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Gil Bunker

In Philadelphia, PA., on February 19, 1935, Gilbert Wilson Bunker was born to William Henry Bunker and his wife, Edith Shaeffer Bunker. If you called him Gilbert, you would immediately be told his name was Gil. Only his mother was allowed to call him Gilbert. Three years later when his little brother, Roy was born there were five little Bunkers, Betty Jane, Bill, Bob, Gil and Roy. Their father died when he was only 42 years old. Gil was of the right age to be admitted to the Girard College. At the time this was a school for orphan boys. While technically Gil was not an orphan, many boys who had lost their fathers were admitted to the school. His affiliation with the school and his "brothers" from Girard has continued all his life.

After leaving the school in 1953, Gil was employed in a print shop as a press operator putting to use the skills he had learned at Girard. He has never lost his love of printing.

In 1955, Gil joined the Army and served with B Battery 266th Armored Field Artillery Battalion at Ft. Bragg, NC until January 11, 1955 when he was transferred to inactive Army Reserve until his discharge February 29, 1963.

Upon leaving the Army, Gil was employed at The Evening Bulletin, one of Philadelphia's two major newspapers. He was a "fudge" boy, a glorified messenger and earned a whopping \$1 an hour. He moved from job to job until he was employed by World Industrial Security, Inc. His job was to pick up the nose cones that had been dropped by the Atlas rockets were launched into space.

In June 1957 Gil agreed to attend the graduation party of one of Roy's friends for the free beer and his life changed as he met Louise Tompkins there and fell in love. They married July 29, 1961. Louise's best friend, Carole Hunter, joined in the celebration. Later Carole married Charles Talley and the two couples spent a lot of time together.

By 1962, Gil had joined the police and he and Louise welcomed their daughter, Beverly (nicknamed Bunky) into their family on October 29th. John William arrived January 24, 1966. The family had moved to Turnersville, NJ. Louise was beset with terrible headaches which turned out to be from a brain tumor. She passed away October 1, 1971.

Meanwhile Louise's friend Carole's husband, Charles Talley, had passed away in 1968. Gil and Carole met again and were married April 22, 1972. Michael Steven was born November 8, 1972. Unfortunately, Michael died August 19, 1980, of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever--an almost unbearable tragedy for the entire family.

Gil became interested in genealogy in 1976 and found the Bunker Family Association. He quickly became active in the organization and in 1980 became editor of the *Bunker Banner* and has

continued in that position since that time, including this issue. In 1982, Gil became president of BFA and remained in the position until he retired in 2022.

Gil is a collector and has many different collections. He collects information about all the different places name after Bunker and Bunker Hill. He organized numerous reunions over the years. We could never get beyond Gil's ancestor, Henry, who died in Philadelphia in 1866. When BFA started a DNA project, Gil was the first to sign up. We found that he was an exact match for Brian Bunker of England and that Brian could trace his ancestry to Roger Bunker of Tigrith, Bedfordshire, England. This made him related to both the early American George's -- one of Charlestown that owned Bunker Hill and one who was the ancestor of the Nantucket Bunkers. We never found the connection but the DNA proved the relationship and Gil was delighted.

He also collected about 300 postage stamps. And there are nearly one hundred different categories of collectibles in his possession. He has about 200 police patches, a hundred or so handcuffs and leg-irons and another hundred badges, as well as 150 police cars from Matchbox size to a 28-inch paddy wagon. He also has three Barbie police officers and two German Shepherd Beanie Babies. The first is called "Sarge." Wearing as small American Flag on his sleeve, "Courage" was issued in 2001 to commemorate 9-11.

Gil is also active in the International Police Association where he served first as vice-president and later president.

His front lawn is strewn with rocks he has collected. It contains a "Plymouth Rock," Devonian Age brachiopod fossils from Stoney Creek, PA, a Harper's Ferry specimen, a coral from Little Cranberry Island, Maine and a brain like coral from St. Marten. Smaller rocks are from Grand Canyon, Valley of Fire, Continental Divide and the Great Salt Lake and petrified wood from Arizona. Friends have added rock from the Great Wall of China, Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, Wall of Jericho, King Zoser Pyramid and the Dead Sea. A visit to Gil becomes a geography lesson as well as a history lesson. Gil wrote a very interesting history of his life. If you want to learn more about this devoted member of the Bunker Family Association go to:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/wwh5spp4rhm2vxjtqzcr/Living-Legacy.pdf?rlkey=93ct2iur0e83bt65qrk63e0gi&dl=0>

After 43 years, this is the last issue of the *Bunker Banner* edited by Gil Bunker whose devotion to the Bunker Family Association has been extraordinary and we are forever grateful for his devotion. The BFA would not be the same without his endeavors over the years.

-- Bette

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Presidents Notes

Greetings, Cousins!

I hope you are all well and happy. I came across some
notes I took at a National Genealogical Society
Convention many years ago and thought I would share.

How to get kids interested in Genealogy: there are
many resources online, since that seems to be the way
kids like to access information.

<https://www.archives.gov/education/family-history>

This site has free downloadable forms that have fun
graphics for kids.

<https://climbyourfamilytree.com/genealogy-activities-for-kids>

This site has suggestions for how to spark the family
research interest in kids.

And, of course, *Amazon* has a Genealogy for Kids
section

Ultimately, it is our excitement that will be most
effective in getting the future generations involved and
continuing the work. Some research may be easier now
because of computers, but there are ages of records that
are not computerized. Many of the family stories are not
recorded anywhere! Those kids may not seem interested
in those old stories, but they will most likely remember
them, and even pass them on to their children and
grandchildren.

For instance, I remember the story of my ancestor
who was saved from sure death by the Bible in his
pocket blocking the bullet aimed at his heart during the
Civil War.

I treasure the old photographs and albums I have. I
know who most of the people in the pictures are, but not
all.

Once I took an old photo album of my Dad's and
remade it, as the photos were in those sticky sheets,
which are not acid proof and can actually damage the
photos. I asked him who the people in the photos were
and for stories about the photos. It was a fun project for
him, and I to complete together and was done two years
before his death. I took a book that was mostly just
photos and made it attractive with all the fancy scrap-
booking stuff that's available. I made a memory with my
father I will always treasure.

Unfortunately, I did not keep the book after he
passed. I wish I had. I believe my sister has it.

I digress...spend some quality time with your family
to teach them your history... before it is too late.

Respectfully,

LiAnn Pennington

Book Sale

Devonshire Bunkers – 2000

-Bette Bunker Richards

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 - Devonshire Parish Records
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Bedfordshire Bunkers – 2008

-Bette Bunker Richards

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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 Northamptonshire, plus others.

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

■ Boeing delivered the last 747 jumbo jets earlier this year [2023]. Since 1990, two modified 747s serve as *Air Force One*, dedicated for transporting the president. – *AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE*, JUNE 2023 ■ There is a **BUNKER ELEMENTERY** school in Muskegon, Michigan. ■ Christopher Surrey, 80, toasted his bride, the former **BEATRICE MARY BUNKER**, following their marriage in the lion's display cage at the Chessington, England zoo. Mrs. Bunker was once wardrobe mistress for the zoo's circus. The lions were confined to quarters during the ceremony. *Riverside Independent Enterprise* – 1956-08-13. *Bette* –Jul '23 ■ Britian did not invite delegates from Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran, Myanmar, Russia, Syria, or Venezuela, to attend the coronation ceremonies of **KING CHARLES III**. – *AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE*, JULY 2023 ■ *A Bubble of Love*, the words were written by **BEATRICE ELENOR BUNKER** of Chatham [IL], and published by a song [distributing] firm. The words for another song, *My Sweetie Peach* written by Miss Bunker, have been accepted and the song is now in the hands of the publisher. *Daily Illinois State Journal* – 1922-01-01. *Bette* – Jul '23. Ed NOTE: Beatrice died age 35; her daughter Chloe was adopted by her sister; the son Edward was adopted by her brother (N-391-II, 1965 BunGen p.130). ■ We had visitors – to the **DURHAN CEMETERY**. A Bunker descendant (the husband's side of the family), **KERRI** and **DAVID NOWOWIEJSKI** visited the ancient burial ground. Reading the signage led them to the **MADBURY SITE** (*I sent the coordinates*) that they were unable to locate. Rich and Carol Spurling, who own the home located there, were unable to help. (*Do we need better coordinates? 43°9'27"N 70°53'43"W*) ■ From the proceedings at **OLD BAILEY**, 8 Apr 1730 is **THOMAS BUNKER**, of St. Sepulchers, who was indited for feloniously stealing a cow, valued at 6 l. the property of John Burton, the 26th of March last. The prosecutor depos'd, *He lost his cow from Hackney*. Thomas Bunny depos'd *That on the 27th of March, the prisoner offer'd the cow for sale in Smithfield, and ask'd 6 l. for her*. But the evidence not being sufficient to satisfy the jury, that the prisoner stole the cow, the jury acquitted him. ■ Another ? **THOMAS BUNKER**, of the Parish of Hendon, was indicted for feloniously stealing a Heifer, the property of Joseph Tidd, the 16th of March last. The prosecutor depos'd, *He lost the heifer out of his yard, and coming to London in search after it, found it in John Bunnil's Slaughter-house*. John Bunnil depos'd, *He bought the heifer of the prisoner for a guinea and a half*. The prisoner pleaded, *He bought the heifer for 25 s. but not proving it, the jury found him guilty of the indictment*. *Bette* - Jul '23 ■ So just why do have a guilty conscience, Bunky? ■ ~~£~~ ■ **2599**

Did You Know?

