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The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at Moody Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Ray Troutman, the Rev. Alfred Dawson and the Rev. Orville Bledsoe. Burial will be in McMillon-Bowman family cemetery in Ararat. (no date available)

**MRS. T. S. COULSON OF ARARAT, VA., HAD LONG ILLNESS**

The funeral for Mrs. Clementine McMillian Coulson, wife of Thomas S. Coulson of route 2, Ararat, Va., was conducted at 2 o'clock Wednesday at Oak Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. Orville Bledsoe, the Rev. Joseph E. Bowman and the Rev. Clay Bowman, Mrs. Coulson died Tuesday afternoon at her home after a long illness.

She was born in Carroll County, Va., to John and Martha Gwyn McMillian.

Surviving are her husband; three sons, Clarence and Okra G. Coulson of rt. 2, Ararat, Va., Lester Coulson of the home; six daughters, Mrs. Josie Hylton of Hillsville, Va., Mrs. Jim Yarborough of Clarkton, Mrs. Hobart C. Hiatt, Mrs. Everett Dawson and Mrs. Barnett Ayers, all of route 2, Ararat, Va., and Mrs. David Ferguson of Durham; 17 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. John D. Utt and Mrs. Valeria Young of Roanoke, Va., Mrs. Hester Weddle of route 6, Mount Airy, and Mrs. Merritt Ayers of Cana, Va.

Burial was in the church cemetery. (no date available)

(Submitted by Esther D. Johnson, given by Dawn Walker)

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12-47  
FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

**BIRTH RECORD CORRECTION**  
NATIONAL OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

Form approved.  
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DEAR PARENT:

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you have a CORRECT record of your child's birth. Enclosed is a photocopy of the certificate which has been filed in the office named on the back of this form.

IS THIS RECORD CORRECT? If so, you may keep this photocopy and destroy this form.

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Special Agent, U.S. Public Health Service  
c/o State Board of Health,  
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Raleigh, North Carolina.

(Special Agent, U. S. Public Health Service)

Mr. Gilbert W. Bourneau  
W. Salem, N.C.  
717 Oak St

Certificate No. 07073262

11-9-57





from Esther Johnson

*Bowman Lake*



*from letter Johnson*



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m. Ann

Children:

George came from Strasburg,  
Hans Wendall Germany on the Brigantine  
Daniel Swift and Schooner  
Christian (1673-1764) Friendship in 1710

**BOWMAN FAMILY TREE**

Christian (1673-1764)  
(bought land in )  
PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Children: By Diane K. Bowman

Jacob (with information from Judy Howard)  
m. Elizabeth Keller

Children:

Peter Bowman (1768- ) came with Cornelius from Germany

Children:

Gilbert Bowman (1786-1893)  
m. 1. (see page 10)  
2. Ruth Duncan (m. Sept. 23, 1832 in Surry Co., NC)

Children:

Pleasant Bowman (1815-1892) Amst, VA  
m. Mary Ann Morris (1823- )  
Aug. 20, 1837 in Surry Co., NC

Children:

Hugh (1839- )  
Coleman J. (1841-Jan. 25, 1866)  
Lucy A. (1843- )  
Samuel G. (1845- Aug 7, 1924) (see below)  
a girl born dead  
John H. (1847) m. Elizabeth Zower (m. 1870)  
William Moses (1848) m. Priscilla J. Jessup (on May 27, 1876)

Diane Bowman  
7510 Flag Tail Dr  
Midlothian VA 23112



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Children:

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**Christian (1675-1764)** Friendship in 1710

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 (bought land in the Shenandoah Valley)

Children:

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Children:

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 John H. (1847) m. Elizabeth Bower (in 1870)  
 William Moses (1848) m. Pricilla J. Jessup (on May 27, 1876)

Oney Frances (1850-  
 Frances (or Ann F.) (Apr 10, 1855-Dec 6, 1855)  
 Pleasant (1859-  
 m. Minnie Hoover (on Jan. 12, 1899) son: Columbus

Samuel Gilbert Bowman a Civil War Soldier  
 m. 1. Martha Susan Griffin (1848- of Horsepasture, VA  
 April 14, 1867 in Patrick County  
 2. Velance Lynch (on April 15, 1909)

Children:

1. William Thomas (Sept. 16, 1868-Mar. 28, 1965)  
 m.

Children:

Earnest L. (1896-1964)  
 m.

Children:

Robert  
 Mary Louise "Judy" (1942-1991)

John Robert (1871-  
 Martha Frances (1873-  
 Mary Ellen (1875- (see page 11)  
 Samuel Jefferson (Nov. 6, 1877 - May 27, 1959) (see page 6)  
 George Washington (Dec. 16, 1880-  
 m. Ila

Children:

Estel  
 Heath  
 Clifford  
 Ruby  
 m. 1.  
 2. Roy Plimons



Children:

- 1. a daughter

Smith (Smokey)

Missouri (lives in Farmville, VA)

Ann Elizabeth

Lelia Cresia (Grace)

Posey Lester

? Adam (Nov 20, 1887-

Pleasant Goode (Oct 16, 1889 - Mar. 30, 1960) - 1965)

m. Cora Delia Young (Jan 2, 1892 - Dec 23, 1977) on Nov 2, 1915  
on Sept. 24, 1911

Children:

Elmer Lane (May 10, 1912 - July 27, 1991)

m. Tillie Light (Mar 25, 1915) - ~~Dec 22, 1934~~  
m on Dec 22, 1934

Children:

Helen Lee (Jan 24, 1936)

m. Marvin Guy Cockram (Mar 9, 1934)  
on Jun 11, 1954

Children:

Darrell Guy (May 18, 1961)

m. Kathy Susan Kimble (Nov 23, 1962)  
on Apr 22, 1983

Children:

Kathy Amanda (Amy) (Dec 17, 1983)

Darrell Jacob ( Nov 7, 1984)

Kayla Denise (Oct 23, 1987)

Elsie Gladys (Sep 19, 1915 - Mar 11, 1980)

m. Taylor Scott (Sep 10, 1904 - Apr 19, 1968)

Children:

2. Christopher Steven (Jul 10, 1982)

Emmette Gordon (Oct 22, 1917 - Jan 29, 1990)

- m. 1. Edra Banks (Dec 3, 1921 - Mar 25, 1939) on July 7, 1937  
 2. Audrey Banks (Dec 3, 1921) on Feb 21, 1941

Children:

2. Patricia Elaine (May 24, 1946)  
 m. Everett Joseph Cox (Aug 12, 1940) on Feb 14, 1964

Children:

- Claudette Denise (Mar 31, 1965)  
 m. Terry Ray Ayers (Nov 3, 1961) on Nov 2, 1985

Children:

- Leigh Ann (Apr 19, 1988)  
 Jessica Nicole (Apr 13, 1990)

- Susan Renee (Nov 19, 1970)  
 m. Dean Gordon Hodges Jr (May 26, 1957)  
 on Jun 8, 1991

Ivra Irene (Dec 17, 1925 - Jan 4, 1932)

Children:

- Edra Hazel (May 17, 1928) on Feb 28, 1947  
 m. Clayton David Scott (Apr 4, 1922 - May 26, 1964)

Children:

- Donna Sue (Oct 21, 1947)  
 m. James Samuel Turner (May 2, 1945) on July 2, 1965

Children:

Gregory Scott (Jun 15, 1977)

- Ted Wayne (Jul 5, 1951)  
 m. 1. Brenda Carole Culler (Jun 6, 1951)  
 2. Robin Branch (Sep 9, 1980)

Children:

2. Christopher Steven (Jul 10, 1982)



Vickie Peggy Lou (Oct 8, 1954)

- Joyce m. 1. Ronald Eugene Greene on Mar 29, 1972  
2. James Calvin Willard on Apr 30, 1983

Susan (Susie) (1909-10-1992) (Focahontas, VA)  
m. Edd Reynolds (1904-1977)

- Children:  
1. Tami Renee (Sep 4, 1973)  
Jason Daris (Mar 10, 1976)

Billy Gene (Nov 1928-Jan 1979)

- m. P. Tracy Lynn (Jun 29, 1961)  
m. David Theron Allen (Nov 16, 1951) on Oct 7, 1978

James E. "Nook" (Jan 1930- ) (Crystal River, FL)  
m. L. Children:

- Children: Whitney Leigh (Jan 13, 1981)

Avery Wayne (Feb 8, 1933 - Dec 7, 1935)

- James Joseph (1973)  
2. Claude (died at age 24) (son of Samuel Gilbert)

Norma  
Samuel Jefferson Bowman (died Nov 1953)

- m. 1. Dora Spence (1889-1969) in Patrick County  
2. Juliana Vipperman (1894-1970) in Louisa County

