

Friendship Quilt Documentation

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The “Mystery Quilt” has 27 name contributions, 23 of which have some sort of concrete connection to the group of women who were known as the “Ladies’ Study Club,” and the “Elco Study Club.” The other 4 have less concrete connections but they can be assumed with the information gathered.

The questions are: What was this quilt made for? Was it for a charity function or auction? Was it made as a gift to someone this group thought was special? Could it have been made for some other kind of function, and if so, what?

Through cemetery records, wedding records, and newspaper articles from both the Durango Weekly Herald and the Durango Herald Democrat, I have been able to find out quite a bit about these interesting group of women who lived in Bondad in 1938 and 1939.

The “Ladies’ Study Club,” and the “Elco Study Club,” may or may not have been one in the same, but either way had many of the same members. An integral part of the story is the fact that this group of women all lived outside of Durango on the mesa, mostly in the Bondad and Sunnyside areas. Almost every single piece of information gathered about these women has been taken from the columns of the newspapers entitled ‘Bondad News’ or ‘Sunnyside News.’ Starting in 1937 and ending in 1939, I went through every Durango newspaper. Because of the sheer volume of microfiche I went through, I found it easier to go through keep my eyes open for any “Bondad” or “Sunnyside” mentionings – so this might account for small holes in my research. Also, there seems to have been two separate generations within the club; the younger married women and a few of their mothers and grandmothers. Because of the confusions within families with names and different roles, I shall refer to these groups as the “younger generation” or “older generation.”

The only tangible piece of evidence that links group to a specific quilt is from the Durango Herald Democrat’s Sunnyside News section in January of 1939. It reads, “*The ladies of the Study Club have been meeting with Mrs. McCullough, day after day, to quilt on the friendship quilt, which was pieced for Miss Roberta Jackson, while she was teaching in the Sunnyside school.*” It is highly unlikely that these are the same quilts merely for the reason that neither a Mrs. McCullough nor a Miss Roberta Jackson is included in any way on the quilt, although the date and circumstances match up perfectly. It is still possible that this is, in fact, the same quilt because a gift for someone would not have been signature embroidered by that person, and Mrs. McCullough just may have been overseeing the quilting, hostessing the gatherings, or just plain forgot to include her name.

The following are different notes, in chronological order, from both the Durango Herald Democrat (DHD) and the Durango Weekly Herald (DWH) that were included in the Bondad News or Sunnyside News Sections that contribute to the evidence that this group of women did different charity work, organized parties and meetings, and most importantly, got together to sew.

- **DDH June 1937**, The Ladies’ Society Club. In attendance of 24 ladies, Election of Officers resulted in; Mrs George Paxton, Pres, Mrs Burr Sutton, VP, and Mrs Foy Thompson, Sec/Treas.
- **DDH 8/1937**, “*The Ladies’ Club met at the home of Mrs. George Paxton with Mrs. Charles Rhodes as joint hostess. The members brought their sewing and enjoyed a few hours of visiting.*”
- **DDH 9/1937**, “*Mrs C.V Shoemaker & Mrs A.J. Utt entertained the Ladies’ Club at the Anderson home Friday, August 20. The ladies brought their sewing. Refreshments of punch and sandwiches were served.*”

- **DHD 11/1937**, *Penny Carnival/Bazaar/Dance*
- **DHD Bondad News, 8/27/38**, *“The dance at the school house was well attended but only a small sum was realized.”*
- **DWH 10/13/38**, *“The girls of the community met at the school house Sunday, to talk over a winter club, the object being to send gifts to crippled children’s homes.”*
- **DHD Sunnyside News, 10/18/38**, *“Following the meeting of the nursing class on Thursday, the Ladies’ Club had its regular monthly session. Instead of taking up the study for October, plans were made to hold a carnival at the schoolhouse on Friday night, October 28, following the PTA meeting. Ice cream, cake and homemade candies, paper cups and other items for an evening of frolic will be soft, and a dance will follow. It is hoped that the political candidates will all be present to meet the voters of this section.”*
- **DHD Sunnyside News, 1/31/39**, *“The ladies of the Study Club have been meeting with Mrs. McCullough, day after day, to quilt on the friendship quilt which was pieced for Miss Roberta Jackson, while she was teaching in the Sunnyside school.”*

There are four women, A. Burke, Gertrude Day, Mabel Day, and Ellen Welk who are not mentioned in any of the Bondad or Sunnyside News columns. The only connections we have for A. Burke is that a Clair Agnes Burke is buried at Greenmount cemetery, (1894-1974). It is safe to say that Gertrude and Mabel Day were relatives of Mrs. Vic Day and that is why they were included in the quilt. As for Ellen Welk, the only connection we have is that she is recorded to have been living in Durango in 1932-34 and 1949.

Anderson, Mrs. A.J. (Julie)

Mrs. A.J. Anderson, mother to Mrs. A.J. Weinig, had a family ranch around Bondad. She is part of the older generation within the group.

- Buried at Greenmount Cemetery, no DOB/DOD but was 83 at time of death
- 1932-34 Directory: Anderson, A.J. (Julie), farmer Bondad. Not in 1949 Directory
- **DHD, August 1937** *“One day last week Mrs. Vic Day and Mrs. Hattie Utt called to see Mrs. John Anderson at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A.J. Weinig of Durango.*
- **DWH, 12/16/37**, *“The Elco Study Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. AJ Weinig in Durango, Tuesday, November 30. Everyone enjoyed the visit with Mrs. Weinig and her mother, Mrs. AJ Anderson. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Vic Day, Tom Jaquez, Harry Bonds, Russell Bonds and AJ Utt.”*
- **DHD, 7/29/38 Bondad News.** *“Mrs. A.j. Anderson went out Saturday to the family ranch for a few days visit.”*

Birkhimer, Ella (not on quilt but has been included because of evidence linking the quilt to her home)

- 1932-34 Directory: Birkhimer, W.L. (Ella), Mgr Jackson Hardware, res 1001 4th Ave
- 1949 Directory: Birkhimer, Mrs. Ella. (W.L. not mentioned)
- **DHD, 1/7/1937**, *“Ms. Harriet Birkhimer left Saturday morning for LA to resume her studies at USC after spending her Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr & Mrs W.L. Birkhimer.”*
- **DHD 1/28/1937**, *“La Plata County Is Asked to Aid Flood Victims” (Midwest) Mrs. W.L. Birkhimer is named as the Chairman, La Plata county Chapter American Red Cross.*

Bonds, Mildred (1901-1991)

Mildred Bonds, wife to Harry and mother to Goldie Ann and Bonnie, was part of the younger generation. She was leader of the community kids' 4-H Club, and most likely the sister-in-law of Vandilla (Mrs. Russell Bonds).

- 1932-34 Directory: Bonds, Harry (Mildred) farmer, Bondad.
- Not listed in 1949 Directory (because Bondad wasn't listed?) but two daughters were:
 - Bonds, Bonnie Sec Durango Ice & Produce, res 375 E. 9th St.
 - Bonds, Goldie Steno. First National Bank, res 973 3rd Ave.
- Greenmount Cemetery, all 4 buried together:
 - Harry (1892-1981)
 - Mildred (1901-1991)
 - Bonnie L. Hermance (1930-2000)
 - Goldie Bonds Hill (1926-)
- **DWH, 12/16/37**, *"The Elco Study Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. AJ Weinig in Durango, Tuesday, November 30. Everyone enjoyed the visit with Mrs. Weinig and her mother, Mrs. AJ Anderson. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Vic Day, Tom Jaquez, Harry Bonds, Russell Bonds and AJ Utt."*
- **DHD, 7/29/38 Bondad News**, *"Mr & Mrs William Norton, Elmer Kness, CV Shoemaker, Willis Boyd & Ed Bonds represented Bondad on the Sunnyside team in the game with Pagosa Springs at the latter place."*
- **DHD, 7/29/38**, *"Mr & Mrs Harry L. Paxton, Sr and son, Albert, were Sunday dinner guests in the Harry Bonds home, the occasion being the birthday of Mrs. Mildred Bonds."*
- **DHD Bondad News, 8/5/38** *"The Elco 4-H Club met Wednesday July 27, at the home of their leader, Mrs. Mildred Bonds. Two teams demonstrated the making of as many kinds of gingerbread. The club met on Wednesday, August 3, with Alice Mae Bonds. Each member brought to club an uncut gingerbread which was scored. Games were played and then refreshments of jello, punch and gingerbread were served. On Monday the club members, their leader, Mrs. Mildred Bonds, and a number of the parents attended the gathering at Fort Lewis. The boys and girls brought back first, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th prize ribbons which they won in the contests – sack racing and foot racing."*
- **DHD Bondad News, 8/18/38**, *"The Industrious 4-H Club met Wednesday, July 10, at the home of Mary Esther Jaquez for the last meeting of the year. The books were checked by their leader, Mrs. Bonds, who has done very creditable work. On Tuesday, July 16, they went to Durango to exhibit the required work. Goldie Ann Bonds won 1st prize on gingerbread, first year cooking. No other prizes were awarded in our group, but the girls have done splendid work and are showing an enthusiasm that will carry them through other years of club work."*

Bonds, Vandella/Vandilla

Vandella Bonds, wife to Russell, probably Mildred's (Mrs. Harry Bonds') sister-in-law.

