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The 1930 Federal Census shows 3464 Bunnells, 2671 Bonnells and 2826 Burnells in the United States.

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**Queries:** Queries are **FREE** and will be published when received and if room permits. Please try to keep them brief. As a first response we will use Claude Bunnell's database and check with William Austin for 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:** *We are dropping the fee for non-subscribers in the hopes of better sharing of information, and perhaps generate more interest in the newsletter.*

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Web Page Update: The end of July we added an index to Volumes 1 thru 10, the issues that Bill Austin published. He had developed the index and provided it to us, so we added a few categories and typed it into an Excel Spreadsheet. It is now on-line in Excel and Acrobat formats. We'll be mailing a hard-copy to those who don't receive their newsletters electronically.

We added Vol. 16, No. 3 to those issues available on-line. But the only way we could do that was to scan in our copy. That means it's actually a picture of the newsletter and eats up a lot of memory. In fact the MS Word version was so big (60MB) that we didn't even make it available. The Acrobat version is "only" 6MB and that one is available. We tried to use some Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software, but were not successful. We're open to suggestions.

Correspondence

The web site received its first British Bunnell contact. He wrote twice. Once as an initial contact and once in response to Claude Bunnell's e-mail. Here are the two e-mails:

-----Original Message-----

From: Bunnell, Philip [mailto:Philip.Bunnell@granadamedia.com]
 Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2003 9:10 AM
 To: 'charlie@bunnellfamily.us'
 Subject: hello

Hello Charlie,

It's a long story on how I found your website but it's made for interesting reading. I live in Chester, which is in Cheshire, so I was intrigued that the first recorded Bunnell in the New World was from my county. He could even be a relative as my family have been here for at least eight generations. My paternal great grandfather worked with horses living in a small village on the outskirts of Chester (you can find his details on the British Census 1901).

Personally I didn't know that there were so many people called Bunnell, around here it's pretty rare with only two distinct families baring the name. Interestingly do you pronouce it bunnell as in tunnel or like `bun knell' as we do over here..? I happen to work as a TV reporter for a regional station here in the North West of England. Coincidentally - a namesake - is Sherrif John Bunnell who does all those US Cop shows we get on satelite over here, so globally there are at least two Bunnells working in TV.

Anyway good luck with your website,
Your Philip James Bunnell
Chester
Cheshire

-----Original Message-----

From: Bunnell, Philip [mailto:Philip.Bunnell@granadamedia.com]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2003 9:46 AM
To: 'Claude A Bunnell'
Cc: William Austin; Charles Bunnell
Subject: RE: American Bunnells

Hello Claude,

Sorry I've not been in touch but I've been off work for the past two weeks after having my remaining three wisdom teeth out. Anyway it's interesting to have found your website as I quite like studying my family history -especially as our surname is quite specific and rare. I don't know what conclusions you have come to on the origin of our name but I have always gone by the heraldic book I found in my local library. It states that Bunnell is derived from Bone Hill which was an area of North Staffordshire (this is the next county south of Cheshire). For centuries this was the centre of the British pottery industry, hence there was always huge piles of china clay everywhere. Bone hill in time becoming Bunnell. However some history websites seem to think it's derived from a village in the lowlands of Scotland.

Yet likewise a similar sounding surname could have come from other European countries and been anglazised. When I was last in France locals thought I had a very gallic surname. `fill-leep boon-nell'...they kept saying. Still it's nice to know we could be theoretically related because statistically every 11th generation all the population have the same great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great grandparents. In the meantime I will contine to have a dig into my family history and I will keep you informed.

Yours

Philip James Bunnell
Chester
Cheshire
United Kingdom

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Two former subscribers are back in the loop, Gwen & Ed Quickel. Ed's lineage was provided in Vol. 16, No. 1 on page 11. This is an especially interesting lineage as Ed's father was a Bonnell but was adopted by the Quickel family and his name was changed. Ed and Gwen's son Jerry had his name legally changed back to Bonnell in June 2000.

From: Gwen Quickel [mailto:gquickel@quik.com]  
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2003 8:51 PM  
To: Charlie@bunnellfamily.us  
Subject: RE:Bunnell-Bonnell Newsletter

Hello,

Clem Bonnell has advised us that you are now handling the newsletter. We are very interested in subscribing. My husband Ed, is a Bonnell descendent. We have his lineage back to the immigrant, William B. from England.

