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Comment

Alaska is in the news this quarter. First of all, back in January Clem Bonnell of Milford, NJ, told *me* that he and his wife Alyne were about to leave for an extended trip to Alaska and other points in the western part of the country. Clem wanted to see the 1995 Iditarod dog sled race, for one thing. After his return he called me with information and questions about the ancestry of a family of Bunnells in Anchorage, AK, and Portland, OR, that he had met on his trip. They turned out to be children of Louis Mitchell Bunnell CB340466. I was able to provide Clem and his Alaskan friends with the Bunnell ancestry back to William the immigrant, thanks to the research done by Nona Bassett, Merced, CA.

Several weeks later I received a package from Fairbanks, AK, containing a copy of the book, FARTHEST NORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT, by William R. Cashen. It was inscribed: "To William R. Austin - This book is a gift to you from Clement M. Bonnell. I hope you find it useful in your research. Ellen Barr Cashen (Mrs. William R. Cashen)." It is the life story of Charles Ernest Bunnell CB340113, a native of Dimock, PA, who moved to Alaska after his graduation from Bucknell University, He was first a teacher, then a lawyer, then a Federal District Judge. In 1921 he was appointed first president of Alaska's first institution of higher learning, the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines. In 1935 the college became the University of Alaska, and President Bunnell continued to lead its growth and development until his retirement in 1949. Besides the life of Charles Bunnell and the story of the University, the book highlights much of the early history of the Territory of Alaska. I knew of the book, but had never seen it and was delighted to add it to my library. Many thanks, Clem.

Many of you will remember reading in the Newsletter about our long search for the parentage of Miles Bunnell of Rush, PA, and our final success. This search was initiated way back in 1959 by letters from Mrs. Mildred Anderson, Kalispell, MT. She died some years ago, and I was unable to share our success with her. This spring I received a package from Eric Anderson, Anchorage, AK. We had had no previous correspondence, and he was unaware of my correspondence with his mother. He found my name and address in a library reference somewhere and thought I might like a copy of the transcript of his grandfather's diary. His grandfather, Melville Lament Bunnell CB340236, at the age of 18 years, traveled back to Pennsylvania from his home in Wisconsin

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to visit the 1872 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. In addition he took the time to spend more than a month renewing acquaintance with his relatives in the Rush area. Throughout his trip he kept a journal. Eric's sister had transcribed the diary, and he sent me a copy. The material on his impressions of the Centennial Exposition is extremely interesting, but the local color he provided during his visit to his relatives is invaluable. He mentioned a great many people, even including a dwarf he visited who was ray wife's great great uncle and who later became a lawyer in Montrose, PA. A lot of Pat's people were from the Rush area.

I sent Mr. Anderson his Bunnell ancestry. His interest in family history has been latent, but is now awakening. He is contemplating a trip to the east this summer to meet some of his relatives. I am hoping that he will make it this far.

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Ellen Dorn, Manhattan Beach, CA, has identified for us most of the people I asked about in Newsletter Vol. IX, No. 1, page 8, from the records of the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, NJ.

She postulates that Arthur N. Bonnell was Arthur Newell Bonnell, and that he was the Newell Bonnell whose wife Phebe T., joined the church on 25 June 1837. Claude Bunnell, in his latest issue of the Database, concurs with that opinion, substituting Arthur Newell Bonnell for Arthur V. Bonnel as CB004398. We are still looking for his parents.

Mary C. Bonnel, who joined the church on 5 June 1836 and was dismissed 4 Nov. 1841, was Mary Crane Bonnell CB330538, daughter of Aaron Bonnell CB320384 and his wife Phebe Meeker. I should have picked that up myself, since her parents were dismissed on the same day.

Elizabeth Bonnell, who joined the church on 3 Dec. 1837 and was dismissed 3 Jan. 1857, is certainly the same person as the Elizabeth Bunnell, daughter of Caleb, who was christened in this church on 4 June 1817, according to the 1988 update of the International Genealogical Index. Unfortunately, when I copied the IGI data to print in the Newsletter Vol. IV, No. 2, page 26, I omitted her entry. If you have that issue, you should insert this line after Bonnell, Arabella and before Bonnel, Henrietta Frances:

Bunnell, Elizabeth Caleb Bunnell/ F 04 Jun 1817

Ellen suggests that Elizabeth was the daughter of Caleb C. Bonnel, who died 28 Oct. 1849 and his wife Charity Price, who died 7 Mar. 1848. I agree with this identification.

On the basis of IGI records and page 52 of Armstrong's "Pioneer Families of Northwest New Jersey," Ellen identifies Henrietta F. Bonnel as Henrietta Frances, fourth child of Joel Bonnell CB320485 and his wife Arabella Halsey.

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John Paul Grady, Spring, TX, excerpted the following Bunnell references from EARLY OHIO TAX RECORDS, by Esther Weygandt Rowell, reprinted with the index, by Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD). I have added the individual identifying numbers from Claude Bunnell's Database where known. I will appreciate the help of anyone who can suggest the correct identification of the others.

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CORRECTION

In Volume I, No. 4, on page 2, I stated that Jacob Bonnell married Mary Schooley, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Dell) Schooley, on 27 November 1760. Mary's parents were actually William and Elizabeth (French) Schooley. It was Mary's brother William, Jr., who married Elizabeth Dell on the same day that Mary married Jacob Bonnell. This correction was brought to my attention by both Monty Peden, Rochester, IN, and Ellen Dorn, Manhattan Beach, CA.

ANOTHER NATHANIEL

In Volume VIII, No. 2, I began to study the Nathaniel Bunnells and Bonnells who were descended from William, the immigrant. This time I will discuss the case of Nathaniel Bunnell CB310277, known as "Peg-Leg", born 3 July 1778 in Scotch Plains, Essex (now Union) co, NJ. He died 14 April 1850 in Big Creek twp, White co, IN.

Over the years I have received many fragments of information about this Nathaniel and have simply added them together in my record. Photocopies of a couple of documents which Claude Bunnell sent to me have stimulated my interest in re-examining all this data. As a result, I have had to make some significant changes in my own account of Nathaniel and his family and in that of all others I have seen.

The major problem has been to identify which of the children in his household were actually sired by him. Nathaniel was married three times. The marriages are all documented: First, on 15 January 1800 at Maysville, Mason co, KY, by George Tarvin, to ELIZABETH DONOVAN. Second, on 6 November 1821 in Warren co, OH, by Amos Sparks, Minister, to ELIZABETH (PRICE) BUNNELL, widow of his brother David CB310276. Third, on 10 March 1835 in Monticello, White co, IN, to NANCY BUNNELL, apparently a widow whose first husband has not yet been Identified.

In my files I found six different lists of children for Nathaniel, consisting respectively of six, seven, eight, nine, ten and thirteen children. (Another account, while not listing the children, stated that Nathaniel B. Bunnell was the fourth of the twelve children born to Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Donovan) Bunnell.) The longest list, thirteen, is in Claude Bunnell's Database. They are:

Isaac, b. 5 June 1802	
Stephen, b. 9 Mar. 1803	
Thomas, b. 6 Sept. 1804	
Nathaniel B., b. 27 Dec. 1805	[Another list of six names
Barzilla, b. 1807	includes an Abraham, and one
Sarah, b. 1809	of seven names includes a
John, b. 1810	Nancy, neither of them on the
Eliza Ann, b. 1816	list in the Database.]
Thomas A., b. 1833	
Elizabeth, b. 1835	
Benjamin F., b. 1837	
Samuel R., b. 1840	
Joshua, b. 1843	

It seems clear that the first six in the Database list are the children of Nathaniel by his first wife. In considering the next two, John and Eliza Ann, I will refer to the documents Claude sent to me.

The first of these documents. File A-360 in the Probate Division, Court of common Pleas, Clark co, OH, dated 6 November 1827, reads in part:

"whereas the said Nathaniel Bunnell hath by the court of Common Pleas of Clark County been appointed guardian of Nancy Bunnell aged 17 years, John Bunnell aged 14 years and Eliza Bunnell aged 10 years, ..."

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The second document, dated 27 October 1828, is in Chancery Record #3, Warren co, OH, pages 178, 179 and 180. It describes the final outcome of the petition of Nathaniel Bunnell, Guardian &c, dated 14 April 1828, for permission of the Court to sell land formerly owned by his brother David Bunnell, so that the proceeds could be divided among David's heirs. It reads in part:

""To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Warren. The petition of the undersigned, guardian of John T. Bunnell, Nancy Bunnell, and Eliza Bunnell, minor children and heirs of David Bunnell deceased, late of the County aforesaid, respectfully sheweth unto your honors that sometime about the year 1822 [sic] the said David Bunnell died intestate having a widow and the following children and heirs, to wit, Ephraim Bunnell, Morton [sic] Bunnell, Barzella Bunnell, Abraham Bunnell, Alfred Bunnell, Vesey Bunnell and James [sic] Bunnell and the said Nancy, John T. and Eliza, the wards of your petitioner. That at the time of his death he the said David was possessed in his own right in fee simple of and in a certain tract of land situate in the County aforesaid containing one hundred and twenty five acres And your petitioner would further represent that at present said land or shares of your petitioners would sell to advantage and would enable your petitioner to purchase for each a small farm or one half quarter section of wild uncultivated Land by which means their respective estates would be greatly improved. ..."

[Note that David's death is supposed to have occurred in February 1816, rather than in 1822 after his widow married his brother! Also, son Morton was really Barton and son James was really Jonas. Nathaniel, who lived in Clark co, OH, was represented by a lawyer, Francis Dunlavy, Esq., in the Warren co court. Perhaps these mistakes were his, or more likely they are copying errors.]

It would be helpful if we knew the date of death of Elizabeth Donovan, the first wife. However, I submit that John and Eliza Ann, the seventh and eighth children on the Database list, as well as the Nancy who appears on one of the other lists were children of Nathaniel's second wife by his brother, her first husband. These nine children fit neatly into the 1820 census in which Nathaniel appears in Morefield twp, Clark co, OH. The three wards seem to have been living with him that early, even though he did not marry their mother until the following year nor assume legal guardianship until 1827. That may have been in preparation for taking action to sell the property.

Nathaniel's third son Thomas later married his cousin and stepsister Nancy. Clearly, of the three wards, she was not Nathaniel's child and could not appear in the Database listing of his children.

There was no issue of Nathaniel's second marriage. Elizabeth Price, born in 1768, was ten years older than Nathaniel. She was 53 years of age when they were married.

ANOTHER NATHANIEL (Cont'd)

The last five children in the Database list are shown as the children of Nathaniel by his third wife. However, Thomas A. Bunnell was born in 1833 and Elizabeth Bunnell was born in 1835. Nathaniel Bunnell and Nancy Bunnell were married on 10 March 1835. It seems clear that Thomas and Elizabeth were children by her first husband. This is especially evident from the terms of Nathaniel's will, written in October 1845. He leaves his property exclusively to his beloved wife Nancy and his minor children Benjamin, Samuel and Joshua. Thomas and Elizabeth were also minors and were still living with their mother in 1850, but Nathaniel did not consider them his minor children. All the other children in the household were married and on their own by 1845. Probably Nathaniel had made whatever provision for them he wanted to before that time.

My conclusion is that Nathaniel Bunnell fathered six children by his first wife and three by his third, and that the other five children in his household were children of his second and third wives by their first marriages.

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To make sure that I don't gloss over or overlook some of the evidence, there is more that should be said about John and Eliza Ann, since many of the accounts list children of these names for both David and Nathaniel.

The International Genealogical Index lists the birth of John Bunnell, son of David and Elizabeth (Price) Bunnell, twice in Warren co, OH — one in 1814, and once on 14 February 1816. [I do not give much weight to either of these IGI birth records, and certainly both cannot be correct. His brother Abram Bunnell's birth is also given as 14 February 1816, patently in error, since Abram was married in 1830.] The guardianship document stated that John was 14 in November 1827. His birth must have occurred about 1813 or 1814. Unless he is the same person as John, son of Nathaniel, the petition of 1828 to sell David's land is the last record I have found which applies to him.

As far as John, the son of Nathaniel, is concerned, I have not seen any record which purports to tell of his birth. Three of the six lists of Nathaniel's children do not include a John at all. Of those that do, his birth year is given as 1810, 1812, or 1810/12.

In April 1834 Nathaniel Bunnell and his son Thomas both entered lands in Section 27, Honey creek twp. White co, IN. On 16 December 1835 John Wesley Bunnell entered lands in section 26 and Eliza Ann Bunnell in section 33, Honey Creek twp. I suggest that these were lands provided by their shares of the proceeds of the sale of David Bunnell's 125 acres, and that rather than being children of Nathaniel, they were his wards, children of his brother David. Note that the third ward. Nancy, married Thomas Bunnell, her cousin and stepbrother, in the spring of 1835. Her share would probably have appeared in Thomas's name.

The White co, IN, History records that Nathaniel Bunnell, Sr., Thomas Bunnell, John W. Bunnell, Nathaniel Bunnell, Jr. and B.[razilla]

ANOTHER NATHANIEL (Cont'd)

Bunnell all voted at an election held In Big Creek twp on the first Monday in November 1836. At an election in the same place two years later John Bunnell was not listed among the voters.

The manuscript of John A. Biles records that John Bunnell had a son Thomas who lived in Attica, Fountain co, IN, at the time Biles was gathering his data.

Claude Bunnell's Database also tells us that a John W. Bunnell CB005393, born in 1814 in Ohio, father unknown, married Elizabeth _____, who was born in 1810 in Virginia. They appear in the 1850 census in Independence, Warren twp, Warren co, IN, with two children, Elizabeth, age 6 and Thomas A., age 1. Both children appear in the 1860 census in Independence, IN, with their mother, now a widow.

On the basis of all these fragments, I believe it is safe to assume that John Bunnell CB320299, son of David, John Bunnell CB320321, son of Nathaniel, John W. Bunnell CB005393, of Independence, IN, in 1850, as well as the John Wesley Bunnell who entered land in Honey Creek twp in 1835, were all the same person.

If so, we can say that he was born about 1814 in Warren co, OH, son of David and Elizabeth (Price) Bunnell; that after his father's death he lived with his uncle and stepfather Nathaniel, who assumed formal legal guardianship in 1827; that he accompanied Nathaniel to White co, IN, as part of his family; that in 1835 he entered land in White co, along with his sister Eliza Ann, his cousin, stepbrother and brother-in-law Thomas and his uncle, stepfather and guardian Nathaniel; that in the late 1830s or early 1840s he married Elizabeth _____; that they resided in Independence, Warren twp. Warren co, IN, where he was employed as a cooper; and that he died in Independence between 1850 and 1860 leaving a widow and two children.

The same records, already cited, lead circumstantially to the conclusion that both Nancy and Eliza Ann were actually children of David, not Nathaniel; that they became part of Nathaniel's family at least by the time he married their mother, if not before; that they moved with their uncle, stepfather and guardian to White co, IN, where Nancy married her cousin and stepbrother Thomas and where Eliza Ann married Jacob Hanaway.

Hanaway descendants have always assumed that Eliza Ann's parents were Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Donavan) Bunnell. If my analysis is correct, it changes one generation of their Bunnell ancestry, but it changes the maternal line from Elizabeth DONAVAN to Elizabeth PRICE, daughter of Veazey and Ann (Barton) Price. Elizabeth Price was born in January 1768 in Frederick co, MD, married (first) David Bunnell 19 March 1796 in Mason co, KY, and (second) Nathaniel Bunnell 6 November 1821 in Warren co, OH, and died in White co, IN, before 1835.

[The document petitioning for the right to sell David's property in Warren co, OH, also raises questions about the list of David's children. I'll take that matter up in the October Newsletter.]

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Does anyone recognize this young man?

His picture appeared in the Sarasota, FL, Herald-Tribune on Tuesday, 19 February 1991. The caption says:

"Sgt. Robert Bunnell, an Army recruiter in Port Charlotte, says the emphasis has shifted from numbers to quality."

Claude Bunnell clipped out the picture and sent it to me, but there is no further information to help identify him.



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In the April 1995 Newsletter I published a small clipping showing the picture of Daniel W. Bunnell as he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. I wrote to his father asking for more information and received a reply from Nancy Bunnell, Dan, Sr.'s sister. She sent me the following corrected information: Their father, Charles P. Bunnell, was born in Tennessee. His father was Abraham Levirt Bunnell [CB007405], who was born 4 January 1882 at Mount Hope, ALABAMA. On 27 December 1903, in Lawrence co, AL, Abraham married Lewrainey Beck. She was born 25 November 1881 and died 16 January 1965 in Lawrence co, AL. Abraham died 13 January 1967 in Flint, MI. They were buried in Alabama.

Abraham's father was Abner Eliab Bunnell [CB005878], a Confederate soldier, who was born 6 February 1846 in Maryland (near Washington, DC.) On 14 January 1869 he married Mary Louisa South, who was born 30 May 1850 in Spring Valley, AL. She died 4 August 1915 at Mt. Hope, AL, and Abner died 9 January 1933 at Sheffield, AL. They were buried at Mt. Hope, AL. The only information Nancy was able to add was that Abner had brothers named Joe and Elizer and a sister Mary.

From Claude Bunnell's Database I can provide them with additional information about Abner's family. He had ten children. The IGI for Maryland (see page 42) gives his parents as William Henry and Permelia C. (Amery) Bunnell. Now, who are William Henry's parents?

ANOTHER CORRECTION

In Vol. V, No. 3, page 35, I published an incorrect ancestry for Chester H. Bonnell CB009165. Information in the current issue of Claude Bunnell's Database which was not available to me in 1991 makes it clear that Chester's father, Homer Bonnell CB009603, was actually the son of a different George W. Bonnell CB008991, son of Lewis W. Bonnell CB008988, son (previously unknown, to me at least) of William Bonnell CB005602, son of Isaac Bonnell CB005633, who settled in Guernsey co, OH, about 1812.

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OBITUARIES

Claude Bunnell completed the massive job of entering in his Database all the Bunnell, Bonnell, Bumell, etc., references in the 1920 census. After 1920, unless we have family information personally submitted by present family members, the best sources of data are the published obituaries. Therefore, we are asking your help in our effort to obtain photocopies of as many of these as possible. Many of you have sent in obituaries of your own relatives or of people unknown to you, but if you have not already done so, I would appreciate your sending me copies of any printed obituaries you may have.

Claude has printed out a list from the Social Security Death Records of all the Bunnells and Bonnells appearing on that list. I am reviewing the list to determine what obituaries we already have on file. From time to time I will be writing to you individually asking you to get copies for us from the newspaper files in your vicinity. Several of you have already received these requests.

Only the obituaries reflecting deaths which have occurred in the last year or so will be published in the Newsletter, but all will be used to bring Claude's Database and my files closer to completion.

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For this quarter the obituaries begin with that of Claude's brother, William H. Bunnell, which appeared in a newspaper in western New York:

BELMONT — WILLIAM H. BUNNELL, 79 of Hood Road, died Friday (May 27, 1994) at Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Elmira.

Born Jan. 11, 1915 in Belmont, the son of Harold and Henrietta Hair Bunnell, on April 29, 1939 in Hornell he married the former M. Elsie Mitchell, who survives.

He was a resident of Belmont most of his life, and a graduate of Belmont Central School.

Mr. Bunnell was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a life-long carpenter, retiring in 1977, and was a life-time member of the Carpenter's Union No. 66 in Olean.

He was a former member of the Oddfellows Lodge in Belmont.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Richard E. Bunnell of Belmont and Dale W. Bunnell of Newberry, Fla.; two daughters, Donna Thayer of Farmersville, Texas and Diana Zipfel of Bensalem, Pa.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three brothers, Herbert Bunnell of Wellsville, Carl Bunnell of Belmont, and Claude Bunnell of Ocean City, N.J.; several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son, David Bunnell, and a brother, Robert Bunnell.

Funeral services were held today at 2 p.m. at the J. W. Embser Sons Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Allen, pastor of the Alpha and Omega Church in Belfast officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Almond.

Memorials may be made to the Amity Rescue Squad.

[William Harold Bunnell CB360033 was descended from the immigrant ancestor as follows: William, Benjamin, Benjamin, Solomon, Isaac, John, David, Samuel Ford, Charles Ernest, Harold John, and William Harold.]

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Claude found this obituary in the Sarasota, FL, Herald-Tribune of Wednesday, 25 January 1995:

Earle H. Bunnell

Earle H. Bunnell, 77, of Sarasota and Shelby, N.C., died Jan. 23, 1995.

He was born Oct. 6, 1917, in Westbrook, Maine, and came to Sarasota from Portland, Maine. He was a retired teamster who had worked for Graf Brothers Trucking in Newburyport, Mass., for more than 30 years. He was a member of Tri Par Estates Covenant Church in Sarasota, Aldersgate Methodist church in Shelby, Corner Stone Masonic Lodge 216 in Portland and Kora Shrine in Lewiston, Maine, a past high priest with the Royal Arch Masons, and past patron of the Comer Stone Eastern Star in Portland.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; a daughter, S. Lee Hollis of Shelby; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Tri Par Estates Covenant Church. National Cremation Society is in charge.

Memorial donations may be made to Tri Par Estates Covenant Church, 1616 presidio, Sarasota 34234.

[Claude has assigned #CB018596 to Earle Bunnell, noting that his middle initial is given as "R- in the Sarasota telephone book. I have no further information on this man.]

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Carolyn Rankin, Madison, WI, sent in this obituary from the Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, WI, Sunday, 26 February 1995:

Bonnell, Harold W.

MADISON/VERONA — Harold W. Bonnell, age 95, died on Saturday, February 25, 1995 at Four Winds Manor in Verona. He was born in North Freedom on June 13, 1899, the son of William and Bertha Bonnell. On July 24, 1922, he married Helen Holmes in Aberdeen, South Dakota. In December of 1935, he went to work for the Bancroft Dairy as a mechanic where he worked until his retirement in 1972. Harold was the first employee to retire from the Bancroft Dairy. He had been a Madison resident for 69 years. Survivors include his wife, Helen of Verona; a daughter, Dorothy (Dale) Day of Madison; a granddaughter, Dalene (Charles) Homman of Rio; a grandson, Dennis (Nancy) Day of Madison; six great grandchildren; one great great grandson; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and two sisters. Funeral services will be held on Monday, February 27, 1995 at 2:00 PM at the CRESS FUNERAL HOME, 3610 Speedway Road. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until the time of service on Monday.

Under the spreading chestnut tree the Village Smithy stands. The Smith, a mighty man was he, with large and sinewy hands.

[Harold W. Bonnell CB009247 was the son of William F. and Bertha Bonnell and grandson of _____ and Mary H. Bonnell. Claude Bunnell's Database shows that he appears in the 1900 and 1920 census records. I have no further information about this branch of the family. - wra]

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Ruth Duncan Is still contributing to the Bunnell history. This time she sends us another obituary from the Hartford CT Courant of 14 March 1995.

BUNNELL. Joan R. Bunnell, 59, of Beacon Road, Windham, wife of Richard C. Bunnell, died Monday (March 13) at Hartford Hospital. She was born March 3, 1936, in Hartford, daughter of the late John and Gertrude (King) Robotham. She was a former Farmington resident moving to Windham in 1967. Mrs. Bunnell was a graduate of Central Connecticut State College, and was an elementary school teacher at the Windham Center School. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, David Bunnell of Belmont, Mass.; two daughters and a son-in-law. Nancy Bunnell of Wethersfield, and Susan and Glenn Gallo of Newington; a brother, Robert Robotham of Glastonbury; a granddaughter, Megan Gallo; several nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, 9 a.m., at St. Joseph Church, 99 Jackson St., Willimantic. Everyone is asked to assemble at the church. Burial will be 11 a.m., in Riverside cemetery, Farmington. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend calling hours today, 6-9 p.m., at the Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St., Willimantic. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Windham Center School Library, Route 14, Windham 06280, or to the American Cancer Society, 29 Ivanhill St., Willimantic 06226.

[Mrs. Bunnell's husband, Richard Carl Bunnell CB360094 is #874iii on page 342 in Ruth's book WILLIAM BUNNELL AND HIS DESCENDANTS. His descent from the immigrant ancestor is: William, Benjamin, Benjamin, Gershom, Joseph, James, Elijah, Willard Maine, Walls Willard, Richard Carl Bunnell.]

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On a more pleasant note, Larry and Carole Bonnell, Spanaway, WA, announce the birth of a grandson, Fletcher Valentine Bonnell, son of Dean Allen CB380008 and Carmen Elizabeth (Goodwin) Bonnell, born 14 February 1994. Fletcher descends from the immigrant William Bunnell through Benjamin, Benjamin, Gershom, Isaac, Daniel, Daniel, Alfred Murray, Oliver Hartley, Hartley Temple, Burt Kieth, Larry Allen, and Dean Allen.

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The next item was copied by Charles E. Bunnell, San Antonio, TX, from the Montgomery, AL, Advertiser of 27 November 1969:

FATHER SEALED LNCOLN'S[sic] CASKET,
WOMAN SAYS

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. (AP)- Mrs. Pearl Bunnell, 92, who was born in Springfield, ILL., in 1877, said she remembers her father revealing to her that he "had the honor" of sealing Lincoln's casket.

He was part of the Abraham Lincoln memorial guard.

"He was sworn to secrecy and he never talked about it," she said.

[Mrs. Pearl Bunnell, whose maiden name was Pearl Hopkins, was the wife of Bert M. Bunnell CB341168, son of Watson Allen, son of Allen T., son of Allen, son of Titus, son of Hezekiah, son of Hezekiah, son of Benjamin, son of William Bunnell, the immigrant.]

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ILLINOIS—1988 Update

Submitted by Jerry Hatch

[Mason county, formed 1841 from Tazewell]

>Mason county—Marriages:

Bunnell, Chestine E.	William L. Couchman		30 Oct 1862
Bunnell, Sarah F.	Benjamin F. Opp		01 Sep 1864
Bunell, Stephen A.	Milla Garrett		15 Oct 1841

[McLean count, formed 1830 from Tazewell, Unorganized Territory]

>Downs, McLean county, formed 1830 from Tazewell, Unorganized Territory]

Bonnell, Henry Arthur	Joseph Gatch Bonnell/Sarah Catharine Metz	M	1872
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[Perry county, formed 1827 from Randolph, Jackson]

>Perry county, Births:

Bonnell, Charles Hinman	Thomas Bonnell/Catharine Hinman	M	06 Nov 1863
Bonnell, Henry Wilber	Thomas Bonnell/Catharine Hinman	M	04 Feb 1871
Bonnell, Mary Alice	Thomas Bonnell/Catharine Hinman	F	28 Apr 1867

[Pike county, formed 1821 from Madison, Bond, Clark]

Bonnell, Albert	Emma S. Weakley or Weagley		25 Dec 1872
Bonnell, John W.	Sarah J. Drummond		10 Oct 1859
Bonnel, Joseph G.	Sarah C. Metz		12 May 1870
Bunnell, Sarah	Alfred R. Draper		16 Nov 1846?
Bunel, Sarah	Benjamin Gillum		13 Jul 1852

>Griggsville, Pike county—Births:

