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Memoirs of Alonzo Enos Bunker (1849-1929)

To the Program Committee,
Dodge County Old Settlers Association.
Mantorville, Minnesota

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Dear Friends,

Your invitation to attend the coming meeting in June is so cordial, I am sure all non-residents want to respond in person; but distance and "Old High Cost of Living," stand in the way. However, the alternative of responding by letter is so broad and liberal, making place for anything touching the "good old days," especially when you say "there is no limit," doubtless many communications will relate incidents and experiences that occurred during the formative period of Dodge county – the best County of the best State in the Union to be in June, and the best to be out of in the winter – after we turn the sixtieth or seventieth milestone. I am glad to contribute my mite, and proud to count myself an "Old Settler" of Dodge Co.

It was my good fortune to be present at the Mayfield meeting a year ago, where I met many former acquaintances. My wife said I seemed to grow about a foot (I think it was more) when Secretary Slocum pinned the badge "1855" over my heart. Only one or two of earlier date were in evidence. As my boyhood days were spent in Mantorville, my remarks will be confined for the most part to happenings in that locality; and, as I have visited the old home more frequently than others of the family during the last twenty years, thus making my pencil a little sharper, and for some other reasons, I have been requested to represent the Bunker family in this [message].

While I depend upon my memory for many incidents since 1855, I gladly give credit to my mother's memoirs, published soon after her death, in 1902, in the *Express*, and to a copy of an old history of Dodge Co. in my possession, for facts and figures I was not personally familiar with.

(Ed. NOTE: You may note this fascinating, historical account was written exactly 100-years ago. Alonzo gives credit to his mother's earlier published memoirs (donated by Link Smith) that are duplicated in this format, gb)

In 1854, my uncle, the late John Eldridge Bunker [D-264] of Kasson, came from New Hampshire to Winona, Minn. His accounts of the "far west" were so flattering, that early in 1855 my father, the late Enos A. Bunker, then a resident of Bethlehem, N.H., decided to seek his fortune in Minnesota. In February of that year, accompanied by two friends, we reached Winona. He with his brother (John) and others thought best to see more of the country before locating

permanently; hence they journeyed to St. Paul (then a small place), and from there to Dodge Co. by way of Red Wing. They were much pleased with the rich soil of this county, and decided to locate in Mantorville township. Mr. J.E. Bunker on a farm just east of Kasson, where his widow still resides and my father about two miles north of Mantorville, on a farm now owned by Mr. Wheeler, I think. Much of the land in this vicinity was at that time held by individual squatters, endeavoring to hold two quarter sections, while entitled to one by law. In most cases, rather than have a legal contest, these squatters were bought off for a nominal sum.

After building a shanty on his claim, putting in some crops, and arranging for an early return to Minnesota, my father returned to N. H. for his wife and children. On October 11, 1855, the "family" first set foot on Dodge county soil. At that time, our family consisted of my father and mother; my sisters Abbie (Mrs. Reid); Mattie (Mrs. Bond); both at present with the writer in Los Angeles, my brother Walter A. (now of Kansas City, MO) and Alonzo E. the writer of this sketch. We came by rail to Galena, IL then as far west as railroads were built, thence by boat to Winona where my uncle met us, and we were transferred to the "Cannon Ball Express" otherwise known as the "Emigrant Wagon" drawn by two yoke of oxen.

We were four days on the road from Winona to my uncle's farm. Four friends accompanied me all the way from N. H. to Dodge county, but after few days in the "wild and woolly west," they concluded they were too far from home, and wended their way back east. Although but six years old, I well remember the entire trip, especially the last stage from Winona to Mantorville by ox team. The men folks shot prairie chickens and other game along the way, and us kids had a jolly time.

In December 1855, we moved from my uncles' farm to the village, that we children might have school privileges, Mrs. Esby (latter Mrs. A. LaDne) having opened a private school – the first in Dodge county. The first house we occupied in the village was built of logs pointed up with mud and covered by a "shake" roof, as were all the houses at that time. The "shakes" like some politicians, wouldn't lie straight, and became warped, leaving large openings. On clear nights one could gaze upon the stars through the roof. We knew when a blizzard occurred at night, as the snow sifted through the roof, forming drifts on the beds end floor, which didn't contribute to early piety as we put our bare feet into the drifts of snow getting out of bed the next morning. (cont. p.2341)
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The BFA will no longer sustain delinquent members.

Crunch time is here – members not in good standing have been dropped from the BFA roll – all libraries have been changed to PDF format or dropped – we now mail approximately 100 paper copies of the *Bunker Banner* and our annual expense for publishing and mailing has been drastically reduced to about \$1,800.00, down from \$4,000+/- just a year or two ago. Prudent vigilance of the budget is imperative, however I believe the *Bunker Family Association* will be here for another century, if we don't get gobbled up by new technology

You can almost predict that DNA in the impending future will eliminate the need for genealogy; your ancient ancestors will be a mystery no more, and it positively will catch more "bad guys." Imagine a world without police officers, well maybe less of them cause there will always be dim-witted doers of dumb deeds.

I know! I know! You are probably getting tired of all the DNA articles that were published recently in the *Bunker Banner*, but I found more fascinating copy in a local paper that is reproduced on the following pages. It is not a technical paper. It deals primarily with two companies that offer test results from DNA samples, some pros and cons and three thought provoking illustrations from people that took the tests. You will enjoy this enlightening read.

The **Constitution & By-Laws** are published again without all the mumbo-jumbo that was printed in the February edition. The June annual meeting and voting will be held electronically and by paper ballot. We ask you reply by June 28, 2019. Now it is your turn to voice an opinion by returning the ballot; changes can still be made but we need your validation.

This latest version is significantly different from the original compiled by the secretary and adopted in 1916 however, one thing remains the same. In the By-Laws, Section 7: Revisions - it reads thusly "These By-Laws may be revised by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing..." Added was "...voting by mail, electronic ballot or combination thereof." The proposed changes cannot be made without your "show of hands," so please "get out and vote." DEADLINE is JUNE 28.

What we really need now is an incursion of innovative ideas from bright affiliates that will maintain our legacy in the ensuing years, but I'll be happy with more new members.

The Bunker Family Association Vice-President has a new address, please take note. *Bette, I hope you are enjoying your new habitat.*

gil Bunker

Bunker Babble

* Hi Gil, I was interested to see info on an autobiography of **A. E. BUNKER** (p.2328). I now live in Pacific Grove, California and he was the mayor here and is listed in the 1907 directory as Insurance and Real Estate with a partner Ellis. Also there is an article in the *Salinas Herald* about his Golden wedding anniversary in Los Angeles in 1925. Would it be possible to get a copy of the autobiography for our history here? **ANN (BUNKER) WIESER** - 11 Feb 2019 - A copy was forwarded to Ann and the first episode is published in this edition. Alonzo arrived in Pacific Grove in 1906 from St. Paul and purchased a real estate and insurance business. By 1912 he was a candidate for state senator, was chosen President of the county Board of Education and was Chair of the Finance Committee in 1913, was mayor of Pacific Grove 1914-1916, served on the Monterey County Probation Committee in 1916 and moved to Los Angeles the same year. Alonzo and Lydia (Smith) celebrated their Golden Anniversary in 1925; he was dead four years later. Thanks, Ann. * Would you believe the *Mayflower* sailed nearly 400 years ago? Our British cousin, **VALARIE (BUNKER) HURN**, forwarded this website that includes English activities surrounding the voyage. "One ship links four nations, spans 400 years of history and connects millions of people. From November 2019, an ambitious year-long commemoration will mark the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower's* pioneering voyage (6 Sep - 9 Nov 1620). It will include an unforgettable series of events - from breathtaking, once-in-a-lifetime festivals to grand, thought-provoking artistic installations and a vast network of community events. The *Mayflower 400* events programme will share the values of migration, tolerance, freedom and democracy and tell the story



Photo by Bunky

of a ship and its passengers, a group of people that 30million+ US citizens have descended from. It's the world's largest family reunion - and you're invited. In England, the memorial focuses on the key towns and cities that make up the national *Mayflower* trail at: www.mayflower400.uk.org" Thanks, Val. * Bunky, my daughter and I visited the cemetery where my maternal great grand-mother, who emigrated from Norway in 1888, was buried. Catherine Johnson i.e. Kirsten Andrea (Anderdatter) Johannessen (1845-1919) died on the day of our visit, 100 years earlier. Looking at a headstone that simply read "Johnson" one could never realize the family history that lay beneath the *chiseled stone*. We were delighted to receive a photocopy of the interment index card that contained a wealth of genealogical data, about our ancestors. There was the mother, her son and daughter-in-law, her grandchildren and their spouses. Only two of the ten burials remain unidentified, but surely they are relatives. Nothing is available online; regardless it was truly an informative day for progeny. * Among the papers donated by **LINK SMITH** are copies of a "Genealogy of... *Badger, Cogswell, Osborn*families." The following was noted on an un-numbered page: "**Thomas**

Cogswell, 1746-1810, commanded a company at the **BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL**. He rose to the rank of Colonel and served to the close of the war. He was an original member of the Cincinnati of Massachusetts. He was born in Haverhill, Mass., and died at Gilmanton, N.H. His wife was Ruth Badger." Badger family members were patriots; some helped ratify the NH State Constitution; one served as Muster Master and Brig. Gen. of the NH Militia 1780. Badger descendants are eligible for DAR membership. * **FOR SALE** is a \$3 million doomsday **BUNKER** built in a converted nuclear missile silo in Kansas. It has underground parking, swimming pool and simulated golf. Oah, oah! Where's my checkbook? * The Air Force recently fired up a 3-D printer and made fifty cent coffee mugs. They replace \$1,280 ones designed to reheat drinks in flight. That's awesome! *American Legion Magazine* Feb 2019 * Big **BUNKER** family reunion was featured March 3rd on *Sunday Morning* with Jane Pauley. Correspondent Mo Rocca interviewed some of **Chang & Eng** 1500 descendents at a recent Mt. Airy, NC reunion and yes, it is a big family. Ten descendents returned to the village where the Siamese Twins were born; it was an emotional journey * Florida's Chief Financial Officer, **Alexander Sink** is a great granddaughter of **CHANG BUNKER**. * Happy 100th anniversary to the **Grand Canyon** for its designation as a National Historic Park. Woo pee! * In the most anticipated family history development since the online publication of the 1939 Register, *Findmypast* has been selected as The National Archives' commercial partner to make the 1921 Census of England & Wales available online. The census, which was the first to be conducted following the introduction of the Census Act of 1920, will be published online by *Findmypast* in January 2022. acox@findmypast.com - The family history website, *Findmypast*, also acquired *RootsFinder* Inc. and their critically acclaimed *RootsFinder* family tree product, including new features to help customers analyze their DNA results. The acquisition reflects *Findmypast's* drive to innovate and enhance their customer experience by providing users with new ways to curate, share and explore their family history discoveries. acox@findmypast.com * Another 20-year old cold case was solved through DNA genetic examinations. A 1999 Alabama double homicide and rape was committed by a current preacher who stated solving the crime "was all God's work." Last year's cracking of the "Golden State Killer" case prompted police to use genetic DNA for analysis. Now the defence attorney is worried about his client receiving a fair - and all I got'a say is - TS. * Look for **ANNA BURNETT BUNKER** (D-751F-I) in the August *Bunker Banner* edition. She was a member of the 30th Woman's Army Corps, a photograph and copy will appear in the **Military Bunkers** column. The picture was given to BFA Life Member **JIM PAXTON**, Lynnwood, WA by **Bryan Howard** of the Fort Sam Houston Museum. It was part of an album that was donated to the Museum. A copy of Anna's obituary (also donated by Jim) will follow her mil db extract. He said, "I am a distant relative (like a lot of other Bunkers). She would be my 4th cousin 2x removed. We both descend from Francis Bunker (1738) and Elizabeth Jennings Bunker. I think the person at the museum saw my work on that branch of the family on Ancestry and reached out to me." Anna's photo is one of two female veterans in our files; the other is **JANE BUNKER OVERY**, Searchlight, NV. * That's all, Bunky * 2339

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-Bette Bunker Richards

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Military Bunker

World War II - KIA

RUSSEL K. BUNKER, RN 510602, Private, US Army
35558004 – KIA - Lucas, Ohio
116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division; Entered the
Service from: Ohio

Died: July 15, 1944

Buried at: Plot E, Row 18, Grave 40 Normandy American
Cemetery, St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France

AWARDS: Purple Heart

RUSSELL K. BUNKER, Pvt., KIA

Son of Lena and George Bunker, Lucas Co. OH

SOURCE: National Archives site for WW II Army dead and
missing

Historian NOTE: New to database in Feb 2004 - *Bette*

RUSSELL K. BUNKER, Lucas County, OH U.S. Army National
Archives

SOURCE: www.wwiimemorial.com/registry

RUSSELL K. BUNKER, OH U.S. Army;

SOURCE: ABMC Cemeteries

SOURCE: www.wwiimemorial.com/registry

RUSSELL K BUNKER RN 510602 US Army

ENLISTMENT Date: 1 Jul 1943 Enlistment State: Ohio;

Enlistment City: Toledo; Branch: No branch assignment;

Branch Code: No branch assignment; Grade Code: Private;

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:

Selectees (Enlisted Men) Source: Civil Life

EDUCATION: Grammar school; Marital Status: Single, without
dependents; Height: 29; Weight: 089; Birth Year: 1920; Race:
White, citizen; Nativity State or Country: Ohio; State: Hawaii
SOURCE: See ENDNOTE WW II 20051217.

Historian NOTE: RN 510602, son of George and Lena, Killed
in Action, WW II, unconnected.

Russell K. Bunker, Pvt. Army, Protestant. Buried Saint
Laurent, France, grave E 18 40.

SOURCE: US Army. Quartermaster Rosters of WW II Dead

Historian NOTE: George b Dec 1867, Sandusky, Erie Co.,
OH, d 22 Nov 1957 Toledo, Lucas Co., OH, m Lena M. Davis
b. Oct 1878. Son, RUSSELL K. m Alma Virginia Smith, 24
Nov 1943, Lucas Co., OH. George was the son of Capt. Louis
Bunker, Sr., b Apr 1821, Canada, d 14 Dec 1903 Toledo, OH
and Frances Vonbankin 1823, France d 1903. Louis in an obit
I can barely read was said to be a well known local marine. In
1850 Louis (Lewis), Frances and kids were in Cape Vincent,
Jefferson Co., NY and he was listed as a sailor. Unfortunately,
I can go back no further.

Bette – 2 Feb 2019

- I. Capt. Louis Bunker, Sr. (1821-1903) m Frances Vonbankin
 - A. George Bunker (1867-1957) m Lena Davis
 1. Russell K. Bunker (1920-1944) m Alma Smith

Memorial Day Salute

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Lord, bless the wives who grieve alone
And comfort mothers who morn their own
Give solace to fathers who lost their sons
On foreign shores and in places unknown
Lord, strengthen the resolve of we who remain
To see that they did not die in vain.

-Maj. Gen. James Middleton

A. E. Bunker, cont.

The winters of 1855-6 and 1866-7 were very severe. This first house we occupied in M. [Mantorville] was located near the house Henry A. Smith lived in for many years, in the west part of the village. It was so cold our parents feared we children would freeze; hence accommodations were secured in the Hubbell House, then a log structure of two rooms on the first floor and one large room on the second floor, the latter containing seven or eight beds. The roof was "shake." This was the only hotel at that time, conducted by Mr. John Hubbell; it was located just west of the river, on the east side of Main street. The property was bought by my father some years later, and was our family residence for several years. It was subsequently purchased by Mr. Ely, who, I think, removed the old log building and erected a frame building in its place. The ruins of the latter are still there near the railroad track. The "office" of the hotel contained beds for Mr. Hubbell and family and a huge fire place in which a hot fire was kept day and night during winter. I have seen maple logs four feet long by two feet in diameter rolled into this fire place which certainly produced the "hot stuff." There was constant stream of arrivals, so the hotel was always crowded. Sometimes twenty or thirty people would camp on the floor of the "office" and try to keep warm during the night. The other room on the first floor was used as a dining room and kitchen and contained two beds, surrounded by curtains, with trundle beds underneath to accommodate the kids. In one end of this room was the hotel range and the cook stove my parents were permitted to set up, so we managed to keep from freezing. We had a small table, standing by the wall, near our stove. To accommodate space, at meal time some of us children stood and others occupied our parents' laps. We lived thus for several months.

"At this time the Indians were quite numerous, and frequently gathered in large numbers on the banks of the Zumbro, for weeks at a time living in their teepees. Notwithstanding their apparent friendliness, knowing their treacherous dispositions, I was alarmed lest they should attempt to abduct one or more of our children; however no depredations were committed by them." EXCERPT: by Martha Moulton Bunker, 1902 *Express*

Early in the spring of 1856 we moved to the farm north of town. We made this trip by ox team, and I remember the snow drifts were so high and so hard we drove over some of the fences. In May 1867 we moved back to town, occupying a house just south of the Shober store building, which latter is still standing. In this house my sister Jennie (Mrs. Wm. Dampier, Los Angeles) was born. We had for neighbors the Shobers (and) the Rounds family, living a short distance southwest; the Mantors, a block or so north, and I think, the Moses Porter family little ways up the hill. We all patronized the fine "Bancroft Spring," short distance west of the house we occupied. One winter day Geo. Rounds, my brother Walter and I were getting ice from the creek below this spring which our mothers used for laundry purposes after melting. Accidently George hit Walter on the head with an axe stunning the latter and inflicting a wound, from which the blood flowed. George was very much disturbed and shouted: "Oh Walter; are you dead?" Walter promptly responded: "Yes," and soon came to. We lived one summer on the Gould farm, east of town, now owned by J. Lenthold, I think. 2341

The pioneers were ambitious and industrious. I will endeavor to get out of my system the knowledge of some of the activities of those times, in which the Bunker family had a part, realizing that much I say may be better known, and better told by others on this occasion.

Early Civic Life

Dodge county was named in honor of Gov. Dodge of Iowa and was organized by Act of the Territorial Legislature in 1855, with Mantorville as the County Seat. The earliest explorations of the county were made in 1853, by Peter and Riley Mantor and E. P. Watermen. The first settlers appeared in April, 1854 when a company of home-seekers arrived at the present site of Mantorville and proceeded as far as Concord, where a log house (the first in the county) was built for James Summer, one of their number. They returned to the river at Mantorville, and built houses for E. P. Waterman, Peter Mantor and Wm. Fowlor. In August 1855, a census taken by Peter Mantor showed there were more than fifty legal voters in Dodge county, whereupon Gov. W. A. Gorman appointed temporary county officers, to serve till an election could be held in October 1855, when the following named persons were chosen as the first elected officials of Dodge county, viz: Representative to the Legislature, John Hubbell; County Commissioners, James M. Sumner, Wm. T. Collum, Wm. Downard; Sheriff, C. H. Moses; Treasurer, **Enos A. Bunker**; Register of Deeds, J. H. Shober; County Surveyor, Wm. Chadwell; Assessor, Enos Grems; Justices, Wm. Bowen, E.P. Waterman; Constables, Wm. Cunningham, David Howard and Joel Watkins; District Attorney, Israel Rounds (did not qualify and A. J. Edgerton appointed); Coroner, A. N. Smith. The first State Senator from Dodge county was A. J. Edgerton, elected in 1858. Among the first residents of Mantorville were Peter and Riley Mantor, J. M. Sumner, H. O. Parmeter, Joel Watkins, M. B. Dolson, E P. Waterman, S. G. Irish, Wm. Cunningham and James Wilson arriving there on April 14, 1854. Dr. J. R. Dartt, the first physician in the county, arrived at Mantorville in the autumn of [1854, followed by the] arrival of George and Henry Slocum, John Shober, Wm. West, C. H. Moses, E. G. Rice, J. B. Hubbell, A. J. Edgerton, David Howard, Solomon Mosier, John Loder, John Bowen and others, most of whom selected farms or land near the village.