We would appreciate hearing from you.

Gwen and Ed Quickel



Lastly, the kind we love to receive. Further into the newsletter you'll find the information that Marjorie sent in a follow-on e-mail.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** MARBOBGIBB@aol.com [mailto:MARBOBGIBB@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 14, 2003 9:21 AM  
**To:** charlie@bunnellfamily.us  
**Subject:** newsletter and thanks

Dear Charlie and Pat,

I want to compliment you on the superb quality of the May Newsletter. It is a professional job. I have been out of town, and am just getting caught up here at home. I apologize for not getting back to you on an id and password, but am perfectly satisfied with the ones you assigned.

I was just browsing your website for the first time, and am extremely impressed. I think it will be a tremendous asset for Bunnell/Bonnell researchers. You and "young Chuck" are to be commended.

Truman Nichols (e-mail Colotop) sent me a copy of David Bonnell's obituary. Do you have it? I will send it to you, with credits to Truman Nichols if you like.

Keep up the excellent work. We are fortunate you volunteered to assume the great effort and responsibility to keep a newsletter going. Thank you.

Marjorie

## Electronic Subscribers

These thrifty 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 you'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.

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Please keep us updated with your most current e-mail address. Sometimes we send out e-mails to all of our e-mailers to alert them of short notice events, such as a Bunnell Family Bible on eBay recently. A few weeks ago, we asked everyone with e-mail to provide a user ID and password to be able to access the members section of the web site. In both instances, some addresses were out of date and the e-mail was returned.

## Direct Lines

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 him with a request that he review them and forward them to me with any corrections. Addresses are on page 1.

**Direct Line submitted by Jean Louise (Bonnell) Seigley, 454 West County Rd. 38 Tiffin, OH 44883-9466; Not submitted to William Austin, but validated against Claude Bunnell's database. Information provided by Jean is in standard print; data added from Claude's database is in bold print. Under Bios there is additional info on the sisters :**

**William Bunnell ~ Betsy Parrody**

**John Bonnell ~ Nancy Farraday**

**John Bonnell ~ Catharine Miller**

William S. Bonnell ~ Ann M. Buiter

Jacob T. Bonnell ~ Sarah Norris

Margaret E. Bonnell ~ Herbert Whiteman

Marjorie Whiteman } Sisters

Helen Whiteman }

**Direct Line of FIREMAN BONNEL, based on material provided by Jerry Hatch, 657 W. Melrose St., Chicago, IL 60657-3415, which allowed us to identify Fireman in Claude Bunnell's database.**

William Bunnell ~ Ann Wilmot

Benjamin Bunnell ~ Rebecca Mallory

Nathaniel Bunnell ~ Desire Peck

Abner Bunnell ~ Elizabeth Preston

Abner Bunnell ~ Sarah Atwater

Moses A. Bunnell ~ Lowly Hitchcock

Moses A. Bunnell ~

Reuben A. Bunnell ~ Alma Duncklee

~ Zilpha A. Vandercook

~ Dora \_\_\_\_\_

## Life Changes

### Obituaries, Marriages, Births

#### Obituaries:

From the website of Allen Memorial Home, Inc. Funeral Home, Endicott, NY:

“Bessie T. **Bunnell**, 89 of Windsor, [NY] died at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Saturday, June 28, 2003. She was predeceased by her husband John, Sr.; her parents; brothers and sisters. She is survived by her son and daughter in law John, Jr. and Betty Jane, **Windsor**; her grandchildren John, III and Margaret **Bunnell** and Lauren **Bunnell**; one great granddaughter McKenna **Bunnell**; also several nieces and nephews. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Windsor, a retired Endicott-Johnson Corp. employee and was also an employee of Lillian Johnson Sweet.

Private graveside services will be held in Riverside Cemetery, Windsor, NY at the convenience of

the family. Expressions of sympathy in her memory may be made to the Hospice Program, c/o Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, NY 13905.”

