with aging.

## Post Script

I recently bought a CD titled *Western Massachusetts, 1636-1925*, originally published in 1926. Turned out I already had a copy of it. It is a 4 volume set in fully searchable PDF format. Volumes 1 and 2 comprise a history of the area, totaling about 100 pages with an index of places. Volumes 3 and 4 contain biographies, comprising nearly 1000 pages with a 21 page index. If you'd like to buy the CD, let me know. The price is \$8 plus postage. Give me a call (931-210-3732) if you want to be sure to be the first to reach me.

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I spent at least 40 hours in the past two months researching and analyzing in response to two requests for information. After spending literally tens of hours on each one, and carrying on a continuous correspondence, I found that in many cases, information the correspondents already had but didn't share, could have reduced my research and analysis hours tremendously. I believe that most of us who have been doing this for some time usually provide maximum information when contacting others for their assistance. But for those new to the game, the importance of a small tidbit of data such as a marriage, divorce or birth date is lost. So I have learned that, and share with you for your consideration when responding to requests for information, before answering any question, ask the correspondent to provide ALL information he or she may have.

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Well this issue is a couple of pages shorter than usual, but that will happen now and then. Until August, keep those letters and e-mails coming.

HAVE A HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY