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Administrivia

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Correspondence

Jennifer Stratton, jkstratton@aol.com, wrote to our address at the database:

Hi, I have been helping a friend with his family history and I have come across a few inconsistencies on your web site.

#332101 - Hannah Bunnell is listed as a child of Ezra & Selinda, however the dates and the sources listed show her to be the daughter of Samuel and Rebecca, one generation back.

#310392 - Samuel Bonnel - the marriage date is one day prior to the wife's birthday - 5 June 1781 & 6 Jun 1781. Which is correct?

#320391 - Ezra D Bunnell - the marriage year is shown as "184"

#320973 - JEDEKIAH BONNEL- same issue with Birth date. "181"

#300137 - Joanna Bunnell - Birth year is listed as "173"

280015 - Nathaniel bonnell - wife Mary searing & children Sarah, Issac & Benjamin have 3 digit birth years along with several individuals in each family grouping along this ancestral line. was this meant to be an approximation of the year? or did a keyboard key get stuck?

My response to her was:

Hi Jennifer,

I have tried to find the source that Claude cites and all I can find on Ancestry.com are individuals' family trees and none of them provide a source for the info. The weakness in the connection, aside from no source, is that the on-line trees state that her birth was in Ohio; all of Samuel & Rebecca's children were born in NJ from what we know. Samuel and family were in NJ until at least 1820 – by 1836 they were in PA. Bottom line is that I don't know who her parents are, but based on the date of birth (before Selinda's birth) Hannah wouldn't be a child of Ezra and Selinda. That assumes that Hannah's dob is correct. The database however does not consist of only proven lines; it is a resource tool and often contains unproven but assumed/derived/logically deduced relationships. I have e-mailed one of the owners of an Ancestry.com family tree listing Hannah's parentage. Hopefully I'll hear back from him with a real source. In the meantime I'll realign Hannah under Samuel and Rebecca with a comment that the relationship or at least the birthplace is suspect and unproven.

Good catch on Samuel's marriage, thanks. That was a typo. The marriage was 5 Jun 1800. It's been corrected.

All three digit dates (e.g. 184) indicates that the exact year is not known, but that the event occurred in that decade. We figure that's better than leaving the date blank. It also helps in the search function as you can make the same type of entry when searching.

Note: One of the persons listing her birth responded that she copied from other trees. Thus we have the propagation of unproven and incorrect information.

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In another e-mail to the database, I received the following from Michael Bunnell, [treemike69@aol.com](mailto:treemike69@aol.com)

I am Michael James Bunnell (380012), son of James Robert Bunnell. Married to Kristy Lea Farr Bunnell of Fullerville, NY, on May 22, 1993. Currently residing in Bridgeville, DE with our two sons, Connor Matthew Bunnell ( born September 19, 1998 ) and Zachariah Wayne Bunnell ( born

October 23,2004). If any other information I can provide could be helpful, please feel free to contact me.

I wrote that I have updated the site. Of course the personal info such as birth date doesn't show up for living individuals, but it is in the database. You can see the lineage for sons Connor and Zachariah in the Direct Lines section.

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Mary Cranford, doug11mary@hotmail.com, wrote:

I am so excited to know of the Bonnells still living in the New Jersey area. My mother's great-grandfather was William Phillip Bonnell, married to Josephine Melissa Williams. Although she didn't know them, her grandmother, Bessie Bradhurst Bonnell Dushanek, told her many stories. Josie, as Josephine was called, was a lover of horses and was known to be a "women's liber" of her day. She was quite active in society and community affairs, so we are told. It's wonderful to see so many facts and stories about the family that we never knew; war records, etc. I also am so pleased to find birth, death, marriage records of extended family that we didn't have. Thank you for all your hard work! I guess we're cousins of some sort, and I would love to receive the newsletter and share it with my mother.

I live in Florida, and I am the only person in my family that I know of who is doing any kind of research into our ancestors. These things are treasures to me, and I'm grateful to know there is someone there who is close to the family who has access to all the information I would have a very difficult time finding.

Thank you SO much! I look forward to reading the newsletter and getting to know my family better.

Sincerely,
Mary Tucker Watson Cranford

I wrote her that in the database her William is 340353, William P. Bonnell and that her lineage goes back to William the 1630ish immigrant. Bessie's first name in the database is Elizabeth though Mary's mother remembers her as being Bessie Bradhurst Bonnell. Mary added that: "[Bessie] was a tiny lady, and their children were very little. My mother's mother and her sisters were all about 5' and shorter. I believe my mother's mother, Dorothy, was only 4'10", and my grandfather, Christian Jost was about 6'5". What a pair!" Mary's lineage is in the Direct Lines Section and she provided a photo of William Phillip and Josephine (Williams) Bonnell which is the in the Submission Section.

New & Returning Members

Lois Pollock	donpoll@comcast.net		
Margaret Rutledge	margaretrutledge@earthlink.net		

E-Mail Addresses

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

Gladys Treadway	gltreadway77@gmail.com		
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Direct Lines

Clem Bonnell, acbonnell@embarqmail.com or 7 Deer Path, Milford, NJ 08848-1928, sent me the ancestral lines for John Thomas Bonnell, 029170, in the Family Tree Maker program. So it was easy to open, read and add to the data base.

William Bunnell – Betsy Parrody	Leroy William Bonnell – Cecilia Jane Holder
John Bonnell – Nancy Farraday	George Leroy Bonnell – Ann Grace McEnery
William S. Bonnell – Mary E. Hogan	Leroy Joseph Bonnell – Lorna Faulhaber
George W. Bonnell – Sarah Ann Coover	John Thomas Leroy Bonnell – Alice Marie Cunningham

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Michael James Bunnell, [treemike69@aol.com](mailto:treemike69@aol.com), sent me his father's name and CBID, and his marriage and offspring information which allowed me to construct the Direct Lines for his sons Connor and Zachariah Bunnell.

|                                        |                                         |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| William Bunnell ~ Ann Wilmot           | Samuel F. Bunnell ~ Ann Sackett         |
| Benjamin Bunnell ~ Rebecca Mallory     | Charles G. Bunnell ~ Jennie Aylor       |
| Benjamin Bunnell ~ Hannah Plumb        | Harold J. Bunnell ~ Henrietta Hare      |
| Solomon Bunnell ~ Elizabeth M. Holdren | Robert J. Bunnell ~ Margaret I. Hobbs   |
| Isaac Bunnell ~ Lanah Barkeloo         | James R. Bunnell ~ Patricia M. Schreyer |
| John Bunnell ~ Hannah Jayne            | Michael J. Bunnell ~ Kristy Lea Farr    |
| David Bunnell ~ Mary M. Everetts       | Connor Bunnell and Zachariah Bunnell    |

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Mary Cranford, doug11mary@hotmail.com, sent her lineage back to William Phillip Bonnell, 340353 in the database. I expanded her line back to William the immigrant using the database.