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From un-attributed newspaper clipping, probably Lisle or Owego, NY, Sept 1905:

“EAST BERKSHIRE. Mrs. Nancy **Bunnell** died at her home Tuesday morning [Sep. 5, 1905]. She has been confined to a wheel chair for a number of years. She was a great sufferer, although she never complained. She leaves one son, Eddie **Bunnell**. The funeral was held from the house Thursday at one o'clock, Rev. S. A. **Terry** officiating.”

[Submitted by Cecil Bunnell who is the great-grandson of Nancy Bunnell]

[Ed. Note: Nancy (Everett) Bunnell was the spouse of Charles Arnold Bunnell, CB330264, and my great-grandmother. Their son Eddie Bunnell is CB340228. Nancy's gravesite has not been located even though the graves of her husband, parents, sisters, and son are all located in one cemetery.]

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"The Signal", Wednesday Feb. 27, 1878, (Holton, Kansas):

"DIED, South Cedar, Feb. 21, 1878: Mr. David **Bonnell**, the oldest citizen of this place, died yesterday. Mr. **Bonnell** was one of the few men who have no enemies, being highly respected by all. He had been quite feeble for several years, yet seemed to enjoy as much of life as usually falls to the lot of one so old. He was fortunate in having a son and daughters by whom he was ever regarded with filial reverence, and to whom he never appeared to be a burden. After breasting life's storms for more than ninety years, the body became too weak and the soul was set free. (signed) Mac."

[Submitted by Marjorie Gibb who adds that it was "Sent to me by Truman Nicholas." She goes on to say that "this would make his birthdate about 1788. Although there is inconsistency in the census records, they seem to indicate he was born about 1791 or 1792 most of the time.]

[Ed. Note: David is CB005836 and this would have been his second marriage.]

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From a scrapbook located at the Steele Memorial Library in Elmira, New York; the newspaper from which it came was not named.

Cora **Bonnell**, age 84, of Main St., Covington, Pa., died Wednesday, January 31, 1973 at the Soldiers and Sailors Hospital, Wellsboro, Pa. funeral was Friday at 1 p.m. in the Church of Christ, Covington, the Rev. Kermit **Clickner** officiating. Burial was in Oregon Hill Cemetery. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Bruno (Bernice) **Schmidt** of Allentown, Pa., Mrs. Wayne (Pearl) **Wilson** of Covington, Mrs. Andrew (Corlyn) **Lisowski** of Covington, 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren. She was a member of Lucy Rebekah Lodge No. 104 Covington, Pa., member of the Church of Christ, Covington.

[Source: Tri-Counties Genealogy & History by Joyce M. Tice <http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm>]

Marriages:

"State of Indiana, Bartholomew County"

"Be it remembered that on this 14th day of August 1843 a marriage license was granted by the undersigned clerk of the Circuit Court of said County to David Bonnell and Nicy Wright in due form. Attest Isaac S. Boardman, Clk."

Bartholomew County Marriage Records, transcription of original record, Bartholomew County Clerk's Office, Columbus, Ind., p. 385 in the record book.

"State of Indiana, Bartholomew County

I do hereby certify that the within named couple was legally joined together as husband & wife on the 16 day of August 1843~ Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of September 1843. Elijah Dawson, Preacher of the Gospel. Recorded Sept. 4th 1843, Isaac Boardman, Clk." (Ibid, p. 386)

[Submitted by Marjorie Gibb]

Births:

Tioga County PA Birth Records 1893-1906
REGISTER OF BIRTHS VOLUME#1 - FROM COURTHOUSE RECORDS -Wellsboro, PA
 Transcribed by Kelly WILCOX Kimball

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Residence	Occupation	Date of Record
Bonnell, James W.	8/3/1895	Arnot	M	W	James Bonnell	Mary Bonnell	Arnot	M	12/31/1895
Bunel, Loren	4/15/1894	Clymer	M	W	Lewis Bunel	Bella Bunel	Clymer	Laborer	8/21/1894
Bunnell, Arthur	12/12/1894	Gaines	M	W	D. Bunnell	Mary Bunnell	Gaines	Laborer	1/8/1895
Bunnell, Edna M.	6/3/1898	Arnot	F	W	Jas. Bunnell	Mary J. Bunnell	Arnot	Miner	9/7/1899
Bunn, Vera	11/28/1895	Morris St. Blossburg	F	W	Abner Bunn	Mary Bunnell	Blossburg	Brakeman	1/4/1896

[Source: Tri-Counties Genealogy & History by Joyce M. Tice <http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm>]

Cemeteries

Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Elmira, Chemung County, New York

Name of Cemetery; Forest Lawn

Burial Dates 1938 thru December 1994

Read By: From Copy at Steele Memorial Library in Elmira

Date Read:

ReTyped By: Pat Smith Raymond

Location: Davis Street, Elmira, NY

Comments: Office Records. These are NOT Memorial Plaque readings.

