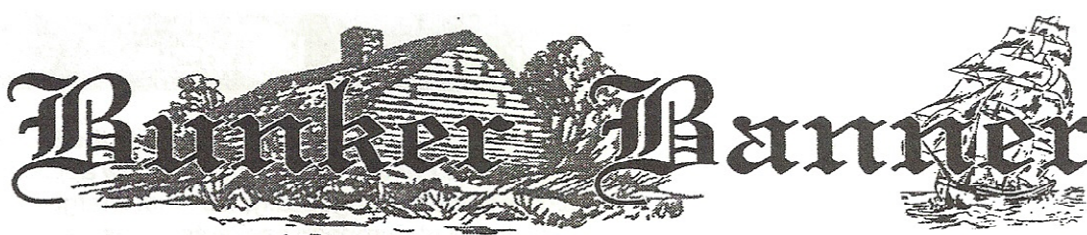


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May 2023

SEARCH FOR RUSSELL BUNKER

Branch's Pioneer Farm House

COLDWATER – One of the curiosities of Branch County is a log house on the farm of **RUSSELL BUNKER** in Bethel Township. The building, which is in a good state of preservation, was built in 1839. The logs in it are whitewood, some of them two feet in diameter. If taken care of, the old pioneer "farm house" will easily last [another] century

Detroit News – 1899-07-14

Military Russell

The St. Paul *Globe* of July 19th contains the following regarding a popular Redwood Falls girl: Miss Susie J. Abbott left Sunday morning for Seattle, WA where she will be married on the 24th inst. to **RUSSELL S. BUNKER**, a rising young lawyer of that city.

Mr. Bunker lived formerly in St. Paul and is prominent in military circles. He served as first lieutenant on Company D., 13th Minnesota, during the Philippine campaign, and when the National Guard was organized, after its return, was elected captain of Company D.

Miss Abbott is very accomplished and a favorite among a large circle of friends in this city and in Grand Forks, ND where she was a popular teacher. After an ocean trip Mr. and Mrs. Bunker will be at home at Seattle, WA.

Redwood Gazette [MN] – 1902-08-06

D-567 **RUSSELL SILAS**⁸ (1982 BunGen p.233)

Ed NOTE: Newsprint placed in *mil db*. §

Court fines...

J.E. Ricketson was brought up in police court Monday morning, charged with maltreating a dog. Judge Rowe continued the case until tomorrow morning. Other cases were: W. H. Manning, obstructing traffic, \$5 and costs; **RUSSELL BUNKER**, riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, \$2.50 and costs; Willie Jones, riding a bicycle at night without a light, \$2.50 and costs; H.B. Smithers, driving an auto with insufficient light, \$5 and costs.

Daytona Beach News-Journal – 1918-02-12

Party to Honor Russell Bunker

RUSSELL C. BUNKER, who has devoted nearly a half century of work to Buick, will be honored for his service at 7 PM today at a retirement party at El Rancho. His retirement is scheduled for December 1st.

Heading the guest list will be Robert D. Rollert, Buick general manager. Vernon E. Hense, Buick's general superintendent, will represent manufacturing.

A salaried employee for 42 of the 49 years he has been at Buick, Bunker has the longest service of all Buick supervision personnel and one of the longest at General Motors.

A native of Sheboygan, he came to Flint in 1910. He began as a machine operator at Buick in that year and eight years later became an assistant foreman. He was superintendent during World War II in factory 66, where Pratt & Whitney aircraft engine parts were made.

During the Korean conflict, Bunker helped build the jet engine for which Buick had received a contract. He has been on special assignment since October 1953.

He and his wife, Lillian, whom he married in 1914 have eight children, three of whom work for GM.

Unlike many persons on the verge of retirement, Bunker says he has no definite plans. "Many people plan what they will do when they retire," Bunker said. "When they do retire, often something happens, and they don't carry through with their plans." He said he will be content to sit back for a while and then make definite decisions about the future.

Bunker will not be entirely idle as he is a member of the County Board of Supervisors. He has been on the board almost a year and enjoys the work.

Flint Journal – 1959-09-19

D-1030 **RUSSELL CHARLES**⁹ (1982 BunGen p.332)

Historian NOTE: D-481-I **EDWARD CLAYTON** is not my ancestor. He had no children. I am still trying to trace down his brothers. One was unnamed in his father's will, but I found him with his guardian as a little boy. Can't find him as an adult yet. His name as a boy was **RUSSELL**. He may be **Russell Edward**, maybe not. He is descended from D-234 Thomas Jefferson Bunker of Lena, IL as am I. (See **EDWARD CLAYTON**: Bunker Banner p.2556) Bette – Jan '23

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President's Notes

GREETINGS FROM TEXAS!

It is lovely to see that Spring has sprung. There are several things you need to be aware of: The deadline for the Annabelle Moore Scholarship is June 30th. Please get your information gathered and in to our Scholarship Chair, Tamara Cook Smith kstamiam@yahoo.com Please let me know if you have any questions, as I was the chair for many years, and Tamara is just starting.
lianngrannyp@gmail.com

Our annual meeting is rapidly approaching. It will once again be held by Zoom. If you are an officer, please submit your annual reports to me in early June. Also, be prepared to present them at the Zoom meeting.

The Zoom meeting will be on Saturday, June 17th,
Bunker Hill Day.

**PLEASE CHOOSE THE CORRECT TIME
ZONE FOR THE MEETING.!**

EST Eastern – 1p.m.

CST Central – Noon

MST Mountain – 11a.m.

PST Pacific – 10a.m.

Doug Detling will be sending an email invitation to the membership list. If you are unsure if we have your email address, please contact him
doug.detling@gmail.com.

Often, when we schedule these meetings, we see multiple people who try to sign in at an incorrect date or time. I would really like to have as much participation as possible. If you have any problems signing in, please call or text me at (720) 256-6964.

Are any regional meetings planned for this summer? We would love to hear about them! Feel free to contact gil Bunker, our esteemed newsletter editor, so we can get information in the *Bunker Banner*.

Respectfully,

LiAnn Pennington
President

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
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- Thomas Bunker & Alice Pertie, Rattery, Devon, UK
- William Bunker & Ann Forrester, New Castle, DE
 - Devonshire Parish Records
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- 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:

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- Henry Bunker (c1814-1866) m. Mary Ann Cassiday
 - Thomas Bunker and Clarissa Chamberlin

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Free *Bunker Family History* w/USB purchase
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Bunker Family Association Books

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.

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 Northhamptonshire, plus others.

All books w/free USA p/h. – International postage, extra.
Mail check to BFA President, payable to BFA.

Bunker Babble

■ This arrived on Jan. 17th from **CHARLIE BUNKER** in England. – “Hi, I have recently been doing some research into my family surname Bunker and have come across the **Bunker Family Association** website. As it says on the website that it was last updated in 2008, I was wondering whether the website is still active? I have noticed that some of my known relatives are on the website and therefore think it would be useful to try and establish contact between them. I myself do have access to website hosting services and therefore would be interested in running the site if it was no longer active. Kind Regards, *Charlie Bunker*, Lincolnshire.” Thank you for getting back to me and providing me with the information regarding the database. I hadn’t realized the association was still running. I look forward to finding out more about the association and look forward to speaking to Bette and others regarding the membership and the USB. All the best, *Charlie* ■ Heard again from **NICHOLAS C. BUNKER**, Scottsdale, AZ. “I have heard stories referencing us being from the Cranberry Isles.” My grandfather’s name was [D-1412, 1982 BunGen p.365] Bruce Leroy Bunker, b 31 Aug 1941 Augusta, ME, married my grandmother Mary Bernice *Delcostello*, b 23 Dec 1942. They had two children. My father, Michael Paul Bunker, b 15 Nov 1967, and my Aunt Beth, i.e., Elizabeth, b 14 Apr 1969. [THE FOLLOWING IS NEW INFO TO THE BFA DATABASE:] My father married mom, Gretchen Francis *Dent*, b 31 Dec 1968. I am Nicholas Carl Bunker, b 11 Oct 1998, my brother is, Samuel Paul Bunker, b 27 Jun 2000. Nick is seeking membership in the **Bunker Family Association** (see *Bunker Babble* p.2551, February, 2022 edition). ■ Abandoned and captured Russian weapons “have turned Moscow into, by far, the largest supplier of heavy weapons for **Ukraine**, well ahead of the U.S. or other allies in sheer numbers” according to *The Wall Street Journal* [including] 460 tanks, 448 infantry fighting vehicles, 195 armored personnel carriers, 92 self-propelled howitzers and 44 rocket launchers. *American Legion Magazine*, May 2023 ■ The *Bunker Banner* is recorded in the *Reunions Magazine* www.reunionsmag.com ■ Heeeeer’s Johnny - The most watched TV show in late-night history was the marriage of Tiny Tim to Miss Vicky on December 17 in 1969. *Reminisce* Sep 2022. There was Steve Allen, Jack Paar, Johnny Carson, Jay Leno, Conan O’Brien, Jimmy Fallon, and... Did I miss anyone? ■ Mrs. Howard Bunker and Lieut. Bunker are visiting the latter’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bunker 215 West Madison Street. Lieut. Bunker, who is in the air service has been transferred from San Antonio, TX to San Diego, CA. South Bend *Tribune* – 1929-10-27, *Bette* - Mar ‘23. ■ Where did you go, Bunky? ■ ~~§~~ ■ **2567**

Beds & Devon

Bedfordshire Bunker Births by Era

Bunkers born before 1500	4
1500 and 1599	37
1600 and 1699	300
1700 and 1799	1513
1800 and 1899	3128
1900 and 1999	1809
After 2000	42

Most Popular Locations

Nantucket MA, Nantucket MA, Millbrook (Beds. ENG), Michigan, New York, Tingrith (Beds. ENG), Westoning (Beds. ENG), Hudson NY, San Francisco CA, Brooklyn NY.

Devonshire Bunker Births by Era

Individuals born before 1500	3
1500 and 1599	3
1600 and 1699	87
1700 and 1799	534
1800 and 1899	6703
1900 and 1999	6915
After 2000	179

Most Popular Locations

Franklin ME, Salt Lake City UT, Cranberry Isles ME, Goldsboro ME, Barnstead NH, Boston MA, Durham NH, Maine, BIC (?), Sullivan ME.

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Devonshire Branch

Maine's Coast Guard

The three and a-half companies of the Coast Guards recently raised in this State have been organized as follows:

Co. D – Charles F. Ring, Captain; Samuel Stoddard, 1st Lieut.; Edwin Bicknell, 2nd Lieut.

Co. E – **DUMONT BUNKER**, Capt.; Henry E. Sellers, 2nd Lieut.

Co. F – Charles H. Conant, Capt.; Geo. S. Smiley, 1st Lieut.

One half of Co. D will be sent to Castine, the remainder to Machias. The other companies will leave Augusta respectively on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, reporting to Lt. Col. Dawson of Portland, commanding coast defenses of Maine. They are armed with the Springfield rifle, and most of the men have been in the service.

Daily Eastern Argus – 1865-01-12

Above newsprint added to *mil db*.

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D-297 **DUMONT⁷ BUNKER**(1839-1898) Captain, 19th ME Inf in Civil War (1982 BunGen p.153).



Extract from *mil db*.

Enlisted: a Corporal on 04 June 1861 at the age of 22.

Enlisted: Company F, 3rd Infantry Regiment Maine on 04 June 1861.

Promoted: Full Private on 24 June 1861 (Reduced to ranks).

Promoted: Full Lt. 2nd Class, 26 Aug 1862 (as of Co. K 19th ME Inf.)

Dumont carried this Remington pistol, c1863 w/lanyard ring. (Photo courtesy: *Debbie Lowe*, gr-gr-granddaughter) Jun 2008

Discharged: promotion Company F, 3rd Infantry Regiment, Maine on 26 Aug 1862

Commission: Company K, 19th Infantry Regiment, Maine on 26 Aug 1862.

Promoted: Full Lieutenant 1st Class on 28 Oct 1862.

Promoted: Full Captain on 03 March 1863

Discharged: Company K, 19th Infantry Regiment Maine on 26 October 1864

Promoted: Full Captain on 07 January 1865 (as of Maine Coast Guards)

Commission: Company E, Coast Guard Inf. Regiment Maine, 07 Jan 1865.

Promoted: Full Captain on 20 January 1865 effective 10 Apr 1865 (Captain & Commissary of Subsistence)

Discharged: promotion Co. E, Coast Guard Inf. Regiment, Maine, 10 Apr 1865

Promoted: Full Captain 07 Jan 1865 (ME Coast Guards)

Discharged: for promotion Co. E, Coast Guard Inf. Regiment, Maine, 10 Apr 1865

Commission: Commissary Dept Regiment, VO on 10 Apr 1865.

Mustered: Commissary Dept Regiment, VO on 18 Aug 1865.

Pension: Filed by widow Josephine; Date filed 9/18/73; Application # 186573; Certificate # 270842; Invalid Pension filed by widow; Date filed 5/16/98; Application # 676235; Certificate #

Historian NOTE: b 1839 Bunker, Dumont. 2nd Lieutenant 19 ME Infantry 26 Aug 1862; 1st Lieutenant 28 Oct 1862; Captain 3 Mar 1863; honorable mustered out 21 Oct 1864; Captain ME Coast Guard 7 Jan 1865;

honorable mustered out 11 Apr 1865; Captain
commissary of subsistence volunteers 20 Jan 1865;
honorable mustered out 18 Aug 1865.
SOURCE: *Historical Register and Dictionary of the
United States Army*, B. p.261 *Bette* – Aug ‘20

Team and Carriage Stolen

Taken From in Front of a Drug Store on West Seventh

A team of horses and a top buggy belonging to Theodore Bunker, of 455 Rice Street, was stolen Sunday evening from in front of a drug store on the corner of West Seventh Street and Sherman. Mr. Bunker had hitched his team and left it standing there while he and his wife were making a call nearby. The horses are a little below medium size, one is white and the other is a bay spotted with white. Mr. Bunker has not secured any traces of the team.

St. Paul Daily Globe – 1894-11-21
D-631 THEODORE 2ND 8 (1982 BunGen p.248)

Sheriff Brings Story of Assaults

Sheriff Peter O. Bunker of College is searching for a probably demented man who attempted to assault of two school teachers in Clinton and Cedar Counties last week, arrived in the city this morning. He came here to see a man known as George Alton who was arrested near State Center Tuesday. Certain details of the description of Alton and some of his actions, made Sheriff Edgar think that Alton might be the man for whom possies searched in Clinton and Cedar counties. He notified Sheriff Bunker Wednesday afternoon.

Sheriff Bunker, after seeing Alton in the county jail this forenoon, was in doubt whether he was the man wanted. He left for Vinton with Alton this forenoon to have the school teachers and children of the schools identify Alton if they could.

The story Sheriff Bunker told here was of two of the most brutal attempted assaults. The first was in the rural school near DeWitt taught by Miss Smith, of DeWitt. Monday afternoon of last week while school was in session, Miss Smith heard someone in the vestibule of the building. She went to it and opened the door. It was raining. A man was standing in the vestibule. He said he that he lived near there, and that he stepped in out of the rain, Miss Smith told him he could remain until the rain stopped.

A little later she heard the man moving about in the vestibule and she became suspicious and fearful. Going to the vestibule adjoining the one in which the man stood Miss Smith saw the man undressing. She hastened back into the school room, dismissed the school, and bundled the few children out of a window. By that time the man entirely nude, came running into the school room. Miss Smith jumped thru a window and ran. The man pursued her, but fell, and the teacher escaped. The alarm was spread, and the posse searched the county round-about,

but the hunt was unsuccessful.

The second assault, even more exciting than the one on Miss Smith at the DeWitt school was at what is known as the Hickey school near the Northwestern right of way between Clarence and Lowden, Cedar County. The school is taught by a Miss Dougherty of Clinton.

School had just opened, and the pupils were singing the morning song. The first warning of the assault was one of the pupils screamed. Then the teacher saw crawling toward her up the aisle a man partially clad. Then the man sprang at Miss Dougherty, who fought him off with a chair. One of the pupils, a small girl, seized the stove poker and went to the aid of the teacher. Together they stood off the man, whom they either knocked down or who fell down in the aisle. The teacher and pupils beat a retreat and as soon as the alarm was given a second posse made a search. It also was unsuccessful.

Since that time Sheriff Bunker said twenty or thirty suspects had been arrested but all have been released. In some respects the man in jail here is said to resemble the man wanted, but in other he does not. Some of the clothes Alton wore resembled the clothing the hunted had on. Sheriff Bunker has never seen the man for whom he is searching and all he had to work on are the description furnished by the teachers and their pupils, all of whom are greatly frightened and excited.

Evening Times *Republican* – 1914-09-24
D-531 PETER OBIDIAH⁸ (1982 BunGen p.225)
Historian NOTE: In 1900 he was a bartender, 1910 a night watchman, 1930 a city policeman. *Bette* – Mar ‘23

Nathaniel W. Bunker

Word was received in Cambridge yesterday of the death, on Wednesday, of Nathaniel W. Bunker, 83, formerly Cambridge fire chief, at his home 9049 Steele Road, Sherman, CA.

Chief Bunker joined the Cambridge fire department in 1873 and became chief on Jan. 1, 1905. He served in that capacity until he retired in June 1916. While a member of the department he became well known among fire chiefs and was always very active and prominent in fireman's circles. None of his relatives now reside in Cambridge, all being with him in California.

Boston Herald – 1927-04-15
D-493 NATTHANIEL WEITH⁷ (1982 BunGen p.217)
Historian NOTE: My database says Nathaniel Wyeth Bunker b. 4 Feb 1844 Cambridge, MA, d. 13 Apr 1927 Hollywood, CA. *Ancestry.com* says the same. He also had a son, Francis Joseph b. 17 Mar 1897 Concord, Merrimack Co., NH, d. 7 Sept 1967, San Bernardino Co., CA. Francis, son of second wife but we have a date of marriage as 1908. First wife died 1894 though. Some confusion yet. All records except the Genealogy book say Nathaniel Wyeth b. 1844 d. 1927. *Bette* – Mar ‘23
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Granite State Hunter Drowns

SWANZEH, NH – A hunter attempting to retrieve two geese he had shot drowned in the frigid Ashuelot River, officials said yesterday.

Terry Bunker, 27, of Greenfield, disappeared under the near-freezing waters of the southwestern New Hampshire river Saturday, officials said.

Lt. Gerard Bernier of the state Fish and Game Dept. said the water temperature was just above freezing, and quickly sapped Bunker's strength, Bernier said.

"He didn't panic and wave his arms. The cold water just took his muscles and took all his strength," Bernier said.

Bunker drowned in a pool of water 8 to 10 feet deep. If he had waited several minutes, he could have retrieved his geese from rapids downstream of 2½ feet.

Boston Herald – 1988-12-12

D-851-VIII TERRY ALAN¹⁰ (1982 BunGen p.296)

Bedfordshire Branch

Peter Bunker

By a Veffle which arrived here yesterday from Cape Fear, but left Martha's vineyard, we have Advice, That a Schooner from this Slace,-----May o; and a Sloop of Nantucket, Peter Bunker, being upon a Whaling Voyage, were taken By a Spanish Privateer Brigantine off the Capes of Virginia : The Sloop was ranfom'd foe 800 Dollars, and Mr. Bunker's Brother left as security for the Payment : The Spaniards having plunder'd the Schooner, and frtip'd the Men od moft of their Cloaths, they releafed her and the Crew, who are fince arrived at the Vineyard, and gave this information.-----They add, That Don Pedro is a 30 Gun Ship, the Brigantine aforesaid, and a Sloop, from Havanna, were out upon a Cruize : But we hear that an Egnlilh Man of War from Virginia, is out in quest.

New York Evening Post – 1747-05-18

Translation to modern English:

By a vessel which arrived here yesterday from Cape Fear but left Martha's Vineyard, we have advice, that a Schooner from this Place ---May o; and a Sloop of Nantucket, Peter Bunker, (master), being upon a whaling voyage, were taken by a Spanish Privateer *Brigantine* off the Capes of Virginia: The Sloop was ransomed for 800 dollars, and Mr. Bunker's brother left as security for the Payment: The Spaniards having plundered the Schooner and stripped the men of most of their clothes, they released her and the crew, who are since arrived at the Vineyard and gave this information... They add that Don Pedro is a 30 gun ship, the *Brigantine* aforesaid, and a Sloop, from Havana, were out upon a Cruise: But we hear that an English Man of War from Virginia, is out in quest.

Bette - Mar 2023

Capt. Eber Bunker

Pioneer of Australian New Zealand Whaling

On a cool, clear midnight's morning in August 1791, the British waler *William and Ann* dropped anchor in Sydney Harbor after a five-month voyage from England.

It was Captain Eber Bunker, a young man from Nantucket stock hired to sail the ship and its cargo of 188 convicts to the colony of New South Wales, then little more than a decade old.

The *William and Ann*, of 370 tons, was part of the Third Fleet to sail to Australia from the UK, with 1,870 convicts and stores and provisions. Contractors had been engaged to supply the ships, among which were five whalers whose broad beams and large holds were judged most suited to convict transportation, yet whose primary design and purpose were clearly in mind. Leaving from Plymouth, the *William and Ann* sailed with its human cargo in company with the Atlantic and another whaler, *Salamander*, meeting up with another seven vessels from Portsmouth.

Efforts were made by the authorities to protect their human charges in what was always a grueling trip. Storms separated the vessels after a stopover at Rio de Janeiro, and first-person accounts speak of the convicts confined below decks for security, while hatches were battened down to keep out the sea.

Accounts compiled by a descendant of Bunker, Dr. Richard Hodgkinson, speak of the soldier guards of the New South Wales Corps, comprising a sergeant and twelve privates, being often content to keep their charges below decks and if possible chained together in great privation from overcrowding.

There was trouble on board. Reports claim that Eber was charged with "assault and beating" by the soldiers of the Corps on his arrival at Sydney's Port Jackson. "He pleaded guilty and was fined."

Eber had driven a fast trip, in what was an old vessel built thirty-two years earlier. He lost seven convicts riddled with vermin and disease; yet only five of the 181 required hospitalization on arrival.

Offloading took little more than a week, leaving Bunker free to roam the settlement and muse on the fortunes of his life in the aftermath of the American War of Independence.

Within a month of the *William and Ann's* arrival in Sydney, the *Britannia* reached port with a cargo of 129 male convicts. It had lost twenty-one on the voyage.

Britannia was another whaler, owned by the British firm of Sam Enderby and Sons, under the command of Thomas Melville. He, too, was on his first voyage to Australia.

Melville wrote enthusiastically to his owners that off the east coast of Tasmania, "we saw a large sperm whale, but did not see any more being very thick weather and blowing hard to within 15 leagues to Port Jackson. Within three leagues of the shore, we saw

Sperm whales in great plenty.

We sailed through different shoals of them from 12 o'clock in the day till sunset, all round the horizon as far as I could see from the mast head. In fact, I saw very great prospects in making our fishery upon this coast... I was determined as soon as I got in and got clear of my live lumber, to make all possible dispatch on the fishery on this coast.

Melville's sightings were well received by Governor Phillip, an enthusiast for [the] local whaling industry. "I waited on His Excellency ... and he told me he would dispatch every long boat in the fleet to take our convicts out and he did accordingly The Secret of seeing the whales our sailors could not keep from the rest of the whalers here, the news put them all astir, but we have the pleasure to say we were the first ship ready for sea."

The *William and Ann* and the *Britannia* sailed within ten days to try their luck. They caught seven whales between them but could hold only one each. This was Sydney's first locally based whaling adventure-the first two of many fish and many barrels of sperm oil to be carried in the whaling ships from Sydney's Port Jackson to Europe and America.

After a second cruise to Australia, Eber Bunker sailed to New Zealand, whose coast he is thought to have explored before returning to his wife and four children in England, where, in 1786, he had married Margrett, daughter of Captain Henry Thompson, personal pilot for King George III. Bunker's wife's mother was Isabella Collingwood, a second cousin to Vice Admiral Collingwood, who succeeded Nelson as Admiral of the British Fleet.

Two years later, at the age of twenty-seven, Bunker scored his first command and made two whaling voyages round Cape Horn before the voyage to Port Jackson.

Back in England and several voyages later, he received command of a new ship, the *Albion*, which he sailed to Sydney in the record time of three months, fifteen days, its stores of 900 tierces of salt pork much welcomed.

Three months later, Bunker was out hunting whales off the eastern Australian coast, to return within eleven months with 900 barrels of oil. One more year and the *Albion* was able to clear for England with 155 tons of oil on board, or nearly 5,000 barrels. Meanwhile, he had bought a hundred acres of land at Liverpool, on the western outskirts of Sydney, that he proudly named "Collingwood."

While often dubbed the father of Australian whaling, it was Eber Bunker's sailing skills that secured him a ringside seat in Australia's political development. Lingering concerns about French aspirations in Australia prompted Sydney's Governor King to order the

settlement of Tasmania in 1803, until then known as Van Dieman's Land. In giving five reasons for the settlement, the first to be listed by King was "to prevent the French occupying the country."

The occupation was initiated in July 1803, when HMS *Glatton* sailed from Sydney with orders to take twenty-four convicts and a handful of free settlers south to form the settlement. Under charter to accompany was the *Albion*, commanded by Eber Bunker and carrying most of the convicts and their guard and a collection of livestock that included three rams, a number of fine ewes, an English black bull, twelve cows, an English boar, swine, and a fine mare.

Bunker, spying [on] sperm whales on the way, could not resist the temptation: He captured no fewer than three before arriving at the River Derwent in southern Tasmania, site of the future capital, Hobart. Although he had given approval for digressions, Governor King was not happy: "If boats are put off to fish, every convict must be hand-cuffed and confined below until the boats return."

Bunker was alert to the commercial potential of life in Australia. For his role in helping establish Tasmania, Bunker was granted four hundred acres at no cost, at Liverpool on the southwestern outskirts of Sydney. In 1806 he brought his wife and five children out from England, to set up house in the Rocks area of Sydney harbor, a site near the southern footings of its present landmark harbor bridge.

Bunker was continually at sea until his last voyage in 1824, when he went on a whaling cruise to the Santa Cruz Islands. He was engaged in cruises by Governor Macquarie, during one of which to the South Pacific he found letters from French explorer La Perouse dated one month before the explorer left Botany Bay and mysteriously disappeared. Bunker was regarded by Macquarie as "a very able expert seaman and of a most respectable character."

Collingwood, now classified by the National Trust, has been restored and furnished in the period of Bunker's life. Perhaps his greatest legacy may be his reputation as a master and employer: There's an old whaleman's saying: "Lay me on Captain Bunker. I'm Hell on a long dart."

Historic Nantucket – Fall 2008

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The Other Captain Bunker

The editor of the *Boston Journal*, from whose excellent paper we take the following good story, calls it *rather remarkable*.

"Capt. Bunker, of New Bedford, a highly respectable shipmaster, engaged in a whaling business, in the ship *Howard*, on a cruise some years since, in North Latitude

30 degrees, 30 minutes, and East Longitude 154 degrees, , threw a harpoon into a large whale. The whale was not captured, and the harpoon was lost. An occurrence, which, although by no means pleasant, is not infrequent.

"It was about five years afterwards, that being in precisely the same latitude, and east longitude 14 degrees, he made fast to a noble whale, and after a hard struggle succeeding in getting him alongside. While cutting him up, a harpoon, rusted off at the shank, was found fast anchored in the old fellow's "cut-water." Hallow, said Capt. Bunker, here is my old harpoon! And what he said in joke, proved to be the truth. The harpoon was the very one he lost five years before-and had on it the ship's name, and his own private mark!

Manufactures' and Farmers' Journal – 1845-08-21

Too many Capt. Bunkers for ID. *Bette* – Mar '23

The Nantucket Railroad

Though precious little tangible evidence remains of it today, Nantucket enjoyed rail service for thirty-six years, from 1881 until 1917.

Along with the promise of profits for investors, it was the distances of the south shore and the eastern beaches and the cottagers of Siconset that drove the effort to establish a railroad even on such a tiny island. By the 1880s Nantucket had already made the transition from whaling center to resort destination, so a convenience that could provide to the charming cottages of Sconset and the south beaches without the dusty and jarring ride of a carriage made sense for Nantucket's burgeoning tourist industry,

The first surveys for the railroad were made in August of 1879, and envisioned the road departing from the waterfront and going north along the cliff, but a southern departure from town was decided upon, and the roadbeds running out to Surfside were completed by the spring of 1881. Rails and used rolling stock in the form of an engine, tender, and two open-air passenger cars were purchased, the engine being named *Dionis* after the wife of settler Tristram Coffin. The road was narrow-gauge with a three-foot distance between the rails.

To further entice people to ride the rails, a depot and restaurant opened in Surfside in July 1881, and it was estimated that by the end of the first season the train had carried 10,000 passengers and traveled over 6,000 miles.

Clearly, in spite of opposition from some of the town's businesses and the hack-drivers who feared a loss of business, Nantucket's summer visitors adored the train, and were more than willing to part with the 35-cent round-trip fare. In spite of two thwarted attempts by unknown parties to wreck the train, local boosters declared the opening season of the NRR a success. Clearly, in spite of opposition from some of the town's businesses and the hack drivers who feared a loss of business, Nantucket's summer visitors adored the

train, and were willing to part with the 35-cent round trip fare. In spite of two thwarted attempts by unknown parties to wreck the train, local boosters declared the opening season of the NRR a success

The years 1882 to 1884 witnessed the development of the Surfside Hotel (it had been moved piece-by-piece from Providence!) and the incorporation of the Surf-side Land Company, which had a realty office in the depot and sold nearly 180 lots by the end of 1882. The railroad, along with willingly offered capital and speculation, had made Surfside a resort destination. But the railroad did not stop there. As originally planned, the rails had been extended along the south shore to the new terminus at Sconset by July of 1884.

By 1895, after posting losses and changing hands due to expensive repairs and the tracks washing out along the eroding south beach during winter storms, the Nantucket Railroad closed down and was reorganized as the Nantucket Central Railroad Company. The new overland route avoided the south shore and attendant washouts and instead ran from Agricultural Society grounds near Old South and Fairgrounds Roads directly to Tom Nevers Pond and thence to Sconset. Surfside, once buoyed by the tracks, is now left "out of the loop," and predictably, both the hotel and land company are left high and dry. The hotel eventually fell into disrepair and the Surf-side Land Company sold out 900 acres of land, at a huge loss, for only \$2.80 per acre.

The railroad changed its rolling stock several times. In 1885 another used engine, dubbed the Sconset for the new terminus, was added along with a new closed passenger car that could carry sixty-four passengers. To replace the ageing *Dionis*, a new engine known as only "No. 1" was purchased in June 1901. From 1907 until 1913 a tiny gasoline-powered car and its companion baggage car (affectionately known as the "Bug" and "Bird Cage," respectively) plied the rails to Sconset, including winter service. Encouraged by the performance of gasoline engines, the railroad company purchased a brand new, twenty-five-foot car that with its sixty-horsepower engine could carry twenty-four people plus another passenger car. However, after several derailments and failure of both the drive shaft and transmission, the car was returned to its maker in Allentown, Pennsylvania. In 1910, a new engine and two passenger cars were purchased, but the engine, dubbed "No. 2," was small and looked incapable of hauling the regular-sized passenger cars.

After sustaining accidents, further financial losses, and changing hands several times, the railroad finally succumbed to the ubiquitous automobile and in 1918 the rails, two cars, and engine No. 2 were sent to Bordeaux, France, for use by the Allied Expeditionary Forces. The railroad's fate was similar to that of many small, speculative narrow-gauge lines of the nineteenth century. Today, the Nantucket Historical Association is pleased

to hold the original bell of the engine *Dionis*, a head-light, some manuscript material, and a good number of photographs graciously donated by Mrs. David Gray in 1976.

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Peter Schmid is the Nantucket Historical Association's photo-archivist and is currently working on cataloguing the association's 45,000-image collection and coordinating an oral-history project.

Sources: Robert H. Farson, *Cape Cod Railroads, Including Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket*, pub 1990 by Yarmouth Port: Cape Cod Historical Publishers and Clay Lancaster, *The Far-Out Island*; pub 1972 by Nantucket Pleasant Publishers.

General George Nelson Macy

Nantucket Hero

The Macy name has always been prominent in Nantucket history, but no one in the family surpassed the achievements, bravery, and patriotism of George Nelson Macy during the Civil War.

Born on Nantucket in 1837, he was the eldest son of George Wendell Macy, a successful island businessman. Macy graduated with honors from Nantucket High School in 1855 and set off to Boston to make his own fortune. He was employed by the merchant banking firm of Warren & Osborn on State Street, where he soon made friends with several promising young men, mostly Harvard graduates, who belonged to Boston's prestigious old militia company, the New England Guards. With the advent of the Civil War, they readily accepted young Macy and together they volunteered for the Union army in, as it was called, the Harvard Regiment



Gen. Macy (1837-1875)

Most of Harvard's Class of 1860 were eager to enlist in the newly formed elite regiment, the 20th Mass. Volunteer Infantry. In the burst of enthusiasm following the attack on Fort Sumter, no Harvard man was refused a commission by Governor John Albion Andrew, and thus the regiment contained illustrious names like Henry Livermore Abbott, William Francis Bartlett, Caspar

Crowninshield, and Oliver Wendell Homes Jr. They soon added their non-Harvard friend, George Nelson Macy, of Nantucket, as first lieutenant of the regiment.

Macy had command of Company I of the 20th Mass., and soon proved himself a natural leader of men. One of the duties junior officer was recruiting, and Macy was an excellent recruiting officer. Going home for a weekend, he with twenty-three Nantucket men in tow; then stopped at Martha's Vineyard and picked up five more. In those days, part of the appeal of the volunteer at was the chance to serve with one's friends and neighbors. As the islanders eagerly joined. Company I, included about sixty island volunteers thanks to Macy.

The story of the 20th Mass. is the story of the Army of the Potomac, which fought in every battle from Ball's Bluff to Appomattox. Originally numbering about 750 men, the regiment incurred over fifty per cent casualties. George Nelson Macy suffered three crippling wounds as he fought in every battle (except for detached duty at Antietam and rose from lieutenant to major general.

On October 21, 1861, the regiment was tested at Ball's Bluff, near Leesburg, Virginia, in one the Union Army's early disasters. After crossing the Potomac River in small boats, they were atop a seventy-foot bluff, surrounded by Confederates, with the river at their backs and no boats in sight. The 20th Mass served as the rear guard for the army, then had to make the decision: swim or surrender. Lieutenant Macy swam the river to find more boats to rescue survivors, gain the admiration of the regiment, and win promotion to captain.

In December of 1862, the regiment was part of the army under General Ambrose Burnside, who ordered the assault on the colonial town of Fredericksburg. The Massachusetts men were chosen to lead the way, cross the Rappahannock River in small boats, then marching through the streets in the face of deadly rifle fire from well-concealed Confederates-the first instance of genuine street fighting in the war. Captain Macy led the way through the streets, losing forty men during the advance of fifty yards.

After securing the town, the Union forces attempted seven charges up Marye's Heights, a deadly killing field swept by Confederate cannon and rifle fire. Among the 12,000 casualties of the Union Army at Fredericksburg were seven Nantucket men killed in action-the saddest day of the war when the news reached home.

Amid all his wartime travails, Macy carried on a romantic correspondence with his island sweetheart, Mary Hayden. They numbered each letter for continuity and ready reference. In February he requested fifteen days leave from the army, explaining: "I ask for fifteen instead of ten days for the reason that as much time is required to go to Nantucket as to Canada." He returned to Nantucket, where George and Mary were married on. February 16, 1863, and honeymooned on the island.

Returning to the army, Macy was at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863, and when Colonel Paul J. Revere, grandson of the Midnight Rider, was killed, Macy assumed command of the regiment. Facing Pickett's Charge that day, the 20th Mass. was in the front line of General Hancock's men on Cemetery Ridge. Macy led his men into the melee that stopped Pickett's Charge. A mini ball shattered his left hand; the arm was amputated and, after recovery in Boston, he was fitted with an artificial arm.

Despite his disability, Macy returned to action. As a full colonel in the Wilderness, on May 6, 1864, he was ordered to lead a charge to save the Union line of defense. Charging up the Orange Plank Road, he was shot in both legs, but survived.

The unsinkable Macy returned to duty in Virginia in August 1864. At the battle of Deep Bottom, near Richmond, he was leading his men on horseback when his horse was shot and fell upon him. Macy arose and pushed forward with his men until he fell senseless on the field. When he returned to Nantucket to convalesce, he had to be carried on a litter from the steamship to his home on Main Street.

For his distinguished conduct at the Wilderness and Deep Bottom, Macy was promoted on February 6, 1865, to the rank of brevet (temporary) brigadier general. He was then twenty-seven years old. Later he was appointed brevet major general by General Ulysses S. Grant.

At the Grand Review of the Army held May 23, 1865, Macy led the parade before President Andrew Johnson and General Grant, in a scene immortalized by General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain: "Now rides the Provost Marshall General, Gallant George Macy of the Luth Massachusetts, his (left) arm symbolized by an empty sleeve pinned across his breast."

After the war, Macy returned to Boston, where he became an officer of the Suffolk Savings Bank and of the Union Club. He and his wife were the parents of three daughters. While working at the bank, he was accustomed to carrying a small Derringer pistol in his vest pocket. Returning home on February 13, 1875, he suffered a dizzy spell and fell, the pistol firing and sending a ball through his heart. He is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Macy's widow married, but after her second husband died, she was obliged to return to the Macys' home at 123 Main Street, Nantucket. She petitioned for a pension as the widow of the Civil War hero, supporting it by testimonials from several Civil War generals. By Act of Congress, Macy's death was found to be the result of his many wartime injuries, and his widow was awarded a full pension in 1902.

There is no memorial to George Nelson Macy in Nantucket, although there should be. His home at 123 Main Street is still standing, largely as it was during his day, privately owned.

It was not customary during the Civil War to award medals to officers, although some were authorized years later. Officers were rewarded by brevet promotions. In any other war, Macy, for his many campaigns, his steadfast courage under fire, and his three major wounds, would have merited a Congressional Medal of Honor.

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This is akin to articles requested for the BFA mil db. §

False Report

Whereas some evil-minded persons have felt themselves so much interested in regard to my welfare and those that I know full well since my return from sea that have circulated a report that Tristram Gardner did stop me in the street and abuse me with threats and insolent language in which there is no truth whatever.

My motive in placing this before the public is to inform them, I have known the said Gardner for upwards of 10 years or more, and never to my knowledge did he and I exchange a syllable together.

HENRY C. BUNKER,

Nantucket, May 2

Nantucket Inquirer – 1822-05-02

N-164 HENRY CHASE⁷ [1797-1879] (1965 BunGen p.79)

Progress

BROOKLYN (NY), April 25, 1863 -

DEAR MR. GARRISON – As you have often had occasion to mourn over the unchristian spirit shown by our Orthodox churches toward the hated race, so your heart will be gladdened by the omen here in Brooklyn. The New School Presbyterian organization of this city is very wealthy, popular and "orthodox," including within its jurisdiction, the fashionable congregations of Drs. Cuyler, Spear, Robinson, McLane, etc. At the regular session of the Presbytery, held in Dr. Robinson's church, last week, my friend Charles S. Thompson, pastor of the Siloam Church, was chosen—by a unanimous vote, I think – moderator for the ensuing year. Mr. Thompson is a modest young colored man, earnest, practical, well-educated, pleasing in his address, and well-suited in every way to give satisfaction as a presiding officer. Here white men,—ruling elders, with millions of dollars in their pockets,—receive as law the decisions of that young man, poor and very dark—and *nobody hurt*.

Your friend, **EDWARD S. BUNKER**

Liberator – 1863-05-15

N-226 EDWARD SEAMAN⁸ (1840-1897) M.D. practiced in Brooklyn, NY. (1965 BunGen p.96)
Ed NOTE: *President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.* §

Ralyea – Bunker

(Special to the Picayune)

LAAKE CHARLES, LA, Aug. 6. – At 9:30 o'clock this morning, in the beautiful auditorium of the church of the Good Shepard, occurred the marriage of Miss Odille Howard Bunker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bunker, of this city, to Lorenzo Raylea, of Shreveport. The bride is very beautiful and attractive young lady and has been a social favorite here. Lake Charles has always been her home, and she will be missed in social circles, when she takes up her new home at Shreveport. Mr. Ralyea is well known in Lake Charles and is popular here. He was formerly connected with the Calcasieu National Bank as a member of the clerical force and resigned his position to accept clerkship with the bank at Shreveport, and since became connected as paying teller with the Shreveport National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Ralyea left for New Orleans on their wedding tour, after which they will go to Shreveport to reside.

Times Picayune – 1901-08-07

N-277-I Step-daughter of CHARLES KIRBY⁹; a WW I Vet (1965 BunGen p.107)

Bottle Hits Man's Head

E. W. Bunker Peers Into Dumb Waiter to His Regret

A milk bottle, falling four stories down a dumb-waiter shaft, struck **EDWARD W. BUNKER**, manager of the Wilmar Apartments, fairly on the head. He was cut about the head and made unconscious.

Mr. Bunker was investigating the shaft yesterday to determine if it were in proper working order, when the bottle fell, His injuries are not serious.

Oregonian – 1916-06-29

N-230 EDWARD WILLIAM⁸ (1842-1932) m Sarah Emma Totten in Oakland, CA (1965 BunGen p.97)

Engagement

Mrs. **EDWARD A. BUNKER**, of 415 West 118th St., [NY] announces the engagement of her only daughter, Miss **ADELAIDE D. V. BUNKER**, to Hal Saunders White. Miss Bunker is a graduate of Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn; of Barnard College and Teachers College, Columbia University. Miss Bunker is attending Oxford University, where for a year and a half she has been a home student. During the war she served in the United States Navy.

Mr. White is a graduate of Bowdoin College and is attending Brasenose College, Oxford. He is an Oxford Blue and a member of the Alpha Delta Phi and the Achilles Club in Oxford and London. He served with the American Army in France for a year.

No date has been set for the wedding.

New York Daily Tribune – 1920-11-21

N-317-II ADELAIDE DELAMORE VIRGINIA⁹, WW I (1965 BunGen p.116)

New to the *mil db*

Delamore Virginia Bunker; Served: US Navy, WW I.
Ed NOTE: *Need info for mil db. Do you know Adelaide?*

Charles Kirby Bunker; WW I Veteran; b 19 Aug 1896 Lake Charles, LA.

Dumont Bunker D-297; Newsprint added to *mil db*.

Jay Bunker U-1410; Newsprint added to *mil db*.

William Russell Bunker; Civil War Vet (1843-1900)

Unconnected Branch

Bunker Event Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bunker, 5115 Abbey St., will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary with an open house on Sunday.

The couple's children will be hosts for the event from 2-6 p.m. They are Mr. and Mrs. Jay P. Bunker of Livonia, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Taylor, 525 Abbey St., at whose home the open house will be held.

Friends and relatives will be greeted by the Bunkers, who were married 50 years ago July 28 by the Rev. Joseph F. Drew at the All-Saints Catholic Church at Freemont.

Mrs. Bunker was the former Josephine M. Kemperman. Both were natives of Fremont and moved to Muskegon in September, 1915. They lived here since and are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mr. Bunker was employed as a truck driver for the Muskegon Cooperative Oil Co., for 23 years. He then opened a grocery store, which he ran for 14 years before his retirement three years ago.

The Bunkers have six grandchildren.

Muskegon Chronicle – 1964-07-22

U-1409 PETER DEWEY BUNKER (*BFA database*)

Jay Bunker

Pvt. Jay Bunker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bunker, 515 Abbey Street, has been enrolled at Scott Field, Army Air Forces Training Command radio school, to be trained as a radio technician. Private Bunker was a graduate of Muskegon High School and was attending Muskegon Junior college at the time of his entrance into the service.

SOURCE: Washington Chronicle – 1945-07-26

U-1410 JAY PETER BUNKER (*BFA database*)

Newsprint added to *mil db*.

Bette - Mar '23

THE MERCANTILE MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. OF PHILADELPHIA

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Philadelphia Inquirer – 1851-10-02

Historian NOTE: I am pretty sure he is the son of Benjamin Bunker [U-452] and Rebecca Ober (*Find-a-Grave* lists his mother as Elizabeth Obear Bunker). Benjamin left a will leaving bequests to his son, Benjamin, daughter Caroline and Granddaughter Abby R. Bunker. This Benjamin [U-452] stated in his will that he lived in Philadelphia but was previously from Charlestown. The town records show Benjamin, Jr. died in Medford, MA and list his parents as Benjamin and Elizabeth of Beverly.

Bette – Feb '23

Benjamin Bunker

Benjamin Bunker, of Kendell's Mills, ME, had a felon on his finger ; it was very painful ; he asked a friend what he should do for it? "Put on gunpowder and vinegar." He did put on a lot of powder, bound a rag around it and went to bed ; got up in the morning and went to build a fire ; the rag caught fire and exploded – the powder burned the finger to the bone.

He says that it cured the felon, and he don't ask anything for the receipt.

Tipton Advertiser – 1867-12-19

Historian NOTE: Too many Benjamins. Bette – Mar '23

Reflex saved boy from icy death

The last thing Justin Bunker remembers about the morning of Dec, 13 is eating an orange and borrowing a sled from a neighbor near his home in Naugatuck.

About a half-hour later, the 9-year-old lay face-up in

the icy water at the bottom of a swimming pool. He had stopped breathing, and his heart was barely beating.

When he was pulled out of the pool after 15 minutes, his body temperature had fallen to 80 degrees. Although rescue at first found pulse, his heart stopped while he was being taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury. Once at the hospital, he was given last rites. (Cont. p.A6, page 6 missing from article)

Daily Advocate – 1987-01-12

Sheri Venema for The Hartford Courant

The may or may not be the son of Justin P. Bunker, Sr., whose obituary is found in this edition, the dates could make sense.

Ed NOTE: The incident had a happy ending, the 9-year-old recovered from his near fatal mishap.

This has familiar ring and may have been published previously in the Bunker Banner.

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Searching for a Lost Ancestor

Weccacoe Fire Company

PHILADELPHIA – At an Adjourned Meeting of the Weccacoe Fire Company, held on Monday Evening, 6th inst., at Commissioners Hall, Southwark, the following named Gentleman were elected Officers, to serve the ensuing 6 [six] months.

President –	M. Sandgran
Treasurer –	D. M. Schellenger
Secretary –	Lewis A. Jones
Assistant Secretary –	Henry Bunker

Directors

John Lemnan	Aaron Marshall
John Turner	Chas. A. Litzenberg
Henry Bunker	Samuel Neally

Electing Committee

John Robinson	F. Caull
John Turner	John Gregs

Henry Bunker

Auditors

John Robinson	Fras. Black
S. FLANAGAN, Sec'y pro tem.	
Public Ledger- 1840-01-08	

My gr-gr-gr grandfather, Henry Bunker, lived from c1814-1866. Could this, or the following, be him? Was he a fireman?

Parade

A meeting of fireman was held last evening at the Perseverance Hose House, composed of the Committee of Arrangements for the Fireman's Parade, at which the final report was made, and other business of interest transacted. Among the principal items were the following:-

A communication was received from the Mayor, in response to a request presented [to] him in which he would be pleased to review the parade from such point on Broad Street as the Committee might designate.

Four Divisions marched in the parade.

Marshall Henry Bunker was in charge of the Second Division consisting of: Northern Liberty Fire Company [Phila.]; Barnacoal Fire Co., No. 4, Boston. MA; Good Intent Hose Co., No. 2; Firemen's Association, New York; and Rescue Hook and Ladder Co.

Twenty-four fire brigades marched.

On motion it was decided that the Chief Marshall and Chief Engineer shall have power to take such companies from the line, on the day of the parade, in case of fire, as they deem proper, for the purpose of extinguishing fires that may occur.

The meeting then adjourned.

Philadelphia Inquirer – 1865-10-10

Henry Bunker Dead

Henry Bunker, a young unmarried man employed as a stone cutter's laborer on the new public buildings, at Broad and Market Streets, Philadelphia, was instantly killed yesterday by falling from a wall in the third story of the southwest section of the building.

Intelligencer Journal – 1881-07-03

Inquests by the Coroner

The Coroner held an inquest on Saturday in the case of **Henry Bunker**, who died from injuries received by falling at the new City Hall. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Philadelphia Inquirer – 1881-07-11

RN=512354 *Henry Bunker was my uncle, several times removed, and the brother of Samuel B. Bunker, my great-great-grandfather. They have Bedfordshire DNA.*

OFFICIAL VOTE OF PHILADELPHIA The Candidates and Their Majorities

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock the Return Judges of the city met in the Supreme Court Room to complete the official vote of the city at the recent election.

The following is a list of the Judges [and their related] wards:- 1. H. Cobb; 2. Wm. R. Black; 3. Michael Fagan; 4. John Loughran; 5. Samuel C. Thompson; 6. Robert Palethorp; 7. Richard Campbell; 8. Thomas R. Harper; 9. Sherman Horne; 10. S. P. Handcock; 11. Lewis C. Pierce; 12. Peter Rovoundt; 13. John R. Green; 14. Wm. C. Clanghorn; 15. Thomas F. Tapper; 16. Thomas G. O'Hara; 17. Michael S. Dougherty; 18. Samuel F. Gwinner; 19 Emmanuel Hooper; 20. W. W. Fry; 21 William Rose; 22. Paschal H. Coulter; 23. William F. Dugan; 24. J. Alexander Simpson; 25. Edward H. Flood; 26. Joseph R. Cox.

The Board was organized as follows:-

President – Samuel P. Handcock

Clerks - Isaac McBride and William Zane **2577**

Messengers – Daniel Lutz and **Henry Bunker**

The owners were duly qualified by Alderman Bentler.

There was some difficulty in reference to the returns from two or three of the Wards, a committee was appointed to procure the precinct returns from the Prothonotary's Office. They performed that duty and reported everything satisfactory that in the Fourth Division of the North Ward, there was a row at the meeting of the Judges, and that no return has yet been made for the Prothonotary's office. The return from that Ward was therefore read, minus the Fourth Division, the President announcing that the missing precinct might be added if the return was received during the next two weeks, counting from to-day.

In reference to the Twenty-third Ward, it appeared on examination that the Ward return was not properly signed, nor were the precinct returns filed in the Prothonotary's office signed. The announcements of the returns for this Ward was, therefore, postponed.

CITY OFFICERS

Philadelphia Inquirer – 1855-10-14

Southwark.

In the First Ward, the Native ticket was elected by a majority of from forty to fifty. Samuel W. Martin is the Commissioner; Thomas B. Wade, Accessor; John R. Orr, Tax Collector; and Myer Hart Marks, Constable.

In the Second Ward, the Native ticket was elected by a small majority. Commissioner is **HENRY BUNKER**; Assessor, Reuben Stuart; Tax Collector, John Kingston; [and the] Constable, John Harris.

Daily Pennsylvanian – 1853-03-19

Ed NOTE: **Southwark** was originally the Southwark District, a colonial-era municipality of Philadelphia, PA. Today, it is a neighborhood in South Phila. The name was adopted in allusion to the borough of *Southwark* in London, England.

Ed. NOTE: *Bette is looking for Henry Bunker (c1814-1866), my gr-gr-grandfather who married Mary Ann Cassiday. He remains a mystery although his mother is reported to be Mary Bunker (1791-1855) aged 64, buried in the defunct Machpelah Cemetery, 11th and Washington Ave., Philadelphia. Census records indicate no Mary Bunker as "Head of Household."*

Mary Bunker was reinterred at Graceland Cemetery, Yeadon, Delaware Co., PA. Owners were unable to expand the area, due to politics, and the cemetery was abandoned. \$

Unknown

Boston Schooner's Peril

F. T. Drisko Crew Brought Into Port - Ship Abandoned - Terrible Experience With Big Gales

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. – The British steamer *Alene*, Capt. Siders, which arrived from Port Limon tonight, brought **Capt. Charles F. Bunker** and six of the crew of the Boston schooner *F. T. Drisko*, which was dismasted

in the hurricane which swept over the North Atlantic on Oct. 10 and was abandoned almost waterlogged on Oct. 25, in latitude 32.15, longitude 75 50, when the *Alene's* boat took off the crew.

The *F. T. Drisko* was a regular trader from New York to Aux Cayes [Haiti], and on the present voyage was bound from the latter port to this city with a cargo of logwood. On Oct 8, when in latitude 32.30, and longitude 78 40, a hurricane from the E. N. E. shifting to N. N. W. was encountered and continued with varying force until the 10th. On the night of the 9th, while the schooner was hove-to, she was boarded by a heavy wave which rolled up from a southeasterly direction which carried away mainsail and life boat and started deckhouse, shifted the deck-load and started the seams in the stern.

The vessel was kept with her head a point or two off the wind, however, and in spite of furious wind made fairly good weather of it until the next day, when a number of waves came aboard and washed the entire deck-load of logwood over the lee side. The standing rigging was also badly cut and torn, with a few more lurches both masts went by the board, the mainmast falling aft and doing a great deal of damage to the already injured stern, causing the schooner to leak badly.

On Oct 23, a southerly gale overtook the vessel and whipped the jury masts out of her, carrying away all the sails.

At 2 o'clock on last Sunday morning a steamer's lights were seen and distress signals were at once burned, and the steamer bore down and stopped. She proved to be the *Alene*. The names of the rescued men are: Capt. Charles F. Bunker, Mate Frederick W. Taylor, Steward Henry S. Good, and Seaman August Carlsen, Frederick Morninskelt, Samuel Taylor (colored) and Henry Sutherland. The *Drisko*, was of 164 net tons. She was built in 1883 at Kennebunk, ME, and was owned by John S. Emery of Boston. She had two masts and one deck.

Boston Journal- 1896-10-27

Historian NOTE: I don't know who this could be. I tried the 1900 census for a Captain but could not find any. Nantucket Historical Assn. has no info on the *Drisko*. *Bette* – Mar '23

Gobbledygook

Andy's Speeding Ticket is a riveting crime drama about "reckless driving," a "bald tire," and "a left-rear light" out. The sad ending finds our protagonist \$300 poorer. But that's just skimming the surface of this complex and deep work, written by an Officer Kinney.

In fact, what's not said is just as compelling as the written word on the page. In its essence, Andy's Speeding Ticket is a timeless tale of a father being driven out of his mind by the endless repetition of a Taylor Swift CD all the way from Rochester to **2578**

New York City. But as our central character presses down on the pedal in a vain attempt to get home faster and regain whatever sanity he might have lost along the way; his odyssey takes an unexpected detour. Suddenly he is pulled over by the only state trooper within 50 miles, a particularly sadistic man who let escape that idiot in the Camaro - the one who was weaving in and out of traffic and pushing the speedometer into triple-digit territory while flipping Andy the bird when he beeped-just to get our hero.

Notable Quote: "If you wish to contest this ticket..."

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Andy Simmons

NHOGA

New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association

Our Spring Meeting is scheduled for

May 6th at Hampton Falls

45 Exeter Road (Rt. 88)

Hampton Falls, NH

9:30 - Meet and Greet

10:00 - Business Meeting

10:30 – Hampton Falls Presentation.

Our website is back up and running, check it out!

www.nhoga.org

John Lord

In Memory Of

JAY MICHAEL BANCHOR

1950-2023

Jay M. Banchor was born in Denver, Colorado on August 4, 1950 along with his fraternal twin brother, Jed. Jay left this world to be with our Lord on January 3, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Benton Bailey, and Theresa (nee Traugher) Banchor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Peggy (Jean *Buchholz*), brother Jed (Susi), sister Elaine (Ernie), and brother Todd (Deb), along with numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Jay spent his life as a Master Automotive Mechanic and loved the challenge of figuring out each vehicle's mystery and fixing it's broken parts. He also loved fishing and camping, tinkering with electronics, listening to Golden Oldies, and singing with his church choir. His playful and teasing personality always kept everyone engaged and laughing. He - and his silliness - will be greatly missed and always loved.

A Celebration of Life [was] held Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at Summit Baptist Church located at 401 2nd Avenue, Wiggins, CO 80654.

Refreshments follow[ed] in the Fellowship Hall located in the lower level of the church.

Herr Mortuaries & Crematory, Fort Morgan, CO

Jay was a life member of the *Bunker Family Association*.

D-1057C-I JAY MICHAEL¹¹ BANCHOR (1982 BunGen p.340)
D-105 Jonathan Bunker⁶ legally changed his name to
Jonathan Banchor (1982 BunGen p.81).

BRUCE PARKER BUNKER
1946-2022

Bruce P. Bunker of Franconia, NH passed away peacefully from his long battle with heart disease and Parkinson's disease on August 3rd, 2022, [aged] 76. He was the cherished husband of Michele "Elia" Bunker, the loving father of Tristan Bunker and her husband Peter Cecys, Jessica Bunker, Pete Jensen and his wife Laura, Andrew Jensen, Christian Jensen and his wife Hailey, and Maxwell Lee. Bruce was also the devoted brother of Brad Bunker and his wife Loretta, and [a] loved brother-in-law of Tara and Josh Gardner.

Bruce attended the Tilton School and graduated from the University of New Hampshire where he played Division I football, something he fondly remembered. A true Northern New Hampshire guy, he loved his community, enjoying the simplicity and beauty of the White Mountains, especially when drove his riding lawn mower, carefully avoiding the Mama Bear and her Babies who roamed his property. An avid skier, he had been a racer in his early years. Later, he became a ski instructor, passionately sharing his love of the sport. Having owned his own business, White Mountain Concrete, for more than 40 years, Bruce liked to think that he left a lasting imprint in the North Country. Together with Michele, Bruce enjoyed antiquing, something they did for over 20 years in their Sugar Hill shop.

Bruce's life will be celebrated at Sugar Hill Community Church on Saturday, August 13th, at 10:00am. Please donate to St. Jude's, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

<https://www.rossfuneral.com/>

U-311-I BRUCE PARKER¹⁰ (1965 BunGen p.184)

EMMA CADWALADER BUNKER
1930-2021

Emma C. Bunker died peacefully in her home in Denver, Colorado on February 21st, at the age of 90.

She was born in Haverford, Pennsylvania on June 19, 1930. She earned a B.A. from Bryn Mawr College and an M.A. from New York University Institute of Fine Arts.

She was a world-renowned research scholar, archeologist, professor, and author of Asian Art History, specializing in Eurasia, China, and Cambodia.

She published over 50 works of scholarly research that expanded and deepened the world's knowledge of the ancient world.

She taught Art History at the Colorado College and mentored many aspiring scholars and artists.

She served on numerous boards and committees of art museums and cultural institutions including; Denver Art Museum, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, Freer and Sackler Gallery, Center for Khmer Studies and Institute for the Study of the Ancient World.

She was preceded in death by her husband John B. Bunker and son, John C. Bunker.

She is survived by her children; Emmy, Jeanie, Harriet, and Lambert along with adopted Chinese children Dongning Wang and David Shu. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

A memorial event to honor her life and contributions to the field of Art History will be held at a date to be announced in the future.

N-477 JOHN BIRKBECK¹¹ (1982 BunGen p.147) m 1954 to Emma Lambert Cadwalader in Bryn Mawr, PA.

JUSTIN P. BUNKER, SR.
1953-2019

CHELSEA, Maine - Justin P. Bunker Sr., 66, formerly of Waterbury, passed away on Thanksgiving night, Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019, in Maine, surrounded by family.

Justin was born in Waterbury on Oct. 6, 1953, a son of the late Rufus Bunker Jr. and the late Emma Whipple.

He was a retired driver for Bozzuto's Inc. A veteran of the U.S. Navy and Army National Guard, he proudly served his country overseas in Bosnia, was an avid collector of World War II memorabilia, and a history buff. He also enjoyed camping and spending time with his grandson. He was an active member of the Waterbury Elks Lodge, V.F.W., and American Legion in Thomaston.

He leaves two sons; Justin of Tarzana, Calif., Jeremy and his wife, Heather of Wolcott; and his beloved grandson, Collin. He is also survived by a sister, Dorothy Ouellette and her husband, Edgar of Round Pond, Maine., a sister, Gloria and her husband, Donald Gotto of Ocala, Fla., a brother, Edward and his wife, Mary of Waterbury, a brother, Shawn and wife, Karen of Gardiner, Maine., and a brother, Samuel and his wife, Ann of Wiscasset, Maine.

A Service of Remembrance with visitation will be on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon at Casey's Eastside Memorial Funeral Home, 1987 East Main St., Waterbury, CT 06705.

Military honors [were given] Mr. Bunker after the service.

To extend online expressions of sympathy to the family, or for additional information, visit the funeral home website at eastsidememorial.com.

Republican-American (Waterbury, CT) - 2 Dec 2019

D-1070 son of Rufus P. Bunker, Jr. Justin is NOT in the *db*. I found a picture of him in a Navy yearbook but could not download it (1982 BunGen p.344).

NANCY JEAN BUNKER
1949-2022

WINDSOR HEIGHTS - 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 11th, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home & Crematory, 8201 Hickman Rd., Urbandale, IA.

A Mass of Christian Burial [was] held on Thursday, May 12th, 2022 at 11:00 am 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.

Online condolences may be expressed: www.caldwellparrish.com

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U-736 ORVILLE WILLIAM, JR.⁹ (1965 BunGen p.215), m(1) Margaret Betty Martencie (1929-pre-1975); m(2) 1975 to Nancy Jean McDonald.

I. ORVILLE WILLIAM¹⁰ III; b 8 Dec 1963 Des Moines; m Kim

II. MATTHEW¹⁰; m Sara

III. TODD HORN¹⁰ (1966-1970)

RICHARD A. BUNKER

1938-2022

Richard A. Bunker (Archie/Dick), of Grand Rapids, MN passed away Sunday, January 23, 2022 at the Minnesota Veteran's Home in Silver Bay, MN at the age of 83. Dick was born in 1938 to Glen and Eleanor (Kossow) Bunker in Grand Rapids, MN.

He graduated from Grand Rapids Senior High School. In January 1956, he joined the USMC and served with the rank of Corporal until his honorable discharge in 1960. He worked in construction in Grand Rapids and continued with becoming a certified welder which led to obtaining work in Rhode Island for General Dynamics (Electric Boat) building submarines from 1985-1994. The family moved back to Grand Rapids where he worked in Cambridge as a welder until 2001.

Dick was a member of the Itasca Gun Club, was an active bowler, enjoyed rebuilding computers and model airplanes. He loved fishing with friends and in the later years getting together with friends at the Bayside Marina store.

Dick is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; daughters: Julie Wachter, Debra (John) Tillie, and Michelle Bunker; grandchildren: Jennifer (Mark) Foskey; and three great-grandchildren.

Richard has no BFA identification and no ID #.

SHIRLEY TUCKER BUNKER

1936-2022

She was born October 6, 1936 Alexandria, MO the daughter of Jacob and Luella Phillips Tucker.

On February 23, 1957 she was united in marriage to Carl Bunker in Kahoka, MO. He survives.

Other survivors include two sons, David (Sherry) Bunker of Wayland, MO and Dwayne Bunker of Kahoka, MO, two grandsons, Jake (Rachel) Bunker of Montrose, IA and Josh Bunker of Kahoka, MO, one step-granddaughter, Shana (Damon) Bollin of Kahoka, MO, two sisters-in-law, Martha Kinkeade of Wayland, MO and Karen Tucker of Burlington, IA, one brother-in-law, Ivan Bunker (Lois) of Weaver, IA, one great-granddaughter, Everly Bunker of Montrose, IA, three step-great-grandchildren, Dylan McGhghy, Shelby McCall and Drake Bollin, one step-great-great-granddaughter, Elinor Dawson and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her in-laws, Isaac and Martha Bunker, one brother, Jack Tucker, brother and sister-in-law, James (Dorthy) Bunker, Wanda (Lawrence) Kinkeade, infant great-grandson, Baby Bunker, step-grandson, Devin Strickler, five nephews and three step-nephews.

Shirley had been employed by Drydens in Keokuk, IA, as a cook at the Argyle School in Argyle, IA and at the Clark County Nursing Home in Kahoka, MO for almost 20-years.

She became a Christian at the age of thirteen and was baptized soon after. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Wayland. At her death she was the oldest living member. She had faith in her God that he would guide her through all things.

Shirley loved gardening, cooking, baking, watching Family Feud and sitting outside with Carl. In her younger years, she enjoyed camping, but most of all, Shirley treasured the time she spent with her family. She also loved her elected position as a Wayland City Council member, which she served for many years.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on December 5, 2022, at the First Baptist Church in Wayland with Pastor Dan Deatrick officiating. Burial was held in the Frazee Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 2 - 4 p.m. on December 4, 2022, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Frazee Cemetery.

<http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com/>

U-1511 CARL DAVID (BFA database)

Bunker Bard

March

March is a ragged Gypsy lad,
unkempt and soiled, unsightly clad.
It is the shell of Spring's cocoon
and harbinger of April's tune.

March is the lyre of unsheathed trees
awaiting seasonal filigrees.
Though March will bluff, it weaves the thread
for Summer's soft and silken bed.

March comes with bulging saddle bags
with things to replace Winter's rags.
A lamb or lion, March will arrive
to nudge all sleeping things alive.

Published: *Twigs Magazine & American Poet*, 1964
Ruth Bunker Christiansen (1905-2003) D-761-III

*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 2000