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EDITOR'S CORNER

by Glenn Lukos

The newsletter is proud to have the opportunity to present the work of Russell A. Lovell, Jr., curator of the Sandwich Archives & Historical Center. As you will see, Mr. Lovell's contribution constitutes the first five articles of this issue. I am especially proud to publish Mr. Lovell's work because I believe that it is the first scholarly work on the Bowermans done to date. I want to publicly thank Mr. Lovell for the time and effort he has spent putting his research into a format that could be published in this newsletter. Also, I beg all of you to use his research wisely. As you read his articles you will find no "exciting" new data, but only facts that have been available for centuries. Mr. Lovell, however, has organized those facts in such a way that they tell a new story, unseen by previous genealogists (Pope, Savage, Farmer, etc.). As I typed these articles into the computer for publication I made a startling discovery (discussed in article #132, "Barking up the Wrong Tree?"). Be sure to share with the newsletter any discoveries you make as you digest this work.

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SANDWICH ARCHIVES & HISTORICAL
CENTER

The Sandwich Archives and Historical Center was established by Town vote in 1977 and is run by a committee of five, representing the Town Clerk, Public Library, Historical Society, Historical Commission and a Selectmen's nominee. The Committee employs a part time secretary and up to three part time Archivists as projects require and as funds are made available. The Center is in the Town Clerk-Treasurer-Tax Collector Building and has access to original volumes of town meetings, vital records, military service, land, church, and tax records. They have their own library of over 500 volumes as well as old newspapers and files on genealogy, houses, historical subjects and cemeteries. Having published

the general town history book, they are now at work on the companion volume of Vital Records to 1884. Other publications for the future (if the Center survives) are diaries, early town records, and house stories.

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BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE?

[See article #36 for related information]

As we look through the secondary sources of early colonial records (such as Savage[A], Farmer[B], and Pope[C]) we see many references to a Thomas Boardman (or Bordman, Burman, Boreman, etc.). I believe that even a cursory look at the data indicates that these early records were clearly made by more than one individual. Russell A. Lovell, Jr. (curator of the Sandwich Archives & Historical Center) recently sent me his very detailed study of Thomas Bowman-Boardman in Sandwich MA. Like me, he believes that the early records of two Thomas' have been attributed to one individual by later compilers of those records. Unlike me, Mr. Lovell has taken the task of studying those records and attempting to assign each to the proper Thomas.

Much of this issue will consist of the Thomas Bowman-Boardman records. It is important to note that, like most genealogical interpretations, Mr. Lovell's notes and deductions are based on evidence. However, new evidence or different interpretations of the existing evidence may attribute given "facts" to a different Thomas. Use the notes herein as a guide, understand the reasons for each assignment of datum, and, if using these notes to complete your records, document those data as being from the appropriate article in B/BFN (or, better yet, go back to examine the sources cited in these articles and then cite those sources yourself). Never cite an original (or secondary) source without having seen it yourself.

After typing up Mr. Lovell's two articles and his accompanying tables of references I suddenly realized that we may be "Barking up the wrong tree" (genealogically speaking)

when we try to find our Bowerman connections in England. That is not to say that our Thomas[1] did not come from England. In all likelihood he did. But, he may not have been a Bowerman!!! In all the original references to him, his name was spelled a variety of ways, but never "Bowerman." The current spelling does not appear in the records until the second generation. It is recognized that our Thomas was probably illiterate and could not sign his name. The record keepers of the day could only write down what they heard. We will never know why the name stabilized to Bowerman in the second generation. Perhaps it was a conscious effort to avoid being confused with the other "Boardman" family mentioned in this article or another "Boardman" family in Ipswich. Perhaps it was an arbitrary standardization of the family name once members of the second generation became literate. It is very unlikely, however, that anyone from the second generation did any research to determine the "true" spelling of the family name in the "mother country."

Thus, anyone who plans to search for Thomas' ancestors in England, beware! The original family name may have been Bowerman, Boardman, Boreman, Borman, Burman, Bowman, or perhaps even something different yet!

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NOTES ON THOMAS BOARDMAN

by Russell A. Lovell Jr.

[Ed. note: this is not our Thomas Bowerman]

The first two entries on this man in Plymouth Colony Records[E] use the spelling Boreman. These establish that he was in Plymouth by early 1633 and that, as a carpenter, he was hired to repair the fort in early 1635. Thereafter the spelling Boardman becomes the most common form. In 1638 he and his wife Luce or Lucy figured in a notable scandal when it developed that they had had two children in London and she was again pregnant, but had never been married. At this point he is specifically described as living in Sandwich and a carpenter. He was sued by two Plymouth residents shortly after and compelled to sell the unexpired term of his indentured servant, which may have been connected with his legal trouble and removal out of Plymouth town.

He was clearly a resident of Sandwich in 1640 when he obtained a share of meadowlands, in 1643 when he was on the Arms list, and in 1644 when he was Surveyor of Sandwich town highways. The meadowlands distribution

was a highly controversial subject which had been enforced by Plymouth Court, so that original lists of the names and grants to people here were preserved both in Plymouth and in Sandwich, but with a few differences in details. He was Boardman in the Plymouth copy, but Bourman in the Sandwich. The term Surveyor does not imply an engineering skill, only that he was in charge of town road repairs.

By 1648 Boardman and family were living in Yarmouth where he bought land, was issued land, and took his turn on the Grand Jury in Plymouth. (In the Plymouth Colony government, four meetings of town deputies and magistrates were held annually, one in March when nominations were made for the coming year and new laws were proposed. In June the elections were completed and laws accepted, the Grand Jury was given its cases to consider, and magistrates given their chores in the various towns. In October the Grand Jury brought in its presentments or releases. In January, court cases were held, juries met, and other business conducted.)

Boardman served as Yarmouth Constable for two terms and was named on responsible committees regarding lands, Indians, and ministry in the 1650s and 1660s, so that his activities in Yarmouth are well documented. His wife died in 1676 and he remarried. He died in 1689 and there is no further record of his children, thus, this family appears to have become extinct in this country.

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NOTES ON THOMAS

BOREMAN/BOWERMAN/BOWMAN

by Russell A. Lovell Jr.

The historian of Saugus/Lynn, Alonzo Lewis (History of Lynn, Including Nahant, Boston: 1844), described the removal of about 55 families from Saugus in 1637 to settle Sandwich, under a group of ten proprietors. His listing of the names of these settlers found its way into Farmers' Register[B] and into Savage's Genealogical Dictionary[A]. It is regrettable that a Thomas Boardman of Ipswich was confused with the Saugus man, so that the name Boardman was applied to the Sandwich settler. However, he was clearly not the Thomas Boardman already settled in Plymouth since 1633.

Savage[A] goes beyond Farmer[B] in identifying the man from Saugus (renamed Lynn in 1637) as the one who later (1661) became a proprietor of new land in Middleboro. The Middleboro history by Weston[D] confirms

Boreman was, we suggest, a Sandwich resident from 1637 into 1639 although there is no town record to this effect. He is not mentioned in activities of the Plymouth Court and is not found in public service in the Colony Records in this period. There is no mention of him in Plymouth, Duxbury, Marshfield, Scituate, or Taunton (the only towns in this Colony beside Sandwich at this time). He was, however, not of Sandwich as of early 1640 when all the residents (even the single men of negligible estate) were issued a share of meadowland. Our assumption is that he became an early settler of Barnstable, which was established in 1639. His future father-in-law, Anthony Annable, moved to Barnstable in 1640 from Scituate.

begins with the Arms List of 1643 and shows town service, plus his marriage and children. His Grand Jury service in 1650 is confirmed by Amos Otis[F], who describes Thomas' property in West Barnstable. He died in 1663, well before his father-in-law, Annable. Thomas' son, Thomas Junior, born in 1648, inherited his father's property in Middleboro and Falmouth.

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by Russell A. Lovell Jr.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>QUOTE AND COMMENT</u>
			mentioned in the New England Historic and Genealogical Register (Vol IX, p315). However, I suggest that the Thomas Bordman, father and son of Ipswich who became freeman in 1635 and 1682 in the adjacent lines of this article, are not the man of Barnstable.
07 Jun 1648	PCR II, 124[E]	Barnstable	"Burman" a Surveyor of Highways.
04 Jun 1650	PCR II, 155[E]	Not specified	"Burman" on Grand Jury duty.
02 Oct 1650	PCR II, 162/3[E]	Not specified	"Burman" brings Grand Jury charges.
-- --- 1650	Otis, 81[F]	Barnstable	"Bourman" served on Grand Jury.
04 Mar 1650/1	PCR VII, 52[E]	Barnstable	"Burman" on a panel to decide a case.
08 Jun 1655	PCR III, 79[E]	Barnstable	"Burman" a Surveyor of Highways.
04 Jun 1661	PCR III, 216[E]	Barnstable	"Burman" on a committee to buy Indian land.
04 Jun 1661	PCR III, 217[E]	Barnstable	"Burman" to be given land at Saconesset.
-- --- 1661	Weston, 585[D]	Middleboro	"Bordman" appears as one of the undertakers of the "26 mens" purchase in Middleboro.
-- --- 1661	Weston, 586[D]	Middleboro	Also spelled "Burman" and is the man from Lynn and Sandwich. He also was in the later "16 shilling" and "Purchase" land purchases. He sold these allotments and does not appear as a settler of Middleboro in this volume at any time.
-- --- 1662	Weston, 596[D]	Middleboro	The "Purchase" land purchase does not show the name "Bordman" but includes the lot granted to Hannah, daughter of Anthony Annable. It mistakenly calls her Hannah Bumpus.
03 Jun 1662	PCR IV, 18/19[E]	Barnstable	Hannah Annable Burman allowed land as a child of an old comer, Anthony Annable.
-- --- 1662	Otis, 15 & 17[F]	Barnstable	Hannah Burman's grant of land shows she was born in Plymouth, not England.
28 Oct 1662	Otis, 81[F]	Barnstable	"Bourman" sold his farm to Robert Parker.
09 May 1663	Savage, 303[A]	Barnstable	"Burman" will names Hannah executrix.
01 Jun 1663	PCR IV, 41[E]	Barnstable	"Burman" estate to be administered by Annable, etc.
-- --- 1675	Weston, 619/20[D]	Middleboro	"Bordman" listed as a purchaser in the "16 shilling" lots. This would be Thomas Jr. who inherited his father's land interests here.
09 Aug 1678	Quaker, 48[K]	Sandwich	"Bourman" (Thomas Jr.) married Mary Harper. (In a listing of marriages in the Sandwich Meeting his name appears as Bowman).
09 Apr 1678	Otis, 81[F]	Not specified	"Bourman" (Thomas Jr.) married Mary Harper.
-- --- 1678	PCR VIII, 152[E]	Not specified	"Burman" (Thomas Jr.) fined for marrying himself.
08 Mar 1678/9	PCR VI, 6[E]	Not specified	"Boreman" fined for clandestine marriage.
08 Mar 1678/9	PCR VIII, 151[E]	Barnstable	"Burman" fined.
06 Feb 1680/1	Sandwich, 65[H]	Sandwich	"Borman" to be allotted land in Sandwich.
17 May 1682	Sandwich, 70[H]	Sandwich	"Bourman/Borman" given 5 acres adjacent to Robert Harper's land in Sandwich.
24 May 1683	Sandwich, 74[H]	Sandwich	A quarter-acre lot known as "Borman's Seller" is allotted to Samuel Prince.
22 Apr 1690	Otis, 81[F]	Falmouth	"Bourman" bought land of Jonathan Hatch and Robert Harper.
-- --- 1690	Weston, 593[D]	Middleboro	The "Bordman/Burman" share in the "26 mens" purchase now owned by Benjamin Nye (a Sandwich settler who deeded Middleboro lands to his son in 1704).
-- --- 1702	Trayser, 391[L]	Barnstable	Thomas "Bowman" Jr. listed as owning land rights in Cotuit sector, and as the one who lived in Falmouth. His brother Samuel who died in 1676 is called Boreman.

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SANDWICH A CAPE COD TOWN

Russell A. Lovell, Jr. recently published Sandwich A Cape Cod Town. The book, published 20 Feb 1985, has over 100 photographs, plus maps, charts, an index and bibliography. The text includes material from town records, diaries, early newspapers, records of Quakers, Indians, Sandwich glass, Thornton Burgess, and founding families. This would certainly be a valuable resource for anyone with ancestors from Sandwich MA. A copy may be obtained by sending \$20.00 plus \$1.50 for packing and postage, to Sandwich Archives, 145 Main Street, Sandwich, MA 02563.

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THOMAS BURGESS
CORRECTION TO ARTICLE #3
by Edgar Batchelder

Edgar Batchelder (41 Kensington, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069) is chagrined. Through correspondence with Curtis Gifford he finds that he made an error in article #3 of this newsletter. He referred to Thomas[1] Burges as Joseph[1] Burges. He, and the newsletter, hope that this has not caused any

inconvenience. Edgar hopes to make up for the error with the following documented information about Thomas[1] Burges.

Thomas Burges, a mariner from Wapping, and Dorothy Jorden, a widow were married on 22 Oct 1632 "L.B.L." Stepney Parish, Co. Middlesex. [L.B.L. stands for License, Bishop of London.] The source for this datum is Thomas Colyer-Fergusson, The Marriage Registers of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, County Middlesex, England, Vol. 1, p. 212 (1898).

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BENJAMIN ALBERT[10] BOWERMAN

Albert Swift[9], Benj.[8], Prince[7], Daniel[6], Barnabas[5], Daniel[4], Benj.[3], Thomas[2][1]

Benjamin A. Bowerman, a subscriber to B/BFN, died 26 May 1985 at age 76, in a Portland ME hospital after a long illness.

He was born 6 Sep 1908 in West Falmouth MA, the son of Albert S. and Lois Henderson Bowerman. Mr. Bowerman was the 10th generation direct descendant of Quaker, Thomas Bowerman, who came to Falmouth in the 1600's. Benjamin attended Falmouth MA schools and was a graduate of Moses Brown School and Northeastern University. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Bowerman was an engineer with Portland Pipeline Corp.

He was married to the former Myrtle Holiday, who died in 1982. He was a member of the West Falmouth Friends Meeting.

Survivors include two sons, Benjamin A. Bowerman Jr. of Livermore ME, and Thomas Bowerman of Gorham ME; two sisters, Mrs. Frederick (Cecelia) Fuglister of Wood's Hole MA, and Mrs. John (Priscilla) Gentile of Plainsfield NJ; and two grandsons, Michael E. of Seattle and Robert J. of Livermore ME and Boston MA (both by his son Benjamin A. Jr.); and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Dolby Funeral Chapel in South Wyndham ME. Burial was at the Friends Cemetery at West Falmouth MA.

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MISSING SUBSCRIBER
CECILE BOWERMAN

Cecile Bowerman's last issue of the newsletter was returned as undeliverable. It was sent to her last known address, 1146 Route 134, East Dennis, MA 02641. Does anyone know where she moved to?

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RUTH MARSH TIGNER
CORRECTION TO ARTICLE #119

Merle Owens, sister to the late Ruth Tigner, notes an error in our note of her sister's passing. Ruth's surviving children were of a previous marriage and thus, did not share the surname Tigner as indicated in the index of issue #8. Ruth Tigner was survived by three sons, Gordon Patrick, James Patrick, and Richard Patrick, and one daughter, Norma Patrick Smith.

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DIFFERENT SOURCES OF DATA

Genealogical data do not always come from genealogical books, census records, vital records, or other traditional sources. The newsletter will periodically reproduce unusual sources of data.

The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography (NCAB) (NY: James T. White & Co.) presents biographies of several Bowerman-Bowman individuals with some genealogical data. The following are excerpts of biographies presented.

George Franklin Bowerman, librarian, was born at Farmington, Ontario Co., NY on 8 Sep 1868, son of Jarvis and Anna M. (Ewer) Bowerman. His ancestors on both sides were Quakers. He married in Albany NY on 13 Jun 1901 to Sarah N., daughter of Rev. Henry Graham, DD. (NCAB, 1917, Vol. XIV, p 327.)

Alexander Hamilton Bowman, soldier, was born at Wilkes-Barre PA on 30 Mar 1803, son of Samuel and Eleanor (Teadlie) Bowman, and descendant of Nathaniel Bowman, a resident of Watertown MA before 1630, later of Lexington. The line of descent is traced through Nathaniel's son Francis who married Martha Sherman, their son Joseph and his wife Phebe, and their son Thaddeus who married Sarah Loring and who was the grandfather of Alexander H. Bowman. Alexander married in Pensacola FL to Marie Louise, daughter of Antonio Colin. They had 5 sons and 5 daughters. He died at Wilkes-Barre PA on 14 Nov 1865. This entry goes into greater detail concerning Alexander's descent and concerning Alexander's military history. (NCAB, 1907, Vol. V, p 522.)

Edward Morris Bowman, musician was born at his family homestead in Barnard, Windsor Co., VT on 18 Jul 1848. The family later moved to Canton, St. Lawrence Co., NY. In 1870 he married Mary E. Jones, daughter of William Jones. (NCAB, 1907, Vol. V, p 237.)