Children: Iula (Nov 1954) (Manchester, MD)  
m. Steven Roth

1. Vernie V. (1903-1972) (see below)  
m. Ida M. Lindsay  
Nina (1904- ) (Hopewell, VA)  
m. Ed Taylor  
Guy (1905-1988) (Hopewell, VA)  
m. Margaret Edwards (1908- )  
Clinton (Hopewell, VA)  
m. Margie

Children: Bobby R.  
Betty Dowdy in Dec 1959

Ronnie (Hopewell, VA)

Children: Bobby Jr. (Dad 1961)  
m. Debbie

Debbie  
Ronnie Jr

Vickie Brian (1963)  
Joyce m. Lisa

Susan (Susie) (1909/10-1992) (Pocahontas, VA)  
m. Edd Reynolds on Sep 24, 1927

Children:

2. Delmar "Buck" (1914-1974)  
m. E. Billy Gene (Nov 1928-Jan 1976)  
Margie m. Pauline

David James E. "Nook" (Jan 1930- (Crystal River, FL)  
Ruby A. m. Lillian  
m. James Hale

Children:

Children:  
Sherrie (from wife's first marriage)  
Debbie James Joseph (1973)  
m.

Norma  
m. Ed Matthai in Nov 1953

Children:  
Andy  
a boy

Greg (1) Janie (Nov 1954) (Manchester, MD)  
m. Steven Roth

Vennie Virgil Children: (from above)  
m. Ida M. Lindsey Aug 23, 1930, Madison County

Children:  
Kelly Sue (Feb 1981)  
Chad Edward (April 1985)

Ruth Ed Jr. (Oct 20, 1957)  
Douglas R. (Dec. 12, 1933) (see below)

Bobby R.  
m. Betty Dowdy in Dec 1959

Douglas Ralph Bowman  
m. L. Children: one on Feb 1955  
2. Lillian E. Casser (Sep 19, 1938) on Jun 3, 1959  
3. Alice V. Bobby Jr. (Dec 1961) on Jul 13, 1964  
m. Debbie



Children: Brian (1965)  
m. Lisa

1. Debbie (Jan 7, 1956)  
m. Michael Children:

Children: Brian Jr. (1990)

2. Delmar "Buck" (1914-1974)  
m. Emma Hensley  
Margie

2. m. Herndon (1959)  
David (1924-1935) (hit by a car)  
Ruby Alice (1929-  
m. James Hale

Children:

1. Dawn R. (Nov 6, 1976)  
2. Debbie (1957  
m.

Gerald (Gerry) M. (May 6, 1961)  
m. D. Children:

Children: Wendy  
a boy

Greg (1961-1989)

Vernie Virgil Bowman (from above)  
m. Ida M. Lindsay Aug 23, 1930, Madison County

Children:

Ruth (Naomi)  
Douglas R. (Dec. 12, 1933 (see below)

Douglas Ralph Bowman

- m. 1. Doris Keene on Feb 1955
- 2. Lillian E. Casar (Sep 19, 1938) on Jun 3, 1959
- 3. Alice Wheatley (Oct 17, 1942) on Jul 13, 1984

## Children:

1. Debbie ( Jan 2, 1956)  
m. Michael Squires

## Children:

- Eric (1977)
- Monica (1979)
2. Donna M. (Dec 1, 1959)  
m. 1. James Hawthorne (1957)  
2. Luther Harlow Jr (1962)

## Children:

1. Dawn R. (Nov 6, 1976)
2. Lisa M. (Mar 10, 1988)

Gerald (Jerry) M. (May 6, 1961)  
m. Diane Kravec (Jan 9, 1959)

## Children:

Adrienne N. (Jun 27, 1987)

Beverly M. (Dec 3, 1970)



Gilbert Bowman (1786-1875- (died in house fire))  
 m. 1. Lucy Brim (on 10-23-1805) (may be Pleasants mother)

2. Harry Ailerton (in 1940 and lived in Richmond)

Permelia (1826-

Jani (1828- m. William Duncan

Melinda (1824 - Aug. 3, 1870) m. William Slate (in 1836)

Eliza (1830-

Sally (1848- Ralph Bell (of Orange, VA))

Some information is from the 1850 census.

\*\* A Gilbert Bowman was married in 1852 in Surry Co. I believe Gilbert was the one who moved to Patrick County from the Shenandoah Valley, where the other Bowmans originally settled after their move from Pennsylvania.