William Bunnell ~ Ann Wilmot	John Bonnell ~ Phebe Stagg
Nathaniel Bonnell ~ Mary Searing	William Bonnell ~ Josephine Williams
Nathaniel Bonnell ~ Joanna Miller	Elizabeth/Bessie Bonnell ~ John Dushanek
Benjamin Bonnell ~ Rachel Van Winkle	Dorothy Dushanek ~ Christian Elmer Jost*
Benjamin Bonnell ~ Hannah Ward	Patricia Jost ~ John Watson
Enos Bonnell ~ Rachel Ball	Mary Watson ~ Douglas Cranford

*Note: name later changed to Elmer Christian Jost

Life Changes

Births, Marriages, Obituaries

Obituaries:

Donald Sage, djsage29@gmail.com or 5919 Centerville Road #2030 North Oaks, MN 55127, wrote that his wife Joyce had passed away on the 11th of August. He sent an obituary for the newsletter. The entire Bunnell/Bonnell family offers their condolences to Don and his family.

Blessed Are the Pure In Heart For They Shall see God.



Joyce Elizabeth **Bonnell Sage** was born Sunday August 23, 1925 at 2520 North Ferry Street, Anoka Minnesota. Joyce's Father was Carl Edward **Bonnell** and her Mother was Leola **Paden Bonnell** of Anoka, MN. Joyce met her Father in Heaven, Jesus, at 2:00 a.m. August 11, 2012. She was preceded in death by her sister Marjorie Ellen **Bonnell Henle** who died 30 March 1972 and her brother Harold Wayne **Bonnell** who died on April 2, 2012. Joyce spent all of her childhood growing up in Anoka and was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Anoka in 1937. She graduated with honors from Anoka High School in 1943 and graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1947 with a BS degree in business and a specialty in textiles. After graduation she worked in research with the Strutwear Knitting Company of Minneapolis.

Joyce was married to Donald A. **Sage** on April 29, 1950 in the First Baptist Church of Anoka and they celebrated their 62nd anniversary of their marriage this year. Her full time job of being a wife and mother and homemaker of three wonderful children; Nancy(Mark) Elizabeth **Hendrickson** born Feb. 3, 1951, Lee (Janet) Preston Sage born Sept. 14, 1953 and Ted (Dawn) Atkinson **Sage** born 27 April 1956 was the fulfillment for her of God's plan of motherhood. At her bedside during her last days suffering from a large stroke and a congenitive heart failure, were many members of the extended family of 13 Grandchildren and 12 Great Grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be the 10 Grandsons and two son in laws: six helping at the Funeral Parlor and six helping at the grave site: Jesse Atkinson **Sage**, Aaron Joseph **Sage**, Andrew Thomas **Sage**, Joel David **Sage**, Benjamin Jacob **Sage**, Jonathan Michael **Sage**, Jacob Daniel **Sage**, Paden Carl **Hendrickson**, Kristoff Mark **Hendrickson**, Caleb Sage **Hendrickson**, son in law Derek Wright **Shenkle**, and son in law Kenneth Michael **Keil**. In addition to the above Grandchildren there is Rebekiah Sage **Keil** and Rachel Marie **Sage** and Julie Marie Sage **Shenkle**.

The 12 Great Grandchildren are as follows: Matthew A. **Sage**, Molly Alexis **Sage**, Aaron Michael **Sage**, Roman Boe **Sage**, Emma Ann **Sage**, Eli Thomas **Sage**, Bradley James **Sage**, Sydney Leigh **Sage**, Addison Dawn **Keil**, Abram Michael **Keil**, Evelyn Sage **Keil**, Brinn Marie **Sage**.

Joyce applied her homemaking skills in many ways from designing and decorating several homes that the family built and to partaking in the volunteer efforts for girl scouts and cub scouts and teaching Sunday School. She delighted in the pleasures of being with all the family and was supportive in their efforts and knowing that they all knew and loved Jesus.

Services will be at the Thurston –Lindberg Funeral Home, Anoka Minnesota. Family reviewal at 10:00 a.m. with the service starting at 11:00 a.m. Thursday August 16, 2012.

[Ed. Note: Joyce is 352391 in the database. Her lineage is: Benjamin¹, David², Henry³, Emanuel⁴, Edmund⁵, Carl⁶, Joyce⁷. This is the line originally thought to have descended from William the immigrant, but later DNA testing called this lineage into question. The descendant line for Benjamin is shown in the DNA section of the Newsletter and is titled "Benjamin Bonnell Disconnect." We are looking for more members of this line to participate in the study.]

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Gladys Treadway, a long time subscriber and contributor, recently notified me of her mother's passing. The following obituary is from the *North Scott Press*, Eldridge, Iowa, 3 April 2012:

### Rovene Schurr



Funeral services for Rovene Melvina **Schurr**, 96, of Bettendorf, were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 2 at the McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, Bettendorf. Burial was in the Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. **Schurr** died Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Trinity Bettendorf.

Rovene **Dyer** was born Sept. 4, 1915, in Wyaconda, Mo., the daughter of Henry and Juda (**Anderson**) **Dyer**. She graduated from Kirksville High School in Kirksville, Mo. She married Willard **Lowe** on April 25, 1934, in Kirksville. He died Aug. 4, 1971. She married Harold **Schurr** on Dec. 5, 1975, in Bettendorf. He died July 3, 2008.

Mrs. **Schurr** was a housewife and taught Girl Scouts of Scott County.

She was a member of the Scott County Farm Bureau, Northwest Turners Auxiliary, QC Plus-60 Club, Davenport Moose Lodge, and Liedertafel, where she was a past officer.

Memorials may be made to Northwest Turners Auxiliary or Liedertafel.

Survivors include a daughter, Gladys **Treadway**, Bettendorf; a son, Charles **Lowe**, Rock Island; three step-children; eight grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to both husbands, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Marion **Lowe**; sisters, Gertrude **Dyer**, Hazel **Urton** and Edna **Dyer**; and a brother, Paul **Dyer**.

[Ed. Note: Rovene was a Bonnell descendant of William the immigrant. Her lineage was carried in the February 2008 Newsletter, page 3.]

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Max Sullivan, maxrsullivan@remconline.net or 102 Crest Dr., Delphi, IN 46923-1801, sent the following obituary from the *Lafayette [Indiana] Journal & Courier*, 17 June 2012, Page B02

Dana L. Bunnell



Dana L. **Bunnell**, 72, and lifelong resident of the Chalmers area, passed away at 6:45 a.m. Saturday, June 16, 2012 in St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital of Lafayette.

She was born July 10, 1939 in Chalmers to the late Clifford and Orpha (**Hicks**) **Flynn** and was a 1957 graduate of Chalmers High School. Her marriage was to Paul L. **Bunnell** on October 2, 1957 in Chalmers. He survives.

Dana was a wonderful wife, mother and homemaker. She provided wonderful care for her family throughout the years. She enjoyed traveling and camping with her husband and playing cards with her family. She was a member of the Chalmers Community Church.

Surviving with her husband are her children, BonnieLou **Millar** (husband: Larry) of Susanville,

CA, Barrie L. **Bunnell** (wife: Teresa) of Wabash, IN and Beccie S. **Tidmore** (husband: William) of Brookston.