Bonnell, Ella May	William Wayland Bonnell/Jane Eberhart Smith	F	04 Mar 1865
Bonnell, Emily Estella	Joseph Gatch Bonnell/Sarah Catherine Metz	F	07 Oct 1873
Bonnell, Hannah	Levi Bonnell/Eliza or Elizabeth Hill	F	1842
Bonnell, Helen	Henry Bonnell/Amelia Mattox	F	08 Nov 1854
Bonnell, Henry H.	Levi Bonnell/Eliza or Elizabeth Hill	M	10 Apr 1835
Bonnell, John M.	Levi Bonnell/Eliza or Elizabeth Hill	M	1837
Bonnell, Mark	Levi Bonnell/Eliza or Elizabeth Hill	M	1848

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>Griggsville, Pike county--Christenings:

Bonnell, Ema Amelia	William Wayland Bonnell/Jane Elizabeth Smith	F	11 Mar 1865
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>Griggsville, Pike county--Marriages:

Bonnell, Helen	Eugene Smith		07 Oct 1879
Bonnell, Margaret Alice	William Walcott Watson		28 Dec 1881

>New Salem, Pike county--Births:

Bonnell, Belle	Henry Bonnell/Amelia Mattox	F	13 Jan 1859
Bonnell, Catharine	Henry Bonnell/Amelia Mattox	F	13 Jan 1859
Bonnell, Margaret Alice	Henry Bonnell/Amelia Mattox	F	21 Sep 1861

>New Salem, Pike county--Marriages:

Bonnell, Belle	Hart Farwell		19 Sep 1883
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[Warren county, formed 1825 from Pike]

>Warren county--Marriages:

Bunnell, Nancy	John Cummings		24 Mar 1836
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[Will county, formed 1836 from Cook, Iroquois]

>Will county--Marriages:

Bonnell, Hannibal Louis	Olivia Amanda Phillips		09 Mar 1845
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[Minnehaha county--1865, Territorial County]

>Sioux Falls, Minnehaha county--Marriages:

Bonnell, Frank Chester	Anna Elizabeth Gratz		1885
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[Moody county--formed 1873 from Brookings and Minnehaha]

>Flandreau, Moody county--Births:

Bonnell, Anna Lucretia	Frank Chester Bonnell/Anna Elizabeth Gratz	F	11 Mar 1886
Bonnell, Bertha Belle	Frank Chester Bonnell/Anna Elizabeth Gratz	F	01 Apr 1889
Bonnell, Julia Esther	Frank Chester Bonnell/Anna Elizabeth Gratz	F	Mar 1888

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[Cecil county, formed 1674 from Kent]

>Cecil county–Marriages:

Bonnell, Samuel L.	Ellen Mar		01 Oct 1851
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[Charles county–Original county–1658]

>Newport, Trinity Parish, Charles county–Christenings:

Bunnell, Abner E.	Henry Bunnell/Permelia	M	19 Ap4 1846
Bunnell, Caroline E.	H. Bunnell/P.	F	25 Dec 1843
Bunnell, Henry	(adult)	M	22 Sep 1844
Bunnell, Mary Jane	Henry Bunnell/Pamilia C.	F	17 Nov 1833
Bunnell, Parmelia Amery	/Bunnell	F	22 Jul 1838
Bunnell, Richard	Bunnell/	M	18 Nov 1836
Bunnell, Sophia Virginia Amery	Henry Bunnell/Permalia C.	F	08 May 1842

>Newport, Trinity Parish, Charles county–Marriages:

Bunnell, William Henry	Pamalia C. Amery		20 Dec 1832
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[Garrett county–formed 1872 from Allegany]

>Oakland, Garrett county–Marriages:

Bonnell, Annabelle	William Henry Spackman		08 Feb 1918
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[Prince Georges county–formed 1695 from Charles and Calvert]

>Prince Georges county–Marriages:

Bunnell, Reubin W.	Mary I. Mullikin		25 Apr 1840
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[Talbot county-formed 1662 from Kent]

>St. Peters Parish, Talbot county–Marriages:

Bunnell, John	Mary Hannahane		29 Jun 1722
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[Washington county–formed 1776 from Frederick]

>Hagerstown, Zion Reformed Church, Washington county–Christenings:

Beinoll, Henrich	Samuel Beinoll/Elizabeth	M	02 May
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That's all for this time. I'll be back with you in October. Have a pleasant summer.