John Bryan Bowman, founder of Kentucky University, was born 16 Oct 1824 at Mercer Co., KY. His ancestors, old German stock, settled in VA early in the "present century." His grandfather was a colonel in the Revolutionary War and was an early pioneer of KY, having been an associate of Daniel Boone. His son, John Bowman, settled near Harrodsburg in 1779, and was married to Miss Mitchum, a member of a prominent VA family that removed to KY at an early date. John studied law in the office of Henry Clay, who was a devoted friend. He was a staunch Whig, and his son, John Bryan, inherited his political convictions from his father. John Bryan died at Harrodsburg KY on 22 Sept 1891. (NCAB, 1897, Vol. IV, p 516.)

Thomas Bowman, fourth president of Indiana Asbury (now DePauw) University (1859-72) and M.E. Bishop, was born near Berwick, Columbia Co., PA on 15 Jul 1817, son of John and Sarah (Britain) Bowman. Thomas married Matilda Hartman of York PA on 13 Jul 1841 and "has" several children. (NCAB, 1897, Vol. VII, p 383.)

Samuel Bowman, assistant Protestant Episcopal Bishop of the diocese of PA was born at Wilkes-Barre PA on 21 May 1800. He was found dead on a road near Butler (PA?) on 3 Aug 1861. (NCAB, 1893, Vol III, p 471.)

Shadrach Laycock Bowman, clergyman and educator was born at Plains PA on 2 May 1829, son of Jesse and Mary (MacIntosh) Bowman, grandson of Thomas and Mary (Freas) Bowman and great grandson of Christopher and Susan (Banks) Baumann. His great grandfather, Christopher Baumann, was a native of Ems, Prussia, who emigrated in 1754 and settled in Bucks Co. PA. On 25 Nov 1856 Shadrach married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob S. Aber of Newark NJ. Shadrach died at Ocean Grove NJ on 16 Sept 1906. (NCAB, 1926, Vol. XIX, p 230.)

Alpheus Henry Bowman, army officer, was born on 28 Feb 1842 at Loudon Co. VA, son of Henry A. and Martha K. (Polk) Bowman. On 12 Jan 1898 he married Lillie Josephine, daughter of William Tyler Bartlett of New Haven CN. Alpheus died at Washington DC on 10 Nov 1926. The entry gives great detail about his military career, up to his promotion to General. (NCAB, 1929, Vol. XX, p 281.)

John McEntee Bowman, hotelman of NYC was born at Toronto, Ontario, Canada on 20 Jul 1875, son of John and Anne (McEntee) Bowman. He was of Scotch and Irish ancestors who settled in Canada in the 18th century. He married Clarice Paterson of NY in June 1919 and "resides" in Portchester NY. (NCAB,

1927, Vol. XVII, p 10.)

Samuel Henry Bowman, lumberman, was born on 31 Oct 1853 in Frederick Co. MD, son of William Henry and Mary Ann (Hyder) Bowman. At age 27 he removed to Odebolt, IA. In Jul 1884 he married Annie L., daughter of George B. Stevens of Cleveland OH. They had one son, Samuel H. Bowman (whose entry is in NCAB, Vol. XXX, p 431). Samuel Henry Bowman died at Wayzata MN on 9 Sept 1915. (NCAB, 1927, Vol. XVII, p 285.)

Thomas Bowman, evangelical Bishop, was born at Lehigh Gap, Northampton Co., PA on 28 May 1836, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Weiss) Bowman. On 26 Apr 1856 he married Diana, daughter of Joseph Young of Easton PA. They had one daughter, Lillie Louise. He died at Allentown PA on 19 Mar 1823. (NCAB, 1926, Vol. XIX, p 60.)

George Lucas Bowman, banker and broker, was born at Boston MA on 27 Mar 1880, son of Gardner W. and Anna E. (Gifford) Bowman, grandson of Isaac and Emeline (Russell) Bowman. His father, a native of Roxbury MA) was an importer of teas and coffees under the name Bowman & Co. On 19 Oct 1912 George married Ada, daughter of Henry Wadsworth Marriner of Belfast ME. George died without issue in Boston MA on 10 May 1922. (NCAB, 1926, Vol. XIX, p 226.)

