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About us:

We are Charlie and Pat (Castiglione) Bunnell. We were born and raised in and around Auburn, NY in the heart of the Finger Lakes. Charlie joined the Air Force right out of high school and 2 years later we were married. Our interest in genealogy developed because Charlie's dad had been given several letters dating from the Civil War era, written by Charlie's great-grandfather as well as other ancestors. Along with the letters there was a photo of great grandpa and a rifle that had been picked up with his body near Petersburg.

During 25 years in the Air Force we were stationed in New York (twice), Mississippi (3 times), Ohio, Alabama, Texas (twice), Viet Nam, Okinawa, Iran, Germany (twice) and Italy. After retiring from active duty, Charlie spent another 16 years employed by the Air Force as a civilian. During his civilian stint, we lived in Texas and now Maryland where Charlie retired this past Dec 31st.

Pat had started work out of high school as a pharmacy assistant at Daw's Drug store (anyone remember Daw's Drugs?). Once the children came along, the outside-the-home work stopped. Then, a few

years after the kids started school, Pat went to work for the Air Force as a civilian. She “retired” in 1994 but has continued in part-time positions ever since. She currently works for the College of Southern Maryland.

Between the time spent constantly packing and unpacking, raising our two great kids and both of us working, genealogy was a part-time interest. Often we collected information that we didn’t review or analyze until years later. So now we hope we are done moving and can fill in a lot of missing branches on the Bunnell and the Castiglione trees.

Administrivia

For our first issue, this section will be rather lengthy. Most of this info will only be repeated in the first issue each year, so please bear with us.

Letter from the new editors: First, a big thanks to Carole and Teri for the outstanding job they have done. It’s going to be a tough act to follow. In the previous issue, we mentioned a little bit about our plans. We want to keep the printed newsletter alive and useful. We also want to provide a web-based newsletter for those members who are interested in that service. Both newsletters will contain the same info, but the web-based one will arrive sooner and be cheaper. Additionally, you’d be able to do word searches on the electronic version. We’ve not received a lot of response to date, but we’ll leave that option open to you.

Submitting items for the newsletter: The previous newsletters were useful because (a) the editors had a lot of info and shared it, (b) they continued researching and printing their findings, and (c) members sent in info and questions. We’ll continue with (a) and (b); we sure need you to continue with (c). *Send us your material for use in the newsletter.* I know that you envision the newsletter “office” as a professional, structured, orderly office that’s efficiently neat and tidy. Well, not exactly. So to help us keep track of the material, please include your name, address and date on each piece of paper you submit, including photos. For newspaper articles, including obituaries, please include the name of the paper it came from to include the date, city, state and page number. As most of you know, this is the same type of info we write down when researching. If you have the capability to send in your item electronically, that would be great and save us a lot of time scanning or retyping. Just send it in as an attachment to your e-mail.

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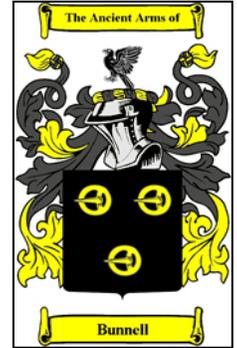
Queries: Queries are **FREE** to subscribers and will be published when received and if room permits. Please try to keep them brief. We will use Claude Bunnell’s database and check with William Austin for the information. We also want readers to add to the answers we provide. Please feel free to send your reply to the address at the end of the query. But, please also send a copy to us so that we can share the information. **Note:** *for non-subscribers, the cost is 10 cents a word with a \$4.00 minimum charge.*

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Back Issues: Back Issues can be obtained for \$4.00 per issue, printed; that covers copying and mailing costs. We hope to eventually have all issues on the web, and they'll be available for free to subscribers. Sorry, I don't have electronic versions of any back issues at this time. Terri Bonnell is working on providing me all of the 1997 to 2002 in electronic format. Then, pending their placement on the web, we'll be able to e-mail them for free or provide a CD version at cost. That's still in the works.

Family Crests: I'm sure you noticed the Bunnell and Bonnell Family crests at the top of the page. If you go back to Vol. IV, No. 2, page 23 William Austin provided a description and black and white reproduction of the Bunnell crest as described in Burke's General Armory. That is the same one that appears in the newsletter heading on the left. In Vol. 6 No. 3, page 36 you'll find two reproductions of the Bonnell coat of arms. Both are different from the one on the newsletter heading which I obtained from the "House of Names" online. I cannot vouch for the accuracy of it but plan on using it until a more accurate one comes along. I have to add the same cautionary note that William Austin had in his article. I doubt that any Bunnell or Bonnell descendents of William Bunnell are entitled to bear them. But, I believe they add a nice touch to the newsletter and the web page. I also received a Bunnell family crest from House of Names shown on the right. It is primarily black with some yellow. House of Names did not provide any history about or description of the crest.



