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THE BONNELL BLOCK, ERIE, PA

Jack Mowry, North East, PA, has provided us with several items relating to the Bonnell Block at 419-421 State Street, Erie, Erie co, PA. The building has been acquired by the Erie County Historical Society, and renovation work is now under way to transform it into a home for the Society. When complete this summer it will include an exhibit gallery, library, reading room, archives and offices. The grand opening is expected to take place in the early fall.

At the Historical Society Jack copied a brief history of the building, from which I quote:

:Erie was growing rapidly in the Eighteen-thirties and enjoyed a prosperous trade, particularly in real estate. The construction of the Bank, together with its Teller's House, on the east side of State Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets was a major factor in establishing this area as one of the more important commercial centers in the downtown area. Its potential in 1839 apparently induced newly arrived Joseph and James Bonnell to purchase from Thomas G. Colt the parcel of land between the Cashier's House and the Fleming property to the south, some 65 feet along State Street and 165 feet deep, for the sum of \$5,200.00

“The Bonnell Brothers immediately engaged James and William Hoskinson to construct a commercial building three storeys high along the State Street frontage and some sixty-eight feet deep, with a two storey appendage to the full depth of the lot, and a full basement under the entire building. Upon completion, the space was leased to the firm of Kellog and Clark, dealers in groceries, dry goods, hardware, and sundries.

“...However, little is known of the Bonnell brothers; it is presumed that they came to Erie to speculate in the real estate boom. Unfortunately, the boom collapsed soon after; they were forced into bankruptcy and disappeared from the Erie locality in 1842 and were not heard from again.”

Jack Mowry has asked me several times if I have been able to identify the Bonnell brothers. So far, I haven't. However, research in Claude

THE BONNELL BLOCK, ERIE, PA (Cont'd)

Bunnell's Database provides some clues which I will set forth here, and perhaps one of our readers can carry the search further.

First of all, both Joseph and James appear in the 1840 census in Erie. James CB009635 was apparently the younger. His census record: 11001-10001 indicates that he was between 20 and 30 years old and that he had a wife of similar age. They apparently had three children, a son and a daughter under 5 years of age and a son between 5 and 10 years. The Database contains no further information on this James, and I don't see any other James that I think could be the same person.

Brother Joseph is a different matter, however. He appears in the 1840 census in Erie as Joseph A. Bonnell CB009696: 101001-111121. He and his wife were between 30 and 40 years of age. They seem to have had a son and daughter under 5, a daughter between 5 and 10, and a son and daughter between 10 and 15. The female between 15 and 20 and the two females between 20 and 30 were probably sisters of Joseph or his wife. They might also have been servants or boarders living in the household.

The Database offers two other unattached Joseph Bonnells whose record is suggestive when compared with the above. Joseph Bonnell, CB009688 appears in the 1930 census in the town of Minisink, Orange co, NY: 20001-10101. This Joseph and his wife were both between 20 and 30 years, with 2 sons and a daughter under 5 years and a female of 10 to 15 years who was probably not a daughter.

Likewise, we have another Joseph A. Bonnell CB003505, who appears in the 1850 census in Jersey City, Hudson co, NJ, and in the 1870 census in Middletown, Orange co, NY. In 1850 he and his wife Joanna S. Bonnell were both 47 years old, which matches the 1830 census in Minisink and the 1840 census in Erie. In 1850 he was a merchant with real estate valued at \$4800. Their children were Sarah, age 23 b. PA, Lewis, age 20 b. NY, Francis, age 18 b. NY, Marietta L., age 11 b. PA, and John R., age 10 b. PA. These ages fit exactly the ages of the children in the 1840 census. In 1870 in Middletown he was a retired merchant and son Lewis was the merchant. All the children were still living with their parents except Marietta, who had been married in Jersey City in 1859. Both sons were married, even though they remained in their parents' household.

If we make the hypothesis that the three Josephs were the same person, we find that the birthplaces of the children, as noted in the 1850 census, match up with the places of residence in the 1840 and 1840 census. Sarah was born about 1827 in Pennsylvania, we have no suggestion as to where. Next we have Lewis, born about 1830 NY, and Frances, born about 1832 NY, while Joseph CB009688 and family were living in Orange co, NY. Then Mariette L., born about 1839 PA, and John R., born about 1840 PA, while Joseph A CB008635 and family were living in Erie co, PA.

While none of this constitutes proof, I submit that it strongly suggests that future research along these lines would bear fruit. If they remained in Middletown until Joseph died, an obituary from there might provide the necessary facts.