Dana loved spending time with her family. She also cherished time spent with her beloved dog Precious Also surviving are her grandchildren, Justin, Jason, Jennifer, Wayne, Jacob and Jessie and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death with her parents is a sister, Luella **Park**; a brother, Max **Flynn** and 1 grandchild.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at Hartzler-Clapper Funeral Home of Brookston. Pastor Bill **Henderson** to officiate. Interment to follow in Chalmers Community Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Chalmers Community Church or Discovering H.A.N.D.S Preschool.

[Ed.Note: Assuming that Paul and Dana are about the same age, I went to the 1940 census for Indiana. I found Dana though the index shows her name as Dona and the original census form does look like it is spelled that way. She and her family are living in White County, IN. I found one Paul Bunnell in Indiana of about the right age (2) who was born about 1938. He is also living in White County, the son of Eugene and Lelie Bunnell. There is one other child in the family, Wayne, who is 4 years old. Paul and Dana are shown in the 1958 Lafayette, Indiana, City Directory as residing at Bel Aire Trailer Park. He is a mechanic at Glenn R Pitman & Co while she is Clerk at Purdue National Bank. Paul and Dana were not in the data base, nor was Wayne or the wife of Eugene. Their data has since been updated. Paul is 363002. His lineage is: William¹, Nathaniel², Nathaniel³, James⁴, Stephen⁵, Nathaniel⁶, Isaac⁷, Dennis⁸, Lewis⁹, Eugene¹⁰, Paul¹¹.]

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Clement Bonnell, [acbonnell@embarqmail.com](mailto:acbonnell@embarqmail.com) or 7 Deer Path, Milford, NJ 08848-1928, forwarded an e-mail from an associate that notified us of the following obituary. Clem added that: "She is buried in Crest Haven Memorial Park (not Cemetery) in Clifton, Passaic County, New Jersey, with her parents, sister and brother-in-law." The following was published in *The Jersey Journal* (<http://www.nj.com/obituaries/>) on 9 July 2012.

#### DOROTHEA A. BONNELL

Dorothea A. **Bonnell**, 91, passed into the next life on Friday, July 6, 2012, after a short illness. She was born and raised in Jersey City, moving to Seabrook Village at Tinton Falls in 2001. During her career, she was the executive assistant to four CEO's of the Colgate Palmolive Company before retiring in the late 1970's. She leaves behind a beloved niece, Linda **Klapperstuck**; two grand nieces, Kris **Grove** and Karen **Klapperstuck**; two great grand nieces, Kelly and Sydney **Grove**; and four cousins, Dr. Doris **Thompson**, Carol **Thompson**, and Althea **Deuchar**, and Frank **Portizo** and their families. 'Aunt Dot' to all, she was an integral part of every family gathering and celebration. She had a smile for everyone and a sweetness that remained in the minds of anyone she met. She shared her incredible memory to the end by always having a story from the past with which to entertain the family. She will be sorely missed and always remembered. Freeman Manalapan-Marlboro Funeral Home 344 Route 9 North Manalapan, NJ 07726 (732) 972-8484

[Ed. Note: Clem said that Dorothea is 360329 in the database and that her middle name was Alida. Her lineage is: William<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>5</sup>, Ithamer<sup>6</sup>, Stephen<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>8</sup>, Benjamin<sup>9</sup>, Frederick<sup>10</sup>, Dorothea<sup>11</sup>.]

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Carol Brotzman, brotzmans@epix.net or R.R. 1, Box 1206, Laceyville, PA 18623, provided the following from the *Scranton [PA] Times*, 14 August 2012:

James Henry Bunnell

James Henry **Bunnell** of Peckville died Monday morning [Aug. 13] at home. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lola **Bunnell**, in 1992.

Born in Clarks Summit, he was the son of the late Loyal Willard and Marjorie Elizabeth **Nichols Bunnell**. Before his retirement, he was a contract special investigator for the federal government and a special agent for the FBI. He held several top-secret clearances and had worked on a special project for the Tennessee Valley Authority's Inspector General's Office. He was a proud veteran of the Air Force.

Also surviving are his companion, Evelyn **Ham**, with whom he resided; three brothers, William and George, Clarks Summit; and John, Johnstown; Melanie **Mellow**, Clifford; and Sheila **Koltis**, Peckville, whom he considered the daughters he never had; nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Judson; a niece, Ellen **Holman**; and a nephew, George "Chip" **Bunnell**.

The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. from the Lawrence E. Young Funeral Home, 418 S. State St., Clarks Summit. Interment will follow in the Clarks Green Cemetery.

Friends may call from 10 until the time of the service. For directions or to send an online condolence, visit [www.lawrenceyoungfuneral](http://www.lawrenceyoungfuneral.com) home.com.

[Ed. Note: James is 350127 in the database. We didn't have the date of his wife's passing and that has been added to the database. James' lineage is: William¹, Benjamin², Benjamin³, Solomon⁴, Isaac⁵, David⁶, Henry⁷, Judson⁸, Loyal⁹, James¹⁰]

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I found this one while searching the internet for the obituary of the James Henry above. How unusual it is to have two persons with the same exact name die within a months of each other. This is from the WCLU Radio Station website, [www.wcluradio.com/](http://www.wcluradio.com/) in the Glasgow, KY area. It was dated July 20, 2012. This obituary was also available at Sego Funeral Home website, [www.segofuneralhome.com](http://www.segofuneralhome.com).

### JAMES HENRY BUNNELL



James Henry **Bunnell**, 84 of Horse Cave passed away Thursday, July 19 [2012] at the Caverna Memorial Hospital. A son of the late Henry R. **Bunnell** & Ruby Johnson **Bunnell**, he was born in Munfordville on June 13, 1928. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII.

Survivors include: Wife-Leuna **Bunnell**; Daughter-Lisa **Willian** & hus. Tim Willian of Munfordville; Son-Timothy **Bunnell** of Cleveland, TN; 1 sister-Mary K. **Bunnell** of Munfordville; 3 brothers-Jerry **Bunnell** of Munfordville; Jack **Bunnell** of Munfordville; Charles Rhea **Bunnell** of Elizabethtown; 4 grandchildren-Michael **Willian** & fiancé' Lauren of Bowling Green, Andrew **Willian** & wife Samantha of Bowling Green, Brittany **Banister** of Bowling Green & Morgan **Clayton** of Bowling Green. 3 great-grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by a son-James Allen Bunnell, a sister-Betty Jo **Bunnell** & 4 brothers-Kenneth, Max, Teddy & Tony **Bunnell**

Funeral services for James Henry **Bunnell** will be 2pm Sunday in the chapel of Sego Funeral Home with burial in the Goodman Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 2-9m and after 9am Sunday at the Sego Funeral Home.



[Ed. Note: This James Henry is 037499 in the database. The 1930 census shows he and his mother Ruby living her mother, Nannie Johnson. Both Nannie and Ruby are listed as married (not widowed) but neither husband is listed. This article provides his children for entry in the database. James' ancestry is a mystery, though I suspect that he is part of the Kentucky clan that we are trying to connect back to William the immigrant. James' lineage is: Male Bunnell<sup>1</sup>, Henry<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>.]