- Maiden name Miller, married 1925. Daughter, Alice Mae?
- 1932-34 Directory: Bonds, Russel (Vandilla) farmer, Bondad. Not listed in 1949 Directory.
- Greenmount Cemetery, buried with husband Russel V. Bonds (1900-1970) Vandella (1903-2001)

- **DWH, 12/16/37**, *“The Elco Study Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. AJ Weinig in Durango, Tuesday, November 30. Everyone enjoyed the visit with Mrs. Weinig and her mother, Mrs. AJ Anderson. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Vic Day, Tom Jaquez, Harry Bonds, Russell Bonds and AJ Utt.”*
- **DHD, 7/29/38, Bondad News**, *“Mr. & Mrs. Russell Bonds have purchased a piano, which they are greatly enjoying.”*
- **DHD, 7/29/38 Bondad News**. *“Mr & Mrs William Norton, Elmer Kness, CV Shoemaker, Willis Boyd & Ed Bonds represented Bondad on the Sunnyside team in the game with Pagosa Springs at the latter place.*
- **DHD Bondad News, 9/3/38**, *“Mrs. Vic Day and Miss Lucy Strain were dinner guests in the Russell Bonds home Wednesday, the meal being prepared and cooked by Misses Alice Mae and Goldie Ann Bonds from their experiences and menus in 4-H Club work – in other words, a “4-H Dinner.” The meal was enjoyed by those who partook of it, as well as the girls who prepared it.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 1/17/39**, *“The mesdames George Paxton, George Morgan & Miss Rosemary Chaney were hostesses at a shower for Mrs. OZ Bostick given at the home of Mrs. CW Haynes on Saturday afternoon. Games were played, then the honor guest found notes directing her to the gifts which were many and useful. Delicious refreshments of sandwiches pickles, coffee and cake were served. Those present were: Mesdames Wm Morgan and Hazel Broron of Sunnyside, Harry Bonds, CC Chaney, Charles Noland, Thomas Jaquez, Cv Shoemaker, CW Haynes, AJ Utt, and Misses Dorothy Mayes and Winifred Haynes, the honor guest and the 3 hostesses. A number who were unable to attend sent their gifts.”*

Burke, A.

- 1932-34 Directory: not listed. Found Pauline Burke, student, and Paul Burke (Rose M.) D&RGW RR, res 407 4th St. Not listed in 1949 Directory.
- Greenmount Cemetery, found a Clair Agnes Burke (1894-1974)

Brazil, Eunice

- 1932-34 Directory: not listed.
- **DHD, November 18, 1937**: *“Armand Brazil, a well known young farmer of the southern end of La Plata County was married on Friday to Miss Eunice Hall of Dolores. The young couple will live in Durango for the winter, and he will again farm for Vest Day at Bondad in 1938.”*

Day, Gertrude

Day, Mabel

- 1932-34 Directory: Day, Rod S. (Mabel) Sec Durango News Inc 5, res Animas City
- Greenmount Cemetery, Rod (1874-1940) and Mabel (1884-1969)

Day, Mildred (Minnie?)

Most likely the great-granddaughter or niece of Vic Day.

- 1932-34 Directory: not listed.
- 1949 Directory: Mrs. Minnie Day, res 373 W. Park Ave
- **DWH, 6/2/38**, pictured in graduating class (assuming DHS? Does not specify)

Day, Victoria S.

– the only woman who signature embroidered her name more than once – four times in all, on each of the corner squares.

A very important figure in Bondad life and the community, Mrs. Vic Day has a great story. She was born Victoria Sophia Folck in Delaware in either 1849 or 1850. She married David Day in 1870 in Missouri. They moved to Ouray, Colorado in 1878 where he had a newspaper. They moved to Durango in 1892. He was the editor of the Durango Herald Democrat and is known historically as an interesting and eccentric man. In 1906, Victoria and son Guy began running the Trimble Hot Springs. David died in June of 1914, and she purchased a ranch in Bondad, where she lived until her death in 1941 at the approximate age of 90 years old.

- 1932-34 Directory: Mrs. Victoria S. Day, farmer Bondad
- Married to David (death 1914)
- Buried by self, Greenmount Cemetery (1849/50 – 1941)
- **DWH, 12/16/37**, *“The Elco Study Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. AJ Weinig in Durango, Tuesday, November 30. Everyone enjoyed the visit with Mrs. Weinig and her mother, Mrs. AJ Anderson. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Vic Day, Tom Jaquez, Harry Bonds, Russell Bonds and AJ Utt.”*
- **DWH, 1/20/38**, *“Much interest is being shown in the Red Cross first aid class, taught by county nurse Anita Russell. Several new members were entered at the second meeting at the home of AJ Utt. The meeting January 18 will be held at the home of Vic Day.”*
- **DWH, 10/6/38**, *“To celebrate Mrs. Vic Day’s 89th birthday, the women of the community gave her a surprise party. She received numerous gifts and appreciated them all.” “Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Day and son, Chucky, of Prescott, AZ, are visiting Mrs. Vic Day. On occasion of her 89th birthday, she gave a dinner for all her relatives, preparing the dinner herself.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 8/27/38**, *“Betty, Arlene, and Irene Utt visited “Auntie” Day Thursday afternoon.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 9/3/38**, *“Mrs. Vic Day and Miss Lucy Strain were dinner guests in the Russell Bonds home Wednesday, the meal being prepared and cooked by Misses Alice Mae and Goldie Ann Bonds from their experiences and menus in 4-H Club work – in other words, a “4-H Dinner.” The meal was enjoyed by those who partook of it, as well as the girls who prepared it.”*

Haynes, Alma

Married to Clyde aka CW, mother to Winifred and Raymond, and aunt to Mrs. Paxton. They moved to Bondad from Hotchkiss, Colorado in March of 1938 and lived on Hattie Utt’s place. Alma was voted Historian of the Elco PTA, May 1939.

- **DHD, June 1937-** *“Mr. & Mrs. AJ Utt made a business trip to Grand Junction on Wednesday. They visited two days with the C.W. Haynes family near Hotchkiss.”*

- **DHD, Thursday March 24, 1938**, *“Mr. and Mrs. CW Haynes, formerly of Hotchkiss, daughter Winifred and son Raymond, now located at Bayfield, were supper guests Saturday night at the home of AJ Utt. On Sunday they were joined at the George Paxton home by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sutton and daughter Wilma. Mrs. Haynes is an aunt of Mrs. Paxton and Mrs. Sutton.”*
- **DHD, March 31, 1938**, *“Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Haynes have moved into the Hattie Utt place. They bring a new pupil for the Elco school, while their daughter, Winifred, has entered the freshmen class at Sunnyside school.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 8/5/38**, *“Mrs CV Shoemaker and son, Gene, were Sunday dinner guests of the Haynes family.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 5/5/39**, *“The last meeting of the season of the Elco PTA was held at the school house on April 21. The officers for the coming year were installed; they were, President, Mrs. AJ Utt, Vice President, Miss Dorothy Mayes, Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. J.C. Norton, and Historian, Mrs. CW Haynes. The committees for the coming year were appointed and a delightful program was rendered.”*

Haynes, Winifred

Daughter of Clyde/C.W. and Alma, older sister to Raymond. Very involved in the Elco Study Club, quite possibly its youngest member, and one of the very few unmarried members. Winifred was a high school student at the Sunnyside school, living there five days a week and coming home on the weekends. She also taught some of the other kids music lessons.

- **DWH, 9/15/38**, *“Miss Winifred Haynes & Mrs. Lillie Jaquez entertained the Elco Study Club at the home of the former last Friday afternoon. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served. Miss Lucy Strain and Mrs. Nell Norton were guests of the club.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 9/9/38**, *“Miss Winifred Haynes and Mrs. Lillie Jaquez entertained the Elco Study Club at the home of the former last Friday afternoon. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served. Miss Lucy Strain and Mrs. Nell Norton were guests of the club.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 9/9/38**, *“Miss Winifred Haynes will remain in the Fred Roberson home during the five days of the week while attending Sunnyside school.”*
- **DWH, 10/6/38**, *“Miss Winifred Haynes’ music pupils had a recital at the schoolhouse Sunday afternoon.”*
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Jaquez, Lillie

Married to Thomas and mother to Mary Esther and Tommy. They moved to Durango in September 1939.

- Maiden name Pilon
- Husband Thomas worked with/for Arch Utt, Bondad. Thomas was also the owner of Hendrick place and landlord to the Shoemaker’s.

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- **DWH, 7/21/38**, *“Shoemakers have moved to the Hendrick place rented by Mr. Jaquez.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 8/5/38**, *“Mrs Jaquez, of Aztec and daughter Miss Ciencion Jaquez of Washington D.C., spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with their son and brother, Tom Jaquez and family.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 8/18/38**, *“Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pilon and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pilon, all of Winslow, AZ, arrived Tuesday for a brief visit in the Thomas Jaquez home. Henry is a brother of Mrs. Jaquez and Tony is her nephew.”*
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- **DHD Bondad News, 9/3/38**, *“Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jaquez were in town last week making arrangements for Tommy to stay during the coming school year while attending junior high.”*
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- **DHD Bondad News, 7/20/39**, *“Shoemakers have moved to the Hedrick place owned by Mr. Jaquez.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 8/3/39**, *“Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Thomas Jaquez and family in the recent death of her father, P.O. Pilon, of Blanco.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 9/1/39**, *“The Thomas Jaquez family is moving to Durango this week.”*

Kness, Betty

- **DHD, 7/29/38 Bondad News.** *“Mr & Mrs William Norton, Elmer Kness, CV Shoemaker, Willis Boyd & Ed Bonds represented Bondad on the Sunnyside team in the game with Pagosa Springs at the latter place.*
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Kness, Louella/Luella

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Mayes, Dorothy

Dorothy Mayes taught at the Elco School in the 1938-39 school year, after Lucy Strain left. She was from Mt. Grove, Missouri. She was voted Vice president of the Elco PTA in May of 1939.

- **DHD, May 26, 1938.** *“Miss Dorothy Mayes has been elected to teach at Elco. She will spend the summer at her home in Mt. Grove, Missouri.”*
- **DWH, 11/10/38,** *“Miss Mayes attended a teacher’s meeting in Durango Saturday.”*
- **9/9/38, DHD Bondad News,** *“The Elco School opened Tuesday September 5 with Miss Dorothy Mayes of Cabool, MO. as teacher. Miss Mayes arrived Saturday evening on the bus from Durango.”*
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Morgan, Mrs. William/Winona or Margaret?

- Mrs. William Morgan- son Paxton and daughters Wilma and Edith Rose
- Maiden name Mason?
- 1932-34 Directory: Morgan, William (Margaret) farmer, Sunnyside
- Greenmount Cemetery William A. Morgan (1863-1947)
- **DHD 9/8/38,** *“Old-Age Pensioners and Awards, Maggie G. Morgan, Hesperus, \$138 (?) and William Morgan, Durango, \$133.*
- **DHD Sunnyside News, 10/4/38,** *“Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan, Jr. and daughter Wilma of Silverton were Sunday evening guests in the William Morgan, Sr home, from which place Miss Wilma returned to her studies at Fort Lewis and her parents to Silverton.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 1/17/39,** *“The mesdames George Paxton, George Morgan & Miss Rosemary Chaney were hostesses at a shower for Mrs. OZ Bostick given at the home of Mrs. CW Haynes on Saturday afternoon. Games were played, then the honor guest found notes directing*

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- **DHD Sunnyside News, 4/18/39**, “As Mrs. William Norton of Bondad is still critically ill in a Durango hospital, George Morgan of this mesa has put in the week putting in the grains crops for Mrs. Norton, whose attendance at his wife’s bed side was necessary. There appears to be a slight improvement in her condition at present.”
- **5/23/39** mentions Mrs William Morgan as sister to Edison Mason of Durango

Noland, Ida

Mentions in the 1932-1934 as well as the 1949 Durango Directories includes a Mr. James M. Noland, wife Helen, proprietor Bookshop, and children James and Patricia with a 1761 E. 2nd Ave residence. Helen B. Noland (1901-1962) is buried at Greenmount Cemetery, so was around the same age as several of the quilts’ contributors in 1939. Initial thought was that Helen may be a nickname for Ida and that this was the same woman on the quilt. However, it seems that the Mrs. Noland so often mentioned in the same Bondad circles as other ladies of the quilt was married to a Charles, not James. It is also possible that the Durango James Nolands were the son and daughter in law of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noland of Bondad, and might make her part of the older generation that contributed to the quilt.

- **DWH, 10/6/38**, “Mrs. Noland returned from hospital in Durango.”
- **DHD Bondad News, 8/5/38**, “Mrs Charles Noland entertained her husband’s relatives at dinner Sunday in honor of his birthday.”
- **DHD Bondad News, 8/18/38**, “Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oswell of Aztec were Thursday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noland.
- **DHD Bondad News, 9/3/38**, “Gilbert Noland has been visiting Loran Wells.
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Norton, Lucille (Nell)

Many Nortons are mentioned in the Bondad News sections of both newspapers during these years. It is difficult to figure out whether Lucille/Nell’s husband was Homer, William, or John. From what I can speculate, John is her husband and they moved from Farmington to the mesa in September of 1939. From the 1932-34 Durango Directories I think it may be possible that Mr. William Norton and wife Margaret are either Nell’s husband’s parents or brother, and they may have moved out to the mesa as well by 1938/39 because there are mentioned to have played for Sunnyside in some sort of ball game in July 1938.

- 1932-34 Directory: no Lucille but several Nortons & businesses
 - Amanda, clerk Woolworth’s, res 1155 2nd Ave

- W.H. (Ethel R.) prop. Norton Sheet Metal Works, res 525 E. 3rd Ave
- Norton, William (Margaret J) prop. NSMW, res 247 W. 19th
- Norton, Mrs. Margaret J. Bookkeeper Intermountain Finance Co. res 776 2nd Ave (Kenneth 13, Kay 11) no mention of husband.
- **DHD, 7/29/38** Bondad News. *“Mr & Mrs William Norton, Elmer Kness, CV Shoemaker, Willis Boyd & Ed Bonds represented Bondad on the Sunnyside team in the game with Pagosa Springs at the latter place.”*
- **DHD Bondad News 8/18/38**, *“Mr & Mrs Homer Norton spent Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. John Norton of Farmington and visited at the home of a niece, Mrs. Robert Smith.”*
- **DHD Bondad News 8/18/38**, *“J.L. Norton met his son, John, in Durango Saturday and accompanied him to Farmington for a visit.”*
- **DHD Bondad News 8/27/38**, *“Mr. and Mrs. Elton Apperson and son of Aztec spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. William Norton. Mr. Apperson sprayed the bean crop that Mr. Shoemaker is caring for.”*
- **DHD Bondad News 9/3/38**, *“Mr. and Mrs. John Norton have moved to their new home on our mesa. We are glad to welcome them as neighbors.”*
- **DHD Bondad News 9/9/38**, *“Miss Winifred Haynes and Mrs. Lillie Jaquez entertained the Elco Study Club at the home of the former last Friday afternoon. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served. Miss Lucy Strain and Mrs. Nell Norton were guests of the club.”*
- **DHD Sunnyside News 4/18/39**, *“As Mrs. William Norton of Bondad is still critically ill in a Durango hospital, George Morgan of this mesa has put in the week putting in the grains crops for Mrs. Norton, whose attendance at his wife’s bed side was necessary. There appears to be a slight improvement in her condition at present.”*
- **DHD Bondad News 5/5/39**, *“The last meeting of the season of the Elco PTA was held at the school house on April 21. The officers for the coming year were installed; they were, President, Mrs. AJ Utt, Vice President, Miss Dorothy Mayes, Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. J.C. Norton, and Historian, Mrs. CW Haynes. The committees for the coming year were appointed and a delightful program was rendered.”*

Paxton, Jody/Joyce

Mrs. George Paxton was most likely a newlywed, who gave birth to her son in December 1937. She was voted President of the Elco Study Club in June of 1938. Born in 1913, she would have been approximately 25 years old in 1938-39. Her aunt was Alma Haynes, whose family moved to Bondad from Hotchkiss, CO in March of 1983.

- 1949 Directory: no Jody, 3 Paxton listings
- Greenmount Cemetery, George Paxton (1909-1975) and Joyce B. Paxton (1913-1983)
- **DWH 12/16/37**, *“No two people were ever prouder of a son than are Mr. & Mrs. George Paxton. The baby, who weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, has been named Donald George.”*
- **DHD, Thursday March 24, 1938**, *“Mr. and Mrs. CW Haynes, daughter Winifred, and son Raymond, now located at Bayfield, were supper guests Saturday night at the home of AJ Utt. On Sunday they were joined at the George Paxton home by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sutton and daughter Wilma. Mrs. Haynes is an aunt of Mrs. Paxton and Mrs. Sutton.”*
- **DWH 6/2/38**, *“The Elco Study Club met last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. AJ Utt with Mrs. Shoemaker assisting as hostess. A study course for the year was planned. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. George Paxton, Vice President, Mrs. AJ Utt, and Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. CV Shoemaker. The executive committee will prepare the by-laws.”*

- **DHD 7/29/38**, Bondad News. *“Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. George Paxton entertained at a birthday party dinner Sunday in honor of George Paxton and Irene Utt. The following were present; Mrs. Hattie Utt, Mrs. Vic Day, Mr. and Mrs. George Paxton and son, Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Utt and family, and Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Haynes and family.”*
- **DHD 7/29/38**, *“Mr & Mrs Harry L. Paxton, Sr and son, Albert, were Sunday dinner guests in the Harry Bonds home, the occasion being the birthday of Mrs. Mildred Bonds.”*
- **DWH 10/13/38**, *“Mrs. George Paxton and Mrs. CW Haynes entertained the Ladies’ Study Club at the CW Haynes home Friday.”*
- **DHD Bondad News 1/17/39**, *“The mesdames George Paxton, George Morgan & Miss Rosemary Chaney were hostesses at a shower for Mrs. OZ Bostick given at the home of Mrs. CW Haynes on Saturday afternoon. Games were played, then the honor guest found notes directing her to the gifts which were many and useful. Delicious refreshments of sandwiches pickles, coffee and cake were served. Those present were: Mesdames Wm Morgan and Hazel Broron of Sunnysidem Harry Bonds, CC Chaney, Charles Noland, Thomas Jaquez, Cv Shoemaker, CW Haynes, AJ Utt, and Misses Dorothy Mayes and Winifred Haynes, the honor guest and the 3 hostesses. A number who were unable to attend sent their gifts.*

Shoemaker, Virginia/Nina

Nina Shoemaker and husband Alvin/C.V. moved from Farmington to Bondad is April of 1937. It seems as though each summer they rented out the Hendrick place, with Thomas Jaquez as their landlord. She was voted Secretary/Treasurer of the Elco Study Club in June of 1938. She also had a son named Gene.

- 1932-34 Directory:
 - Shoemaker, O.B. (Virginia) farmer, 1815 W 2nd Ave
- 1949 Directory: 1815 W. 2nd Ave was owned by a Bernie Williams
- **DHD April 1937**, *“Alvin & Mrs Shoemaker of Farmington moved to the AJ Anderson place to help look after things”*
- **DWH 6/2/38**, *“The Elco Study Club met last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. AJ Utt with Mrs. Shoemaker assisting as hostess. A study course for the year was planned. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. George Paxton, Vice President, Mrs. AJ Utt, and Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. CV Shoemaker. The executive committee will prepare the by-laws.”*
- **DWH 7/21/38**, *“Shoemakers have moved to the Hendrick place rented by Mr. Jaquez.”*
- **DHD 7/29/38 Bondad News**, *“Mr & Mrs William Norton, Elmer Kness, CV Shoemaker, Willis Boyd & Ed Bonds represented Bondad on the Sunnyside team in the game with Pagosa Springs at the latter place.*
- **DHD Bondad News 8/5/38**, *“Mrs CV Shoemaker and son, Gene, were Sunday dinner guests of the Haynes family.*
- **DHD Bondad News 9/3/38**, *“Mr. and Mrs. Murray Holloway spent Friday night with Mr. & Mrs. CV Shoemaker.”*
- **DHD Bondad News 1/17/39**, *“The mesdames George Paxton, George Morgan & Miss Rosemary Chaney were hostesses at a shower for Mrs. OZ Bostick given at the home of Mrs. CW Haynes on Saturday afternoon. Games were played, then the honor guest found notes directing her to the gifts which were many and useful. Delicious refreshments of sandwiches pickles, coffee and cake were served. Those present were: Mesdames Wm Morgan and Hazel Broron of Sunnyside, Harry Bonds, CC Chaney, Charles Noland, Thomas Jaquez, C.V. Shoemaker, CW Haynes, AJ Utt, and Misses Dorothy Mayes and Winifred Haynes, the honor guest and the 3 hostesses. A number who were unable to attend sent their gifts.*
- **DHD Bondad News 7/20/39**, *“Shoemakers have moved to the Hendrick place owned by Mr. Jaquez.”*

Strain, Lucy E.

Lucy E. Strain of Missouri was teacher at the Bondad schoolhouse in the 1937-38 school year. She seems to have been a highly respected community member who was involved in many organizations and traveling often to Durango for different conferences, etc. She left Bondad to teach at the Sortais school in the 1938-39 school year, but not before making a visit in September of 1938.

- 1932-34 Directory: Strain, Lucy. Teacher, res Sunnyside
- 1949 Directory: not listed
- **DHD May 26, 1938**, *“A farewell party for Miss Lucy Strain was held at the school house last Saturday night, with everyone in the community attending. At the close of the evening’s entertainment, Miss Strain was presented with a lovely purse, a token of appreciation of the splendid work done here in the last five years.” “Miss Lucy Strain departed via the eastern train Wednesday for her home in Missouri. She will return in the fall to teach at the Sortal (?) school.”*
- **DHD Bondad News 9/3/38**, *“Mrs. Vic Day and Miss Lucy Strain were dinner guests in the Russell Bonds home Wednesday, the meal being prepared and cooked by Misses Alice Mae and Goldie Ann Bonds from their experiences and menus in 4-H Club work – in other words, a “4-H Dinner.” The meal was enjoyed by those who partook of it, as well as the girls who prepared it.*
- **DHD Bondad News, 9/3/38**, *“Miss Lucy Strain arrived from Missouri on Tuesday morning and is visiting at the Vic Day home. The trip was one of sight-seeing, one day being spent at Carlsbad Caverns, and a stop-over at El Paso. From there to Juarez, Mexico, for a brief tour.”*
- **9/9/38 DHD Bondad News**, *“Miss Lucy Strain was honor guest at a party last Thursday afternoon given by Mrs. Vic Day.”*
- **9/9/38, DHD Bondad News**, *“Miss Lucy Strain departed Saturday for Sortais where she will teach this term.”*
- **DHD Bondad News, 9/9/38**, *“Miss Winifred Haynes and Mrs. Lillie Jaquez entertained the Elco Study Club at the home of the former last Friday afternoon. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served. Miss Lucy Strain and Mrs. Nell Norton were guests of the club.”*

Utt, Hattie

Most likely Mrs. A.J. (Lucille) Utt’s mother in law, and was most likely older and retired, as she is mentioned only twice, once with Mrs. Vic Day, who was older as well.

- 1932-34 Directory: Utt, Mrs. Hattie farmer, Bondad
- **DHD, August 1937** *“One day last week Mrs. Vic Day and Mrs. Hattie Utt called to see Mrs. John Anderson at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A.J. Weinig of Durango.*
- **DHD, March 31, 1938.** *“Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Haynes have moved into the Hattie Utt place. They bring a new pupil for the Elco school, while their daughter, Winifred, has entered the freshmen class at Sunnyside school.”*

Utt, Lucille

Lucille Utt seems to have been very involved in the community. She is often mentioned as hosting different gatherings and was voted Vice President of the Elco Study Club, June 1938. Daughters Ruth, Betty, Arlene and Irene? Voted Vice President of the Elco PTA in May of 1939.

- 1932-34 Directory:

- Utt, A.J. (Lucille) farmer, Bondad
 - Utt, Lucille, prop. Bondad Filling Station
- **DHD 1/21/1937**, *“A.J. Utt of Bondad transacted business at the courthouse this morning.”*
 - **DHD, June 1937**, *“Mr. & Mrs. AJ Utt made a business trip to Grand Junction on Wednesday. They visited two days with the C.W. Haynes family near Hotchkiss.”*
 - **Durango, Tuesday, November 30**. *Everyone enjoyed the visit with Mrs. Weinig and her mother, Mrs. AJ Anderson. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Vic Day, Tom Jaquez, Harry Bonds, Russell Bonds and AJ Utt.”*
 - **DWH, 1/20/38**, *“Much interest is being shown in the Red Cross first aid class, taught by county nurse Anita Russell. Several new members were entered at the second meeting at the home of AJ Utt. The meeting January 18 will be held at the home of Vic Day.”*
 - **DWH, 6/2/38**, *“The Elco Study Club met last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. AJ Utt with Mrs. Shoemaker assisting as hostess. A study course for the year was planned. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. George Paxton, Vice President, Mrs. AJ Utt, and Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. CV Shoemaker. The executive committee will prepare the by-laws.”*
 - **DHD, 7/29/38**, *“Mr & Mrs AJ Utt entertained Thursday evening at a dinner. Those present were Mr & Mrs CW Haynes, Mrs Hattie Utt, Mrs Vic Day, Mr & Mrs George Paxton and small son, and Winifred and Raymond Haynes.”*
 - **DHD, 7/29/38**, *“The 4-H Club met last week with Ruth and Betty Utt. Tomato soup was made and with crackers, cake, and ice cream, formed the refreshments for the afternoon.”*
 - **DHD Bondad News, 8/27/38**, *“Betty, Arlene, and Irene Utt visited “Auntie” Day Thursday afternoon.”*
 - **DHD Bondad News, 1/17/39**, *“The mesdames George Paxton, George Morgan & Miss Rosemary Chaney were hostesses at a shower for Mrs. OZ Bostick given at the home of Mrs. CW Haynes on Saturday afternoon. Games were played, then the honor guest found notes directing her to the gifts which were many and useful. Delicious refreshments of sandwiches pickles, coffee and cake were served. Those present were: Mesdames Wm Morgan and Hazel Broron of Sunnyside, Harry Bonds, CC Chaney, Charles Noland, Thomas Jaquez, Cv Shoemaker, CW Haynes, AJ Utt, and Misses Dorothy Mayes and Winifred Haynes, the honor guest and the 3 hostesses. A number who were unable to attend sent their gifts.*
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Weinig, Edna

Lived in Durango. Was most likely included on the quilt because of her mother Mrs. A.J. Anderson.

- Daughter to Mrs. A.J. Anderson
- Arthur J. Weinig II married Edna Novella Anderson 1936
- 1932-34 Directory:
 - Weinig, Mrs. Ella, res 829 5th Ave
 - Weinig, Arthur J. Jr, cashier First National Bank, res 829 5th Ave
- 1949 Directory: Arthur J (Edna) VP First National Bank, res 339 E. 13th St. (Dickie 8, Donnie 6)
- **DWH, 12/16/37**, *“The Elco Study Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. AJ Weinig in Durango, Tuesday, November 30. Everyone enjoyed the visit with Mrs. Weinig and her mother,*

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Welk, Ellen G.

The only connection I can make for Ellen Welk is through Mrs. Vic Day in 1937. She could be her daughter or another relative who lived in Durango.

- 1932-34 Directory: Welk, Frank J. retired (Ellen) res 829 5th Ave
- 1949 Directory: Welk, F.J. retired (Ellen) res 952 3rd Ave
- DHD, 9/1937: "Mr & Mrs F.J. Welk were week-end guests in the Vic Day house."

West, Margaret

Margaret West and husband August lived in Bondad.

- Buried at Greenmount Cemetery, no DOB/DOD
- DHD Bondad News, 9/3/38, "*Mrs Harriet Sever is a guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August West. She will return on September 6 to take up her duties at the NYA educational camp for girls at Capitan, NM. There they teach crafts and educational subjects to unemployed girls- an institution corresponding to the CCC Camp.*"
- 9/9/38, DHD Bondad News, "*Mrs. August West and Mrs. Harriet Sever called Sunday afternoon at the Day home. Mrs. Sever departed Monday to take up her duties at Capitan,*

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