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CURRENT COMMENT

John Paul Grady, Spring, TX, sent in a suggestion that the pages of the Newsletter be numbered consecutively for each full year, rather than starting at page 1 with each issue. He feels that it would make it easier to index the Newsletter. It's a good suggestion, and therefore this issue will be gin with page 15. An index is certainly needed, and I am investigating ways of getting one prepared. Unfortunately, the program I have been using to write the Newsletter does not lend itself to automatic preparation of an index, as more sophisticated programs do.

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I am concerned about what appears to be a considerable lessening of interest in the continued publication of the Newsletter. Only a few of you still send in material for publication. This issue included one obituary sent in by a subscriber, but there must be many other newspaper articles about family members which could appear in the Newsletter.

Another indication is the number of paid subscriptions I receive. Half of those who subscribed last year have not renewed for 1990. Because my principal interest is keeping in touch with as many family members as possible, I have continued to send the Newsletter to many people who have never subscribed. But when I asked them to let me know whether or not they wanted me to continue, the majority did not respond at all.

The Newsletter is a time-consuming and expensive undertaking for me. I think it is worthwhile, and about half the readers seem to agree, through their financial support and contributions of material (I could use more of the latter, especially current news items). However, after this issue I will be forced to drop from the mailing list non-subscribers who do not notify me that they wish to continue. If cost is the problem, tell me that. As noted above, I am more anxious to have your participation than your money. In any case, whether or not you wish to keep on with the Newsletter, I would be glad to hear from you at any time you have information you want to share or a problem you need help in solving.

In our records there are a great many “unattached branches,” some of which are large, with many descendants. Where they fit in the overall family tree has long eluded us. In this issue I present a very hypothetical solution to one of these branches, that of Miles Bunnell of Rush, PA. The evidence is entirely circumstantial, and my conclusions may be wrong, but the intent is to encourage a particular line of inquiry which might prove or disprove the case. Anyone who would like to pursue this research is welcome to a printout of all the relevant information sources that I have located. In future issues I hope to be able to suggest similar approaches to some of the other families we have been searching for.

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I regret to report the death of one of our subscribers, Judson Willard Bunnell of Dalton, PA. His descent from William Bunnell is as follows:

CB260001	William Bunnell = Ann Wilmont
CB270004	Benjamin Bunnell = Rebecca Mallory
CB280006	Benjamin Bunnell = Hannah Plumb
CB290004	Solomon Bunnell = Elizabeth Mary Holdren
CB300044	Isaac Bunnell = Eleanor Barkalow
CB310257	David Bunnell = Parthenia Kellam
CB320238	Henry Bunnell = Lydia A. Schofield
CB330313	Judson Willard Bunnell = Nellie Foote Deming
CB340270	Loyal Willard Bunnell = Marjorie E. Nichols
CB350125	Judson Willard Bunnell

His obituary appeared in the Tunkhannock, PA, New Age-Examiner, Tuesday, 13 February 1990:

JUDSON W. BUNNELL

Judson W. Bunnell, Waterford Road, Dalton, Glenburn Twp., died unexpectedly at home Thursday, Feb. 8, 1990.

Born in Clarks Summit, son of the late Loyal and Marjorie Nichols Bunnell, he was an Air Force Veteran of World War II. He was a former general manager of Camelback Country Club, Scotsdale, Ariz., for 10 years. He held the same position at the Country Club of Scranton for 13 years and also at Irem Temple Country Club. He was also employed as a part-time employee of the family-owned Bunnell’s Hardware, Clarks Summit. For the past four years, he was a food science teacher at Keystone Junior College.

He was a former member of First Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit. He was a graduate of Keystone Junior College and Bucknell University. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and a former member of the Abington Rotary Club.

Surviving are four daughters, Tamara Bunnell and Pamela Latimore, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; Jill Bunnell, Tulsa, Okla., and Jacinta Bunnell, a student at Bucknell University; four brothers, George N. and Loyal Jr., both of Clarks Summit; James H., Cocoa Beach, Fla., and John F., Johnstown; two grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Monday from Lawrence E. Young Funeral Home, 418 S. State St., Clarks Summit, with the Rev. Barbara Muntzel, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit, officiating.

Interment, Clarks Green Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Keystone Junior College, La Plume.