Correspondence

Many subscribers wrote us either electronically or by regular mail to thank us for taking over the newsletter (you'll be provided an opportunity to retract that later if you want), but more importantly to comment on what a great job Carole and Teri did and how much they always look forward to receiving the newsletter. Others, such as Steve in PA and Bill in Canada, indicated that if we're in the same area sometime it would be great to meet. Sounds great to us. First thing I want to check is whether my Bunnell hairline goes across all lineages and includes the Bonnells.

Electronic Subscribers

These brave souls have elected to receive their newsletters via the web and print their own copies. They will also be able to download the newsletter and save an electronic copy in their computer. The good news is that EVERYONE who subscribes can do the same thing. The difference is that these folks are doing it cheaper. If we have your e-mail address, then we've already received instructions for retrieving the newsletter. The electronic versions are ready before the hard copies are mailed out because we don't have to wait for printing, folding and stuffing, sealing and mailing.

John C. Bonnell, Jr.
Cecil R. Bunnell
Claude Bunnell
Pam Walling

**Jessie and Mehitabel (Royce) Bunnell are celebrating their 246th wedding anniversary
April 19th.**

E-Mail Addresses

In the electronic version, these addresses will only be available to subscribers. If you also want your e-mail address on the page that's available to the general public to see (<http://www.bunnellfamily.us/files.htm>) send me an e-mail telling me so. * indicates a new e-mail address since the last issue; you may want to update your address books.

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Direct lines are provided by subscribers. I would recommend that you not treat them as primary source material, but the submitter may be able to provide you with his/her primary sources. Mr. William Austin will review Lines submitted to him. Send them directly to me and to him with a request that he review and provide me any corrections. Addresses are on page 1.

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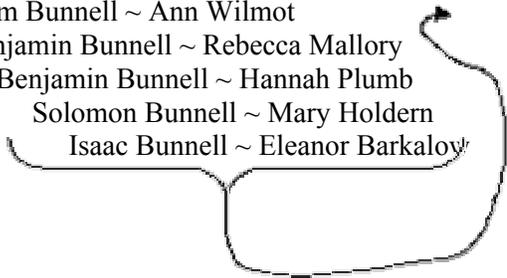
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Life Changes

No Birth, Marriage, Anniversary and death notices provided by subscribers for this issue.

Queries

I don't have a specific lineage question for this issue, but I do have a generalization that we've become aware of since we've taken over the newsletter. Kentucky seems to be the "black hole" for Bunnell ~ Bonnell lineage.

The biography, by Marjorie Gibbs, you'll read further on starts in Kentucky and many years of research by at least 4 experienced, talented researchers have not been able to go back before Kentucky for that line.

Then John Grady in Texas (A fine state; Pat and I just left there 5 years ago) has been researching "the probably/possible brothers and their sister who settled in Mercer Co., Kentucky about 1799/1800: Jonathan, Samuel, William, Jeremiah, Elizabeth & Peter." They may be from "Spotsylvania Co., Va, but coming up with absolute proof has so far eluded me." And he's been at it for 40 years.

Finally, I received a call from a probable new subscriber, Ralph P. Bunnell of Missouri, and he has been stymied for many years looking for a Peter Bunnell who suddenly shows up in Kentucky. Hopefully we'll receive a little more info from Ralph.

Perhaps Pat and I can help here due to our location. We have access to the National Archives and the Library of Congress. So, if some of you Kentucky researchers can think of some resource that you can't obtain through the Web, your local library or the LDS that might be available to us, let us know and we'll see what we can do.

Amos Bunnell will be 242 years young May 9th.