Children:

3

Pete

m. Wava

Children:

Bobby

m. 1. Virginia Maria

2. Linda Pennington

Children:

1. Debbie

"Cookie"

2. Robbie

a boy

Curtis (deceased)

Mary Ellen Bowman (1875- (died in house fire)  
m. 1.  
2. Harry Atherton (in 1940 and lived in Richmond)

Children:

1. Lily (died at 18)  
Bertha  
m. Ralph Bell (of Orange, VA)

Children:

Catherine  
m. Painter

Children:

3

Pete  
m. Wave

Children:

Bobby  
m. 1. Virginia Marks  
2. Linda Pennelton

Children:

1. Debbie  
"Cookie"
2. Robbie  
a boy

Curtis (deceased)

Diana Bowman  
7610 Flag Tail Dr  
Midlothian, VA 23113



# Bowmans Were Early Settlers

The Bowman name can be traced back to the first settlers of Mount Airy according to Roy O. Bowman of Makilteo, Washington. Bowman, an inventor, was born in Carroll County, Virginia, and moved to Mount Airy in 1922.

Recently Bowman was visiting in Mount Airy and had with a Bicentennial flag which depicted the Bowman and the Bowman coat-of-arms. He explained that the Bowmans were among the first settlers in this area and that his grandfather John was an officer in the Union Army. His grandfather settled in Carroll County on the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Area relative and descendants include Lum, Billy, Ruth, Issie, Lucy, and Ellis Bowman. Mrs. Coy Clifton, Mrs. Dan McMillian, and Scott Bowman are brother and sisters.

Bowman, retired, now spends his time inventing and uses as his trademark a man pulling a bow. He has devoted much time to the re-establishment of the chestnut tree which was destroyed by a blight many years ago. He has been instrumental in shipping thousands of chestnuts to various parts of the United States.

Other Bowmans he has traced throughout the U. S. include Kit Carson's sister, one

of the founders of the Boeing Aircraft Company, some of the bush pilots in Alaska, and the

owner of one of the largest dairy companies in the mid-west.



Mt. Airy News 7-1-76

ROY O. BOWMAN displays one of the flags for the Bicentennial Year depicting the family name.

Marilyn Toyne Susoeff  
1063 Elizabeth Drive  
Peters Twp.  
Bridgeville, PA 15017  
412 941-5241 or 941-8606

Oct. 30, 1991

*Bowman*

Surry County Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 997  
Dobson, NC 27017

To the Genealogical Society:

I am researching my mother's maiden name of BOWMAN which came into Indiana I believe about 1825-1830. Some of the Bowmans may have come via Tennessee from NC.

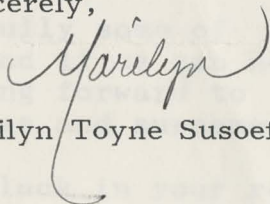
I have a probable ancestral relative named Thornton Bowman who was born at Washington Co., IN in 1837 and lived later at Porter Co., Indiana. I believe he may be connected back to the Bowman family in Surry County early in the 1800s. A Thornton Bowman had a marriage bond with Judith Sawyers on Jan. 4, 1827 at Surry Co.

Can you answer the following requests:

- Please send the names and addresses of other BOWMAN researchers you may have in your files or on filed family histories.
- Please describe the Bowman family histories you may have on file and advise how I may obtain copies.
- I would also like to know if there are other groups in your area that are involved in family history research?

I thank you for your kind assistance and have enclosed an SASE for your use. Please feel free to add my name to any files you have.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Toyne Susoeff

*Check Bowman in John P. Alderman's book*



Oct. 20, 1991  
Susoeff

Marilyn Toyne Susoeff  
1063 Elizabeth Dr.  
Peters Twp.  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Dear Ms Susoeff,

In response to your letter concerning research on the Bowman family, we find the following researcher in our surname card file:

Sarah Jan McBride, Rt 1, Bx 430, Bluefield, VA 24605

You might wish to submit cards for this file. Print or type on a 3x5 index card the surname in the upper left hand corner, the date of inquiry in the upper right corner. Give your name and address and any data you need or will share.

Material for publication is solicited from members and non-members. Queries for the Journal are free and unlimited, within a reasonable number if accompanied by an ancestor chart, family group sheet or other information with a Surry County connection. Please address queries to Virginia Phillips, Query Editor at the SCGA address.

Please send the names and addresses of other BOWMAN

We are sending some flyers on publications available on Surry County records that are available.