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Retyped by Margaret Rutledge

JOHN ADAMS BONNELL CB320979

JOHN ADAMS BONNELL, son of David Thompson CB310378 and Massa (Clark) Bonnell was born 21 December 1806 in Newton twp, Sussex co, NJ. [David Thompson, Nathaniel CB300154, David CB290047, Joseph CB280016, Nathaniel CB270005, William CB260002]. John married SARAH M. WYCKOFF, who was born 7 October 1804 in New Jersey. They lived in Newton twp until some time between 1845 and 1850, when they moved to Ward 5, Newark, Essex co, NJ. They spent the rest of their lives there. They were the parents of eight children: Jessie, Elizabeth C. (Mrs. Charles D. B. Davis), David T., William F., Martha T. (Mrs. Thomas Hobbis, Jr.), Mary Evaline (Mrs. Joseph Ignatius Slee), George W., and Sarah J. Sarah died 5 January 1880 and John died 9 July 1880 in Newark. In the census records John's occupation was given as "wheelwright." He must have been very successful at it, to judge from the prosperity evident in their portraits. The paintings were presented to the Phoenix House and the Borough of Mendham, Morris co, NJ, in 1955 by their granddaughter, Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Hobbis. Their portraits hang in the Phoenix House today, and we are indebted to Richard Lesser, Montville, NJ, who photographed them and submitted the prints which are reproduced below.



John Adams Bonnell



Sarah (Wyckoff) Bonnell

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OBITUARY

From the Chicago, IL, Tribune, Thursday, 5 March 1992:

PALMER W. BUNNELL, SR. [CB001863], retired longtime employee of Otis Elevator Co., beloved husband of Deborah; loving father of Palmer Jr., Robert (Lucinda) and Patricia (Kenneth) Bacigalupo; devoted grandfather of 10; great-grandfather of four; dear brother of Charles Bunnell. Visitation at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, 10415 S. Kedzie Ave., Friday, 12 noon until time of service 1 p.m. Internment Mount Hope Cemetery. Member of International Union of Elevator Constructors Local No. 2. In lieu of flowers, donations to American Cancer Society appreciated.

[Who were his parents?—wra]

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OBITUARIES

This clipping from the Detroit Free Press, Detroit, MI, Friday, 28 June 1891, was submitted by Jerry Hatch, Chicago, IL:

HELEN BREWER BUNNELL, 85, a church volunteer and resident of Detroit, died Monday of heart failure at the Arnold Home in Detroit.

Mrs. Bunnell was a volunteer at Greenfield Congregational Church in Dearborn, where her husband, the Rev. Myron Bunnell, served as minister from 1942 to 1953.

Besides her husband, she is survived by daughters Patricia and Virginia; son, Richard; nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements for a private memorial service are pending.

Rev. Myron R. Bunnell CB360542 is descended from the immigrant William Bunnell CB260001 through Nathaniel Bonnell CB27005, Nathaniel Bonnell CB280015, James Bonnell CB290029, Stephen Bunnell CB300135, Jonas Bunnell CB310274, George Esom Bunnell CB320306, James P. Bunnell CB330457, Seabury Bonnell CB340360, Clarence E. Bunnell CB351013, Rev. Myron R. Bunnell.

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Ruth Duncan, West Simsbury, CT, sent in this obituary from the New Haven, CT, Register:

HAMDEN—Kathleen Enscoe Bunnell, 85, of 72 Gordon St., died Saturday, Dec. 28, 1991, in St. Raphael's Hospital after a long illness. She was the widow of George W. Bunnell.

Mrs. Bunnell was born in Cromwell Aug. 13, 1906, a daughter of the late John e. and Margaret Costello Enscoe. She was a resident of Hamden most of her life.

She had been employed as a bookkeeper at Jenson Motors.

Mrs. Bunnell was a parishioner of St. Rita's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Bunnell were the first couple to be married in the church.

She was a 40-year member of the Daughters of Isabella and served in all offices of the club.

She is survived by a daughter, Ann B. Lynch of Branford; two sons, G. William Bunnell of Hamden and David Bunnell of Saskatchewan, Canada; a sister, Helen Weirether of Frederick, Md.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, John Bunnell; three sisters, Gertrude Cole, Evelyn Haiuser, and Margaret Enscoe; and a brother, John Enscoe Jr.

Her funeral will leave Beecher & Bennett, 2300 Whitney Ave., at 8:30 a.m. Monday. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in St. Rita's Church at 10. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Clelian Adult Center, 265 Benham St., Hamden 06514.