The first County Seat fight was between Sacramento and Mantorville, in 1857. I remember the contest between Mantorville and Wasioja, in 1858. After the "scrap" was over, an enthusiast for Mantorville was asked if there were many votes to spare, in favor of M [Mantorville]. He replied: "You bet there were; there were about half a bushel of votes we didn't need to use at all." I forbear to mention the later "unpleasant nesses" over the County Seat.

The first death of a white person in the town or county was that of Mrs. Mastin on a farm now owned by Mrs. **J. E. Bunker**, of Kasson, which occurred in February 1855. The first birth of a white child was that of Ada Porter, in March 1855 and Jay F. Bancroft claims the distinction of being the first white boy born in Mantorville. He came in October 1856.

The village plat of Mantorville was laid out in July 1856, by Peter Mantor and others. My father, **Enos A. Bunker** served

as Town Clerk in the early sixties and, I think, served one or two terms as Town Treasurer. He was also Postmaster for two terms, being succeeded by Mrs. Crandall when the National Administration changed. The P.O. at that time was in the building owned by my father, about half a block south of the present Hubbell House, on Main Street. This building was the home of our family for some years. Here my youngest sister May (now Mrs. W.H. Culver, Yonkers, NY) was born. The building was the home of the *Express* for several years; religious services were held in it in early times, and it was later occupied by E. Beatty as a furniture store. My father was an officer in the New Hampshire Militia before coming to Minn.; enlisted in the Forth Minnesota for the Civil War, serving till discharged on account of a wound received at the battle of Inka Springs, Mississippi.

Early Social Live

In those early pioneer days of the fifties there was no "400 class." All were neighbors and visited over the back fence; all met on a level, and had a good time. It was a dull week when there were not two or three dances or parties. Lodges were organized, and many bob sled excursions were made to neighboring singing and spelling schools, with the lumber box packed full of merry singers and spellers (and we could spell in those days). The skating was good on the river, and the coasting fine on the school house or court house hills, when occasionally a "run" would be made from the top of the court house hill, down through Main St., clear over the bridge. I have vivid a recollection of the first "social" function I attended, and of my debut into society. This was when we lived for the winter in the log hotel, referred to above. A jolly crowd was gathered for the weekly dance, held in the "office," the beds having been removed to the other room for the evening. We children got out of our trundle beds to watch the dancers through the half open door. One of the men "on the floor" spied me, and quickly grabbing me by the arms, waltzed me around the ball room, amid the applause of the company. My feet hit the floor in the high places only. My "coming out dress" consisted of [my underwear. That's all].

Business Enterprises

Those pioneers being there for business were soon at it. The first mercantile establishment in the town and county was conducted by John Shober, in a log shanty 14x14 feet in size, about eight feet high, with a puncheon floor, erected in the fall of 1854, on or near the present site of the "old stone store." In the spring of 1855 several more stores were started. Among the early merchants were Frank Mantor and Payne & Hatch. I think the latter were succeeded by Bennett & Son. The first auction sale was of the general stock of Bennett & Son. G. B. Cooley was auctioneer. We boys were much interested in the sale, which lasted several days or evenings. It was here I first exhibited my capacity as a good buyer. Among the articles offered for sale was a knit wool tippet, probably worth 40 or 60 cents. I was in the front row, directly in front of the auctioneer. As he held the article in his hand it looked good to me. He said: "How much am I offered for this child's tippet?" Before anyone else could bid, I piped out in a shrill piccolo voice "One cent." Mr. Cooley gave one look at my anxious face threw the tippet to me and said "Sold." It was a cash transaction, and I skipped home, proud of my bargain. I was a friend of Mr. Cooley ever afterward. 2342

Among the first demands in the new settlement was lumber for building purposes. In 1855-6 several saw and shingle mills were erected, and in the spring of 1856 the first grist mill in the county was built by Peter Mantor, on the site of the mill destroyed by fire last summer. My father was a miller, and made the first flour manufactured in Dodge County in this mill. He subsequently operated the same mill for Samuel Adams; also the mills at Rockton and Wasioja. Still later he purchased from J. E. Porter the Dodge County Mills, about four miles below Mantorville which he operated till the time of his death, in 1871.

I remember when the *Mantorville Express* was first issued by Mr. Bancroft, in 1857. Some members of our family have been subscribers from that time to the present. It was the custom then to deliver the paper by carrier to subscribers in town. Miles F. Bancroft and I were the first newsboys in M [Mantorville] delivering the *Express* at that time. Later on I delivered the *Winona Republican* to its Mantorville subscribers, during the Civil War. The mail came by stage and I remember how anxious the people were to get the news from the front. Mrs. Lybe was conducting the P.O. (Mr. Lybe being in the army). As quickly as the mail sacks could be opened a copy of the *Republican* (two days old) would be passed out, when someone would read aloud the war news to the attentive crowd. By the way, the first P. O. in Mantorville was established in 1854, with John Shober as Postmaster.

About 1860 I commenced learning the printing business on the *Express*. Somewhat in contrast with present day wages, and as showing that a trade was considered a valuable asset in those days, my wages were to be one dollar a week for the first year; one dollar and a half a week for the second year, and two dollars a week for the third year, during which period I was to board at home (for which there was no charge, of course). Ed Stevens was foeman and Frank Speight a compositor, while I played the part of "devil." My employment continued about a year when I took a vacation, by having a run of typhoid fever. But being a fair "type sticker" after a year's experience, soon after my recovery I was employed by [U.B. Shaver] of the *Dodge County Republican*, at regular wages. I subsequently became foreman of the *Express* office during Mr. Bancroft's administration, yanking off the editions on the old Washington hand press many a day and evening. Eight or ten years ago, when visiting the *Express* office, Henry Smith asked me to look about the office and see if I recognized anything that was there when I was employed. Spying the office towel, I told him it looked just as it used to in days of yore, and was still able to stand alone. I understand the present proprietor of the *Express* washes the towel annually, whether it needs it or not.

I have already mentioned the first hotel in M [Mantorville] which was succeeded by the present stone building. So far as I know, the Hubbell House has always sustained a good reputation. Other industries sprang up; the various professions were represented so the town became a prosperous community and good business center.

Submitted by Link Smith, Glenview IL

(Ed. NOTE: The *Bunker Banner* will conclude the Memoirs of Alonzo Enos Bunker in the following edition. *gb*)

Genetics Unraveled

A cotton swab to the cheek; a quick spit into a tube and the world can be forever dramatically transformed for some or comfortably affirmed for others, lured by the growing industry of DNA self-testing.