Research Findings

Probate Record from the Clackamas County Court House, Oregon City, Oregon. Provided by Teri Bonnell:

BUNNELL, Charles #498 [CB320356]

d. 13 August 1894. Intestate. Adm.: W. T. Bunnell [CB330497]. Heirs: Charles B. Bunnell [CB330494], son, age 62, Tigerville, Washington County, Oregon; Byron L. Bunnell [CB330498], son, age 54, Avoca, Potawa County, Iowa; Joseph A. Bunnell [CB330493], son, age 58, Avoca Iowa; Mrs. Sara Ashley [CB330503], daughter, age 44, Avoca, Iowa; W.T. Bunnell, son, age 56, Milwaukie, Oregon; J. C. Hungerford, grandson, age 27, Milwaukie, Oregon; Edward Hungerford, grandson, age 30, Mahasca, Kansas; Josephine M. Smallwood [CB330502, *Margaret Josephine*], daughter, age 46, Milwaukie, Oregon; Marion D. Bunnell [CB340459], grandson, of Goldendale, Washington; Francis L. Bunnell [CB340460], grandson, Centerville, Washington; Andrew L. Bunnell [CB340461], grandson, Centerville, Washington; George L. Bunnell [CB340462], grandson, Centerville, Washington; Alby Bunnell [CB340464], grandson, Centerville, Washington; Isaac J. Bunnell [CB340465], grandson, Centerville, Washington; Louis M. Bunnell [CB340366], grandson, Centerville, Washington. Also see #165.

BUNNELL, Charles #165

d. 13 August 1894, age 88. William T. Bunnell was appointed guardian 23 February 1894. This folder covers the matter of appointment and termination of guardianship. Also see #498.

[Charlie's comments: From Claude Bunnell's database we find those not mentioned because they predeceased Charles. In the case of the last 3 cited, while their date of death is not known, they weren't mentioned in the above probate record, so it is probable that they were deceased at the time of Charles' death: Jonathan Bunnell [CB330493] (1830-1831); Alby Monroe Bunnell [CB330495] (1834-1881); George Bunnell [CB330499] (1841-1844), Susanna Maria Bunnell [CB330500] (1844-1877), Mary Jane Bunnell [CB330501] (1846-1874), Harriet Elviry Bunnell [CB330504] (1852-1852), Malo Bunnell [CB330903] (1863-?), Frank Bunnell [CB330904] (1867-?), Emma Bunnell [CB330907] (1869-?).

Biography

In each issue, assuming we receive material from our subscribers, we will provide the biography of a Bunnell or Bonnell ancestor. You can mail it to us at P.O. Box 1801, La Plata, MD 20646-1801 or e-mail it to us as an attachment. The format and content in this month's bio serves as an excellent model. The author provides extensive references, points out missing information and explains all assumptions.

This issue's bio was submitted by Marjorie Cook Gibbs, 19 Pepper Lane, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. David Bonnell is one of the "unattached branches" from Kentucky and has been discussed or at least mentioned in at least 4 previous articles (See Vol. III, No. 1, Pg.9; Vol. VI, No. 2, Pgs. 20-22; Vol. VII, No. 1, Pg. 10; and Vol. X, No. 1, Pg. 1). Marjorie is still trying to connect David to the rest of the Bonnells/Bunnells family. So if any of our members have even a shred of information not seen in this document, contact her in Saratoga Springs or at Marbobgibb@aol.com. Marjorie also mentioned that her research was assisted by Claude Bunnell, Bill Austin and Bertha Groothouse.

David's surname is alternately spelled Bonnells and Bunnells. In the earlier articles cited above, the spelling was Bunnell. Marjorie provided these thoughts when I asked her about that: As to the variances in spelling Bunnell/Bonnell/Burnell/Bunnell/, etc. I suspect the original spelling was Bunnell, pronounced **Bunnell**. I suspect that it was sometimes pronounced **Bunnell**, and since spelling wasn't very meticulous, it was eventually corrupted to **Bonnell**, accent on the first syllable. As I look back over the records I have of my

branch of the family, David's name seems to be spelled both Bonnell and Bunnell. The 1840 census of Bartholomew County, Indiana lists David **Bunnell**, James P. **Bunnell**, Thomas D. **Bonnell** and Jonathan **Bonnell**. Since we think there was a close relationship between David's and Jonathan's families, the spelling variation is interesting. In 1850, in Platte Co., Missouri, it's David **Bonnell**, living next to Jonathan's son, William S.? **Bonnell**, and Jonathan is Jonathan **Bonnell** (one "l"). In 1860, the Leavenworth County, Kansas lists David **Bunnell**, living with his son-in-law and daughter Lewis and Louisa Bonnell Cox. In 1870, David **Bonnell** is living with his son, James P. **Bonnell** in Jackson County, Kansas. My family has always pronounced it **Bonnell**, for some unknown reason. It's all the same family. Early Bartholomew County, Ind. deeds go back and forth between Bunnell and Bonnell, with no apparent rhyme or reason, often referring to the same person. This isn't a very logical explanation as to why there are so many spellings, but that is often the case in the old records. Moral of the story: just because a name isn't spelled the way your family always spelled it doesn't mean it's not the same family.