Note this is BURIAL date, not death date

Last Name	First Name	Bur. Date	Spouse	Age
Bunnell	Kirby Jr.	11/12/1990		0

[Source: Tri-Counties Genealogy & History by Joyce M. Tice <http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm>]

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### Maple Grove Cemetery, Horseheads Township, Chemung County, New York Office Records Page Fifty Six

| SURNAME | NAME           | DEATH DATE | SECTION |
|---------|----------------|------------|---------|
| Pound   | Minnie Bunnell | Dec 7 1924 | C       |
| Pound   | William Wesley | Oct 6 1942 | C       |

[Source: Tri-Counties Genealogy & History by Joyce M. Tice <http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm>]

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Quinby Cemetery, Tuscarora Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania Submitted by Carol Brotzman

Clapper Hill/Stevensville Road, State Road 1001

Tuscarora Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania

Parker, Anna B (Bunnell), 1881 – 1954 buried June 26th; she was the wife of Ola Parker

Parker, Ola, (May 1) 1883 – 1964 (April 16)

[Source: Tri-Counties Genealogy & History by Joyce M. Tice <http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm>]

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### Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens Borough, Bradford County, Pennsylvania

This is a very, very large cemetery of over 20,000 burials, and is the major burial place for most residents who die at this time and for many of our early settlers as well. **Eloise FRANTZ Wilson** has collected information from many obituaries, death records, history books, and other records over a lifetime of historical research. Much of this you will find on file at various local libraries. She has given generously of her expertise and is one of our most respected and loved local historians. She has recently made her files available to the Tri-Counties Site, and we are very grateful to her for that.

Bunnell, Brenda J. June 30, 1967 Johnson City, N.Y. - May 18, 1981 Sayre, Pa. auto accident Dau. of Lewis and Doris Depew Bunnell

Bunnell, Hannah d. Sept. 30, 1889 79yrs ae.

Bunnell, Henry 1841 - Nov. 23, 1905 64 yrs. b. Walpach, N.Y. d. Talmadge Hill, Waverly, Rd. N.Y. s/o Daniel and Catherin Smith Bunnell

Caroline 1845 - 1936

Walter S. 1873 – 1951 Nov. 26, 1829 Nichols, N.Y.- Oct. 17, 1899 Athens Twp, Pa. of heart failure (death book # 1)

Mary J. Pennell, his wife Sept. 2, 1836 - Dec. 23, 1866

Bunnell, Maud L. 99 yrs.ae. July 31, 1875 Talmadge Hill, Waverly, N.Y.- Apr. 6, 1975 Waverly, N.Y. Dau. of Henry and Caroline Smith Bunnell.

[Source: Tri-Counties Genealogy & History by Joyce M. Tice <http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm>]



## Lockwood Cemetery, Tioga Co. NY

Read By: Marcia Simons Jankowski

Date Read: July 3, 1999 - Oct 17, 1999

Typed By: Marcia Simons Jankowski

Location: Town of Lockwood, Barton Twp., Tioga Co., N. Y.

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| 10 | BUNNELL | Frank A. V.S.         | 1870 | 1937 |                                              |
|    |         | Rose C.<br>ROSENCRANS | 1882 | 1934 | His wife (same stone<br>as Frank A. Bunnell) |
|    |         | Eva A. STEVER         | 1871 | 1907 | His wife (same stone<br>as Frank A. Bunnell) |

[Source: Tri-Counties Genealogy & History by Joyce M. Tice <http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm>]

## Queries

My cousin Cecil Bunnell and I both received the following request for information via e-mail.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Charles Wagner [mailto:cwagner@stny.rr.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, August 03, 2003 7:35 PM