Mrs. Mary Spies, Spokane, WA, notified me that her mother had died on 12 February 1989 in Montezuma, Iowa, and sent me her obituary. Mrs. Bossert was descended from one of the "unattached branches":

CB004085 David Bonnell = Mary Ann Masters
CB004487 Henry Bonnell = Margaret Ann Masters
CB005680 Jesse Bunnell = Hannah Dean
CB003524 Jesse Ichabod Bunnell = Sarah C. Fitzsimmons
CB000197 Mary Berneice Bunnell = John Camp Bossert

MARY BUNNELL BOSSERT, 100, a longtime resident of the Montezuma area died Sunday, February 12, 1989 at Brookhaven Nursing Home, her home for the past eight years.

Mrs. Bossert was born August 12, 1888, the daughter of Jessie and Sarah Bunnell. While attending Montezuma High School she played on the first Montezuma girls' basketball team. She graduated from Montezuma High School in 1907 and from Grinnell College in 0912.

She taught school in the Montezuma area and in Primgar, Iowa prior to her marriage to John C. Bosser – November 15, 1916. After her husbands death in 1943 she again taught school in Montezuma, retiring in 1964.

Mrs. Bossert was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Westminister Circle, Garden Club and D.A.R.

Mary is survived by one son, John Bossert of Torrance, California; three daughters: Mary Spies of Spokane, Washington, Patricia Meyer of Peachtree City, Georgia, and Margaret Porth of Calamus, Iowa; ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John, a sister Sadie Edwards and a brother William Bunnell.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday February 16, 1989 at the First Presbyterian Church, Montezuma, Iowa, Rev. George Salnave officiating. Interment was in the Masonic – IOOF Cemetery, Montezuma, Iowa.

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Query

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

1. My uncle, EVERETT JAMES BUNNELL, CB360192, was born 26 December 1908, at Redlion, Warren co, OH, son of BERT LEROY BUNNELL, CB350211, and LUCY M. (HOOVER) BUNNELL. He married ELSIE GIBSON. EVERETT JAMES BUNNELL moved to Florida years ago, and his children do not know if he is alive or dead. I would very much appreciate any information about his present whereabouts, or, if he is no longer living, about when and where he died. Mrs. Paul I. Brunk, 301 Hill Haven Drive, West Carrollton, OH 45449.

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A POSSIBLE PARENTAGE FOR MILES BUNNELL, OF RUSH, PA

Some thirty years ago Mrs. Mildred Anderson, of Kalispell, MT, sought my help in tracking down the parentage and ancestry of her great-great-grandfather, Miles Bunnell, CB004126. In the meantime, a number of others of Miles's descendants have joined the search, but so far without success. Recent developments lead me to believe that we might have the answer, if evidence can be found to prove the hypothesis.

Miles Bunnell was born in Connecticut, where he married Amelia Doud, daughter of Amos and Sarah (Norton) Doud. Their first child, Martin Bunnell, CB001791, was born in 1800 in Connecticut, in Danbury according to his gravestone, or in Waterbury according to the Family Record apparently copied from Martin's family Bible.

Soon after Martin's birth, Miles and Amelia moved to what was then Luzerne co, now Susquehanna co, PA, and settled in the valley of the Wyalusing Creek. With them came Amelia's brother, David Doud and his family. A near neighbor on the Wyalusing was Nehemiah Maine, also from Connecticut.

Several months ago I received letters from two descendants of Nehemiah Maine, informing me that Nehemiah's wife was Phebe Bunnell, and asking if I could tell them who Phebe's parents were. I had no prior record of this Phebe, but it started a train of assumptions, which, IF THEY CAN BE PROVED, will establish the parentage of both Miles and Phebe.

First, I made the assumption that Miles and Phebe were brother and sister, and that Nehemiah Maine, like David Doud, was Miles's brother-in-law, and that they emigrated from Connecticut more or less together.

Nehemiah and Phebe were said to have come from Hartford co, CT. There were 5 Bunnell families in the 1790 census of Hartford co. Only one of these seemed to call for further study, that of Daniel Bunnell, CB300049. of Bristol, Hartford co, CT.

DANIEL BUNNELL, son of Hezekiah, CB290013, was born 3 November 1729 at New Haven, CT. On 13 November 1755, in Harwinton, CT, he married ESTHER YALE, daughter of Asa and Esther (Manross) Yale. Daniel received 130 acres in Harwinton from the will of his father in 1764. Between 1756 and 1767 Daniel and Esther had five children born in Harwinton and recorded in the vital records of that town. Daniel sold land in Harwinton in 1770 and 1771. I assume that this was the land he inherited from his father. (These deeds need to be checked to see if that is correct.)

The next record I have found of this Daniel is the 1790 census, when he was living in Bristol. I made another assumption, that he moved to Bristol in 1770 or 1771, and that he and Esther had children born after that in Bristol which were not entered in the vital records. This assumption is consistent with the census record, which shows two males of 16 and over, 1 male under 16, and four females. The two males of 16 and over should be Daniel himself and his youngest recorded son, Lemuel, b. 1767. The two older sons, Daniel, Jr., and Hezekiah, were both married with families of their own, and they appear themselves as heads of households in the 1790 census.

Recognizing that the male under 16 years could be a totally unrelated person living with Daniel's family, it could also be the Miles Bunnell we are concerned about. Miles appears in the 1810 census of Bridgewater twp, Luzerne co, PA, as head of household, aged 26 to 45 years, and in the 1820 census of Rush twp, Susquehanna co, PA, as head of household, age 45 and over. It is likely, though not certain, that he was the male between 50 and 60 years of age living with his son Amos in the 1830 census of Rush twp, Susquehanna co, PA. Taken together, these records narrow the age bracket to suggest that Miles was born between 1770 and 1775. If he were born in 1775, he would have been 15 years old in 1790. H could have been the male under 16 years of age.

Of the four females, one was Daniel's wife Sarah. Of the other three, two are accounted for by the two known daughters, Esther and Sarah. The fourth could well have been the Phebe who married Nehemiah Maine. Phebe and Nehemiah named two of their children Daniel and Sarah Maine.

Daniel died in 1792 in Bristol, CT. Ruth C. Duncan, in preparation for her book, WILLIAM BUNNELL AND HIS DESCENDANTS, searched the Connecticut Probate Records for references to the Bunnell family. She found Daniel's probate record and indicated in her notes: "Misc. items, no information of family."

This entire hypothesis is built on the statement that "Nehemiah Maine and his wife, Phoebe Bunnell, left Hartford co, CT around 1795" for Luzerne co, PA, included in John Stuart Butler's letter to me on 9 December 1989. Assuming that statement to be correct, I have identified the only Bunnell family in Hartford co. at the time which could possibly have been her parents and parents of Miles as well. Further research is essential to determine whether this is all a well-imagined pipe dream or whether it can be proved to be fact. That research should be focused on the deeds and probate records of the DOUD, MAINE and YALE families.

One other clue: Martin Bunnell's obituary stated that from the age of 15 to 27 he lived with "a relative, David Kelly, in Delaware county, N.Y." No indication was given as to whether this was a maternal or paternal relative, or how close the relationship was. Research on the KELLY family is also a possible avenue of attack.

If the opportunity presents itself, I hope to visit Hartford in the not too distant future to see if I can prove my hypothesis. In the meantime, if any of you can furnish any information which will prove me either right or wrong, I would be glad to hear from you.

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Whenever I can, I like to include in the Newsletter an article focusing on the career and accomplishments of a member of the family. In this issue, the offering, which begins on the next page, concerns F. Earl Bonnell, of North East, PA. For future issues, I will need more such articles contributed by my readers. Keep them coming.

The following article was originally published in the Breeze, a newspaper of North East, Erie co, PA, on 1 June 1983. It was reprinted in the July 1983 issue of The Fossil, Official Publication of THE FOSSILS, Inc., "The Historians of Amateur Journalism.," The subject of the article, F. Earl Bonnell CB008784, of North East, died 17 December 1988, and his obituary appeared in The Newsletter, Vol. III, No. 1. His great-nephew Kenneth Bonnell, of Grand Rapids, MI, furnished a copy of the article.

HOPPING ALONG ON BUNNY'S TRAIL OF PRINT

by MICHELLE MILLER

The tradition of high quality journalism is not always something printed at regular intervals and for sale at a few coins' price at the newsstand.

Sometimes it is "an occasional publication produced as a labor of love by (Fossil) Francis Earl Bonnell, at the Bunny Press, at the sign of the Rabbit, 32 Robinson Street, North East, Pennsylvania."