[George W. Bunnell, CB351695, #894 in Ruth Duncan's book WILLIAM BUNNELL AND HIS DESCENDANTS, was the son of Frank H. CB341771, son of Selleck J. CB331479, son of David L. CB320042, son of Stephen CB310139, son of Jacob CB300056, son of Deliverance CB290013, son of Hezekiah CB290009, son of Benjamin CB270004, son of William Bunnell CB260001, the immigrant ancestor.—wra]

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FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES
Wednesday, 26 February 1992
submitted by Clement M. Bonnell III

Dr. John S. Bonnell, 99, Is Dead; New York Presbyterian Preacher

By PETER STEINFELS

The Rev. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, who gained a national reputation as a preacher in his 26 years as pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, died at his home in Roseburg, Ore., on Sunday. He was 99 years old.

He died of natural causes, said his son-in-law, the Rev. James G. Emerson Jr. of San Francisco.

Dr. Bonnell occupied the pulpit of the Manhattan church, sometimes called the "cathedral of Presbyterianism," from 1935 to 1962. His Sunday sermons were regularly reported in the New York newspapers. And starting in 1943 he reached three million radio listeners with weekly talks on the ABC network. He was also one of the first religious leaders to provide inspirational messages through a "dial-a-prayer" telephone number.

Dr. Bonnell, the son of a supervisor of a hospital for the mentally ill on Prince Edward Island in Canada, was a pioneer in pastoral counseling. In a clinic that he established at his Manhattan church, he provided a blend of psychological and spiritual guidance, and through teaching and several books he encouraged religious leaders to avail themselves of modern psychological knowledge and skills.

Reply to McCarthy Aide

He was one of three leaders of the National Conference of Christians and Jews who sent a public telegram to President Dwight D. Eisenhower in July 1953 to protest accusations by an assistant to Senator Joseph R. McCarthy that Protestant clergymen in the United States were a major source of supporters for "the Communist apparatus."

In a reply, Eisenhower said such accusations "betray contempt for the principles of freedom and decency." The statement marked a turn from indulgence to opposition in the Eisenhower Administration's attitude toward the Republican Senator from Wisconsin.

Dr. Bonnell, a moderate theologian, was an ardent supporter of the Rev. Billy Graham's first New York "crusade" in 1957. In 1960 Dr. Bonnell urged churches to speak out on social and



The Rev. Dr. John S. Bonnell

economic issues as well as on salvation. But in 1966, when he came out of retirement to serve for three years as president of New York Theological Seminary, he also warned against "gogo" theologies that emphasized social and political causes at the expense of personal evangelism

Born on Jan. 10, 1893, in Dover, Prince Edward Island, he enlisted in the Canadian army in World War I, was wounded twice in Europe and was sent home after suffering gas poisoning. He received degrees from Dalhousie University and Pine Hill Divinity Hall in Nova Scotia. He was ordained in 1922 and served in New Brunswick and Winnipeg, Manitoba, before being invited to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian. In 1923 he married Bessie Louise Carruthers. She died in 1976

He is survived by a son, the Rev. George Carruthers Bonnell of North Plainfield, N.J.; three daughters, Dr. Catherine Cameron of LaVerne, Calif., Elizabeth McCuaig Newton of Prescott, Ontario, and Dr. Margaret Bonnell Emerson of San Francisco; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Many years ago, in 1961 to be exact, when I was just beginning to collect data on this family, I wrote to Dr. Bonnell. In his reply he named his father and several uncles, but he did not know his grandfather's name.

Recently, from information provided by Claude Bunnell's Database and by Eric Hillier of Kitchner, Ontario, I have learned that Dr. Bonnell's great-grandfather Robert Bonnell CB003377 was born in 1781 in Staffordshire, England. In early life he settled in Lamaline, Newfoundland. His son, Robert Bonnell CB002176 married Ann Hillier. Their ninth and youngest child, Abraham Bonnell CB002175 married Catherine Cameron. They were the parents of Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell CB002180. His father had a general store in Newfoundland before moving to Prince Edward Island. For 46 years he served on the staff of Falconwood Hospital, Charlottetown, PEI.

In his 1961 letter Dr. Bonnell wrote, "Another Bonnell family of Vancouver, B.C. are distantly related to us. His name was Dr. Saul Bonnell and he was a physician for the Canadian Pacific Railways." I have never learned anything further about him.

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BUNNELLS AND BONNELLS IN KENTUCKY

In the years just prior to 1800 several members of the Bunnell/Bonnell family settled in central Kentucky, principally in Mercer co, Hardin co, and the northern part of Barren co which is now Hart co. Their origin has been the subject of unsuccessful search for a long time. This article will attempt to narrow the search a bit.