## Submissions



Mary Cranford, [doug11mary@hotmail.com](mailto:doug11mary@hotmail.com), as mentioned in the Correspondence and Direct Lines sections, is a descendant of William Phillip and Josephine (Williams) Bonnell. She was kind enough to send a photo of the couple. Researching Josephine can be tricky as there was another Josephine Bonnell, married to a William living in the Newark and Roselle Park, NJ area which is where our Josephine lived. This second one usually is recorded with the middle initial of C and she was a widow by 1900 whereas our William died in 1911.

Josephine Melissa Williams was the daughter of C. M. and Phebe M. Williams based on the 1860 census of Mendham Township, Morris County, NJ. At least one family tree on Ancestry.com lists her parents as Cornelius M. Williams and Phebe M. Roff. The *U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900* from Ancestry.com lists the marriage of a Cornelius M. Williams to a Phebe M. Roff in 1833, though the index has a ? after the Roff.

Josephine M. Williams and William P. Bonnell were married July 2, 1866 in Newark NJ. William died in 1911 and Josephine died in 1922, and both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Hillside, NJ.



Steve Grossman, [stevegrossman@go2mhz.com](mailto:stevegrossman@go2mhz.com), sent me a copy of a death certificate for Sarah J. (Farnham) Gregory. The main reason for our interest is that her parents were Charles and Lucy (Bunnell) Farnham. Lucy was born February 27, 1805, the daughter of James & Azuba (Carter) Bunnell. Lucy's lineage is William<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Gershom<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, James<sup>6</sup>, Lucy<sup>7</sup>.



Frank and Emily (Bunnell) Verley were in the previous issue as part of the lineage for Kathleen (Verley) Watson. Kathleen also sent along photos of the two of them. Emily, or Emma, is 330277 in the database;



Emily Bunnell was born in Walpack, Sussex County, NJ in 1840, the daughter of James and Mary Ann (Hull) Bunnell. She married 16 Oct 1855 in Mt. Vernon, WI, Frank Verley.



## Research Findings

On Ancestry.com I found *The Descendants of Matthias Hatfield*, compiled by Abraham Hatfield, FG.B.S.; Published by New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1954. This book is BK199 in my list of sources. The following is also in *The Bunnell/Bonnell Family in America*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition by William Austin, pages 55 & 56.

The first item, from pages 13 and 14, I find interesting and somewhat amusing .

“Minutes of the Court of Sessions of Essex County held at Newark. At a court of Sessions or County Court held at Newark for ye County of Essex on tuesday ye Tenth day of September 1700.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| p <sup>r</sup> esent Mr. W <sup>m</sup> . Sanford P <sup>r</sup> sid <sup>t</sup> | } Ju <sup>ts</sup> . |
| Cap <sup>t</sup> . John Curtis                                                    |                      |
| M <sup>r</sup> . Elias McKeilson &                                                |                      |
| M <sup>r</sup> . Theophilus Pearson                                               |                      |

The Court according to adjourn<sup>t</sup>. being opened, Sam<sup>ll</sup>. Carter appeared & demanded of the Court by virtue of what authority they Satt, The P<sup>r</sup>sident made answer by the Kings, The Court then proceeding in bissnese as lay before them, called one Sam<sup>ll</sup> Burwell who was bound over to this Court by Recognizance to answer for his misdemeanor being for begetting a bastard child Whereupon the Court demanded security of the sd Sam<sup>ll</sup> for the maintenance of the Child, who Refused to give the same Upon which the Court Required the Constable to take the s<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> into Custody The Constable in the Execution of his office was sett upon by Thomas Johnson, Sam<sup>ll</sup> Carter & Jos: Burwell & Severall others. The P<sup>r</sup>sident W<sup>m</sup> Sandford pulled off the bench by Abra: Hettfield & Daniel Craine & his hatt & wig halled of his head by the s<sup>d</sup> Hattfield the Clerke of the Court all soe grosely abused in P<sup>r</sup>ticuquler by John Luker who struck him with great vilence with his fist, W<sup>m</sup> Luker Jun<sup>r</sup> with a stick and John Clerke tore his wigg from of his head, The P<sup>r</sup>sident allsoe having had his Sword taken from him by Daniel Craine & broak in pieces by him the s<sup>d</sup> Daniel The Rest of the Justices grosely abused, some their clothes torn of their backs with many other abusefull words & actions Received from the Rabbell of Elizabeth Towne, The prisoner Sam<sup>ll</sup> Burwell Resshewed out of the Constable hands made his Escape, the Constable alsoe grosely abused pulled by the haire & his staff Taken from him & Thrown out of doore, the P<sup>r</sup>sident allsoe being struck Three blows, Two of which ponches in the brest & one in the face, The Rabble Consisted of neere 60 horse, the Names of most of them are as followeth:

[Listed names include]  
Natt. Bunell Junr.  
Isaac Bunell  
...”

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Page 15:

“Cornelius [Hatfield] was witness to will of Isaac Bonnel (or Bonnell) planter, of Elizabeth, dated 15 Jan. 1711. Probated Jan. 29, 1711-12.”

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Page 19: May 1707, Isaac Bonnell is witness to a sale of land to Isaac Hetfield [Hatfield] by John Winans.

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Page 30: 5 November 1724, Nathaniel Bonnel Jr is witness to sale of land and dwelling to Joseph Hatfield by Nathaniel and Jane Ross.

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Page 32: 7 May 1730, the sale of land from Matthias and Hannah Hetfield [Hatfield] to Isaac Hetfield [Hatfield] acknowledged before Judge Joseph Bonnell, assumedly in Elizabeth, NJ.

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Page 36: 9 April 1735, in the sale of land in Elizabethtown Great Meadows, the children of Samuel and Elizabeth Miller include "Joanna, wife of Nathaniel Bonnel, Jr."

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Page 53: 15 May 1776, Isaac Bonnel is a witness to the will of John Hetfield.

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Pages 53-54: Children of John and Deborah (Smith) Hetfield:

"88. xi. Jacob<sup>5</sup>, b. Mar. 6, 1767; d. May 12, 1811; m. Susan Bonnell, dau. of Samuel Bonnell."

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Pages 87-88:

"88. Jacob<sup>5</sup> Hetfield (Hatfield) (John<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, Matthias<sup>1</sup>) was born March 6, 1767. In the 'N. J. Journal' of May 14, 1811 is recorded "Jacob Hetfield, son of John, deceased and husband of Susan Hetfield died May 12, 1811, ae. 42 years'. He married \_\_\_, 1793, Susan Bonnel, daughter of Samuel Bonnel. ..."