Thus F. Earl "Bunny" Bonnell set down his own original thumbprint of words in one of the many publications that issued forth from his motorized and manual presses at 32 Robinson between 1930 and 1967.

This proudly humble amateur journalist, a few months shy of 89, had more than a few things to teach his interviewer, a professional journalist who would rather say she is 24 than a few months shy of 25.

Old lessons rebounded back with the illustrative reality of Earl Bonnell. Amateur, the memory of a junior high Latin lesson said, comes from a Latin word that means "to love." To be an amateur means to do something out of love alone, nothing more and nothing less. Not for pay, and certainly not from the vain thrill of seeing a byline and knowing that a few thousand others will see it too. Mr. Bonnell and his "Bunny Press" proved a revelation.

Now, with the recent honor of having a complete collection of each of his press's works eagerly accepted by the Rare Books and Special Collections Department of Penn State University, it's time we all hear about him. It's time for a grubby professional journalist (who does it for money) to tell his story.

Talking to Earl, and examining his body of work, it's clear he's worked his way up to the highest rank of amateur journalist, printer, and bookbinder.

He began, though, like all of us, as a kid. Like all kids, attractions incline uniquely. All of a sudden, heart, soul, guts and brains cling to God only knows what, and God only knows why. Whether it's finding that the rhythms in music reflect the rhythms in the soul, something catches. Something inside all of a sudden matches something outside.

And then that something inside shouts "this is me, I want this always!" The echo of that cry reverberates through that kid's life, and he'll never tire of hearing it.

For the little fella who was called "Bunny" that special match was printing. When he was a boy, there were three newspapers in North East, the Breeze, the Sun and the Advertiser.

"Newspapers naturally attracted kids. We'd like to stop by and pick up some paper trims and watch the printers," he recalled. "But more than most kids, I was interested in printing, but like the average kid, I didn't have the money for it."

Years passed by with the completion of formal schooling and gaining employment as a purchasing agent at the Erie Strayer Company. That inner echo was still quite audible, and with the purchase of a hand operated press in 1925 that printed on 6" x 8" paper, he embarked upon his half century avocation as a private publisher.

At first, Earl learned largely through the trail of error and the guidance of printer friends. After four years with his first press, he replaced it with a motorized one, able to print on 8x12" paper, for \$150. Located in his basement, Earl figures he hasn't been down to see the 1,500 pound press in about ten years. It'd be worth \$2,000 today, he says. Today, he fools with the hand press in a corner of his kitchen.

The acquiring of the larger press, the discovery of the book Private Presses and Their Books by (Fossil) Will Ransom and the organization of the National Amateur Press Association was a life-changing conjunction of events for Earl in 1929 and 1930.

What began as the fun of figuring out how to print calling cards and letter heads for friends changed in shape and scope. A whole new world of possibilities was envisioned.

"It so intrigued me that people were doing things of this kind I decided that I'd do no commercial printing. I'd just print for the fun of it," Earl said. In 1930, he came out with a slim brown volume about the size of a thank you card. Entitled Along the Trail, it was 38 pages of inspirational poems, sketches, articles and sayings Earl found "along the trail" of his life. In many ways, it was a prototype for all his work, taking an optimistic, inspiration view.

During the Depression years, economy required him to more or less limit his printing to designing, producing, and sending out his own Christmas cards. These cards, many several pages long, ran the gamut from the first in 1936, of the first Christmas in the Gospel of St. Luke, and Eulogy to the Dog in 1940, to the Gettysburg Address in 1943 and the Shepard Psalm in 1946. Friends had every reason to look forward to Christmas correspondence from Bunny and his press.

The cards like small books were produced in quantities that ranged from about 100 to 200. Each copy was numbered, and carefully entered into a notebook is the record of who received which numbered card. A few of each group would be saved, always the first, #1, and the last, #100 or #200. All the work donated to Penn State early in May were the #1 editions.

Printing activities had to wait out the duration in the years of World War II, when Earl's job at the plant, which was involved with several defense contracts, expanded to 12-14 hour days and seven day weeks.

But after the hardships of the '30s and the heavy price his profession demanded during the war, the Bunny Press emerged revitalized in the mid-1940s. In the next 22 years, the press came out with several volumes; its printer looks on with a feeling of satisfied accomplishment.

His Blueprint for Happiness, from an article that includes the Sermon on the Mount, bound in blue calves skin and impressed with gold letters, his bound poem, The Wonderful One-Hoss Shay by Oliver Wendell Holmes, and The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde, all used as Christmas cards, are favorites.

Sometimes the way he imagined the finished book at the outset came far from his product. Blueprint for Happiness was meant to be in red velvet, with a gold cross on it. He ended up buying the blue calves skin from a Texas friend and cutting the 100 covers by hand.

He'd often try to set up some kind of illustrations, hiring local artists, or in the case of the Holmes poem, securing the rights to the original art as well as the words from the publisher, in this case, Houghton Mifflin.

Sometimes the hardest part, the part that'd take years was "to run down the copyright holders," he said.

Earl's projects, once he received permission to print, would take about six months of spare time to complete. "It was a hit or miss. Whenever the spirit moves you," Earl said with a nostalgic grin. In most cases, he'd set the type by hand, although on occasion, he'd use a borrowed Linotype machine. He'd cut the pages and bind the book according to the careful procedure he'd mapped out years before. And now, when he handles his works, he regards them "with Reverence. In them is the power of thought contained, and all that cometh therefrom," as Mirror of Pryntyng, a book he owns, says of the art.

Two other prized books, done in later years, are The Strange Treasure of Professor Fitzpatrick, an unusual and true story of a mid-western professor, who on a small salary, amasses a wealth of literature that so crowds his house his table is so weighted it must be held up with auto jacks, and Johnny Appleseed, his latest book, was completed in 1967.

Although only a few of these thousands of books were sold, Earl's been finding a lot of pleasure lately in discovering their monetary value. He's recently learned that an antique book collectors' magazine ad taker was seeking a Bunny Press edition of The Selfish Giant, offering \$12.50 for it.

He's also seen his life's work done up in a thesis by his niece, Jeanette Bonnell, at Western Reserve University (now Case Western) in 1950. Earl's seen his nephew, Allen Bonnell, a contributor to his first book Along The Trail, go on to become the first, so far the only, and now the retiring president of Philadelphia Community College.

It's knowing that his books have found a home at Penn State that puts a sparkle in his eye, too. He considered having them preserved at a western university, but is glad he refused that offer. "They belong here," he said, "They are strictly a Pennsylvania development."

Earl Bonnell's works never went west, then, because Earl Bonnell never went west, except, of course, for numerous NAPA conventions and other vacations. But when this interviewer was scanning his vast array of books, her eyes got caught on something about the railroads, and strangely reminded of the interviewee.

The article claimed that the railroad "destroyed the romance of frontier life" and the "pioneer character" was in danger of "becoming mythical." I'd been in danger of thinking that with the new and expensive photo lift printing techniques, pioneer characters like F. Earl Bonnell were in danger of becoming mythical.

But one of the echoes of my kid hood said something about "new frontiers" and it had occurred to me that Earl's life as a printer showed that even through adversity, they are always there. It is the characters who become mythical that find them, and show us the way.

That's not too bad a life's work for a guy who got into printing because he "enjoyed fooling around with paper, type, and ink."

Among the miscellaneous notes which Ruth Duncan passed along to me after the completion of her book, WILLIAM BUNNELL AND HIS DESCENDANTS, was a set of records copies and sent to her by Frank W. Ruckman. On the basis of his analysis of these records Mr. Ruckman contends that the James Bonnell, CB002976, who married Elizabeth Shimer, was not the same person as the Capt. James Bonnell who served in the Revolution in Sussex co, NJ, and who became a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. Mr. Ruckman asserts that Elizabeth obtained a pension by falsely claiming to be the widow of Capt. Bonnell.

I have never seen anything else that questions the identity of James Bonnell. However, I believe that issues of this kind should be thoroughly aired. I wrote to Mr. Ruckman at the address I found in the correspondence (dated 1981): Mr. Frank W. Ruckman, P. O. Box 351, La Verkin, UT 84745. My letter was returned "unable to deliver." Does anyone have a current address for Mr. Ruckman? I would like to ask him to give us an article for the Newsletter outlining his conclusions and the evidence for them.

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The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, by Sir John Bernard Burke, 1842, lists seven variations of Bonnell arms and one of Bunnell. Although I do not know to Whom the Bunnell arms were granted, It is most unlikely that The descendants of William Bunnell of Massachusetts Bay and New Haven are entitled to bear them. As a matter of interest, However, here is what they look like. Burke described them as follows: "Gules, three increscent argent. Crest – On a ducal coronet a Cornish chough rising proper." Translated, that is: On a red shield, three silver crescents open to the left (as you Look at them). Crest – On a ducal coronet a Cornish chough (a member of the crow family), in its natural color, with wings open about to take flight.



I have only a poor copy of the Bonnell arms which would not reproduce well. If I can find a better one, it will appear in a future issue.

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In Newsletter I-3, I showed you a picture of the house in Elizabeth, NJ, built by Nathaniel Bonnell, CB270005. On the next page you will find most of the text of a flier published by the Winona co, MN, Historical Society, describing one of their tourist attractions, the house build by Willard Bradley Bunnell, CB320351. His line of descent was:

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| CB260001 | William Bunnell = Ann Wilmot |
| CB270004 | Benjamin Bunnell = Rebecca Mallory |
| CB280006 | Benjamin Bunnell = Hannah Plumb |
| CB290005 | Gershom Bunnell = Margaret Johnson |
| CB300022 | Job Bunnell = Rachel Bradley |
| CB310061 | Bradley Bunnell = Charlotte Houghton |
| CB320351 | Willard Bradley Bunnell = Matilda Desnoyer |

The Historic BUNNELL HOUSE Homer, Winona co, Minnesota

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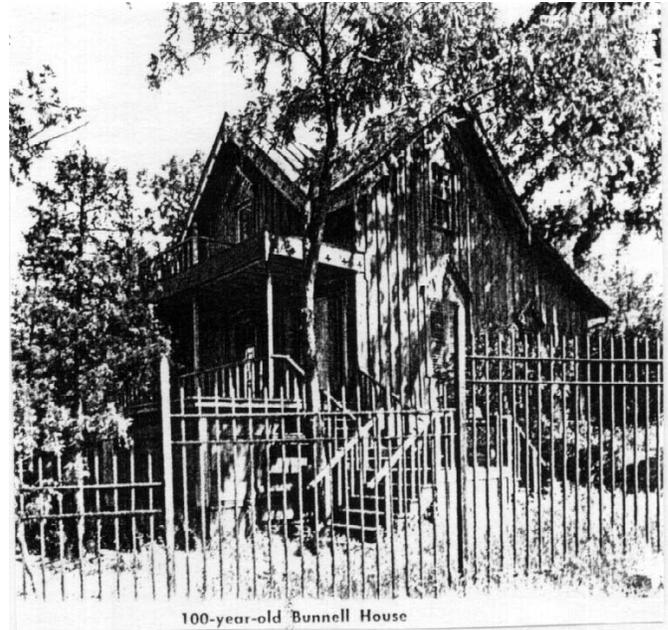
The Bunnell House was built in the late 1850's. It is Gothic Revival in style and is probably based on a design by Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852). Downing, whose designs were very popular in the mid 1800's, believed that houses should blend with the landscape. The Bunnell House illustrates his description of the Rural Gothic style, whose "outlines are high picturesque and harmonious with nature." Many families occupied this riverside cottage before it was acquired by the Winona County Historical Society in 1954.

The House

Constructed of Northern White Pine that has never been painted, the Bunnell House is built on three levels. The first level is dug into the hillside. The foundation walls are of stone. This natural insulation of the earth makes this part of the house an ideal place for the root cellar, kitchen and pantry. There is also a small alcove off the kitchen which has served many purposes throughout the years. It would have been a particularly good location for a sickroom because of its proximity to the warm and active kitchen. It may also have been the quarters for the hired girl.

The second level, which fronts Matilda Street, contains the parlor, dining room, and a small office. This part of the house was used for entertaining, formal occasions, and business. The parlor could be closed off during the cold winter months or when it was not being used. The porch across the front of the house affords a beautiful view of the Mississippi. Each of the three small bedrooms on the third level is also graced with a commanding view of either the bluffs or the river. A small space at the top of the stairs can be closed off by a screen to serve as a "travelers" bedroom.

We know very little about the house during the time that it was occupied by the Bunnell's, and only a few of the items now found in the house are known to have belonged to the family. The furnishings represent a variety of styles that were popular in America during the last half of the 19th century.



