

BIOGRAPHY OF
JOHN JAMES BUNNELL, JR

John James Bunnell, Jr (*John*⁶, *Isaac*⁵, *Solomon*⁴, *Benjamin*³, *Benjamin*², *William*¹) has been referred to in various writings as John I. Bunnell, John Jayne Bunnell, and John Bunnell, Jr. He was born in 1799,¹ probably in Candor, Park Settlement, Tioga Co, NY.² John died in 1885 in Delton, Barry Co., MI³. He married Sarah J. Sawyer, daughter of John and Elizabeth Sawyer⁴. She was born September 15, 1799, probably in Allegany, NY, and died of dysentery April 15, 1894 in Delton, Barry Co., MI⁵.

While not a lot of information is available about John, we can track some of his relocations through census reports and gazetteers.

In the 1820 census he “lived [in Newark Valley] on the same lot with his father [west side of the way, on the southwest quarter of lot 260], on the hill-side about eighty rods east of the road where no house stands now⁶.”

The censuses show John and Sarah living in Berkshire in 1830 and in Friendship, Allegany Co., NY in 1840.⁷ His residence in Friendship is confirmed in the probate and final settlement of his father’s will in 1840.⁸ Evidently John and family moved to Friendship shortly after the 1830 census. Records from the Baptist Church in Friendship show him leaving the church February 11th of that year to form a new church at Amity; records also show as members his son William in 1839, son Pomeroy and [apparently] a daughter Nancy in 1840, and finally his brother Benajah in 1841.⁹

About 1847 they moved to HopeTwp, Barry Co., MI; six of their children attended Mott school in 1848; and in the 1850 census they appear in Barry Twp., Barry Co., MI. John was a preacher.¹⁰

Children of JOHN BUNNELL and SARAH SAWYER are:¹¹

1. CALAICKEY BUNNELL
2. WILLIAM CHELSON BUNNELL, b. November 4, 1820, Berkshire, Broome Co., NY; d. August 4, 1901, N. Walworth, Walworth Co., WI; m. RHODA MELISSA CAMPBELL, December 24,

¹ Source B73: *Bunnell and Allied Families*, by Joan England Murray, Palatine, IL, 1990, Page 119.

² See Biography of his father, John Bunnell for a discussion of the probable residence of the family at the time of John J. Bunnell Jr.’s birth.

³ Source B73: Page 119

⁴ Source B73: Page 119 and FH5: “Descendents of Thomas Bonnell of Flanders.” An unpublished family history compiled by Terri Mulliken Allen, Page 15

⁵ Source FH5: “Descendents of Thomas Bonnell of Flanders.” An unpublished family history compiled by Terri Mulliken Allen, Page 15

⁶ Source: B41: *Historical Gazetteer of Tioga County, New York, 1785 - 1888*, W.B. Gay & Co., Syracuse, NY, 1887 (Reprint by Tioga County Historical Society, Owego, NY, 1985), Page 248

⁷ Source FH5: Page 15.

⁸ Source WI-1B: Proof of Will for John Bunnell; Tioga County, NY County Clerk Office, Will Book D, Pages 414-421.

⁹ Source B82: *Baptist Church, Friendship, Early Settlers of New York State*, Vol. VII, No. 4 October 1940; Reprinted *Early Settlers of New York State Vol. II* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1993) Pages 437 and 438. Reproduced on Broderbund Software’s Family Archive CD #183 (Early Settlers of New York State, 1760-1942)

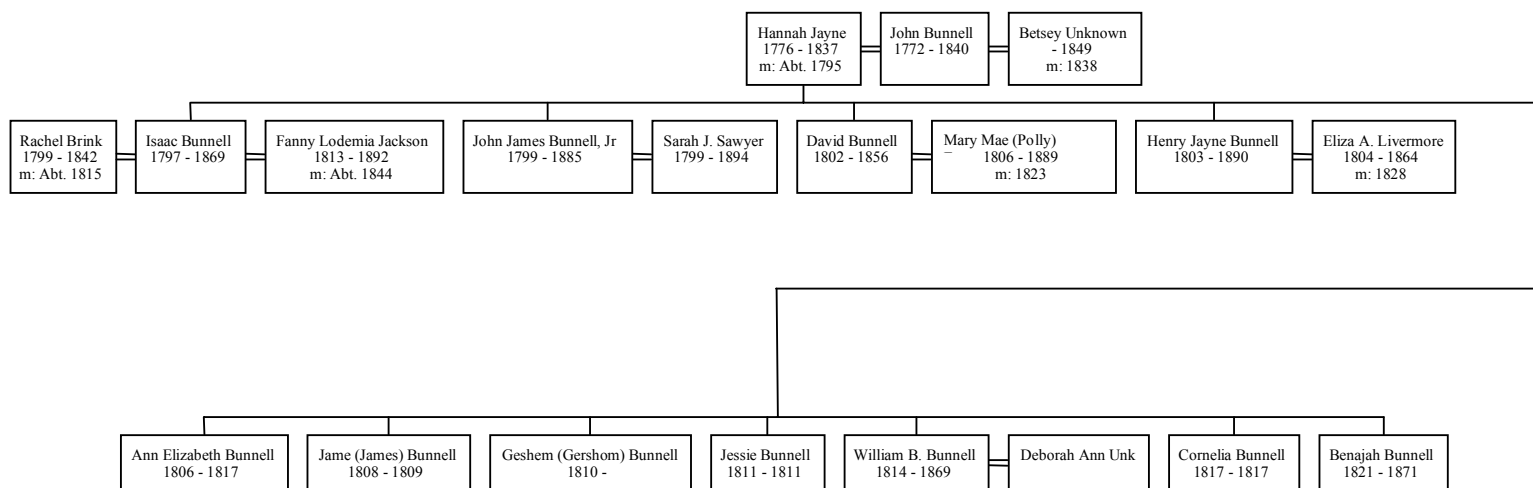
¹⁰ Source FH5: Page 15

¹¹ Source FH5: Pages 15 and 16. Note: Reva Barnhill of Sugar city, ID, descendant of W. C. Bunnell, says William was born in Wirts, Allegany Co., NY.

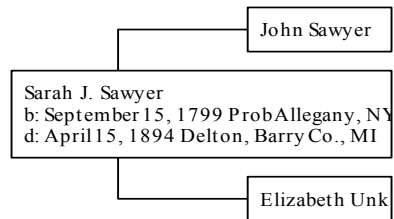
- 1850; b. September 26, 1826, Allegany Co., NY; d. April 26, 1905, N. Walworth, Walworth Co., WI.
3. UNK BUNNELL, b. March 21, 1821. This may be Nancy Bunnell, mentioned in ref. B82: Baptist Church, Friendship, *Early Settlers of New York State*. If so, the same source indicates that she died in 1840.
 4. NATHANIEL POMEROY ASPINWALL BUNNELL, b. March 16, 1826, Berkshire/Owego, Tioga Co., NY; d. August 27, 1915, Fort Payne, De Kalb Co., AL; m. (1) LOIS R. MCKAY, August 2, 1848, Ross, Kalamazoo Co., MI; b. January 29, 1829, Augusta, Kalamazoo Co., MI; d. February 2, 1857, Ross Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI; m. (2) JAMIMA ELIZABETH LEWIS, November 8, 1868; b. July 16, 1844, AL; d. January 7, 1909, AL. Family stories in Jamima's family say that N.P. had a third wife in Michigan after the Civil War at the SAME TIME he was married to wife number two. After his death, his Michigan wife and her son came to DeKalb County, Alabama looking for him.
 5. ISAAC S. BUNNELL, b. October 8, 1828. Abt. 1860, Moved to DeKalb Co, IL from MI
 6. MARY A. BUNNELL, b. Abt. 1830.
 7. SARAH P. BUNNELL, b. Abt. 1832.
 8. AARON MILES BUNNELL, b. February 19, 1833.
 9. ELIZABETH (LIBBY) BUNNELL, b. Abt. 1834. Lived probably in MI
 10. JOHN JAMES BUNNELL, b. June 16, 1837.
 11. EMILINE B. BUNNELL, b. March 17, 1841.
 12. ABRAM S. BUNNELL, b. June 26, 1844.

This ends this Bunnell line in Tioga County, NY and this compiler will not pursue that line any farther in this book. For an excellent continuation of this Bunnell line in the Midwest, I recommend Ms. Murray's book referenced in the footnotes.

Siblings (and their spouses) of John James Bunnell, Jr



Ancestors of Sarah J. Sawyer



Children (and Their Spouses) of John and Sarah J. (Sawyer) Bunnell

