

Overview: Curriculum Information and Sample Lesson Plans for Bondurant

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As part of the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC) partnership with the City of Bondurant, we created a curriculum on behalf of the Bondurant Historical Society that would be appropriate for local school-aged children. We have worked to do 3 things: 1) Compile a list of resources on Bondurant history and summarize their contents for teachers in Bondurant who are interested in using this information in the classroom, 2) Create a list of different activities that can be used in the classroom for elementary and middle grades, and 3) Design an activity pack for the Bondurant Historical Society, school libraries, or Bondurant library to hand out for those interested in learning about Bondurant history while completing fun activities and games.

We assembled two resources. First, "Teacher Resources" lists Bondurant history resources with summaries for how the content can be used in the classroom. Hyperlinks can take the reader to different websites and documents. The second, "Sample Lesson Plans" includes the list of different activities for the classroom and pictures of the activity pack shown below. The titles of some of the slides are hyperlinks to different documents.

Included in this document is a classroom activity that engages with reading comprehension. The poem used comes from Bondurant's own *Centennial Book* and can be printed out and distributed at will. The document also lists different ways this activity can be adapted to take up more time or increase or decrease the difficulty depending on the classroom.

Also included in this document is an activity pack. In the style of a newspaper article, the first page details some important history of the town and its founder. A crossword puzzle follows and can be answered from the information inside the article. The word search at the end of the document has a word bank with Bondurant-themed key terms. The intentions for this activity pack are to have an assortment of activities that can be printed out at will by the Historical Society or the libraries to hand out to children or those interested in learning more about Bondurant. The end of this document lists the bibliography of sources used to compile PowerPoints of teacher resources and classroom activities.



"I've Seen Many A Gale"

House built by Hennegers in 1868

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 Tornadoes and cyclones, too.
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 And my joints aren't as good as new.
 But I've seen families come and go along
 This country roadway,
 And seen gravel replaced by a blacktop road,
 Which is better the people say.
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 The only makeup I have used is paint
 And I need no brush or comb.
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 And many people could be fed,
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Important definition: **gale:** a very strong wind

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Part 2:

Create your own poem using the stem "I've Seen Many A ____" Your poem should be about what you see around Bondurant and how the town might change in the next 100 years.



Figure 1 Alexander Conley Bondurant, 1829-1899

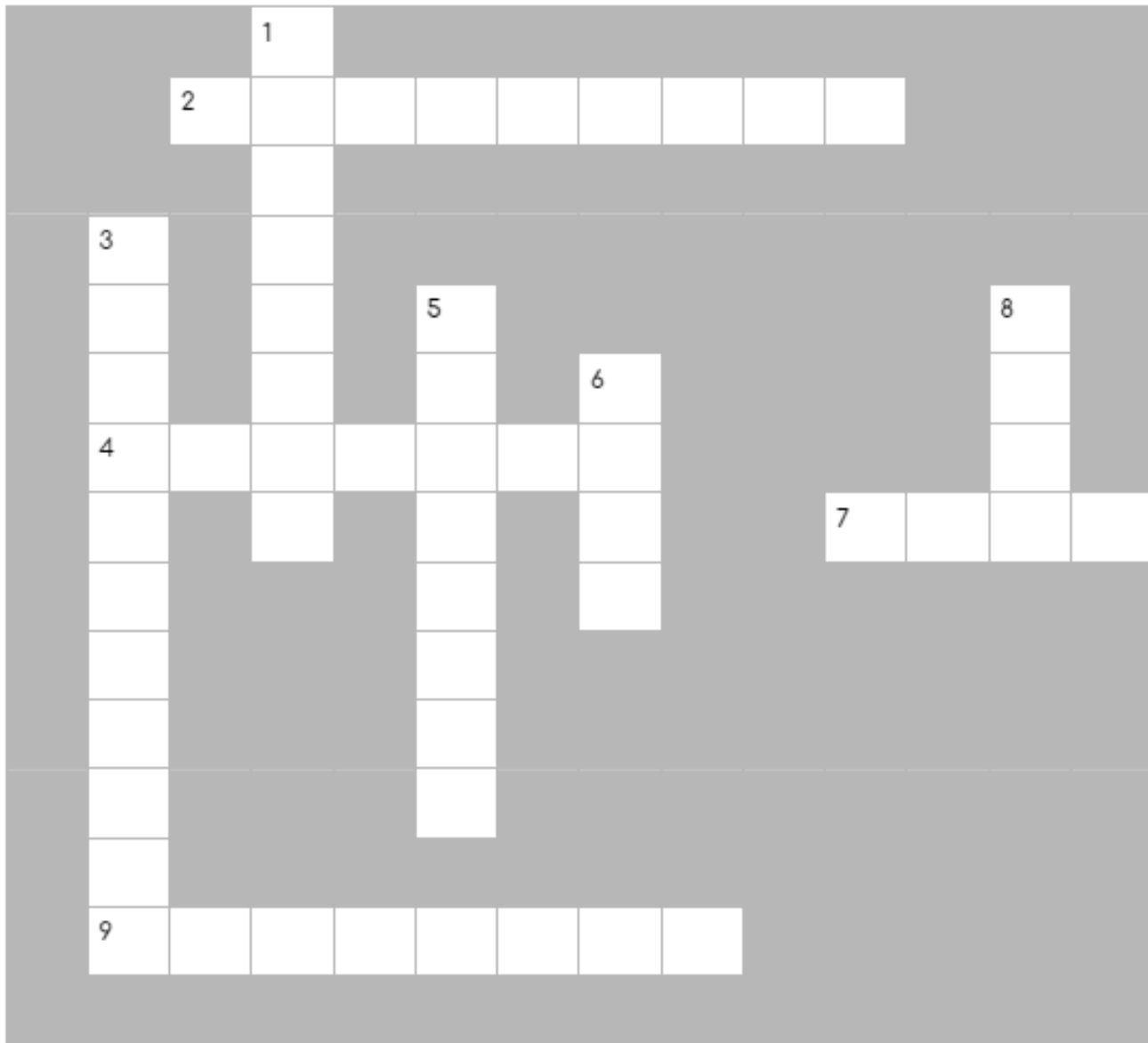
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home, surrounded with all the environments of luxury and comfort which wealth, good taste and refinement could suggest.

The town of Bondurant isn't named after Alexander just because he built a lovely house; Alexander C. Bondurant is remembered for the many generous donations he made to his community. Very soon after his arrival in Franklin Township, he helped organize a church that was meeting in a schoolhouse in the nearby community of Altoona. A.C. Bondurant donated 40 acres of land to this congregation, the proceeds from which were used to build a proper church building. Some years later he established a church in Bondurant itself and "offered the use of thirty acres of land, which, each Spring, was planted with corn, cultivated and gathered by members of the church." The building that housed this church served many purposes for the growing town of Bondurant. The church used the top floor for their services on the weekends, but during the week, this space was used as a classroom for Bondurant's first school. The building's bottom floor held a small post office and general store. To help this small downtown area grow, Alexander C. Bondurant offered small plots of land to any business looking to open, which resulted in the rapid growth and prosperity of the town. Stores, shops, factories, grain elevators, hotels, a bank, and a newspaper were soon established, and when the Chicago Great Western railroad company began to survey the area, Alexander made sure the new train line came through his growing community by offering the company some of his land free of charge. In 1892 the Chicago Great Western Railroad opened a new station on Alexander Bondurant's land and named it after him in recognition of his gift. This new station attracted new people to the area, and on December 23, 1897, the Town of Bondurant was officially incorporated and named after the man who had done so much to help its growth.