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Pages 114-116: [For descendants of Daniel and Sarah: these pages list his extensive military service during the Revolutionary War and may be helpful in establishing credentials for DAR/SAR]

"159. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Hetfield (Hatfield) (Matthias<sup>4</sup>, Matthias<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Matthias<sup>1</sup>) born April 10, 1756 in Westfield, N. J.; died Aug. 12, 1843 in same place, ae. 87-4-2. Buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery of Westfield. He married on March 18, 1781, Sarah Owen, born May 20, 1760; died Oct. 2, 1844, ae. 84-4-12. She is buried with her husband.

...

The will of Daniel<sup>5</sup> Hetfield is recorded.

...

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Bonnel, \$140.

...

Children of Daniel<sup>5</sup> and Sarah (Owen) Hetfield: 9 (Hetfield), 4 sons and 5 daughters:

...

329. i. Rebecca<sup>6</sup>, b. June 6, 1781, d. \_\_\_\_; m. June 5, 1800, Samuel Bonnell. They moved to Linesville, Crawford Co., Pa., as shown by probate of will of Hannah Cook (Hatfield) Hetfield, 1884.

334. vi. Hannah Cook<sup>6</sup>, b. Mar. 30, 1792; d. Apr. 22, 1884; m. Mar. 23, 1814, as his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, William H. Hetfield, her cousin. ... Her will and probate proceeding have been of great value in determining relationships. [dated 10 Jul 1882, probated 5 May 1884]

...

I give, devise and bequeath 1/3 of the remainder of all my estate ...to six of the seven children of Ezra D. Hetfield [her brother], to wit: Meeker Hetfield, Phebe Hetfield, Charlotte Parks, Rebecca Bonnell, Mary Jagers and Hannah M. Miller. It being my intention that Sarah House, the other child of Ezra D. Hetfield, shall have nothing under this will ...

...

Children of deceased sister, Rebecca Bonnell, viz: Samuel Bonnell, Frances Terrill, Sarah Dennison and Aaron Bonnell, all of Linesville, Crawford County, Pa.

Since her brother, Ezra D. Hetfield survives, his children named in will of the testatrix are not next of kin.

...”

[Ed. Note: There are two different Rebecca Bonnells mentioned above, both were born Hetfield and both married Samuel Bonnells. The first was Rebecca, b. 1781, dau of Daniel and Sarah Hetfield, m. 5 Jun1800, Samuel Bonnell. The second was Rebecca, b. 1824, dau of Ezra & Sarah Hetfield, granddaughter of Daniel and Sarah Hetfield, m. 20 Nov. 1850, Samuel Bonnell.]

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Page 165:

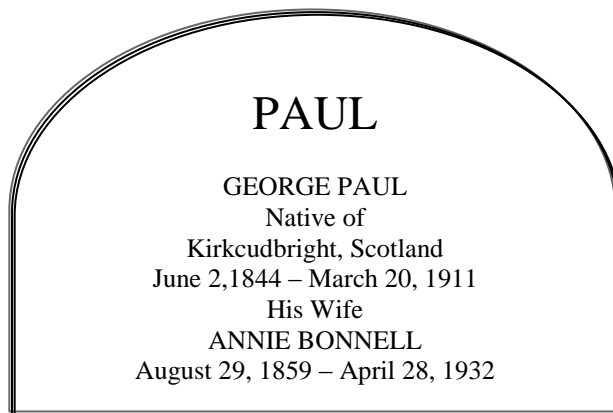
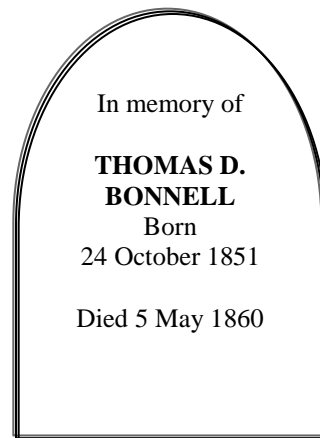
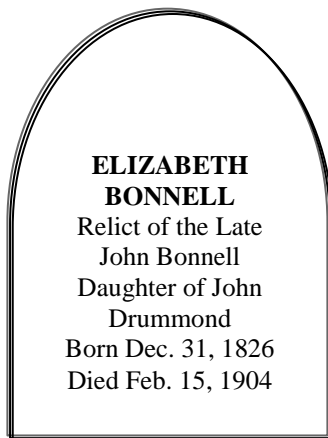
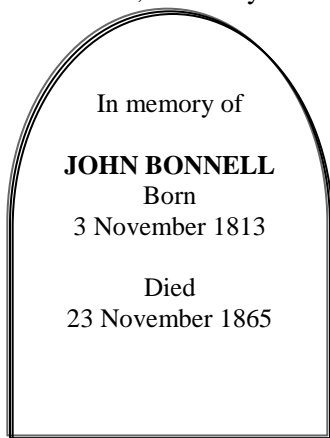
“Children of Ezra Darby<sup>6</sup> and Sarah Scudder (Meeker) Hatfield: 8 (Hatfield), 1 son and 7 daughters.

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650. iv. Rebecca B.7, b. Sept. 14, 1824; d. \_\_\_\_; m. Nov. 20, 1850, Samuel Bonnell of Linesville, Pa.”

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A few months ago Donald Sage sent me several photos of gravestones in the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, SC. They were as follows:



The weekend I started researching this, the database webserver was not operating and Steve Bunnell, who keeps it operating, was out of town. So I started researching with Ancestry.com. Later I was able to find some of the info in the database, which listed Annie as A. R. Bonnell but contained no info regarding her marriage. What follows is a compilation of data I dug out and what was already contained in the database.

The progenitor, in this country, of this family is John D. Bonnell, 004087, born in 2 Sep 1772 in Bermuda and he died 16 Sep 1854 in Charleston (www.findagrave.com). In the First Baptist Churchyard, Charleston, his gravestone reads: "Affections tribute to the memory of Capt. John Bonnell, a native of the Island of Bermuda, but for the last 65 years a resident of this city. Born September 2nd, 1773, died September 16th, 1854, aged 81 years, 14 days. In his life pure, in death triumphant." So, he left Bermuda about 1788 at the age of around 16. If he were in fact a sea captain, he likely left Bermuda as a member of some ship's crew. In the 1850 census he is listed as a merchant. On the 29th of May 1806 he married Mary Ann Yates, of Charleston. While they had 9 children between 1810 and 1825, the main one of interest for this project is John Bonnell, the first tombstone cited above.

John was born 3 Nov 1813. According to later census records his birth was in South Carolina. He was, according to the 1860 census, a merchant like his father. In 1849 he married Elizabeth Drummond, daughter of John Drummond according to the second tombstone above. Between 1850 and 1864 they had 7 children.

One of those children was Annie Ralston Bonnell, born 1859 in South Carolina. Between 1870 and 1880, she married George Paul. The 1870 census shows George as a grocer, single and living in Charleston; the 1880 census shows them married and living with her uncle, Thomas Bonnell. George was born in Scotland. His parents died when he was young, probably about age 2, and the 1851 Scottish census shows him at age 6 living with an aunt, Agnes Paul, as were his 5 siblings. In the 1861 census he is a scholar, living in the Eyre House in Edinburgh, Scotland. Apparently he immigrated to the U.S. between 1861 and 1870. Their tombstone is the large one shown above.