For the material which follows I am indebted to John Paul Grady, Spring, TX, who has been studying this problem for many years, to Marjorie Gibbs, Union Springs, NY, who has dug deeply into the vital records in Kentucky, to Bertha Groothouse, La Cygne, KS, to Jan Clemmer, Salem, OR, and to Claude Bonnell's Database.

Seven men are named in the Kentucky records who may or may not have been brothers:

CB001601	Jonathan Bonnell, born about 1772
CB004083	Samuel Bunnell, born between 1770 and 1775
CB004137	William Bunnell, born 2 May 1778
CB004111	Jeremiah Bunnell, born between 1775 and 1780
CB005547	Joseph Bonnel, born about 1783
CB000847	Peter Bunnell, born 15 January 1784
CB005836	David Bunnell, born about 1792

Were they Bunnells or Bonnells or some of each? Spelling was inconsistent for all of them. For example, Jonathan's name appears in the records as Bonnel, Bonnell, Bunnell, Bunell, Bunnell and Bundle. Descendants of Jonathan and Joseph use the spelling Bonnell. Descendants of Samuel, William, Jeremiah, Peter and David use Bunnell.

John Paul Grady provided the specific birth dates for William and Peter. Peter's came from a family bible. I do not know the source of William's birth date; perhaps from a gravestone? The rest of the dates have been approximated from the census in which the men appear. Joseph's is the most difficult. The 1850 census says he was 67 years old, that is born in 1783. This is consistent with the 1830 census, but is about ten years too early if the 1820 and 1840 census records are considered.

JONATHAN first appears in Mercer co, KY , 16 July 1799, when he married Rebecca Dean. He remained in Mercer co, as shown by various court and church records, until he appears there in the 1820 census. Shortly after that he bought land in Bartholomew co, IN, and settled there in 1821. We see him in the 1830 and 1840 census in Bartholomew co. In 1846 he moved to Marshall twp, Platte co, MO, where he appears in the 1850 census and where he died on 25 March 1848.

SAMUEL married Elizabeth Sutterfield in Mercer co, KY, on 17 December 1799. He appears in a Mercer co tax roll in 1800 and in the 1820, 1830 and 1840 census in Mercer co. He died there about 1848.

WILLIAM shows up first on a tax list in Barren co, KY, on 10 July 1799, as William Bunnell, 100 acres on Beaver Creek, 1 white male above 21 with 3 horses. On 15 May 1802 in Mercer co, KY, he married Polly [Mary] Allin. His wife was received by letter into the Shawnee Run

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Baptist Church in Harrodsburg, Mercer co, on 14 December 1805, and was dismissed from that church on 8 March 1806. They removed to Hardin co, perhaps to his 100 acres on Beaver Creek. He appears on the 1810, 1820 and 1830 census in Hardin co. He died there on 3 January 1862. In January 1823 William also purchased land in Bartholomew co, IN, but never lived there. He sold it in several parcels, including one piece to Jonathan's son-in-law, William Highfield.

JEREMIAH married Rebecca Hardin in Mercer co, KY, on 27 November 1804. There was an earlier marriage in Mercer co on 12 December 1792 between Jeremiah Bondell and Mary Heoff? Is this a first marriage for the same Jeremiah? I find no children for him before his daughter Eliza, born in 1805. In 1805 he was granted a letter of dismissal from the Shawnee Run Baptist Church in Mercer co. After that he appears in the 1810 census in Barren co, KY. He lived in that part of Barren co which was set off as Hart co in 1819. In Hart co he appears on a tax list in 1819 and in the 1820 and 1830 census. He died 18 May 1832 and was buried at Monroe, Hart co.

JOSEPH appears in the 1820 census in Jessamine co, KY, and in the 1830 census in Madison co, KY. However, we find him involved in several Circuit Court actions in Mercer co in 1816 and 1836. He removed to Howard co, MO, where he appears in the 1840 and 1850 census. I haven't found the date of his death, but his widow was still living there with her son Mason in 1880.

PETER appears first in Mercer co on a tax roll dated 16 October 1807. In 1809 his name is on a tax list in Barren co, KY. On 19 June 1810, in Green co, KY, he married Susanna Erwin. They lived in Green co until 1836 or 1838, when they moved across the line to Hart co and purchased land near that of Jeremiah Bunnell.

DAVID is the only one of the seven for whom I have not found a connection with Mercer co, KY. He is probably the David CB012799 who appears in the 1820 census in Henry co, KY. By 1830 he was certainly in Parrishes Grove, Warren co, IN. Then he moved to Columbus, Bartholomew co, IN, where he appears on the 1840 census. In 1850 he shows on the census in Marshall twp, Platte co, MO, and in 1860 in Easton twp, Leavenworth co, KS, with his daughter and son-in-law.