The first census in the United Kingdom that listed the names of the residents was taken in 1841 at which time there were 609 Bunkers counted. By that time there were 1,221 Bunkers living in America! *Bette '23*

Bedfordshire Branch

CAUTION

I HAVE directed my Attorney Josiah Hussey, Esq., to prosecute any person, to the extent of the Law, who shall dig up or carry away any stones, clay, sand, turf, or mould, from the late Homestead of **Christopher Bunker**, deceased.

11th mo 9th. 3m PAUL WORTH
Nantucket *Inquirer* – 1833-01-23
N-74 CHRISTOPHER⁶ (1766-1824) [1965 BunGen p.54].

Edmund Bunker Gets Screen Test

Edmund C. Bunker, Jr., of 21 Dorothy Steet, recently returned to the city from a preliminary screen test with Twentieth Century Fox studios during the early part of June for a two weeks' test at the studios as a result of a successful preliminary.

Mr. Bunker explains that the real test following a preliminary is a matter which requires a rehearsed "story," with a director, union cameramen, lighting, and make-up men; also, an actress to play opposite. The "test" includes silent pictures as well a sequence with voice recordings.

During his stay in New York, Mr. Bunker dined with Mr. and Mrs. Kent Smith. Mr. Smith who played in "The Beaux Strategem," at the Dock Steet theater, is also being tested by Twentieth Century Fox at this time. While there he also heard word of George Macready, also of "The Beaux Strategem" cast who was in a show bound for Broadway by way of Philadelphia.

A large number of actors are being interviewed by Twentieth Century Fox and a contrasting few are given screen tests, it is reported. The Studio, unlike a number of others who "borrow" talent is endeavoring to build up its own

Evening Post – 1939-05-06

N-356 EDMUND CASON⁹, JR. (1965 BunGen p.123).

Tempted Beyond Strength

E. J. Bunker's Home Robbed

Clothed in one of the dresses and wearing a pair of shoes she is alleged to have stolen last week as part of a \$600 clothing "haul" from the home of Mrs. Bunker, Vera Turnbull, age 28, a nursemaid, was brought to Duluth from Rice Lake last night by Detective Toewe.

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Questioned by Chief Troyer, the Turnbull girl admitted taking the clothes. She said she could not tell why she did it except that the daily temptation of seeing so many pretty thing about her was more was more than she could resist. She was lodged at police headquarters last night and charged with grand larceny.

When located by the detective after a long chase, the girl said she had left all her clothes at the Bunker residence and for that reason was compelled to make the trip wearing the dress "wrong side out."

The dress was made to fasten in the back, but the nursemaid wore it the other way because it was much too large, and she was compelled to pin it around her. It was also several inches too long.

When Chief Troyer learned the girl's family live near Spooner, and had several relatives in the nearby towns he notified all the police departments of the section to be on the lookout for her and the clothes.

The marshal at Spooner learned the girl had been there and had given away several dresses to friends. He gathered as many of these that and a package was received here by express yesterday. In it were several belonging to Mrs. Bunker and her sister.

Detective Toewe was sent immediately to Spooner and he found that the girl, after giving away all of the garments she could not pack into two suitcases, had walked 10 miles, carrying her heavy load and had taken a train to Rice Lake. It is believed she was warned that the police had located her.

After considerable searching Detective Toewe found the girl at the home of her sister near Rice Lake.

Duluth News Tribune – 1914-10-18

Bette – Aug '23

N-346 EUGENE JOHN⁹ (1965 BunGen p.121)

Montgomery County [MD] News

China is much In the news these July days in Bethesda. The reason for all this renewed Interest in our neighbors from cross the Pacific is the visit of 500 Chinese businessmen to Washington and to other large cities to study industrial methods in this country. And Bethesda residents, many of whom have some time or other lived in Chinn, are outdoing themselves in efforts to make the visitors welcome.

Invitations have gone out for a series of parallel parties honoring several groups of these visitors, two parties on August 5 and two on August 19. Hostesses at those parties will be Mrs. S. Shepard Jones and Mrs. J. B. Yaukey, who will have an "open house" on August 5, and Mrs. A. G. Timms, Mrs. Robert Davies and Mrs. Chester E. Rightor, who will entertain for them on August 19.

Guest lists for these parties are limited to the members of the East and West. Association of America and their friends and few additional guests who are here from the Latin American countries.

Smaller parties - quite informal - are also being given all through the community for the Chinese visitors, not more than 20 are entertained at one time, and if possible, an equal number of Americans are included as guests.

Hostesses at these smaller parties have been Capt. and Mrs. F. W. Holt, Mrs. Val Sherman and Mrs. Yaukcy, and another party of the same kind will be given by Mrs. George N. Matthews on August 12.

The idea of these parallel parties originated with Mrs. Timms, the versatile hospitality chairman of the East and West Association, so that the visitors here might establish direct acquaintances with the American people by person-to-person contact.

Another party with an interesting guest list was the buffet supper that **Admiral and Mrs. Charles W. O. Bunker** gave last evening with Admiral Bunker's cousins **Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carl Moran** (1894-1967) as honor guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Moran are newcomers to Washington, recently coming here from Vermont, when Mr. Moran was appointed Second Assistant Secretary of the Department of Labor.

Lt. Elizabeth F. Bunker, a niece of Admiral Bunker, now on duty here with the WAVES, assisted Mrs. Bunker in receiving the guests and entertaining them during the evening. (*The BFA is aware they are not related.*)

Admiral and Mrs. Bunker had 40 guests at the supper party, many from official circles in Washington.

Evening Star (Wash. DC) - 1945-07-22

Bette - Jun '23

The newsprint gossip continued for six more paragraphs, regarding unrelated personnel.

C-27 CHARLES W. O. BUNKER¹⁰ (1965 BunGen p.21)
C-31-II ELIZABETH FRANCES¹¹ (1965 BunGen p.22)
D-365-I SUSAN ELIZA⁸ BUNKER MORAN (1982 BunGen p.173) married Edward Carleton Moran, Jr. Her father was D-365 THOMAS⁷ (1982 BunGen p.172).

Carl Moran authored three Bunker Genealogy Books dated 1942, 1961 and 1965. The Bunker Family Association is eternally grateful for his dedication and commitment.

Three Families Join Alaska Pioneer Trek

MARSHALL, MI -- UPI - "Things are getting too crowded nowadays. The three of us have hunted, fished, and trapped together all our lives. There's not much of that left around here and Alaska's one of the few places left to do some of it.

So as American pioneers have done for 300 years, three families, with limited equipment, little money, and over loaded vehicles this month will head northwest for the Country's last land frontier.

The three families are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bunker and two of their three children of near Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bunker and their five children of Michigan Center, and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Barton and their three

children of Grass Lake. Lawrence and Dean Bunker are brothers.

"We've been planning this for a little more than a year," Lawrence Bunker said at his: rented farm home.

"My brother wrote [to] a couple of the 59'ers who went to Alaska from Detroit last year, this Maio Sik in the Sustina Valley and another follow on the Kenai Peninsula.

"We'd like to settle on the Kenai (south of Anchorage) but we understand this land may have been closed to homesteading. So, it'll probably take us the rest of the Summer to get there and find our land."

The families in the next two weeks hope to sell the household goods and equipment they're not taking, and assemble with vehicles and all equipment and provisions at Michigan Center by June 15.

Each family is supposed to provide \$2,500 worth of equipment and cash. Dean Bunker has been keeping the books and he isn't sure where anybody stands. Lawrence said.

So far, the trio of men have acquired a 1950 tractor-trailer, a 1949 two-ton van, 1946 ton and-a-half flatbed truck and a one-ton 1953 panel truck. Also. a two-wheel trailer, two house trailers. a tractor, bulldozer, and a used jeep.

"Somehow, said Lawrence, they hope to load the tractor. jeep and bulldozer in the trucks, along with cultivators, drags, plows, a hoeing machine, power saws, "not too much household goods," canned food and dozens of other items.

Then they plan to hook the trailers behind the trucks and start the 4,500-mile trip to Alaska. Wives will help drive.

Lawrence conceded that he doesn't know exactly where they will settle, what they will grow on their land next year and how they can get through the Winter. He thinks they may have enough canned meat for the four-week trip and enough canned vegetables, beans, flour, and cornmeal for the Winter. They would like to take a heifer, bull, and horse on the trip if there's room.