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Early Bondurant Word Search

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Word Bank

1. Conley – Middle name of Alexander C. Bondurant, the founder of the town of Bondurant.
2. Polk – The county Bondurant is located in.
3. Alex Taylor – Principal of first school in Bondurant.
4. Thomas Anderson JR. – First individual buried in Bondurant Cemetery.
5. Cyclone – On May 24th, 1896, a large cyclone swept through Bondurant, destroying many homes and farms.
6. Chicago Great Western – The name of the first railroad line to come through Bondurant.
7. HP Brown – Name of the first grain buyer in Bondurant.
8. Bondurant Journal – Name of Bondurant's first published newspaper, ran from 1911-1915.
9. Farmers Savings Bank – First bank in Bondurant, opened in 1895.

Answer Key

Name: _____

Created with TheTeachersCorner.net Word Search Maker

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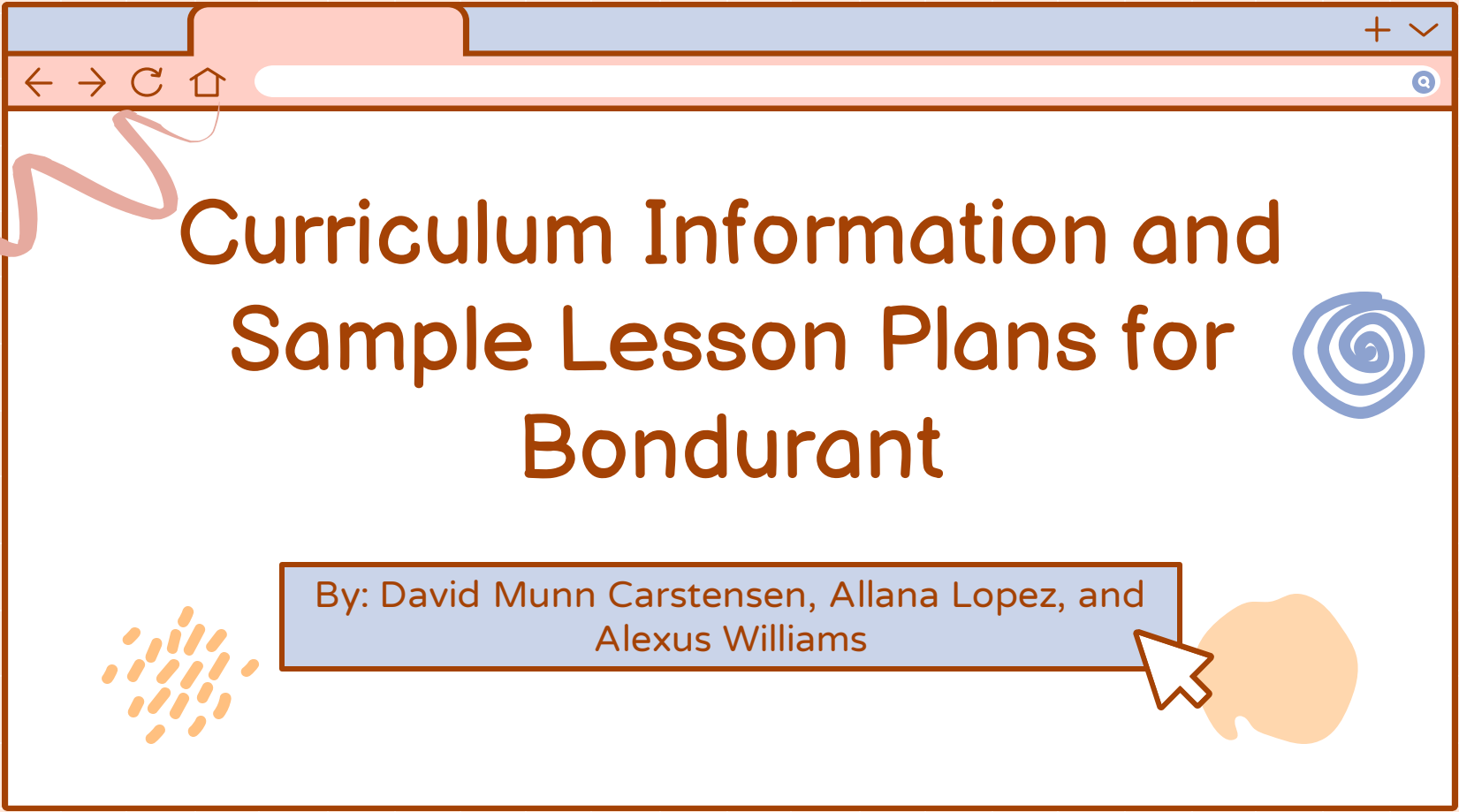
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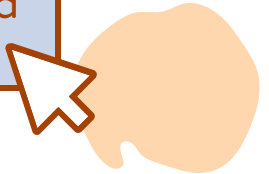
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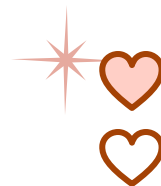
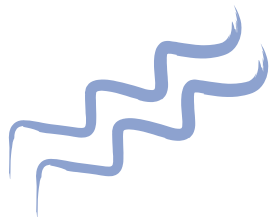
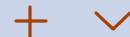


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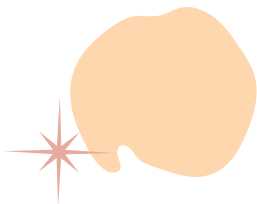


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Activities for Local Schools



Reading Comprehension Assignment



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Activity A.) Have students create their own poems using the stem "I've Seen Many A _____", as seen in "I've Seen Many A Gale."

Activity B.) Following the theme of taking pride in one's hometown and community, have students write a poem about what they see around Bondurant and how it might change in the next 100 years.

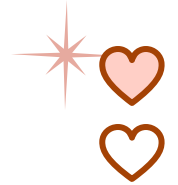
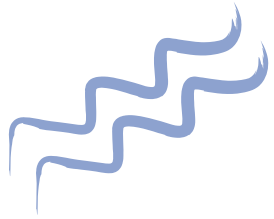
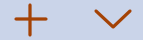
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Activity C.) This lesson focuses on understanding rhyme schemes. Using the poem, "I've Seen many a Gale," guide students through the rhyme scheme (ABCB). Have the students work in pairs (or as a class) to add another stanza to the poem, one that fits the main idea and follows the ABCB rhyme pattern.

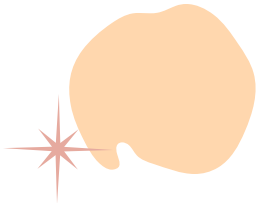
Activity Based on Edwin Bailie's "The Story of the History of My Community"

Uses: This essay shouldn't be presented to students as a history of Bondurant, but can be used to introduce a discussion on sources of information. This essay can also be used to help teach about **primary sources** and **secondary sources**.

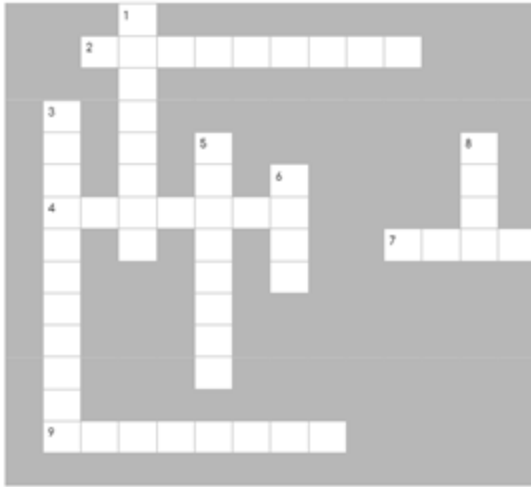
Questions: Edwin's essay is a secondary source built from primary accounts, what do students make of that? Do students trust Edwin's information? Why or why not? Can students find records of any of the individual's or events mentioned?



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Crossword Puzzle + Bondurant Info



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The town of Bondurant isn't named after Alexander just because he built a lovely house; Alexander C. Bondurant is remembered for the many generous donations he made to his community. Very soon after his arrival in Franklin Township, he helped organize a church that was meeting in a schoolhouse in the nearby community of Altoona. A.C. Bondurant donated 40 acres of land to this congregation, the proceeds from which were used to build a proper church building. Some years later, he established a church in Bondurant itself and offered the use of thirty acres of land, which, each Spring, was planted with corn, cultivated and gathered by members of the church." The building that housed this church served many purposes for the growing town of Bondurant. The church used the top floor for their services on the weekends, but during the week, this space was used as a classroom for Bondurant's first school. The building's bottom floor held a small post office and general store. To help this small downtown area grow, Alexander C. Bondurant offered small plots of land to any business looking to open, which resulted in the rapid growth and prosperity of the town. Stores, shops, factories, grain elevators, hotels, a bank, and a newspaper were soon established, and when the Chicago Great Western railroad company began to survey the area, Alexander made sure the new train line came through his growing community by offering the company some of his land free of charge. In 1892 the Chicago Great Western Railroad opened a new station on Alexander Bondurant's land and named it after him in recognition of his gift. This new station attracted new people to the area, and on December 23, 1897, the Town of Bondurant was officially incorporated and named after the man who had done so much to help its growth.

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Early Bondurant Word Search

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Word Bank

- Conley – Middle name of Alexander C. Bondurant, the founder of the town of Bondurant.
- Polk – The county Bondurant is located in.
- Alex Taylor – Principal of first school in Bondurant.
- Thomas Anderson JR. – First individual buried in Bondurant cemetery.
- Cyclone – On May 24th, 1895, a large cyclone swept through Bondurant, destroying many homes and farms.
- Chicago Great Western – The name of the first railroad line to come through Bondurant.
- HP Brown – Name of the first grain buyer in Bondurant.
- Bondurant Journal – Name of Bondurant's first published newspaper, ran from 1911-1915.
- Farmers Savings Bank – First bank in Bondurant, opened in 1895.

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Other Potential Activities to Consider:

- Bondurant Coloring Pages (AC Bondurant, Grain Silos, Railway Station, Lake Petocka)
- Connect-the-dots pictures (same examples as above)
- Letter scrambles



Teacher Resources

Bondurant Descendants Article from Des Moines Register

- Published September 23, 2022 by Chris Higgins
- Discusses Bondurant Family Association - descendants of Jean Pierre Bondurant
- Group meets every year, typically in a place with a connection to a Bondurant
- Alexander Bondurant was the great-great-great grandson of Jean Pierre Bondurant

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Alexander Conley Bondurant, a community founder who is the namesake of the Des Moines suburb, and his wife, Margaret.
Special To The Register/Bondurant Historical Society

History of Bondurant from Bondurant Chambers of Commerce

Summary:

Looks at AC Bondurant's initial journey to Iowa

Mentions Chicago Great Western Railroad and how "the land and town of Bondurant was laid...On December 23, 1897 Bondurant was incorporated."

Mentions the town's first commercial building and first school

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1870 Bondurant Census

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28	Feb 8 th	Bondurant ac,	40	M	N
29		Margarett J.	26	F	N
30		Emma	8	F	N
31		Anna	5	F	N
32		Margarett	4	F	N
33		Franklin	1	M	N

1880 Bondurant Census

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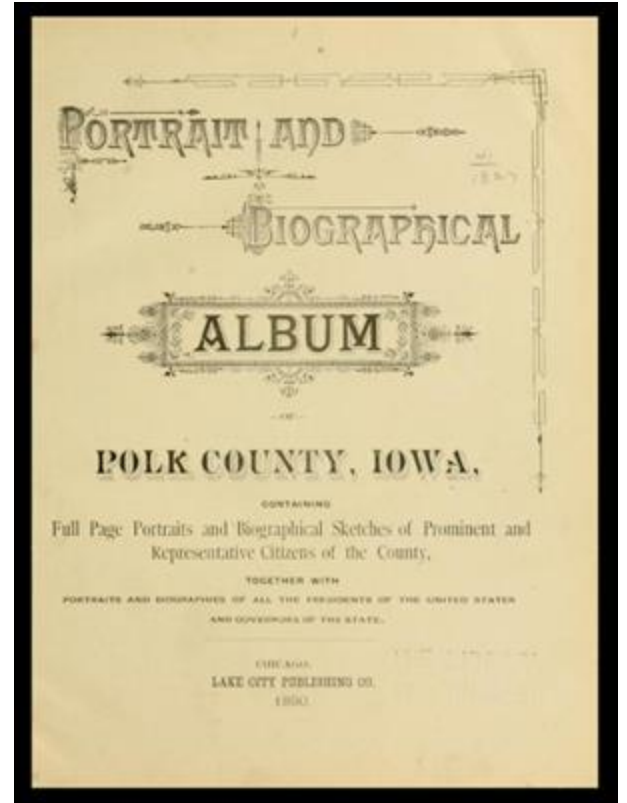
39	102307	Bondurant, Alex. C.	W M	50	
40		— Margaret M.	W F	36	Wife
41		— Emma	W F	17	daughter
42		— Fanny	W F	15	daughter
43		— Florence	W F	9	daughter
44		— Charles B.	W M	6	son
45		— Nellie	W F	5	daughter
46		— Alexander	W M	1	son
47		Reed, John	W M	26	Boarder
48		White, Sda S.	W F	20	servant
49		McCulloch, Chas.	W M	18	Boarder

Portrait and Biographical Album of Polk County, Iowa 1890

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History of Bondurant written by AC Bondurant's grandson

Written by AC Bondurant's great grandson, Edwin J. Bailie

Written in 1924 at Bondurant High School

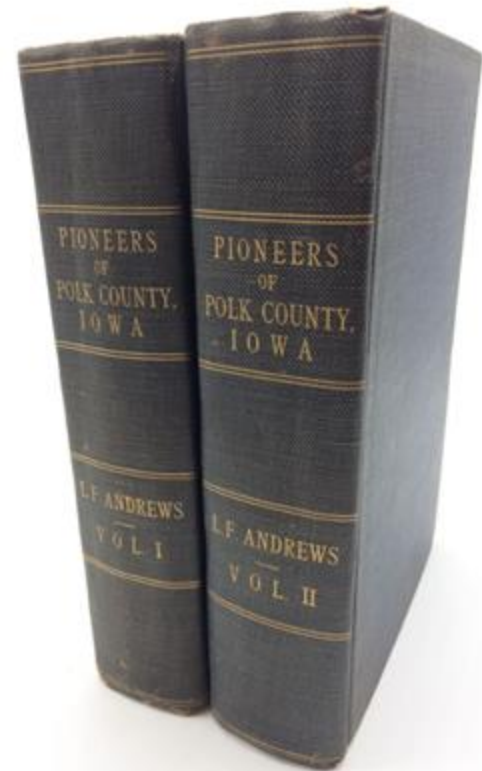
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Alexander C. Bondurant from Bondurant

Information from *Pioneers of Polk County, Iowa and
Reminiscences of Early Day* by L.F. Andrews

[Click Here](#) (link to City of Bondurant website)



Maps of Polk County, IA

Records of the ownership of all privately owned
land plots in Polk County.

[1872](#)

[1885](#)

[1895](#)

Excerpt from 1880 *The History of Polk County, Iowa*

<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~iabiog/polk/h1880/franklin-twp.txt>

Published by the Union Historical Company,
Birdsall, Williams & Co. 1880.

Very similar info to our other histories of Polk
County, but this one is older!

According to the website, "The following
biographies were scanned from the remnants of
a book that apparently was a copy of *The History
of Polk County, Iowa*"

Bondurant Cemetary

[Find a Grave – Alexander Conley Bondurant](#)

Photos include a newspaper reporting the death of A.C. Bondurant

[Find a Grave – Margaret Marilla Brooks Bondurant](#)

Potential class uses:

-Find a Grave: Ss photograph and upload pictures of tombstones and/or census data for specific plots (community contributions); [adding a project to it could have Ss exploring how burial practices have changed over time \(even to today where info on the Bondurant website explains expectations for interment](#)



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