For Jeffrey Jean Baptiste of Union City who received a DNA test kit as a Father's Day gift, it led to a family he never knew existed. Michael Farragher, a writer from Spring Lake Heights, found new tales to tell after also sending in his DNA. For Barbara Chance of Hammonton, it was a different story. She was left with disturbing questions that will never be answered, after genetic testing called into question more than her long-held Irish heritage.

TV commercials by companies such as *23andMe* and *Ancestry.com* suggest a world of discovery (not to mention a nifty gift for those curious about their past). Where did you come from? Can you trace your path back to Europe or Asia or Africa? Who are you?

The stories of heartbreak and hope, however, — ranging from the discovery of siblings, to doubts about paternity — offer both a promise and a warning for those eager to open the Pandora's Box. It's like a box of chocolates, as Forrest Gump famously said. You never know what you're going to get.

Rutgers University sociology professor Eviatar Zerubavel said even before the arrival of DNA testing, genealogical curiosity existed in many cultures.

"It helps individuals get a sense that they are connected; that we belong to certain groups," said Zerubavel, author of *Ancestors and Relatives: Genealogy, Identity, and Community*

What is interesting about today's DNA testing, he said, is that the science seems to offer an absolute proof of who and what you are, even though mistakes are made. And sometimes, he observed, there can be surprises.

Adelka Phillips, a research associate for the Centre for Health, Law and Emerging Technologies at Britain's University of Oxford who has studies the growth of direct-to-consumer genetic testing, said despite the growing interest in genealogy and identity, people should be wary.

"We have to be cautious about it," she remarked. "It can be positive, but have negative impacts."

Genetic testing was once the exotic realm of health care providers and genetic counselors looking for the prospects of disease or the likelihood of birth defects in a child, as well as law enforcement and defense attorneys looking to prove the guilt or innocence of a criminal suspect.

It was expensive science, which sought to decipher the unique DNA code that makes everyone what and who they are, and is shared with their children. Part of what made it so costly is that the human genome is a really complicated puzzle. The four basic building blocks of DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid), known as nucleotides, combine in complimentary pairs to make a strand. How many pairs? There are about three billion in the human DNA code.

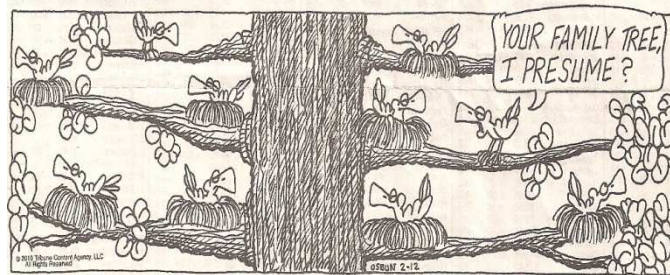
In recent years, however, new and cheaper ways to analyze that data have allowed commercial consumer testing companies to emerge, by using a much smaller snapshot or snippet of those pairs.

23andMe, for example, uses computer algorithms that individually look at short pieces of DNA across an individual's genome. Company officials said they compare each piece to DNA to reference populations from 2343

around the world, and use that to make determinations as to the percentage of a person's ancestry, whether that (is) Italian, Irish, African, Asian, Native American or Ashkenazi Jew.

Basically, they solve the riddle within your DNA by comparing it with the DNA of other people. It's an inexact science. Get tested by different companies, and you'll likely get different answers.

ANIMAL CRACKERS



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"Because many genetic tests are not standardized, it's common to have conflicting results," said Phillips. She pointed to the case of a pair of identical twins who received different ancestry results from the same genetic testing firms. Identical twins have the same DNA.

And sometimes it's not science at all.

In Canada, law enforcement agencies are reportedly investigating the use of fake Indian status cards to obtain tax breaks after reporters discovered that DNA tests used to prove Indian heritage were conducted by a Toronto lab that returned positive Indigenous ancestry results on two DNA samples obtained from a dog.

At the same time, Phillips, author of *Buying Your Self on the Internet*, noted that when someone has a genetic data sequence, it can serve as a unique identifier which exists in perpetuity. "Because our genes are shared with families, there is also potential for it to be used against other family members as well," she said. "If you consider having a DNA test done, you should think about asking your family, because it's their data too."

She was also especially critical of direct-to-consumer testing being marketed for health and illnesses concerns, suggesting that for most complex diseases, there are disputes over genetic variants even for working at genetics research, leading to conflicting conclusions.

Scott R. Diehl, Professor at Rutgers Biomedical Health Sciences, has concerns as well about unregulated companies misusing genetic science for-profit, which he said too often provides customers with no clinically useful information or misleading guidance about the person's risk of serious diseases.

"Regulation by both the FDA and the FTC has been grossly inadequate" complained Diehl. "This has allowed for-profit companies to make insufficiently-supported, and possibly false advertising claims for predicting traits such as personalized diets for adults or children's athletic, mathematical or musical potential."

He said genetic tests for many traits — such as diabetes or autism — caused by very small effects added up across hundreds of genes and by factors in the environment, are especially inappropriate for sale to the public

"It's like testing the pressure in only one of your car's tires and thinking if this is good then you're ready to make a cross

country trip when your brakes or hundreds of other essential parts may be just about to give out,” Diehl said.

The Centers for Disease Control said with improved technology and plummeting prices in the coming decade, it sees an expansion of direct consumer DNA testing for personal genomic information. In fact, the National Human Genome Research Institute said the global consumer genomic testing market has been valued in excess of \$117 million, which indicates millions are purchasing the tests.

The International Society of Genetics Genealogy at MIT estimated 22M people were tested for DNA study.

What has been driving those sales is not only the falling costs of the tests, but the deep interest many have in genealogy research. They want to know where they came from, and DNA testing can offer an easier way to look back in time than searching through historical records, old Census data, and passenger manifests from the turn of the last century.

Florida Woman Reunited With Long-lost N.J. Sister
Jan Mattaliano and Sherri Parker didn't know about one another for 60 years - until genetic testing brought them together this year.

When the algorithms make a match with someone else in a database who has already been tested, it's even less of a guessing game. It offers kinship connections.

For some, those newfound connections have allowed them to discover extended family.

For others, though, the technology has unearthed deeply buried and hurtful family secrets that in years' past would never have come to light.

A Truth She Never Saw Coming

Barbara Chance, 72, of Hamonton thought she knew her heritage.

“I always believed I was half Irish, Swedish and German,” she said. Her father, she said, was Irish. Both of his parents had been born in County Clare. Her mother had a Swedish and German heritage. But looking to confirm her Irish roots, she bought a *23andMe* testing kit and waited for the results. It came back with a surprise, showing that she was 23 percent Italian. Not Irish.