The remaining tombstone for Thomas D. Bonnell is somewhat of a puzzle. Adding to the research challenge is the fact that he was born and died in between census collection dates. The 1860 census was to be taken on 1 June 1860 and all data was supposed to be answered as of that date. Thus Thomas D missed being counted by less than a month, having died May 5, 1860. Having been born in 1851, he is not likely to have been a son of John D. and Mary Ann Bonnell as Mary Ann would have been in her 60s. The next generation, John and Mary Ann Bonnell's children, included only two males: John (who married Elizabeth Drummond) and Thomas (who married (1) Amarintha N. K. and (2) Caroline Banks).

There are a few facts that imply, but not prove, that Thomas D. may have been the son of John and Elizabeth Bonnell.

They had 7 children that we know of with none being born in 1851. One was born in 1850 and one in 1852.

In 1850, John and wife Elizabeth are living with her father, John Drummond.

The "D" for Thomas' middle name could stand for Drummond, his mother's maiden name.

In 1855 they had a son they named Drummond Thomas Bonnell.

He could have also been the son of Thomas Bonnell (John's brother) and wife Amarintha N. _____. They had a daughter in 1850 and his wife died in 1854. In 1860, Thomas and his second wife Caroline are living with John Drummond. Also, Thomas was in business with a Drummond; the 1869 Charleston City Directory lists: "Bonnell & Drummond, importers of iron and steel, 20 Boyce's N. whf.", and "Bonnell, Thomas, (Bonnell & Drummond,) res. 6 Atlantic." Further on it lists: "Drummond, N. (Bonnell & Drummond,) res. St. Michael's al." That should be John Drummond's son, Nenan.

The bottom line is that I could find no definite answer to the question of Thomas D. Bonnell's parentage. Both brothers, John and Thomas had strong ties to the Drummond family.

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From *The Daily Phoenix*, Columbia, SC, March 16, 1870, Page 1:

**"Extraordinary Slander Suit.** – An extraordinary slander suit has commenced in New York. The plaintiff, Miss Delia W. Moore, a young lady of twenty-five summers, asks for \$5,000

damages against one John S. Bonnell, a young man who goes about telling the world that Miss Moore is his wife. Miss Moore denies that she is married to the defendant or that she ever cohabited with him. Mr. Bonnell, in defence, produces the records of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, of that city, upon which it is shown that he was married to the plaintiff by the late Rev. Dr. McClintock, November 26, 1864. There is evidently a strange mistake somewhere. Bonnell is undoubtedly married to Miss Moore, but is very questionable if the fair prosecutrix is married to Bonnell."

[Ed. Note: I found a John Sands Bonnell (004676) who was born in New York City in 1840 and appeared to live there all his life. The database shows him marrying Ann Ward in 1872. His lineage is only known back to his parents, Stephen and Mary A. Bonnell.

## Queries

As mentioned in the Correspondence section, a question has arisen over the parentage, or perhaps even the existence, of a Hannah Bunnell, purported to have been born 1819 in Ohio and the daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Hetfield) Bunnell of NJ. The only source found so far is unproven family trees on Ancestry.com. While Ancestry.com does have a lot of valuable information, the family trees section is not part of it. So the query is: Does anyone have any information about this Hannah?

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Query number 3 in the last issue dealt with the death date of Harry William Bonnell, 342156. I called the Ohio Department of Health and learned that they do not maintain death records prior to 1954; they are sent to the Ohio Historical Society. So I went to their website with the death cert index (<http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/death/>) but could not find Harry listed. I also checked for William just in case an error was made, but also could not find that. And I checked under Bunnell, as I've often seen indexing errors like that, and finally I tried various spelling variations such as Bonel and Bonnel. Again, no success.

Bottom line is that I can't find when or where Harry died or is buried. Anyone have info on this?

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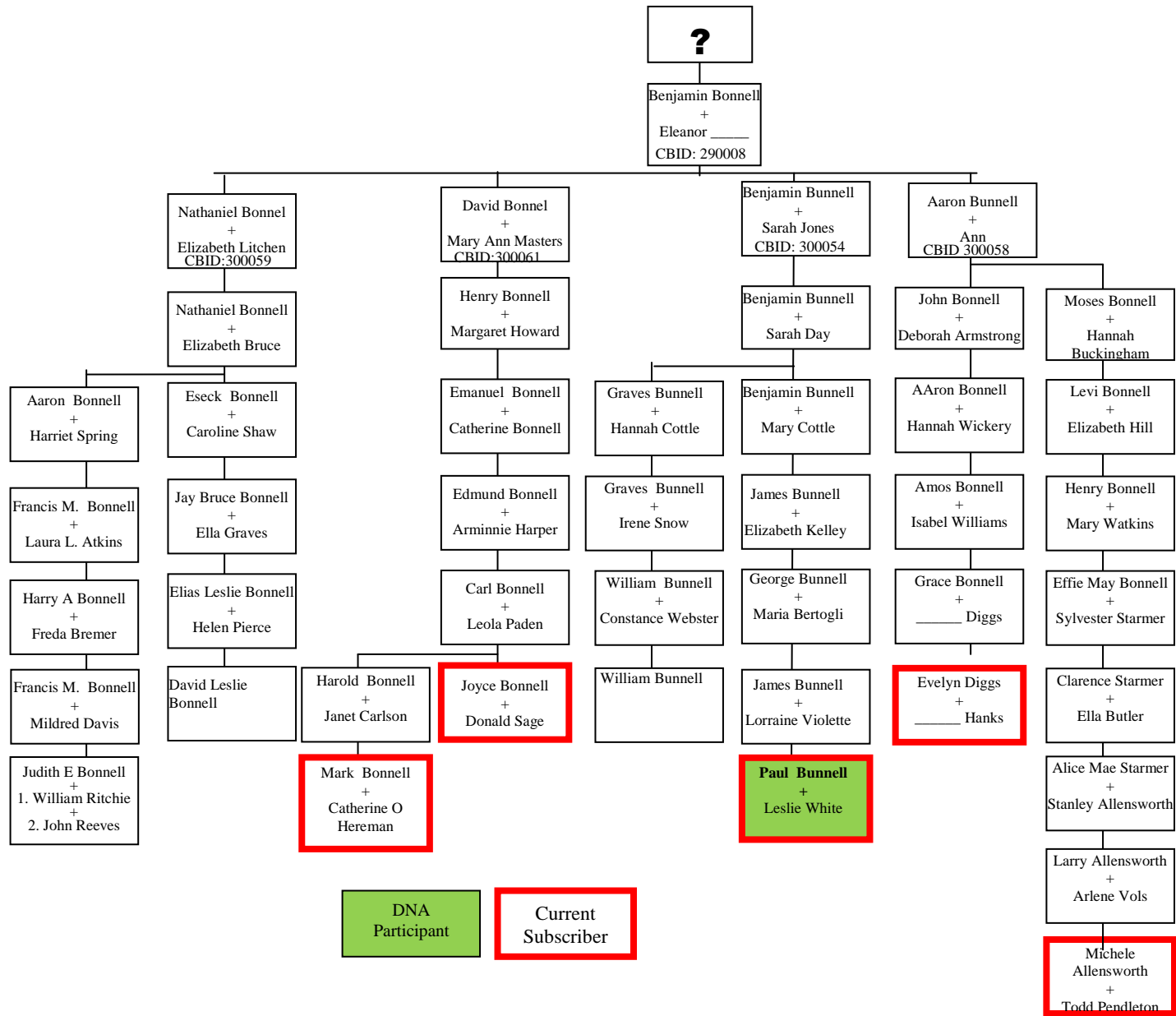
Joan Bunnell Barker, [barkerjoan97@yahoo.com](mailto:barkerjoan97@yahoo.com) or 15 Abbey Road, East Hampton, CT 06424, is 370272 in the database. She writes that she is looking for info on a couple of cousins. If you can help her, please contact her directly. The following is a compilation of 3 e-mail exchanges.