DAVID BONNELL (CB005836)

DAVID BONNELL was born in Kentucky about 1792.¹ He may have been the son of William Bonnell, but this has not been proven. David died at South Cedar, Jackson County, Kansas, 20 February 1778. His obituary read in part, "Mr. David Bonnel, the oldest citizen of this place. He was fortunate in having a son and a daughter. After breasting life's storms for more than ninety years, the body became weak and the soul set free."²

It is not known whom, where or when he married first. He apparently married at least four times and possibly as many as five times. His first wife, and mother of some of his children, may have been a McCall,³ and she apparently died before 1850 because she does not appear in the 1850 census. This man is likely the David Bonnell who applied for a marriage license in Bartholomew County, Indiana 6 August 1843 to Nicy Wright.⁴ David Bonnell married at Platte County, Missouri 24 July 1852 Mrs. Matilda Barnes,⁵ and he married at Jackson County, Kansas 6 July 1860 Zellinda Zell.⁶ Zelinda Zell was born in Harrison County, Virginia, (now West Virginia) 13 June 1819, the daughter of John and Mary (Tyson) Zell.⁷ She died 26 February 1868 in Mitchel, Lawrence County, Indiana.⁸ A David Bonnell, who also may have been the same man, married in Wayne County, Indiana 20 December 1822 Rachel Smith. Nothing further is known of any of these supposed wives.⁹

In 1825, the family was in Indiana, where their daughter, Louisa Jane, was born 6 July.¹⁰ The 1830 U.S. Census finds them in Parrishes Grove, Warren County, Indiana with three boys, 5-10, 10-15, and 15-20, three girls 0-5, 5-10 and 10-16. David's and his wife's ages both are listed 30-40.¹¹ David's relative, (brother?) Jonathan Bonnell, moved to Indiana from Kentucky in 1820,¹² and it is likely that David moved about the same time. Jonathan apparently moved to Bartholomew County in 1821, however. David does not appear definitively in Bartholomew County until 1840. The 1840 U.S. Census for Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana shows

¹ Birth year estimated from censuses.

² *Selected Death Notices from Jackson County, Kansas Newspapers, Volume I, 1872-1885*, compiled by Dan Fenton, abstracted from *The Holton Signal*, Feb. 27, 1878. If his age as given here is correct, he would have been born about 1788, earlier than otherwise calculated.

³ McCall is the name given by Mary Adaline (Bonnell) Pasley's daughter on Mary Adaline's death certificate for Mary Adaline's mother's maiden name. The first name is indecipherable. No marriage record or any other confirmation has been found. In fact, Mary Adaline's sister's daughter, Martha (Cox) Manson, whose mother was Margaret Isabella (Bonnell) (Cox) Harris, gave the name of Margaret Isabella's mother as _____ McCoy on Margaret Isabella's death certificate. Both may be wrong.

⁴ Bartholomew County, Indiana Marriage Book, County Clerk's Office, Columbus, IN.

⁵ Platte Co., MO Marriage Records

⁶ Jackson County Marriage Records.

⁷ Letter from Harold T. Bonnell, 1998, descendant of James P. Bonnell. No documentation was cited.

⁸ Harold Bonnell letter.

⁹ International Genealogical Index (IGI), unconfirmed.

¹⁰ 1860 U.S. Census, Leavenworth Co., Kansas, Easton Twp. and 1870 U.S. Census, Leavenworth Co., Kickapoo Twp, naming Indiana as Louisa's birth place. Birth date from Lewis Cox family Bible, copy sent to M. Gibbs by her aunt, Ethel Ferrell, gr-granddaughter of Lewis Cox and Louisa (Bonnell) Cox.. Bible now in possession of Ethel Ferrell's grandson, Dennis Ferrell.

¹¹ U.S. Census, 1830, Warren County, Indiana, Parrishes Grove, and information from Wm. R. Austin, author of the *Bunnell/Bonnell Family In America, Vol. I, William Bunnell of Massachusetts Bay and New Haven Colonies, The First Five Generations*, Heritage Books, Inc. 1999.

