Mantorville Memoirs of Alonzo Enos Bunker

...to generations yet unborn...

Alonzo’s memoirs continue from the May 2019, edition (page 2342). Here, he related tales of school days thru later life with methodical details; one can only marvel how he recalled the events. Regardless, his story is a prime example of why you should record your life story ...to generations yet unborn... do not become another silent tombstone (see photo, page 2339).

EDUCATION

As noted above the first school was conducted by Mrs. Esby during the winter of 1855-6, in a log house just east of the present Hubbell House. We sat on benches hewn from logs, supported by wooden pegs, but had no desks. I was there, and have not forgotten all I learned. The following summer, residing on the farm north of M. (Mantorville), we attended a school in the "Garvin District," taught by Miss Frances Kenney, of Milton. Early in 1857 Miss Crozier (now Mrs. Gardner) opened a school in a log building, erected by Peter Mantor, east of the river. On the first day of school, Miss C. told the pupils she did not want them to call her "Teacher" but we might address her as "Miss Crozier," or "Mollie," and asked us to express our preference. With one accord, the pupils yelled "Mollie," and so it has been to this day. In this school I distinguished myself and won a prize, by beating the others to it, in learning the multiplication table. One morning Mollie announced that she would give 25¢ in silver to the pupil, who first learned the table, expecting some to report the following day. I got busy and reported before the forenoon recess, receiving the prize, which then looked as big as a cart wheel. I remember how heartily we used to sing the multiplication table in this school.

Other teachers of early days, whom I recall were Mason, Gamsby, McCauley, Cunningham, Jones, Bucklin, Andrew, Mrs. Tuttle, Taylor, Payne and Jennese. Mason taught in the Hemen Smith building just below the court house, subsequently owned by Hooker, and still later by Kimball. Speaking, of Hemen Smith reminds me of a story Ben Cook needs to tell. Smith was very particular about his appearance and always looked as though he had just come out of a band box, without wrinkles, spot or blemish on his clothing. The two gentlemen took a trip somewhere together, and were assigned to the same room at night. Cook quickly disrobed, got into bed, and went to sleep. He said he woke along toward morning, and was surprised to see Smith standing on a chair, in the act of removing his trousers, so as not to disturb the creases.

My recollections of Mason were that he was rather severe in administrating punishment. Instead of applying the rod, he had a way of grabbing a boy by the collar, yanking him out of his seat and swinging him around. During one of these exercises, Frank Speight’s feet struck a girl, sitting in the front row, injuring her slightly. The school board reprimanded Mason and suggested that he change his method of punishment to one less dangerous to the innocent bystander. The scholars unanimously supported the Board.

Gamsby taught in a room over the Porter & VanAnder store. He was not a success as a disciplinarian and was soon at the mercy of a group of the older boys. One morning when he appeared in the schoolroom, shortly before 9 o'clock, he was greeted by the following written on the blackboard at an earlier hour by one of the boys:

Oh Lord of love, come down from Above, and bless the poor committee, Who hired a fool to teach the school, in this, our little city.

Mr. Gatsby was requested to resign, before the end of his first term. He was succeeded by McCauley, who sustained his reputation as a good disciplinarian. He soon won the respect and cooperation of parents and pupils to the extent that his administration was a success. I think he resigned on account of poor health.

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President’s Dialogue

It seemed strange to observe the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill without the camaraderie of cousins from near and far. Meanwhile, Boston continued her annual tradition with the 233rd Bunker Hill Day Parade on Sunday, June 16th. Was it really six years ago when the Bunkers and Breeds marched together up Bunker Hill Street and skirmished on the Monument lawn for bragging rights? We were fifty-eight hearty cousins that rejoiced in our centenary of genealogical longevity. We prayed at the graves of our ancient ancestors and dedicated a memorial bench to our progeny. Now we accept the approaching decline of our numbers and agonize about the next 100 years; no doubt, Boston will still be marching. Will the Bunker Family Association still champion unconnected cousins or will the double helix of deoxyribonucleic acid, ultimately define our destiny?

The June 28th deadline is past and the results of BFA Constitution and By-Laws amendment changes have been tallied. I am pleased to announce your unanimous “yea” votes have been recorded, so too was the approval of electronic meetings and voting procedure. We shall no longer worry about the qualifications of fifteen voting members; the quandary of a quorum is quashed.

The Bunker Banner Report on page 2352 indicates the recent May edition reduction in printing costs of nearly fifty percent. This is a consequence of eliminating BFA members that were not in “good standing” and by converting libraries and historical societies to a PDF format. These institutions receive courtesy publications of our newsletter and we will continue that consideration through the revised arrangement. An anonymous donor paid for postage and helped reduce the overall cost of our circular; you should expect another substantial drop in the 2020 Bunker Banner budget.

Articles about a Bunker Coat of Arms have been earlier published on these pages; however we received a recent query from England regarding the “coat.” Cousin Andrew Bunker is researching his Bedfordshire family tree and wondered about a heraldic legacy. The answer is found on page 2358. Jolly good question, Andrew.

Alonzo Bunker (page 2349) wrote the captivating lead story one hundred years ago in May 1919. It was addressed to the Program Committee, Dodge County Old Settlers Association, Mantorville, MN. I invite you to enjoy his trip down memory lane.

gil Bunker 2350
Devonshire Bunkers – 2000
-Bette Bunker Richards

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-Bette Bunker Richards

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Bunker Family History –Henry L. Bunker, III; 1984; 147p;
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Bunker Genealogy 1942 –Edward C. Moran; Dover branch
James (D-1) to the 11th generation; Maine census records;
hardback; index; geographical index; 232pp; $29.95 $24.

We have the last two in stock, ready for shipment.

Bunker Genealogy 1931 –Charles C.W.O. Bunker; with
Charlestown, Nantucket, Delaware, Maryland branches;
hardback; bibliography; index; 797pp; $88.85 $49.00.
Only three more remain.

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Bunker Babble

* Thousands of Swedish citizens are opting to have microchips inserted into their hands. “The chips are designed to speed up users’ daily routines and make their lives more convenient – accessing their homes, offices and gyms is as easy as swiping their hands against a digital reader.” The tiny microchips – about the size of a grain of rice – can also store emergency contact info, use as electronic tickets for sport events and fares on public transportation. About 4000 Swedes participate in the program. The American Legion magazine, May 2019. Good Grief! Does this replicate George Orwell’s novel, 1984 about big brother’s surveillance tactics? *

BRUCE & BARB BUNKER, Richmond Hill, Ontario

found this intriguing signage on a journey to their summer cottage in Haliburton. Inquiring minds wanted to know more but regretfully the recent entreaties met with negative responses. * To Honor and Commemorate the brave men of D-Day on their 75th Anniversary - You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hope and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. - Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely. - But this is the year 1944! The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to victory. - I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. - We will accept nothing less than full victory. - Good luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking. - General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander - June 6, 1944. *

It is also fitting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the man on the moon that some still claim is pure fiction. “On July 20, 1969, American astronauts Neil Armstrong (1930-2012) and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin (1930-) became the first humans ever to land on the moon. About six-and-a-half hours later, Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon. As he set took his first step, Armstrong famously said, That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind. The Apollo 11 mission occurred eight years after President John F. Kennedy (1917-1963) announced a national goal of landing a man on the moon by the end of the 1960s. Apollo 17, the final manned moon mission, took place in 1972.”

SOURCE: Wikipedia * Wouldn’t you rather see this column filled with more BUNKER stuff? As the editor, my repartee is, I CAN’T HEAR YOU. Countless times my request for your news and tidbits were unanswered; surely you have something to say, Bunky * gb *
2019 Scholarship Recipient
ELIZABETH OXAAL, NY

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce
the beneficiary of the 2019 Annabelle Moore
Scholarship is Elizabeth Oxaal, Cohoes, NY. She is the
daughter of Mary Oxaal, a faithful member of the
Bunker Family Association.

Elizabeth is a 4.0 student at Augustine Classical
Academy. She plans to attend Hillsdale College and
pursue a degree in journalism and English. Elizabeth is
very active in the Children of the American Revolution
organization, currently serving as the New York Chapter
President. She was able to join the C.A.R. due to her
ancestor, Barnabas Pond, who reportedly enjoyed
playing cards with the Marquis de Lafayette during the
American Revolution. Elizabeth has been active in other
activities, as well as C.A.R. We are proud to award her
the Annabelle Moore Scholarship bequest.

LiAnn Pennington
Scholarship Chair
Bunker Family Association

Dear Bunker Family Association,

Thank you so much for your generosity in
awarding me the Annabelle Moore Scholarship!
The proceeds will greatly help me in my
academic pursuits at Hillsdale College. At
Hillsdale I hope to take part in a program that has a semester in
Washington, DC and this money would be
perfect to set aside for that pursuit.
I will always remember and cherish my family history as I move forward in life.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Oxaal

Website Coordinator Report

Positive news - our website expenses will be the same as
last year (abt. $140.00). Result of election follows:

Ballots Cast Electronically
Votes in favor - 16
Votes against - 0

Ballots Cast via USPS
Votes in favor - 8
Votes against - 0

Constitution and By-Laws amendments are approved.
Electronic records forwarded to BFA Secretary.

NH Launches Online Database for More Than 16,000 Historical Records

By ROBERT GARROVA - 16 Apr 2019
State officials launched an online database Tuesday that
gives users access to more than 16,000 historical
documents.

It's called the Enhanced Mapping and Management
Information Tool (EMMIT). Envisioned about 20 years ago, the system provides instant access to records.

Hundreds of dots populate an aerial map, and with a
click each one could lead to photos, property records and
in this particular case a 91-page file on the historical
significance of a Concord neighborhood.

“What are the different types of housing in the area,
when did all of that happen, and why did it happen,”
says Muzzey. “It has a lot to do with the railroad yards
across the street from us.”

Muzzey says she hopes the system will prove invaluable
for environmental researchers, engineering firms and
history buffs alike.

“And basically anyone who is interested, perhaps, in
their own house's history or the history of their
communities, certain themes in history, will want to take
a look at EMMIT and see what else there is out there,”
Muzzey says.

After a short registration period, users will be able to use
the system as long as they have an internet connection.
Although there is a fee for using the system ($60-a-
month or $400 for a yearly subscription) Muzzey says
the department will determine the cost on a case-by-case
basis.

NH Division of Historical Resources
Submitted by Bette – 18 Apr 2019

Bunker Banner Report

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The May edition printing cost was reduced by nearly
fifty percent; yet included a Ballot insert. The donated
postage increased from bulk rate to 2-oz 1st Class mail.

Respectfully submitted,
gil Bunker, Ed.
Military Bunkers

Anna Burnett Bunker - RN 8260, D-751F-I, 30th Womens’ Army Corps

ENLISTMENT DATE: 25 Sep 1942 - Enlistment State: Oregon - Enlistment City: Portland - Branch: Women’s Army Corps Branch - Code: Inactive - Reserve Grade Code: Aviation Cadet - Term of Enlistment: Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law - Component: Women's Army Corps - Source: Civil Life

EDUCATION: 4 years of college - Civil Occupation: Projectionist, Motion Picture or Stenographer or Teletypewriter Operator or Typist or Court Reporter or Stenotype Operator or Clerk-Typist - Marital Status: Single, without dependents - Height: 64 - Weight: 122 - Birth Year: 1917 - Race: White, citizen - Nativity State or Country: Colorado - State: Oregon - City: Benton.

SOURCE: BFA mil db

“Here is a photo of Anna Burnett Bunker in her uniform with the 30th WAAC detachment. Anna was the daughter of Ernest Clement Bunker [1982 BunGen p.273] and Anna Frances Burnett. She was born in 1917 in Colorado. She grew up in Corvallis, Oregon and died in 2003 in California. She married 1st Dean H. Elliott and they had two daughters. She married 2nd Frank Raymond. She attended Oregon State College (now University) and shortly after graduation joined the army as a member of the original WAAC. This picture was given to me by Bryan Howard of the Fort Sam Houston Museum. The photo was part of an album that was donated to the museum. A copy of her obituary follows.”

Sincerely,

James Paxton – 25 Mar 2019

ANN BUNKER ELLIOTT
1917-2003

Ann Bunker Elliott (Raymond) passed away of heart failure, at age 86, on November 2, 2003, in Bakersfield, California. Born in Monte Vista, Colorado, on October 10, 1917, Ann moved to Oregon as a small child and grew up in Corvallis.

Following graduation from Corvallis High School, Ann earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Secretarial Science from Oregon State College (now University) while actively pursuing her journalistic interests by working on both the newspaper and the year book. Shortly after graduation, she joined the army as a member of the original WAAC, training in Des Moines and San Antonio, an experience she valued highly.

Ann moved in 1944 with her father and younger sister to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she worked in Continuity and Programming at radio station KVOR. There she met another staff member, radio engineer and musician Dean Elliott. Their shared love of music was a strong connection. Ann and Dean Elliott married June 30, 1947, Santa Rosa, CA.

In 1949 they moved to Eureka, where Ann became a caseworker for the Humboldt County Welfare Department and later the Director of Eureka Parent Nursery. After earning her Elementary Teaching Credential from Humboldt State University in 1959, she taught first grade for several years. She was then appointed Elementary District Librarian for Eureka City Schools.

She completed her Master’s Degree in Library Science at San Jose State University and remained District Librarian until her retirement in 1983. At that time, the Elementary Library was renamed the "Ann Elliott Resource Center" in honor of her years of outstanding service to the Eureka City Schools.

In 1997, Ann Elliott wed her second husband, Frank Raymond. They lived in Eureka until February 2001, when they moved to Santa Rosa. In July of this year, health issues required that Ann move to Bakersfield. Always in love with language, as well as music, Ann continued to write all her life, from poetry to various forms of prose. Her words appeared in such publications as The Horn Book and Marriage and Family Living, and her Exploring Our World: Humboldt County was adopted as a supplemental text in Humboldt County Schools. Ann’s biography was published in Who’s Who of American Women and Who’s Who in the West.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Dean Hamblin Elliott, who died on May 1, 1988, and also her oldest daughter, Alison Elliott Juric, who passed away only two months ago on September 6, 2003.

Memorial service held on November 29, 2003.

Eureka Times-Standard - Nov. 23, 2005

D-751F-I ANNA BURNETT (1982 BunGen p.273)

Submitted by James Paxton, Lynnwood, WA

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A. E. Bunker Memoirs - Part II

The “old stone” school house, now occupied as a residence by G. H. Slocum (and where I suspect he is still absorbing knowledge), was erected in 1857. Mr. Cunningham was the first teacher in that building. He was very methodical in adhering to his program which provided for settling with refractory pupils promptly at 3 o’clock for “breaches of etiquette” committed after that hour the day before, and previous to that hour on the day of reckoning. Just as regular as 3 o’clock came, I got what was coming to me. But I soon learned to prepare for the event. I went home for dinner, during which hour I put on an extra pair of trousers, so I was well padded. Cunningham was a small man and couldn't hit very hard, and it didn’t last long anyway. On Saturday Cunningham would bring from the nearby woods a bundle of switches, a foot or so in diameter, and store them in a closet in the hall. About 2:30 p.m. he would bring a few of the “persuaders” into the school room and place them in the long drum on top of the big box stove. I can testify as an expert that in cold weather the switches will wind around better if first well warmed. After school hours, one day some of the boys of experimental age visited the closet, took out the switches and with their knives cut rings four or five inches apart, through the bark the entire length and put the switches back. As usual, I was the first to try the switches on, while the boys who were “wise” watched anxiously for the result. It was a success. Selecting a good one from the stove drum and standing at the proper distance, the blow fell on my padded legs; but the switch flew into several pieces. Grabbing another, the effect was the same, when inspection showed the cause. I don't know who cut the rings around those switches, but my recollection is that Dar Shultes and Lute Nichols were suspected. But the worst punishment Cunningham ever inflicted on me was taking me home to dinner with him one day and introducing me to his wife. I don’t know what we had for dinner, but I distinctly I remember the figures on the wall paper, where my eyes were most of the time. I thought I would rather take a dozen lickings.

Jones was up to date for those times; in fact, many of his methods are in vogue today. They were the happy days. It seemed to me, however, if anybody laughed or disobeyed the rules, I was suspected of having a hand in it. I was in about the same mental condition as the boy, at whose home came a baby sister. After school, the following day, the boy was seen hanging about the after other pupils had gone home. The teacher said “Why, Jimmie haven't you gone home yet? I should think you would want to hurry home to see that dear little baby sister.” The boy replied: “No, I ain’t goin' home, cause I don’t want to see any sister.” The teacher expressed surprise, and responded “Why don't you want to see her?” The boy answered: “Cause Pa will blame me for it. He blames me for everything.”

About all I remember of Bucklin is that the scholars thought he was lazy. He world remain sitting in his chair while administering corporal punishment with a “hickory.” The culprit would glide back and forth before the executioner taking his medicine as he passed a certain point. Andrews was mild mannered man, beloved by all, and was considered a good teacher. Mrs. Tuttle kept the pupils busy and made a good record. Taylor, Payne and Jenness, being college-bred men, were head and shoulders above the average teacher of their day. There were very likely others, whose names escape my memory, concerning whom interesting experiences could be related.

We didn't have janitors in those days. The older boys would take turns in building fires, sweeping out, etc., each serving a week. One blizzard day during Mr. Taylor’s administration, it did not seem safe for girls and younger pupils to venture out; but half a dozen boys went to the school house, built a rousing fire, and then delegated two of their number to secure half gallon of molasses and a kettle, with which we made a batch of molasses candy, and had a good time. About noon Prof. Taylor put in an appearance, took in the situation, smiled, and addressed the boys about as follows: “Well, boys, while the inclement weather deprives many of school privileges, I am glad you are interested in education, and having a sweet time.” The boys all loved Mr. Taylor. One Saturday about a dozen gathered at his residence with saws, bucks and axes, and put the “finishing touches” on two cords of hard, Maple wood; after which Mrs. Taylor served coffee and doughnuts.

Teaching seems to have been a habit of the Bunker family. I have heard my mother tell of her teaching experiences in New Hampshire before her marriage. She taught for the magnificent salary of one dollar and a quarter a week, and “boarded around.” This “boarding around” was custom in country districts in Minnesota in pioneer days. My eldest sister, Abbie was one of the early teachers in Dodge county. She recalls four different buildings in which she taught in Mantorville. In one of these her associate was Emma Slocum (now Mrs. Dr. Sadler, of Mount Dora, Florida). She also taught a term or two in Canisteo, in the Stowell-Hallett district, also what is now Kasson. My sister Mattie taught in Vernon or Canisteo, in the eastern part of Mantorville, in the Loring district, in the Morris district, in Milton when Frank Morris, now of Glendale, Calif., was one of her pupils. She also taught many years in the St. Paul High School, after being graduated from Winona Normal. My sister Jennie taught in Rice county. My brother, Walter
taught book-keeping in the St. Paul Commercial College after graduation from that institution. The writer taught his first term in a Norwegian settlement in Vernch, while Prof. Payne was county Superintendent during the winter of 1867-8, I think. There was not an American in the district. I boarded with Severt Olsen, at one time Judge of Probate. My pupils were mostly grown men in their twenties and thirties, including one of the school board, 35 years of age. The average age of a scholar was...

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...own language and applied themselves diligently to learn the language of their adopted country, making rapid progress. There was no trouble in governing that school. In 1869 I went to St. Paul to attend the Commercial College. Completing the commercial course, I returned to Mantorville the following winter, and taught a term in the Terry-Taylor district near Union Corners. S.T. Jones was Co. Supt. My parents lived at the mill, below town at that time. I usually walked home - about five miles from my school Friday p.m., returning on Monday morning. Sometimes the return trip was made on horse-back, turning the horse loose when I nearly reached my school house, the animal always reaching home safely. Later I taught book-keeping about five years in Carleton College, At Northfield, while a student, and while employed in the First National Bank there, of which I was a Teller at the time of the James and Younger raid, in 1876. My youngest sister, May, used to play school," but was too busy to teach. She said it took too much time."

As my parents were charter members of the Congregational Church, I am more familiar with the early history of that denomination in Mantorville. In 1866 Rev. Richard Hall, of New Hampshire, came to Minn., and was appointed Home Missionary Supt. of Congregational churches in Minn. and part of Wisconsin, which position he held for eighteen years, organizing many churches of that faith during that period. He visited Mantorville in 1856 or 1857, and found a few persons anxious to organize a church. About this time Rev. Charles Shedd (best known as Father Shedd) came from N. H. to Minn. locating at Zumbrota. Rev. Hall had been a former pupil of Father Shedd, having been fitted for college by him. He induced Father Shedd to come to Mantorville and look over the ground, with the view of organizing a church. He preached here a few times during the fall of 1857, and in the spring of 1858 organized the Congregational Church of Mantorville. The organization service was held in our home on the east side of the river. There were eight charter members, viz: Mr. and Mrs. James Winters; Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Rice; Dr. and Mrs. Harry Rice and Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Bunker. Mr. Winters was appointed the first deacon and served in that capacity until his removal from the state. He was succeeded by my father who served till the time of his death in 1871.

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...sometimes in the school house, alternating with the Methodist or Episcopalians at other times in the building occupied as a store by Page & Garrison; or in a building on Main Street owned by my father. The upper floor of the VanAnden building was needed for this purpose for some time. Later services were held in the court house. Father Shedd was succeeded as pastor in 1865 by Rev. L.J. Sawyer, who remained but a few years, but was loved by all. He was succeeded by Rev. N.W. Grover. These early pastors encountered many difficulties in presenting their good work, but left moments worthy of their memory

EARLY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES
On the boat trip in 1855, from Galena to Winona was a Methodist minister, named King, with whom our family became acquainted. Soon after our arrival he came to Mantorville and held the first religious service in the village in the home of Mr. Rossiter, a log house nearly east of the Hubbell house.

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Mrs. John Elbridge1 Bunker's (above left) husband is an uncle of Alomzo Enos2 Bunker, the author of this article. The donor of the photo & article is Link Smith; his father is the infant in this four generation image.

2355
It was customary in those days to pay the pastor so much, and give him a donation besides, which sometimes amounted to more than salary. These donation parties, as they were called, were popular affairs. Wearing apparel, food and wood were contributed, and the event was celebrated by a big “feed,” to which everybody was invited. At one of these functions George H. Slocum ate two more pieces of cake than I could dispose of, but I quit one piece ahead on the pie.

From time to time the ladies of these early churches held meetings at the somewhat scattered homes of the members, in the capacity of “Sewing Societies,” “Ladies Aid” and kindred organizations. Many a time did I contribute to this good work by hitching “Bill” and “Charley,” that yoke of blacks, raised and trained by Joel Brooks, and purchased by my father—said to be the best yoke of oxen ever in Dodge County (hitched) to a lumber wagon, with boards placed crosswise on the box, for seats, gather up the ladies, drive over the prairies, and deposit them at the common meeting place, and take them home again. On the return trip, the oxen sometimes became anxious to get home, and were nervous. If you have never engineered a “frisky” yoke of oxen, with a dozen women as passengers, each with a decided and different opinion as to the best method of driving, and all telling how at the same time, you don't know what I passed through. But, “I done it,” and am still alive to tell the story. Afterwards I performed similar service with a good team of horses, and still later (in cities) with an automobile. But I am drifting into “today” and will stop before I get to “aviating” with the ladies.

UNCLASSIFIED EPISODES
Please give me credit for not mentioning the hail storm of 1858; the rutabaga and buckwheat winters; the Sioux Indians outbreak of 1862; the time Sam Lord “changed his mind” about racing the horses home from the river, and some other events that others will relate. But, but as it may not be generally known by the present generation that Cordie Severance was a “deep Bible student” in his boyhood days, being quite familiar with Scripture lore. I will relate an incident showing his proficiency. His investigations have been along other lines recently. In a Sunday school class, taught by my sister Mattie, of whom Cordie was a member, she was showing the boys Bible pictures, and explaining the events illustrated. Coming to the picture of Cain killing Abel, the teacher asked if anyone knew what was represented. Cordie’s hand was up immediately and he answered “Yep, its Adam lickin’ the devil.” Possibly, I should have classified this under “Religion.”

Then, I remember the time a young cow, belonging to Mr. Shultes, clandestinely visited a shed, in which my father kept some flour and feed. The cow gorged herself with flour, after which she went to the creek and filled any remaining space with water. Soon it was observed the cow was indisposed, and the cow doctor of the village was called. No one knew at the time the cause of the trouble. The doctor diagnosed the case, looked wise, and prescribed the remedy he always did for any cow trouble, which was yeast. About a quart of yeast was poured down the patient’s throat. Soon there was “something did ling.” The poor cow “rose” to the occasion; swelled up, and literally “basted.” I hardly dared classify this in the “Social Column.” My wife, formerly a Red Wing girl, says it seems to her more people have come from Mantorville than from any other place on earth. We have a number in and about Los Angeles, at present. George Charnock has resided at Palms many years. With him now are Dr. George Garrison and his sister, Ella LaDoe. Sam Slocum and Frank Willson are here, and both stand high in their professions. George Ingrsham and Albert Hubbell are in the Soldiers’ Home in Sawtelle. Lew Miller is a prosperous orange grower, of Glendora. Mrs. Adams (formerly Helen Wilkes) resides in the City, as do Gussie (Slocum) Benton and her good husband, Judge Benton, formerly of Dodge Center. Fontie Jones (now Mrs. Smith) resides at Linwood, nearby. Mrs. P.S. Ruth and Mrs. J. Newhart live in a nearby suburb. Frank Morris and family are now in Glendale. Cary (Severance) Howard and Mrs. Heinz (the latter daughter of J. Lenthold) live only a few blocks from the writer. Eugene Menardi is a grocer of Los Angeles. He says I saved him from drowning, when we boys were in swimming at the “old deep hole,” but he charges me 15 cents a pound for onions, just the same as he does anyone else. Frank West and Nina (Pierce) Barnes visited me a month or two ago. Doubtless there are others, whose names escape me for the moment. We met many former and present residents of Dodge county at the annual Minn. picnic in February. I trust the few who are left will soon come to Southern California that I may show my wife what a fine lot of people I associated with in my youth.

All hail to the pioneers of Dodge County, Minn. With cordial greetings to all,

A.E. Bunker
May 1, 1919

Submitted by Link Smith, Glenview, IL

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Searchlight Community Center
CAMALOT TODD - Las Vegas Sun

About an hour drive south of Las Vegas, cruising down a sea of asphalt, underneath a seemingly endless sky that hovers over a landscape void of much but Joshua trees and cactus, Searchlight rises out of the Mojave Desert. The old mining town and childhood residence of former U.S. Sen. Harry Reid is home to about 530 residents, many of whom live with scant amenities the town has to offer. Among the notables: an elementary school, Denny’s, McDonald’s and senior center.

Then, there’s the Searchlight Community Center, a low slung, beige building that appears to be the epicenter of the town. It houses a library, food bank, museum, meeting space, Clark County Parks and Recreation satellite office and more.

Retiree Jodi Collingham visits the Searchlight Community Center multiple times a week, checking out books from the library, doing the cha cha to exercise videos or playing Mexican Train (dominoes) in the multipurpose room.

“I cannot believe this little town has this wonderful center,” said Collingham, who moved to Searchlight three years ago. “It’s all my entertainment ... If I couldn’t do this what else could I do? I’d just sit at home ... To me it’s the most important building in town.”

Funding to maintain the center is hard-fought and infrequent, despite an average of 600 to 800 people using it monthly, said Richard deClercq, a recreation specialist for Clark County who works out of the center. That helps explain why the parking lot outside the center, which was paved in the 1980s when it opened, is nothing more than gravel.

“[Searchlight] is one of those small towns on the outskirts, so they don’t really grasp exactly what we’re doing or what we try to do. That can become difficult when you’re trying to get funding for certain things.” DeClercq tries to host about six to eight events a year, beaming with joy when he reflects on last year’s trunk or treat event in that same parking lot he wishes would be repaved. Community members decorated the hallways of the center and turned the multipurpose room into a carnival.

“We put a lot of work into it and tried to make it really nice,” he said. With no grocery store in Searchlight, the center’s Colorado River Food Bank has become vitally important, serving about 89 clients, including 31 seniors, said Michele Brown, the food bank’s coordinator. They mostly provide canned food, such as vegetable, tuna, pasta, cereal and powdered milk.

“We do get meats — right now we have ham and pork patties and a couple of turkeys and hamburger over there. It’s not a lot they get but it’s enough,” she said.

The center also includes the Searchlight Library, which is a branch of the Las Vegas–Clark County Library District. Many Harry Reid Elementary School students spend the afternoon doing educational activities and eating a snack provided by the food bank. The school is located a few feet behind the community center. The town’s middle school and high school students are bussed into Boulder City.

“When I first took over here, they said, it was very common that when the kids go to the middle school, that 50 percent of them or more can’t read — not read at grade level — but can’t read,” said Kelli Carlson, a branch associate of the library who coordinates the after-school program. “As I look at them and it’s help me with this on the computer' and stuff like that, I’m seeing that that’s pretty much true. I’m seeing a fourth grader who is barely reading at a second-grade level.”

Lastly, the Searchlight Museum is tucked into the far-right corner of the community center and documents the town’s history, which includes Academy Award-winning costume designer Edith Head, silent film star Clara Bow and Sen. Reid. Reid’s portrait greets visitors to the center.

While the museum is small, it brims with relics that tell the story of the town’s past. There’s a piano that used to be at one of the town’s saloons, biographies of famous residents, Native American pottery, Clara Bow’s costume trunk, garments by Edith Head and more.

(See Searchlight, next page)
Bunker Coat of Arms
May 31, 2019

Good morning,

My name is Andrew Bunker and I live in Kirton in Lindsey, Lincolnshire, England. I ask for your expertise in furthering two connected areas of my family history. Information on my paternal line is incomplete prior to my gr-gr-gr-grandfather, Samuel. I am hoping you are able to provide a verified lineage pre-1820.

Here’s what I know is true and can trace through the Census records. Samuel (1820-1886) and Hannah (nee Lear?) Bunker had a son called Richard in Steppingley, Bedfordshire. Richard (1846-1915) married Sarah Drew (1847-1914) and moved to Gosforth, Cumberland (now Cumbria). They had a son called Robert (1885-1951), who had a son called Thomas Edwin known as Ted (1921-1987), who had a son called Richard Edwin also known Rick or Edwin (born 1949) who is my father.

I have a passing interest in heraldry which was sparked by my grandmother who received a shield with the Bunker coat of arms sent from America, some-time in the mid 80s. This turned out to be a scam and was little more than a phone directory of people called Bunker and a shield with the number 4 on it. Since then I have been curious if I could indeed claim arms from an ancestor. Are you aware of any member of the Bedfordshire Bunkers being granted arms?

Unfortunately you can only claim an armiger design if you are a direct paternal line descendent of the person who was granted them.

Any help you can give would be gratefully received

Yours faithfully

Andrew Bunker

Searchlight

Jane Overy is the gatekeeper Searchlight’s history, serving as the town historian and director of the Searchlight Museum Guild. Reid was a surprise visitor at Overy’s 80th birthday party in June 2017 at the center.

“Before I started collecting the history, it was just bar stories,” Overy said.

Janis Kostecky, who came to Searchlight from Lancaster, Calif., in 2014 to retire, almost immediately became a regular at the center. It started with trips to play Yahtzee, then grew to visits to the museum and blossomed to volunteering. Kostecky now serves on the Searchlight Town Advisory Board and helps Overy with the town archives. Kostecky took every opportunity to immerse herself into Searchlight’s profound history, and it started when she stepped through the doors of its community center.

“Our community built [the community center],” Kostecky said. “And we’re really proud to have it.”

Las Vegas Sun – 31 Mar 2019
Submitted by Linda Sullivan, Sioux Falls, SD

ANDREW D. BUNKER
CHART

1. WILLIAM BUNKER m HANNAH BITCHENOR
1.2. SAMUEL BUNKER (labourer) b1816 or 1820; d1886; m Hannah Sear
1.2.3. RICHARD BUNKER b.1846; d.1915 Steppingly (Gardener of Gosforth); m 22 Aug 1876 All Souls church, Hampstead, Camden to Sarah Drew b.1847; d.1914.
1.2.3.4. ROBERT BUNKER b1885; d.1951; m Lydia Margaret Blockley; 8 issue: Thomas E., Sam, Sarah, Margaret, Bob, Annie, Elise & John; most children are buried St Mary’s Churchyard, Gosforth.
1.2.3.4.5. THOMAS EDWIN b.1921; d.1987 (Head cleaner at Sellafield Nuclear Plant); m 1948 Whitehaven to Priscilla Scrugham; Broadbent; 1 issue
1.2.3.4.5.6. RICHARD EDWIN b.1949 Gosforth, Cambria; m(1) 1970 Doncaster to Heather Palethorpe; 2 issue (div); m(2)___
1.2.3.4.5.6.7. James Richard b.1982, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire
1.2.3.4.5.6.7. ANDREW DAVID b.1984, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire

ANDREW D. BUNKER

Cheers Andrew,

If your lineage is correct you may be a descendent of Sir William Bonquer (1216-1272) who was an emissary of Henry III to Spain, France, Navarre and the Vatican. He was a Magistrar, judge and diplomat, but...

An extensive search for a coat of arm was procured about twenty years ago, by a Bedfordshire descendant with negative results (the Portcullis Pursuivant report was forwarded to Andrew). Sir William DID NOT have a coat of arms; we know of several “coats,” all are phony.

As for your lineage, we had a UK researcher (now deceased) who could have answered your query. His vast accumulation was forwarded to our association. Brian had hundreds of hand-drawn family trees that have been scanned into our database; however converting them into a searchable program is still ongoing.

I will forward your query to our historian.

Gil’s RESPONSE

Good morning,

Sir William Bonquer, interesting they were the dates for the (mis)rule of Henry III of England. I’m going to look further into him as Henry's reign was tumultuous at best, William might have been part of the entourage who came over to advise Henry III and upset the English barons. Or he might have climbed his way up the social ladder due to the death of so many barons during Henry's reign and as part of Simon De Montford's first English Parliament in 1265, where knights and Burgesses were first invited to attend.

Either way, I will definitely enjoy researching. Many thanks once again.

Andrew – June 1st

GIL’S RESPONSE

ANDREW D. BUNKER

2358
Some Bunker Burials in Phila., PA

MOUNT MORIAH CEMETERY
Benjamin Bunker, 1790 - 25 Jan 1865 (died of diphtheria)
Sec. 130, Div. 13.5, W2, 4th Grave (BFA ID unknown)
Edgar Bunker, 15 Oct 1876 – 24 Mar 1917
Sec. 148, Lot A (gil’s grandfather)

Family lore stated Grandpa Edgar was buried in an unknown potter’s field in the State of Delaware. Despondent over the deaths of his wife and third child, he drank himself into an early grave. Once, he was lost, now he is found. gb

John Myrick Bunker, 8 Jul 1845 – 10 Sep 1923
Sec. 140, Lot 47 & 492 (gil’s great uncle)
William Henry Bunker, Sr., 23 Jul 1845 – 26 May 1943
Sec. 127, Lot 10 (gil’s father)

Edith W. Schaeffer Bunker, 1 Dec 1905 – 21 Jan 2000
Sec. 127, Lot 10 (gil’s mother)

MUTUAL FAMILY CEMETERY (defunct)
Joseph B. Bunker, 1830 – 6 Sep 1852 (BFA ID unknown)

NORTHWOOD CEMETERY
Mary Frances Sigler Bunker, Jan 1846-1922 (BFA ID unk.)
Capt. Samuel A. Bunker, 8 Sep 1831 – 5 Jul 1907 (ID unk.)

IVY HILL CEMETERY

SOURCE: Find a Grave

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY
(Sec. L, Lot 50-54)
U-21 Nathum Bunker, 1 Nov 1786 – 30 Dec 1837

III. Mary Clement Bunker Dahlgren, 1820 – 6 Jun 1855
II. Benjamin M. Bunker, 4 Oct 1815 – 27 Mar 1857
VI. Nathum Bunker, Jr., 8 Mar 1825 – 17 Aug 1860
VII. James Newman Bunker, 18 Dec 1826 – 1 May 1861
I. Eliza Ann Bunker Taylor, 26 Aug 1814 – 26 Oct 1877
IV. Hannah Clement Bunker Paul, 1822 – 13 Mar 1891

U-21 NATHUM II; 7 issue (1965 BunGen p.153)

(Sec 7, Lot E½ [east half] of 385)

N-385 Katherine Lawson Uhler Bunker, 2 Apr 1862- 30 Mar 1885 (married to GEORGE RAYMOND' BUNKER (1845-1927); he died NY, buried Sleepy Hollow, NY; a founder of the National Sugar Refining Co. and father of ELLSWORTH[9], the Ambassador to Argentina, Italy, India & South Vietnam.)

SOURCE: (1965 BunGen p.129 &141)

(Sec. G, Lot 76)
Ellen L. Bunker, birth unknown - 10 Jun 1899 (BFA ID unk.)

SOURCE: Laurel Hill Cemetery archivist

The BFA Historian requests your assistance in identifying the above ancestors. gb

Some Bunker Burials in Maine

Bangor Daily News - 13 Sep 2008


Evergreen Cem., Bangor Daily News - 31 Jan 2011

D-903 Lois Ellen Daley Bunker, 91 (1919- 2011) RN 13005

Ronald T. Bunker, 74 (1938-2012) BFA ID unknown
Bangor Daily News - 12 May 2012

D-884 Wilfred Allison’ Bunker, 92 (1920-2012) RN 7684
Bangor Daily News - 3 Jan 2013


https://obituaries.bangordailynews.com/obituaries/all-categories/search?search_type=advanced&ap_search

Submitted by Cathy Willey, Mount Desert, ME

Query
Ronald T. Bunker; Pvt E-2; USMC; served 1952-1956; son of Delbert N. & Prudence Seavey Bunker; Ronald born 31 Mar 1938 Beals Island, ME; died 3 May 2012 Belfast, ME; married c1959 to Alberna Beal, Beals Is.

SOURCE: Obits Bangor Daily News – 12 May 2012

If you knew these Bunkers, please notify the BFA.

Voices of D-Day
Mommy, Mommy! Look! The sea – it’s black with boats! A son of Madame d’Anselm of Asnelles, a village near Gold Beach; liberated by the UK 50th Infantry Division.

Van, we’re not where we were supposed to be… We’ll start the war from right here.

Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. said to Col. James Van Fleet. Roosevelt was in the first Higgins boat ashore on Utah Beach, with the US 4th Infantry Division south of the planned target.

Now hear this! This is probably going to be the biggest party you boys will ever go to, so let’s all get out on the floor and dance.

Destroyer USS Carmick, Cmdr. Robert Beer to the 1st and 29th Inf. Divisions four miles off Omaha Beach.

My dear chap, there’s a bit of a war going on here. British Navy Capt. Colin Maud, beach-master at Juno Beach, with the Canadian 3rd Infantry Division.

Come out, ye bastards, and fight us now! Oh, the evil of it! Tryin’ to drown me before I even get up on the beach! Sgt. Paddy McQuaid, King’s Regiment in neck-deep water on Sword Beach, with the UK 3rd Infantry Division.
In Memory Of

ADRIAN BRETT BUNKER
1981 – 2018

On Thursday, November 29, 2018, Adrian Brett Bunker, son, husband, father, brother, and beloved friend passed away at the age of 37. He was born June 8, 1981, in Dover-Foxcroft, the son of Mark Bunker and Ann Quimby Reitano.

Adrian lived in Merrimack, NH, and was raised in Cambridge, ME. He was an extremely intelligent person who was able to work proficiently at anything he put his mind to, as a mechanic, a carpenter, an electrician, and even a cook. He was amazing with numbers and if you told him your social security number once 20 years ago he was able to recite it. He even became an ordained minister (a fact that he loved to share) and performed marriages for numerous friends and family. He loved his family more than anything, always wanted to be a dad and his son, Colton, was his pride. Adrian had a very close and special relationship with his brother, Jonny, who he was predeceased by earlier this year. He will be remembered by his infectious laugh, his sense of humor, and his willingness to always help anyone who needed him. Anyone Adrian met would instantly become his friend.

He is survived by his wife Renee; son, Colton; stepdaughters, Emmie and Gracie; father, Mark Bunker; his mother and stepfather, Ann and Dave Reitano; sister and her husband, Elizabeth and Travis Noiles; step-sister and her husband, Brooke and Channing Johnson; stepbrother, Shane Reitano; and grandparents, Frank and Beverly Quimby. Jon will also be remembered by his nieces and nephews, many aunts and uncles, extended family, as well as many friends who will all miss him dearly.

A memorial service (was) held December 8, 2018, at the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft, with Pastor Phil McGlauflin officiating. A celebration of Adrian’s life (was) held immediately after the service at the Mount Kineo Masonic Lodge in Guilford. Spring burial (was) in the family lot of the Cambridge Memorial Garden Cemetery.

Arrangements by the Lary Funeral Home. Messages of condolence and memories at www.laryfuneralhome.com

Bangor Daily News – 3 Dec 2018
Submitted by Cathy Willey, Mount Desert, ME

JONATHAN MARK BUNKER
1985 - 2018

STEUBEN - On Wednesday, June 27, 2018, Jonathan Bunker, known to friends as "Jon" or "Jonny 9" passed away unexpectedly at the age of 32. Jon lived in Steuben, and was raised in Cambridge, Maine. He was known as a hard worker and a skilled craftsman who made a name for himself as an excellent carpenter, recently starting his own contracting business. He was stubborn, but loyal and he will be missed by more people than he could have imagined.

He is survived by his little girl, Josephine “Josie” Bunker, who was the light of his life, his significant other Rebecca Bunker and step-son Jamey Matson, by his father Mark Bunker, by his mother and step-father Ann and Dave Reitano, by his brother and his wife Adrian and Renee Bunker, by his sister and her husband Elizabeth and Travis Noiles, by his step-sister and her husband Brooke and Channing Johnson, by his step-brother Shane Reitano and by his grandparents Frank and Beverly Quimby. Jon will also be remembered by his nieces and nephews, dear cousins, many aunts and uncles, extended family, as well as many friends who will all miss him dearly.

A graveside service will be held on a date to be determined and will be announced soon. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a fund set up to help his family and future support of Josie through GOFUNME.com (Jon Bunker Memorial Fund for Josie).

Bangor Daily News – 1 Jul 2018
Submitted by Cathy Willey, Mount Desert, ME

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Bangor Daily News – 1 Jul 2018
Submitted by Cathy Willey, Mount Desert, ME
ID for these two brothers is unknown, please notify the BFA.

LINDA L. LONG BUNKER
1945 - 2019

Linda Lou (74) born 31 Mar 1945 Lancaster, PA; died 8 May 2019 White Hills, AZ; married 3 Sep 1966 Strasburg, Lancaster Co., PA; to Roy Edgar Bunker (1938-2017) Bedfordshire DNA; survived by their daughter Amy Margaret Bunker Stetser, White Hills, AZ; sister-in-law Betty Jane Bunker Purnell, Woodbury, NJ and brother-in-law Gil Bunker, Turnersville, NJ; buried Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Boulder City, NV; services were private.

RN 22680 LINDA LOU LONG, b Strasburg PA; d White Hills, AZ; 1 issue.

LOIS E. BUNKER WOODS
1937 - 2019

Lois, 81, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on March 23, 2019. Lois was born in Centralia, WA on September 15, 1937 to (D-783) Joseph Lawrence and Winifred Ella Fuller Bunker. She had three brothers and one sister. Lois was preceded in death by her loving husband (m 11 Jun 1955) Robert Edward Woods and son Andy Woods. She is survived by her sons, Ron, Dan & John, nine grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren as well as many other family & friends. Lois was a longtime, faithful BFA member. Her life's journey will forever have an imprint in all of our hearts. A Memorial Service (was) held April 13, 2019, Summer First Christian Church, 432 Wood Ave., Sumner.

News Tribune – 7 Apr 2019
D-783-IV LOIS EFFIE (RN 8384; 1982 BunGen p.281)
Submitted by Maralyn Anderson, Federal Way, WA

Bunker Bard

I saw as I walked down the street
A man was building a cottage neat
With windows facing east and west
To catch the sunlight at it's best.
I wonder if the man would know
It was God that caused the tree to grow
To furnish lumber for his nest
With windows facing east and west.

MEDITATIONS
-Maude Woolley Bunker, D-795D
(1894-1982)