**To:** charlie@bunnellfamily.us

**Subject:** Bunnell/Tracy

Hi,

*I'm Sue Wagner and I tried this once before. I'm hoping that twice is the charm. I'm looking for information on Temperance Bunnell, born 1836. She was from Park Settlement, Candor, Tioga Co. NY. Her parents were Isaac and Rachel (Brink) Bunnell. Temperance married James R. Tracy before 1855. I'm looking for information on their marriage. When, where, how long, were there any children, when did she die, where is she buried. I would appreciate any help you could give me.*

Sue

Temperance Bunnell is identified in Claude's database as CB330234. From Bunnell and Allied Families by Joan England Murray, we learned that the family moved to Illinois before 1860. Sue had found a tombstone for James Tracy and apparently his second wife (Maria) in Newark Valley, Tioga Co, NY. I checked the 1870 census for Tioga Co. and not only found James but one child (Romeo) who had been born in Minnesota about 1863. Sue's family checked the 1860 MN census and found James and Temperance and a previously unknown son, Master. Sue and family had info that James had married wife #2 at Owego 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, Tioga Co. NY on Feb 23, 1865. In the space of a week, via e-mails and web page research we ended up with the following summary:

Temperance Bunnell, 6<sup>th</sup> child of Isaac and Rachel (Brink) Bunnell  
Born 1836, prob. Candor, Tioga Co., NY; d. possibly in childbirth abt. 1863, bur: prob. Stearns Co., MN

Married Between 1855 and 1860 to James R. Tracy, a son of Jonathan, (b. August 1, 1802; d. May 9, 1882) and Margaret (Nowlan) Tracy, (b. October 17, 1801, d. August 14, 1885), bur: Hope Cem, Newark Valley, NY

Before 1855 relocated to Pierce Township, DeKalb County, IL; By 1863 family relocated to Minnesota; By 1865 the family had returned to Tioga Co. NY

James married (2) February 23, 1865 at the 1st Baptist Church in Owego Maria(h) Ellen (Havens). She married \_\_\_\_ Stoddard after James died. She is daughter of George Havens, and she was born May 22, 1846, d. March 31, 1928, bur. Hope Cem, Newark Valley, NY

Issue (Tracy surname):

Spouse 1:

Charles; b. IL about 1857; d. \_\_\_\_\_

Master, b. MN, 1860; d. prob. before 1870 (not in 1870 census)

Romeo; b. MN about 1863; d. \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse 2:

William; b. NY June 10, 1866; d. December 19, 1939 (this is my great grandfather)

Cornelius, b. NY about 1868; d. \_\_\_\_\_

Carrie, b. NY September 25, 1869; d. October 14, 1946

Edward H.

Roger

Edmond abt. 1870

Luther abt. 1874

Henrietta abt. 1875

Herbert A. abt 1876

Anna abt. 1879

## Research Findings

In June, my cousin Cecil and I spent a week researching in Tioga County, NY. It was our first time researching together so we spent some time visiting sites we both knew of and sharing information. Much of our time was spent looking for allied families such as Doney, Hollenbeck, Everett, etc. But one thing we did leave Tioga County with that others may be interested in was a listing of burials in all of the cemeteries in the Berkshire Township. If you have an interest in burials in Berkshire, Tioga Co., NY just let me know.



Results of Pat's and my trip to the Library of Congress last March are somewhat disappointing in that we really didn't find any new material. For the record, here's a sampling of what we turned up:

“One Bassette Family in America” by Buell Burdett Bassette, 1926: The Bunnell pages consist of a repeat of the Massachusetts Bay Colony (MBC) and New Haven Colony (NHC) Records from 1630 to 1654. The Bassette connection is through Mary (Bunnell) Peck, daughter of our William and Ann (Wilmot) Bunnell.

“Our Bonnell Story” by Louis Bonnell Frye, December 1989: All of the material is included in Claude's database and in fact this book is one of his references.

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| <p>The 1930 census shows 3 Bunnells in Alaska, 0 in American Samoa, 0 in Guam, 0 in the Panama canal zone, 1 in Hawaii and 0 in the Virgin Islands.</p> |
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“Augustus Bunnell and Catherine E. White” by Zoe Bunnell Magden, 1993: Again, a revisit of the MBC and NHC Records. Also mentioned is the grave of a William Bunnell “buried for the parish of St. Michaels in Barbadoes 5 August 1678.”