Were they all brothers? The evidence is suggestive, but entirely circumstantial:

1. All but David show up as young men in Mercer co, KY.
2. Jonathan was a witness at Samuel's marriage.
3. Jonathan William and David all purchased land in Bartholomew co, IN. William sold some of this land to Jonathan's son-in-law William Highfield. Jonathan and David both moved to Bartholomew co.
4. Jeremiah and Peter settled near each other in Hart co, KY.

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5. Jonathan and David appear together in the 1840 census in Columbus, Bartholomew co, IN, and again together in the 1850 census in Marshall twp, Platte co, MO. IN 1850 David was living in the household of Charles F. Shell. Jonathan's son William S. Bonnell was married in Bartholomew co, IN, to Catharine Shell, and they were also in Marshall twp, Platte co, MO, in 1850.

6. While too much weight cannot be given to the similarity of common names, it is interesting to note that Jonathan, Samuel, William, Jeremiah and Peter each named a son William and a daughter Sarah. Samuel, Jeremiah and Peter each had a son Samuel, and the name Samuel, or Samuel Washington, persisted through the later generations. Samuel, Peter and David had sons they named James. Samuel, Peter and David had daughters named Louisa Jane. Jonathan, William and David each had a Mary. The census records imply that both Joseph and David had other children whose names we haven't found, and they might enter into further combinations.

Now, if we make the assumption that these men were brothers, who was their father? There is a single bit of evidence. When William was married on 15 May 1802 to Polly Allin, the bondsman is listed in the record as WILLIAM BUNNEL, SR., who also certified that the bride was 21 years old. There are a few scattered references in the records that might apply to William, Sr., though it is not entirely clear from the records that there was more than one William. The CB Database lists William Bonnel, Sr., on the 1800 tax roll in Mercer co. Does the tax roll show two Williams?

About 1800 William Bunnel was appointed overseer of a road in Mercer co. This might refer to William Sr., rather than William, Jr. Also, in Mercer co, when Benjamin Gray married Lydia Daniel on 29 July 1801, William Bunnel certified the bride's age. This suggests an older man than our William at age 23.

Marjorie Gibbs wrote to the County Clerk of Mercer co and received a response from Alma Ray Ison. Marjorie quotes Ms. Ison's letter as follows: "From records available here, it seems likely that William Bunnel, Sr., had sons Jonathan (born ca. 1773), Samuel (ca. 1775), William (ca. 1778), Jeremiah (ca. 1780). There is evidence in annual tax lists of 1803, 1804, and 1805 that William, Sr., may have had two younger sons, but no actual proof of such and no mention of names.

Next Question: Where did they come from? In the 1850 census, Jonathan, Peter, Joseph and David are all shown as born in Virginia. In the 1880 census Thomas, son of Jeremiah, and Samuel, son of Samuel, both say their fathers were born in Virginia. The 1860 census says David was born in Kentucky, just to confuse the issue. Also, by 1880 three of Peter's children list three different birth states for him, Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. We need further research to determine place of birth of William. (The 1860 census may hold the answer.)

We have enough to go on, however, to warrant looking for William, Sr., and his family in Virginia.

Kentucky (Concl'd)

My records are very meager for Bunnells and Bonnells in Virginia in this period. The Database does show a William Bunnell CB010907 who appears in a 1782 on a tax list in Spotsylvania co, VA.

Also, in the collection of records sent in by Marjorie Gibbs there are two references found in VIRGINIA COUNTY RECORDS, Vol. I, Spotsylvania County, 1721-1800. On 23 April 1772 Wm. Bonnel and Jacob Wright were mentioned on a deed. Jacob Wright apparently died a few years later, since on 20 March 1777 Wm. Bonnell posted a £200 bond as administrator of Jacob Wright's estate, with Henry Coleman and Sam'l Bonnel, sec.

Gwen Quickel, Lake Jackson, TX, found in Simon Triplett's List a William Bonnel on a Tithable List in Loudon co, VA, 9 September 1771.

I have one other thought to offer which may not mean anything at all, but it seems worth noting when we have so little real data to work on. Isaac and Catherine (Severns?) Bonnell came from New Jersey to Loudon co, VA, about 1790. Several of their 11 children were born there. They finally settled in Guernsey co, OH. Several of their sons married in Loudon co, VA, and stayed there until the 1820's and 1830's. Among the 11 children were Samuel, Jonathan, William, Mary and Sarah.