Lawrence said he and his brother are mechanics, a valuable skill considering the age of the trucks. All three men have farm backgrounds but only Barton now lives on his own small farm, Lawrence said.

"I would have to say the wives are not entirely for it," Lawrence said. "They see too many inconveniences and hardships. They are all going but don't exactly like it."

Flint Journal - 1960-06-05

Dean and Lawrence children of Milford Burtis Bunker and Esther M. McMillen.

(The family has DNA tested as Bedfordshire.)

RN=511025 DEAN D. b 28 Jul 1922 Jackson, MI; d 14 Feb 2014 Longview, WA; m 28 June 1941 Maizie Rogers.

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RN=511026 LAWRENCE L. b 14 Oct 1923; d Sept. 1974 Willow, AK; m Cecile Kilburn b 13 Dec 1922, d 29 Jul 2005 Willow, AK. She m(2) _ Jochen, buried as Cecile Bunker Jochen, Willow, AK.

Happy Terrier's New Master Happy, Too

The *Record American* found a home Thursday for a happy-go-lucky white mongrel terrier with the disposition of a laughable circus clown.

"Lucky," the pet of the week, bounded happily into the arms of Edgar S. Bunker, 29, of Anchorage Rd., Franklin, a junior designer in building services.

His wife, Eileen, he said, "didn't think I'd have the nerve to come over to the Animal Rescue League and try for him."

Edgar and Eileen wanted a pedigreed German shepherd, but they kept putting off the purchase. Then, said Edgar, "I saw Lucky's picture in the *Record American*, and I knew I, we had to have him."

"Lucky" is one of those perpetual tail-waggers whose range of emotions runs from supremely happy to just plain joyful. He greeted Edgar like a long-lost pal.

Edgar, who said that the Bunkers always have had a dog in the family, decided on "Lucky" for the pup's name because "I was lucky to get him, and he probably feels lucky at finding a home."

Edgar said he also plans to spring "Lucky" as a surprise on Miss Jane Dunn, 75, a friend of the Bunkers who has lived with them for many years.

"She loves dogs, too," he said, "and I know she'll love Lucky."

Boston *Record American* – 1963-12-06

Bette – Jul '23

Ed NOTE: *Lucky was renamed Spot when we met in 1976.*

Carole penned the following eulogy for Eddie. It was published in the Bunker Banner nearly twenty years ago, and is worthy of republication now.

We savor the times on Cape Cod with our cousins. §

"Uncle Eddie"

"We often visited the New England area for the Bunker Family Reunions and always traveled to Cape Cod at the end of the reunion to see Ed and Eileen Bunker. One lovely day we arrived and found the Bunkers at the "Nutmeg" cottage instead of their home on "High Head." The cottage is on the bay side and the view is spectacular. Sitting on the deck we could see the curve in the cape as it juts out to sea; seagulls basking in the sun or hovering overhead; and seashells strewn upon the sand as the waves gently wash ashore. The smell of the salt air was exhilarating.

"Edgar (Eddie) Bunker is a former Pennsylvanian and has been a resident of Massachusetts for many years, but on occasions you can hear the influence of the New England dialect in his speech as well, but it is not as

pronounced as Eileen's. He is a tall man, ruggedly handsome, and keeps in shape with his constant jogging on the dunes, fishing for blues, biking, piloting aircraft and scuba diving. Ed is always doing something active.

"Mike, our son, fell in love with his Uncle Eddie at first sight. He thought Ed was the greatest thing since peanut butter and jelly. Ed asked Mike to go for a ride in his rowboat and since Mike had never been in any kind of craft, he was eager for this adventure. They pulled the boat into the water and climbed aboard. The bay was quite calm as the motor sputtered to life and they headed toward Provincetown. We could watch their progress from the deck of the cottage. Upon their return Mike beamed, his wide smile showed he had had a wonderful time. Ed was Mike's hero, and for the next few days Mike followed Ed around like a shadow. Mike would agree with anything Ed had said with the same three words: "Right, Uncle Eddie!" It didn't matter what the subject was or how ridiculous the suggestion, Mike's answer was always the same, "Riiight, Uncle Eddie!" I think Ed was just as amused by Mike, as Mike was tickled with him.

"Even to this day, when we visit Ed on the Cape, invariably, during a conversation Ed would remember Mike's smile and interject, "Right, Uncle Eddie!" It's like a stamp of approval and everything is okay.

"Gil and I have marvelous memories of the Cape. There is a sense of being laid back that you could not experience anywhere else. Cape Cod always brings pleasant memories to mind: Eileen and Ed Bunker, their ritual of martinis at five o'clock; their dog Spot who never seemed to move, even his tail lay dormant. We recall the gentle breezes of the ocean at High Head, the ebb and flow of the dunes, the blistering sun on the deck at the Nutmeg; the laughter and the love we shared with Ed. We watched as Michael played in the sand or sat on the edge of the deck with his feet dangling over the side, while sharing treasured seashells with his Uncle Ed.

"This is how Gil, and I will always remember Edgar; isn't that so? 'Riiight, Uncle Eddie!'"

Carole Bunker

U-1753 EDGAR SAMUEL, JR. (Bedfordshire DNA) b 30 Jan 1934 Philadelphia, PA; d 15 Mar 2004, No. Truro, MA; bur 22 Mar 2004 Sacred Heart Cemetery, No. Truro, MA; m 21 May 1960 Eileen Marie O'Malley b 18 Aug 1930; d 4 Apr 1986 No. Truro, MA; bur Sacred Heart Cemetery, No. Truro, MA. (Michael died in 1980). §

Belgian Chorale

Children from Belgian travel to Flanders Field Cemetery to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" every Memorial Day. They've done this since 1919.
American Legion Magazine – July 2023

Devonshire Branch

Special to the *Bunker Banner* by *Bette Bunker Richards*

Historian NOTE: *The DNA of the Devon Bunkers including those who come from Modbury, Rattery and James of Durham, New Hampshire, indicates that this Bunker branch ascended from very early settlers in the area. Here is a bit of ancient Devon history.*

Devonshire was called Dyfnant by the ancient Welsh, and Dennan by the Cornish Britons, and is supposed to receive its name from a word signifying "deeps" or "glens." It was originally inhabited by the Cimbri, who got here the designation of Damnonii or Danmonii, and it had ancient commercial transactions with the Phoenicians, the Greeks, and other nations. It was included by the Romans first in their Britannia Prima, then in their Flavia Cæsariensis, and it afterwards formed part of the kingdom of Wessex. Cynegilsus, king of the West Saxons, vanquished it in 614. The Danes made inroads into it with various fortune in 806, 876, and 894. William the Conqueror met stiff resistance from it in 1067 and 1069. William Rufus and Stephen also were resisted at Exeter. The French, till the middle of the 16th century, made attacks on the maritime towns, but elicited few events of any note. The wars between the Yorkists and the Lancastrians agitated the county and caused several riots, but did not produce any battle. The Reformation caused an insurrection in 1549, leading to a number of armed engagements. The Civil War, in the time of Charles I., involved general broils (*a loud quarrel or disturbance*), many incursions, several skirmishes, and one sharp action, and came to an end in the taking of most of the towns by Fairfax. The Prince of Orange landed at Torbay in 1688, the French fleet cannonaded and plundered Teignmouth in 1690, the combined fleet of France and Spain appeared off Plymouth in 1779, and Napoleon Bonaparte was a prisoner in the *Bellerophon* and the *Northumberland* men-of-war in Plymouth Sound in 1815. The county gives the title of Earl of Devon to the Courtenays, and that of Duke of Devonshire to the Cavendishes. Icknield Street crosses the county from Dorset through Exeter into Cornwall, the Fosse Way joined or crossed Icknield Street near the eastern border of the county, and the Port Way went from Exeter toward the centre of Somerset. ANCIENT BRITISH REMAINS variously cromlechs, Druidical circles, logan-stones, cairns, and vestiges of rude houses, are at Drews-Teignton, Withecombe, Haldon Hill, and Grimpspound (*Stonehenge is a prehistoric monument on Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, England*); ANCIENT CAMPS are at Woodbury and Henbury; ANCIENT CASTLES are at Compton, Okehampton, Plympton, Tiverton, Berry-Pomeroy, and

Lydford. ANCIENT ABBEYS or priories are or were at Tavistock, Ford, Newnham, Tor, Wear, Weycroft, Frithelstoke, Hartland, Ottery, and Buckfastleigh. ANCIENT CHURCHES are at Ashburton, Axminster, Chegford, Crediton, Exeter, and other places.