“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 Syton Valentine (who is akin to them all), June 1925: This is a hand typed manuscript that traces the settlement of Hempstead, Long Island by the Searing – Seren – Sering family. The Bonnell name is first identified in Long Island (in this manuscript) in 1723 when Benjamin Bonnell is a witness and Capt. Joseph Bonnell is an executor for the will of a Jeremiah Post. Regarding our William Bunnell, this manuscript offers the theory that there were two William Bunnells; one in MBC and one in NHC. I will probably provide excerpts from this manuscript over the next few issues, as much for the pleasurable reading as for the genealogical value.

Clippings for the Detroit Saturday Tribune, Genealogical Department, 1821 – 1822: Quotes Littell’s “Passaic Valley [NJ] Genealogies” giving the names of the 13 children of Benjamin and Rachel (Van Winkle) Bonnell. No new data was provided

## Research Tips

### Census Indices:

If you subscribe to one of the on-line purveyors of census data such as Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest.com, be aware that not all indices are created equal; in fact, some aren’t created at one web site while they are at another. Most of them are works in progress so if you subscribe to one provider and they don’t have an index for the years you’re looking for, you might try checking with another provider. For example HeritageQuest has an index for the 1870 census while Ancestry has only a partial one. The reverse is true for the 1920 census.

Whether you are using an on-line index or one of the printed ones, don’t forget that the indices are only as good as the original data, so be liberal in the various spelling variations you use when searching. For example, Grandpa Edward Everett Bunnell [CB340228]:

1863-Born

1870 Federal Census: Edward Everett (Bunnell isn’t even mentioned; He is living with his grandfather, Henry C. Everett)

1880 Federal Census: Edward E. Bunell

1890 Federal Census: Not available

1900 Federal Census: Eddie E. Bunnell

1908-died

In the three censuses he is available, he is listed under 3 different names and the first time he isn’t listed by his own last name. I’m sure that many of you have even more exasperating examples.



### Census Dates:

Those of you who subscribe to one of the many, many mailing lists may have seen the following e-mail from Cornelia Andrus. But for the more than half of our subscribers who don’t do web research, it’s worth including in this newsletter. I will extract the “meat” of the article to save space:

*“In one of the recent Rootsweb “ezine” articles (Rootsweb Review, May 28,*

2003, Vol. 6, No. 22, publ. by Myra Gormley) there was a brief article about census information and a link to an overview about using US official census dates for each of the census years. (Overall, the web page had a lot of good information and reminders about finding and using census data.)

The URL: <http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/lesson9.htm>

The editors remind readers that census takers were instructed to record information based on the "official" census dates, not necessarily on the enumeration date. (Dates shown below.) You may be lucky, and your family may never had any geographic moves, births, deaths or marriages around census time. For you, there probably wouldn't be any differences, regardless of the official or enumeration dates. However, it seems to me that a family could be residing in one location on the "official" date, and residing in another place on the enumeration date. It also means a person actually deceased on the enumeration date might be shown residing in a family if the census taker followed instructions! (Makes your head spin with possibilities, doesn't it?!) How closely the census takers followed instructions is a whole other issue!!

"Official" census dates:

>From RootsWeb Review, May 28, 2003, Vol. 6, No. 22

Editor: Myra Vanderpool Gormley, Certified Genealogist

[Editor's Note: U.S. enumerators were instructed to take down the names of the family as it was composed on the OFFICIAL DATE of the census -- not the day of the actual visit. Official census dates were:

--First Monday in August for 1790-1820 schedules

--June 1 for 1830-1880

--First Monday in June for 1890 (most of this schedule was destroyed or badly damaged by a fire in 1921

--June 1 for 1900

--April 15 for 1910

--January 1 for 1920

--April 1 for 1930

I linked to Ancestry.com's information on each of the US census years. There is more information about specific census years and the taking of the census. For example, under the 1790 census:

<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/news/articles/1260.asp>

1790 Census

The 1790 census was begun on 2 August 1790. The marshals were expected to finish the census within nine months of the Census Day--by 1 May 1791. Although most of the returns were in long before the deadline, Congress had to extend the count until 1 March 1792. By that time some people probably were counted who had not been born or present in 1790.

>From the URL shown for the 1790 census (above) is a list of links to information for the other census years.

*If nothing else, these pages reminded me not to always accept that census data at face value.*

*Hope you find the reminders equally helpful.*

*Cornelia Andrus"*

## Unattached Branches

**Fireman Bonnel** has been fully identified thanks to a great effort on the part of Jerry Hatch. His research allowed us to find "Fireman" in Claude's database and Bill Austin was able to provide additional information. The following is a summary of data from all three sources. You can see his lineage under that section.

Fireman Bonnel is REUBEN A. BUNNEL (CB330853), son of Moses Atwater Bunnell. He was born Jan 1839 [1900 census] in Henderson, Jefferson County, New York. By 1860 he is a farm laborer in Brillion, Calumet Co., WI. By 1880 he is a fireman in Chicago. The 1900 census shows him living at 1022 Monroe St, Township of West Town, Chicago, IL.

He married (1) in 1861 Alma Duncklee, (2) Zilpa Vandercook and (3) Dora \_\_\_\_\_, b. May 1865. As of the 1900 census he is married to Dora. Interestingly the census taker must have become confused as it lists Reuben as having been married 35 years and, though Dora is clearly listed as 35 years old, it also shows her as having been married 35 years.

Children: According to the 1900 census, Dora had no children, so all children cited are by Alma and/or Zilpa. Claude's database shows the last 5 children and indicates that all are by Alma. The children cited below are based on correspondence in John Biles notes, with Claude's material added.

1. Son, d. young
2. Son, d. young
3. Nettie (CB340775), m. S.F. McGrath
4. Nora (CB340776), m. 12 Mar. 1889 L. C. Warner
  - Children Surnamed Warner:
    1. Dewey
    2. Son
    3. Charles R.
    4. Chauncey E.
5. Nellie (CB340778), m. \_\_\_\_\_ Robinson
  - Claude's database shows:  
Nellie Bunnell, b. IL, 1871; m. Kane Co., IL, 23 Sep. 1890, Fred J. Robinson
6. Edwin P. (CB340779), b. 6 Mar. 1874
  - Claude's database shows:  
Edward Brook Bunnell, b. Chicago, 16 Mar 1876, d. Ft Harrison, MT (Lewis and Clark County), 26 May 1935. m. Crawford, NE (Dawes County), 14 Dec. 1899 Nellie C. Ketcham, b. MI, 1880.

Children:

1. Edward Ketcham Bunnell (CB351482), b. Crawford, NE, 8 Feb. 1901; d. Crawford, NE, 8 Jan. 1903
2. Harry Bunnell (CB350406), b. Crawford, NE, 14 Feb. 1903
7. Chauncey J. (CB340780), b. 7 Jul. 1876
  - Claude's database shows:  
Chauncey J. Bunnell, b. Chicago, 7 Jul. 1878; d. Chicago, 5 Apr. 1911; m. 1899, Grace Dab, b. 1880

Children:

1. Bernice B. Bunnell (CB350408), b. Chicago, 27 Oct. 1900
2. Frederick B. Bunnell (CB350409), b. Chicago, 11 May 1907; d. Palm Harbor, Fl, 29 Oct. 1992

Jerry found two interesting historical documents that provided a little more background. In the Fiscal Year 1901 Chicago Fire Department Report of the Fire Marshall to the City Council, pg. 81, Reuben A. Bunnell is listed as a driver for Hook and Ladder Company No. 26, located at 1985 Wilcox Ave. The History of Chicago Fire Houses of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, 1901-1925 provided photos of the fire station. Unfortunately I was not able to reproduce them clearly enough to be useful.

Reuben's first name, middle initial, and last name are reported differently in various sources. Reuben vs. Ruben; A. or H., Bunnell, Bunnell, or Bonnell. However, the Fire Marshal's report clearly shows his name as Reuben A. Bunnell. As that was written by his employer, I'd tend to give some credence to it, though I'll agree it's not an infallible source. Three of John Bile's Sources report his name as Reuben. One writes his last name with one l, one with 2 l's and one implies it has one l, based on other Bunnell's discussed. I would conclude that his name, as he wrote it, was Reuben A. Bunnell.