“I said, ‘This has to be wrong,’” she recalled. “Then I did *Ancestry.com*.”

That came up with 30 percent Italian, and because she had also asked for DNA matches with others, it was accompanied by a disconcerting finding she never would have expected. The test results indicated she had two first cousins she knew nothing about. Both of them, said Chance, were Italian.

That's where her nightmare began.

Chance, the youngest of four, grew up in New Jersey. Her father had worked for a time as a bus driver, and then as a projectionist. Her mother did not work, and did not drive.

“My three siblings said I didn't look like them,” she said. Still, there was no suspicion over why that might so. “I never got vibes that something was wrong.”

The DNA tests suggested a possibility she had never considered. As she began to dig deeper, she began to slowly suspect that there was no mistake in the test results. For the first time, she started to wonder if her father might not be her biological father.

“I had no clue. It was a total shock. I was pretty unhappy and sad and angry,” she said, remembering sleepless nights as she came to the conclusion that her biological father was likely a stranger. Yet there was no one to answer the many questions she had. Both of her parents were gone, as were their siblings.

“I had nobody to talk to about it except my new-found cousins,” remarked Chance.

With no other avenues open to her, she took to exchanging emails with one, in an effort to figure out the connection and confirm her suspicions. The cousins had a number of uncles, opening the possibilities of a direct genetic tie to her — if the DNA link to the cousin was to be believed. But all [of] them denied any knowledge of Hammond's mother, and there were no other obvious community ties or friendships. Still, one was about the right age. He had been in the Army in 1945 and was 21 at the time. Her mother was 31.

Chance grew increasingly convinced that he could be her biological father and despite earlier steadfast denials, he finally allowed that it might indeed be possible.

They met for the first time in December. She said it was pleasant get-together, but felt very odd. She would not name him, but said he was now 94, had brought his two grown children along with him, and admitted that he was nervous.

“He wouldn't tell me how he knew my mother,” she said. “He said he didn't want to color my opinion of her.”

He wondered about her childhood. They hugged and talked, but she could learn no more. She wrote him a letter after they met, but he never responded.

Her oldest son looks a little like his son, she said. “I know he's my father. I know that,” she said. “But there are still all these questions.”

Yet looking back, she has no regrets about taking the DNA test.

“Am I sorry? Not really,” she said. “It's upsetting. But it's part of your life.”

Reconnecting an Extended Family

Michael Farragher of Spring Lake Heights also took a *23andMe* test, but was convinced he knew what it would tell him about his past. He was only partially right.

He already knew he was Irish. Farragher, who recently released a book called *9 Rooms in Ballyglunin*, set in a village in County Galway, where he has visited and spent time with relatives who never left Ireland. When Farragher's wife gave him a DNA test kit for Christmas in 2017, he said he really was not interested in the heredity trail. He said he took the test to see if there were health issues he needed to be concerned about.

As for his Irish roots, the *23andMe* test verified that he was a son of Ireland. It came back confirming the Irish heritage went back to the farm in Ballyglunin where his grandfather, Martin, had lived out his life. No surprise.

But his grandfather had an extended family that had been lost to time. Martin Farragher was the youngest of 10, and there had been a 14-year difference between him and his next youngest sibling. He never knew any of them. They had all left for American and for London, where they had children and their children had children. Martin remained behind on the family farm that he would pass on to his sons.

When Michael Farragher took the genetic test, the results corroborated what he knew about himself, but also put him on

the map for those far-flung Farraghers to find not only him, but discover their own personal roots to Ballyglunin. His book, interestingly, showed them where to find him. When they got their DNA tests and Googled “Farragher,” he was the first result that come up. One of them showed up to a book-signing he had in March last year.

“A woman in the back room was sitting there sobbing. Just sobbing,” Farragher said. “At the end of my talk, she throws her arms around me and says I’m your cousin. It was a neat moment.”

Martin was long gone and Farragher’s own father at first was less than enthralled with the idea of a new extended family. “They probably know you’ve got money and you’re rich from the book,” his 84-year-old dad warned.

However, when Farragher put his father on the phone with the distant relatives and they heard his thick Irish brogue, they began to cry anew, and even Farragher found himself a convert. What’s happened since, he said, is that he has introduced some of the American cousins with their cousins in Ireland, and given them a dose of the heritage they never knew.

“I got to hang out with them. They’re very nice people,” he said.

As for taking the DNA test, he has never regretted it.

“Fortunately, my Dad’s my dad and my Mom’s my mom, so there’s not that drama. I knew where I came from,” he said. “But I thought it was rewarding to connect other people with their past.”

A Father Never Known

Jeffrey Jean Baptiste of Union City arrived with his mother from Haiti when he was seven years old. An only child, he knew that his father had been an American who had worked for years in Haiti, that his name was David, and might have had an Italian background.

His mother, who did not marry David, was unclear about his last name. Dupenski, or something like that, she thought. Not exactly Italian, and not quite the roadmap to discovery. Now married and 42 with a family of his own, Baptiste received a Father’s Day gift from his wife, Ana Tent that would answer some questions. She gave him a *23andMe* test kit, mostly because he had been experiencing some health issues after the death of his mother and wanted a genetic screening.

“I was hesitant,” Tent said of the test, knowing there would be an accounting of his heredity as well. “What if everything his mother told him was a lie? Or it raises questions nobody can answer?”

She told him if he did not want to do it; that was fine. But he told her “no, no, no, I’m really excited about it.” Baptiste sent in a sample of his saliva, and it did confirm he had some Italian background. Then when he checked for close relatives, a young man in Pennsylvania with the last name of DiPenti came up in the database with a DNA match that indicated he was a cousin to Baptiste.

“I said reach out to him,” Tent said.

They finally sent out an email. Justin DiPenti was a student at Penn State, and he got in touch with his grandmother, Diane DiPenti, who responded to Baptiste.

“I am hopefully your Aunt Diane,” she wrote.

Aunt Diane was married to Michael DiPenti, the older brother of the father Baptiste never met. That wasn’t all.

While his father had died in 1996, David DiPenti had married multiple times and had left behind several families. Through his Aunt Diane, Baptiste found out he had four half-siblings, and all lived within minutes of his home in New Jersey. There was Diana and Deborah and Danielle and David.

They first met at MK Valencia, a trendy, contemporary restaurant on Main Street in Ridgefield Park for brunch.

“As soon as we saw them, we knew,” said Tent. “The resemblance was uncanny.”

Stranger, still, she said, was how quickly they all began seeing Baptiste not as a stranger, but as a long-lost brother.