Looking for Barbara and Joyce Bunnell, my 1<sup>st</sup> cousins. They are the daughters of William Leon and Lois (Barratt) Bunnell. They are formerly of Hope Valley, RI. I think Barbara is in NC and Joyce is in RI. I lost contact years ago and would like to reconnect.

## DNA & Genealogy

We have three major disconnected lines, as well as many individuals whose lineage is unclear. In the cases of the three major ones, additional participation in the DNA testing program could help us find some answers, or at least provide the direction in which we need to be searching. DNA results have already helped with the Kentucky clan by showing that their lineage does in fact tie back to William the immigrant. More testing could provide additional indication as to which of the various descendant lines we should focus on. In the case of the Benjamin Bonnell disconnect, DNA results indicated that a previously accepted connection was not valid. It does not tell us where the break in the lineage is however; further testing with more descendants of Benjamin can help to clarify the situation. Finally, there is there optimistically named Irish connection. Certainly there are indications that this line descends from Dublin, but here we'd really like to involve current Bonnells residing in "the auld country." On the following pages are descendant charts for each of the three groups. All descendants aren't listed, only those we have corresponded with, those who have participated in the study, and those who are current subscribers. If you are a male Bunnell/Bonnell whose name is listed on one of the charts, but your box isn't filled in with green (gray for our printed version subscribers), please consider going to [http://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=BNL\\_DNA](http://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=BNL_DNA) and signing up. I would recommend the Y-DNA67 level test. If you know of someone who could be on one of the charts, please help us coerce him to participate. The following charts are not formatted the same as they were made at different times over the past few years and I have not yet standardized them. That will come.

# Benjamin Bonnell Disconnect

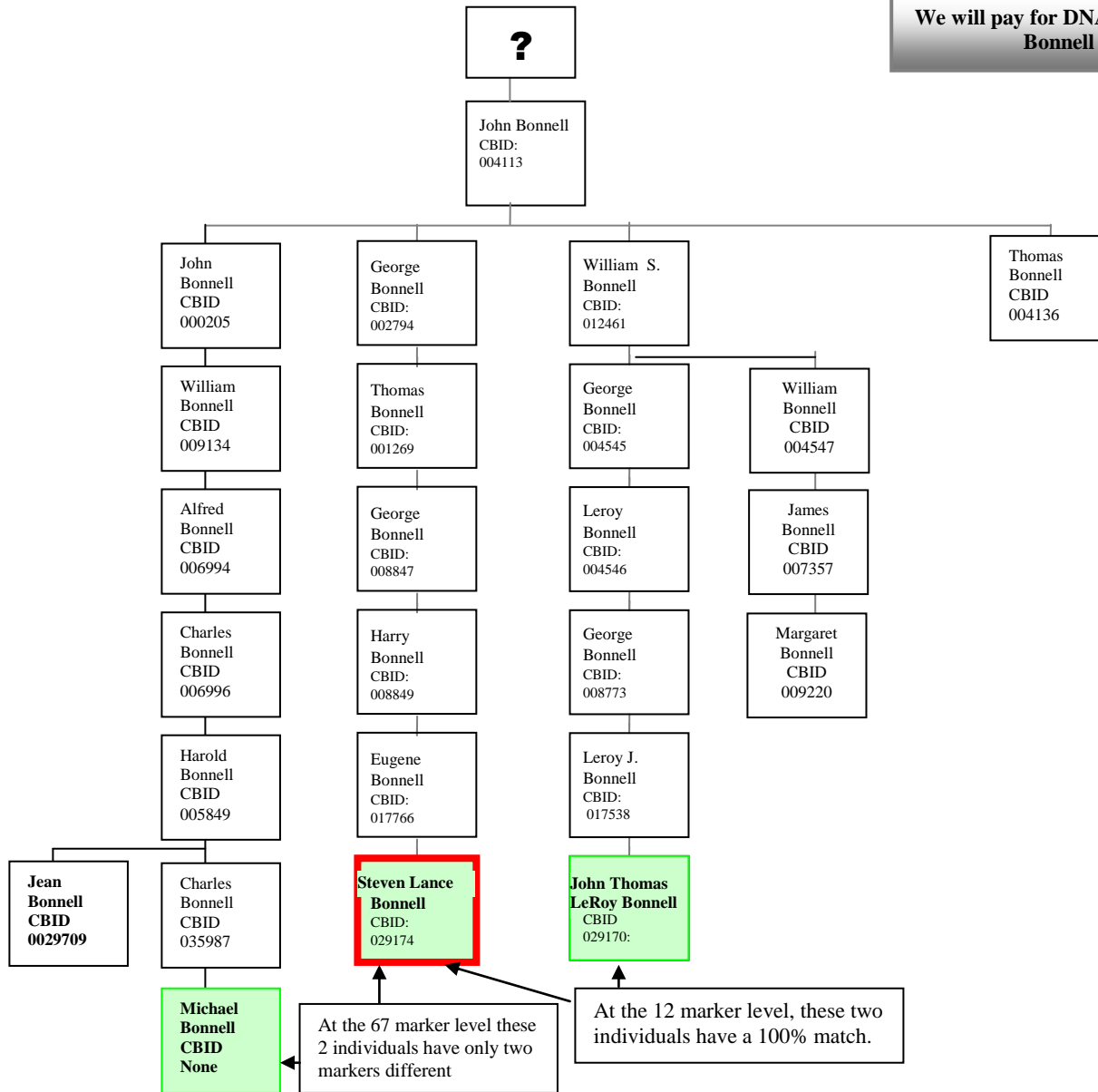


# The Irish Connection

**Looking for Descendants to participate in our DNA program.**  
**We will pay for DNA testing for the first Irish Bonnell to participate.**

I am confident that the progenitor of this line, John Bonnell, emigrated from Dublin, Ireland based on *The Bonnell Genealogy*, by Sara Rebecca E. Spang, published by Mary Jamieson, 1992. On Page 32 she states that he was born in Dublin and married his wife, Nancy Farraday or Pandry there. Her source is Pa. Archives 5th series Volume 7 p. 346, 388, 1023.