We have no indication that there are any living Bunnell/Bonnell descendents of Reuben.



No news on either Nell Bunnell nor James Bunnell and family listed in the last issue.

## ★ Military Corner ★

Bradford County Veterans, Pennsylvania from the Database of Dick McCracken, former Director of Veterans' Affairs in Bradford County.

| Surname | First | Middle | Title       | Date/Place of Birth          | Date/Place of Death    | War      | Branch | Rank | Unit                            |
|---------|-------|--------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|------|---------------------------------|
| BONNELL | Paul  | E.     |             | 7 Nov 1910; Jersey Shore, PA | 9-Dec-46               | WWII     | USA    | TSgt | Supply Office, 69th Fld Arty Bn |
| BONNELL | Ralph | Daniel |             | 16 Nov 1887; Liberty, NY     | 30 Oct 1951; Bronx, NY | WWI      | USA    | 1Lt  |                                 |
| Surname | First | Middle | Serial Nr   | Cemetery                     | Township               | County   | State  |      |                                 |
| BONNELL | Paul  | E.     | W-2 119 797 | Wildwood                     | Williamsport           | Lycoming | PA     |      |                                 |
| BONNELL | Ralph | Daniel |             | Woodlawn                     | Elmira                 | Chemung  | NY     |      |                                 |

[Source: Tri-Counties Genealogy & History by Joyce M. Tice <http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm>]

## Book Review

As promised, I have read “Thunder over New England, Benjamin Bonnell, The Loyalist” by our “loyal” subscriber Paul Bunnell. My first response is that it is a very good example of putting flesh on the bones of facts. If you’ve ever wanted to turn your database of births, deaths and family moves into something more like a novel, this is about what you’d end up with. By interweaving cold facts with real history, descriptions of daily life, and good geographic descriptions, Paul breathes life into Benjamin Bonnell and his family. And for those who enjoy tales of the supernatural, there is one short chapter dealing with a possibly ghostly visit by Benjamin the Loyalist to our present-day Paul.

Only part of the book is “novel,” followed by nearly 160 pages of loyalist genealogy data which is heavily referenced. Additionally, where the information is available, Paul has added biographical sketches of many of the descendents of the Bonnell and Bunnell loyalist descendents. It’s important to note that Benjamin was not the only Bonnell/Bunnell loyalist and Paul includes the others in his genealogy section. The parentage of William Bunnell the immigrant is a sticky one. Paul has, in several places, cited Benjamin Bunnell and Rebecca Brooks as William’s parents. I’ve never seen a solid reference this connection so I tend to leave the parentage of William as one of our unsolved mysteries.

The book is available from Heritage Books, Inc. at 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716-1859 or go on line to <http://www.heritagebooks.com>. It is selling for \$29.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. The order number is B0850.

## Post Script

**We Goofed:** For those who received the printed version last issue, you may have noticed a blank page at the end. In our haste to finish that issue, we failed to consider the number of pages. You always have to have an even number so that, when printed, you’ll use both sides of every page. In other words we wasted a page that we could have filled with information. That won’t happen again.

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Clarification: Last issue I wrote about the opportunity for free on-line research by using the computers available at the public libraries. I implied that the libraries have free access to such sites as Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest.com. Actually, the libraries have to pay for the use of those sites, but offer them to you and me for free. Our public library and the library at nearby College of Southern Maryland both subscribe to HeritageQuest.com. The public library also allows me to sign-in from home to their site and then go into HeritageQuest.com, all at no expense to me. Again, I urge you to check with your local public or university/college library.

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**Camelot Visited:** Probably most of you know that Bill and Pat Austin refer to their lovely home site as Camelot. In June, Pat (my Pat) and I stopped in and visited with Bill and Pat. If you’ve been there you know it can be tricky to find. Well we had to search for it in a driving rain storm. But the good company and the hospitality made the search worthwhile. While Bill isn’t devoting as much time to the Bunnell clan, he is still interested and always willing to help. His large and well equipped research room certainly made me envious. Thanks Bill and Pat for an enjoyable, though too short, visit.

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We need material: The newsletter is made up mostly of material you provide. So if you have data, photos, letters, etc that haven’t been published here before, please share them. Biographies and lineages are welcome as well as research experiences and tips.