Devon, England – genealogy heraldry and history (ukga.org)

DEVON SOURCES FOLLOW for ARCHIVES and LIBRARIES

DEVON RECORD OFFICE

Great Moor House, Bittern Road, Sowton, Exeter EX2 7NL, Tel: 01392 384253, email: devrec@devon.gov.uk

WEST DEVON RECORD OFFICE

Unit 3, Clare Place, Coxside, Plymouth PL4 OJW
Tel: 01752 305940

NORTH DEVON RECORD OFFICE

North Devon Library and Record Office, Tuly Street, Barnstaple EX32 7EJ, Tel: 01271 388607/388608

CHAPMAN CODE

The Chapman code for Devon is **DEV**. Chapman codes are used in genealogy as a short data code for administrative areas, such as county and country names.

CHURCH RECORDS

We have some of the Devon Parish Registers transcribed in fully searchable databases. See what we have available on the *Baptisms, Marriages, Burials* pages.

COUNTY SEATS

A listing of *Seats of the Nobility, Clergy and Gentry* in Devonshire.

DIRECTORIED & GAZETTERES

The *Historical Directories* web site have a number of directories relating to Devon online, including: Kelly's, Pigot, Slater, etc.

We have transcribed the entry for Devon from [two books] the following:

- *A Topographical Dictionary of England, by Samuel Lewis, seventh edition, published 1858. (Devonshire)*

- *Kelly's Directory of Devon and Cornwall 1914*

HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY

A listing of the *Hundreds and Liberties* in Devon, with the parishes contained in them.

HISTORY

We have *A View of Devonshire in MDXXX with a Pedigree of most of its Gentry* by Thomas Westcote, Gent. available to browse. This contains a fascinating account of Westcote's travels through the county in 1630, and describes each place.

James Bunker arrived in America about 1645. The above book will tell you what Devon was like when he lived there.

Brig **NANCY**



For Havanna,

the fast-sailing brig

NANCY,

Wm. Mitchell, master, now

loading at Smith's wharf above

Race-street, and will be dispatched in a few days. For freight of about 300 barrels, or passage, apply to

Masden & Bunker,

Dec. 13 - ¶

No. 19, s. Water-street

Philadelphia Gazette - 15 Dec 1810

U-21 NATHAN⁶, Devonshire DNA, b 1786 Pencader Hundred, DE; d 1837 Phila. PA (1965 BunGen p.153).

(Copy of an advertisement from a daily newspaper; that should be a sailing ship in the upper left corner).

CRANBERRY ISLES

There will be a dance in the town hall, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Cora A. Richardson is visiting friends in

Portland.

Capt. Henry A. Bunker is in command of the yacht *Virginia*.

Miss Eliza Stanley, of Otter Creek, is visiting at E. J. Stanley's.

Ellsworth American - 1907-07-28

D-593 HENRY ALTON⁸ b 18 May 1872 Cranberry Is.; d 9 Dec 1941 Cranberry Is. (1982 BunGen p.239).

NORTH ISLESBORO

Miss Beulah Bates is at home from Hampden for the Christmas vacation .. Mrs. Angelia Adams and daughter, Miss Rosina, left last week for New York, where they will spend the winter .. Mrs. Velocia Coombs of Foxboro, Mass., arrived December 20th to care for her brother, **Capt. Edgar Bunker**, who is very ill.

Republican Journal - 1909-12-30

D-177-I EDGAR ARTHUR⁷ (1842-1915) 1982 BunGen p.113

WALDO SS - In Court of Probate, held at Belfast, on the 13th day of April 1915. Volocia [Angelia] E. Coombs, administratrix on the estate of **Edgar A. Bunker**, late of Islesboro, in said County, deceased, having presented her first and final account of administration of said estate for allowance.

Ordered, That notice thereof be given, three weeks successively, in The *Republican Journal*, a newspaper published in Belfast, in said County, that all persons interested may attend at a Probate Court, to be held at Belfast, on the 11th day of May next, and show cause if any they have, why the said account should not be allowed.

JAMES LIBBY, Judge.

A TRUE COPY. ATTEST:

Chas. P. Hazeltine, Acting Register

Republican Journal - 1915-05-06

D-177-I EDGAR ARTHUR⁷ (1982 BunGen p.113)

Elizabeth Bunker Wallingford

A Revolutionary Widow

Mrs. Peter Wallingford died Friday evening at 7 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Benj. Durkee. She was aged 93 years, one month and twelve days. Her death was traced to an accident that happened eight years ago. She was leaning forward to reach into a lower part of a cupboard when her ankle gave way and she fell to the floor, breaking her hip. She has since suffered much and has hardly been able to leave the house, using crutches a good part of the time. The effects of this, combined with old age, led to her death. Up to the time of the accident she was vigorous, attended [to] all household and social duties, and gave promise of living a number of years.

The history of Mrs. Wallingford's life is full of interest. She is the only surviving widow of a Revolutionary soldier, and with one exception, is the oldest in the United States.

Elizabeth Bunker (for Elizabeth was her true name) was born in Pittsfield, NH on July 26, 1796. Her family afterward moved to Maine. In July 1812 she married at Athens, ME to Jonathan Wallingford, then 50-years old, a native of New Hampshire and an ex-soldier of the Revolution, who enlisted as a private, at age eighteen in Capt. Timothy Emerson's company, Bartlett's regiment of New Hampshire volunteers. He passed through the war without injury, and remained in the service until the British troops surrendered.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallingford resided in his native state, until the death of the former, in August 1847 at age 84. In 1855, she emigrated to the territory of Minnesota and was located in this city. There were no railroads in the state, and she navigated the Minnesota river in a steamer that plied between St. Paul and Mankato. The city was a frontier town of nearly 100 inhabitants, who were in danger of their lives from the Sioux Indians. Gen. Sibley quelled the last insurrection.

Mrs. Wallingford and the little family passed through all the trials of frontier life. She bought a home on North Fourth street. When the Omaha Road was [built], her home was demolished the road built over the lot. She

moved to her daughter's home, a widow of the late Coroner [Benjamin] Durkee.

Mrs. Wallingford was a lady, possessed of the best moral and social qualities and her acquaintance which was a wide one. She attended the Baptist church when she was able and took an active interest in all church and benevolent activities.

The funeral occurred from the home at 2:00 p.m. [on] Sunday, Rev. Rule officiating.

Mankato Free Press – 1889-09-13

D-23-IX ELIZABETH⁵ (1982 BunGen p. 36-37)
(This is an abbreviated version of the original obituary, that is available from the editor).

Missing Teacher Found in New York

Ruth Bunker Located in Crittenton Home

Miss Ruth Bunker, 19, Akron schoolteacher reported missing from her home at 351 Park Street, since last Saturday, has been located in New York.

Akron police received word from New York police department tonight that Miss Bunker had been located at the Florence Crittenton Home for Girls in the city.

The circumstances of her trip to New York and her arrival at the home were not stated in a message received here.

A younger sister of Miss Bunker, Miss Bernice Bunker, earlier in the evening, reported to Chief of Detectives Harry Welsh that she had received a letter from her missing sister. The letter had been written in New York. She refused to divulge the contents of the letter or to offer any explanation of her sister's disappearance from Akron last Saturday, Welsh said.

Police immediately wired to New York in an effort to communicate directly with the school teacher. Miss Bernice Bunker told police she had not even let her mother know the substance of her sister's letter which she received today.

Plain Dealer – 1921-10-01

Hard to find things about women. Bette – Aug '23

D-471P-II RUTH ELIZABETH⁸ (1982 BunGen p.211)

D-471P-III BERNICE MAY⁸ (1982 BunGen p.211)

Flier Rescued From Swamp

WALLACE, LA, March 17 (UP)

Trappers rescued **Lieut. Paul [D.] Bunker**, Mockett [Crockett] field, Galveston, from a snake-infested swamp after the flier bailed out of his disabled plane in the Lake Des Allemands region north of Edgar, LA.

Lieutenant Bunker took off from Crockett field for Mobile on Thursday with Private McGehee of Crockett field, who was going to attend the funeral of his father. On the return trip Friday, the motor of his plane went wrong, and Lieutenant Bunker was forced to take to his chute.

"The airplane was only 630 feet from the ground when I balled out" said Bunker. "I was saved from **2605**

injury because the swampy ground broke my fall. I was lost three hours. There were lots of snakes."

Two trappers found Bunker and brought him by canoe to Wallace.

El-Paso Herald Post – 1934-03-17

D-1032 PAUL DELMONT, JR⁹ (1982 BunGen p.333)

Ed NOTE: *It's his first of three airplane accidents. The third was fatal when a bomb exploded beneath his airplane, during practice in the Territory of Hawaii.*

Paul Jr. is buried at West Point, next to his father, who died as a prisoner of war, in World War II. §

DARYL [E.] BUNKER, seaman, first class, who enlisted in the Coast Guard two years ago, along with his twin brother, **DONALD D. BUNKER** has been assigned to a cutter in the North Pacific after nearly a year in Alaska.

The two coastguardsmen are sons of Mrs. Laura (Loretta Elizabeth Periman) Bunker, 6557 Mary Ave., N. W. and attended Ballard High School. Donald is in Hawaii.