The Family

Willard Bradley Bunnell, was born in Homer, New York in 1814. He named the town of Homer, Minnesota after his birthplace. Willard met his wife, Matilda Desnoyer, while working as a steamboat captain on the Great Lakes. They were married in 1837 in Detroit, Michigan where Matilda's father worked as a fur trader. The couple moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Willard began to practice the fur trade. Following this profession, Willard eventually moved to the Trempealeau, Wisconsin area in 1842. He made the acquaintance of Chief Wapasha, a Dakota Chief, who maintained a summer camp, Ke-ox-ah, on the present site of Winona. In 1849 this Chief gave Willard permission to build a log cabin on Indian land on a site approximately 200 feet north of the present Bunnell House.

After the present house was built, probably between 1857 and 1861, Willard's brother, Lafayette, occupied the log cabin until 1901, when it was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Lafayette is remembered for his book on local history, **Winona County and its Environs On The Mississippi**. He is also credited with naming Yosemite Valley while serving in California with the Mariposa battalion of the Army during the 1850's.

Although Willard died of "consumption" in 1861 before the completion of the present home, Matilda occupied the house with her children until her death in 1867. Matilda was "a model representative of a pioneer woman." She spoke French, English, Chippewa, Winnebago, Dakota, and had some knowledge of other Indian dialects. She could shoot, paddle a canoe, and was respected by the Indians. Yet she inspired one writer who knew her to describe her as "lady-like and modestly feminine."

INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX

NEW JERSEY

(additions as of April 1988)

Submitted by Jerry Hatch

(The New Jersey data from the 1984 IGI Update appeared in the Newsletter, Vol II, Nos. 1,2,3,4. The 1988 Update includes 85 additional entries, which are presented here.)

(Bergen county – 1675 – province of East Jersey)

▶ Bergen county – Marriages:

Bonnell, Maria	Stephen Wood		19 Mar 1807
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(Burlington county – 1681 – an original county)

▶ Burlington county – Births:

Bunnell, Sarah		F	29 Jun 1787
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▶ Burlington county – Marriages:

Bonnell, Jacob	Mary Scholey		27 Nov 1760
Bunnell, Sarah	Samuel Clevenger		31 Dec 1807

(Cumberland county – formed in 1748 from Salem)

▶ Fairfield Twp, Cumberland county – Marriages:

Bennett, Robert M.	Abigail Ann Cory		05 Jul 1850
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(Essex county – 1675 – province of East Jersey)

▶ Clinton Twp, Essex county – Marriages:

Bunnell, John	Joana V. B. Johnson		25 Oct 1848
Bunnell, Sarah E.	Lewis Mulford		14 Dec 1848

▶ Newark, Essex county – Births:

Bonnell,	George Bonnell/	M	25 Aug 1850
Bonnell,	George Bonnell/	M	09 Apr 1851
Bonnell,	Alfred H. Bonnell/	M	29 Jul 1851
Bonnell,	Stephen Bonnell/	M	08 Dec 1852
Bonnell,	Frederick Bonnell/	M	08 Aug 1853
Bunell,	P. T. Bunell/	M	07 Sep 1854
Bonnell,	S. S. Bonnell/	F	02 Jan 1856
Bonnell,	Elizah_ D. Bonnell/	F	30 Oct 1857
Bonnell,	E. J. Bonnell/	F	11 Jan 1859
Bonnell,	William Bonnell/	M	03 Jul 1859
Bonnell,	D. E. Bonnell/C._ M.	M	03 Dec 1860
Bonnell,	William Bonnell/	M	05 Mar 1861
Bonnell,	E. D. Bonnell/	M	07 Oct 1864
Bonnell,	William Bonnell/	M	03 Dec 1864
Bunnell,	Joel Bunnell/	M	04 Dec 1864
Bonnell,	J. M. Bonnell/	F	17 Jan 1867

►Newark, Essex county – Marriages:

Bonnell, Adaline	Isaac C. Pierson		05 Feb 1854
Bonnell, Amelia N.	Sylvester F. Parmlee		28 Sep 1858
Bunnell, Benjamin W.	Emmaline Morris		18 Oct 1852
Bonnel, E. Irene	Alexander McKirgan		21 Oct 1863
Bunnell, Elijah Day	Mary Westervelt		12 Nov 1856
Bonnell, Elisabeth	Charles D. B. Davis		17 Aug 1852
Bonnell, Elizabeth	Oliver Lyon		03 Nov 1853
Bunnell, Emeline	David Petty		27 Jan 1856
Bonnell, Emma H.	T. Peer		14 May 1858
Bunnell, Emma H.	Tunis Peer		14 May 1858
Bonnell, Harriet	Voorhees A. Schenck		26 Apr 1861
Bonnell, Joel M.	Mary Augusta Winans		31 May 1864
Bonnell, Mattie	Thomas Hobbis		20 Dec 1860
Bonnell, Phebe J.	Samuel Headley Gardner		Apr 1819
Bonnell, William P.	Anna J. Tier		09 May 1858

►Orange twp, Essex county – Births:

Bounell,	Joseph Bounell/	F	02 Mar 1855
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(Essex county – 1675 – province of East Jersey)

(Union county – formed in 1857 from Essex county)

►First Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, Union county – Christenings:

Bonnell, Albert A.	adult	M	24 May 1839
Bonnell, Arabella	adult	F	13 Jun 1826
Bonnell, Henrietta Frances	Joel Bonnell/	F	1843
Bonnell, Sarah	adult	F	25 Aug 1848
Bunnell, Stephen	adult	M	18 Feb 1818

►Elizabeth, Essex county – Births:

Bonnell, Calvin	Nathaniel Bonnell/Elizabeth Allen	M	1774
Bonnell, Elizabeth	Nathaniel Bonnell/Elizabeth Allen	F	15 Oct 1769
Bonnell, Jonathan	Nathaniel Bonnell/Elizabeth Allen	M	23 Apr 1763
Bonnell, Luther	Nathaniel Bonnell/Elizabeth Allen	M	1774

►Elizabeth, Union county – Births:

Bennell, Anna V.	David W. Bennell/Henrietta B.	F	31 Jul 1864
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►Elizabeth Twp, Essex county – Marriages:

Bonnell, Elias	Adeline C. Young		08 May 1849
Bonnell, Henrietta F.	Stephen T. Baker		26 Dec 1849

►Elizabeth, Union county – Marriages:

Bonnell, Harriet W.	Benjamin Ogden Wade		02 Oct 1844
Bonnell, Henry A.	Anna M. Trembly		30 Dec 1865
Bonnell, Roseville V.	Eliza Britten		24 Dec 1865
Bonnell, Roswell V.	Lida Brittan		14 Dec 1865

(Monmouth county – 1675 – province of East Jersey)

► Monmouth county – Marriages:

Bonnell, John	Harriet Lippincott	1827
Bonnell, John	Hannah Lippincott	13 Apr 1827

► Shrewsbury, Monmouth county – Marriages:

Bonell, Robert	Esther Wardell	27 Apr 1704
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(Morris county – formed in 1739 from Hunterdon county)

► Chatham, Morris county – Marriages:

Bonnell, Margaret	Caleb Underhill	01 May 1828
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► South Street, or Second, Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Morris county – Marriages:

Bonnell, Mary C.	Elias W. Stiles	08 Feb 1843
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(Ocean county – formed in 1850 from Monmouth county)

► Dover Twp, Ocean county – Marriages:

Bunnell, Clark F.	Josephine T. Jeffery	1851
Bunnell, James	R. Marks	29 Sep 1855
Bunnell, Julia	Anthony Irons	24 Mar 1851
Bunnell, Melinda	Moses Brinsly	08 Mar 1856
Bunnell, Pauline	Aaron P. Irons	03 Sep 1865

► Stafford Twp, Ocean county – Marriages:

Bunnell, Rebecca	Clark F. Pearce	20 May 1866
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► Union Twp, Ocean county – Marriages:

Bunnell, Caleb	Rebecca Penn	30 May 1864
Bonnell, J. Snowden	Salina W. Pierson	22 Jan 1850
Bunnell, Sarah Ann	Joseph Acton	14 May 1865

(Somerset county – formed 1688 from Middlesex county)

► Somerset county – Births:

Bunnell, David	Steven Bunnell/	M	1764
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(Warren county – formed in 1824 from Sussex)

► Blairstown, Warren county – Births:

Bannell,	Isaac Bannell/Margaret	M	13 Mar 1853
Bannell, Sarah Caroline	John Bannell/Marsa	F	01 Jan 1855

This is THE END, Rich!