¹² *History of Bartholomew County, Indiana, Vol. 2*, Brant & Fuller, Chicago, 1888, p. 770. A biography of Jonathan's son, Thomas, says Jonathan moved to Indiana in 1820, and the following year settled in Bartholomew Co. (Emphasis mine.)

that David and his family were living in Columbus. The boys had left home, or perhaps died, and five girls were still at home: one 5-10, two 10-16, two 16-26. David's and his wife's ages were over 45.¹³

On 30 September 1841, David's daughter, Louisa Jane, was married in Bartholomew County to Lewis Cox.¹⁴

By 1850, David was single—widowed or divorced—and had moved to Platte County, Missouri, where Jonathan had moved in 1846.¹⁵ David was living with Charles F. Shell and his wife Elizabeth, three of their children and two of their grandchildren in Marshall Township, Platte County, Missouri. David gave his age as 59, and his occupation as blacksmith.¹⁶ The Shells were related by marriage: David's nephew(?), William S. Bonnell, son of Jonathan Bonnell, had married Catherine Shell, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth, and was living near his in-laws.

David's daughters Mary Adaline and Margaret Isabella were married in Platte County; the former on 18 February 1849, and the latter on 20 March 1849. Amanda M. Bonnell was also married in Platte County on 31 January 1849. We have not been able to prove that Amanda was David's daughter, though we think she was.

David appears in the 1860 census taken August 3, age 68, listed as unmarried, although he had recently married Zellinda Zell. He was living at that census with his daughter, Louisa Jane, her husband, Lewis Cox, and their children, Amanda, 16; Sarah, 12; Melissa, 5; and Alonzo, 1. They were then in Easton Township, Leavenworth Co., Kansas, across the Missouri River from Platte County, Missouri.¹⁷ (I suspect the census taker did the enumeration from memory, not bothering to visit the family to update his facts. Unaware of David's recent marriage, he assumed David was still living with the Coxes.) David was also enumerated on July 25 that same year in Jackson County, Kansas living with his new wife, Selinda Zell (*sic*), whom he had married on July 6. Here, David's age was cited as 60, and Selinda's as 41.¹⁸ Perhaps he shaved a few years off his age to make it more compatible with that of his new younger wife.

In 1870, David, age 85, was living with his son, James P. Bonnell in Holton, Douglas Township, Jackson County, Kansas.¹⁹ Once again, his age was inconsistent with what we believe his birth date to be—about 1792.

The last mention we have found of David is his transfer of property in 1877 in Jackson County, Kansas to Katie Robbins for one dollar. The identity of Katie Robbins or her connection with the Bonnells, if any, is not known. In 1879 Katie Robbins married Irwin D. Harris, apparently as a second husband.²⁰ The 1880 census lists the family as Irwin D. Harris, 43, Katie, 30, Bobbins (*sic*) Sackett, 9, stepson (of Irwin), sister-in-law, Sallie W. Boyd, 23, and nieces, Lillian R. and Katie W. Carter. Katie Irwin was born in Tennessee, her father in Ireland, and her mother in Kentucky, effectively ruling out David Bonnell as her father.²¹

David Bonnell was probably closely related to Jonathan Bonnell, with whom his continuing proximity and interconnection suggest more than just coincidental association. Both Jonathan and David were born in Virginia or Kentucky (Kentucky was part of Virginia until 1791), both migrated about the same time to Indiana, settling in Bartholomew County, both migrated again about the same time from Indiana to Platte County, Missouri, and David Bonnell was living in 1850 with Jonathan Bonnell's daughter-in-law's parents. In addition, David Bonnell's great-granddaughter Minnie Glidden married Jonathan Bonnell's great-grandson George Jackson Lawles.

Children, David Bonnell and ____ McCall (?), surname *Bonnell*.

- i. JAMES P., b. Mercer Co., KY 1817; m. before 1840 AMY ANNA _____, alive 1870. Children, James P. Bonnell and Amy Anna _____, surname *Bonnell*: 1. *daughter*, b. before 1840; 2. *David Lusk*, b. 8 Aug 1843, d. Practobus, Wallace Twp., Benton Co. AR 20 Jan. 1888, m. Holton,

¹³1840 U.S. Census, Bartholomew County, Columbus Twp. James P. Bunnell, 20-30, probable son of David, Thomas D. Bonnell, son of Jonathan, and Jonathan Bonnell were also listed.

¹⁴Marriage Certificate, Lewis Cox and Louisa Jane Bonnell, Marriage Record Book 3, p. 281, Identification #402, at office of the Bartholomew County Clerk, Columbus, Indiana; photocopy in the possession of the author.