Seattle Daily Times – 1944-12-15

Names of 18 Seattle coastguardsmen and 47 others from Washington State announced today as having been discharged from the service.

DARYL E. BUNKER seaman, first class, 6557 Mary Ave., N. W.

(Names of others from Seattle, included in list.)

Seattle Daily Times – 1945-10-06

U. W. Professor Hurt in Crash

Dr. Porter G. Perrin, 65, a University of Washington professor of English, and his wife Dorothy, 64, were in the Northwest Hospital today with injuries suffered in a collision near Kenmore at 3:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Perrin, 11085 Champaign Point Road, Kirkland, suffered head injuries. His wife suffered arm injuries.

State Patrolman Joe Williams reported the Perrin automobile sideswiped a car driven by **DARYL E. BUNKER** 36, of 917 Third St., Kirkland, in Juanita Drive Northeast near Northeast 65th Street. Bunker suffered a head cut and went to a private physician.

Seattle Daily Times – 1961-10-23

D-203-IX DARYL EUGENE¹⁰ (1924-1994); descent from James Bunker; b England; d 24 Jan 1698 Dover, NH. Daryl Eugene (RN 13622) is a grandson of Alfred Moses⁷; son of Roy Bishop⁸.

Bette – Jun '23

New to mil db

Daryl Eugene Bunker, RN=511026, Coast Guard, seaman, first class, served 15 Dec 1944 to 6 Oct 1945 (see Aug. 2023 *Bunker Banner*)

Donald Dean Bunker RN=511025, Coast Guard (*twin brother of Daryl Eugene Bunker*)

Ivan Eugene Bunker, 82, of Wever [MO], died, Dec. 25, 2022, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison. He was born July 4, 1940,

Michael Patrick Bunker (1944-2023), US Navy, Honorably Discharged October 21, 1979. Retired July 1, 1991 (see Aug. 2023 *Bunker Banner*).

Cousin Conundrums

OLD BAILEY - 27 Feb 1754

124. (M.) Abraham Brunkey, otherwise Bunker was indicted for stealing four guineas and seven pounds sixteen shillings in money, numbered, the money of Richard Hedge, in the dwelling-house of the said Richard. Feb. 16.

RICHARD HEDGE. I live at Hackney; the prisoner had lodged at my house about five nights, he went away on Feb. 16. in the morning. About two hours after he was gone I missed four guineas in gold, and seven pounds sixteen shillings in silver, from out of a drawer, in the room where he had lodged. I had seen it the night before. I went to London and inquired after him, and when I got home again, two women had taken him. I was sent for, and saw him before a justice near Grub-street.

ELIZABETH STACEY. I lodge in the Prosecutor's house; I met the prisoner accidentally on the 16th of Feb. between twelve and one in Shoreditch. I had him stopped and searched, knowing the prosecutor had lost some money; and on the ground, near where I stopped him, lay this purse [producing one with same money in it].

Q. TO PROSECUTOR. Do you know that purse?

PROSECUTOR. This is the purse my money was in in the drawer.

WILLIAM WOODHAM. I am constable, the prisoner was taken in Shoreditch, and this purse and money delivered to me by the last evidence and another woman, which I have had in my custody ever since; the prisoner was very much in liquor.

Prisoner's Defense.

I remember nothing of the matter how I came by the purse; I was much in liquor.

For his Character.

JOHN ASHILL. I have known the prisoner from a baby, I took him to be as honest a lad as any lived before this.

PETER FACKWARE. I have known the prisoner about a year, I never heard anything amiss by him.

GEORGE DEAL. I have known the prisoner from about a fortnight before Christmas; he worked for me till about three weeks ago; I liked him so well I was going to take him apprentice.

LEONARD BERTOUT. I have known the prisoner ever since he was born, I never heard any ill of him till this.

SARAH GLOVER. I have known him about fourteen years, and never knew him to wrong man, woman, or child.

GEORGE WHITE. I have known him fourteen or fifteen years, and never heard anything amiss of him.

GUILTY: of felony only. Sentenced to: TRANSPORTATION.

Bette – Jul '23

Most doomed convicts were sent to America before the Revolutionary War, and to Australia after the war.

Captain Bunker

"PORT of SALEM"

"APRIL 1 – *Ar. sloop Packet, Bunker*, from Eastward, with a load of wood. On Wednesday noon, being in co. with sch. *Charles and John*, Gay, also with wood, from Waldoborough, both were captured by H.M.B. sloop of war *Rattler*, of 28 guns (bark-rigged) 5 leagues S.S.W. from Cape Elizabeth. Capt. Bunker on going board the *Rattler* was recognized by her pilot, whose life he had been instrumental in saving some time before ; on this account he was interceded with the captain, and obtained the release of himself and vessel ; but the sch. (a fine vessel of 100 tons) was manned and sent to St. John's, her people being put on board the sloop. While onboard the *Rattler*, Capt. B. was informed that on Friday last she cut of the harbors of Cranberry Islands and Mount Desert, the sch. *Cranberry*, Hadlock, of C. Island, and sch. *Two Brothers*, Harding, partially belonging to Marblehead ; and took some provisions out of the old sch, belonging to Salem, and let her go. Capt. Freeman saved his schooner by scuttling her. At 3 o'clock yesterday morning saw the *Rattler* off Boon Island, and supposes she is now in our bay. She is well manned."

Boston Daily Advertiser – 1813-04-03

Another Captain

"The EXCURSION to NEW BEDFORD yesterday, in the *Benjamin Franklin*, was attended by nearly 400 persons. Many were deprived of the pleasure of such trips by sea sickness, but those who escaped, passed a very pleasant day. It was the intention of **Capt. Bunker** to take the New Bedford people to the Elizabeth Islands, but owing to south west wind a strong and swell, the excursion was deferred until next week. The boat returned about ten o'clock, without any accident having occurred."

Rhode Island American – 1831-08-26.

Still Another Captain Bunker

A letter from Edgartown, dated December 28, to the Merchants' Exchange, gives information on the loss of schooner *O. H. Perry*, of Sullivan, ME, **Captain Bunker**, from Bristol for Salem, together with all her

crew. She struck on No Man's Land, on Monday night, 23d inst., in a heavy gale from the North West, and became a complete wreck.

Philadelphia *Inquirer* – 1851-01-02

And Yet Another Captain

Schooner Capsized in the North River

The schooner *Era L. Leonard*, **Captain Bunker**, while sailing up the North River yesterday afternoon, was struck by a heavy squall and capsized. The crew were saved, and the schooner was towed to Pier 39 North River, by the harbor police boat, Captain Todd.

Evening *Post* – 1869-07-10

Dog Aids Woman to Escape From Flames

Still suffering from effects of a fire which early Thursday morning caused her to leap through a window in night clothing with nothing on her feet, Mrs. Anna Soltis, 55, well known Tompkins township woman, managed to voice much praise for "Rover," her collie watchdog, to whom she owes her life.

Awakened shortly before 4 o'clock Thursday morning by the dog's barking, Mrs. Soltis found her farm home in flames and the rooms filled with dense smoke. She attempted to escape through the kitchen door only to be met with a sheet of flame. Forced back, she tried the front door but was unable to open it and by this time the fire had completely enveloped the small building.

BREAKS OUT WINDOW

Frantic over her inability to get out of the house, Mrs. Soltis made a rush at one of the windows and aided by "Rover" managed to crash through the glass. She hesitated a second to throw out some clothing only to find out it had become ignited outside and destroyed.

Barefooted, she walked to the home of a neighbor, **Milford D. Bunker**, who resides some 40 rods south of the Soltis farm. She awakened him and although he ran down the road, he was unable to get near the house due to the heat. Mrs. Soltis lost everything she possessed and stated she carried some insurance.

For some unknown reason the fire was not reported to the fire department or sheriff's office. The first knowledge Sheriff Howard W. Purdy had of what had occurred was when the *Citizen Patriot* called him on the telephone after getting reports from Tompkins Center and Leslie.

REPORTED DEAD

First reports were that it was believed Mrs. Soltis and possibly a son had perished in the fire. Sheriff Purdy, with Deputy Harold Moore and a *Citizen Patriot* reporter, raced to the scene but learned when they neared the farm from two Jackson county road commission truck drivers that Mrs. Soltis had been saved. She lived alone and her son, who works in Jackson, comes home for weekends only.

The woman was brought to Jackson Thursday afternoon by Mr. Bunker so that she might advise her son of what had happened and attend to the insurance and other matters. It is believed that a defective chimney caused the blaze. Mrs. Solis was unable to estimate the loss.

Jackson *Citizen Patriot* – 1936-02-28

RN=30075 MILFORD BURTIS BUNKER - The D in the article is incorrect; b 22 Oct 1891 (*don't know where*); d 6 Apr 1967 Jackson, MI.

Bette – Jun '23

Loss of Yule Tree Blamed for Injuries

Mrs. Milford Bunker and seven-year-old daughter, Barbara, RFD 1, Stockbridge, both are in Foote hospital suffering from severe jaw and head injuries, because a Christmas tree fell off a car driven by another woman.

According to a state police report, Mrs. Gladys Bowen, RFD 2, Gregory, was driving north on M-106 eight miles north of Jackson at about 6 p. m. Wednesday when the Christmas tree, tied to the outside of her car, fell off. She stopped on the pavement near a curve, the state police report said, to retrieve the tree, dimming her lights before alighting from the car.

A few seconds later, Mrs. Bunker swung her car around the curve, also traveling north, and crashed into the Bowen vehicle.

State police took Mrs. Bunker and her daughter to Foote hospital, where both were treated and admitted as patients.

Jackson *Citizen Patriot* – 1942-12-17

A Practical Talk

The first-year law students were delighted on Friday with a practical talk on "Questions of Practice" by **Professor Robert E. Bunker**. It is the habit of students of this department to ask the professor for talks at the time of the last recitation of the semester, and it was in response to such a request the Professor Bunker spoke extemporaneously on a topic of real importance to those in the study of law.

In his introduction the professor said:

"The profession of the law is without a rival, and circumstances it so. It is the best of all professions. A lawyer cannot do a single piece of work without knowing that it has to fall under the judgement and criticism of fellow members of the bar. So, he has to train himself for this keen mental work. A lawyer deals with the affairs of men. This makes the profession of law the most comprehensive and most engaging of all.

"If you are adapted to the profession of law, you cannot go into a calling that will develop you to such an extent. There you meet the noblest of men in all walks of life. It develops quick thinking, and a lawyer must be ready to answer his opponent on the spur of the moment. The lawyer is dealing with issues that men are making, and he finds something new in every case he handles. The man stands in court representing a client which he

desires to win, but the judgment of a good lawyer does not wish to win unless on his merit."

In referring to the University's need of larger appropriations from the legislature at this time, Professor Bunker said:

"You should appreciate the benefits that the people of this state are giving you through this University. Those who belong to this state can do good work during the vacation by going to their people and showing them that we ought to have means and are deserving of larger appropriations. They can speak of this to their representatives in the legislature, and you can be the means of developing experiments in favor of this movement.

Professor Bunker, in closing referred [to] the fact that a few students forget themselves at times as beyond the bounds of legitimate spirits and to destroy property and invade the rights of others. He thought the students should take this matter up and so govern affairs would make it so warm for those students who do not respect property and private rights that they would get out of the institution within 48 hours.

"Gentlemen, the government is in your hands," he said.

Ann Arbor Daily Times – 1906-06-02

U-1206 ROBERT EMMET, son of John Bunker and Lavinia Hall (1848-1931), m Mary S. Brown 7 Aug 1872.

Stormy Lake Swallows 210-Foot Vessel

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (UPI) *Jennifer*, a 210-foot Canadian freighter loaded with steel beams and pilings, sank Sunday in 450 feet of heaving Lake Michigan water.

But she went down alone because all 15 crewmen aboard were able to abandon ship just six minutes before she went under. Four men were rescued by a Coast Guard helicopter and the others were picked out of the water by the British cargo vessel *Fortuna*.

"I thought it was all a dream - I still think it's a dream," said F. Louis Muldoon, 58, Marysville, Mich., who was piloting the ship through the stormy waters.

Muldoon Dove into the water with an inflatable raft when the ship began to list dangerously. Four men had already been taken off the vessel by the helicopter.

"I assumed more than myself would go into the life raft when I jumped," Muldoon said, "but the others went into the lifeboat."

He spent about a half hour in the raft before being picked up by the *Fortuna*. The water temperature was about 45 degrees. Waves rose 10 to 15 feet and winds were gusting up to 50 miles per hour, according to the Coast Guard.

By the time the helicopter returned for a second pickup, the ship had sunk.

Patrick Nugent, 44, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the ship's captain who had signed on about a week ago, said the experience wouldn't stop him from sailing. **2608**

"I've been sailing for 27-years, and I might as well sail all the natural days I have left," he said.

The ship was headed for Milwaukee with its cargo valued at \$300,000 when some of the cargo apparently broke loose, causing the vessel to list. That occurred about 11 p.m. Saturday about 25 miles offshore south-east of here.

The ship sent out a distress signal and eventually three ships responded. The Coast Guard also sent out three cutters, but the ship sank about 4:50 a.m. Sunday before they arrived.

The Coast Guard said it was believed the loose cargo may have punched through the hull, causing the vessel to take on water. However, a spokesman said the sinking would probably not be investigated by the Coast Guard because there was no loss of life.

A spokesman said the salvage efforts would be difficult because of the depth to which *Jennifer* sank.

Nugent praised the rescue efforts, saying it took only about 15 minutes.

I'd say the rescue operation was very efficient," he said. "We figured we could hang on 'til daylight, but it seemed like she was taking on a bigger list."

"I can't say enough how hospitable and helpful these people have been," Muldoon said of the *Fortuna* crew.

The captain of the *Fortuna*, **Hubert Bunker of Berkhamsted, England**, returned the praise and said the *Jennifer* crew was "all in good spirits."

"My personal reaction to this is that the way' they conducted the *Jennifer* was magnificent," Bunker said. No one was sick or injured. Some were a bit cold, and some were in a bit of a shock."

Register Mail – 1974-12-02

Battle of Bunker Hill Stuff

Bunker Hill -- Whatever

Bunker Hill covered bridge	Bunker Hill harness oil
Bunker Hill RR Cut (in mountain)	Bunker Hill smoker's pipe
Bunker Hill Air Force Base	Bunker Hill cap gun
Bunker Hill Gold Mining Co.	Bunker Hill Security Co.
Bunker Hill Base Ball Team	Bunker Hill Match Co.
Bunker Hill smelter locomotive	Bunker Hill Funicular RR
Bunker Hill desk calendar	Bunker Hill flag
Bunker Hill sheet music (5ea)	Bunker Hill ships (15ea)
Bunker Hill Presbyterian Church	Bunker Hill ashtray
Bunker Hill Farm, Ohio	Bunker Hill pickle bottle
Bunker Hill monument	Bunker Hill Lodge # 634
Bunker Hill casino chip	Bunker Hill golf course,
Bunker Hill navy beans	Bunker Hill school, c1920
Bunker Hill milk bottle cap	Bunker Hill paperweight
Bunker Hill Church, MI	Bunker Hill Brand beans
Bunker Hill sugar tongs	Bunker Hill napkin ring
Bunker Hill Breweries	Bunker Hill schoolhouse
Bunker Hill coffee	Bunker Hill CC golf ball
Bunker Hill Milk Condenser	Bunker Hill Inn, Boston
Bunker Hill St., Lancaster, NH	Bunker Hill transit token
Bunker Hill salt bag	Bunker Hill pyromorphite

Bunker Hill Mini-Mart
 Bunker Hill cologne
 Bunker Hill CC cigar label
 Bunker Hill flour
 Bunker Hill angels flight
 Bunker Hill Bank check
 Bunker Hill carved shelf
 Bunker Hill teddy bear
 Bunker Hill poison bottle
 Bunker Hill community college
 Bunker Hill souvenir spoon
 Bunker Hill horse radish
 Bunker Hill arrowhead
 Bunker Hill School, KS
 Bunker Hill milk glass
 Bunker Hill wire solder
 Bunker Hill CC caddie #152
 Bunker Hill soda bottle
 Bunker Hill coffee tin
 Bunker Hill mustache mug
 Bunker Hill Christmas card
 Bunker Hill powder puff

Bunker Hill suspensory
 Bunker Hill button hook
 Bunker Hill nail file
 Bunker Hill mine, Idaho
 Bunker Hill BSA patch
 Bunker Hill match safe
 Bunker Hill matchbook
 Bunker Hill propane tank
 Bunker Hill salt & pepper
 Bunker Hill egg case
 Bunker Hill cork screw
 Bunker Hill AFB chits
 Bunker Hill Lodge # 505
 Bunker Hill fireworks co.
 Bunker Hill ranch & resort
 Bunker Hill pencil
 Bunker Hill CC badge 165
 Bunker Hill mansions
 Bunker Hill tobacco tag
 Bunker Hill linen
 Bunker Hill cranberries
 Bunker Hill chili

All of these were found on E-bay. A Bunker Hill label was located on each product, and this is just a smidgin. How many more Bunker Hill products are available?

Bunker Hill, Indiana
 Bunker Hill, West Virginia

Bunker Hill, Illinois
 Bunker Hill, Kansas

Above four places called Bunker Hill have zip-codes, also a Bunkie, LA; Bunker, MO; and Bunkerville, NV. \$

Ecclesiastics

Handcart leader to be honored

Captain Edward Bunker descendants to gather

By R. Scott Lloyd,

- As Latter-day Saints commemorate the handcart companies during this sesquicentennial year, attention is rightly focused on the sacrifices and sufferings of the ill-fated Willie and Martin handcart companies of 1856. But despite the tragedy of those two companies, the handcart venture was largely successful.

Of the 10 handcart trains that trekked to the Salt Lake Valley from 1856 to 1860, eight made the trip without large-scale misfortune, other than the occasional sickness and deaths that were typical of overland travel. One of these successful trains was the Edward Bunker handcart company, the third to leave in the initial wave from Iowa City, Iowa, in 1856, and the one just preceding the Willie and Martin companies.

Descendants of Captain Bunker will gather in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 [2006] for an evening billed as "A Salute to Captain Edward Bunker."

Among the descendants addressing the gathering will be Elder Earl C. Tingey of the Presidency of the Seventy and Elder Robert E. Wells, an emeritus General Authority, who will report on the headstone he

recently placed at Edward Bunker's grave site in Colonia Morelos, Mexico. Sharlene Wells Hawkes, former Miss America, will be a featured soloist.

William G. Hartley, professor of history at BYU and a frequent lecturer on the subject of the Mormon Trail, is also a Bunker descendant. He will speak on the theme "Captain Edward Bunker and the Third Mormon Handcart Company in 1856: A Closer Look." His talk will draw on research he has done for a biography he is writing about Edward Bunker.

In a Church News interview, Brother Hartley said Captain Bunker was born in Atkinson, Maine, in 1822 and converted to the Church after meeting Martin Harris, one of the Three Witnesses to the Book of Mormon, in Kirtland, Ohio. Brother Bunker married Emily Abbott in Nauvoo, then soon joined the exodus west. As part of the Mormon Battalion, he marched to California, then returned to Iowa and took his family west in 1850, pioneering the Ogden, Utah, area. He then answered a call to fill a three-year mission in England and Scotland. Thus, having been over the trail several times, he was well prepared to answer a call while returning home from his mission to help with the handcart out fittings. "For six weeks in Iowa City, he superintended the making of ox yokes, ox bows and hauling of timber, and then was assigned to lead the third handcart company," Brother Hartley noted. "At age 34, this was his fourth trip across the Mormon Trail."

He spent later years as a pioneer bishop in Ogden and Santa Clara, Utah, then founded the settlement of Bunkerville, Nevada, named in his honor.

Though it made the trip successfully, the largely Welsh handcart company was not without its trials. One story related by Brother Hartley concerned Thomas D. Giles, who, because of his sightless condition, later became widely known as "the blind harpist."

Brother Giles came in the company with a wife, baby girl and two boys, ages 7 and 9.

"Soon after starting across the plains, the baby became ill and died," Brother Hartley said. "She was buried beside the trail, and the company moved onward. "A few weeks later, his wife died. She also was buried beside the trail. The two boys, because of their father's condition, were sent back to join another company, which included a group of Welsh emigrants."

Near Fort Bridger in Wyoming, Brother Giles himself became seriously ill. The handcart train halted for two days before Captain Bunker ordered it to move on, leaving two men behind to bury Brother Giles when he died. But they administered to him frequently, keeping him alive until evening, when Elder Parley P. Pratt of the Quorum of the Twelve reached the camp. Elder Pratt, who had known Brother Giles in Wales, gave him a blessing, promising that he would be healed instantly and rejoin the company, arrive safely in the Salt Lake Valley, and rear a family.

Brother Giles lived to remarry and bless and name seven of his grandchildren. He specialized in music, playing the harp and singing hymns and popular songs. He traveled the state, giving concerts and playing for dances.

Brother Hartley said Captain Bunker was beloved by the people in the handcart company. David Grant, assistant captain, wrote this tribute appearing Aug. 30, 1856, in the *Millennial Star*: "Elder Bunker has proved himself a father to his people, and I know that the Holy Spirit has been with and aided him in leading them all the time. I am happy to say that we have been united in all things since we left Iowa City, and am glad in having such a man to lead us as our captain."

An e-mail contact for more information about the fireside is hartleyje@gmail.com. The Bunker family organization Web site is www.bunker.org.

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Church News staff writer - 19 Aug 2006

D-185 EDWARD⁶ (1822, Maine-1901, Senora, Mexico, age 79) [1982 BunGen p. 115-117].

The Rev. Robert Bunker, Priest-in-Charge

Robert is a lifelong Episcopalian who grew up in a military family, moving every two-to-three years. He comes to St. Philip's with his wife, Jean, and their sons Grant, Hays, and Owen. Robert spent two decades working in healthcare administration, both for The American Red Cross and in a hospital in Baltimore.

He holds a Masters in Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Georgia State University, where he majored in Psychology.

Robert loves being a husband and a dad, and in his free time enjoys traveling, hiking, camping, and going to the beautiful Florida panhandle beaches.

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(*New to the BFA database*).

Welcome to *The Boncoeur Collaborative*!

I am honored that you have chosen to visit us and learn a bit more about our vision and mission. But, before I expound on those important elements, let me share a bit about myself and our name.

The word, Boncoeur is my last name in French and translates as "good heart/of good heart." What a fortune and a challenge it is to have a name that reminds me of the importance of keeping my head clear and my heart right! When I think back on thirty years of professional work in various sectors, including church, para-church, not-for-profit, and higher education, I have always sought to do is to lead and serve others with a pure heart and honorable intentions. Although I am sure that I have missed the mark more often than I might imagine, my passion and commitment have remained the same-to honor and serve every person with excellence. **2610**

There is an African Proverb that says, "*If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.*"

Both parts of the proverb have merit, meaning, and benefit, but I believe that something special happens when individuals come together around a common goal or shared vision. Collaboration is an invaluable key to organizational success, so we emphasize the "we" as much as the "me" here at the *Boncoeur Collaborative*.

At the end of the day, whether you are a part of my mentorship circle, I am leading your team in a vision casting exercise, preaching a sermon, or teaching a class; I want you to leave our time feeling known, and understood, and valued.

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Other information is available on the website.

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"Shocked and heartbroken"

After 14 years at Bethel, Pastor Laurel Bunker's departure leaves students, staff and faculty looking for answers.

By Rachel Blood

Laurel Bunker often stood on the Benson Great Hall stage at 10:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, preaching about the love of the Lord and spreading the good news, but also actively discussing what social justice issues meant for the Bethel community as followers of Christ.

After 14 years in the position of Campus Pastor and Vice President and Dean for Christian Formation and Church Relations, Bunker concluded her service Aug. 6.

"It's hard to describe what 14 years at Bethel has meant in terms of my own growth or how privileged I feel to have served so many students, staff and faculty while there," she said.

President Ross Allen sent an email to the Bethel community July 22 explaining that two Cabinet positions were eliminated in favor of selecting a "single leader to oversee and elevate all aspects of our student experience across the university along with a strong focus on moving our faith commission work ahead." Bunker and Vice President of Student Experience John Addleman's positions were the ones cut, and neither of them would be that "single leader."

Bunker also served as Interim Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion between the retirement of Ruben Rivera and the hiring of Dr. Rahn Franklin.

Former Faculty Senate President Amy Dykstra was "shocked and heartbroken" by the news, having worked closely with Bunker over the past several years.

"I deeply value her contributions. The Senate was not consulted about the cabinet restructuring, nor was the faculty informed before the announcement came out," Dykstra said. "Many faculty are expressing shock, outrage, heartbreak and confusion in a faculty discussion email thread."

While Allen said it was inappropriate to discuss individual personnel decisions and conversations, his restructuring decisions were intended to focus on university-wide student spiritual development by merging student life, spiritual formation, and athletics under one leader.

Dykstra said faculty and staff were unsure of how the change would affect students and were hoping for further clarification from the president's office.

Laurel has held key positions in national organizations including *Young Life*, the *YMCA*, the *Jeremiah Program*, *PULSE* and the *Council on Christian Colleges and Universities*. She spent 14 years as a campus pastor and university administrator, until 2021, when she left to pursue and launch her LLC, *The Boncouer Collaborative*.

Laurel and her husband Joshua, make their home in the Twin Cities with their two college-aged daughters, Naomi and Camile.

The Clarion [St. Paul, MN] – 13 Sep 2021
<https://bethelclarion.com>

(New to the BFA database).

Historian NOTE: *I'm trying to figure out the two black people. I think Laurel Bunker of the "Shocked" and "Boncoeur" article are the same person and there is a possibility that her husband, Joshua Bunker, is one of the descendants of James but he is too young for me to be certain of that due to lack of records.*

Rev. LeRoy Bunker is also too young but perhaps you can contact these guys for further information.

These articles are my response to a request to put in more about people living today. However, when I find them, it is really difficult to connect them to anyone in our database due to a lack of records.

I was interested in the article about Edward Bunker as it lists several of his descendants living at the time of the event in 2006.

Bette - Jul '23

(No response as of press time, from the Ecclesiastics.)

In Memory Of

DONALD DEAN BUNKER
1938-2021

Donald Dean Bunker, age 82, of Mt. Pleasant passed away June 16, 2021, at McLaren Central Michigan Hospital.