Additionally, in 1952 Margaaret Bonnell (009220) stated her mother [Alice, wife of James, 007357] said "old grandpa Bonnell talked so 'Irishy' that she could not understand him. John would not have been alive during Alice's lifetime, but his son William didn't die until 1865. Alice was born in 1852, so she may have known him.

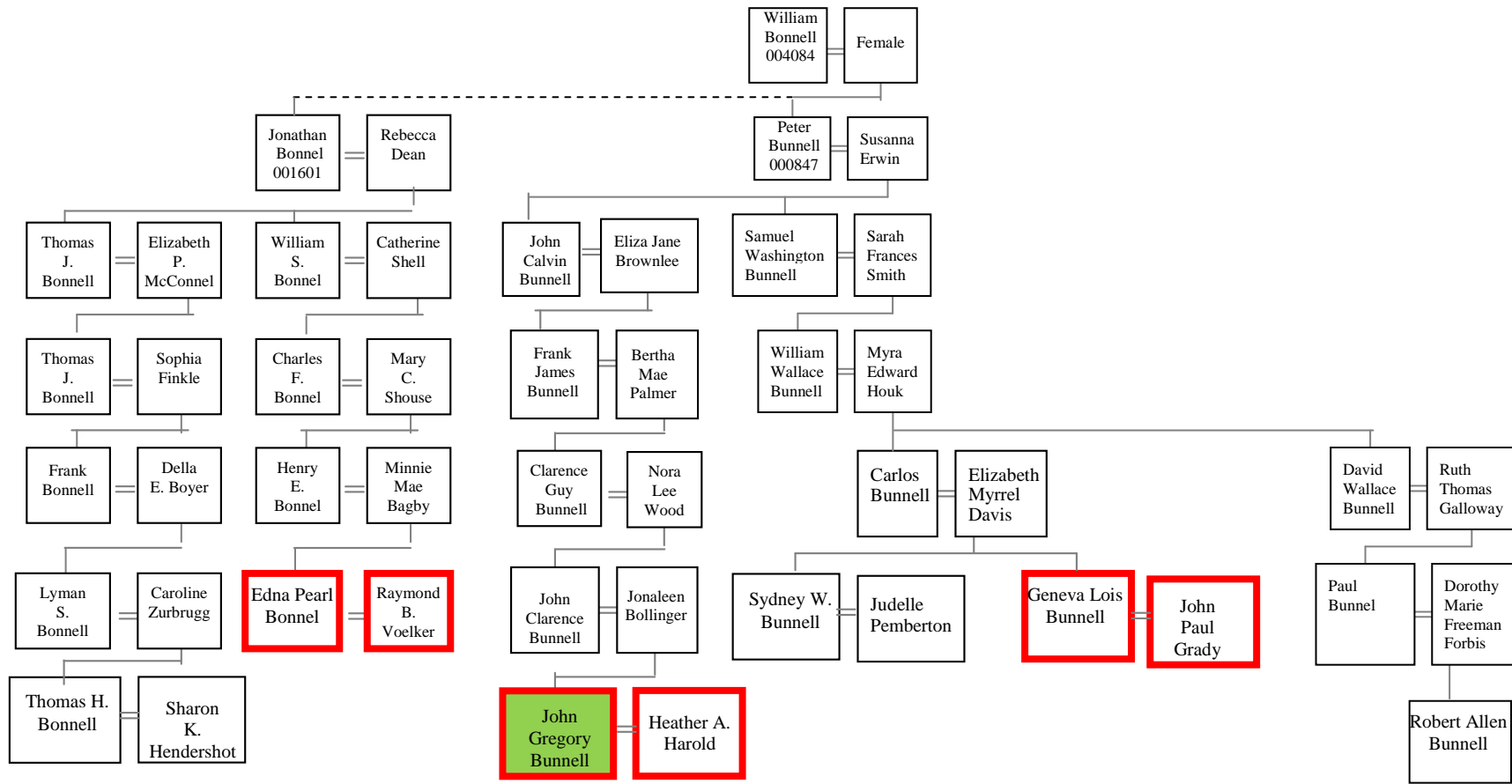


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# The Kentucky Bonnell/Bunnell Lines



----- Indicates unproven but suspected relationship.

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## Post Script

Once again we have wrestled with the idea of either finding a new publisher/editor for the Newsletter or ceasing publication at the end of this year. In fact we had decided to end it this year. The time spent researching every entry, formatting the newsletter and now updating the data base leaves no time for researching our own ancestry. That was brought home recently when a cousin sent me a 100 year old photo of my mother's parents that I had never seen. That spurred me to do some research and I was able to write a short biography of my great grandfather, Morris Machol. It took days to do, days I would have normally spent on Newsletter preparation. Plus, of course, we do have other interests and pursuits.

In the end, a Bunnell mystery/curiosity sent to me by Michelle Pendleton brought back to me the importance of having a vehicle for sharing this type of information. The database is very valuable, but so is the Newsletter; they complement each other. So to let either one of them wither away would result in a terrible loss for the family, as long as there are people interested. that mystery, by the way, will be discussed in the next issue.

I had considered going to web pages that would just be continuously updated – a running dialogue. Or several web pages, one for each of the current Newsletter sections. By running it continuously, it would always be searchable and there would be no deadlines for adding information. It would be added as it became available. The major drawback to that approach is that it leaves out our members who take the printed version, and they constitute nearly 50% of our readership. So until I find a way to include that portion of the membership, I will not go to a strictly on-line Newsletter.

In the past, subscribers indicated that a shorter version was acceptable; having 20 pages every issue was not a necessity. And we have at times published only 18 pages for an issue. But we still have a hard time completing the Newsletter in a timely manner. The only solution I have come up with is to set the size at a fixed, lesser number of pages.

So, **starting in 2013 the Newsletter will be 12 pages long**, extended for issues that include a member listing or other special data sheets. We are not doing this because there's a shortage of material – it's a shortage of research/preparation time. If we had other members researching and preparing various sections of the newsletter and e-mailing them to us for pasting into it, we could expand it again. For example, one person could handle all the obituaries, researching, writing up comments and any history of the person's family. It would probably require access to Ancestry.com as I always go in to that and search for any information on the deceased and/or family. **If you are interested in taking on one of the Newsletter sections, please let us know.**

For the time being I am not going to change the prices. We are finishing a little in the hole this year, though not enough to worry about. Keep in mind that your donations not only pay printing costs, but also for research materials and part of the fees for Ancestry.com. For most common expenses (e.g. office supplies) we split the costs with the Newsletter. Each issue costs in excess of \$150 for printing and postage. And in the past 19 years the dues have increased only \$2.00/year.

But if you have already paid dues for 2013 and would prefer not to receive the shorter newsletter, let us know and we'll return your 2013 dues. For all others, we'll be happy to start receiving the 2013 dues at any time.

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Fall is in the air here in the Tennessee hills. So it must be time to wish each of you a treat filled Halloween with no serious tricks. And a Happy Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends.