

Ancestors of Hazel Irene Bown



Hazel Bown Gilbertson

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Preface

Having an interest in genealogy, I decided to write a genealogy of my grandmother Hazel Bown Gilbertson. She was my grandfather's second wife, and had no children of her own. While I am therefore not a blood relative to any of her family, I found it interesting to do the research and publish my results. Hazel wrote a family history in 1978 which provided an excellent starting point, and while it included numerous stories and memories, it needed more organization as well as an emphasis on genealogical research. Today, with the advent of many records online, it is possible to write such a book without ever having to set foot in a library. That being said, there is much left to be done by anyone wishing to expand on this work, especially as more and more records become available online in the future. This book would also benefit from more photographs, and I hope that some relatives will contribute some.

My grandmother Hazel was not fully aware of her ancestry. She knew of her roots in Iowa going back no further than her great-grandparents. I have been able to determine some of the New England ancestry of her paternal grandmother, Martha Maria (Hall) Bown, who was a Mayflower descendant. Martha's mother, Abigail (Newton) Hall, remains a mystery, however.

I hope that this book will be of interest to other descendants of Martha and her husband William Bown, in particular.

--A. H. Gilbertson

Bown Family

SAMUEL BOWN was born 11 Aug 1788, in Nottinghamshire, England.¹ He died 11 Nov 1853, in La Porte City, Black Hawk County, Iowa. He and his wife **ELEANOR**² had come to America in May 1848, first settling in Lake County, Illinois. Eleanor was born in Sep 1791, and died 1 Nov 1852, in Black Hawk County.

Children:

1. **WILLIAM BOWN**, b. 6 Feb 1827; d. 19 Jan 1890; m. MARTHA MARIA HALL
2. JOSEPH FRANKLIN BOWN, b. 18 Feb 1829; d. 6 Dec 1915, Boise, Id.; bur. Morris Hill Cem.;³ m. [SATIRA TEMPERANCE HALL](#), who was the sister of Martha Maria Hall. They settled in Idaho in about 1864, crossing the plains by oxen team. He was a prosperous farmer.
Children:
 - (1) *Ella Medora Bown*, b. 6 Apr 1855, Waterloo, Ia.; d. 26 May 1912, Boise, Id.; bur. Pioneer Cem.;⁴ m. Orric Cole
 - (2) *Herbert Samuel Bown*, b. 4 Aug 1856; d. 20 Dec 1917; bur. Kohlerlawn Cem., Nampa, Ida.;⁵ m. Sarah Sophronia (Duncan) Patterson
 - (3) *Abigail Eleanor Bown*, b. 24 Apr 1859; d. 16 Sep 1906; bur. Morris Hill Cem., Boise, Ida.;⁶ m. Martin Elmer Pratt
 - (4) *Jane "Jennie" Alvira Bown*, b. 14 Feb 1861; d. 5 Jun 1941; bur. Morris Hill Cem., Boise, Ida.;⁷ m. (1st) James F. Honan; m. (2nd) Lafayette Monroe Griffin; m. (3rd) Martin Elmer Pratt;
 - (5) *Franklin Joseph Bown*, b. 19 Dec 1862; d. 29 Mar 1947; bur. Mountain View Cem., Fairfield, Ida.;⁸ m. Annie Laurie White
 - (6) *Mary Amelia Bown*, b. 4 Jan 1866; d. 7 Mar 1936; m. (1st) James Isaac Bedal; m. (2nd) Frank Henton
 - (7) *Charles Henry Bown*, b. 20 Nov 1867; d. 7 Mar 1936; m. (1st) Lucetta Drace; m (2nd) Hildegard ----
3. ELIZABETH BOWN, b. 9 Aug 1833; d. 11 Aug 1880, Black Hawk Co.; bur. Anton Cem., La Porte City, Ia.;⁹ m. JAMES HANOVER BALDWIN, who died from pneumonia 4 Jun 1864, while serving in the Civil War, at Vicksburg, Miss.
Children:
 - (1) *Amelia Ann Baldwin*, b. 9 Jul 1851; d. 24 Sep 1935; bur. Westview Cem., La Porte City, Ia.;¹⁰ m. David Lawrence Hubbard

¹ A family tree on Ancestry.com claims that Samuel's wife was Eleanor Asher, and that Samuel was the son of Joseph Bown and Louisa Catherine Beeston. I have not been able to verify this.

² Said to be Eleanor Asher, but I am awaiting proof.

³ <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/24959289:60525?tid=90399255&pid=312261279249>

⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/43877881/ella-medora-cole>

⁵ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/66191285/herbert-samuel-bown>

⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10409882/abigail-e.-pratt>

⁷ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10366002/jane-alvira-pratt>

⁸ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/14109172/franklin-joseph-bown>

⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10969221/elizabeth-baldwin>

¹⁰ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18207791/amelia-ann-hubbard>

- (2) *Jane "Jennie" Eleanor Baldwin*, b. 26 May 1853; d. 5 Jan 1943; m. James Monroe Miles
- (3) *Willis Baldwin*, b. 5 May 1857; d. 3 Dec 1947; bur. Montrose Cem., Montrose, S.D.;¹¹ m. Lida M. Cowles
- (4) *Mollie E. Baldwin*, b. 1860; d. 1861
- (5) *George Henry Baldwin*, b. 3 Mar 1862; m. Ella Viola Martin

- 4. JOHN BOWN
- 5. ELEANOR BOWN
- 6. JULIET BOWN
- 7. EMMA BOWN

WILLIAM BOWN was born 6 Feb 1827 in Nottinghamshire, England. He died 19 Jan 1890, in La Porte City, Ia., and is buried in the Anton Cemetery, La Porte City.¹²

As a young man in England, William was apprenticed to a blacksmith for 5 years, living with the blacksmith's family and "walking home to Nottingham on Sunday to bring his soiled clothes and spend the day with his parents." He came to the United States in May 1848, with his parents.¹³ "They first settled in Illinois for five years,¹⁴ after it seems they had stopped in Wisconsin for a short time. William first blacksmithed in Chicago when the population was less than 1000 and much of Chicago was a marsh."¹⁵

Hazel wrote, "While living with his parents in Illinois, he and his brother, Joseph, went to California for 3 years during the Gold Rush. They went overland with a wagon train. He took his tools and shod mules and repaired wagons. It took 6 weeks to reach California. He must have had some success as Glenn Bown had a Wells Fargo receipt for \$1000.00 which William had sent back. He made two more trips to California, after he was married, serving as blacksmith for the wagon trains. He had a small shop on the farm. I remember a large bellows and anvil and other tools that were stored in the barn when I was young."

He married [MARTHA MARIA HALL](#),¹⁶ 4 Oct 1854, in Waukegan, Ill. She came from Chenango Co., N.Y. to Lake Co., Ill., in about 1843, with her father Samuel Bunker Hall and her step-mother Samantha (Norton) Hall, when she was 14 years old. In the fall of 1854, she and William moved

¹¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/51917732/willis-baldwin>

¹² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10969266/william-bown>

¹³ Hazel Bown Gilbertson, *Bown-Clark Family History* (1978).

¹⁴ Samuel and Eleanor, with children William, Joseph, and Elizabeth are found in Antioch, Lake Co., Ill., on the 1850 census.

¹⁵ Hazel Bown Gilbertson, *Bown-Clark Family History* (1978).

¹⁶ See the Hall section of this book for more information on Martha (Hall) Bown.

to Black Hawk Co., Ia. According to Hazel Bown Gilbertson, "William and Martha went to Iowa in a covered wagon and settled on a farm on Mud Creek, Cedar Township, Black Hawk County."

Hazel wrote, "The farm on Mud Creek had a log house. The winter was very severe with a three day blizzard and 40 degrees below zero temperature. They became discouraged and sold out. Spring seemed promising and they bought land about a mile northwest. This was the Bown homestead where they lived and which was the Bown Farm for over 100 years. They built a 1 ½ story house here of native lumber. It probably was about 16'x24' with a large lean-to on the back for a kitchen and pantry. Government land was bought for \$1.25 per acre."¹⁷

Hazel Bown Gilbertson wrote, "When my grandparents, Martha and William, first came to Iowa, there were practically no churches and schools. Cedar Township was established in 1856, two years before they came. Abraham Terrance was the first settler to file for land. This was in 1854. The first post office was in a home in a town called 'Eliza.' The first school was built in 1846 near Millers Creek. It was a log school. The next school was built in 1863 in Section 10 known as Bown school.¹⁸ In 1850, there were only 26 families, 135 people in Black Hawk County. Cedar Township settled rapidly after 1862. Prairie grass was as high as a man's head and a prairie fire ran as fast as a race horse."

"William Bown was a good business man and owned 640 acres of farm land and 60 acres of timber along the Cedar River at the time of his death. He was an invalid for 10 years, a victim of 'creeping paralysis' or 'Multiple Sclerosis' as it is now called. He died January 19, 1890 at the age of 63. He is buried in the Anton (sometimes called Kober) Cemetery about 1/2 mile south of the Bown school.... He willed 80 acres of land to each of three sons, Charles, John, and Ira, and one daughter, Emma. The second daughter was willed \$1800.00. The 4th son, my father Omar, was to have the rest of the land on his mother's death if he would remain there, cultivate it and care for his mother."¹⁹

Children:

1. EMMA JANE BOWN, b. 13 Jul 1855; d. 13 Dec 1920, La Porte City, Ia.; bur. Westview Cem., La Porte City;²⁰ m. ALBERT J. PECK. Albert was born 16 Jul 1844 in Great Barrington, Mass., and died 26 Apr 1922. He was a farmer. He came with his parents and family to Winnebago Co., Ill., in 1855, and to Black Hawk Co., Ia., in 1862.

Children

¹⁷ [Bown-Clark Family History.](#)

¹⁸ Hazel Gilbertson wrote, "William Bown gave one acre for a school. The deed stated that when it was no longer used for a school, it should revert back to the Bown farm. In 1946, the school was consolidated and the acre returned. Three generations of Bowns had attended that school, my father, his children and grandchildren. In 1901, 25 children and young adults attended Bown school in the winter time, after all the farm crops were harvested."

¹⁹ [Bown-Clark Family History.](#)

²⁰ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/72168490/emma-jane-peck>

- (1) *William Stephen Peck*, b. 12 Feb 1877; d. 14 Mar 1944; m. (1st) Maude Short; m. (2nd) Grace Elizabeth Byington. He was a farmer in Black Hawk Co., Ia.
- (2) *Forrest Elmer Peck*, b. 16 Oct 1892; d. 28 Jun 1981; unmarried. He raised hogs.
2. CHARLES WILLIAM BOWN, b. 30 Sep 1857; d. 13 Aug 1932, San Francisco, Calif.; m. (1st) BERTHA SHARP;²¹ m. (2nd) ALTA HUBBARD;²² m. (3rd) AGNES (MANSON) KNOX;²³ m. (4th) ALMA (FUSON) VAN PELT. Charles did not farm but went into the grocery business with his brother John. Later he and John opened Bown Brothers Real Estate in Waterloo. After Agne's death he spent much time in California.
- Child, by his second wife Alta:
- (1) *Hubert Bown*,²⁴ b. 21 Mar 1888; d. 2 Jul 1888; bur. West View Cem., La Porte City, Ia.
3. JOHN ANSON BOWN, b. 1 Jul 1861; d. 8 Sep 1929, Waterloo, Ia.; bur. Elmwood Cem., Waterloo, Ia.;²⁵ m. MARY ELIZBETH HOWERY. After the death of his father in 1890, he and his brother Charles bought an interest in a grocery store in La Porte City, and later opened a real estate office in Waterloo.
- Children:
- (1) *Glenn Carlton Bown*, b. 21 Jan 1890; d. 2 Dec 1974; unmarried. He practiced law until 1917, and served in World War I, later working in Waterloo Mills and caring for his mother.
- (2) *E. Margery Bown*, b. 23 Sep 1892; d. 18 Jan 1963; m. Frederick Charles Webster
4. IDA OLIVIA BOWN, b. 5 Aug 1864; d. 4 Aug 1953; bur. Elmwood Cem., Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.;²⁶ m. ALEXANDER C. CAMPBELL. Alexander died 1 Feb 1935, in New Rochelle, N.Y. He was a real estate broker and the family lived in the Bronx, N.Y.²⁷
- Children:
- (1) *Colin Bown Campbell*, b. 7 Sep 1898; d. Jul 1991; m. Sophie H. Timm; he was an attorney.
- (2) *Gerald James Campbell*, b. 18 Dec 1901; d. 12 Dec 1988; m. Ruth Louise Krook
5. IRA ELI BOWN, b. 19 Jan 1867; d. 27 Dec 1937, Orange Co., Calif.; m. MARY FISH. Mary died 3 Mar 1946. Ira was a farmer for most of his life.
- Children:
- (1) *Bess Maud Bown*, b. 5 Dec 1890; d. 5 Jan 1968; m. James Glen Bellinger
- (2) *Hubert Liberal Bown*, b. 9 May 1895; d. 10 May 1968; m. (1st) Lila J. Bowman; divorced; m. (2nd) Kathleen Porter; divorced; m. (3rd) Nellie Smith. He was a World War I veteran, and worked as a salesman.
6. **OMAR ALDEBERT BOWN**, b. 3 Jun 1869; d. 1 Mar 1955; m. MARTHA ANN CLARK
7. LUELLA MAUDE BOWN, b. 8 May 1874; d. 3 Oct 1875; bur. Anton Cem., Black Hawk Co., Ia.²⁸

²¹ According to Hazel Gilbertson, she may have "passed away from an infected cold sore."

²² Alta died by 1896.

²³ Hazel Gilbertson calls her Agnes Balliet Know, a widow. She was "quite wealthy" and had two sons, John and Robert, by her first marriage. She died in about 1922.

²⁴ Hubert's cradle was given to Omar and Martha Bown, and later donated to the Historical Museum in Waterloo.

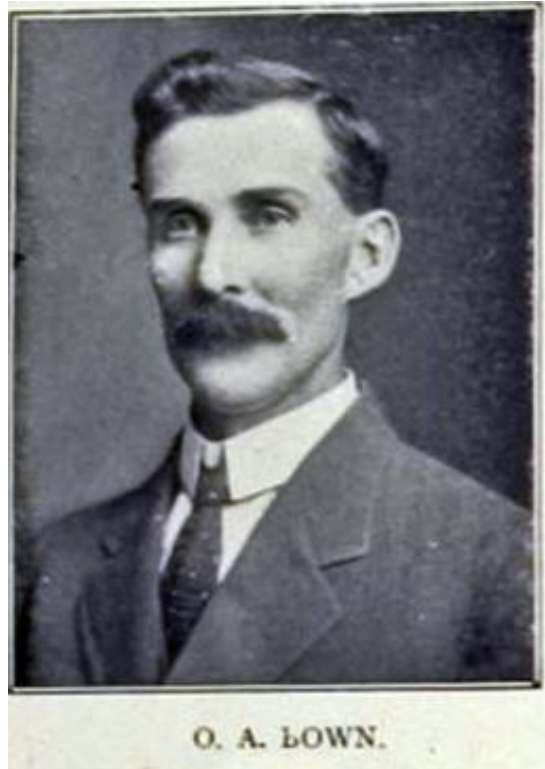
²⁵ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/38990247/john-anson-bown>

²⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68733299/ida-olivia-campbell>

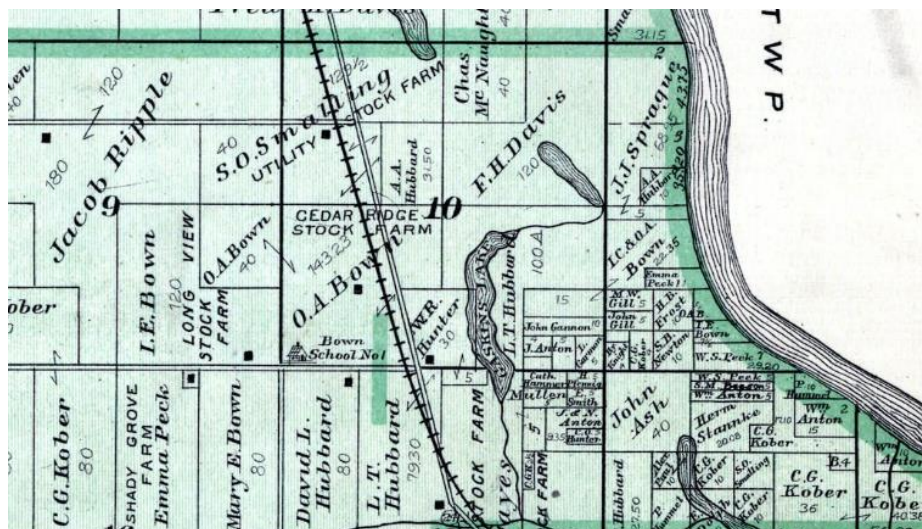
²⁷ Hazel Gilbertson wrote, "He was connected with the Harlan lumber and Woodworking Company of New York, and also in the Insurance and Real Estate Business."

²⁸ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10969264/luella-maude-bown>

OMAR ALDEBERT BOWN was born 3 Jun 1869, in La Porte City, Black Hawk County, Ia. He died 1 Mar 1955, in Pasadena, Calif., and is buried in the Westview Cemetery, La Porte City, Ia.²⁹ He married **MARTHA ANN CLARK**, 19 May 1890, in La Porte City, Black Hawk Co. She was born 14 Aug 1870, in Black Hawk Co., and died 12 May 1942, in La Porte City. Omar married, second, Daisy Dean Smith in about 1945



His daughter Hazel wrote, “When he was a young man, he attended high school in La Porte and hoped to become a doctor. His father's ill health and will put an end to that dream as he was expected to stay on the home farm, care for his mother and not have his inheritance until her death. When his father died in January 1890, his three brothers had left home, married and established their own homes and were given their inheritances. My father never complained about caring for his mother and although he did not like to farm, he was a good farmer.”



Location of O. A. Bown farm, about 3.5 miles north of La Porte City

During World War I, in 1919, he rented the family farm and the family moved to Denver, Colo. The following year they drove to California and rented a house in Long Beach, staying for about

²⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/37112077/omar-adelbert-bown>

a year before returning to Iowa. Martha died in 1942. In 1945, Omar went back to California and married **DAISY DEAN (SMITH) CURDIE**, who died 9 Mar 1959.

Children, by his first wife Martha:

1. **HAZEL IRENE BOWN**, b. 5 Nov 1893; d. 2 Jan 1986; m. HENRY WALTER GILBERTSON
2. RONALD ALDEBERT BOWN, b. 14 May 1895; d. 17 Mar 1977, Denver, Colo.; bur. Fairmount Cem.;³⁰ m. (1st) HELEN MARIE MADYWELL; divorced; m. (2nd) BEATRICE C. RAN; divorced; m. (3rd) ETHEL SCHNEPF. Ronald was a dentist. Two children (one adopted).
3. RALPH CLARK BOWN, b. 29 Aug 1899; d. 8 Oct 1979, McComb, Ill.; m. ELLA MYRL POLLOCK. He was a refrigeration engineer, and was a veteran of World War I. One child.
4. HAROLD HALL BOWN, b. 6 Oct 1901; d. 25 Oct 1970, Waterloo, Ia.; m. ESTELLA PEARL "STELLA" HARRIS. He farmed for a few years and then was a technician for Rath Packing Co. for 22 years. One child.
5. ROGER WILLIAM BOWN, b. 30 Dec 1903; d. 8 Mar 1990, Waterloo, Ia.; bur. Lincoln Twp. Cem.;³¹ m. IDA MAYE INGOLS. He was employed by O'Keefe & Towne funeral home in Waterloo for 10 years, and also was a farmer. Seven children.
6. GENEVIEVE LUCILLE BOWN, b. 27 Jun 1912; d. 19 Nov 1919, Long Beach, Calif.;³² bur. Westview Cem., La Porte City³³

HAZEL IRENE BOWN was born 5 Nov 1893 in La Porte City, Ia. She died 2 Jan 1986, in Bladensburg, Md., after having been sick for just one day. She is buried in the Ft. Lincoln Cemetery.³⁴ She married, as his second wife, **HENRY WALTER GILBERTSON**, on 13 May 1933, in La Porte City. Hazel graduated from Iowa State Teacher's College with a degree in Home Economics, and later earned a B.S. at Ames Agricultural College. Through her work with the Home Economics service at Ames, she met and married H. W. Gilbertson, who later became an analyst with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. His first wife Maud had died in 1930 leaving five children, for who Hazel became their "second mother."

In 1978, Hazel wrote the following: "I am the first child of Omar and 'Mattie' Bown and was born on November 5, 1893. I attended the Bown country school and graduated from La Porte

³⁰ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31227600/ronald-adelbert-bown>

³¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/15016078/roger-william-bown>

³² Her gravestone says 1920 as does Hazel Bown Gilbertson's family history. However, her obituary in the Long Beach Press Telegram, from 20 Nov 1919 states: "Genevieve Lucile Bown, aged 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omar A. Bown, died last night at 651 Junipero avenue. The family came here from La Porte City, Iowa, three months ago for the benefit of the health of the little girl..." In addition, the California Death index records her death as 19 Nov 1919. Hazel reported that she died of rheumatic fever and pneumonia. One wonders whether it was the result of the flu pandemic, which supposedly had ended by summer 1919 but since Genevieve became sick at least by August 1919 it's possible she was a victim.

³³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/39821658/genevieve-bown>

³⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/20625061/hazel-irene-gilbertson>

High School in June 1912. My sister Genevieve was born soon after I graduated and I stayed home for a year to help care for her and to help with the work connected with 'boarding' the country school teacher.

In September 1913, I enrolled in Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in the Home Economics Department. After graduating in July 1915, I taught in the high school at Millersburg, Iowa, for three years. This was an inland town in Iowa County. When the family moved to Denver, Colorado, I taught at Coin in Page County for one semester. In 1919, a member of the School Board of Orange Schools in Waterloo offered me a position teaching Home Economics in their school. I taught six weeks and became ill with typhoid fever. The community had had several cases and deaths from typhoid and each time had the State Health Dept. investigate. Nothing was found until many years later when it was discovered that one of the women, at whose home teachers stayed, was a "carrier." I did not stay at her home but sometimes, had cookies and milk with the teachers who did stay there. I was in St. Francis Hospital 4 weeks and at Aunt Alice Wilson's, my mother's sister, for 2 weeks and then went to Long Beach, California, where my parents were living. The school kept the position open and I went back the next year in Sept 1920. I saved every cent as Aunt Mildred had persuaded me I should earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the Agriculture College at Ames. By December 1922, I was out of money. I went to Milford, Iowa, in northeast Iowa, and taught the 2nd semester. I went back to Ames in June 1923 and got the degree in August 1923. Then went back to Milford as assistant high school principal. The next year, I was made principal.



When I was teaching in Orange, I decided I would like to be in the Home Economics Service at Ames. I applied in 1925 and was hired. I began work in August 1925 as Clothing Specialist and continued until May 13, 1933, when I married Henry Walter Gilbertson. In May of 1929, I was made chairman of the clothing section. I lived in an apartment with other Home Economics women. We worked 11 months a year. This was before the day of County Home Economics Agents. We were sent to a county for a week and conducted classes in five different areas of the county. The women of the county chose the course; sewing, cooking, etc. There were 6 lessons in a course, a month apart. We also did the judging at the Iowa State Fair as well as county fairs. In 1930, Fannie Gannon, Esther Pond and I were delegates to the Country Women of the World meeting in Vienna, Austria. While there, we visited other countries. We paid our own expenses, but our salaries were increased by \$100.00 per year.

I have now lived in Maryland for 45 years (it is now 1978) and have been a widow for 12 years. I have 5 step-children; Warren, Gerty, Kenneth, Robert, and Henry Jr. They and their

spouses could not be kinder, more considerate and loving if they were my "borne" children. I dearly love them all as well as the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

I am a Marylander now, but wish I did not live in an urban area. I have many friends here as well as my family, but sometimes, I long for Iowa and, the last years since I have been alone, go back each year. Now when visiting in Iowa I make my brother Harold's widow, Stella's, and daughter, Marlene's home in Waterloo my headquarters."

Clark Family

WILLIAM BURBURY CLARK was born in about 1816 in England. He died 4 Dec 1885, in La Porte City, Ia., and is buried in the Westview Cemetery.³⁵ He married **NANCY STRAKER** in Canada, before coming to the United States. She was born 18 Mar 1816 in England, and died 27 Jan 1894, in La Porte City, Ia.

According to Hazel Bown Gilbertson, William and Nancy came from Canada to Iowa in 1857, settling in Eagle Township, Black Hawk County. On the 1880 census, William is listed as a farmer in La Porte City. According to Hazel Bown Gilbertson, "they were very poor and life was difficult."

Children:

1. **ROBERT F. CLARK**, b. about 1839, St. Jean, Canada; d. 5 May 1862, Mobile, Ala.; bur. Westview Cem.³⁶ He enlisted in the Union Army, Co. G., 14th Regt. Was captured by the Confederate army and died of disease as a POW.
2. **MATTHEW CLARK**, b. 15 Aug 1840, Roxham, Canada; d. 14 Feb 1918, Des Moines, Ia.; m. (1st) HANNAH HAYES; m. (2nd) SARAH EVALINE RISKEMEIR; m. (3rd) RACHEL (GEE) GIBSON; m. (4th) HELEN -----
3. **WILLIAM B. CLARK**, b. 17 Jun 1844; d. during Civil War³⁷
4. **ELIZABETH A. CLARK**, b. 19 Jun 1844; d. 6 Aug 1899; bur. Marble Valley Cem., Gilmore City, Ia.,³⁸ m. MARTIN JEFFERSON WOOLMAN
5. **MARY BURBURY CLARK**, b. 24 Apr 1845; d. 26 Dec 1919, La Porte City, Ia.; bur. Westview Cem.;³⁹ unmarried
6. **RACHEL PHILLIPA CLARK**, b. 3 Jan 1850; d. 25 Jan 1918, La Porte City; bur. Westview Cem.;⁴⁰ m. JAMES SIDNEY SMITH

³⁵ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18207485/william-burbury-clark>

³⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/39841174/robert-f-clark>

³⁷ According to Hazel Bown Gilbertson, he was taken prisoner during the Civil War and died during captivity. I have not been able to verify this. A William B. Clark died in 1914 in South Dakota, but if this was the same William, Hazel should have mentioned it, as she has information on all of Matthew Clark's siblings.

³⁸ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/112759692/elizabeth-a.-woolman>

³⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18207474/mary-burbury-clark>

⁴⁰ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18208225/rachel-phillippa-smith>

7. JAMES DOBSHIRE CLARK, b. 22 Apr 1852; d. 14 Jan 1923; bur. Westview Cem.;⁴¹ m. MARGARET NANCY REESE
8. EDWARD W. CLARK, b. 2 Mar 1854; d. 13 May 1931; bur. Modesto Pioneer Cem., Modesto, Calif.⁴² m. FRANCES GALLARNO; divorced
9. HARRIET NANCY "HATTIE" CLARK, b. 3 Feb 1857, Canada; d. 23 Dec 1915, Black Hawk Co., Ia; m. TOWNSEND RICHARD HITT
10. IDA JANE CLARK, b. 1861; d. 6 Dec 1861; bur. Westview Cem.⁴³

MATTHEW CLARK was born 15 Aug 1840, in Roxham, Canada. He died 17 Feb 1918, in Des Moines, Ia. He married, first, **HANNAH HAYES**, 23 Oct 1866, in Black Hawk County. She was born 11 Jun 1845, in Canada.⁴⁴ She died 1 Jul 1875 at the age of 28, and is buried in the Geneseo Cemetery.⁴⁵ He married, second, SARAH EVALINE RISKEMEIR, and third, RACHEL (GEE) GIBSON, 6 APR 1898.⁴⁶ His third marriage ended in divorce.⁴⁷ HE married, fourth, Helen ----- in 1909.⁴⁸

In 1861, at age 21, he enlisted in Company G, 14th Iowa infantry, and served to the end of the Civil War.⁴⁹ He enlisted 9 Oct 1861, was reported missing in action at Shiloh 6 Ap 1862, was promoted to Corporal 1 Jul 1863, and mustered out 16 Nov 1864.⁵⁰

In 1900, he lived with wife Rachel and son William in La Porte City, where he is listed on the census as a retired farmer. In 1907, Matthew moved to Des Moines, Ia., and lived with his daughter Mildred.

Hazel wrote, "Grandfather was short and heavy, with drooping mustache and a deep voice. He was an ardent Republican. He prized his Army pension and I am sure, he deserved it, after serving 4

⁴¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18207469/james-dobshire-clark>

⁴² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/57313561/edward-w.-clark>

⁴³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18207467/ida-jane-clark>

⁴⁴ According to Hazel Bown Gilbertson, her father was a Circuit Rider minister, but efforts to find his name have been unsuccessful. She wrote, "Her father was a farmer and a Methodist Circuit Rider preaching alternately in the "Red" School House and the Gardiner school house. He and his wife were greatly loved and admired by his granddaughters."

⁴⁵ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/62846053/hannah-clark>

⁴⁶ Ancestry.com: Iowa Marriage records.

⁴⁷ According to Hazel, "After she tried to poison Matthew's expensive stallion, he divorced her."

⁴⁸ 1910 census. Hazel wrote, "While living in Des Moines, Matthew married for the fourth time, my mother was very fond of her and called her Mother Ellen. She passed away after a few years." I have not been able to find her maiden name or any other information about her.

⁴⁹ He is said to have been "taken prisoner of war during the heroic fight at Shiloh's famous "Hornets' Nest" which saved Grant's army from destruction" and "spent time in a POW camp at Macon Georgia, until his release on parole a couple months later." See <https://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/clark/27854/>

⁵⁰ Ancestry.com: Iowa Civil War Burial Records.

years in the Union Army. He had arranged to spend his last years in the Soldier's Home in Marshall town, Iowa...." He died in Des Moines, while on a short visit to his daughter Mildred.⁵¹

Children, by his first wife Hannah:

1. MARGARET BELL CLARK, b. 11 Jun 1867, Eagle Twp., Ia.; d. 22 Jul 1960, Modesto, Calif.; bur. Modesto Citizens Cem.;⁵² m. (1st) MARVIN WALTZ; m. (2nd) WILLIAM MUSSER KLINE. William was a farmer in South Dakota, later moving to Modesto, Calif. He died from a fall while pruning a fruit tree.
Children:
 - (1) *Alvin Clark Waltz*, b. 8 Mar 1895; d. 14 Jul 1957, Calif.; m. Hazel May Outland
 - (2) *Ruth Mildred Kline*, b. 12 Aug 1902; d. d. 2 Dec 1983; m. (1st) Carton McCann; m. (2nd) Chester A. Talbott
 - (3) *William Elisha Kline*, b. 14 Nov 1904; d. 27 Jun 1956; m. Blanche Genevieve McCarthy
 - (4) *Archie Edward Kline*, b. 10 Jul 1906; d. 12 Aug 1951; m. Flora Ellen Saferite
2. ALICE MARY CLARK, b. 2 Nov 1868, La Porte City, Ia.; d. 16 Sep 1949, Waterloo, Ia.; m. JOHN WALTER WILSON
Children:
 - (1) *Glen Clark Wilson*, b. 26 Aug 1891; d. 31 May 1979; m. (1st) Elizabeth Louise Fedderson; divorced; m. (2nd) Gladys Becker
 - (2) *Ray Matthew Wilson*, b. 11 Oct 1894; d. 29 Oct 1960; m. Rita Maston
 - (3) *Fay Dorothy Wilson*, b. 19 Jun 1901; d. 5 Aug 1988; m. (1st) Dewey Charles Thiele; m. (2nd) John Goodbrand White
 - (4) *Wayne Atwood Wilson*, b. 1 Nov 1905; d. 14 Jun 1968; m. Helen B. Hull
3. **MARTHA ANN CLARK**, b. 14 Aug 1870; d. 12 May 1942; m. OMAR ADELBERT BOWN

Children, by his second wife Sarah:

4. MILDRED JANE CLARK, b. 20 Jun 1875; d. 7 Oct 1949, Modesto, Calif.; unmarried. She graduated from Normal School and taught school for 10 years, later becoming a secretary.
5. MYRTA MAE CLARK, b. Apr 1878; d. 1 Mar 1910, Weiser, Id.; bur. Hillcrest Cem.;⁵³ m. JAMES WALTER BOOMHOWER. James died 12 Aug 1943, Modesto, Calif.
Children:
 - (1) *Alta Leona Boomhower*, b. 16 Mar 1899; d. 4 Oct 1981; m. Rayner George Bushnell
 - (2) *Wallace Ethelbert Boomhower*, b. 21 Dec 1900; d. 6 Jul 1979; m. (1st) Opal Delores Startup; divorced; m. (2nd) Carrie Christina Fitzgerald
 - (3) *Burnham Olin Boomhower*, b. 28 Sep 1902; d. 3 Apr 1961; m. Frances A. Ingram
 - (4) *Paul Clark Boomhower*, b. 9 May 1905; d. 8 Oct 1968; m. Lillian Woolstenhum
 - (5) *Merle Ivan Boomhower*, b. 15 Oct 1907; d. 28 Jan 1990; unmarried
 - (6) (*daughter*), b. 1910; d. 2 Feb 1910
6. MAUDE IRENE CLARK, b. 11 Aug 1881; d. 25 Oct 1884; bur. Geneseo Cem.⁵⁴

⁵¹ "Civil War Veteran Dies," *Des Moines Register*, 18 Feb 1918.

⁵² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/57570379/margaret-bell-kline>

⁵³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24273026/myrta-mae-boomhower>

⁵⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/62846120/mabel-irene-clark>

7. WILLIAM HENDERSON CLARK, b. 2 Nov 1886; d. 30 Nov 1942, San Francisco, Calif.; m. (1st) ANNA E. UMPHREY; divorced. He worked for a bank and later the U.S. Customs Dept.

Child:

- (1) *Dr. William Henderson Clark, Jr.*, b. 2 Apr 1919; d. 28 Nov 2009; m. Hazel Emily Baysinger. He worked for the CDC and later the Calif. Dept. of Public Health.⁵⁵

MARTHA ANN CLARK was born 14 Aug 1870 in Black Hawk County, Ia. She married **OMAR ADELBERT BOWN** 19 May 1890 in La Porte City. She died 12 May 1942 in Black Hawk County and is buried in the Westview Cemetery.⁵⁶

According to her daughter Hazel, "she was very pretty...she sang in the Methodist church choir, loved beautiful music, did some oil painting, enjoyed good books and pretty clothes - and she had so few." She is said to have raised her children "by Bible quotes", and she was "wise, firm and fair in her discipline." Hazel adds, "besides being our Mother, she was our pal and our friend. She sacrificed much to keep us in school, properly dressed and happy."

"Mother was wise, firm and fair in her discipline. We were put on a chair in a corner to consider our 'sin.' The length of time we stayed there was determined by the seriousness of our "sin." If she happened to be sewing, the punishment was being thumped on the head with her thimble. She permitted no disrespect.... After I grew up and asked for her opinion on some problem instead of giving it, she would say, 'What do you think?' Later, I realized she was trying to teach me to be self-reliant. All my brothers loved her deeply. Besides being our Mother, she was our pal and our friend. She sacrificed much to keep us in school, properly dressed and happy."⁵⁷

⁵⁵ <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=william-henderson-clark&pid=139160047>

⁵⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/37901660/martha-ann-bown>

⁵⁷ Hazel Bown Gilbertson, Bown-Clark Family History.

Hall Family

JOHN HALL was born by about 1611, “and perhaps earlier.” He was almost certainly from England but his parent and exact place of origin are not known.⁵⁸ He came to Massachusetts in 1630, first settling in Boston and moving to Charlestown in 1632, Barnstable in 1640 and Yarmouth by 1653. He served in various town offices including constable in Barnstable, surveyor in Yarmouth, and others.

He married **BETHIAH** -----, by about 1636.⁵⁹ “She is said to have died” 1 Feb 1683/[4] at Barnstable.

John died 23 Jul 1696, in Yarmouth, Mass.⁶⁰

Children:⁶¹

1. SAMUEL HALL, b. say 1636; d. 20 Jan 1694; ELIZABETH FOLLAND
2. JOHN HALL, bapt. 13 May 1638, Charlestown, Mass.; d. 24 Oct 1710; bur. near Hall Fam. Cem., Dennis, Mass.;⁶² m. PRISCILLA -----
3. SHEBAR HALL, (son), bapt. 9 Jan 1639/40, Charlestown
4. JOSEPH HALL, bapt. 3 Jul 1642, Barnstable, Mass.; d. 31 May 1716; bur. Hall Cem., Dennis;⁶³ m. MARY JOYCE
5. BENJAMIN HALL, bapt. 14 Jul 1644, Barnstable; bur. 23 Jul 1644
6. NATHANIEL HALL, bapt. 8 Feb 1645/6, Barnstable; m. ANN THORNTON
7. **GERSHOM HALL**, bapt. 5 Mar 1647/8; m. (1st) BETHIAH BANGS; m. (2nd) MARTHA BRAMHALL
8. WILLIAM HALL, bapt. 8 Jun 1651, Barnstable; d. 11 Jun 1727, Mansfield, Conn.; bur. Olde Mansfield Cem.;⁶⁴ m. ESTHER -----
9. BENJAMIN HALL, bapt. 29 May 1653; m. MEHITABLE MATTHEWS

⁵⁸ According to the Halls of New England, he was from Coventry, Warwickshire, England, but Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#), states that his origin is not known. Anderson’s book is much more recent and scholarly and must take precedence. Anderson state, “Savage and Wyman suggest that John Hall came from Coventry in England, but there is no evidence for this whatsoever.”

⁵⁹ Robert Charles Anderson does not support the theory that her maiden name was Farmer.

⁶⁰ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#). Note that [Halls of New England](#) states that John had a second wife, Elizabeth, which Anderson does not support.

⁶¹ Births/baptisms/marriages from Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#), sketch on John Hall.

⁶² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/15319221/john-hall>

⁶³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/9688915/joseph-hall>

⁶⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/15920700/william-hall>

10. ELISHA HALL, b. about 1655; d. 11 Jun 1747; bur. Old Town Cemetery, Sandwich, Mass.⁶⁵
Lydia -----

GERSHOM HALL was baptized 5 Mar 1647/8, in Barnstable, Mass.⁶⁶ He died 31 Oct 1732 in Harwich, Mass., in his 85th year. He is buried in the Hall cemetery, Dennis, Mass., and his gravestone still exists.⁶⁷ He married **BETHIAH BANGS** in about 1668. She was born 28 May 1650, in Eastham, Mass.,⁶⁸ and died 15 Oct 1696, probably in Harwich. She is also buried in the Hall cemetery.⁶⁹ She was the daughter of Edward Bangs, who came to New England in 1623 on the ship *Anne*. Gershom married, second, Martha Bramhall, of Hingham, who died 22 Jul 1724, at age 69.

In his will Gershom calls himself a “millwrith” (millwright). He moved to Harwich by 1710 when he was chosen selectman there, and served in that office for 13 years. He was chosen representative in 1712. “It appears from the records that he sometimes acted as a minister of the gospel,” and he received payment for preaching in the town of Chatham. His residence in Harwich was near what was later called Halls’ Meadow. In his will he mentioned sons Jonathan and Samuel and grandsons Edward and Gershom.⁷⁰

Children:

1. SAMUEL HALL, b. about 1669; d. 29 Feb 1730; m. PATIENCE RIDER; “he was a wealthy man”
2. **EDWARD HALL**, b. about 1671; d. 22 Jan 1726/7; m. (1st) MARY STEWART (?);
m. (2nd) SARAH (---) COLE
3. BETHIAH HALL, b. about 1672; m. KENELM WINSLOW; m. (2nd) JOSEPH HOWES
4. MERCY HALL, m. ----- CHASE
5. JONATHAN HALL, m. (1st) HANNAH BRAMHALL; m. (2nd) ELIZABETH HEDGE

⁶⁵ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/70508911/elisha-hall>

⁶⁶ Scituate and Barnstable Church Records, found at AmericanAncestors.org. Also, Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration Begins (sketch on John Hall).

⁶⁷ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/16037975/gershom-hall>

⁶⁸ Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration Begins (sketch on Edward Bangs).

⁶⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/9685478/bethiah-hall>

⁷⁰ Halls of New England, pp. 215-216.

EDWARD HALL was born in about 1671, in Yarmouth, Mass.⁷¹ He died 22 Jan 1726/7, in Harwich, Mass.⁷² He married, first, “probably” **MARY STEWART**, of Chatham, Mass. She died “probably” in 1717. He married, second, 27 Nov 1717, **SARAH**, widow of Daniel Cole, of Eastham.

Edward “lived near his father’s, upon his estate in the ‘Neck;’ letters of administration were granted 16 May 1727; he did not seem to be possessed of much property.” His widow married, third, Daniel Legg.

Children, the first five by his first wife Mary:

1. BETHIAH HALL, b. 31 Dec 1709; m. ANDREW CLARK, JR.
2. HANNAH HALL, b. 1 Feb 1712; m. TULLY CROSBY
3. MERCY HALL, b. 19 Oct 1713
4. MARY HALL, b. 15 Oct 1714;⁷³ d. 20 Jan 1793; bur. First Congregational Church Cem., Harwich, Mass.;⁷⁴ m. DEA. GERSHOM HALL
5. **EDWARD HALL**, b. 19 Apr 1717; d. 8 Feb 1797; m. PATIENCE GAGE
6. SARAH HALL, b. 27 Apr 1720; d. 22 Nov 1727
7. PATIENCE HALL, b. 15 Jul 1726

EDWARD HALL was born 19 Apr 1717, in Harwich, Mass.⁷⁵ He died 8 Feb 1797, in Harwich. He is buried in the First Congregational Church cemetery there.⁷⁶ He was a Deacon. He married **PATIENCE GAGE**, 6 Aug 1738, in Yarmouth.⁷⁷

Edward “settled on the place where the late Nathan Hall lived in North Harwich, and had charge of the water mill there, which had been his uncle Samuel’s; he received much at the hands of his grandfather Gershom in the ‘Neck’ where his father had lived; he held the office of Selectman for 19 years and was the representative in 1774; he was chosen one of the first deacons of the south church.”

⁷¹ Halls of New England, p. 217.

⁷² Harwich VR: “Edward Hall died in January 22 day 1726/7.” Note that at that time, there were two different calendars, so 1726/7 was 1726 in one calendar and 1727 in another.

⁷³ Harwich VR.

⁷⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/41255599/mary-hall>

⁷⁵ Harwich VR: “Edward hall son of Edward and mary hall was born April 19: 1717.” Ancestry.com has image of record.

⁷⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/115898823/edward-hall>

⁷⁷ Yarmouth VR: “Edward Hall and Patience Gage married December 21st 1738.”

According to the Bangs family history, he was “a mariner early in life and afterward was engaged in the whale fishery.”⁷⁸

Children:

1. SAMUEL HALL, b. 20 Dec 1740
2. EDWARD HALL,
3. **NATHANIEL HALL**, bap. 27 May 1744; m. JANE DOWNS
4. SARAH HALL, bap. 1 Jun 1746; d. 29 Oct 1814, Smyrna, N.Y.; bur. Sherburne West Hill Cem., Sherburne, Chenango Co., N.Y.;⁷⁹ m. JAMES COVEL
5. JOHN HALL, m. PATIENCE GAGE
6. PATIENCE HALL
7. BENJAMIN HALL, b. 27 Mar 1755; d. 6 Oct 1827, Medway, Mass.; bur. First Congregational Church Cem., Harwich, Mass.;⁸⁰ m. ELEANOR BROADBROOKS
8. BETHIAH HALL, b. 1762; d. 27 Sep 1813; bur. First Congregational Church Cem.;⁸¹ m. (1st) SETH COLLINS; m. (2nd) GERSHOM HALL

NATHANIEL HALL was baptized 27 May 1744, presumably in Harwich, Mass. He died before 1800, based on intestate probate records of his father Edward. He married **JANE DOWNS**, 25 Oct 1765, in Harwich (?). She was born in about 1743 and was the daughter of [Samuel Downs](#) and Temperance Baxter. Jane was a Mayflower descendant through both of her parents.

Nathaniel was a surgeon’s mate in Col. Cary’s regiment in 1776.⁸²

Children:

1. **EDWARD HALL**, b. 30 May 1767; d. 10 Jul 1825; m. MARTHA BUNKER
2. TEMPERANCE HALL, b. 1768; d. 3 Jan 1804; m. ISAAC MYRICK
3. NATHANIEL HALL, m. HULDAH BURGESS

⁷⁸ Dudley Dean, [History and Genealogy of the Bangs Family in America](#) (1896), p. 39.

⁷⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/84234713/sarah-covel>

⁸⁰ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10534129/benjamin-hall>

⁸¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/70173194/bethiah-hall>

⁸² According to [Halls of New England](#), and also recognized by DAR (ancestor # A049383).

EDWARD HALL was born 30 May 1767, in Harwich, Mass. He died 10 Jul 1825, in Smyrna, Chenango Co., N.Y. He is buried in the Plymouth Northside Presbyterian Church, in Plymouth, Chenango Co., N.Y.⁸³ He married **MARTHA BUNKER**, 5 Jul 1790 in Harwich. She was born 10 Feb 1768, in Charlestown, Mass., the daughter of [Benjamin Chamberlain Bunker](#) and Hannah Gibson.

According to Halls of New England, Edward was a miller and was a deacon at the South Church in Harwich. He “sold his place and removed to Smyrna, Chenango Co., N.Y., where he resided in 1812.”⁸⁴ Edward’s estate was administered by his widow Martha and his son, Nathaniel. It was suspected that his debts could not be paid without the sale of his real estate. Joshua Talcott was appointed guardian of Temperance Hall, an “infant child.”⁸⁵ It was later found that he had 87 ½ acres of land, the northeast corner of lot 70 in the town of Smyrna. After Edward’s death, his widow Martha married, by Feb 1827,⁸⁶ AURRIE VAN VLIET, who died before 1845. According to Hazel Bown Gilbertson, Martha died 9 Dec 1856, however, the Bunker genealogy states that she died in 1867 at age 99, in Steuben Co.⁸⁷ On the 1850 census, Martha Hall, 83, born in Massachusetts, is living with the family of Franklin Hall, 47, also born in Massachusetts, in Gainesville, Wyoming Co., N.Y.

Children, the first seven born in Harwich, Mass.:

1. BENJAMIN BUNKER HALL, b. 12 Oct 1790; d. 7 Nov 1790
2. NATHANIEL HALL, b. 6 Nov 1791; d. abt. 1834, Smyrna, N.Y.; m. PATIENCE COVEL
3. ROBERT GIBSON HALL, b. 10 Aug 1793; living 1826
4. HANNAH BUNKER HALL, b. 12 Sep 1795; d. 1 Aug 1862, Piano, Little Rock Twp., Ill.; m. LEVI WESTGATE⁸⁸

⁸³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/61940776/edward-hall>

⁸⁴ Halls of New England, p. 255.

⁸⁵ However, this seems odd since Halls of New England states Temperance Hall was baptized in 1809, in which case she would have been about 16 years old at the time of Edward’s death, hardly an infant.

⁸⁶ The probate record of 23 Feb 1827 states, that she “has intermarried with Aaurie(?) Van Vliet.”

⁸⁷ Bunker Family Association, The Bunker Family (1931) says she went to live with her son Franklin.

⁸⁸ “A native of New York state, Levi Westgate spent his early years there, following the shoemaker's trade. In 1847 he removed to Kendall county, Ill., locating in Little Rock township, where he resided until his death, August 30, 1857, aged sixty-five years. While young he served as a soldier in the war of 1812, participating in several engagements. He married Hannah B. Hall, who was born in Massachusetts, on Cape Cod, and died in Piano, Little Rock township, Ill., August 1, 1862 aged sixty-five years. She was descended from a family of prominence in colonial days, having been a great-granddaughter of Charles Bunker, who owned the hill in Charlestown, Mass., on which the battle of Bunker Hill was fought, and who was killed in that memorable engagement.” – J. M. Guinn, History of California, vol. 2 (1907), p. 1201. However, her grandfather was not Charles Bunker, and none of her ancestors were in the battle of Bunker Hill.

5. MARTHA "PATTY" BUNKER HALL, b. 3 Aug 1797; m. ORA STEBBINS;⁸⁹ lived in Smyrna, N.Y.
6. **SAMUEL BUNKER HALL**, b. 6 Oct 1799; d. 19 Apr 1866; m. (1st) ABIGAIL NEWTON; m. (2nd) SAMANTHA NORTON
7. FRANKLIN HALL, b. 27 Nov 1802; m. SALLY -----; said to have lived in Steuben Co., N.Y.;⁹⁰ he is most likely the Franklin Hall found on the 1850 and 1860 census in Gainesville, Wyoming Co., N.Y.; it appears likely that he moved to Wisconsin by 1870 where Franklin and Sally Hall are found on the census in Sharon, Walworth Co., Wisc.
8. ALEXANDER HALL, b. 1806;⁹¹ d. 31 May 1890, Pharsalia, Chenango Co., N.Y.; m. PHILINDA JOHNSON⁹²
9. EDWARD HALL, b. 8 Sep 1807, Harwich; d. 1 Feb 1808
10. TEMPERANCE HALL, bapt. 14 May 1809; possibly m. ALEXANDER McCULLOUGH

SAMUEL BUNKER HALL was born 6 Oct 1799, in Harwich, Mass. He moved with his father to Chenango Co., N.Y. in 1812. He died 19 Apr 1866,⁹³ in Newport Twp., Lake Co., Ill., and is buried in the Hickory Union Cemetery in Antioch, Ill.⁹⁴ He married first, **ABIGAIL NEWTON**, perhaps in about 1820. She died before 1840. Her ancestry has not been found. He married second, **SAMANTHA NORTON**, by 1840. She was born 11 Apr 1815 in German, Chenango Co., N.Y., and was the daughter of David and Dinah Norton. She married, second, Harvey Hoskins. She died 22 May 1910, in Antioch Twp., Ill.

According to Hazel Bown Gilbertson, Samuel took his family to Illinois in 1843. He left a will mentioning his wife Samantha, and sons George A. Hall and Hiram A. Hall.

Children, by his first wife Abigail:

1. HIRAM N. HALL,⁹⁵ b. abt. 1827; possibly d. 1905; m. CORDELIA ----
2. **MARTHA MARIA HALL**, b. 29 May 1829; d. 27 Jan 1908; m. WILLIAM BOWN

⁸⁹ That Martha married Ora Stebbins is mentioned in the intestate probate papers of Edward Hall, as well as in Bunker Family (1931).

⁹⁰ Bunker Family (1931)

⁹¹ Not listed in Harwich VR.

⁹² DAR #451240

⁹³ His headstone is difficult to read, however.

⁹⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/50430395/samuel-hall>

⁹⁵ Hiram N. Hall is found on the 1860 census with wife Cordeilia, living in Cedar Falls, Ia. I don't find him on the 1850 census.

3. SATIRA TEMPERANCE HALL, b. 30 May 1832, Chenango Co., N.Y.; d. 15 Jan 1904, Idaho; bur. Morris Hill Cem., Boise, Id.;⁹⁶ m. [JOSEPH FRANKLIN BOWN](#). (for children, see Bown family section)
4. EDWARD HALL, b. about 1834; living 1850⁹⁷
5. Child, birth order unknown
6. Child, birth order unknown

Children by his second wife Samantha:

7. LUCIA A. HALL, b. 1 May 1840, N.Y.; d. 26 Sep 1890, Antioch, Ill.; bur. Hickory Union Cem.⁹⁸ m. JOSEPH HAMILTON SUMERISKI. Joseph was a farmer. He was a musician in the Civil War. He committed suicide, 4 May 1906.
Children:
 - (1) *Viola Mahala Sumeriski*, b. 23 Apr 1863; d. 1956; m. Remember Elijah Eddy
 - (2) *Ira S. Sumeriski*, b. 18 Sep 1866; d. 23 Dec 1892; bur. Hickory Union Cem.⁹⁹
 - (3) *Benjamin Joseph Sumeriski*, b. Oct 1876; d. 3 Apr 1953; m. Ettie Irene Melville
8. CHARLES HALL, b. about 1843, N.Y.; d. 8 Oct 1850, Lake Co., Ill.; bur. Hickory Union Cem.¹⁰⁰
9. GEORGE A. HALL, b. Feb 1847; d. 1905; unmarried
10. AMELIA CLEMENTINE HALL, b. 5 Aug 1849; d. 15 Nov 1886, Glenwood Springs, Colo.; m. (1st) GEORGE FREDERICK ROBERTS; m. (2nd) GURDEN BRADLEY HUTCHINS
Children:
 - (1) *Ellis Edward Roberts*, b. Dec 1868; d. 7 May 1945; m. Mary E. Clark
 - (2) *Eugene Arthur Hutchins*, b. 2 Sep 1877; d. 29 Dec 1950; m. Matilda Rosena Eberhardt
 - (3) *Flora Belle Hutchins*, b. 10 Nov 1879; d. 14 Oct 1959; m. Edward John Hysom
11. ELLA ADELLE HALL, b. Nov 1853; d. 17 Feb 1934; bur. Maplewood Mem. Lawn Cem.;¹⁰¹ m. ERSKINE HOSKINS. Ellan and Erskine adopted their niece Flora Hutchins.
12. JENNIE A. HALL, b. Jun 1857; d. 30 Jun 1928, Emporia, Kans.; bur. Hickory Union Cem.;¹⁰² unmarried

MARTHA MARIA HALL was born 29 May 1829 in Chenango Co., N.Y. She died, of Bright's Disease,¹⁰³ 27 Jan 1908 at her home in Cedar Township, Black Hawk Co., Ia. She married [WILLIAM BOWN](#), 30 Sep 1854, in Lake Co., Ill. William was born 6 Feb 1827 in Nottinghamshire,

⁹⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/10409883/temperance-statira-bown>

⁹⁷ He is found living with the family in Newport Twp., Ill., age 16.

⁹⁸ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/52075896/lucia-a-sumeriski>

⁹⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/50430410/ira-s-sumeriski>

¹⁰⁰ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/50430399/charles-hall>

¹⁰¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/92176733/ella-adell-hoskins>

¹⁰² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/50430397/jennie-a-hall>

¹⁰³ According to Hazel Bown Gilbertson.

England, and was the son of Samuel and Eleanor Bown. As a young man in England, William was apprenticed to a blacksmith. He came to the United States in May 1848, with his parents.¹⁰⁴

She came from Chenango Co., N.Y. to Lake Co., Ill., in about 1843, with her parents, when she was 14 years old. In the fall of 1854, she and William moved to Black Hawk Co., Ia. According to Hazel Bown Gilbertson, "William and Martha went to Iowa in a covered wagon and settled on a farm on Mud Greek, Cedar Township, Black Hawk County." Hazel continued: "In New York State, Martha worked in a cracker factory, placing crackers on sheets to be baked. After marrying and coming to Iowa, she was alone while William made two more trips to California with wagon trains. She stayed on the farm with at least two small children in the 1 ½ story house which they had built."

Hazel remembered the following about her grandmother: "She was often called upon when there was a birth, death, or illness. There were few doctors and no hospitals. Grandmother had learned to use some plants and herbs from the Indians. When I was young, these were gathered and tied to a nail in the woodshed ceiling to dry. There were a few drugs and many home remedies." "Grandmother was tall, slender, a good organizer and a hard worker; and as my mother used to say, 'Not afraid of the Old Harry.'"

At the time of her death, Martha had lived in Cedar Twp. for over 50 years, and was one of the oldest residents there. Her obituary states:

Though nearly eighty years of age, she was conscious to the last. She asked to see her children and neighbors Saturday evening and when they came, she bade them goodbye with embraces and kisses and faced death with a smile.... Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church and was a woman of marked strength of character, strong in her womanhood and honored and loved by all who knew her. Through her long residence in the county she had made a wide circle of friends and all will mourn the loss of one of Iowa's pioneer women.

See the [Bown section](#) of this book for her children.

¹⁰⁴ Hazel Bown Gilbertson, Bown-Clark Family History (1978).

Bunker Family

GEORGE BUNKER was born in about 1599, based on the date of his marriage. He died between 12 Mar 1663/4 (date of will) and 4 Oct 1664 (probate of will), probably in Charlestown, Mass. He married **JUDITH MAJOR**,¹⁰⁵ 8 Sep 1624, in Odell, Bedfordshire, England. She died 10 Oct 1646, in Charlestown. He married, second, **MARGARET (WELLS) HOWE**, widow of Edward Howe, and daughter of Richard Wells. She died before 18 Dec 1660 when her will was proved.

George and his first wife Judith came to New England in 1634, settling in Charlestown, Mass.¹⁰⁶

Bunker Hill was named for him.

Children, by his first wife Judith:¹⁰⁷

1. **MARY BUNKER**, bapt. 3 Jul 1625; d. 26 Jan 1672/3, Dedham, Mass.; m. (1st) **JOHN GWIN**; m. (2nd) **ELEAZER LUSHER**
2. **MARTHA BUNKER**, bapt. 15 Apr 1627; d. about 1703; m. **JOHN STARR**
3. **ELIZABETH BUNKER**, bapt. 17 Dec 1628; d. 31 Aug 1703, Boston, Mass.; m. **EDWARD BURT**
4. **JOHN BUNKER**, bapt. 28 Jun 1630; d. 10 Sep 1672, Malden; m. **HANNAH MELLOWS**
5. **JOSEPH BUNKER**, bapt. 15 Apr 1632; no further record
6. **REV. BENJAMIN BUNKER**, bapt. 20 Sep 1635; d/ 3 Feb 1669/70, Malden, Mass.; m. **MARY CHICKERING**. Grad. Harvard College.
7. **JONATHAN BUNKER**, bapt. 8 Apr 1638; d. 2 Jun 1678; m. **MARY HOWARD**

JONATHAN BUNKER was baptized 8 Apr 1638, at the First Church, Charlestown, Mass. He died 2 Jun 1678 of smallpox, and is buried in the Phipps Street Cemetery in Charlestown.¹⁰⁸ He married **MARY HOWARD**, 30 Jan 1662/3 in Charlestown.¹⁰⁹ She died 29 Oct 1706. Her parents' names are not known. Mary married, second, James Lowden, and died 29 Oct 1706 in Charlestown.¹¹⁰



¹⁰⁵ The Bunker Genealogy states she was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Major, but Robert Charles Anderson doesn't mention this.

¹⁰⁶ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#).

¹⁰⁷ Baptisms and marriages from [The Great Migration Begins](#), deaths from Bunker genealogy (which is less reliable).

¹⁰⁸ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/94219215/jonathan-bunker>

¹⁰⁹ Charlestown VR: "Jonathan Bonker & Mary Howard, m. by Wor. Ric. Rusell, Jan. 30, 1662."

¹¹⁰ Charlestown VR: "Mary Lowden, wife of James Lowden, Senr., d. Oct. 29, 1706."

According to the Bunker genealogy, Jonathan served in King Philip's War in 1675 and 1676. "Soldiers in King Philips War, by George Madison Bodge (1896), p.81, lists Jonathan Bunker among those who served in the Mt. Hope campaign under Capt. Thomas Prentice in 1675. ...Jonathan is listed again, p.84, among the company serving under Lt. Edward Oakes, probably in the winter of 1675/6. Lt. Oakes was a veteran of the Mt. Hope campaign." – findagrave.com.

Children:

1. Twins
2. JONATHAN BUNKER, b. 1 Feb 1666/7;¹¹¹ d. before 30 Aug 1895 (date of probate); mariner, died on voyage; unmarried.
3. MARY BUNKER, b. 20 Feb 1668/9;¹¹² d. 7 May 1741; bur. Forefathers Burial Ground, Chelmsford, Mass.;¹¹³ m. (1st) EZEKIEL RICHARDSON; m. (2nd) MOSES BARRON; m. (3rd) THOMAS HOWE
4. BENJAMIN BUNKER,¹¹⁴ b. 20 Feb 1670
5. BENJAMIN BUNKER, b. 30 Mar 1672; d. before 1678
6. ELIZABETH BUNKER, b. about 1672; d. 9 May 1722; m. (1st) NATHANIEL HOWARD; m. (2nd) JONATHAN RICHARDSON
7. **BENJAMIN BUNKER**, b. about 1678; d. 4 Feb 1735; m. ABIGAIL FOWLE

CAPT. BENJAMIN BUNKER was born in about 1678.¹¹⁵ He died 4 Feb 1735 and is buried in the Phipps Street Burying Ground.¹¹⁶ He married **ABIGAIL FOWLE**, 17 May 1698. She was born in about 1679, and was the daughter of John Fowle and Anna Carter. She died 10 Mar 1749 in Charlestown. She is also buried in the Phipps Street Burying Ground.¹¹⁷ She married, second, Benjamin Gerrish, 22 Jun 1738.

Benjamin was an innkeeper. He made a will, dated 1 Dec 1722, "being sick and weak in body but of perfect and sound memory." He mentions his "dearly beloved wife Abigail," and children Benjamin and John Bunker.

¹¹¹ Charlestown VR.

¹¹² Charlestown VR. The record calls her "Marie."

¹¹³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/18168683/mary-how>

¹¹⁴ In printed Charlestown VR called "Beniamine."

¹¹⁵ Based on age 57 on tombstone.

¹¹⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/51148500/benjamin-bunker>

¹¹⁷ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/51148855/abigail-gerish>

His epitaph reads: "Here lyes buried ye body of Capt Benjamin Bunker, who departed this life Febr 4th Anno Domini 1735 aged 57 years."¹¹⁸

Children:

1. BENJAMIN BUNKER, bapt. 19 Jul 1702; d. 7 Aug 1702
2. **BENJAMIN BUNKER**, b. 12 Apr 1708; d. before 12 Jan 1748/9; m. MARTHA CHAMBERLAIN
3. ABIGAIL BUNKER, b. 8 Dec 1710; d. 17 Sep 1711; bur. Phipps St. Burying Ground¹¹⁹
4. JOHN BUNKER, b. 4 Jan 1714/5; d. before 8 Dec 1741 when estate was administered; mariner; grad. Harvard College; unmarried
5. JONATHAN BUNKER, bapt. 8 Mar 1715/6; d. 25 Nov 1721; bur. Phipps St. Burying Ground, double tombstone with brother George¹²⁰
6. GEORGE BUNKER, bapt. 14 Apr 1717; d. 9 Nov 1721; bur. Phipps St. Burying Ground¹²¹

BENJAMIN BUNKER was 12 Apr 1708, in Charlestown, Mass. He died before 12 Jan 1748/9. He married **MARTHA CHAMBERLAIN**, 24 Oct 1729, in Boston. She was born 31 Jul 1708 in Charlestown and was the daughter of Ebenezer Chamberlain and Martha Thomas.¹²²

He was a tin-plate worker.¹²³

Children:

1. ABIGAIL BUNKER, b. 29 Jul 1730; died young
2. **BENJAMIN CHAMBERLAIN BUNKER**, b. 5 Jan 1731/2; d. about 1774; m. HANNAH (GIBSON) FROTHINGHAM
3. MARTHA BUNKER, b. 21 Sep 1733; d. Nov 1809; m. (1st) EBENEZER KING; m. (2nd) JAMES GARDNER
4. JONATHAN BUNKER, b. 29 Mar 1736; d. prob. Before 1766; m. MARY OSBOURNE

BENJAMIN CHAMBERLAIN BUNKER was born 5 Jan 1731/2. He died before 2 Aug 1744, when his estate was administered.¹²⁴ He married, on 11 Aug 1767, **HANNAH (GIBSON) FROTHINGHAM**, widow of David Frothingham. She was born Jun 1745 in Charlestown,¹²⁵ and was the daughter of

¹¹⁸ Vital Records from NEHGS Register.

¹¹⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/51148499/abigail-bunker>

¹²⁰ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/51148503/jonathan-bunker>

¹²¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/37316391/george-bunker>

¹²² See NEHGR 198:60, also Bunker Family (1931).

¹²³ Thomas B. Wyman, Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, vol. 1 (1879).

¹²⁴ Wyman, Charlestown Genealogies, vol. 1.

¹²⁵ Charlestown VR: Hannah, dau. of William & Rebecca Gibson, b. June 1745.

William Gibson and Rebecca Simmons.¹²⁶ Hannah married, third, on 31 Mar 1775, Richard Trumbull. She died 15 Oct 1802, in Charlestown, at age 60.

Martha was only about 6 years old when her father died. A guardian was appointed for her and her siblings.¹²⁷

Benjamin was the last of his family to own land on Bunker Hill, according to the Bunker genealogy. His land wasn't sold until 1794, by his son Benjamin.

Children:

1. **MARTHA BUNKER**, b. 10 Feb 1768; m. [EDWARD HALL](#)
2. **HANNAH BUNKER**, b. 10 Aug 1769; d. 18 Jun 1819; bur. Ashby Parish First Burial Ground, Ashby, Mass.;¹²⁸ m. MICAH LAWRENCE
3. **BENJAMIN BUNKER**, b. 20 Mar 1771; d. 10 Apr 1831, Smyrna, N.Y.; bur. Smyrna East Cem.;¹²⁹ m. RUTH TRACEY KELLEY. He and one of his sons built the Bunker Hotel in Smyrna
4. **JOHN BUNKER**, bapt. 24 Jan 1773; died young
5. **REBECCA BUNKER**, bapt. 27 Feb 1774; m. SAMUEL HAYNES JR.

¹²⁶ Wyman, Charlestown Genealogies, vol. 1, p. 407. William Gibson was a tobacconist. His parents are not known.

¹²⁷ See Middlesex Probate #3513, 3514 and 3515.

¹²⁸ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/61890162/hannah-lawrence>

¹²⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/46324200/benjamin-bunker>

Mayflower Families

In this section, I explore Hazel (Bown) Gilbertson's Mayflower ancestry. She was descended from Mayflower passengers John Howland, his wife Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, and Elizabeth's father John Tilley (who died in 1620 soon after landing at Plymouth.) Hazel's ancestor Jane Downs was a Mayflower descendant through both her parents, and the section below shows the interrelationships between the Downs, Baxter and Gorham families and how they connect to John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland. In this draft version, only Downs and Baxter are completed (and they need better references). I will add Gorham as soon as possible.

Downs

WILLIAM DOWNS died in Bristol, R.I. (then in Massachusetts) before 26 Feb 1706/7, the date when his will was probated. His parentage is not known. He married **ELIZABETH GORHAM**, in about 1700, probably in Bristol. She was born in Bristol in about 1680, and was the daughter of [Jabez Gorham](#) and Hannah Sturgis.¹³⁰

William was a mariner, according to the inventory of his estate. He was jailed for piracy in 1698 and escaped.¹³¹ He died intestate.

Elizabeth married, second, [SHUBAEL BAXTER](#), son of Thomas Baxter. He died between 15 Dec 1738 (date of will) and 17 Apr 1741 (when his will was proved.) His step-sons Edward, William and Samuel Downs were mentioned in his will.

Elizabeth (Gorham) (Downs) Baxter also left a will, dated 2 Dec 1741 and proved 17 Apr 1746. She also mentions her sons Edward, William and Samuel Downs.

Children, born in Bristol, R.I.:

1. EDWARD DOWNS, b. 22 Jun 1701; m. MERCY CROWELL
2. WILLIAM DOWNS, b. 17 Sep 1703; m. [ELIZABETH BAXTER](#)
3. **SAMUEL DOWNS**, b. 2 Oct 1705; m. TEMPERANCE BAXTER

SAMUEL DOWNS was born 2 Oct 1705, in Bristol, R.I. He died before 18 Feb 1748, when his wife was appointed administratrix of his estate. He married his second cousin,¹³² **TEMPERANCE BAXTER**, 25 Feb 1730/31, in Yarmouth, Mass. She was born 14 Aug 1712 in Yarmouth, the daughter of [John Baxter](#) and Desire Gorham.

¹³⁰ Mayflower Family Five Generation Project: Howland.

¹³¹ <https://www.newportri.com/news/20190705/pirate-tale-uneearthed-by-amateur-historian-from-warwick>

¹³² Both were great-grandchildren of Capt. John Gorham and Desire Howland.

Samuel was a yeoman and innholder. "He removed to Barnstable and owned and kept the public house known in subsequent times as Lydia Sturgis' tavern."¹³³

Temperance married, second, NATHANIEL HOWES.

Children:

1. HANNAH DOWNS, b. 14 Sep 1732, Yarmouth; d. 1 Jan 1806; bur. North Harwich Cem.;¹³⁴
m. WILLIAM GAGE
2. NATHANIEL DOWNS, b. 17 July 1734, Yarmouth
3. TEMPERANCE DOWNS, b. about 1736; m. JEREMIAH KILLEY (or Kelley or O'Kelly)
4. SAMUEL DOWNS, b. 21 Jun 1739
5. SHUBAEL DOWNS, b. 31 Oct 1741, Harwich
6. **JANE DOWNS**, b. about 1743; m. [NATHANIEL HALL](#)
7. JONATHAN DOWNS, b. about 1745
8. BAXTER DOWNS, b. about 1747

Baxter

THOMAS BAXTER was born in England in about 1653, based on his age on his tombstone. He died 22 Jun 1713 in Yarmouth and is buried in the Ancient Cemetery there.¹³⁵

He married **TEMPERANCE (GORHAM) STURGIS**, 27 Jan 1679/80, in Yarmouth, Mass. She was born 5 May 1646, in Marshfield, Mass., the daughter of [Capt. John Gorham and Desire Howland](#). She was the widow of Edward Sturgis. She died 12 Mar 1714/15 in Yarmouth.

Children:

1. **JOHN BAXTER**, b. about 1680; m. DESIRE GORHAM
2. THOMAS BAXTER,¹³⁶ b. about 1685; d. after 15 Apr 1745; m. MARY LATTIMORE
3. SHUBAEL BAXTER, b. about 1687; d. 12 Apr 1741; bur. Ancient Cem. Yarmouth, Mass.,¹³⁷
m. ELIZABETH GORHAM, who's first husband was [William Downs](#)

¹³³ Amos Otis, [Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families](#) (1888).

¹³⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/130177816/hannah-gage>

¹³⁵ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35038342/thomas-baxter> Note, he was not born in Marshfield.

¹³⁶ He had four illegitimate children by Hannah Crowell, born between 1710 and 1718.

¹³⁷ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35038319/shobal-baxter>

JOHN BAXTER was born in about 1680. He married his first cousin,¹³⁸ **DESIRE GORHAM**, 11 Jun 1706, in Yarmouth. She was born Apr 1685 in Yarmouth, the daughter of [Joseph Gorham](#) and Sarah Sturgis. She died 23 Jun 1749 in Yarmouth. John died after his wife, as she was called “wife” and not “widow” in her death record.

John entered into an agreement with his uncle Shubael Gorham, and his father Thomas Baxter, “to bild the first fulling mill to card wool for cloth in Yarmouth,” but in 1710 he sold his part of the mill back to his uncle. “This would indicate that John was a miller but during most of his life he was a whaler.”¹³⁹

Children:

1. ELIZABETH BAXTER, b. 2 Jan 1706/7; d. 20 Nov 1749; m. [WILLIAM DOWNS, JR.](#)
2. SARAH BAXTER, b. 28 Oct 1708; d. Sep 1740; m. (1st) GERSHOM COBB; m. (2nd) BENJAMIN GORHAM
3. JANE/JENEY BAXTER, b. 5 Nov 1710; d. 26 Feb 1768; m. RICHARD BAXTER
4. **TEMPERANCE BAXTER**, b. 14 Aug 1712; d. Before 5 Nov 1789; m. (1st) [SAMUEL DOWNS](#); m. (2nd) NATHANIEL HOWES
5. JOHN BAXTER, b. 5 Jul 1714; said to have moved to Martha’s Vineyard
6. JOSEPH BAXTER, b. 3 Mar 1715/6; d. 6 Jan 1797, Yarmouth; m. HANNAH NORTH
7. ISAAC BAXTER, b. 12 Jan 1717/8; m. ABIGAIL TAYLOR
8. HEZEKIAH BAXTER, b. 21 Mar 1720; m. (1st) DEBORAH NICKERSON; m. (2nd) THANKFUL (GAGE) MARCHANT
9. DESIRE BAXTER, b. 20 Feb 1722; d. 17 Mar 1722
10. SAMUEL BAXTER, b. 4 Feb 1722/3
11. THOMAS BAXTER, b. 1 Feb 1724/5
12. SHUBAEL BAXTER, b. 21 Dec 1726; d. 6 Apr 1780; m. MEHITABLE HALLETT

Gorham

CAPT. JOHN GORHAM was born in England, perhaps in Huntingdonshire, probably son of John Gorham.¹⁴⁰ He was buried 5 Feb 1675/6, in Swansea, Mass. He married **DESIRE HOWLAND**, in about 1643. She was born in about 1625 or 1626 in Plymouth, Mass., the daughter of Mayflower passengers [John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley](#). Desire died 13 Oct 1683, in Barnstable, Mass.

Captain John Gorham first appears in the records of Plymouth Colony in 1643. He was chosen constable in Marshfield in 1648. In 1652 he and his family moved to Yarmouth, Mass. He served in King Philip’s

¹³⁸ They were both grandchildren of Capt. John Gorham and Desire Howland.

¹³⁹ Mayflower Five Generation book on Howland family.

¹⁴⁰ *Mayflower Descendant*, vol. 5 pp. 174-175 (1903). This source shows why the claim that he was the son of Ralph Gorham and baptized in Benefield is most likely false.

War, and was wounded in the Narraganset “swamp fight”¹⁴¹ 19 Dec 1675 by having his powder horn “Shot and Split against his side.” He died from his wound in Swansea and was buried there.

Children:

1. DESIRE GORHAM, b. 2 Apr 1644, Plymouth; d. 30 Jun 1700; m. JOHN HAWES
2. **TEMPERANCE GORHAM**, b. 5 May 1646, Marshfield; m. (1st) EDWARD STURGIS; m. (2nd) [THOMAS BAXTER](#)
3. ELIZABETH GORHAM, b. 2 Apr 1648, Marshfield; d. 5 Mar 1683/4; m. JOSEPH HALLETT
4. JAMES GORHAM, b. 28 Apr 1650, Marshfield; d. 18 Nov 1707, Barnstable; bur. Lothrop Hill Cem.;¹⁴² m. HANNAH HUCKINS
5. JOHN GORHAM, b. 20 Feb 1651/2, Marshfield; d. 11 Nov 1715, Barnstable; m. MARY OTIS
6. **JOSEPH GORHAM**, b. 16 Feb 1653/4, Yarmouth; d. 9 Jul 1726, Yarmouth; m. SARAH STURGIS
7. [JABEZ GORHAM](#), b. 3 Aug 1656, Barnstable; d. about 1725, Bristol, R.I.; m. HANNAH STURGIS?
8. MERCY GORHAM, b. 20 Jan 1658, Barnstable; d. 24 Sep 1725; bur. Denison Ground, Stonington, Conn.;¹⁴³ m. GEORGE DENISON
9. LYDIA GORHAM, b. 11 Nov 1661, Barnstable; d. 2 Aug 1744; bur. Ancient Cem., Yarmouth;¹⁴⁴ m. JOHN THATCHER
10. HANNAH GORHAM, b. 28 Nov 1663, Barnstable; m. JOSEPH WHILLDIN; moved to Cape May, N.J.
11. SHUBAEL GORHAM, b. 21 Oct 1667, Barnstable; d. 7 Aug 1750; m. PUELLA HUSSEY

JOSEPH GORHAM was born 16 Feb 1653/4, in Yarmouth. He died 9 Jul 1726, Yarmouth, and is buried in the Ancient Cemetery there.¹⁴⁵ He married SARAH STURGIS, before 1678. She was “thought to be the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Hinkcley) Sturgis.” She died in Yarmouth, before 3 Feb 1738/9, when her will was proved.

Joseph was a shoemaker in Yarmouth. He made a will dated 27 Jul 1723 and proved 20 Jul 1726, in which he named his wife Sarah, sons Joseph and Josiah Gorham, daughter Desire Baxter, his granddaughter Sarah Sears, daughter of his deceased daughter Sarah Howes, and Sarah’s other children Thomas, Ebenezer and Elizabeth Howes. Joseph’s widow Sarah also made a will dated 1 May 1728 and proved 3 Feb 1738/9.

Children, born in Yarmouth:

¹⁴¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Swamp_Fight

¹⁴² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/46890740/james-gorham>

¹⁴³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/53748419/mercy-denison>

¹⁴⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/5946545/lydia-thacher>

¹⁴⁵ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/38606333/joseph-gorham>

1. SARAH GORHAM, b. 16 Jan 1678/9; d. 9 Sep 1705; bur. Howes Family Cem., Dennis, Mass.;¹⁴⁶
m. EBENEZER HOWES
2. JOSEPH GORHAM, b. 15 Apr 1681; d. 24 Apr 1742; bur. Union Cem., Stratford, Conn.;¹⁴⁷ m. SARAH
KIRKPATRICK
3. SAMUEL GORHAM, b. Oct 1682; d. Before 27 Apr 1712; m. ELIZABETH HEDGE
4. JOHN GORHAM, b. 28 Feb 1683/4; probably died young
5. **DESIRE GORHAM**, b. Apr 1685; d. 23 Jun 1749; m. [JOHN BAXTER](#)
6. ISAAC GORHAM, b. Oct 1687; d. 1714
7. HEZEKIAH GORHAM, b. Aug 1689; d. 1714
8. JOSIAH GORHAM, b. 2 Dec 1692; d. 1 Apr 1775; bur. Ancient Cem., Yarmouth;¹⁴⁸ m. (1st) SARAH -----;
m. (2nd) PRISCILLA SEARS; m. (3rd) MERCY HALLETT

JABEZ GORHAM, son of [Capt. John Gorham](#), and brother of Joseph Gorham, was born 3 Aug 1656, in Barnstable. He died between 16 Mar 1724/5, the date of his will, and 20 Apr 1725, when his will was proved, in Bristol, R.I. (then in Massachusetts). He married **HANNAH (STURGIS) GRAY**, in about 1676. She was the daughter of Edward Sturgis and Elizabeth Hinckley and the widow of John Gray. She died 17 Oct 1736, in Harwich, Mass., as "the wife of Jabez Gorham." She is buried in the Old Burying Ground, Brewster, Mass.¹⁴⁹

Jabez served in King Philip's War, in which he was wounded.

Children:

1. HANNAH GORHAM, b. 23 Dec 1677; d. 28 Mar 1682
2. **ELIZABETH GORHAM**, b. about 1680; d. before 17 Apr 1746; m. (1st) [WILLIAM DOWNS](#); m. (2nd)
[SHUBAEL BAXTER](#)
3. SAMUEL GORHAM, b. 15 Apr 1682; d. 24 Nov 1734, Bristol
4. JABEZ GORHAM, b. 31 Jan 1683/4; d. 21 Nov 1745, Bristol; m. (1st) LEAH LITTLEFIELD; m. (2nd) MARY
MAXFIELD
5. SHUBAEL GORHAM, b. 12 Apr 1686; d. 1734
6. ISAAC GORHAM, b. 1 Feb 1689; d. 1739, New Haven, Conn.; m. (1st) MARY -----; m. (2nd) HANNAH
MILES
7. JOHN GORHAM, b. 8 Nov 1690; d. Jan 1717

¹⁴⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/57917740/sarah-howes>

¹⁴⁷ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/11241776/joseph-gorham>

¹⁴⁸ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/5946513/josiah-gorham>

¹⁴⁹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35900318/hannah-gorham>

8. JOSEPH GORHAM, b. 22 Aug 1692; d. 19 Jan 1773; m. (1st) ABIGAIL LOCKWOOD; m. (2nd) DEBORAH BARLOW
9. HANNAH GORHAM, b. 21 Feb 1693/4
10. BENJAMIN GORHAM, b. 11 Dec 1695; d. before 1 Feb 1772; m. BETHIAH CARY
11. THOMAS GORHAM, b. 30 Oct 1701

Tilley/Howland

JOHN TILLEY was baptized 19 Dec 1571, in Henlow, Bedfordshire, England, the son of Robert and Elizabeth Tilley. He died in Plymouth, Mass., in 1620, during the “first general sickness.” He married **JOAN (HURST) ROGERS**, 20 Sep 1596 in Henlow.¹⁵⁰ Joan was baptized 13 Mar 1567[/8] in Henlow, the daughter of William Hurst and Rose Marshe.¹⁵¹

According to Bradford, “John Tilley and his wife, and Elizabeth their daughter” were passengers on the Mayflower. “John Tilley and his wife died a little after they came ashore. And their daughter Elizabeth married with John Howland...” John Tilley was part of an expedition led by Miles Standish, on 6 Dec 1620. “The voyage along the coast was bitterly cold.” John’s brother Edward Tilley also was a Mayflower passenger and along with his wife Agnes Cooper, also died in the first winter.¹⁵²

Children:

1. ROSE TILLEY, b. 23 Oct 1597
2. JOHN TILLEY, bapt. 26 Aug 1599
3. ROSE TILLEY, bapt. 28 Feb 1601/2
4. ROBERT TILLEY, bapt. 25 Nov 1604
5. **ELIZABETH TILLEY**, bapt. 30 Aug 1607, Henlow; m. JOHN HOWLAND

ELIZABETH TILLEY was baptized 30 Aug 1607, in Henlow, England. She came with her parents, to New England in 1620 on the Mayflower. She married fellow Mayflower passenger **JOHN HOWLAND** in about 1624. John was born “say 1592”¹⁵³ and was the son of Henry and Margaret Howland, of Fenstanton, England. He died in Plymouth, Mass., 23 Feb 1672/3, “aged above 80 years.”

John Howland was one of the manservants of John Carver. During a bad storm during the crossing, John was swept overboard, but, in William Bradford’s account, “it pleased God that he caught hold of the topsail halyards (though he was sundry fathoms under water) till he was hauled up by the same rope to

¹⁵⁰ Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#).

¹⁵¹ Eugene Cole Zubrinsky, “A Fresh Look at the Parentage of Mayflower Passenger Joan (Hurst) (Rogers) Tilley,” *The American Genealogist*, vol. 85 (Nov 2011), pp. 1-8.

¹⁵² Robert Charles Anderson, [The Great Migration Begins](#).

¹⁵³ In genealogy, “say” means it’s an educated guess, not as certain as “about”.

the brim of the water, and then with a boat hook and other means got into the ship again and his life saved. And though he was something ill with it, yet he lived many years after and became a profitable member both in church & commonwealth.”

Children:

1. **DESIRE HOWLAND**, b. say 1624; d. 13 Oct 1683; m. [CAPT. JOHN GORHAM](#)
2. JOHN HOWLAND, b. 24 Apr 1627; d. after 6 May 1693; m. MARY LEE
3. HOPE HOWLAND, b. 30 Aug 1629; d. 8 Jan 1683, Barnstable; bur. Lothrop Hill Cem.;¹⁵⁴ m. JOHN CHIPMAN
4. ELIZABETH HOWLAND, b. say 1631; d. 26 Jan 1692; m. (1st) EPHRAIM HICKS; m. (2nd) JOHN DICKERSON
5. LYDIA HOWLAND, b. say 1633; d. after 11 Jan 1710/11; m. JAMES BROWN
6. HANNAH HOWLAND, b. say 1637; d. about 1705; m. JONATHAN BOSWORTH
7. JOSEPH HOWLAND, b. say 1640; d. Jan 1703/4; m. ELIZABETH SOUTHWORTH
8. JABEZ HOWLAND, b. about 1644; d. about 1712; m. BETHIAH THATCHER
9. RUTH HOWLAND, b. say 1646; d. before Oct 1679; m. THOMAS CUSHMAN
10. ISAAC HOWLAND, b. 15 Nov 1649; d. 9 Mar 1723/4, Middleborough, Mass.; bur. Cem. At the Green;¹⁵⁵ m. ELIZABETH VAUGHN

¹⁵⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/16878918/hope-chipman>

¹⁵⁵ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17967537/isaac-howland>

Bown Aunts and Uncles

This section is taken from Hazel Bown Gilbertson's "Bown-Clark Family History" with only slight edits, including omitting birth dates of living individuals. Some of the information has already been mentioned in the Bown section of this book.

Emma Bown Peck

I knew all my Bown aunts and uncles. Emma, who was born on July 13, 1855, died on Dec. 13, 1920, at the age of 65. On Feb. 15, 1876, Emma Jane, then 21, married Albert Peck, who was then 32. Albert was born July 16, 1844 in Great Barrington, Berkshire County, Mass.

His father, Nathan Peck, born in Mass., and mother, Emma Peck,¹⁵⁶ born in Conn., two sisters Kate and Caroline, and two brothers, George and Charles, and Albert came to Winnebago County, Illinois, in 1855. They were well educated. Albert was 11 when the family moved west. They were more scholars than farmers.

I remember my father saying that one brother wrote poetry and I think, went to California, where he taught in a small college.

The Peck family came to Black Hawk County, Iowa, in November, 1862.

After Emma and Albert were married, they lived on the 80 acres Emma had inherited from her father, William Bown. They had William Stephen born Feb. 12, 1877 and died March 14, 1944 at the age of 67, and Forrest Elmer born Oct. 16, 1892. My father said Forrest was the best "hog-man" in Black Hawk County. His hogs were the biggest and the best.

About once a year when I was a sub-teen, I stayed overnight with Aunt Emma and Uncle Albert. I slept in the "spare" room on a feather bed. This room was off the parlour and was "scary" it was so quiet. Our house was never that quiet. Aunt Emma was jolly and a good cook. Since Uncle Albert came from New England where pie was a favorite, even for breakfast, there was always pie on the table. Many homemakers left condiments and other foods on the table all the time. The table was covered between meals with a white embroidered, feather-stitched cloth that hung well below the table edge. In my home, the table was so long that we did not do this. Aunt Emma's pretty cloth fascinated me. There were always cookies and doughnuts under that cloth.

In those days (early 1900s) many peddlers went from door to door and farm to farm selling all sorts of items. Towns were not near, there were no baby-sitters, and women often

¹⁵⁶ According to a database in Rootsweb.com, her maiden name was Emma Louise Grinnell.

did not leave the farm for weeks and when visibly pregnant were not to be seen away from home.

Peddlers had much for sale, sewing supplies, cloth, lace, kitchen equipment, some foods, spices, coffee, tea, patent medicines for man and beast, and much more. Two peddlers who came regularly were Raleigh and Watkins. If the housewife did not have cash, the peddler would accept chickens. His wagon was always equipped with a chicken crate.

On one of my visits to Aunt Emma's, a peddler came after supper. He wanted his supper, to stay all night and to have his horse fed and stabled. Our supper had been onions and potatoes fried together. On mine, Uncle Albert put a generous slice of butter. It was very good. Aunt Emma did not think the peddlers would like the potatoes, but he ate every scrap that was left. To pay for all this, he would enlarge a photograph. From the photograph, he made a (perhaps 15x 20 inches) charcoal drawing and framed it. In our parlour, there was one of William Bown, Martha Hall Bown, Matthew Clark and Sarah Clark and her funeral flowers, also one of Hazel and Ronald, when we were about 2½ and 1½. Our parlour was scary. Mary Ann Bown Hemen¹⁵⁷ has the ones of Martha and William Bown.

Once Aunt Emma was persuaded to go to Waukegan, Illinois when her mother went to visit her step-mother and half-sister, Jennie. While she was away, a mouse made a nest in her feather bed and she declared she would never leave home again.

When the older son, Will, married Maude Short, Sept. 10, 1903, a second house was built a few rods away. Forrest and his parents lived there. Emma died Dec. 13, 1920 and Albert died April 27, 1922. My memory of Aunt Emma is a jolly, chubby, hard working woman who seemed to be always cooking. I wish I had her recipe for "cold catsup." I loved it. My memory of Uncle Albert is a quiet reserved man who enjoyed reading and studying. Both houses they built had a bed-room off the kitchen. This room had a table and rocking chairs and served also as a sitting room. I have wondered if this did not come from Uncle Albert's New England heritage where every house had a kitchen bedroom or "borning" room.

Will Peck's wife, Maude, died July 1, 1917. They had one child, Charlotte Colitta, who was born Sept. 20, 1907. She married Julius Flagstad, Sept 25, 1952, and lived in South Dakota until retiring in 1973 and moving to Cottonwood, Arizona.¹⁵⁸ Julius died Sept. 30, 1974.

After Maude's death, Will married Grace Byington on Feb. 12, 1919. I believe he met her on a train trip to western United States. She had gone west to take up a land claim. Will died March 14, 1944 and Grace died March 25, 1945. Grace and Will had 2 sons, Forrest Glen

¹⁵⁷ She died 4 Aug 1995, in Waterloo, Ia. It would be interesting if any of her descendants still have the drawings.

¹⁵⁸ Charlotte Flagstad died in January 1996, probably in Cottonwood, Arizona (SSDI).

born Dec. 13, 1920, and Wendell born April 12, 1925.¹⁵⁹ Forrest Glen married Geraldine Smith on Nov. 16, 1955 and were divorced in May 1967.¹⁶⁰ Wendell married Irene Osmundson on April 17, 1955.

Wendell and Irene lived in Cedar Falls, Iowa. I remember how good Wendell was to my parents. My mother was a semi-invalid for almost a year and seldom left the house. Almost every Sunday, Wendell would come to visit them. It was a bright spot in my mother's drab week.

Charles William Bown

Charles William, the oldest son and second child of William and Martha Bown, was born September 30, 1857 and died July, 1924, at the age of 67. He worked on the farm until he and his brother, John, bought an interest in a grocery store in La Porte City, Iowa, known as "Bown Brothers and Hunt."

While in La Porte, he married Bertha Sharp who passed away from an infected cold sore, I think. He then married Alta Hubbard. They had one son, Hubert, born on March 21, 1888 and died on July 2, 1888. He is buried in West View Cemetery in La Porte. When I arrived, they gave my parents Hubert's cradle. That cradle rocked all the children of Omar and Martha, Harold and Stella's Marlene, and some of Will Peck's children. It was restored and given to the Historical Museum in Waterloo. It is an unusual type, a slat basket suspended on the ends from a wooden frame. In 1896, soon after Alta's death, they sold the grocery store and moved to Waterloo, where they opened the "Bown Brothers Real Estate" office — they built houses, sold houses and managed rental property.

One of Charles' clients was a widow, Agnes Balliet Knox. She became his third wife. She was quite wealthy and had a large house across from the park on the East side of Waterloo. She had twin boys, John and Robert Knox. She always had a maid — often they were from Scandinavia and spoke little English. Agnes helped them with their English and taught them to be good maids.

Her house seemed very elegant to me. There was a large oil painting of a man in the reception hall, the parlour had beautiful formal furniture, the sitting room many comfortable chairs. The dining room and kitchen were large and connected by a butler's pantry. About once a year, my parents were invited there to a meal. As we grew older, we were included. I was awed by all the grandeur, especially the electric button under the table, which stepped on

¹⁵⁹ Wendell W. Peck died 12 July 2006, in Cedar Falls, IA (Findagrave.com). Also see his obit at http://www.dahlfuneralhome.com/sitemaker/sites/DAHLVA1/obit.cgi?user=1604_PWendell1277

¹⁶⁰ Forrest Glen Peck died in Oct 1984: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/8420724/forrest-g.-peck>

called the maid. I was surprised by the small plate of bread. At our house, the bread plate was piled high!

I am sure Uncle Charley made money, but not enough to live as they did. He had a diamond ring, they had Cadillacs, had a trip to Europe and both wore expensive clothes. I do not think the sons ever accepted him. He was nervous and never seemed at ease.

Aunt Agnes was kind and patient with him. She said, "I get ready and put my hat on, if we are going out, then he calms down." In those days there were city people and according to city people, country people or "Hay seeds" or "Hicks." This was true of even small towns. I am happy to say it is different today. Aunt Agnes was a lady and never made one feel countrified or inferior. It was an event when we were allowed to go to Waterloo, 12 miles away, we traveled by horse and carriage and had lunch in Friedel's restaurant. Once when my brother Ralph went, he saw women wearing ear rings.

He knew that before his father put the cattle in the summer pastures with other men's cattle, he put a tag in one ear. Ralph was amazed to see women "tagged" in both cars. Aunt Agnes thought that was the smartest, cutest observation she had ever heard.

When I taught in Orange School in 1919, Uncle Charley found me ill when he came to visit me one evening. He took me to the doctors. I stayed that night with Aunt Alice Wilson, my mother's sister. The next morning, I was taken by ambulance to St. Francis Hospital. I had typhoid fever, my parents were in California and Uncle Charlie looked after me.

The first car we had was a Cadillac, given or sold to my father by Uncle Charlie when they bought a new car.

When Aunt Agnes passed away (maybe 1922), he was frantic and loaded a truck with a bedroom set, table, chairs and linens and came to the farm to stay. He was sure Agnes' sons would not let him in the house. In a short time, he made other arrangements and went back to Waterloo. He spent much time in California after Agnes' death, and while there married a fourth time. Her first name was Alma. She survived him. He passed away in July, 1924, at the age of 67. I think he was kinder and more considerate of my father than his other brothers. He did not have a happy life.

John Anson Bown

John was the 2nd son and 3rd child of Martha and William Bown. He was born on July 1, 1861 and died on September 1, 1929, at the age of 68. Before his father died in 1890, he left the farm and with his brother, Charles, bought an interest in a grocery store in La Porte, Iowa.

In 1896, they sold the grocery and moved to Waterloo, where he and Charles opened a real estate office.

On April 26, 1888, he married Mary Elisabeth Howery. She was born in February 22, 1862, and died March 14, 1954, at the age of 88. She lived 20 years longer than her husband.

They had 2 children:

Glenn Carlton born March 31, 1890	Died on Dec. 2, 1974 ¹⁶¹
Marjory " September 23, 1892	Died on Jan. 18, 1963

John and Mary had a home in West Waterloo. Once or twice I went there to visit Marjory when Grandmother went to visit. On one of these visits, Grandmother lost her way when going to the bathroom and fell down stairs. One time they took us (I think Bessie was there that time) to a play "The Time, The Place and The Girl" - - This was the first stage play I had ever seen.

Marjory was 1 years older, and Bess was 3 years older than I. John's brother Ira, and his wife, Mary, had moved to Cedar Rapids when Bess (their daughter) was between 10 and 13. When Bess and Marjory came to visit me, the country cousin, we all slept crosswise in one bed. I felt very much like the country cousin with my black bloomers, when they had muslin pants with tucks and lace.

Glenn graduated from law school at Northwestern University in Chicago in 1913, practiced law in California until 1917. He served in World War I, where he was a 1st. lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps in France. Glenn did not marry. He lived with and cared for his mother as long as she lived, then built a house on the road between Waterloo and Cedar Falls. He had worked in Waterloo Mills since 1924.

Marjory graduated from Lake Forest, a girl's college near Chicago. Then after a tour of Europe, married Frederick Webster on March 19, 1924. He had one son from a previous marriage. Frederick was born on December 13, 1889, and died on January 19, 1963, at the age of 72. He was a helpless invalid the last years of his life. Marjory and Frederick had two children: The first was still-born and the second, a daughter, was named Jane.

¹⁶¹ Glenn is also buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Waterloo, IA. (Findagrave.com)

Ida Olivia Bown Campbell

Ida Olivia was the 2nd daughter and the 4th child of William and Martha Bown. She was born August 5, 1864, on the Bown farm, and died on April 4, 1953, at the age of 89. She lived the longest of all the children of William and Martha. She was 12 years old when her sister Emma was married, 26 when my parents were married (her brother Omar and Martha) and 33 years old when she married Alexander Campbell on November 4, 1897. Alexander was born January 7, 1864, and died on February 1, 1935, at the age of 71. He was only 7 months older than Ida. I was 4 years old when they were married and I can remember some things about the wedding. It was held in the evening, in the parlour of the Bown home,

There was much brewing and baking for the seated wedding dinner. The city relatives from Waterloo attended, so it was necessary to have finger bowls which were in style then. These were bought for the occasion as were two glass vases for flowers for the table. I have one of these bowls. Later in the evening, they took the train to New York City.

Their meeting and courtship is interesting. When William Bown had a large farm, he needed much help. Alexander Campbell's wife had passed away and he wanted to get away from New York. He went west and hired out to William as a farm hand. His New York friends thought Iowa was covered with warring Indians and wrote asking if he had trouble with the Indians. As a joke, he wrote back saying that when he plowed, he carried a shot gun.

He and Ida became interested in each other and corresponded for several years, then the letters stopped. During this time, Ira and Mary Fish had been married. My father and mother were married in 1890, several years before this riff between Ida and Alexander. (I have often thought that my mother must have greatly loved my father to come to live in an established home with a mother-in-law and a sister-in-law living there too.) Ira's Mary, as we called her because there were two Mary's in the family, decided to help Ida get married, she obtained Alexander's New York address and wrote him to say how much Ida missed him. He answered at once, came to Iowa soon after and would not go back until she married him. Both Ida and Alexander were 33 when they married.

They lived in New York City for many years and then lived in Larchmont, New York. Alexander was the son of a Scotsman, Rev. James Campbell and Margaret Gilchrist Campbell. He was connected with the Harlan lumber and Woodworking Company of New York, and also in the Insurance and Real Estate Business. Both are buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Ardsley, New York.

Ida and Alexander, or "San" as he was called, had two sons:

Colin born September 7, 1898¹⁶²

Gerald James born December 18, 1901¹⁶³

Colin married Sophie F. Timm on October 15, 1929 when he was 31. I believe that he graduated from law school. They have no children. They live in New York City. Gerald married Ruth Crooke in 1935 and lives in Homestead Florida. They have two sons - Richard and Allan.

I do not remember that "San" ever came back to Iowa, but Ida and the two boys spent many summers there as long as Grandmother lived. They had always lived in a large apartment building in New York. Our house had a porch off the woodshed and another off the dining room. One year, the morning after they had arrived in the night, Colin went onto the dining room porch. My father was on the woodshed porch. My father spoke to him, Colin rushed in the house to his mother and said, "That man next door talked to me."

In 1924, after I had graduated from University of Iowa, my parents, my college roommate and I took an auto trip East and visited Ida and "San" in New York City. After I married Henry and came to Maryland to live, Ida visited me several times. Once when Henry had a business meeting in New York, I went with him and we had lunch with Ida in Larchmont. She lived to be 89 years of age.

Ira Eli Bown

Ira Eli was the 3rd son and the 5th child of William and Martha Bown, born on August 5, 1864 and died on Dec. 27, 1937, at the age of 64.

On Dec. 3, 1889, he married Mary Fish, who was the daughter of Liberal Fish and Marion Briggs. Mary Fish was born on Oct. 21, 1864, in Otsego County, New York, and died March 3, 1946, in New Hampton, Iowa, at the age of 82. Both Ira and Mary were 25 years old when they married. They had two children, Bessie Maud born Dec. 6, 1890-died Jan. 5, 1968, and Hubert Liberal born May 3, 1895- died May 1, 1968. Bessie married James Bellinger on Dec. 3, 1914 in her father's home. A friend, Ethel Thompson, and I were the witnesses. They had two daughters, Marjory Maxine born June 13, 1916,¹⁶⁴ and Beverly Payne born July 22, 1919.¹⁶⁵

Marjory married Maurice Duvall in Long Beach, Calif. on Feb. 5, 1934. They had 3 sons: Robert, Richard and Rex. After the death of Maurice Duvall, she married Herbert Lee on Nov. 6,

¹⁶² He died July 1991, at the age of 92.

¹⁶³ Gerald died 12 Dec 1988.

¹⁶⁴ She died 5 May 2000, probably in Independence, Mo.

¹⁶⁵ She died 4 Jan 2000, probably in Blue Springs, Mo.

1949, and lived in New Hampton, Iowa. Beverly married John Cordell at West Plains, Missouri, on June 23, 1945. They were later divorced.

Both Ira and Mary are buried at Fairhaven Cemetery, Orange, California.

Ira and Mary lived on the farm in Cedar Township inherited from his father. When the children were in their early teens, the family moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. After several years, they came back to the farm. Both children graduated from La Porte City High School. Bessie studied music and after graduating from high school stayed at home for four years before she married James Bellinger on Dec. 3, 1914. He was born on April 1, 1891 and died on Nov. 16, 1975.¹⁶⁶

Hubert Liberal married Lila Bowman in La Porte at the beginning of World War I. They were divorced and on June 28, 1923, he married Kathleen Porter in Reno, Nevada. This marriage also ended in divorce and later he married Nellie Smith.

I knew Ira and Mary the best of all my Bown aunts and uncles. They lived on a farm near us. Bessie and Hubert were near the ages of Ronald and I. We went to the same country and high school, parties and church.

Aunt Mary Fish had lived in New York State where her father raised sheep. When she was 20, he brought his family to Cedar Township, Iowa. He bought a farm near La Porte and raised sheep.

As far as I know, Mary had no sisters, but she did have 3 brothers: Henry, Leon and Everett. Henry did not come to Iowa, but was a lawyer in New York State. Leon's wife was Aunt Kitty. She was pretty and kind and I liked her very much. I also knew Aunt Mary's mother and attended her funeral in La Porte. They had moved away, I do not know where. She was in church, when a chandelier fell from the ceiling and injured her so badly it caused her death. Leon and Kitty and Everett moved to Oregon. Once when my husband, Henry, went west on a business trip and I was with him, we visited Leon and Kitty. She was greatly crippled with rheumatoid arthritis at that time.

Mary taught school in Otsego, New York, before coming to Iowa. She taught herself the Graham System of Shorthand, studying after she went to bed at night. She was the first lady stenographer for the Order of Railway Telegraphers and worked in Vinton, Iowa, a county seat about 8 miles south of La Porte.

Ira Eli's wife, Mary, and my mother were good friends and enjoyed each other. When she, by hook or by crook, wrote the letter to Alexander Campbell about Aunt Ida pining for him,

¹⁶⁶ He is buried in New Hampton Cemetery (findagrave.com)

she did it because she thought that my meter was living with too many in-laws and that 7 years was enough. It worked.

There was only two years difference in age between Uncle Ira and my father. Both were farmers and "exchanged work" and farm implements. Uncle Ira was very proud of his farm animals and said they were bigger and better than other farmers.

Bess and I were good friends. We often stayed overnight at the other's home. My first year in high school, we traveled together by horse and buggy. In those days if a boy or girl went to a school in a town, the father paid tuition. Besides tuition, he had to buy books, all the school supplies, and pay the livery stable for leaving the horse there during the day. It was a 4 mile drive each way by the time we drove to the other's home. Education was not cheap then. No wonder so few boys and girls who lived in the country got a High School education.

In the pasture about half way between the farms was a large granite rock, large enough for 3 or 4 people to sit on. Sometimes on summer evenings, Bess and I would meet there to talk about whatever it is teen-age girls talk about. On the wall in Bess's bedroom, she had a large picture of a baby yawning. One of our games was to look at that picture to see how long we could keep from yawning too. Bess was a cheerful light hearted girl, who always saw the happy side. When she was 78 and living in New Hampton, Iowa, she went to sleep one night and did not wake up. Her husband, James Bellinger, was utterly desolate.

These stories may add some interest.

One night, Uncle Ira thought he heard someone calling, "Oh, Ireee! Oh. Iree!" He dressed and went to find the one in trouble. It was only a huge tomcat, catter-walling.

Another time, a mother hen was fussing after dark, Aunt Mary went out, put her hand in the coop and pulled out a large snake. Another time, Aunt Mary told Bess to give the baby chicks some water. They had made ice cream and the tub with the melted ice and salt was nearby. she dipped the pan in the tub and gave it to the chicks. They all died. Bess did a great deal of baking and I felt I had to do what she did. She made a "Quisset cake." I tried it. Mine was flat as a pancake and much harder. I did it a second time with the same results. My mother asked where I got the baking powder. It was from a baking powder can she put her dried starch in when she starched my father's collars.

Sometime after 1914, Ira and Mary sold the farm, went to Orange, California, and bought a small ranch. Both children also lived in Calif. I think they were happy there. Hubert stayed there, but Bess and her husband, Jim, came back and lived in Ozark, Mo., and later in New Hampton, Iowa. Mary lived with or near Hubert, but in 1945, she came to New Hampton to live with Bess until she passed away.

Hubert was a restless man, he lived in several places in California. After his 4th marriage, they went into a retirement home in Calif., then left that, had a house, sold it and came to Iowa and lived in Cedar Falls, then back to California again, then back to Iowa and bought a house in La Porte, where he passed away at the age of 73, in May 1968.

There were two furnishings in Bess's home, I thought were real luxuries, a silver caster — a silver tray on a stand that turned, was placed in the center of the table and held condiments as salt, pepper, mustard, horse radish, vinegar and oil all in pretty glass containers. The other was a "base burner," a stove that burned hard coal. It was about 5 feet tall and had isinglass insets on 3 sides. There was no flame. The coal glowed and burned for hours. The coal was fed from a hopper in the top of the stove. In our home, we had plain stoves that burned wood chunks.

Bess had a crippled finger which had only a small piece of nail. I have been told that when I was an infant, I needed a new diaper. Bess went into the next room to get it. When she came out, she closed the door on her finger which almost cut off the end.

Bess and Forrest lived near each other and some times played together. One of them, I don't know which, hit the other with the garden hoe and cut a gash in his or her head.

When Bess was small, her mother made a chocolate pie, put it on the table to cool and went outdoors to feed the chickens. When she came back, Bess met her at the door, held up her hands and said, "My hands are dirty, I guess they will have to be washed". She had eaten the pie filling.

Farms had cows, the cream was churned into butter, put into crockery jars that held three pounds, then taken to the store to be traded for groceries. Once Bess went to town with her parents. They drove a horse on a buggy, the jars were put beneath the seat, but they slid forward and Bess got her feet in the jar and stomped up and down smearing her mother's wine wool dress and herself with cutter.

When Uncle Ira went to La Porte, he always brought home 0.25 worth of beef steak. It was pounded, dipped in flour and fried and was good. I liked being there on those days. One of Aunt Mary's specialties was a cake with fig filling — I loved it. I have many pleasant memories of this aunt and uncle.

Luella Maude Bown

Luella Maude, the 7th child and 3rd daughter of William and Martha Bown, was born November 3, 1874, when Martha was 45 years old. Luella died October 5, 1875 - 10 months

and 25 days.¹⁶⁷ She is buried in the country cemetery¹⁶⁸ south of the Bown school in the same plot as her parents, William and Martha, and her grandparents, Samuel and Eleanor. Her brother, Ira, and his wife Mary named their daughter for her - Bessie Maude. My father, Omar, was 5 years old when this sister was born.

¹⁶⁷ If she died at age 10 months and 25 days, her death date would be 28 Sep 1875. Unfortunately I have not found any other death record. Her gravestone does not have a date of death.

¹⁶⁸ Anton Cemetery.

Clark Aunts and Uncles

The following is taken from Hazel Bown Gilbertson's Bown-Clark Family History. I have taken the liberty of making a few minor corrections and formatting changes.

Margaret Bell Clark

Margaret Bell Clark Walts Kline was the first child and oldest daughter of Matthew and Hannah Hayes Clark. She was born in the farm home in Eagle Township, Black Hawk County, Iowa, on June 11, 1867.¹⁶⁹ Her father was 27 and her mother was 22 when she was born. She attended the Gardner country school in Eagle Township. In 1888, her father moved, the family to La Porte City. She was 21. I do not know if she was married at this time. She married ----- Walts¹⁷⁰ and their only child, Alvin, was born on March 8, 1895. Alvin died in Modesto, California, in 1957, age 62, leaving his wife, Hazel Outland Walts and 3 children: Marie, Ruby, and Kenneth.

Margaret became a widow when Alvin was a small boy, probably 5 or 6 years old. They lived in La Porte where Margaret helped in homes where there was illness, new babies and more work than the mother could manage.

She was a good nurse. When I was 5 or 6, I had pneumonia. She came to the farm home to nurse me. I remember her fondly. It must have been in April, for on Easter my father gave her a baby chick for me to see. I remember I was too weak to hold the chick in my hand and she helped me.

When I was very young and Aunt Mildred, who was teaching in the elementary school in La Porte, lived with her because Grandfather Clark's third wife made life so miserable for Mildred. I stayed all night at Aunt "Maggie's." It was the first time in my life I had been away from my mother. Alvin misbehaved and she sent him to bed without his supper. This frightened me. When my mother came to get me on her way to church the next morning, I knew she was the most beautiful, wonderful mother in the whole world.

About 1902, she married William Musser Kline, who was born in Muncie, Penn. in October 1858. He was 9 years older than Margaret. They had three children:

¹⁶⁹ Margaret died July 22, 1960, in Modesto., Calif., and is buried along with her husband, William Musser Kline, in Modesto Citizens Cemetery.

¹⁷⁰ Marvin Walts, who died in 1899.

Ruth Mildred born 1903¹⁷¹
William Elisha born 1905 died 1956¹⁷²
Archie Edward born 1907¹⁷³

They first lived in Wessington Springs, South Dakota, where Ruth was born. I am not sure if William and Archie were born in South Dakota or in California.

When my brother Harold was about 1 ½ years old, Aunt Mildred, Mother and Harold planned to visit them in South Dakota. I cried so hard they let me go too. We took our lunch on the train. Aunt Mildred had ground peanuts mixed with “boiled” salad dressing and I had my first peanut butter sandwich.

There were few roads in South Dakota. Uncle Will met us with a team of horses and a spring wagon and we drove across the prairie. There were no trees but prairie chickens, Jack rabbits and prairie dogs.

Ruth was a baby. Her clothes were kept in a box under the bed in the downstairs bed room. The little terrier dog chose to have her puppies in this box while we were there.

Other experiences were to go into Wessington Springs and see Indians on the street and in the stores, in fringed jackets and blankets. There were coyotes which stole some of the baby pigs and some chickens while we were there. Prairie chickens were plentiful and we had one fried for our train lunch when we went home. They had Indian ponies which Alvin rode to bring the cattle home.

Sometime later, the family moved to California and lived on a ranch in the San Joaquin Valley. My mother and I visited them there in 1920. They had many fruit trees and raised wonderful peaches. While pruning a fruit tree, Uncle Will fell, and this caused his death.

In 1958 my husband, Henry, went to California on an auditing assignment for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. I went with him. Aunt Mildred and Maggie were living together in Modesto. When we had supper with them, we had creamed, dried chipped beef because Aunt Maggie remembered I liked it so much. I remember her as a jolly chubby, hardworking aunt and enjoyed visiting her.

Ruth married Carlton McCann. They had two children: Mildred Evelyn and Donald Carlton. After her husband's death, she married Chester Talbott who has also passed away.

¹⁷¹ She was born Aug. 12, 1902, in South Dakota, and died Dec. 2, 1983, in Stanislaus Co, Calif. (California Death Records). She is buried in Acacia Memorial Park, Modesto, Calif. (findagrave.com).

¹⁷² He was born Nov. 14, 1904, in South Dakota, and died Jun. 27, 1956, in Santa Clara Co., Calif. (California Death Records). He is buried in Acacia Memorial Park, Modesto, Calif. (findagrave.com).

¹⁷³ He was born Jul. 10, 1906, and died Aug. 12, 1951, in Modesto, Calif.

She lives in the home they built in Modesto. William Elisha married Blanche McCarthy. They had two children: Bonnie Lou and Bruce. William died in 1956.

Archie Edward married Flora Saferite. They had one son - Archie Edward, Jr. or "Mike". Mike was very active in 4-H California club and raised many prize calves. Archie died some years after William.

Alice Mary Clark Wilson

Alice Mary was the second daughter and second child of Matthew and Hannah Hayes Clark. She was born on April 25, 1868, when her father was 28 and her mother was 23. She was 10 months younger than her sister, Margaret. The family lived on a farm in Eagle Township. She attended the Gardner one room country school.

In 1838, when her family left the farm and moved to La Porte, she was 20 years old and teaching school. On April 2, 1890, she married John Wilson. She was 22 years old and he was 26.

She attended "normal" school at Cedar Falls. This is now called the University of Northern Iowa. When they were first married, they lived in a small town, Bristow, which was north of Waterloo. When I was an infant, my parents and I went there on the train to visit them, I have been told.

They had four children:

Glenn	born August 29, 1891	
Ray	born October 11, 1894	died October 21, 1961
Faye	born June 1, 1901	
Wayne	born November 1, 1903	died June 14, 1968

For several years, they lived on farms, including the Wilson Homestead. I think I remember that John's father abandoned the family and that his mother and her family did the farming and paid for the farm. John had two brothers and two sisters. He had great affection for this farm and owned it as long as he lived. Had he lived six months longer he would have been 100 years old. They lived on many farms, one only a few miles from the Bown farm. One night the pigs got out of their pen and upset the chicken coops. While chasing them, Uncle John ran into the clothes line which hit him under the chin. He called to Aunt Alice and went into the house to get a drink of water so he could tell if his neck was broken. They also lived on an acreage on the edge of Waterloo. This place had fruit including berries.

To escape Iowa winters, the family spent many winters in California, Glenn and Ray were quite grown up at this time. Glenn had left the farm in his middle teens and was selling books, papers and snacks on thru railroad passenger trains. He later was a salesman for "The World Book Company." He married Elizabeth Fedderson June 21, 1913, when he was 22. They were later divorced and he married Gladys Becker on May 18, 1941.

Ray married Rita Maston of Waterloo on August 1, 1914 when he was 20. They lived in Compton, California. Their three children now live in California. Ray had an automobile tire business. Rita was born on July 3, 1892, and died on July 3, 1955. Ray died on October 29, 1961.

Faye, who was born June 1, 1901, married John G. Wright. John had a sheet metal business in Waterloo. Faye worked in Woods Millinery Store. She was perfect for this selling job as she had great flare for color and style and ability to make people feel good, Faye and John were married on August 11, 1941. John passed away on August 6, 1962.

Wayne was born on Nov. 1, 1905, and passed away on June 14, 1968. He married Bonny Hull. They had a grocery specialty store. My parents liked to buy groceries there. When he was a small child, Wayne had spinal meningitis. He recovered, but it seemed to me, he was always very nervous. He had one son, Wayne Jr.

Aunt Alice was my favorite aunt and my mother's favorite sister. They were fond of each other and good companions. When I had typhoid fever, I went to Aunt Alice's from the hospital until I could go to my parent's home.

Aunt Alice worked hard. She always had curls as she "put her hair up on curl papers". She liked to read, especially the "Saturday Evening Post". She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Waterloo Woman's Club. She had a good mind. Uncle John admired her intelligence. I recall once when he was trying to make up his mind about a problem, he asked Aunt Alice's opinion. She was slow giving it and he sputtered, "What is the matter, Alice, can't you think, can't you think?"

They sometimes came to visit Sunday afternoon and Mother would ask if they would stay to sup or and Uncle John would say, "Yes, yes if you will have bread, a poached egg and a cup of tea."

One of the sorrows of Aunt Alice's family, and all who knew her, was that she had a crippling stroke and was bed fast for 4 ½ years. She was one of the world's rare and beautiful women. Aunt Alice died September 16, 1949, at the age of 81.

Mildred Jane Clark

Mildred Jane was the oldest child of Matthew and Sarah Riskemaier Clark. She was born in 1876 in the farm home in Eagle Township and attended the Gardner one room country school until at age 12, in 1888, her father moved to La Porte City. She then attended La Porte High School, graduating in 1896.

Her mother died in 1893 at the age of 44, five years after moving from the farm into town. Mildred was then 17 years old. She had a sister, Myrta, two years younger, and a brother, William, four years younger.

After graduating from high school, she taught elementary school and attended normal school (Teacher's College) at Cedar Falls. She taught in the La Porte schools for about 10 years. Another teacher was Jennie Eager. They were particularly good friends all their lives.

In 1907, her father moved to Des Moines, Myrta had married Walter Boomhower and was no longer home. Will had graduated from high school. Both Mildred and William attended Business College in Des Moines. After graduating, Mildred was a secretary for Bankers Life Insurance Company in Des Moines for many years.

Sometime later, probably between 1920 and 1925, she moved to Long Beach, California, and was secretary in an apartment complex. She was also secretary for a movie executive.

After Aunt Maggie was left alone, Mildred went to Modesto, California, to live with her. She passed away in Modesto, Aug. 1949, but her ashes are buried in West View Cemetery in La Porte, Iowa,

In the days when Aunt Mildred was young, it was a disgrace not to be married. These women were unsung heroes. It was they who helped when there was illness or misfortune in any relative's home. If they worked, it was they who loaned money for necessary and unnecessary things.

Aunt Mildred kept house for her father as long as he lived, she finished raising her sister and brother, who were younger than she, when her mother died. Her sister, Myrta, often needed financial help and when Myrta died, Mildred took her daughter, Leona, provided for her and gave her piano lessons until she became a good musician. She did all this while keeping house for three or four, in addition to having a full-time job.

I owe a debt to Aunt Mildred — it was she who encouraged me to go back to college and get a degree, so I could get a better teaching job and a better salary.

When we needed someone to stay with my mother during her last year, Mildred made a 3-day journey from California in a day coach. She was an unsung hero.

Myrta Mae Clark Boomhower

Myrta Mae was the second child of Sarah Riskemaier and Matthew Clark. She was born in April 1878 in the farm home in Eagle Township, lilac]: Hawk County, Iowa, and attended the Gardner country school.

In 1888, when she was 10 years old, her father moved the family to La Porte City. When she was 15 years old, her mother died, in 1893. After this, her sister Mildred managed the family which consisted of father Matthew, sister Myrta and brother William. After moving to La Porte, she attended the La Porte schools.

It would seem she was 19 or 20 when she married James Walter Boomhower, born March 1875 in La Porte City. His father had emigrated from Germany when a young man and had died in 1893 in La Porte City. James Walter died 1943¹⁷⁴ – age 63.

Myrta and James lived in La Porte City and Waterloo, Iowa. Their children Leona, Wallace, Burnam, Paul and Merle were born in Iowa. The family then moved to Weiser, Idaho. Myrta died at the age of 51, on February 29, 1909, at the birth of her youngest son. The baby died too. Merle was under 2 years old when his mother died so they had not lived in Weiser long when Myrta passed away.

The children were separated. Merle had foster parents and writes "I only saw my father only a couple of occasions. I was forty then and lived in California. The only time I and my 3 brothers were together was at my father's funeral. When I went to High School in Weiser, Idaho, I looked up my mother's burial site and put a marker on it."

Walter married again. Paul was raised by his stepmother in Ohio where he went to school and college and became a Government land conservationist.

"Bud" or Burnam lived with his father and stepmother. After she moved to Ohio, he lived with his father, Wally lived in a school and orphanage, Leona went to live with her mother's sister, Mildred, in Des Moines, Iowa.

When their mother passed away, the children were 2, 5, 8, 10, and 11 years old. This was very sad.

In 1948 when I went to California with my husband, Henry, who was on an inspection trip for U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, I saw Merle. We had invited Aunt Mildred to Berkeley to visit us. We went to San Francisco where Merle was manager of a large cafeteria. The next year, we

¹⁷⁴ Died Aug. 12, 1943 according to Findagrave.com, buried Modesto Citizen's Cemetery.

went back to Modesto, Calif., to visit Aunt Maggie and Aunt Mildred, Aunt Mildred had passed away the previous day and Merle was there to help with arrangements.

Leona remembers being on the Bown farm and the swing we had and I can faintly remember her as a little girl. Ralph remembers seeing some of you in California. He gave me Wally's address. He said it was 10 or 12 years old. It has been very exciting and satisfying contacting far away cousins and thought this address I got in touch with others.

Faye Wilson Wright, a cousin, who lives in Waterloo, Iowa, remembers once when Aunt Myrta and her family came to visit them, and gave Leona a ride on her horse. First she sat in front of Faye and then sat back of her. Leona fell off in front of the cows. It frightened them and there was a stampede. Uncle John Wilson was in the lot and escaped being trampled by climbing a fence. Faye and Leona saw the humor in the situation, but Uncle John did not.

William Clark

William Clark was the third child of Sarah Riskemaier and Matthew Clark. Born in 1883, he was about 5 years old when his family moved to La Porte in 1888. Most of his schooling was in the schools there.

When he was 10, his mother died at 44 years of age. His sister, Mildred, then became the homemaker for her father, sister, and brother. He and a friend, John Ravlin, often rode their bicycles out to the Bown farm. They bought rifles and shot our barn pigeons. My brother, Ronald, and I did not like that. William also teased us and we did not like that either. Sometimes, he came and stayed a few days.

In 1907, his father moved to Des Moines. He and his sister, Mildred, attended Business College there. Then he moved to Coon Rapids, Iowa, where he worked in a bank and where he married Annie Humphrey. Her father worked in a bank in Davenport, Iowa.

William and Annie had one son, William, Jr., who was born in Coon Rapids. He was a very neat boy. I remember once when he was in the basement at the Bown house, he rushed up stairs and said to his mother, "Are my hands dirty or do they just look that way down stairs?"

Bill, as he was called, and Annie spent part of their honeymoon at our house. We thought their "smooching" was very indiscreet.

When young Bill was in his early teens, they moved to California. Here Bill worked for U.S. Customs and here Annie divorced him.

William made a home for young Bill while he went through medical school. William died in California and his ashes are buried in West View Cemetery in La Porte, Iowa.

Siblings

The section below is taken from Hazel's Bown-Clark family history. I have taken the liberty of abridging it as well as removing references to living persons.

Ronald Adelbert Bown

Ronald Adelbert Bown, the oldest son of Omar Adelbert and "Mattie" Bown, was born on May 14, 1895, on the Bown farm, and died March 17, 1977, age 82, in Denver, Colo.¹⁷⁵

He attended the Bown country school and graduated from La Porte City High School in June 1914. In the fall of 1914, he enrolled in the Dental department of the Iowa State University at Iowa City. After one year there, he transferred to Denver School of Dentistry in Denver, Colo. graduating on June 7, 1917. His parents went to Denver for his graduation.

On September 20, 1916, he married Helen Madywell, who was born on Dec. 24, 1891. Ronald set up a practice in Ordway, Colorado, in the Rocky Ford melon country, but Helen did not like it there and they moved back to Denver, where he practiced dentistry for 53 years. Ronald divorced Helen, then married Beatrice Do Ran in April 1940 whom he also divorced. He later married Ethel Schnepf on July 6, 1946. She died Nov. 16, 1971.

Ronald and I were 18 months apart and played together constantly before we went to school. North of the house was an orchard set out by William Bown, our grandfather. He bought a variety of apple trees from a traveling salesman. When they began bearing apples, they were all crab apples. This was a great disappointment to William and Martha. It was the best place to play and hunt birds' nest. Once when Ronald was stretched lengthwise on a limb, so he could look in a bird's nest, the robin attacked him. Another time, he was chasing a cat and climbed over the garden fence which had a row of pickets at the top. He got hung up on a picket by the seat of his pants and had to be rescued. We made many playhouses. Once we did our canning by filling bottles with the seeds of soft maple trees. We put water in the bottles and corked them. One morning a little later, there was glass all over the playhouse. The seeds had fermented and the bottles exploded.

We had a play farm using large cucumbers with stick legs for pigs and sticks for horses. These horses were tied to the fence but had to be ridden to the well to be watered.

¹⁷⁵ He is buried in Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, Colo.

They balked, danced, and pranced. This was before the days of overalls for small girls, but I rode the horses when they were taken for a drink.

There was a large grove of soft maple trees west of the house. In the spring, we tapped these by drilling a hole in the tree, pushing the core out of an elderberry branch, fitting it into the hole in the tree and putting a pail under it to collect the sap. We took the sap to the house and boiled it down on the kitchen stove. The result was delicious, but I don't know how our mother survived our syrup enterprise.

Ronald had rubber boots and could go splashing in the water. One day, I put my father's rubber boots on over my shoes. And then, I could not get them off. I was very frightened and thought I would end my days wearing those boots.

We had an old and very gentle horse, Jenny. One winter when the snow was very deep, we would both ride her to country school. Ronald would fasten the rein so she could not step on it, and she went home and stood in front of the barn door until my father opened it for her. In the summer, we often hitched her to a buggy and drove around the township, which was square — one mile on each side.

My second and Ronald's first year in High School, we drove a horse to La Porte. One year, we kept house in rooms over a bank. One year to earn some money, we both clerked in "Havens Store" in La Porte at Christmas time.

Ronald was always very neat. You didn't have to crawl under the bed to get his dirty clothes. They were in the clothes basket. When the men came to breakfast from the morning chores, he always took the broom and swept the side walk for mother. All waste water had to be carried out of the house, when Ronald was in his early teens, he dug a ditch, laid a pipe in it and connected it to the sink in the kitchen to make it easier for mother.

He was a nice-looking young man, wore his clothes well, drove his father's car so was popular with the girls in High School. His first year in college, he wrote a letter to his girlfriend and one to mother and put them in the wrong envelopes.

When both Ronald and I were in college at the same time, our parents were very poor. Our parents never questioned anything we thought we needed. They should have! At that time, mother told me that she had only 1 needle and dared not lose it as she had no money to buy another. One winter, she wore an old torn coat of Ronald's because there was no money to buy her a coat. Those "hard times" may have encouraged the other boys to never darken a college door.

Mother and Dad had several trips to Denver to visit and to take trips in the mountains. They enjoyed this and it kept them in touch with Ronald and his family. We were constant companions (Ronald and I) until we went to college. After two years in Teacher's

College, I was away from home teaching and Ronald too far away to come home often. We did not often see each other, but it is wonderful to have the memory of those early years.

Ralph Clark Bown

Ralph was the second son and the third child of Omar and "Mattie" Bown. He was born on August 29, 1899¹⁷⁶ and weighed 13 ½ pounds at birth. He attended the Bown country schools La Porte High School and Business schools in Des Moines, Iowa, and Denver, Colorado.

During World War I, he was inducted into the Army and trained as a Medic. When he was 4 years old, he had pneumonia which left some scar tissue on his lungs. When the Army discovered this, they gave him a medical discharge. He was stationed in western United States and continued to live there. He took some Mechanical training and became a Refrigeration Engineer. He retired to Macomb, Illinois, when, he was 65 and he and Ella now live there.

On September 21, 1922, he married Ella Pollock¹⁷⁷ of Macomb, Illinois. They had met in California. She first time he went to Macomb to see her, he was not sure she would know him. He wrote her that he would have a red handkerchief around his knee. She decided if he did, he would not see her! She stayed behind the depot until she determined there was no reel handkerchief. He was teasing her. After they were married, he farmed in Illinois for several years before being inducted into the Army.

They had two children: Allen William born on October 3, 1931 and died the same day; and Martha Ann born on February 14, 1933.¹⁷⁸ Martha graduated from Macomb High School and the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. On June 5, 1953, she married Stephen Sherwood Hotchkiss.

Ronald and were pals and Harold and Roger were pals. Ralph was in the Middle. Harold and Roger often ganged up against him. Once they jerked the little wagon, he was in. It broke a corner off his front tooth. Once when he was stooping over picking strawberries, they shot him in the seat with a B-B gun. His pants fit so tightly it bounced off, but it stung.

He was always nature for his age. Once when there was a school ice cream social on our front lawn, he played all the games and swung the girls as well as the older boys did, I suppose he was 10 or 11 then.

¹⁷⁶ He died in 1979 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Macomb, Illinois.

¹⁷⁷ She died in 1989 and is also buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

¹⁷⁸ Martha died Mar. 3, 2008, in Macomb, Illinois. See <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=25215436>

When we first had an automobile, the front seat was the prize place. Ralph may have been about 9 or 10 at that time. He would be the first one dressed, he would get in the front seat beside the driver, and when the rest of us arrived, he would announce, "'Well, I guess I might as well sit in the front seat!"

When he was three or four, a gypsy came. She wanted our father "to cross her palm with silver." When he would not, she said, "Bad luck will come to you!" After she was gone, we could not find Ralph. The entire family looked for him, in the pond, the grove, the railroad track, the house, the barn, the water tank for the animals. Then our father was about to call the sheriff, Ralph came out of the corn bin rubbing his eyes. He had seen the gypsy, been frightened, gone in the shelled corn bin to hide and fell asleep.

I recall once when he had a date, our father had run all the gasoline out of the car. Not to be bested, Ralph put kerosene in the tank and went hopping and banging up the road to the nearest gas station. Mother's comment was, "It serves Father right, he knew he wanted to use the car."

Ronald was not home much after he was 19, so Ralph was our father's "Right Hand Man." They farmed together and planned together, both liked a joke and Ralph was a great tease. Although he had left home, he was often in the area during our mother's last years and was a great comfort to our father during his last years and was the only one of his children with him during his last days.

Now that Ralph is retired, he helps Ella with the house work and cooking and has the most beautiful and productive garden I have ever seen. He has a mechanical mind and can repair or invent. He winds the clock every week as soon as the Lawrence Welk program begins on T.V. Ella teases him about this.