Cremation will take place at Daisy Hill Crematory in Mt. Pleasant. No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Isabella County Fair. Envelopes will be available at Clark Family Funeral Chapel.

Don was born on September 1, 1938, in Deerfield Township, son of Charles and Mabel (Bundy) Bunker. **2611**

He married Winifred Burns in January of 1959. Don was an avid fisher and hunter. He enjoyed farming and collecting of almost anything.

Don is survived by his wife, Winifred; son, Lynn (Kelly) Bunker of Midland; daughter-in-law, Susan Bunker; grandchildren, Shelby, Nick, and Danielle.

Don was preceded in death by his son, Ricky Bunker in 2020; parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Clark Family Funeral Chapel & Cremation Service – 1 Jul 2023
N-313-II DONALD DEAN¹⁰, son of Faula Charles and Mabel Mae *Bundy* (1965 BunGen p.116). *Do not confuse him with D-203-IX Donald Dean⁹ (1924-1992).*

IVAN EUGENE BUNKER

1940-2022

Ivan Eugene Bunker, 82, of Wever, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison.

He was born July 4, 1940, the son of Isaac "Jake" and Martha Value Bunker in Vincennes, Iowa.

He graduated from Revere High School with the class of 1960. During high school, Ivan had the honor to play at the Mississippi Opry.

After high school Ivan served his country in the U.S. Army. He was very proud to be a supply sergeant during the Vietnam War.

Ivan was united in marriage with Nancy Stott. To this union Dennis, Daryl, and Denise were born. They later divorced. In 1991, he met the love of his life, Lois White, and her son Todd Horn.

He was the owner of Bunker Paint Contractors and also owned Denmark Meat Locker where he loved butchering and smoking meat. He was also an owner to several taverns over the years where he was able to continue playing his music. He had many jobs off and on but remained faithful to playing his guitar and enjoyed entertaining people with his music.

Ivan enjoyed riding in the rodeo and barrel racing.

He is survived by his companion Lois White; three children, Dennis Bunker, Daryl Bunker, and Denise and Oscar Munguia; one step-son Todd Horn; nine grandchildren, Amy Bunker, April Dean (Daniel), Amanda Young, Danielle Allsup (Levi), Devin Bunker, Daryl Bunker "DJ" (Brooke), Alicia Munguia, Dammon Bunker and Victoria Munguia; and 24 great-grandchildren, Alexia, Ridge, Ethan, Dante, Westley, Oliver, Mason, Anastasia, Tanner, Katalina, Alaina, Hennessey, Willow, Cloie, Natalee, Jacob, Easton, Ainsley, Isaiah, Jaxx, Sailor, Dantae, Zeona, and Kidn. He is also survived by a sister Martha Delores Kinkeade, and a brother Carl Bunker; his four-legged companion dog, Duke; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother and sister-in-law, James (Dorthy) Bunker; and sister and brother-in-law, Wanda (Lawrence) Kinkeade; sister-in-law Shirley Bunker; brother-in-law, Larry Kinkeade; and five nephews.

A funeral service [was] 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4 at Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka. Burial with military rites will be in the Sand Cemetery in St. Francisville, Missouri.

Visitation [was] from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3 at the funeral home, with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to VFW Post 4342.

Online condolences may be made to the family at
www.vignememorialhome.com.

Daily Gate - Dec. 30 to Dec. 31, 2022.

U=1506 IVAN EUGENE (1940-2022), son of Isaac Johnson Bunker and Mabel Value.
(*New to the database*).

MICHAEL PATRICK BUNKER
1944-2023

Beloved husband, father, and grandfather passed away on Sunday, May 14, 2023, at Klinikum – Aschaffenburg, Germany, at the age of 78 years.

The son of the late Howard Mose and Lorraine Ann (Richards) Bunker, Michael was born on September 12, 1944, in Saginaw, Michigan. He graduated from Saginaw High School with the class of 1962. Michael proudly served in the United States Navy until he was Honorably Discharged October 21, 1979. Later, retiring from the United States Navy on July 1, 1991.

He married Kristine “Kris” Joan (LaBelle) Demers, on May 14, 2011, at S.S. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Saginaw, Michigan; she survives him. Michael worked at General Motors for many years of loyal and dedicated service. He was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Michael enjoyed woodworking and making several toys. He was an avid gardener, tending to the beautiful flowers he had planted in his yard. Above all, Michael cherished the time spent with his family and loved ones.

Surviving besides his wife of 12 years: Kris Bunker; are daughters, sons and their spouses; Michelle and Bryan Miller, Laura and Harold Lang, Amy Bunker, Michael and Shannon Demers, Christopher and Marissa Demers; grandchildren: Alex Miller, Dominic Miller, Trenton Miller, Patrick Bunker, Ameliah Miller, Gabriel Miller, Hannah Lang, Grant Demers, Madelyn Demers, Sophia Demers; great-grandchildren: Caleb Bunker, Brittany Bunker, Alayna Bunker, Kamrin Lang, Kehlani Bradshaw, Ryker Miller, Lillie Miller; former wife: Carol Guette. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. Besides his parents, Michael is preceded in death by his son: Patrick Bunker; great-grandchild: Lillie; brothers and sisters: Ron, Marilyn, Carol, Terry, and Sharon.

Funeral Liturgy will take place at 10:00 a.m. on June 10, 2023 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1165 N. River Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48609. Rev. Fr. Peter J. Gaspeny will officiate. Rite of Committal and Military Honors will take place under the auspices of the United States Navy at Chapel Hill Mausoleum & Cemetery. Friends may visit the family from June 9, 2023 at W. L. Case and Company Funeral Chapel, 201 N. Miller Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48609 and from 9:00 a.m. until the time of mass at the church. A Vigil Service will take at 7:00 p.m. on Friday at the funeral chapel. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to *Holy Spirit Catholic Church*, *Mustard Seed*, or the *East Side Soup Kitchen*.

Saginaw, MI – 14 May 2023

RN=512096 MICHAEL PATRICK.
(*New entry to database.*)

CECILIA BUNKER JOHNSON
1946-2023

It is with great sadness that the family of Cecilia Bunker Johnson announces her death on January 12, 2023 in Austin, Texas, at 76 years of age. She was survived by her husband, Richard who died soon after; children Theodore Thornell, Sarah Thornell Ushkow, and Laura Thornell Haas (Markus); stepchildren Kelly Sherkat, Tracy Johnson, Leigh Wells (Matthew), Matthew Johnson (Shannon); sister Mary Jane Jones (William); grandchildren Cyrus Sherkat (Amber), Stella Thornell, Matthew Johnson, Madeline Johnson, Saul Ushkow and Leo Haas; and great-grandchildren Ari and Kendrick.

Ceci is preceded in death by her father Thomas Perry Bunker; mother, Mary Jane Bunker; brothers Thomas Bunker, Richard Bunker, and Terrence Bunker; son-in-law Mitchell Ushkow and step grandson Jackson.

Ceci was born on July 28, 1946, as Ruth Cecilia, to Thomas and Mary Jane (nee Gates) of Cincinnati, Ohio, where she lived for much of her life. With long roots in Cincinnati, she was the granddaughter of Joseph Bunker, a Fire Chief of Cincinnati who drove the city's first motorized fire engine and niece of Henry Bunker, also one of the city's Fire Chiefs. Her father was a stockbroker, mother, Jane co-owned a gift and fabric shop in Mt. Lookout Square, while her aunt Ruth Heath made a living as an artist, painting furniture and fireplaces in many affluent homes in the city. Ceci, as did many women in her family, graduated from Summit Country Day School, at the time a girls academy, in 1964.

The youngest of five children, she was adored by her siblings, many cousins, aunts, and uncles, later becoming a favorite aunt to her nephews and nieces. She married William (Toby) Thornell, in June 1968 and had three children, then later married Richard Johnson in May 1991, growing her family with four stepchildren. She loved being a mother and member of a large family, often hosting holidays and celebrations in her home.

Ceci was a dear friend to many and was often known as the life of the party. She was a passionate nurse, devoting most of her career to hospice nursing and administration, where she was a fierce advocate for her patients. There is so much more to be said of Ceci, our mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She is deeply missed.

Combined Memorial Gathering for she and Richard will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at the Geo. H. Rohde & Son Funeral Home, Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, OH.

Geo. H. Rohde & Son Funeral Home
U-907-V RUTH CECILIA¹⁰ (1965 BunGen p.230) German descendant.


JOYCE BEDELL, Naples FL

The *Bunker Banner* was returned marked “RETURN TO SENDER – NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED – UNABLE TO FORWARD.” Joyce is a Life Member of the BFA.

Do you know Joyce's present location?

PATRICIA MAGUIRE

A message received from *Legacy.com*, contained no other information, except it was a one-year anniversary of her death.

The BFA has no knowledge of her demise or her sister, the daughters of JOHN PFITZER D-963A.  - Jul '23