

The Daniel Bowman Family

GEORGE W. BOWMAN

Daniel Bowman,¹ the elder, son of Christian Bowman, married Anna Wakeman, Dec. 22, 1774, in Virginia. They were married by Simon Harr, a Lutheran minister. Daniel Bowman made a will² dated 1824, probated 1828, Shenandoah County, Virginia, in which he devises and bequeaths to his wife, Anna Maria (or Mary); to his son Henry, he devises his home farm on the river near Woodstock; to his son John, land upon which he then lived; to his son Benjamin, all claims for advances made to pay for Benjamin's land; he then provides for the distribution of his entire estate among his ten children, each one to have an equal share, but he does not mention them by name. Henry Bowman was named executor, and as such made a settlement in 1830, covering items of 1828-30. In this settlement distributions were made to:

Daniel Funkhauser and wife (name not given).

Eberhard Midinger and wife (no name).

Abraham Smutz (Smoot) and wife Mollie.

Mrs. Anna Fravel (widow of Benjamin Fravel).

The ten children are again mentioned, but the four named are to receive their shares of the inheritance later from payments on the lands as they come due. The ten children were Henry, Benjamin, Jacob, Samuel, Barbara, Christian, Joseph, George, Daniel, Jr., and Ann.

Shenandoah County records show a quit-claim deed of Daniel, Jr., to his brother Henry, administrator of his father's estate. Daniel Bowman, Jr., son of Daniel and Anna (Wake-man) Bowman, left Stony Creek, Virginia, with his wife and six children in the early eighteen-hundreds with the great western migration. The western migration followed the trail of Daniel Boone down the valley and on beyond the Cumberland to Tennessee, Kentucky, and other western areas.

Daniel Bowman, Jr., and his wife, with their family, made the journey and ultimately reached Shelby County, Indiana, where they settled about 1816. All remained in this

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² The service of Daniel Bowman, Sr., in the Revolutionary War is noted in the "List of Virginia Revolutionary Soldiers," compiled by H. J. Eckenrode. On May 13, 1784, a warrant was issued to Daniel Bowman for the sum of 4s, 5s, and 4d. (Certified copy from the Virginia State Library, Richmond). See John H. Wayland, *History of the Shenandoah Valley* for a reference to Daniel Bowman.

county with the single exception of the oldest son, John, who returned to Virginia. Daniel, Jr., was born in Virginia in 1779 and married Anna Reeser on Mar. 5, 1799. He died on July 27, 1843. Anna was born on Sept. 30, 1775. Her certificate was a Pennsylvania-German *fraktur*-script. Daniel was buried in the old Bowman-Dake Family Cemetery, in Shelby County, Indiana, near London. He left no will. The children were John, Mary Magdalene, Catherine, Ann, Fred and Christopher. All of them were born in Virginia.

The family Bible was finally located after much search. It was found in a family of descendants, who had not borne the name Bowman for four generations. Photostatic copies of the fly-leaf and family dates were made. A literal copy of records follows:

To we two, man and wife, Daniel and Anna Bauman, a son was born on the 13th day of September, 1799, his name was Johannes Bauman.
and on August 3rd, 1801, a daughter was born, her name was Kathrine Bauman.
another time on November 23rd, 1803, another daughter was born, her name was Magdalena Bauman [Mary?]
another time on February 3rd, 1806, another daughter was born, her name was Irma Bauman.
another time on the morning of December 13th, 1810, a son was born, a sweet boy, his name was Frederick Bauman.
another time on January 17th [13?], 1813, another son was born, his name was Christian [Christopher] Bauman.

A tradition in the Bowman family relates how each evening an Indian Chief brought up the cows for Anna Reeser Bowman and sat upon her doorstep, waiting for a bowl of mush and milk; also that he captured a fawn for her, to which a bell was tied so that the beautiful, young animal would not be shot by his braves or by hunters.

CHRISTIAN CHRISTOPHER BOWMAN

Christian Christopher Bowman, the writer's grandfather, was born in Virginia on Jan. 13, 1813. He married Katherine Scott on Mar. 26, 1835. She died on July 22, 1838, leaving three children—John, Anne, and Daniel. Of these three, John was born on Dec. 9, 1835. He was a successful farmer in Shelby County, Indiana, and a captain of infantry during the Civil War. He died in November, 1909. Christian Christopher Bowman was married a second and a third time.

The second wife was Phoebe Imel, the marriage taking place on March 4, 1840. This second Mrs. Bowman died on July 20, 1842, leaving one son Henry who died soon after his mother. The third wife had, like her new husband, been twice married before. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Williams, and she was born on July 26, 1814. Her first marriage was to William Tinkle. There were two children by this marriage—William, who died without issue, and Mary Elizabeth who married Isaac White and left no issue. Elizabeth (Williams) Tinkle, widow of William Tinkle, married William Barlow. There were three children by this marriage—Martha (who married Adam Fansler, and had two sons), James and William. Christian Christopher and Elizabeth Bowman had four children—Frederick, George, Catherine and Christopher. The last two died in infancy. The mother died on Sept. 25, 1861, and the father, on April 18, 1885.

Frederick Bowman, son of Christian Christopher and Elizabeth Bowman, was born on Feb. 24, 1851. He married Mary Padrick. There were two daughters—Fannie, who married C. Herman Jose, and Addie, who married Adrian Carpenter. Frederick's second marriage was to Ida Cosler, and their children were: Eva, who married William Hogle; Raymond, who married Anna Buenagle; and Frederick Bowman, Jr. The father, Frederick Bowman, Sr., died on Aug. 11, 1899.

George Washington Bowman, second son of Christian Christopher and Elizabeth Bowman, was born on Jan. 25, 1855, and married Margaret Emma White on Mar. 19, 1884. They had one son, George Washington Bowman, Jr., who was born at Indianapolis on Nov. 30, 1889. Margaret Emma White, daughter of Isaac M. and Alvira (McCartney) White, was born on May 10, 1863. George W. Bowman Sr., was a wholesale confectioner. He died on Sept. 12, 1910. George Washington Bowman had one daughter, Julia Elizabeth Bowman, who was born on Dec. 2, 1911. She married Edgar Hollis Leedy on July 2, 1929. Lillie Catherine Keller, who was born on Sept. 5, 1886, was a daughter of Joseph H. and Charlotte (Wenzel) Keller.³

³The record of the Bowman family has been carefully proved. Many photostats of wills, Bible records, maps, and other documents have been collected. Pictures of members of the family and of their homes have been collected. An unusual chart showing eight generations and bringing the family lineage down to the present time has been prepared. Credit for research done relative to the history of the Bowman family should be given to the following: P. S. Rhodes, Woodstock, Va.; John Bowman, Edinburg, Va.; James L. Bowman, Carmanguar, Alberta, Canada; D. H. M. Bowman Toledo, O.; Wirt George Bowman, Palm City, Cal.; and Dr. John H. Wayland, Harrisonburg, Va.