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## Do Siblings Have the Same DNA?

DNA defines who we are. It determines our physical characteristics, like our hair and eye color, and height. Scientists even estimate that our genetic code plays a role in our temperament.

Many siblings who take ancestry tests wonder if their DNA results will be the same because they share parents and have the same ancestry background. That brings us to the critical question: "Do siblings have the same DNA?"

The answer is no. You will have similarities, but even twins have some differences in their DNA. Truthfully, scientists have yet to understand everything related to how the letters within your DNA work. It's still an area of science with a lot to discover.

Let's discuss what you can expect to see within sibling DNA test results and how DNA in siblings works.

### Family Ancestry vs. DNA

Everyone in the world receives their DNA makeup from their parents. You receive 50% of those letters within your DNA from one parent and 50% from the other. Which letters are passed down to your children is entirely random.

There are four possible letters within your genes, each standing for a different amino acid that makes you, you.

Not all letters will get passed down, but here's the kicker. Just because you are missing a specific part of the genetic code of one parent doesn't mean an earlier ancestor did not have that letter.

Interestingly, although everyone has some link to their ancestors from thousands of years ago, the gene pool becomes more varied as time goes on.

### Do Siblings Have the Same Ancestry?

Siblings mostly have the same ancestry. Your genes are still from the same pool of potential letters.

But can full siblings have different ancestry? Technically, yes. Since you only acquire 50% of the genes from your parents, it's perfectly plausible that two siblings may have a different ancestry.

Ethnicity also plays a role. If you have both German and Hungarian in your family tree, one sibling may receive the genetic markers indicating German and the other Hungarian. It's why someone's DNA test result can differ from their sibling's result.

### Do Siblings Have the Same DNA?

Due to the recombination process during the fertilization of the egg and throughout pregnancy, siblings do show differences. Figuring out why siblings' DNA can be different is relatively easy: because each time reproduction happens, the child will receive a different combination of letters (50% from each parent).

It's estimated that siblings share roughly 50% of the same DNA. Biological siblings will always have the same family tree, but their genetic code will differ. That also applies to fraternal twins.

The one exception to the rule is the case of identical twins. Do siblings with the same parents have the same DNA, even if they are born simultaneously? Identical twins share a much higher percentage of DNA because they come from the same egg cell.

Yet even in this scenario, identical twins growing in the womb will still have some differences in their DNA. Unlike siblings, who may have varying physical characteristics, identical twins may only show differences in their temperaments and personalities.

### How Does DNA in Siblings Work?

Is it possible for siblings to have different DNA? The reason why brothers and sisters will show different DNA test results is due to meiosis. This process is a type of cell division that creates gametes. These cells are haploid, meaning they contain a single copy of each chromosome to ensure that your children receive only a single set of genes from you.

A mere 23 chromosome sets can yield eight million possible DNA combinations, which is why humans are so diverse. So, will siblings have the same DNA test results? The chances of two children receiving the same sets of chromosomes from each parent are nearly impossible.

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## President's Notes

I realized the other day that it has been roughly 450 years since Bunkers have lived in what is now the United States. How amazing is that? While that is nothing compared to locations in Europe, I am extremely proud to have descended from those brave, determined souls who created the country we live in today. I'm not even sure how many generations of my family have lived on this soil. My husband has a similar ancestry. We feel as if we are extremely blessed to have the DNA of such great people!

This year, my oldest grandson and his mom visited the Bunker Hill Monument. Last time I was there was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bunker Family Association. What a wonderful time we had marching in the parade! This year is the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bunker Family Association. Sadly, we will not be meeting in person. I would love to see any and all cousins willing and able to travel. Unfortunately, most cannot manage it. If you would truly wish for me to plan something in New England for the future, please let me know. I would be happy to!

Since we cannot meet in person, I would love to see your stories in the Banner. While I enjoy the stories of our ancestors from long ago, I'm sure we have so many wonderful stories from the last 50 or so years as well. Won't you share?

Respectfully,

*LiAnn Pennington*

President

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*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.*

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## Genealogies For Sale

### Devonshire Bunkers – 2000

-Bette Bunker Richards

Descendants of James (D-1) on a USB flash-drive. Approximately 1,333 pages in length, it updates the 1982 Bunker Genealogy – parts of the 1965 Bunker Genealogy and more.

It includes descendants of:

- James (D-1) Bunker of Dover, New Hampshire
- Benjamin Bunker & Betsey Daniels, New London, NH
- Thomas Bunker & Alice Pertie, Rattery, Devon, UK
- William Bunker & Ann Forrester, New Castle, DE
  - Devonshire Parish Records
- Military service info for Bunkers from all branches
- Nearly 100 pictures      • Maps      • Indexes

### Bedfordshire Bunkers – 2008

-Bette Bunker Richards

Descendants of

Roger Bunker, Tingrith, Bedfordshire, England available on a USB flash-drive, including:

- George (C-1) Bunker of Charlestown,
  - George (N-1) Bunker of Nantucket
- and the following connected by DNA tests:
- Joseph Bunker (b ca.1797 St. Albans, UK) and Mary
  - Henry Bunker (c1814-1866) m. Mary Ann Cassidy
    - Thomas Bunker and Clarissa Chamberlin

Plus:

- Parish records (except Devon) that are copied to date
- Military service info for Bunkers from all branches
- Ships named *Bunker Hill* (with histories & photos)
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One book \$25.00; both books on one USB \$35.00

Mail to: Dan Greenland, 3292 Royalwood Drive, Taylorsville Utah 84129

- Indicate which drive you want •

Free *Bunker Family History* w/USB purchase (International book postage is extra)

### Bunker Family Association Books

*Bunker Family History* –Henry L. Bunker, III; 1984; 147p; +8p index; paperback; \$15.00 each; two for \$25.00.

(Includes the 16th Century Wills of Roger (b Beds), his son William, his grandson Oliver and Oliver's wife, Johane; Thomas Bunker who married Agnes Coleman; Edward Buncker and his wife Joane; Roger Buncker of Buckinghamshire; John, Thomas, and William of Northamptonshire, plus others.

*Bunker Genealogy 1931* –Charles C.W.O. Bunker; with Charlestown, Nantucket, Delaware & Maryland branches, hardback; bibliography; index; 797pp; ~~\$58.85~~ \$49.00.

Two remain in stock.

All books w/free USA p/h. – International postage, extra.

Mail check to BFA President, payable to BFA. **2551**

## Bunker Babble

■ **PENNY BRIGGS** forwarded this message. Her daughter **MELISSA** won a contest, and her prize is the publication of her latest book of poems. Read about her astonishing feat on Facebook at: *Red Low Fog / transcript by Melissa E. Jordan, Paperback | Barnes & Noble® barnesandnoble.com* ■ You can find our recent *Bunker Banner* newsletter in the current edition of: *reunionsmag.com* ■ There is a **BUNKER HILL CEMETERY** next to the **BUNKERHILL BAPTIST CHURCH** at 3340 State Route 97, near Butler, Ohio 44822., without a single **BUNKER** buried there. ■ A birthday party for **MARY HOOPES BUNKER** on October 1<sup>st</sup>, who



turned 90 on the fourth. Fifty people attended my sister-in-law's bash. She can still cut the CAKE! In attendance (seated) is my 95-year-old sister **BETTY JANE BUNKER PURNELL**. That's me wearing a BUNKER HILL tie. ■ You've got to hustle all the time to keep in the swim. If you are slipping down the ladder of prosperity, take Rocky Mountain Tea. Makes people strenuous. So says *McBride & Will Drug Company – Evening Times Republican – 1902-06-05. Nothing to do with a Bunker, just amusing.* Bette – Nov '22 ■ I wrote to Army Sgt Roy Bunker (p.2559) and his letter was returned marked "Return to Sender, No Such Street." I also wrote to Roy's cousin, Larry Kezner and am waiting a reply. Do you know Sgt. Roy? I need his data for the *mil db*. ■ **RUSSELL BUNKER** was fined \$2.50 for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, in 1918. GASP. *Daytona Beach Journal* ■ This arrived from **NICHOLAS BUNKER** of Scottsdale, AZ. I was researching my family name when I stumbled upon a website for the Bunker Family Association. As a proud Bunker, I was curious to learn more and see what the association is about. Is this an actively running association? Are there any projects that are being worked on that could use assistance? Do members maintain a family tree tracing back to the original three branches. Thank you, Nicholas. ■ What can you offer the BFA, Bunky? ■ \$ ■

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There is a phenomenon known as chromosomal crossover to further mix up the gene pool. When diploid cells become haploids (in the form of sperm or egg cells), chromosome pairs may cross over, exchanging different pieces.

Think of it as one giant jigsaw puzzle to increase diversity within the human species. Scientists believe this occurs to reduce the risk of inherited genetic disease.

Note that when someone asks, “Can two siblings have different ethnic DNA?” and the answer is that siblings share 50% of genes, this is not meant in terms of all DNA. Instead, scientists are referring to the tiny differences within all genes.

In most cases, differences between genes are mainly irrelevant and don’t manifest bodily or mentally.

### **Sibling DNA & Ancestry FAQs**

The issue of sibling DNA can be a complex one to understand. To help you grasp the subject better, here’s some clarification to commonly asked questions about sibling DNA.

Can brothers and sisters have different DNA and ethnicity?

Yes, because of the meiosis and chromosome crossover processes. The ethnicity of two siblings can also differ for this reason. One person’s DNA result may indicate more Swedish in their genes, whereas their sibling may have more Irish. Naturally, it largely depends on how much geographical diversity there is in your family tree.

Can a DNA test prove siblings?  
DNA testing is used every day to prove a family relationship. Scientists will examine your DNA to spot the similarities and differences between your and your sibling’s samples. The general rule is that a full sibling will share roughly 50% of DNA. On the other hand, a half-sibling will have approximately 25% of DNA. The technology behind DNA testing is incredible and has brought closure to families worldwide.

Do unrelated people share the same DNA?  
Humans have so much diversity when compared to members of the animal kingdom. Humans are so different from animals because we have more potential DNA combinations. Vast gene pools are crucial to the continuing advancement of the human race. Everyone shares a lot of similarities in their DNA. After all, humans share all the major chromosomes. What makes us different is how the letters within are combined.

Do family members born of incest share more DNA?  
Inbreeding will undoubtedly lead to family members sharing more of their DNA. In this scenario, children born of incest will share more than 50% of their DNA with their parents.

Inbreeding has a high chance of leading to genetic disease. One of the most famous genetic conditions is the Habsburg Jaw, likely due to inbreeding within the Habsburg royal family that dominated Europe in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Open the Window to Your Past with *GenealogyBank***

The concept of DNA and how much you share with the members of your family tree is a complex one to understand. The truth is, there are some significant differences when it comes to our ancestry, even with the same parents.

Your DNA test results are a window into the past. They can show you where you came from and may even point you in the direction of some of your unknown ancestors. There is also a lot of science has yet to [find] about DNA. As our understanding of DNA evolves, many wonder what other things our DNA will be able to reveal - not only about our past but also our future.

Whether you’re getting started with genealogy or looking to garner more information to build your family tree, sign up with *GenealogyBank* and browse our *U.S. census records*.  
*Bette – Aug ‘22*

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### **Mother of *Cheaper by the Dozen* Dies**

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) – “When my husband first told me he wanted to have six sons and six daughters, I asked how on earth anybody could have 12 children and continue a career,” Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth once recalled.

“But my husband said, ‘We teach management, so we shall have to practice it.’

“Over a 17-year period, we had our children – all planned, I assure you.

A chronicle of the family life of Frank and Lillian Gilbreth and their 12 children – written by a son and daughter – became a best-seller and eventually was filmed, starring Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy. Appropriately, it was entitled “*Cheaper by the Dozen*.”

Mrs. Gilbreth, who died Sunday at the age of 93, married Frank Bunker Gilbreth in Boston in 1904 and together they pioneered in the field of time and motion study, the development of more efficient job operation.

“*Cheaper by the Dozen*” was a humorous account of how the Gilbreths applied their field to the running of their 14-member family.

The authors were Ernestine Gilbreth Carey and Frank Jr; now assistant publisher of two Charleston, SC dailies.

Mrs. Gilbreth died at a nursing home where she had been confined for the past three years after falling and breaking a hip at Mrs. Carey’s home.

Her husband died in 1924. Ten of 12 children live.

*Columbus Dispatch – 1972-01-03*

D-118-VII ROBERT M. GILBRETH, Franklin, NH. BFA member is the son of Martha & John Hiram Gilbreth (1982 BunGen p.89).



## Cousins Visit the Durham Graveyard



L-R: Denise *Bunker* Fehrenbach and Candace *Bunker* Moline, children of Ivan Harold Bunker. Shannon *Bunker* Klar, and Brandi *Bunker* Fearon, children of David Emery Bunker.  
(Photograph: Kennebunkport Inn, Maine).

Reported in the last edition was an article about sisters and cousins and their visit to the Durham Graveyard (page 2434). They too, look like Bunkers?

**BRANDI**, Saco, ME made the visit feasible with her cousins from Illinois. They grew up in Illinois as did Brandi and **SHANNON** (now of Gray, ME). **DENISE** lives in Williamsburg, IL and **CANDACE** is in Geneva, IL. This was their first trip to Maine and the **BUNKER FAMILY GRAVEYARD**.

*Carole and I visited the only B&B on Islesford about 30-40 years ago. We also ate at the island's only restaurant that was suspended over the bay. We ordered liquid refreshment and lobsters for dinner. The chef pulled a lobster trap from the ocean, inside were two delicious crustaceans, can't get fresher than that. M'm! M'm! Good!*

*One of the noted spots on Great Cranberry Island was a home that featured a "widow's walk" that extended far above the roof line, perhaps thirty feet or so. It seemed out of place when compared to its bucolic surroundings. If I remember correctly, it was owned by a summer resident.*

*We stopped at the hobby shop, perhaps it was in the B&B, and purchased a Turks Head key-fob made by Ted Spurling, a noted Islesford historian and author, and a small sack crafted by (D-1106) "**TINKER**" **BUNKER**, (1982 BunGen p.351) made from lobster trap netting.*

*Wonder if all three places are still thriving?* ⌘

D-1052-II CANDACE BETH<sup>10</sup> (1982 BunGen p.338)

D-1052-III DENISE LYNN<sup>10</sup> (1982 BunGen p.338)

D-1357-I BRANDI ANN<sup>11</sup> (1982 BunGen p.363)

D-1357-II SHANNON EMERY<sup>11</sup> (1982 BunGen p.363)

## Carl Bunker for Sale

### A Big Bunch of Carl Bunkers

On March 1, 1888, at Geo. L. Goulding & Co.'s City Stock Yards in Denver, Colorado, I will offer at public auction my entire stables of Blooded Horses, including the famous trotter, Black Diamond, and the celebrated pacer, L. C. Lee' with a record of 2:15. Also, Superior and **CARL** and **BILLY BUNKER**. Also, 70 mares and their colts. A few draft horses will be added to the sale.

*Rocky Mountain News* (Denver, CO) 1888-02-25

### Another Carl

On last Friday Nick Lippold sold the café which is operated in connection with the Derby, to **GLEN** and **CARL BUNKER**. These gentlemen are experienced in this line of business and will give the public all that it demands. We bespeak for them and their success.

*Falls City Tribune* – 1905-05-30

### And Another

CHESTER, Ind., March 27 – A car driven by **CARL BUNKER**, living north of here, turned over twice when Bunker attempted to get the machine out of deep ruts. He remained in the car but escaped with only slight injuries. The car was slightly damaged. There was no other occupant of the machine.

*Richmond Palladium and Sun Telegram* – 1917-03-27

### Still Another

POLAND, ME, Dec 27 (AP) – Fire today swept the 18-room Spruce Manor, a summer resort hotel and dine and dance spot near the Poland-Auburn line.

A hotel spokesman estimated loss at \$75,000. Cause of the fire was not determined.

Firefighters from Poland, Mechanic Falls and Auburn fought the blaze, pumping water from a nearby well.

The hotel is owned by **CARL** and **EMORY BUNKER** of Poland. They closed it for the season two months ago.

*Boston Herald* – 1954-12-28

Historian NOTE: U-554 EMORY LLEWELYN<sup>7</sup> (1850-1925); and his son KARL DANE<sup>8</sup> (1879-1942) are from Poland, ME.

*Bette* – Oct '22

### One More Time

REED CITY – **CARL BUNKER, JR.**, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bunker, of Reed City R2 drowned in a stock watering tank of his parents' farm about 2 p. m. Wednesday.

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Reed City state police reported Carl and a neighbor child were playing in the yard when the accident happened. They said the boy's friend ran to Mrs. Bunker at 5:05 p.m. to tell her Carl had fallen into the tank.

Mrs. Bunker found her son in the 9x4x3-foot tank. Artificial respiration failed and Mrs. Bunker drove the boy to the state police post here. Troopers then rushed him to Reed City hospital where he was pronounced.

State police believe Carl climbed the ladder on the windmill, then tumbled into the tank. Coroner James W. Livingston of Reed City issued a verdict of accidental drowning.

The father was at work in Massachusetts at the time.  
Service: Livingston Funeral Home, 2pm, Saturday.

*Grand Rapids Press* – 1957-08-08

### And Finally, the Last Two

COOPERSVILLE (UPI) – Mrs. **CARL BUNKER**, 29, and her five children, aged 1 to 7, were driven out into zero weather early today in their night clothes when flames swept their home near here.

Ottawa County authorities said an overheated stove started the fire which destroyed the uninsured home, causing damage estimated at \$4,500.

Mrs. Bunker and the children walked about a quarter of a mile to a neighbor's home to turn in the alarm and escape the frigid weather. Her husband is a produce truck driver and was in Florida when the fire broke out.

*Flint Journal* – 1964-12-18

**Historian NOTE:** Mrs. Carl's children were Alice age 7, James age 6, Nelly age 5, Thomas age 2 and Tracey age 1, and I still can't find her husband. *Bette* – Oct '22

**CARL BUNKER**, 18, Leslie, Mich. Was killed near his home when his car ran off the road and struck a tree.

*Boston Herald* – 1964-12-28

## Skeleton Closet

### Stolen Horse is Lawyer's Fee

(By Kist News Bureau)

BLUFFTON, Feb. 3 - Local officers acting with the Marion PD, have just discovered that Attorney John Milliner, of Wabash, seven years ago innocently accepted a stolen horse as a fee for defending **OSCAR BUNKER**, now under arrest at Marion as the leader of a gang of horse thieves which was recently rounded up and with whom William and James Byrd, two Wells County men, were connected. Bunker was under arrest for stealing hides to the value of \$12.

Mr. Milliner defended him and received a fine gray horse, with harness and buggy in lieu of a fee. He kept

the horse for a time and finally sold it. It died a few years ago after being resold several times. The officers are not able to say from whom the horse was stolen although they are positive that Bunker had not right to it.

*Journal Gazette* – 1910-02-04

U-3007 OSCAR O.<sup>10</sup>, probable son of WARREN EUGENE<sup>9</sup> (U-357-III, 1965 BunGen p.188).

*Bette* – May '22

### State Liquor Agent's "Court Fight"

**H. F. BUNKER** and Carl Schmidt, state liquor agents, were bound over to the district court on a charge of assault and forced to give bonds for \$500 each to insure their keeping the peace for thirty days after a hearing before Justice Collins yesterday.

Bunker and Schmidt were arrested on complaint filed by Attorney W. N. Jamieson just as Bunker was about to be called to testify in a case Monday afternoon.

Jamieson testified that he had been interrupted Monday morning while he was in police court on which Bunker was a state's witness.

*Omaha World Herald* – 1919-05-15

### State Agents Found Guilty in Assault Case

*Sentences of 30 Days Each Imposed by Justice Collins.*

*Placed Under Bonds to Keep Peace.*

**HAROLD F. BUNKER** and Carl Schmidt, Jr., deputy state agents working under Gus A. Hyers, were found guilty Wednesday afternoon in Justice George S. Collins' court on charges of provoking an assault on William Jamieson, an attorney.

Sentences of 30 days each were imposed, and they were each placed under bonds to keep the peace. Appeal bonds arranged by Special State Prosecutor Yale C. Holland were filed on behalf of the defendants.

Mr. Jamieson testified that during the trial of a liquor in the police court Bunker said to Schmidt and Claude Vogel, "What he needs is a good punch in the nose," referring to Jamieson, whereupon the witness further testified he was rushed by the trio. Vogel is a former deputy state agent.

Evidence disclosed the fact that Bunker and Schmidt carry badges and revolvers but are not bonded.

*Omaha Daily Bee* – 1919-05-16

**Historian NOTE:** Harold F. could be **HAROLD FRED BUNKER**, born 13 Sep 1882 in Iowa; he was an officer in Omaha in 1920, although I'm not positive.

*Bette* – Oct '22

## Ship Wreck *Valencia* – 1906

VICTORIA, B. C. – Jan 25 – Of the 154 persons on board the steamer *Valencia* when she was wrecked on the rock five miles from Cape Beale Monday night, only 38 have thus far been saved, 12 passengers and 23 members of the crew.

Five sailors and a mate were the first to reach shore and gave the warning. Nine sailors and passengers later succeeded in making land near the scene of the wreck. The other twenty were rescued from a raft in the high sea by the steamer *City of Topeka*.

The dead number 119, the greatest loss of life in the North Pacific since the *Pacific* was lost in 1875.

The *Valencia*, in whose rigging about 30 persons were clinging frantically, waving for assistance which could not be given when the steamer *Queen* left the scene yesterday noon, broke up last night, sweeping to death those few who had survived the terrible horrors of privation, chilled to the limit of human endurance, by clouds of spray which swept over them.

The fifteen survivors, in addition to the twenty rescued from the raft are: **E. F. BUNKER**, Carl Samuel, Miss Hono, R. Brown, Thomas Shields, J. R. Campbell, Richley Faganto, J.T. McCarthy, B. N. Ledhos, Albert Wells, John Mark, W. Goslin, T. Lampson, C. Brown.

The steamer *City of Topeka* left Port Angeles at 5 o'clock to return to the scene of the wreck.

*Saginaw News* – 1906-01-25

Editor NOTE: Above E. F. Bunker is identified as: D-683 FRANK FOREST<sup>8</sup> (1982 BunGen p.259) who'd been enroute to Seattle to become an assistant superintendent of schools. His wife, Isabel Ball, b 1876 Tulare, CA and their two toddlers, Dorothy b @ 1901 and Frank Forest Jr, b @ 1904, were lost in the tragedy.

Frank remarried three years later to Gertrude Deane (1878-1944) in New Orleans, LA. §

*Seattle Daily Times* – 28 Jan 1906

### FEAR INDIANS MAY DESPOIL BODIES OF DEAD

*Frank F. Bunker Appeals to the Dominion Governor and the Pacific Coast Company (unreadable)*

ATTEMPTS TO BRING OFF TEN OF THE DEAD TO  
REVENUE CUTTER FAIL DUE TO HEAVY SURF  
*Dory From Tug Also Unsuccessful in Attempt  
to Get Corpses and Canoes to Be Used*

*Times Special Service*

BAMFIELD B. C. Saturday, Jan 27 - Indians are congregating upon the beach about the scene of the wreck of the *Valencia* and unless some steps are taken at once to prevent it will at once begin the work of robbing the bodies which are washing ashore. I have appealed to the Dominion government and the Pacific Coast

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Company to establish a competent patrol of the beach and have volunteered to head a party if sufficient men and provisions are provided. Until that is done, I must remain at Bamfield.

My companions who sought shelter with me at the Darling River but have been taken on board the revenue cutter *Grant* by Capt. Killgore, since our arrival here on Friday night are now on their way to Seattle.

Today the *Grant* left Bamfield for the scene of the wreck to take aboard the ten bodies recovered at that point. A ship's boat in which I was taken ran the surf but found that it was impractical to bring off the bodies by this means.

A tug sent by the Pacific Coast Company arrived and one of her dories undertook the same task and failed.

A plan was undertaken to obtain Indians to bring out the bodies in canoes; they were accustomed to the surf.

I am trying to organize a systematic patrol to gather up the bodies, as they wash ashore at widely scattered points and may continue to do so for a week.

*Frank F. Bunker*

### CAPT. PETERSON SEEKS COASTAL INDIANS

BAMFIELD B. C. Saturday Jan 27 – I managed to land a party on the beach today with the assistance of a dory from the United States revenue cutter *Grant*. We met Frank Bunker, and he informed me that there were ten bodies on the beach; no women were among them.

A strong breeze is coming up at the time this message is being sent. The *Grant* has returned to Seattle and the tug *Bahada* is at Bayfield tonight. Tomorrow an effort will be made to reach shore and procure the bodies.

If I cannot get to land because of bad weather, I will return to Bamfield and organize a crew of Indians and commence a systematic search for bodies along the shore line of the island. If I find that is impossible to get enough Indians at Bamfield I shall proceed to Neah Bay on the *Bahada*, to secure them at that point.

Capt. Patterson is port captain of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and one of the best known, navigators on the coast. He has been on the Nome run for several years but was recently promoted. He was on the steamer *City of Topeka* Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday when the survivors were rescued, and a search made along the dangerous Vancouver Island coast for more victims of the wreck. Capt. Patterson left Seattle Friday night on the tug *Bahada* and will remain in the vicinity of Bamfield to direct a search for the bodies of the dead.

*Capt. J. B. Patterson*

### A Wrong Turn

Meanwhile, the nine survivors, led by Frank F. Bunker discovered the Carmanah-Cape Beale telephone line strung in the trees on top of the bluff. Believing the *Valencia* had run aground on the Washington Coast, they decided to turn left (toward Cape Flattery) for help.

Had the Bunker Party turned right and traveled a short distance, they could have received a lifeline shot from the Lyle line-throwing gun. The *Valencia's* stern was fewer than 250 feet from the top of the cliff and a breeches buoy could have been rigged, rescuing the remaining passengers and crew.

The Bunker Party followed the telephone line with great difficulty through the dense forest and across swollen streams, eventually arriving at a lineman's shack on the west side of the Darling River about 2:00 p.m. While searching for food, Frank Bunker found a telephone and connected it to the circuit. After repeated failures, he finally established communications with the Carmanah Light Station, giving the outside world the first news of the disaster. Carmanah relayed the information to Bamfield, who then cabled the information to Victoria, B.C. The *Valencia* had been on the reef for 15 hours and it would be many more hours before rescue vessels arrived.

EXTRACT: *Valencia, SS, The Wreck of* (1906) by Daryl C. McClary - [www.historylink.org/file/7382](http://www.historylink.org/file/7382)

## E. C. BUNKER

*Pioneer Who Brought Body of Crawford Home  
Revisits City, Here First Time since 1898,  
Tells of Thrilling Days When Geronimo  
Was Raiding Territory*

"Well, I'll be back in ten, fifteen or twenty years." It was E. C. Bunker, old timer from Clifton. Arizona who was in town yesterday as a witness in Federal Court, the first time he has been in Tucson since 1898 although he has been in Arizona almost continuously since 1882.

Bunker came to Arizona from Wyoming as a civilian transportation man with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Calvary. The wagon train of which he was in charge came to Fort Thomas on the Gila between Globe and Safford.

For three years he handled wagon train transportation for the army during the height of the Indian uprisings. In 1885 there was another outbreak and Bunker took charge of a pack outfit which followed the army through its campaigns, from Fort Apache on the north in the headwaters of the Yaqui River in the Sierra Madres of Old Mexico.

"Yes, I combed the Sierra Madres on both sides and on the top looking for the old chief," Bunker explained in outlining some of the historical campaigns in which he took part.

The aging eyes grow bright in memory of some trips which carried him through the deserts and mountains of Arizona. One in particular stood out as a journey of giants. Captain Crawford had been killed far down in Mexico in a battle with Apache warriors. The soldier had been buried near where he fell.

Six months later it was decided to bring the body to the United States for final disposal. Bunker had charge of a pack train which handled the job.

With an undertaker, they made the trip down without incident and secured the body. There was no board within many miles of which a coffin might be made. A framer of poles was constructed and lined with canvas. The body was placed in the makeshift container and the whole had to be strapped to a mule's back for the 200-mile trip.

Four of the best pack animals had been picked from a bunch of 200. One of these mules, Bunker recalled had at one time packed 1000 pounds on a bet. The rude casket was transferred from one animal to the other, and finally arrived safely at its destination after a trip over mountain trails which were all but impossible.

But Geronimo was captured and the work of the park division of the army became routine pounding of roads and trails without the excitement and danger which had made the old days something to remember. In 1892, Bunker went to work for the Arizona Copper Company.

In 1898 he made a trip to Tucson to look for a business location. He landed in town during a great fiesta, where the men from the frontier assembled in a week of revelry as relaxation from the loneliness of lonely jobs.

*Daily Star* (Tucson, AZ)– 25 Apr 1930

*Bette* - Dec '21

### From *mil db*

**D-481-I E. C. Bunker** [aka Edward Clayton Bunker] Quarter Master Dept of US Army, 1881-92. Filed 11 Aug 1927 in AZ.

He served as a Pack\_\_

(Historian NOTE: *Something's cut off here and it could be Packer, don't know who he might be.* *Bette*)

**D-481-I E. C. Bunker** [aka Edward Clayton Bunker] Packer, QM Dept Indian Wars, 1892.

Pension filed by\_\_; Date filed 8/11/1927; Application # 89512; Certificate # \_\_\_\_; Invalid

Historian NOTE: D-481-I *Took a while to find him but I am sure he is **Edward Clayton Bunker**, b 3 Dec 1859 Iowa; d 9 Oct 1939 Bedford, VA. Son of Russell Bunker, D-481 (1982 BunGen p.214) and Sarah Barnes. His parents died when he was just a child. I am not sure who raised the boys as Russell and Sarah had three and one was only two weeks old when Russell died. I will work a bit more on this family as Russell was a close relative of mine - one of the Lena, IL Bunkers. Edward was not in the database (Edwin was). He did not have any children. In 1887 and 1890 he was listed as a packer at Ft. Thomas, AZ. In 1888 he was listed as a packer at Ft. Bowie, AZ. By 1892 he was in Clifton and stayed there until after 1910 at least. I am absolutely sure that Edward Clayton is the right guy because of his father's will and Edward's gravesite.* *Bette* – Dec '22



## Died

In Nantucket on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., **ABISHA BUNKER** age 81, a worthy member and elder of the Society of Friends.  
New Bedford Gazette – 1836-01-18  
N-48-1 ABISHA<sup>6</sup> (1965 BunGen p.44)

**DAVID T. BUNKER** of Massachusetts, United States council at Demerara, British Guiana, has died from yellow fever.

Springfield Republican – 1888-02-10  
D-411 DAVID THAYER<sup>7</sup> (1982 BunGen p.188)

## Visitors

Visitors on last Sunday [Jul 7] included **JOHN, ROY,** and **EDNA BUNKER** at R. W. Beighle.  
Boston Herald – 1918-07-11

## Autoing

“Autoing: ...to Strawberry Lake the 4<sup>th</sup> [of July], Douglas Beighle, **LUCILE BUNKER**, Lola Baker, Carl Nelson, **EDNA BUNKER, ROY** and **JOHN BUNKER**, Mann Register, **HILDA BUNKER** and Pete Bughler, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Coons.”  
Boston Herald – 1918-07-11

**Historian NOTE:** *I have tried but I just can't place these Bunkers in Boston in 1918.* Bette – Nov '22

## Lumber Loads

**BENIAH BUNKER** and Richard Harding have been to Michias and purchased lumber with which to build each a house, both in district No. 2.

Ellsworth American – 1894-10-18  
D-591-V BENIAH<sup>8</sup> (1863-1959) b Cranberry Isles, ME (1982 BunGen p.239)  
Ellsworth American – 1894-10-18

The schooner *S. L. Foster* which has been chartered or the past year at Base Harbor is now at her home port and take a load of fish to Boston for James Parker. **Capt. WILLIS BUNKER** will have the command.

Ellsworth American – 1894-10-18  
D-590-I WILLIS EDGAR<sup>8</sup> (1855-1915) *brother of BENIAH*; b Cranberry Isles, ME (1982 BunGen p.238)

## Obeyed Company's Orders

**WILLIAM BUNKER**, of No. 19 East 127<sup>th</sup> Street, a conductor on the Madison Avenue division of the Interurban Traction Company, was arranged before Magistrate Deuel, in Yorkville Police Court yesterday charged with assaulting and ejecting Isaac Parker, a middle-aged man, living at No. 51 East seventy-eighth street, from a Madison Avenue car Friday night at the corner of Sixty-fourth Street and Madison Avenue. It was claimed that injuries inflicted to his head confined

him to his bed and prevented his appearance in court against the prisoner.

It was said on behalf of Parker that he boarded the defendant's car Friday night soon after eight o'clock and tendered Bunker a Fifty-ninth Street crosstown transfer which, he claims, Bunker declined to accept, saying that it was an hour and a half late. Parker denied this and insisted on riding the car without paying an additional fare which Bunker insisted on receiving. Failing in his efforts, it is claimed, Bunker seized Parker at Sixty-fourth Street and dragged him with such force from the car that he fell, and his head [hit] the cobblestones, inflicting a severe scalp wound, which required his transfer to the Presbyterian Hospital, from which institution he was removed to his home.

The conductor was released on \$1,000 bail and the hearing was set down for Monday morning.

Daily People – 1906-06-22

WILLIAM BUNKER (*BFA identification is unknown*).

## Santa Elena Docks Here

### Pretty Girls Aboard

The Deck Chair had a little Golden Gate Fiesta all his own yesterday, more people and more fun. Two big ships. The Grace Line's *Santa Elena* came in from New York under the command of the Adonis of the Seas, Captain Walter Prengel and *Oceanic Montrey* went out for Australasia. Here are some of the good folks seen.

Mr. and Mrs. **T. E. BUNKER** of Oakland, with their pretty daughters, **PEGGY** and **BETTY**, visited down to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, then to Panama and over to the Republic of Colombia. They were only in Cartagena 12 hours when they boarded the *Santa Elena* for the return voyage. Their father is a well-known San Francisco broker. Miss Betty has just graduated from the University of California. Peggy will enter this fall.

By *DECK CHAIR*

San Francisco Chronicle – 1937-07-21

N-408 THOMAS EDWARD<sup>10</sup> (1965 BunGen p.134)

N-408-I Margaret Helene<sup>11</sup>, b 25 Feb 1949 Charlotte, NC

N-408-II Barbara Sherri<sup>11</sup>, b 18 Sep 1951 Charlotte, NC

## Horse Throws Girl

HILLSBOROUGH, July 16 – **BETTY BUNKER**, 15, 524 El Cerrito Avenue, daughter of HOMER W. BUNKER, president of the Coos Bay Lumber Company, was recovering here today from a broken shoulder suffered when she was pitched from her horse.

San Francisco Chronicle – 1937-07-17

D-797-II MARGARET LOUISE<sup>9</sup> (1982 BunGen p.286)

## Betty Bunker Going East

Miss **BETTY BUNKER** of the East Bay is leaving here on March 29 for a tour of the East and will be gone  
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several weeks. She will make her new headquarters with relatives in New York but plans to “do” the Eastern States rather extensively.

*San Francisco Chronicle* – 1938-08-16

**Historian NOTE:** There were two Betty Bunker’s living in San Francisco; we do not have enough information to determine which one. It could have been the daughter of Thomas or Homer. *Bette* – Nov ‘22

### **Rubber Baby Buggy Bumper Bunker**

CRADLE NEWS - Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Todd Cowles (**BETTY BUNKER**) are welcoming their second child, a son, born February 14 at Alta Bates Hospital, Berkeley. The baby’s sister is DEBBIE, aged 4. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Bunker of Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. R. Coy Cowles of Auburn, formerly of Piedmont.

*San Francisco Chronicle* – 1954-02-24

N-408-I ELIZABETH<sup>11</sup> (1965 BunGen p.134)

### **Mrs. Bunker Made PTA President**

Mrs. **WENDELL BUNKER** was elected president of the Parent Teachers Association of the Mayfair school at a business meeting held Thursday afternoon at the school.

Other officers elected include a first and second vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and historian.

Dr. Stanley L. Hardy, staff of Las Vegas hospital and medical advisor of Cancer Control Association of Nevada, was the guest speaker, and spoke of the advantages of early detection.

Plans were made for installation of new officers on May 18, where a luncheon honoring the Mayfair teachers will be held.

A social hour followed the program, and refreshments were served by Mrs. R. C. Meininger.

*Las Vegas Review Journal* – 1946-04-23

No BFA ID for Mrs. Wendall found. Possible ID is: D-717 ARCHIE WENDELL<sup>8</sup> (1982 BunGen p.267) name changed to A. Wendell when *Archie Bunker* was on TV (1971-1983).

### **“Weather” or Not**

KEENE – Guy Parker of Spring Street last week mailed to its release base in Illinois the box containing the recording devices in the weather balloon recovered in Gilsum, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The balloon came down near Route 10 on the farm of **ARTHUR BUNKER**, Parker’s father-in-law. Bunker had notified the Gilsum Fire Department, which notified the Keen fore station, which notified the Civilian Air Patrol.

The instrument case had to be shot down from the tree the balloon landed in by rifle fire, as it was **2558**

so far up in small branches that even small boys were unable to climb to it.

With his rifle, Parker managed to sever the wire holding the box to the balloon after several shots.

*Union Leader* – 1959-12-07

D-554 ARTHUR EDWIN<sup>8</sup> (1982 BunGen p.230) was on the 1950 census in Gilsum, NH so I assume this was him even though I only have his daughter married to a Colburn. Maybe he had more daughters or maybe she married twice. *Bette* – Oct ‘22

### **Truck, 3 Cars Crash; 3 Die on Iowa I-80**

NEWTON, IA (AP) – The crash of three cars and a semitrailer truck on Interstate 80 east of here Monday night killed a Des Moines woman, her small son, and an Indiana man.

The victims were identified as Mrs. **MARGARET BETTY BUNKER**, 41, the driver of one car; her son **TODD**, 3½; and Henry L. Flynn, 58, of Fishers, IN.

Critically injured in the crash was **ORVILLE BUNKER, III**, 6, his father, **ORVILLE W.** was in fair condition at the hospital.

Dennis Harshman, 19 of Newton, suffered minor injuries in the accident, as did the driver of the truck, Bert McClellan.

The Highway Patrol said the accident occurred when a westbound car driven by Harshman went out of control in heavy rain, crossed the median and collided with the eastbound truck.

The truck then went out of control and crossed the median, sideswiping the Bunker car and colliding head-on with the Flynn vehicle.

*Omaha World-Herald* – 1970-07-14

U-736 ORVILLE WILLIAM JR<sup>9</sup> (1965 BunGen p.215) married 1955, to MARGARET BETTY MARTENCIE.

U-736-I ORVILLE WILLIAM III<sup>10</sup>

U-736-II TODD HORN<sup>10</sup>

Descendants of U-700 ANDREW MELVILLE<sup>6</sup>  
(1965 BunGen p.208)

### **GI Fights U.S. Army**

POLO – **DAVID BUNKER** planned on returning here with more than a duffle bag when he leaves Vietnam in September. Army officials, however, have balked at his request to keep his dog, Charlie.

Bunker has been soldiering since 1969, will get out in November, Charlie has been soldiering since 1968, but probably won’t ever get out.

“There are no provisions to give dogs to civilians - regardless,” said Bo Hilburn, director of the Department of Defense’s Dog Center at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Hilburn confirmed a tip Bunker received, that Charlie would be sent to the dog center sometime this month. Charlie received over \$2,000 in training and it would benefit taxpayers to continue using the dog.

"He saved my neck more than once because the alerts he threw when we were in the bush," Bunker said. "I'm attached to the dog. I spent every second of my time with him over here."

David Bunker will return with his duffle bag; Charlie will stay in the Army.

*Morning Star* – 1971-08-01

D-1048A-I DAVID<sup>10</sup> (1982 BunGen p.237)

*One of my relatives. Bette* – Oct '22

## Snowmobilers With Authority

OCONOMEWOC – Three helmeted snowmobilers zoom down snow-covered trains and across ice-covered Okauchee Lake, but unlike others, they carry guns and badges. Their black vehicles carry large white lettering that reads: Sheriff.

The aim of these officers, and the other nine members of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, is to make the sport safer and to enforce state snowmobiler regulations, said Sgt. **DAVID C. BUNKER**.

"It's not a lot of fun to stop somebody and say, 'I know you're having a nice day and here's a \$56 ticket because you didn't register your snowmobile. It's a negative kind of work but [must] be done.'"

The Snow Patrol, in its ninth year, is out during weekends and made 225 arrests last season. At least half the violations are issued for registration, the rest for equipment or trespassing.

Patrols watch for intoxicated and reckless drivers; a few arrests are made but only one last year. Each patrol team engages in usually one "hot pursuit" a year. We normally catch what we chase, one pursues while the other will cut them off.

Department officers volunteer to join the patrol and are compensated for their work.

*Milwaukee Sentinel* – 1986-01-24

Historian NOTE: *Can't find him in the 1950 census or our database.*

*Bette* – Nov '22

## Bellevue Soldier Wounded

Army Sgt **ROY BUNKER**, 8602 N. E. 19<sup>th</sup> St., Bellevue, suffered a severe foot injury in recent fighting near the Cambodian border in Vietnam, according to his mother Mrs. Betty Kezner.

Bunker, with the 4<sup>th</sup> Division, was evacuated to an Okinawa hospital where doctors are trying to prevent amputation of the foot.

A cousin of Bunker, Larry Kezner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kezner, 3535 N.E. 165<sup>th</sup> Street, is a civilian radio-man on the *Ocala*, a cargo ship off the coast of Vietnam. He heard about the injury and radioed word of it to the family.

Kezner was attempting to arrange transportation to Okinawa for a reunion with Bunker.

*Naples Daily News* – 2016-08-31

(See *Bunker Babble* p.2551)

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Historian NOTE: *I believe this is **ROY GENE** (aka Bishop) **BUNKER**, son of Daryl Eugene Bunker. Roy b. 17 Aug 1946, d. 2 Nov 1994, m. Susan G. Huber. Enlisted US Army 7 Dec 1965; discharged 18 June 1968.*

*The right years for Vietnam. Our db had him as Roy Bishop with the same birth and death dates. Online it seems they are the same man. He also used just his initials R.G. I think this is the right guy.*

*Bette* – Nov '22

## True Fish Story

### Homemade Lure and a \$50,000 Bite

COLONIAL HEIGHTS [VA]- **HARDY RUSSELL BUNKER** is a watchmaker by trade who has put his spare moments to what could be a profitable hobby.

The 62-year-old watch repairman and diamond setter said he recently was offered \$50,000 for a product of his spare moments – a revolutionary fishing lure.

"I brought nothing into this world when I came, so I'll go out the same way," he said in explaining why he refused the \$50,000 offer. A patent with the United States Patent Office is pending on his unique lure.

"My whole decision about the lures," he said, "is to make other men happy." His plan for the unusual lure, which he refuses to explain in detail until the patent is final, is to make it economical enough for all fishermen to enjoy.

His collection of colorful fancy lures for the finned friends of the deep total 150. Each was tediously worked out by Bunker, with the help from a faithful parakeet, "Jimmy," who flits about his master's workbench with spare parts gripped in his beak.

Bunker, a World War I veteran who served with the 18<sup>th</sup> Virginia Division in France, sums up his life from his days on his father's farm in North Carolina to his present home in Colonial Heights:

"I could have done better, I guess-but I'm happy with my work, my wife, children and my hobby."

*Richmond Times Dispatch* – 1956-01-01

RN 511334 HARDEN RUSSELL, Siamese descent

## Husband / Wife are U.S. Envoys

SAIGON (AP) – "His" embassy has an armed helicopter on the roof and a tank parked in the driveway of the official residence.

"Hers" has a cow asleep in the doorway under the great seal of the United States, and from the terrace of the official residence, a breathtaking view of the snow-covered Himalayan range.

The husband-and-wife team, **ELLSWORTH BUNKER** and his wife, **CAROL LAISE BUNKER**.

*We've read many stories about Ellsworth's adventures and nothing about Carol's escapades, until now. Bette*

Eighteen hundred miles west of Saigon in the medieval city of Katmandu, Ambassador Carol Bunker

presides over a rambling collection of two-story, white-washed buildings on King's Way. Formerly a factory, it now houses the official link to Nepal. It's the land of Sherpas and Gurkhas and lofty peaks like Everest. Nepal remains aloof and neutral and prefers to be loved by everyone. Tibet incorporated into Red China on the northern border and India is west and south.

Madam Ambassador entered government service with the Civil Service Commission in 1940. She went overseas after the war as a personnel officer of UNRRA and moved to the State Department a few years later. She rose in a field dominated by men, was steady and often spectacular. She served as advisor to several U.N. delegations and to UNESCO, first secretary-political secretary actually - to the embassy at New Delhi, director of the State Department's Office of South Asian Affairs and country director for India, Ceylon, Nepal, and the Maldives. President Johnson, in July 1966, nominated her to the post of career minister, the second highest rank in the State Department, and appointed her ambassador to Nepal in August 1966.

In her first two years as ambassador, Carol Laise Bunker won friends for America among the Himalayan people by taking the United States out of capital construction aid work, the "high visible projects" like roads and factories that Chinese and Russians compete in, and instead concentrated on malaria eradication, improved agriculture techniques, developing hydro-electric productivity and training teachers, vocational school instructors and government officials at local level.

Bunker's first wife, Harriet Allen Bunker, died in 1964. Three years later in a quiet ceremony at the official residence at Katmandu the ambassador-at-large married the bachelor career girl who had been his first secretary when he was ambassador to India and who held concurrent accreditations as ambassador to Nepal.

For a wedding gift, she gave him a Nepalese prayer wheel. He, in a daring thrust, gave his bride a cookbook. The wedding party set out by Jeep for Tiger Tops; a wild game preserve operated by a Texan in government-owned land in the dense jungles 75 miles west of the Nepalese capital. Enroute, they almost collided with a one-horned rhinoceros and her baby who appeared around a sudden curve in the narrow roadway. Two months after the wedding, Bunker accepted the President's appointment as ambassador to South Vietnam.

"At least we're serving on the continent," said Madam Ambassador with wifely resignation. Exchanging visits between Katmandu and Saigon, they managed to see each other every few months. Saigon, under rocket or terrorist attack, she has yet to be whisked off to "Bunker's bunker."

To avoid confusion, she signs official communiques as Ambassador Laise, he signs as Ambassador Bunker.

*Sunday Republican* (Springfield, MA) – 1968-09-22  
N-440 ELLSWORTH<sup>10</sup> (1894-1984) [1965 BunGen p.141] m(1) HARRIET ALLEN (1898-1964); m(2) CAROLINE CLENDENING LAISE (1917-1991).

### Carol Bunker Stays as Envoy to Nepal

WASHINGTON (UPI) – Ambassador ELLSWORTH BUNKER has quit his post as ambassador to South Vietnam but his wife, **CAROL LAISE BUNKER**, is going to stay on as U.S. ambassador to Nepal.

I am returning to Katmandu but will be leaving eventually. After all, I've been here six years. Mrs. Bunker said her husband would join her in Nepal while he awaits reassignment.

*Evening Post* – 1973-04-06

Ed NOTE: *Nepal, country where the Yeti Airline crash occurred on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, killing all 72 on board.*

### Bunker Nominated as Envoy-at-Large

WASHINGTON (UPI) – **ELLSWORTH BUNKER**, the veteran diplomat who was U.S. ambassador to Saigon during the height of American involvement in Vietnam, has been nominated by President Nixon.

Nixon also nominated Bunker's wife, Carol C. Laise, to be Assistant Secretary of State for public affairs Thursday. She formerly was the U.S. ambassador to Nepal.

It has been reported the Bunker, 79, may handle new negotiations with Panama over the status of the Panama Canal. The White House said Bunker would be "undertaking such assignments as the President and Secretary of State feel his experience and expertise is needed to handle."

*Evening Post* – 1973-08-03

*Ellsworth Bunker was the scheduled speaker at the 1987 Bunker reunion in Portsmouth, NH, but was called unexpectedly to Panama by President Nixon. Mrs. Hope Noyes, U.N.H. spoke in his stead.*

*That was the year U-411 **WARD BUNKER** was elected President of the BFA (1965 BunGen p.193). ⚡*

## Military News – WW I

### Lonesome GI Joe

**LUCILE BUNKER** received a letter from Irving Crawford, who has been in France for some time. He says he has not received a letter from the U.S. and is feeling lonesome and would appreciate some news from his friends in Highland.

Take notice, comrades at home, and do a bit to cheer up our boys over there, as well as those in the camps over here. Lucille will give you Irving's address.

*Boston Herald* – 1918-07-11

## New to *mil db*

**Donald Edward Bunker**, D-1029-III (1927-2016)  
WW II , U.S. Navy, Honorable Discharge (obit: p.2562).

**Frank Bunker** (1926-2022), U.S. Navy, 1944 to c1947,  
Bedfordshire DNA to **Roger** (c1470-1515) (obit:  
p.2562).

**Roy Gene (aka Bishop) Bunker** Sgt. U.S. Army, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Division (7 Dec 1965 – discharge: 18 June 1968), severe  
foot injury near Cambodian border in Vietnam (article:  
p.2558).

Naples Daily News – 2016-08-31

## NHOGA

### Power Washing, a Big No, No

The New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association was reminded recently by the National Cemetery Administration [of their] issued protocols for cleaning government-furnished headstones and markers, regardless of their location. It is interesting to note these markers remain the property of the government. In the opening paragraphs they state...

“In addition to national cemeteries and state, tribal and territorial Veterans, the National Cemetery Administration provides headstones or markers to eligible Veterans in private and municipal cemeteries. These government-furnished headstones and markers remain Federal property; the purpose of this page is to provide information on how to safely clean them.

“The goal of cleaning is to remove air pollution soiling, lichen, bird droppings, dirt, salt, and sap – it is NOT to make the headstone or marker look ‘like new.’

“Improper or unnecessary cleaning can accelerate the deterioration of marble or granite; preserving pre-1970s bronze was not sealed and will have a blue-green patina that will not be removed by cleaning.

“VA prohibits the general public from power washing Government-furnished headstones and markers due to the damage it may cause to historical headstones.”

[www.cem.va.gov/hmm/cleaning.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/cleaning.asp)

Old Graveyard News – Fall, 2022

[www.nhoga.org](http://www.nhoga.org)

## Deoxyribonucleic Acid

### Ancient Cousins

Archaeologist excavating caves in Siberia have found remains from at least a dozen different Neanderthals (they died abt. 40,000 years ago), said Bence Viola, an anthropologist from the University of Toronto. The

DNA extracted comes from small bits and pieces, “a finger bone here, a tooth there,” but they are enough for scientists to remove deoxyribonucleic acid [DNA] details.

Researchers were able to identify a couple of links, a father and daughter and a pair of other relatives, maybe a boy and his aunt, or some cousins.

Everyone in the group had a lot of DNA in common and suggests Neanderthals lived in small groups.

Extract: *Maddie Burakoff* (AP) – 21 Oct 2022

DE-YUK-SI (Deoxy) RAY-BO (ribo) NUK-LEY-EK (nucleic )

## Ask Marilyn

One of my favorite columnist was banished from the local Sunday paper (*to save money, I suppose*), she appeared in the *Parade Magazine*. Marilyn vos Savant offered this challenge to her readers: Can you create a sentence of 26 words that each start with a different letter of the alphabet? One of her favorites (and mine), was: *Our library is supposed to be a quiet zone for everyone, however, unfortunately, your nutty kids just played xylophones with cacophonous results, disturbing me greatly.*”  
Submitted by *Suzanne Bright*, Coral Springs, FL.

[marilyn@parade.com](mailto:marilyn@parade.com)

My challenge is similar but do it in alphabetical order.

*A boy called David, escaped from guarding houses in Joliet - killed locally - mentally nervous of porcupine quills, related significantly to useless vandalism with xenon, ytterbium, zirconium.* (Periodic Table of Elements).

Surely, you can do better than my awful example.

## In Memory Of

### DAVID DOUGLAS BUNKER

1935-2021

Dave Bunker died of a heart attack on Thursday morning, March 18, 2021. He was the last person to think it was his time to leave us. He was energetically preparing for another decade or more of work before him.

David Douglas Bunker was an amazingly talented musician, a genius inventor, and, most importantly, a loving brother, father, and grandfather. He passed away March 18, 2021, at age 86 in Rocky Ridge, Utah. Dave had an extraordinary life and lived it to the fullest on his own terms until his very last day.

Dave was born to Joseph Laurence Bunker and Winnifred Ella Fuller-Bunker on January 3, 1935, in the small town of Bunker Creek, Washington. He was the third of five children: Joanne Bunker-McReynolds, Allen Bunker, Lois Bunker-Woods, and Steven Bunker.

Dave learned the art of woodworking and became a luthier at an early age working side by side with his father building his first violin. Dave went on to form numerous successful guitar companies over his lifetime and continued to be an innovator in his field throughout his entire life. One of his greatest accomplishments was his invention of "The Touch



Guitar" which was the second patented string instrument in the United States. He was respected and admired by professionals across all genres of the music industry.

Dave was a bonafide performer. Early in his career he had the great privilege to entertain at military bases around the globe. One of the highlights in Dave's career was performing at the Grand Ole Opry in the late 1950's. He went on to share the stage at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas with his band the Dave Bunker Show, and the likes of Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, and Waylon Jennings for over a decade. Herbie Mandrell and his daughters also played a significant role in his life during Dave's Vegas years.

Later in life, Dave's focus shifted from performing to perfecting the art of guitar building with much success. He manufactured guitar necks for Ibanez with his patented tension free necks. Eager to try his hand at another part of the guitar business, Dave went on to buy and sell exotic tone woods to manufacturers around the world. In his final years, he formed "Stump to Stage" which showed his guitar building process full circle: literally from the tree to the final product. Dave moved to Utah from Washington State three years ago to continue his legacy with his son.

Although *The Touch Guitar* was his passion, his love for his family was unsurpassed. Dave's enthusiasm for life was infectious, and he did not know a stranger. He left a positive mark on all lives he touched. In life, Dave was surrounded by love, and, in turn, he spent his life fiercely loving his family and friends.

He is survived by his sister Joanne Bunker-McReynolds, his brother Steven Bunker, his former wife (and friend of sixty significantly plus years) Reita Jackson-Collins and their three children: David Laurence Bunker Sr., Teresa Jo Bunker-Reinholz, and Brenda Renee Bunker-Olson and their respective spouses. He was blessed by twenty-seven grandchildren, and thirty-five great grandchildren (with four on the way). He lived a humble life, unaffected by just how significantly he impacted the world. He will be greatly missed by all but his legacy lives on through those he left behind.

Heaven has taken on one tough talented angel!

Funeral services (were) held Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at the Rocky Ridge Church Building, 151 N. East Ridge Road, Rocky Ridge, Utah 84645, with viewing on Tuesday evening.

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D-1037 DAVID DOUGLAS<sup>9</sup> (1982 BunGen p.334)

Ed. NOTE: *The BFA was privileged to listen to Dave and his Touch Guitar at the 2005 reunion in Olympia, Washington. He was an awe-inspiring musician and astonishing performer.*

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### DONALD EDWARD BUNKER

1927-2016

Donald E. "Don" Bunker, 89, of Naples, FL passed peacefully at home with his family by his side, on August 29, 2016. He was born February 14, 1927, in Flint, MI, the son of Roy M. and Lena A. (McKenna) Bunker.

Don was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during WW II. Honorably discharged, he went on to graduate from General Motors Institute and began his career. He retired from GM's Fisher Body in Grand Blanc, MI as a Tool & Die Department Manager.

He enjoyed golf, fishing, bridge, and his Detroit Tigers. Most of all, Don was committed to his family and his **2562**

friends considered him one of the nicest, most considerate gentleman they ever had the pleasure of knowing.

Don and his wife, Juanita were married in the First Presbyterian Church, Flint, MI in 1949. They celebrated their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year.

Don was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Royal Wood Golf Club and Royal Palm Country Club, all in Naples.

He is survived by his devoted and ever-loving wife, Juanita; his children, Mary Jo (Chris) Bovich, of Naples and Donald (Kim) Bunker, of Alpharetta, GA; grandchildren, Sara and Taylor Bunker; brothers, Roy Bunker, Flint, MI Raymond (Mary) Bunker, Huntington Beach, CA and Ronald (Carol) Bunker, Rich Square, NC.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Grace (Loreen) Gillespie, Flint, MI.

A celebration of Life (was) held October 14, 2016, at the First Presbyterian Church of Naples, with a luncheon reception to follow in Spencer Hall. Avow Hospice was such a blessing to Don, and his family. In lieu of flowers, consider donations to 1095 Wippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

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IN HONOR OF SERVICE

D-1029-III DONALD EDWARD<sup>10</sup> (1982 BunGen p.332).

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### FRANK BUNKER

1926-2022

Frank Bunker, longtime resident of Stratford, NJ, passed away November 18, 2022, at the age of 96 years (b 18 Apr 1926). Beloved husband of the late Anna Bunker (nee Caskey), who predeceased him in 1992. Frank is survived by several nieces and nephews, his caretaker and friend, Pamela Martin (Harold). He is predeceased by all his siblings.

Frank served in the United States Navy from 1944 / c1947. A self-employed painting contractor for all his working life, he mostly worked in the Haddonfield and Cherry Hill areas.

Graveside services [were] Friday, December 2, 2022, at 12:00 Noon, at Bethel United Methodist Cemetery, 481 Delsea Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080. Condolences shared at:

[www.earlefuneralhome.com](http://www.earlefuneralhome.com)

FRANK<sup>14</sup> BUNKER [23943] b 18 Apr 1926 Somerdale, NJ.

NELSON<sup>13</sup> BUNKER [2809] (1885-1939)

JAMES RICHARD<sup>12</sup> BUNKER [2804] (1855-1924) m 20 Sep 1875 Eliza Flashman; emigrated in 1880.

Goes back 11 more generations to Roger, b Beds (c1470-1515).




Ed NOTE: *The graveyard service was attended by his caregiver, his nurse, his pastor, and a few friends from the Haddonfield United Methodist Church in New Jersey.*

*Two naval personnel played taps and performed the flag ceremony, in honor of his SERVICE TO COUNTRY.*

*Several stories about his career as a painter were provided by the minister who portrayed Frank, with brush in hand (he was not a roller person) and his commitment to painting the church he loved, stroke by stroke.*

*About 17-years ago, Frank showed me his proudest possession, a pew from the renovated St. Paul's Church in Bedford, Bedfordshire, England. Its permanent spot is now in the Chapel of the Haddonfield church. Frank preferred Pamela Martin own the pew but was okay with the end result.*

*There was a memorial service on January 14<sup>th</sup> at Frank's church. I was allowed to again sit on the centuries-old bench, identified as the "Eliza Flashman / James Bunker" pew. *

### **JAMON VON BUNKER 1973-2021**

Jamon Von Bunker, age 47, died tragically on July 9, 2021 at Echo Bay, Lake Mead, NV. He was born November 5, 1973 in Sacramento, CA to Jay and Nedra Bunker. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Kimberly Brown Bunker, and their four children: Bailey, Sierra, Jayden, and Jaxson. He is the oldest of five children: Scott, Jodi, Derek, and Travis.

Growing up he lived in Escondido, June Lake, San Marcos, and Valley Center, CA. Jamon graduated from Orange Glenn High School, where he earned varsity letters in basketball and volleyball. He also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He taught his brothers and sisters how to play, serve, and love big. After high school Jamon served the people of Alberta, Canada for two years before beginning college in Utah. After two years of college and work, he moved to Las Vegas. He married Kimberly Brown and graduated from the police academy. When their family increased in size with the addition of two daughters, Jamon and Kim decided to change careers from the bicycle beat on the Strip to residential construction in St. George, UT.

Jamon went into business with a friend and together they built a successful construction company. During this time two more children were added to the family while living in Logandale, NV. After several years of self-employment, he continued his career in construction with Crisci Builders.

Jamon loved his family and is loved dearly by them. He was a kind, loyal, and thoughtful husband, father, son, brother, friend, uncle, nephew, cousin, and grandson. Most of his free time was spent supporting the activities and interests of his children. He lived an honest, faithful, and fun filled life. Jamon enjoyed time at the beach, in the mountains, on the lake, and trips to watch March Madness games. He enjoyed spending time and making memories with his family and friends.

A viewing service [was] held on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Logandale Stake Center; funeral services [were] held Friday, July 16, 2021 also at the stake center. Graveside services followed at the Mountain View Cemetery in Beaver, Utah.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guestbook at [www.moapavalleymortuary.com](http://www.moapavalleymortuary.com).

In lieu of flowers, it is his desire for donations to be made in his honor to his children's high education fund. Please, send to PO Box 218, Logandale, NV 89021 or Venmo/Paypal.

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D-1160-I JAMON VON<sup>11</sup> (1982 BunGen p.356)

### **KAYLA LOUISE BUNKER 1989-2022**

(Obit pub *Bunker Banner* p.2547)

*Kayla Bunker.pdf*

KAYLA LOUISE BUNKER (1989-2022)

KELLY JOSEPH BUNKER (1959-2017)

GLENN WAYNE BUNKER (1926-1989)

GEORGE DEWEY BUNKER (1899-1958)

WILLIAM OMIN ah wanne e gwab BUNKER  
(1861-1954)

WILLIAM PETER BUNKER (1835-1897)

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### **NANCY JEAN BUNKER 1949-2022**


Nancy Jean Bunker, 72, passed away on May 8th, 2022. She was born on October 20th, 1949, to Joseph and Veda "Francisco" McDonald in Manilla, Iowa.

Nancy graduated from Manilla High School in 1967. She moved to Des Moines and worked as a secretary. She later met her husband Orville (Bunk) Bunker at United Federal where they both worked. They married in 1975. Nancy enjoyed traveling, spending time with family, drinking coffee while reading, and socializing with her friend groups.

She is survived by her children Matt (Sara) and Orville (Kim) Bunker; grandchildren Austin and Molly Bunker; sisters Joan Lee, Kathy (Roger) Davidson and Mary (Rich) Lomax; brother Tom (Sandy) McDonald; and brother-in-law Bill Preston. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, and sister Linda Preston.

A visitation [was] held on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home & Crematory, 8201 Hickman Rd., Urbandale, IA. A Mass of Christian Burial [was] held on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church, 4600 Meredith Dr., Des Moines, IA. Burial follow[ed] at Glendale Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Hope Ministries or Doctors Without Borders.

U-736 ORVILLE WILLIAM BUNKER, JR, m(1) Margaret Betty Martencie; m(2) Nancy Jean McDonald. He descends from Andrew Melville Bunker. (1965 BunGen p.215) 

### **THEODORE JAMES BUNKER 1927-2022**

Theodore James "Ted" Bunker – Of Grand Blanc, age 74, died Sunday, May 29, 2022, at home surrounded by his wife and children.

Theodore was born on November 15, 1947, in Madison, Wisconsin, the son of Clifford and Margaret (Olson) Bunker.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane (George) Bunker of 50 years; children, Christine (Andrew) Simpson, Andrew (Kelli) Bunker and Catherine (Charles II) Hitt; grandchildren, Andrew Simpson, Grace Simpson, Hannah Reish, Theodore Bunker, Charlotte Bunker, Chloe Hitt and Charles Hitt, III; sister, Ann (Tom) Tronzo; brothers, Paul (Diana) Bunker, Jeff (Laura) Bunker, Dan (Tuula) Bunker and Tim (Lori) Bunker; brothers-in-law, Leslie (Pam) George and Paul (Carla) George; many nieces and nephews.

Memorial visitation (was) held, June 14, 2022, and Memorial Mass (was) held at Holy Family Catholic Church, 11804 South Saginaw Street, Grand Blanc.

Burial of cremains at Great Lakes National Cemetery.  
*swartzfuneralhome.com*

THEODORE JAMES BUNKER (1947-2022)

CLIFFORD GORDON BUNKER (1923-2000)

JERRY BUNKER (1878-1946)

THOMAS VERBONCOEUR, JR (1844- )

THOMAS VERBONCOEUR (c1812-1866)

JOSEPH MIRABEN dit VERBONCOEUR  
(1875-c1844)

PAUL MIRABEN dit VERBONCOEUR  
(1727-1798)

JACQUES MIRABEN (c1700- )

**BETTY JANE BUNKER PURNELL  
1927-2022**

How do you say good-bye to someone you loved your entire life? Yes, the matriarch of our family is gone, and even though she disliked the title, my 95-year-old sister wanted, more than anything, me to be the patriarch. I thought she would outlive the entire family, even me.

She died in surgery on November 10<sup>th</sup>, complications from a broken hip. Now I'm the last one standing and completely understand my sister's dislike as the family doyenne. I don't like it, either.

BJ lived her last year with a daughter in sunny Cape May, NJ, but missed her home and friends at the Colonial Park Apartments in Woodbury, NJ. She was active in the building affairs, involved in politics, and worked the polls.

My sister was born 20 Aug 1927 to William Henry Bunker (1901-1943) and Edith Wooters *Schaeffer* (1905-1990) who married in 1926. She was the first of five children, her siblings, all brothers were William Henry Jr (1929-2006), Robert Samuel (1930-2013) and Roy Edgar (1938-2017).

The *paterfamilias* was born in February 1935. Mom was the only one allowed to call me Gilbert, it was usually when I did something bad. I can still hear her summoning words, *Gilbert, Roy, come down here and bring the belt with you*. I disliked the name, even though I was named after a favored uncle, Gilbert Edward Wilson.

BJ married William Edward Purnell on 26 Nov 1947 at our home on Woodland Avenue in West Philadelphia. I was 11-years-old at the time and remember the day vividly, with BJ gliding down the stairs, a short march to the dining room and the reverend uniting them as husband and wife.

They had four children: Dorothy Linda (m James Maurice Sullivan, Jr.), Shirley Diane (m Charles Joseph Taylor), William Edward Jr. (m Martha Marie *Freudlich*) and Judith Karen (m Steven Scott Boyer). As time progressed, there would be thirteen grandchildren (sixteen if you count step-grandkids), twenty-one great grandchildren, another enroute.

One of my sister's happiest days was her annual birthday and pool party hosted by my son John and his wife Grace, in Deptford, NJ. Bunkers would gather from all over including Pennsylvania, Arizona, and Florida. Most arrived from south Jersey - her kids did not settle far from home. The pool was a cacophony of chaos. A blistering sun was braved. The cuisine was copious. Forty to fifty celebrants was the norm.

A memorial service on November 18<sup>th</sup> was a joyous affair, everyone received a smiley face pin to festoon on a scarf or lapel. Two collages of photographs decorated the space, one with BJ cuddling each grandchild and great grandchild, shortly after their birth. Two short services by the VFW and American Legion Auxiliary preceded eulogies by the youngest daughter and several grandchildren, interspaced by musical renditions. There followed a memorial of mummers, a tribute BJ's South Philadelphia roots and the famous tradition of the "Mummer's Strut" on New Years' Days. Many of the bereaved joined in the strut, it was a perfect ending to the celebration.

Sis would have enjoyed the entire salute to her life, and now, it's my turn!

**Sis**

A handsome soldier came home from World War II after serving Hawaii, Philippines, and Okinawa to his home in South Philly.

While teaching Sunday School at Moore St. Baptist Church he was purposely introduced to a cute young lady, a set-up between his older sister and her mother. It worked pretty-well because they were married in 1947 and became "Bet and Bill." Settling first in South Philly, then across the bridge to Camden and then raising their four children in Westville, NJ.

Bet was a homemaker and began her lifelong service to the community. Starting in 1955 as a Brownie Leader, Girl Scout Leader, neighborhood chairperson of Girl Scouts, Assistant Cub Scout Leader, and Secretary of Westville PTA, all revolved around children.

While living in Friendly Village in Williamstown [NJ] she became a Democratic Committeewoman and President of the Village Homeowners Association. After her beloved Bill passed away, she moved to Colonial Park Apartments in Woodbury, where she resided for 30 years. There she became president of the Park's Senior Social Club. She was also Chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 137 in Woodbury. She was appointed by the Gloucester County Housing Authority as Residential Commissioner and served 20 years (2000-2020).

In her spare time, she made crystal earrings and enjoyed many years of art classes. Some of her paintings still hang in the hallways of Colonial Park. She also crocheted every grandchild and great grandchild an afghan, baby blanket, sweater, and booties.

Bet had a sense of adventure and in her later years. She parasailed in Mexico, hot-air ballooned, camped in a tent at the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia and fell in love with Puffins and sea otters in Alaska.

She was a fun-loving Mummer fan and dancer. We will miss her endless smiles, hugs and kisses and laughter.

(obituary extract)

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U-1752 BETTY JANE (Bedfordshire DNA)

WILLIAM HENRY BUNKER [Sr.] (1901-1943)

EDGAR BUNKER (1876-1917)

SAMUEL B. BUNKER (1849-1890)

HENRY BUNKER (c1814-1866)

(Still searching for our Bedfordshire roots).  - Jan '23