It looks as though Isaac came to Virginia just about the time that our assumed William was leaving for Kentucky, so there was probably no connection, but I thought I should bring it to your attention. Claude Bunnell has been doing extensive research on the Guernsey co families and may have further insight here.

I hope that these notes will be useful in some way to those of you who are researching this line. Any additions or corrections you can make will be printed in future Newsletters.

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While doing the research for the article above I found a John Bunnel, age 13, and a Julius Bundle, age 17, among the Shaker community at Pleasant Hill in Mercer co, KY, in 1850. John Bunnel was still living in the Shaker community in 1880, when his age was given as 42 and his occupation as gardener. I have not been able to identify either of these with the family of any of the seven "brothers."

Other unconnected references include:

Sarah Bonell m. Edward Shilleday 13 March 1795 in Mercer co. John Bonell was bondsman. John also appears on an 1800 Mercer co tax list.

Thomas Bunnell appears in 1820 census in Henry co, KY: 110010-10001. A list of acts passed by the KY legislature printed in the Kentucky Gazette 19 February 1819 mentions Thomas Bonnel, among others.

Jesse Bunnell m. Nancy Holland in 1824 and Spicey May in 1827, both in Fayette co, KY. He appears in the 1830 and 1840 census in Lexington, Fayette co.

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A NEW PUBLICATION

I recently purchased a copy of HAROLD FREDERICK POWELL GENEALOGY, compiled by Harold F. Powell, PhD, published by Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, 1991. The book sells for \$30 and can be purchased from the compiler, winter address to 15 May: 52 Yacht Club Drive, Apt. 204, N. Palm Beach, FL 33408; summer address to 15 October: 2740 Glenwood Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073.

The book begins with a page of Acknowledgments which includes a statement about Dr. Powell's training and qualifications, indicating that he had studied under some of the most noted genealogists of our day. He earned a Certificate in Genealogy from the American University and the National Archives.

The work includes sections on 29 families ancestral to Dr. Powell's grandchildren, with brief statements on 141 Other Families that married into them. Thirteen pages are devoted to the Bunnell/Bonnell family, since Dr. Powell is descended from William Bunnell's son Nathaniel while Mrs. Powell is a descendant of William Bunnell's son Benjamin.

I cannot speak for the accuracy of the other families, since none are familiar to me. However, Dr. Powell's section on the Bonnell Family I found very disappointing. My concern's fall under several headings:

1. Dr. Powell states as factual the Huguenot descent of William Bunnell from Thomas Bonnell of Norwich, Eng. Although this supposed relationship has been printed so many times it has taken on a life of its own, no one has ever produced an iota of evidence to support it. Dr. Powell received all the early Bunnell/Bonnell Newsletters, in which this issue was discussed at length. I was surprised that a genealogical compiler of his stated qualifications could publish without comment this lineage as if there were no question about its authenticity. (I have suggested to Dr. Powell several times that I would be happy to print in the Newsletter any evidence he would like to present on this subject. He has not responded to the suggestion.)

2. Dr. Powell also ignores the fact that the evidence strongly indicates that William Bunnell and his family lived in Massachusetts Bay colony for a number of years before they went to New Haven. Again, this evidence was in Dr. Powell's hands in the early Newsletters. I can understand that a compiler weighing the evidence might come to a different conclusion than I did, but I see no indication of that sort of evaluation.

3. I found a significant number of errors, both of fact and implication. He omits, apparently by design, all children who died young but he also omitted the two daughters of William and Ann Bunnell who married and had large families. Although he cites the Vital Records of New Haven as a source for the family of Benjamin and Hannah (Plumb) Bunnell, he reported incorrectly the birthplace of four of their six children. He also omitted Benjamin's daughter by his second wife. Those are a few examples.

In summary, this is a work which must be used with great care, at least as it affects the Bunnell/Bonnell family.

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MORE ON THE HUGUENOT CONNECTION

In recent correspondence with Arthur Louis Finnell, CGRS, Registrar General of The National Huguenot Society, I furnished him with a complete set of the Bunnell/Bonnell Newsletter for the Society Library. At the same time I asked his opinion on the evidence for the supposed descent of William Bunnell from the Huguenot Thomas Bonnell of Norwich, England. His reply, dated 14 December 1991, is as follows:

“As Registrar General I must state that from all the records we have on the family of Thomas Bonnell (the Huguenot Ancestor), I find NO evidence of primary documents to FIRST indicate that Benjamin Bonnell had a family or that he was a resident of England long enough at the right time to sire and raise a family. No creditable evidence is presented or found to establish that he had any heirs. SECONDLY the Society files contain nothing to establish beyond a reasonable doubt that William Bonnell had a father Benjamin. In fact no evidence has been presented to even establish the name or identity of a father for William. The use of Virkus’ book The Compendium of American Genealogy is not an acceptable source for statements of this nature and is unusable as a source for Lineage Society applications. No National Society will accept materials from this unless they are verified and documented.