“The whole family said they did not know anything about Jeff,” she said. “Now they are so close, it’s funny to see them interact. I can’t be any happier for him.”

They have gone on trips together. They celebrate holidays. And Baptiste gained an extended family of nieces, nephews and cousins.

“This could have gone really differently, but it’s a great story,” Tent said.

There are unanswered questions. They do not know if Baptiste’s father even knew about his son. Or why he left Baptiste’s mother before he was born. And Tent had one other lingering thought:

“What if there are more siblings out there?”

Ted Sherman at: tsherman@njadvancemedia.com.
South Jersey Times – 10 Feb 2019

The

Bunker Family Association

is searching for a male born with the surname
Bunker who is a direct descendant of

George Bunker of Charlestown

to get a Y DNA test. We have tested one male
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We need others to validate the lineage.

Contact betterichs@gmail.com

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CONCLUSION

Look for the blue of the sky,

Witness the gold of the sun.

Watch for the rainbow spectrum

After the storm is done.

Search for the good in each creature,

Sift out the wrong from the right.

Count the good thing in the evening,

Sleep with content through the night.

Ruth Bunker Christiansen D-761-III

Pub. *The Nature of Things*, 1989

-Sally Bair

In Memory Of

DENNIS BRUCE BUNKER 1945 - 2019

Dennis Bruce Bunker, 73, a lifelong resident of Las Vegas returned home to his Heavenly Father on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

He was born June 19, 1945 to Bruce Frehner Bunker and Lila Stewart Bunker in Las Vegas, NV. He graduated from Western Highschool in 1964. He married Susan LaVee Lamb in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple on June 13, 1974. He was an excellent husband and example to their three children and grandchildren. Dennis was active in the LDS church and served as a Bishop over the Rainbow Vista ward as well as several other callings throughout the years. He had a love for and excelled in baseball, basketball, football, and snowmobiling. He was known for his hard work, persistence, and service to others. Dennis was respected by so many in the construction industry. He was a great example of an honest, fair, and generous man. Dennis was looked up to by many.

Dennis was preceded in death by parents Bruce and Lila Bunker. He is survived by his wife, Susan; and siblings, Paula Platt (Joesph), Jeff Bunker, Jill Wright (Michael); and children, Brandon Bunker (Tani), David Bunker (Ashlee), Lauren Novotny; and 5 grandchildren Tanner, Sadie, Scarlet, June and Levi.

The funeral services will be at the the LDS Hillpointe Chapel at 9011 Hillpointe Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89134 on Saturday April 13, 2019. Viewing will start at 9:30 until 10:45am followed by services at 11:00am. After the services, lunch will be served at the Chapel. Following Lunch, the burial will be at 2:00pm at Bunker's Memory Gardens Memorial Park, 7251 W. Lone Mountain Rd. 89129.

Las Vegas Review-Journal – 7 Apr 2019

Submitted by Jane Bunker Overy, Searchlight, NV

D-1220 DENNIS BRUCE¹⁰ (RN 9192) b 19 Jun 1945 Las Vegas; m 13 Jun 1974 SLC to SUSAN LaVEE LAMB b 18 Oct 1948 /American Fork, UT; 1982 BunGen p.358

RICHARD W. BUNKER 1933-2019

KIMBER LAUX – *Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Richard Bunker (85), whose career included stints as head of the Nevada Resort Association, Gaming Control Board and Colorado River Commission of Nevada, died Sunday in Las Vegas.

Bunker died after battling a brain tumor that was diagnosed just three weeks before his death, according to his son Morgan Bunker. Richard was a fourth-generation Southern Nevadan, according to his son.

“My great-great-grandfather settled Bunkerville,” the younger Bunker said. “We’ve been the fabric of the community for that long.”

Richard Bunker began his civic career as assistant city manager for Las Vegas, working his way up to deputy city manager and later becoming Clark County manager. While he was at the county in 1977, Bunker gave former Southern Nevada Water Authority General Manager Pat Mulroy her first job, Mulroy said Sunday.

In 1979, Bunker was tapped by Gov. Robert List to become a member of the Gaming Control Board. He eventually became chair of the board, at the same time that former Sen. Harry Reid was chair of the Nevada Gaming Commission.

“It was the two of them that led the effort to run the mob out of Las Vegas,” Mulroy said Sunday.

Next, Bunker moved into the private sector, becoming treasurer of Circus Circus, then president of the Dunes Hotel and, in 1986, an executive of the Aladdin Hotel.

In 1990, Bunker became president of the Nevada Resort Association, lobbying for gaming issues. Seven years later, he was appointed chairman of the Colorado River Commission, where he then turned his lobbying to the issue of water in Southern Nevada.

“He constantly found Nevada fighting for its fair share,” Morgan Bunker said Sunday.

Among the issues Bunker lobbied for were responsible usage by the other users on the Colorado River; brokering agreements to broker more water than Southern Nevada’s specific allotments, and the banking of water in Arizona, “all the while just looking to secure more water for Southern Nevada.”

Bunker retired from the river commission in about 2010, according to his son. He continued to do lobby work on a contract basis for several years after that. Morgan Bunker said his father’s success as a lobbyist was the result of his assertive, yet generous, personality. Above all, Richard Bunker wanted the best for his community, his son said.

“He was one of those people who always listened to the facts and was always willing to reverse his thought process if someone came up with evidence supporting something else,” Morgan Bunker said. “He would listen to anybody. He would make you feel like the only one in a room of thousands when he was talking to you.”

“He said, ‘Our community has been very good to us’ — meaning he and his family,” Morgan Bunker said. “He always felt a need to give back and promote Nevada.”

Bunker is survived by his wife, Carole, and four children - three in Las Vegas and one in Amarillo, Texas - as well as 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a brother and sister.

Las Vegas Review-Journal – 18 March 2019

Submitted by Jane Bunker Overy, Searchlight, NV

D-1000 RICHARD WENDELL⁹, b 12 Dec 1933 Las Vegas; d 17 Mar 2019; m 23 Dec 1957 CAROL ANN MORGAN, b 11 Jul 1935; four issue: Christopher Wendell¹⁰, Kathleen¹⁰, Nicholas Morgan¹⁰ and Jordan McKay¹⁰. Richard was the son of Archie Wendell⁸ D-717 and Marion Mott.

SOURCE: 1982 BunGen p.326A - *Bette* - 22 Mar 2019

Ancient Ancestors

Speaketh not the silent names on chiseled stone,
ancient ancestors who shan't endure; save for
life's memoirs to generations yet unborn,
the progeny of our mortality.

gb – Dec 2017

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of

The Bunker Family Association of America may

Founded 1913

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to form an association of Bunkers: to collect, compile, preserve and publish genealogical data and information relating or of interest to its members and genealogical organizations; and to further Bunker Family connections through meetings, correspondence, newsletters and other media.

ARTICLE II: NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Bunker Family Association of America.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: Membership shall be open to persons named Bunker, their collateral descendants and spouses.

SECTION B: Honorary membership may be granted to persons who have made a significant contribution in furthering the interests of the Association.

ARTICLE IV: CHAPTERS

Bunkers within a geographical area, such as local family reunions and groups of unrelated Bunkers, shall be encouraged to form Regional Chapters of The Bunker Family Association.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The officers of the ASSOCIATION shall consist of:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Recording Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Historian NOTE: was Genealogist
- F. Editor, of the *Bunker Banner*
- G. Committee Chairs
- H. Other officers as may be needed.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION A: The president shall preside over all meetings; exert general supervision over the interest and activities of the Association, appoint Committee Chairs; appoint successors to any office left vacant for any reason; perform such duties as will further the interest of the Association.

SECTION B: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in case of absence of inability to act or when called upon to do so by that officer, any other duties which the president may delegate to him/her to further the purposes of the Association.

SECTION C: The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings; prepare copies of such minutes for permanent record of the Association; prepare a summary of such minutes for publication in the Bunker Banner; and shall present the preceding minutes to the succeeding meeting for approval.

SECTION D: The treasurer shall receive all monies due the association and shall pay wherefrom all charges against the Association; present at the business meeting an audited detailed report of the financial transactions of the preceding

SECTION E: The Historian shall serve as Chair of the Genealogical Committee; direct the collection, compilation, preservation, and publication of genealogical information and data concerning Bunkers; make recommendations to the President relative to the publication of suitable genealogical material; distribute through the Bunker Banner to the membership such material as may, or may not be suitable for separate publication.

SECTION F: The Editor of the *Bunker Banner* shall compile, edit and publish through the newsletter such genealogical and historical material as may be of interest to the membership.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

The following committees shall be constituted:

A. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be responsible for the on-going review of the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Association in terms of its purposes and objectives, and in terms of current needs and practices, and shall make recommendations for changes and revisions to the President and for consideration and action by the membership at the business meeting. Officers may submit proposed Constitutional amendments for voting by mail or electronic ballot, or combination thereof.

B. The Local Arrangements Committee shall make all the necessary arrangements for the success of the business meeting, or any special; meeting, including a suitable meeting place, refreshments, special equipment, etc.

C. The Genealogical Committee shall assist the Historian in the collection, compilation and any publication of genealogical data and information

D. The Scholarship Committee shall solicit applications for any scholarships offered by the Association and shall by majority vote of the committee select recipients.

E. Graveyard Restoration Committee shall submit an annual report on condition of the sites, recommend repairs and prepare sites for visitors

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

SECTION A: The business meeting shall be held on the closest Saturday to Bunker Hill Day, June 17, or at such time and place as may be decided upon at the preceding business meeting.

SECTION B: Special meeting may be called at the request of the President, or upon request of fifteen members.

SECTION C: Written notice of all meetings shall be sent to all members in good standing at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE IX: ELECTIONS

SECTION A: All officers shall be elected at the business meeting by a simple majority of the members in good standing, providing a quorum is present.

SECTION B: All officers shall serve until their successors are elected.

SECTION C: The term of office shall begin at the close of the business session at the business meeting at which the officers are elected, and end at the close of the business meeting when their successors are elected.

SECTION D: All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION STATEMENT

SECTION A: Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

SECTION B: Members agree to abide by the Conflict of Interest Policy that appears as Attachment A to the By-Laws of the Association (four-page policy available upon request).

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at a business meeting, providing that a quorum is present. Proposed Constitutional amendments may also be submitted to the membership for approval by two-thirds of those voting by mail or electronic ballot, or combination thereof.

By-Laws

Section 1: Membership

a. Membership shall be applied for on forms approved by the Genealogical Committee.

b. The annual membership fee shall be decided upon by a simple majority vote of members in good standing at the business meeting, provided a quorum is present.

c. Membership shall include a year subscription to the Bunker Banner.

d. Members in good standing shall be those whose membership fees are paid for the current fiscal year.

Section 2: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall start on Bunker Hill Day, June 17, of one year and end on June 16, of the following year.

Section 3: Voting

a. Voting in all elections, and on all Association business shall be limited to members in good standing.

b. Election of officers shall be by simple majority of the members in good standing present at the business meeting, provided a quorum is present.

c. Voting on Association business shall be by a simple majority of the members in good standing present at the business meeting, provided a quorum is present.

d. A quorum shall consist of fifteen members in good standing

Section 4: Committees

a. Committee members shall be chosen by the relevant chair.

b. Committee chairs shall be appointed by the President.

c. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 5: Chapters

a. Bunker Family groups, such as family reunions, or groups of unrelated Bunkers in a close geographical area may apply to The Bunker Family Association for Chapter membership, selecting a name for that particular Chapter.

b. Upon approval by The Bunker Family Association, the field chapter shall be given a certificate indicating membership in the Association.

Section 6: Meetings

The following order of business shall be observed at all meetings:

- a. Opening exercise
- b. Roll call of officers and members
- c. Minutes of previous meeting
- d. Election of officers, bi-annually
- e. Committee reports
- f. Treasurer's report
- g. Genealogist's report
- h. Editor's report
- i. Old business
- j. New Business
- k. Adjournment

Section 7: Revisions

These By-Laws may be revised by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at the meeting, provided a quorum is present. Proposed By-Laws amendments may be submitted to the membership for approval by two-thirds of those voting by mail, electronic ballot or combination thereof.

MAJOR AMENDMENTS and/or REVISIONS

of the

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

as adopted 17 June 1914

17 June 1914: ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 ...membership restricted to direct descendants of George Bunker of Charlestown, George Bunker of Topsfield and James Bunker of Dover.

17 June 1933: ARTICLE III, SECTION 1. Membership restricted to direct descendants of Bunkers living in United States prior to A.D. 1800

19 June 1971: ARTICLE III, SECTION 1. Membership restricted to Bunkers by birth, marriage or adoption.

17 June 1978: ARTICLE IX SECTION 5. A Chairman of the Board was appointed. It was not an Amendment to the Constitution but listed as such in Section 5. The position was abolished, Feb 1999.

16 June 1979: ARTICLE III, SECTION 1. Membership open to persons named Bunker, their collateral descendants and spouses.

21 June 2013: ARTICLE XI, SECTION A & B. Mandated by the IRS; a *Dissolution Statement* and *Conflict of Interest Policy* was added to CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS; approved by BFA Officers this date; ratified by the membership 16 June 2018.

16 June 2018: Future business meetings and voting by electronic means approved during the business meeting.