¹⁵*History of Bartholomew County, Vol. 2, op. cit.*

¹⁶U.S. Census, Platte County, MO, Marshall Twp., p. 326, 327, fam. 71 and 74, National Archives Microfilm, M432 R410.

¹⁷1860 U.S. Census, Leavenworth County, Kans., Easton Twp., enumerated 3 Aug. 1860, p. 211, M653 R350.

¹⁸Douglas Twp., Holton, P.O. Jackson Co., KS, p. 739, dw. 897, fam. 801, enum. 25 July.

¹⁹Jackson Co., KS, Holton P.O., South Cedar Twp., p. 275, dw. 169, fam. 168, M593 R435

²⁰Marriage Certificate, Jackson County, State of Kansas, I.D. Harris and Katie E. Robbins, photocopy in possession of the author.

²¹1880 U.S. Census, Jackson Co., KS, Cedar Twp., p. 108.

- Jackson Co., KS 2 Aug. 1868 Barbara E. Slater; 3. *Hannah Eliza*, b. IN abt. 1847, died Jackson Co., KS Feb. 1880 "of fits", was unmarried; 4. *Louisa*, b. WI abt. 1852, m. Jackson Co., KS 3 Sept. 1874 Franklin Lemuel Jones; 5. *Elijah*, b. WI abt. 1854, was unmarried. The census listed him "blind"; 6. *Margaret*, b. KS abt. 1856, m. Jackson Co., KS 19 Nov. 1876 Charles E. Chilson; 7. *William F.*, b. KS abt. 1858, never married.²²
- iii. Son, b. 1820-1825. Nothing further known. (Inferred from census.)
- + iv. LOUISA JANE, b. IN. 6 July 1825; d. m. Bartholomew County, Indiana, 30 Sept. 1841 LEWIS COX. Children, Lewis Cox and Louisa Jane Bonnell, surname *Cox*: 1. *William H.*, b. Weston, Platte Co., MO 22 June 1842, d. Weston, Platte Co., MO 21 Oct. 1842; 2. *Amanda M.*, b. Weston, Platte Co., MO 25 Sept. 1843, d. Oskaloosa, Jefferson Co., KS 4 Sept. 1929, m. Leavenworth Co., KS 23 April 1863 Archibald T. Henson; 3. *Martha Jane*, b. Weston, Platte Co. 10 Jan. 1847, d. 11 Aug. 1847; 4. *Mary A.*, (twin) b. Weston, Platte Co., MO 1 Aug. 1848, d. 28 Aug. 1848; 5. *Sarah Isabella*, (twin) b. Weston Platte Co., MO 1 Aug. 1848, d. 22 Nov. 1910; 6. *Joseph*, b. MO 20 July 1851, d. 29 Oct. 1851; 7. *Melissa*, b. Weston, Platte Co., MO 27 Feb. 1855, d. 9 June 1893, m. 14 June 1875 G. M. Waldo; 8. *Alonzo*, b. Leavenworth Co., KS 16 Sept. 1858, d. Potter, Atchison Co., KS 21 April 1873; *Angeliine*, b. 3 Nov. 1862, d. 31 Aug. 1900, buried Evergreen Cemetery, Atchison Co., KS, m. William Rook.
- v. MARY ADALINE, b. 23 Dec. 1831; d. 5 Jan. 1925; m. at Platte Co., MO., 16 Feb. 1844 WILLIAM THOMAS PASLAY. Children, William Thomas Paslay and Mary Adaline Bonnell, surname *Paslay*: 1. *James Robert*, b. 25 Nov. 1849, d. 18 June 1870, m. 26 Sept. 1867 Sarah Jones; 2. *Henretta*, b. Platte Co. MO 18 Aug 1851, d. 24 April 1893, m. 24 April 1893 George W. Chilson; 3. *Anna Eliza*, b. Platte Co., MO 23 June 1855, m. 8 March 1881 John D. Knowles; 3. *David Lusk*, b. Leavenworth Co., KS 30 April 1858, d. 24 March 1933, m. 6 June 1901 Carrie Catherine Zeeb; 4. *Martha Elizabeth*, b. Leavenworth Co., KS 30 April 1858, d. 2 April 1933, m. 24 Aug. 1879 John Denman; 6. *Mary Olive*, b. Jackson Co., KS 10 April 1862, d. 6 Aug. 1928, m. Topeka Shawnee Co., KS 15 June 1882 Henry Jerome Harris; 7. *Cordelia Thomas*, b. Jackson Co., KS 10 Dec. 1864, d. 1968, m. 24 Aug. 1884 John N. Steen; 8. *John Walter*, b. Jackson Co., KS 1 July 1868, d. 4 Sept 1942, m. 26 April 1892; 9. *George Washington*, b. 1871, d. 1905; 10. *Isaiah William*, b. 1874, d. 1930.²³
- vi. MARGARET ISABELLA, b. in IN 19 Sep. 1833; d. Jackson Co. KS 20 Feb. 1923; bur. Cedar Grove Cem. Mayetta, KS;²⁴ m. Platte County, MO 20 March 1849 JESSE COX.²⁵ Margaret and Jesse divorced after 1865, when they were living together at Lawrence, Sarcoxie Twp., Douglas County, KS. with children, Louisa J., 13, Elizabeth, 10, Martha A. 7, William, 1, and a newborn, James P., 0/12. (1865 Kansas Census.) In 1860, Jesse Cox was living with True Glidden in Easton, Kansas.²⁶ Margaret m. (2) before 1870 JOHN HARRIS. Children, John Harris and Margaret Isabella Bonnell, surname *Harris*: 1. *Charles*, b. KS about 1870, d. Mayetta, Jackson Co., KS 1893, buried Mayetta in Cedar Grove Cemetery; 2. *Fred*, b. KS about 1872, d. Mayetta, Jackson Co., KS 1895, buried Cedar Grove Cemetery; 3. *Louis*, b. KS about 1875, d. Mayetta, Jackson Co., KS 1894, buried Cedar Grove Cemetery.²⁷
- vii. Possibly, AMANDA M., m. Platte CO., MO 31 Jan. 1843 CHARLES W. GASTON.²⁸ Not proven a daughter. No further record.
- viii. Possibly, also, NANCY BONNELL, who married at Warren County, IN 24 March 1836 JOHN CUMINS.²⁹ Nancy may have been the daughter listed in the 1830 census 10-16 years old, making her birth date 1814-1820.

²² 1860 U.S. Census, Kansas, Easton Twp., Leavenworth Co., p. 773, p. 208 (778); 1865 Kansas State Census, Jackson County, Mayetta, June 1865, #416; 1870 U.S. Census, Kansas, Jackson Co., Holton P.O. Also information from Harold Bonnell.

²³ All information About the Paslay family from Bertha Groothouse, gr-gr-granddaughter of Mary Adaline (Bonnell) Paslay.

²⁴ Margaret Isabella Harris death certificate, photocopy sent by Bertha Groothouse.

²⁵ Platte County, MO marriage records.

²⁶ 1860 U.S. Census. True Glidden's son, William, married Lewis and Louisa (Bonnell) Cox's daughter, Sarah Isabella.

²⁷ Information about Harris family from Bertha Groothouse.

²⁸ *Marriage Records, Platte County, Missouri, 1839-1854*, Platte County Historical Society, 1994, #A070-1.

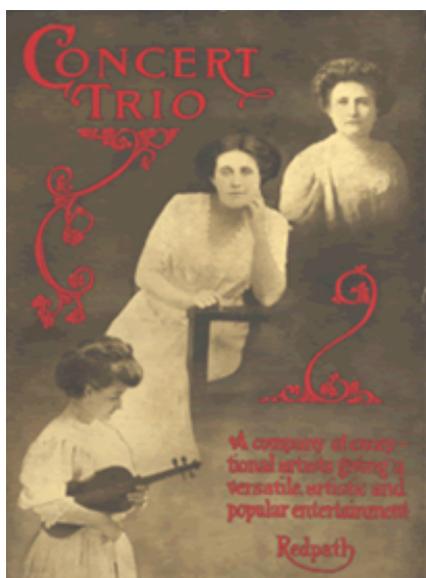
²⁹ *Marriages of Warren County, Indiana 1828-1846*, typed and bound, no author, at the Allen Co. Library, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Unattached Branches

This first dangling personality may be identified by one of our subscribers as she apparently was fairly well known in the early 20th century. Her name was Nell Bunnell and later, Nell Bunnell-Smith.

The source of the first photos is the Redpath Chautauqua Collection, University of Iowa Libraries, Special Collections Department. You can view them first hand at <http://sdrdata.lib.uiowa.edu/libsdrc/details.jsp?id=/concerttrio/3>

Regarding Ms. Bunnell the write-up says: “Ms. Bunnell might be called the ‘vocalist of the heart.’ She sings the songs that are dear to the people; songs that have been employed to express their joys and their griefs, their hopes and fears. Her personality is most winsome, her repertoire is universally popular and not the least of the charm of her work is the fact that one distinctly understands every word she sings.”



Evidently Ms. Bunnell was successful as we assumedly later find her appearing as a soloist. This photo is from the same collection and can be viewed at <http://sdrdata.lib.uiowa.edu/libsdrc/details.jsp?id=/bunnell/1>.



We also know from the Stonghurst, IL **Stronghurst Graphic, September 4, 1913** that Ms. Bunnell appeared there at a Chautauqua on the preceding Sunday, August 31st: “Miss Nell Bunnell proved she still possesses complete mastery over a soprano voice, ...” (<http://www.quillnewspaper.com/theGraphic/Apr2600.html>)

Then on Jan 12, 1928 in the Anadarko, OK Tribune a Nell Bunnell is again mentioned, but nothing indicates that this is the same Nell cited above: “MRS. NELL BUNNELL and JANE ARLENE of Chickasha are here this week while her sister, Mrs. IDA WRIGHT, is convalescing from an attack of tonsilitis.” (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~okcaddo/newspapers/atjan28.txt>)

If anyone can provide some additional information on Ms. Bunnell-Smith, please send it in. Claude’s database lists more than 40 Nell and Nellie Bunnells, but we don’t have enough info to connect this one to any one of those. There were certainly several we could rule out, but were not able to pick one based on the process of elimination.

Our second lost relative provides us even less information to work with. Nothing like a real challenge.



[Fireman Bonnel standing with two white horses].

“This photonegative taken by a Chicago Daily News photographer may have been published in the newspaper. Cite as: DN-0001053, Chicago Daily News negatives collection, Chicago Historical Society. “

The picture was taken about 1904. Anyone have a clue as to who Fireman Bonnel is?

Post Script

Research Trip: Pat and I spent the 7th of March at the Library of Congress (LOC). In spite of the fact we've lived here nearly 5 years, it was our first trip, and we were awed. Not just at the beautiful architecture, nor the vast amount of information available, but also at the unbelievably helpful, friendly and courteous staff. We were talking with one of the women in the Genealogical Research Room and mentioned about gathering information for us and for the newsletter and she wanted to know if our newsletter was sent there. To make a long story short, we were invited to send our newsletter to them and we agreed to do so.

When we go to a facility such as the LOC, we use the "vacuum cleaner" approach. We find everything we can and make copies of it, then take it home and cull through it. Of course, at 20 cents a page for repro, it doesn't take long to run out of enthusiasm (at least) for using the copy machine. None-the-less we ran across some real interesting material and we'll try to get some of it out, if it appears not to duplicate what's already been published. One of the more interesting finds was in the Rare Books Library; it was *Ward and Allied Families* produced for Marjorie Montgomery Ward by the American Historical Society, Inc, 1930. There is some interesting Bonnell material, but I didn't see anything that hadn't already been discussed in past newsletters.

Another volume that piqued our interest and wore Pat out at the copy machine was *Syron -- Searing; Wills, Deeds and Ways -- Together with Copious American and Old Country Notes on the Allied Families of : Bonnell - Simcock - Schooley - Van Buskirk* by Carolyn Syron Valentine. We have 62 pages from this source and will look through for any useful material.

Family Association: At least 3 times in the past 16 years of newsletters, the subject of forming a family association has been brought up (Vol. II, No. 1; Vol. VI, No. 4; Vol. VIII, No. 1). The general idea is that the association would collect and preserve the family (Bunnell~Bonnell at least) genealogy, history and memorabilia and perhaps even sponsor a Bunnell ~ Bonnell family reunion. There reportedly was a David Bunnell of Portland, OR who had tried to start one up. Does anyone know David?

It was also suggested that state or regional associations might be more practical. There are folks who are trying to determine what to do with all of the material they've collected, especially if there are no family members who are interested. If you've seen the family photo albums, bibles, post cards and letters for sale at auctions and flea markets, you know what often happens to these collections. So give me your thoughts on this.



Well, we did it. We completed our first issue. You can see what our general format and sections consist of, so let us know what you think. It doesn't matter how wonderful we think the newsletter is if it isn't providing you, the subscriber, what you need or expect.

Twins Mary E. and James H. Bunnell of Center Lisle, NY will be 163 years old June 19th.