“I totally agree with your position that it is an astonishing leap of faith to graft the American Bonnell family as a branch of the Huguenot family of Thomas Bonnell. I would have to, after a complete review, state that NO new applications for membership in the National Huguenot Society will be accepted through the line of William Bonnell, the immigrant, until these questions can be completely and thoroughly researched and resolved.

“I hope this will not be too strong a statement, but I feel the statement you have made regarding this has merit and the line should be closed until further research has been done to prove who William’s father is. I do look forward to a continued healthy exchange of ideas and notes in the hope that some where a new grain of truth is uncovered and we find the missing link.”

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CONNECTICUT–1988 Update

Submitted by Jerry Hatch

[Hartford county (cont’d)–1666, Original county]

▶Southington, Hartford county–Births:

Bunnel, Lucretia	Samuell Bunnel/	F	15 Dec 1801
Bunnel, Samuel	Amos Bunnel/Catharine	M	29 Nov 1780
Bunnel, Sibbel	Joseph Bunnel/Sibbel	F	05 Sep 1778

▶Southington, Hartford county–Marriages:

Bunnel,	Lola Mariette Howe	03 Oct 1830
Bunnel, Amos	Catharine Merriman	16 Mar 1780*

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▶Southington, Hartford county–Marriages (Cont'd):

Bunnell, Maria B.	Aaron Sage	26 Nov 1835
Bunnell, Rhoda B.	Levi Merriam	25 Oct 1842

*See also Wallingford, New Haven county.

▶Windsor, Hartford county–Marriages:

Bunnell, Judith	Thomas Hodge	1691
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[Litchfield county–1751, from Hartford and Fairfield]

▶Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnell, Harry	Stella Hard	18 Jan 1863
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▶Bridgewater, Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnell, Keziah	Nathan Hawley	08 Nov 1733
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▶Canaan, Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnell, Joel	Fanny Palmer	02 Mar 1834
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▶Colebrook, North Colebrook, Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnell, Angeline P.	Thomas Benedict	24 Nov 1863
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▶Cornwall, Litchfield county–Births:

Bunnell, Bertha M.	Oscar P. Bunnell/Belle C. Kellogg	F	25 Dec 1874
Bunnell, Charles	Joel Bunnell/Fanny	M	10 Dec 1847

▶Goshen, Litchfield county–Births:

Bunnell, Walter	Elmer Bunnell/Sylvia Emily Kimberly	M	27 Oct 1867
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▶Goshen, Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnell, Hiram	Lucy Barker	10 Sep 1826
Bunnell, Joseph	Maria Price	29 Mar 1830

▶Harwinton, Litchfield county–Births:

Bunnell, Daniel	Daniel Bunnell/Hester	M	11 Apr 1763
Bunnell, Hester	Daniel Bunnell/Hester	F	29 Apr 1756
Bunnell, Hezekiah	Daniel Bunnell/Hester	M	21 Mar 1758
Bunnell, Sarah	Daniel Bunnell/Hester	F	02 Oct 1760

▶Litchfield, Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnell, Allison	Mary Woodruff	12 May 1861
Bunnell, Dothe	Joseph H. Tooley	27 Nov 1834
Bunnell, Elijah	Lucy Stone	28 May 1826
Bunnell, Emily	David Kinney	23 Oct 1851
Bunnell, Ephraim K.	Roena Griswold	31 Dec 1823

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▶Litchfield, Litchfield county–Marriages (Cont'd):

Bunnell, Ephraim R.	Cornelia Stone	06 Mar 1828
Bunnell, Matilda	Harry Stone	13 Feb 1842
Bunnell, Samuel	Amanda Hull	12 Oct 1840

▶New Hartford, Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnell, Elbert	Mary E. Potter	31 Aug 1845
Bunnell, Marian E.	James H. Spencer	13 Dec 1849
Bunnell Rebecca	Ebenezer Bostwick	11 Apr 1717
Bunnell, Rebeckah	Ebenezer Bostick	11 Apr 1717

▶New Milford, Litchfield county–Births:

Bunnell, Benjamin	Benjamin Bunnell/Hannah	M	28 Apr 1704
Bunnell, Gershom	Benjamin Bunnell/Hannah	M	01 May 1708
Bunnell, Hannah	Benjamin Bunnell/Hannah	F	11 Apr 1702
Bunnell, Isaac	Benjamin Bunnell/Hannah	M	29 Aug 1713
Bunnell, Rebeckah	Benjamin Bunnell/Hannah	F	08 Mar 1700
Bunnell, Solomon	Benjamin Bunnell/Hannah	M	27 Oct 1706

This is incorrect. All of these births took place in New Haven, New Haven co, CT, except Gershom who was born “in Elizabethtown in East Jersey.”