Written by Ralph Clark Bown

What I remember about the Cedar Ridge Stock Farm located four miles northwest of La Porte City, Iowa, and 12 miles south of Waterloo. Our father was Omar Adelbert Bown, mother Martha Ann Clark Bown. Brothers Ronald Adelbert, Harold Hall, Roger William and sisters Hazel Irene and Genevieve Lucile, who passed away at the age of seven. We were all born in the farm home. Hazel and Ronald graduated from La Porte City High School. Harold and Roger from West High in Waterloo. I attended La Porte High for 3 years, then dropped out during World War I to help with the farming. Hazel graduated from Iowa Ag. College at Ames, Ronald from Denver school of Dentistry.

The neighbors were the David Hubbard family, David, Amelia, Lottie, Dora and Roy. The S.O. Smalling family; the Liberty Hubbard family; the Jay Sprauge family; the J. E. Bown family;

the Albert Peck family; the McNaughten family; the Ripple family, the Harry Knight family. Harry was from England and our father's hired man for several years. He was married to Augusta, a Norwegian girl. The wedding took place in our parlour. He became one of the first R.F.D. mailmen.

Growing up on the farm, we all attended the Bown country school. Hazel, Ronald and I to grade 9. Harold and Roger attended the Bown school until we left the farm, then school in Denver, Col., and Long Beach, Calif.

Our life on the farm was a very happy one. We made our own entertainment. A high light of the winter was a box social at the country school. The women packed a bountiful lunch in a box decorated with crepe paper flowers and ruffles. The owner was secret. They were auctioned to the highest bidder. Many young men hoped they would buy the school teacher's box. This money was used for school supplies or equipment.

In the winter, we would slide down the hill in front of the house on a sled or a scoop shovel. There was a lake about one half mile from the house where we ice skated, fished or rowed a boat. Saturday was the day we went to town in a horse drawn surrey in the warm months or a sleigh in the winter. The driver in the winter would wear a coon skin fur coat, fur mittens, fur lined cap, heavy overshoes and have a heated soap stone.

Our first automobile was a 1911 Cadillac bought from Uncle Charlie when he got a new one. It had no front doors, dry cell batteries to start the engine which had to be cranked. The lights were carbide or a presto tank. Our second car was a 1916 8-cylinder, seven passenger. It had an electric starter, lights and horn and 36 x 4½ tires.

In the horse and buggy days, we sold butter and eggs in La Porte or Waterloo. For this an 8X3 foot spring wagon was used. It had a seat fastened to the frame with angle irons and a support for an umbrella. When we went to market, we had fig newtons, bananas, cheese and crackers to eat on the way home. What an event! As we drove south on Jefferson street, we saw a man on a bicycle lighting the Waterloo gas street lights. It took two hours to reach home.

The gas was made from coal. What was left was coke. Coke was used in the foundries. It made too hot a fire for stoves.

Another high light of the fall and winter was the boxes that came from Montgomery Ward, some clothing, groceries as dried fruit, codfish and crackers; cotton yardage for sheets, pillow cases and underwear, and some tools. I shall never forget the 8-day clock from Wards.

The Farm

The farm consisted of 227 acres. 187 acres where the buildings were and 40 acres along the Cedar River used for pasture and firewood for stoves. 37 acres west of the buildings was

slough, wet the year around. There were many granite rocks here. Our father laid tile and drained this field. The fall had to be just right so the tile would drain free. It took several years to cut down the bogs and dig out the rocks. The large rocks were blasted into pieces small enough to be hauled away on a "stone boat." This boat was made of logs with 3 inch bridge plank spiked across. Two iron stakes were driven down by the side. A chain was put around the rock. The horses then pulled it onto the boat. It took heavy harness and large horses to move these rocks. There were enough rocks to make 3 piles. The ground was plowed with a heavy 12 inch plow having a mold board 40 inches long. Bolted to the plow shear was a heavy knife. This cut the roots. When the plow scraped a rock, the horses stopped and waited until the rod was removed.

Machinery on the farm. A two-mold hoard 14 inch plow or gang plow using 4 horses, a 16 inch mold board or sulky plow using 3 horses, a harrow using 3 horses, a disc made of circular dished in circular knives. This cut the clods and needed 4 horses. The grain binder was 6 feet wide and used 3 horses. A bull wheel ran the sickle the elevator canvases, the buncher that made the bundle, the needle that put the twine around the bundle, the knotter that made the knot and cut the twine and kicked the bundle to the ground. Hay was cut with a mower that had a 6-foot bar sickle. A hay loader that clawed the dry hay off the ground and elevated it to the hay rack. A hay rack had half-moon spring steel teeth. This was used to rake the hay into rows. The hay was taken to the barn where a double harpoon fork carried it into the barn for storage.

A corn planter planted two rows at a time. The wheels packed the dirt on either side of the row. A check-row wire had buttons that tripped the planter every 3 ft. 6 inches --- three kernels to the hill. Seed corn was tested by the rag doll method. A piece of muslin was marked in numbered squares. As three kernels were taken from the ear, they were placed on a square. The ear had a corresponding number. When the squares were all covered and the muslin rolled up, it was thoroughly moistened and kept in a damp dark warm place. When germinated, it was unrolled, food kernels counted and the ear chosen an seed or discarded. In the fall, the corn was harvested by hand, thrown into a wagon pulled by two horses. A good husker gathered 100 bushels a day. Corn was scooped into a slatted crib. Oats was a nurse crop for clover. Clover, which built up the soil by adding nitrogen and humus to the soil, was fed with timothy to the horses.

Live Stock

Around 50 head of beef cattle and milk cows and 100 head of hogs, 15 to 20 sheep and 10 to 12 road, riding and draft horses comprised the farm live stock. The lambs were born in Jan. and Feb. The weather was cold and they had to be carefully cared for. If they were weak, they were put in a basket, dried and given warm milk with a little whisky and taken back to the

mother. Early lambs brought a good price at Easter. A good 4- or 5-year-old horse brought from \$200 to \$400.

The farm was completely covered with barn yard manure every 5 years.

The farmhouse was built by my grandfather around 1864. There were 8 bedrooms, a parlour, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, pantry, woodshed and 3 porches. Only 3/4 of the woodshed was covered with a floor; the other fourth was storage place for firewood for the kitchen range and heating stoves. A large cistern for rain water had been built under the floored section. After a furnace was used for house heating, wood chunks were stored in the basement. The first furnace was a Robinson, draft and check regulated by chains that ran to the sitting room. Stove wood was cut in the winter in the 40 acres along the Cedar River. It was brought to the farm yard and cut into useable size with a horse powered saw mill. Split wood was ideal for the cook stove, but we seldom had it. The cook stove had oven, warming oven and reservoir for heating water by an extension that slid into the fire box. There was no bathroom. A 3-holer in the back yard and a wash tub in the kitchen took care of those needs.

Family

Our mother was a wonderful cook and because it was the "Home Farm" almost all the holiday dinners were at our house and we supplied all the food. With children, parents and grandparents and hired help, there were 9 or 10 to be fed 3 times a day. There was a large garden. First was radishes, onions and lettuce. We always hoped for new potatoes and peas by July 4th. New potatoes were put in a pail of water with several small rocks. The whole thing twirled with an old broom handle. The rocks scraped off almost all the skins. Breakfasts were pancakes, oatmeal, eggs and almost always fried potatoes. Meat was from farm animals. Lamb, then pork, beef when the weather got really cold, then 1 or 2 more hogs in the spring which were dry salt cured, then smoked in the smoke house or with liquid smoke. There was much canning, preserving and pickling of fruit. Mother made 12 gallons of apple butter, some spiced, some with dried apricots, some with dried boysenberries, and canned many, many quarts of crabapples, leaving the stem on. Cabbage was stored in a barrel buried in the ground, root crops in the basement. There was usually a strawberry patch. I remember once enjoying fresh strawberries I was bent over and felt a sting. My dear little brothers had shot me with an air rifle.

My impression of Waterloo from my uncle's office window on 4th Street.

Fourth Street was the first street in the business area. There were nice driving horses hitched to rubber-tired buggies and one could hear the horses' hoofs on the pavement. All freight was hauled by drays pulled by horses. These were large horses, draft horses. We had our dinner at Friedel's restaurant. Mr. Friedel stood outside saying there was lots of room inside. Each food was a "side dish." Later, there was Bishop's Cafeteria.

Saturday and Sunday on the Farm

On Saturday evening, many people went to town (La Porte). We were clean from the skin out. That is when you saw all your friends and got the news. In winter, you went to town Saturday afternoon. Sunday was when relations came in to dinner or you went to their place. Dad had clippers and barber shears and used the weekend to cut hair.

Holidays

On Easter if we had new clothes, we went to church. On 4th of July, we went to a picnic or a celebration. Fairs were held each year. Women competed for prizes in canned and baked goods and needlework. Men competed in grain stock and vegetables.

State Fair

The State Fair was held in Des Moines. You went there on the train, rented camping equipment and stayed a week.

Grandfather Clark

It was always a treat when Grandfather Clark spent a few days with us. He was a very dignified man in every way.

Mother and Father

The most wonderful memory of our life at home was that we never heard a cross word between our father and mother. There was complete harmony and deep love. Each one of us had our work to do and we did it. We all tried to help mother in any way we could. The greatest help was remodeling the house. A bathroom was built, two downstairs bedrooms made a new kitchen. A 150-gallon tank was put in the attic with a overflow pipe. The windmill forced the water into the tank. A Delco light plant was added. Later R.E.A. supplied electricity. The produce man came for the eggs. The cream man came for the cream and left butter and cheese. Farm life is 100% different now than when we were growing up.

I, his sister Hazel, must add this story. As Ralph has said, we each had work to do. Once Ralph was sent to the corn field to plant pumpkin seeds. He had a hoe and a pail of seeds. A hole was to be chopped between corn hills, seeds dropped in and covered. Ralph did very well until most of the seeds were dropped, he became hot and tired and as he got to the end of the row, there was a nice pile of rocks with a hole underneath, he dumped the rest of the seeds under the rod, and covered them. It was a fine place for germination and there were pumpkin vines in every direction. "Your sin will find you out!"

One of the brothers was sent to the garden to plant onion sets.¹⁷⁹ He dug a trench and scattered them as one would scatter seeds. Mother's comment: "It took those sets all summer to get turned around so they could come up right."

Harold Hall Bown

Harold Hall was the third son and the fourth child of Omar and "Mattie" Bown. He was born October 6, 1901, and died October 25, 1970, at the age of 69. He married Stella Pearl Harris¹⁸⁰ on April 2, 1930, when he was 29 years of age.

He attended the Bown country school and high school in Denver, Colorado; Long Beach, California; and Waterloo, Iowa.

He farmed for a few years, then was a technician for Rath Packing Co. in Waterloo, Iowa, for 22 years. He liked a pretty home, planting trees and shrubs. He built a patio and a fish pond.

It is possible that Harold did not have a completely well day all his life. In spite of this, he worked hard for long hours and did not complain. He was a frail baby and young child. The neighbors and family told his parents that they would never raise him. In later years, mother felt badly that there were no baby doctors in her day. He did not eat well. Mother said that she did everything to get him to eat, even encouraging him to eat with his fingers. Because he was not well, he was fretful and short tempered. Once when mother scolded him for something, he said in a New England accent, "I thought I 'hurd' a little hot 'awar' (air) passing by." He had a caustic wit that always hit the nail right on the head. When he was ill and Marlene dished out the pills, he called her "Dr. Quack." He and Roger were constant companions when they were small.

Among their many escapades was hiding in the barn and shooting a B-B gun at the ducks as they swam by in a little stream. As I have said elsewhere, I feel it was most unfortunate that Ralph, Harold and Roger's schooling was spoiled by World war I and leaving the farm. It was most unfair and regrettable that they went from rural schools to large city schools.

Harold was the only child who had black hair. It stayed black all his life. He was said to resemble William Bown, his grandfather. In those days, one did not go to a doctor unless they were very ill, so a heart condition that Harold probably had all his life, was not discovered until he entered West High in Waterloo and had a physical exam. Although, it was never diagnosed, it is almost certain that he had rheumatic fever sometime between 10 and 14 years. He had to

¹⁷⁹ An onion set is a small bulb.

¹⁸⁰ Stella was born April 16, 1908, and died June 24, 1997, at age 89.

retire from Rath's because of a bad heart condition. When Harold and Roger were small and we went away from home, Mother dressed Roger and I dressed Harold. Harold and I were older when we married, so I was his companion longer than the other brothers.

Stories Harold used to tell his wife Stella and daughter Marlene

His father used to tell the boys that if they pulled the cockle-burrs out of the corn field when they grew up, they might be a cashier in a bank.

He also said on a family camping trip, they were squeezed in the tent so tightly, he had no place to put his feet.

It was the custom in our family to hide eggs at Easter. Each time they were gathered about 2 weeks before Easter, about half the eggs were hidden in a nest in the hay. On Easter morning, they were brought to the house as a surprise for mother. We always had strawberry jam for Easter breakfast. Treats brought by the Easter bunny were put in our shoes.

Our Grandmother Bown thought Hazel would come to a bad end because she giggled a lot. We loved watermelon pickles and there often was a fork beside the 3 gallon jar of pickles in the basement. The children played "Black Bear" in the dark just to frighten cousin Faye when she was visiting. They also used to hide the ponies from her. She would hunt but never found them.

Dad one time lost mother. I think they had gone from the farm to Waterloo to do errands. She had said she would wait in the bus depot and he forgot. He looked in the usual places and when he could not find her, called Aunt Alice. As they drove across 4th Street bridge, Faye saw a hat floating in the river. Faye thought "Oh no!" They went to the waiting station and there was mother sitting calm as a cucumber. Her comment to Dad was "Maybe the next time you will listen."

Roger William Bown

Roger William was the fourth son and fifth child of Omar and "Mattie" Bown. He was born on December 30, 1903 at the farm home, as were all the children. He went to the Bown country school, and when my parents left the farm, to high school in Denver, Colorado; Long Beach, California; and West Waterloo, Iowa. Evidence of how the country had progressed was that Ronald and I drove a horse 3 miles to high school. Roger and Harold drove a Model-T Ford coupe 12 miles to high school.

On June 19, 1925, he married Ida Mae Ingols, born April 14, 1904. They were classmates in West High. They lived with his parents for awhile and he helped his father farm. They then rented the "Ripple Farm" which was nearby.

After the "Ripple Farm" was sold to someone else, Roger and Ida Mae and the four older boys came to live with his parents and help with the farming. I think this was between 1935 and 1940. They bought a farm at Reinbeck, Iowa, then they moved to Wisconsin, then to Waterloo, Iowa for several years, and then back to Birnamwood, Wisconsin after he retired.

When Harold and Roger were small, they were constant companions. Roger encouraged Harold to get into mischief, he would say, "Do it Haldee, do it Haldee." As Harold was not well, Roger thought that he was less apt to be punished. The school teacher often roomed and boarded at our house, I can't remember if it was Roger or Ralph, who used to slip some uneatable item, as a piece of corn cob or a raw potato, into her lunch pail as a joke when mother was not looking.

Father bought them a Shetland pony, "Keepsake". They rode her and when she had a daughter, they drove them as a team. We had a gentle old horse, "Jenny", who was not stupid. Once Roger was riding her when he was very young. He was switching her, she would have *none* of that foolishness and walked under a clothes line and slid him off, then stopped and waited for him.

I was 10 when Roger was born. As the big sister, I was sometimes assigned to wash Harold and Roger's neck and ears. They thought I scrubbed hard. Roger would dance around and complain, "Mr. Johnson, that hurts, Mister Johnson, that hurts." Years later, he told me that he washed his children the same way, thinking the harder he washed, the quicker they would learn to do it for themselves.

Harold and Roger were quite disgusted because I did not marry, which I had no notion of doing, when I was about to earn some money teaching school. Our Aunt Mildred was not married and they thought one old maid in the family was enough. They gave me all kinds of advice, for example, "If you would buy some shoes that had some style, maybe you could catch a man." They never encouraged me to learn to drive a car. If I did, it would give them less chance to drive. Later, I did get married and I did learn to drive, but gave up at age 82. I loved my brothers.

Roger William Remembers

My earliest memory is of Grandmother Bown's funeral. I remember seeing the horse drawn hearse and the buggy procession. I was 4 years old.

My next vivid memory was starting to school. I was 5 years old and real thrilled about going to school. It didn't last long. About the second week, the teacher, Vera Anton, spanked my hands with a ruler. To this day I despise her.

My brother Harold and I had a B.B gun. We enjoyed shooting sparrows and shooting at the ducks swimming in a water hole. They really jumped. One day we saw our brother Ralph

swiping strawberries in the patch. We took careful aim. He was stooping over. His pants were very tight. Bang! He jumped two feet in the air. When our mother could keep her face straight we received a lecture.

Our cousins Faye and Wayne Wilson would come on Sunday with their parents to visit. Wayne was younger than the rest of us. We were always running away from him. One day the three of us ran around the house leaving him behind. The outdoor toilet was in the corner of the yard. We dashed into it. I peeked out the door to see where Wayne was, and lo and behold, there was my sister Hazel looking like a thunder cloud "I am going to tell mama on you!!! " I don't think she ever did.

We had a team of ponies that we enjoyed a lot. One time Mother and lad went to Denver to see Ronald graduate from Dental College. Hazel was in charge inside the house and Ralph outside. One day he made our sister angry. She chased him and he climbed up the windmill. My sister in no uncertain terms told him to come down. He only went higher. The wind was blowing a gale. Ralph said, "If you don't get out of the way, I'll spit in your eye." She wouldn't move. He spat and it did hit her in the eye. The way the wind was blowing it wouldn't have happened once in a thousand years. Boy was she mad!! We all headed for the hills. From here on I guess we grew up.

Genevieve Lucile Bown

Genevieve Lucile was born on June 27, 1912 and died on November 19, 1919.¹⁸¹ Mother was 42 when she was born. It was a difficult pregnancy with kidney infection. No one was sure mother or child would survive. When they did, we thanked God.

I think Harold named her. He was especially fond of her and often came into the house, lifted the blanket to look at her. Mother called her "Puss." When she was old enough to play outdoors, she had a little rat terrier dog, "Fido", who was her companion.

When the family moved to Denver, Colorado, she started school and was in school again when they moved to Long Beach, California. In November, she had rheumatic fever and pneumonia and passed away on November 19, 1919.¹⁸² Her grave is in West View Cemetery, La Porte, Iowa. It was a great sorrow to all of us. We had her such a short time. "Oh memories that bless and burn."

¹⁸¹ Hazel incorrectly wrote Nov. 20, 1920.

¹⁸² Again, I have corrected the date.