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BOWMAN QUERY

J. Kelsey Jones (322 N. Titus Ave., Ithaca NY 14850) is interested in the descendants of three Bowman brothers, Wilhelm, Degrote, and John, born in Netherlands on 16 Sep 1655, 29 Apr 1658, and 18 Jul 1662, respectively. They left Plymouth England on 29 Dec 1692 and arrived at Perth Amboy NJ 93 days later. Their brother, Peter, born in Netherlands on 26 Nov 1660, arrived later and settled near Richmond VA. Wilhelm settled Brandywine River PA, John settled in Monmouth Co. NY.

John[1] married (ca 1693) the widow of a Huguenot whose husband died at sea on the same vessel that the Bowmans were on. Together, they had a son, John[2], born 16 Sep 1698, at Monmouth Co. NY.

John[2] had a son, John[3].

John[3] was born 29 Dec 1719 near Freehold, Monmouth Co. NJ. He married a Ms. Beach and had 5 sons and 2 daughters (William, b 6 Aug 1740; Andrew, b 21 Jun 1743; George, b 23 Jul 1745; Gershom b 13 or 18 Sep 1747; Abraham, b 1749; Sarah; and Elizabeth). John[3] died 1783 at Frackford,

Sussex Co. NJ.

Gershom[4], married Elizabeth Price (dau of Francis and Esther (Dunn) Price). They had 5 sons and 1 daughter (Francis Stoll; John Stoll; Abraham Stoll; George, b 23 Jul 1794; Andrew Price, b 6 Mar 1798; and Mary Ann, b 24 Nov 1798?). Gershom died 23 Oct 1844 at Sussex Co. NJ.

Andrew Prince[5], b near Wykertown, Sussex Co. NJ, married Ann Margaret Case (daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Sausman) Case). They had 3 sons and 4 daughters (Sarah Elizabeth, b 25 Mar 1829; Francis Price, b 30 Jan 1831; Mary Jane, b 27 Dec 1832; Margaret Hiles, b 21 Jan 1835; Edward Wesley, b 5 June 1837; Walter Scott, b 4 Apr 1840; and Catherine, b 2 March 1844). The first 5 children were born at Frankford NJ, the last 2 were born at Wells PA. Andrew died 8 Sep 1877 at Wells, Bradford Co. PA.

Mr. Jones' information comes from (1) Pioneer Families of Northwestern New Jersey, by William C. Armstrong (Lambertville, NJ: Hunterdon House, 1979). (2) "The Bowman File" from the Sussex Co. Historical Society at Newton, NJ. (3) "The Case File" from the Connecticut State Library. (4) Coryland Cemetery, Wells Township, Bradford Co. PA. And (5) History of Bradford Co., PA by Bradsby.

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BOWERMANS OF AUSTRALIA

Mrs. Elaine Sheehan (44 Florida Ave., New Lambton, N.S.W. 2305, Australia) wrote pro-

viding the following fascinating story of her ancestors.

"...It was very interesting to read of the widespread population of Bowermans in North America. However, the first representative, Thomas who was recorded as early as 1635, is very much earlier than I have managed to go even if there were a connection ultimately. It was noteworthy that the same variations of the name (Boardman, Bourman, Boreman) occur in your sources as I have found in my researches in Oxfordshire whence come 'my' people who included, incidentally, several Thomases - but the earliest of these was baptised in Charlbury on 30 January 1687.

"...The first of my family (there were others) arrived as a convict in 1810. He, George, married in 1814 to the daughter of a convict couple who had come on the First Fleet in 1788. But a highway robbery charge (against, as it happens, a dignitary named Bowman) took George and two of his brothers to the gallows in 1820. The brothers, Solomon and James, have proved impossible to trace (i.e. their arrival in the colony) but I plug away at it. George had two sons (I am descended from the elder) but his wife [widow] went on to have another seven children as the result of a stable liaison without bothering to marry... I mention these seven children because they all took their mother's married surname, Bowerman, leading to rather more (considerably more, in fact) people bearing the name, or claiming Bowerman descent than have the 'right' to it."

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A PERSONAL NOTE

I am sorry about the tardiness of this issue and the previous issue. As some of you know, I got married on 2 June 1985. The logistics of the wedding, the honeymoon, and the moving has limited the time that I have been able to spend on the newsletter. Likewise, I have not been able to respond to letters as quickly or as fully as I would like to. Nevertheless, please don't stop sending material to the newsletter. I promise I'll answer all letters, eventually. Although I can't promise that the next issue

will be on time, I am sure that I'll get my act together sometime in the future.

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