New Milford, Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnell, Benjamin	Patience Miles	27 Aug 1717
Bunnell, Caziaah	Nathan Hawlye	08 Nov 1733

Norfolk, Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnell, Clarissa E.	John C. Mahon	19 Nov 1843
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Plymouth, Litchfield county–Births:

Bunnel, Amanda	Solomon Bunnel/Beuhel	F	04 Nov 1797
Bunnel, Caroline	Allen Bunnel/Clarissa	F	03 May 1803
Bunnell, Charles Elmer	Frank Bunnel/Emma Lucinda Austin	M	09 May 1899
Bunnel, Charlotte	Orel Bunnel/	F	15 Jul 1815
Bunnel, Chary	Solomon Bunnel/Beuhel	F	15 Jan 1802
Bunnel, Edwin	Solomon Bunnel/Beuhel	M	23 Mar 1810
Bunnel, Eliza	Allen Bunnel/Clarissa	F	28 Dec 1812
Bunnel, Harriet	Allen Bunnel/Clarissa	F	31 Jan 1801
Bunnell, Harriett	Allen Bunnell/	F	31 Dec 1801
Bunnel, Laura	Allen Bunnel/Clarissa	F	22 Feb 1808
Bunnel, Mansfield	Solomon Bunnel/Beuhel	M	18 Nov 1806
Bunnel, Margaret	Solomon Bunnel/Beuhel	F	09 Jan 1815
Bunnel, Merret	Solomon Bunnel/Beuhel	M	17 Oct 1799
Bunnel, Orrel	Hezekiah Bunnel/Mabel	F	07 Jun 1787
Bunnel, Pamella	Solomon Bunnel/Beuhel	F	23 Aug 1804
Bunnel, Solomon	Solomon Bunnel/Beuhel	M	14 July 1812

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▶Plymouth, Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnel, Harriett	Oliver Smith	16 Oct 1822
Bunnell, Lucius A.	Rebecca P. Gillett	12 Jun 1850
Bunnell, Merret	Mehitable Clark	15 Jun 1825
Bunnel, Solomon	Beuhel Hill or Hills	Jan 1797

▶Washington, Litchfield county–Births:

Bunnell, James Armstrong	John F. Bunnell/Betsey	M	08 Feb 1820
Bunnell, Noble Orrin	John F. Bunnell/Betsey	M	08 Apr 1823
Bunnell, Sarah Jane	John F. Bunnell/Betsey	F	10 Jun 1816
Bunnell, Walton Lyman	James A. Bunnell/Mary Ann	M	20 Jun 1848

▶Washington, Litchfield county, Marriages:

Bunnell, Elijah	Mary Pratt	21 Feb 1795
Bunnell, Patty	Justus Parker	05 Nov 1801

▶Waterbury, Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnel, Lois	Jeremiah Peck	17 Aug 1769
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▶Watertown, Litchfield county–Marriages:

Bunnel, Cecelia	Oliver Merriam	30 Jul 1836
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QUERIES

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

1. Need proof of marriage of JOHN BUNNELL CB310252, son of ISAAC and LANAH (BARKALOW) BUNNELL, to HANNAH JAYNE, daughter of JOHN JAYNE and CORNELIA DECKER. Marriage occurred ca. 1794 original Northampton Co. area (poss. Monroe, Pike, Wayne Cos.) Also need proof that John Jayne is father of Hannah Jayne. Proofs needed for DAR application. (Family histories and old DAR applications, which I have, are not considered proof.) Joan E. Murray, 708-359-3831, 1281 N. Linden Ave., Palatine, IL 60067.

2. Need information on the early life of FREEMAN BUNNELL CB320942, son of WILLIAM and MARGARET (HAND) BUNNELL. He appears in the 1830 and 1840 census in Shenango twp, Crawford co, PA, with a wife and children. What happened to that family? On 11 Feb. 1858 Freeman married SOPHRONIA LOWELL in Mercer co, IL. They moved to Poweshiek co, IA. They had one son, CHARLES FRANKLIN BUNNELL, my grandfather. Freeman enlisted in the Civil War in 1862 and died in the Keokuk hospital on 3 Dec. 18864. Mrs. Alice Weigand, East 26–26th Avenue, Spokane, WA 99203.

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There you are, Rich. That's all for this time.