The Bowman name is familiar in the adjoining Virginia counties of Carroll and Patrick as well as in Surry County, NC. Carroll Co., Va borders Surry Co., NC on the north. Many Surry County residents married in the Virginia counties and vice-versa. A letter to the Carroll County Historical Society which publishes "Carroll County Chronicles" might be of much help to you.

I thank you for your kind assistance and have entered an SA33

One of the directors of the Carroll County Historical Society in 1991 was Margaret Alderman, P.O. Box 374, Hillsville, Va 24343. We suggest you write to her.

Hopefully some of these suggestions will prove to be of help to you and if we can help you further please let us know. We will be looking forward to further correspondence with you and for your queries and surname cards.

Good luck in your research,

Surry County Genealogical Assoc'n  
P.O. Box 997  
Dobson, NC 27017

Chet Bunker is John A. Alderman's book

**BOWMAN**

ARARAT—Mr. Oscar Lee Bowman, 79, of Rt. 1, Ararat, a retired farmer, died early Tuesday morning in Northern Hospital of Surry County after a short illness.

Born in Surry County, he was the son of George and Rosa Belle Tilley Bowman.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Otis (Stacey) Atkins of Rt. 8, Mount Airy and Mrs. Johnny (Connie) Holyfield of White Plains, and two brothers, Floyd Bowman and Willis Bowman, both of Rt. 1, Ararat.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. The body is at Moody Funeral Home in Mount Airy.



(MOUNT AIRY TIMES - Fri., October 29, 1937)

## John Lee Bowman Claimed By Death

John Lee Bowman, 48, died at the Martin Memorial hospital last Friday night about 7:30 o'clock, his death being due to heart ailment which he had suffered for some time. He was seriously ill only ten days before his death.

Mr. Bowman was born May 24, 1889, and was married to Minnie Lee Johnson. He lived on East Poplar street and worked at the Surry Sales Company, where he was employed as a salesman.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. Walter Johnson officiating. Interment was made in the Bowman cemetery, near Union church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Bowman, and by one sister, Mrs Jack Caudle of Mount Airy, Route 1.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

P. O. BOX 997  
DOBSON, NC 27017

January 14, 1997

Mrs. Claude H. Bowman  
1173 Inman Road  
Danville, VA 24541

Thank you for your letter postmarked November 16, 1996 regarding Thornton and Judith Sawyers Bowman and John Sehen. We are sorry it has taken so long to answer your letter. Thank you for purchasing one of our heritage books. We hope you have enjoyed the book.

We have looked in our files for information on your ancestors but were unable to locate any information. As you stated Thornton was married in Surry County (4 Jan 1827) and he was found in the 1860 census but not the 1850 or 1870 census records. We did not find him in the 1862 Surry County Tax List either.

We suggest you send a query for our journal. Information is enclosed. A member of SCGA researching the Bowman family is listed if you would like to write her: Barbara Welborn, Rt. 1, Box 353, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041.

We checked the index of Surry Counties 29 cemetery books for John Sehen since you believed he was buried in Surry County. We looked under the spellings of Seahen, Sehen and Shehen. Unfortunately, we did not find him. We are sending you information of others found in the books. Perhaps it is some of his second family raised in Surry County.

We would like family group sheets from you on both of these families for our files at Surry Community College.

We are sorry that we were not able to find more information for you on your ancestors. If you feel we can help you further please write us again.

WH  
Research Committee

Enclosure



I am searching for information  
on two families of the Surry  
County area. Thornton Bowman  
who was married to Judith  
Sawyers in Surry County on  
Jan 1-4-1827 They were still  
living there at the time of  
the 1860 census.

I also want information  
on John Sehen who I was  
told was buried there after  
he had raised a second family  
there. It is said that he  
spelled his name a little different  
in that area. He was an immigrant  
and raised two sons in  
Patrick County Va. John William "Will"  
who moved to Amelia County  
Va and Asa Armpield Sehen.  
Patrick County died in coal

me at Keystone West Va, Asa  
was my husbands grand father. He  
was married to 1. Molly Hall and  
had 6 children - Mamie - Lizzie - Barton  
Ivan - Flora + Irene. Flora was my husbands  
mother his father was Wiley Paterson  
Bowman. Great Great grandson of  
Thornton Bowman and Judith Sawyers.

Any Information on these people  
would be appreciated.

I am sending a check for a  
copy of Heritage of Surry County.  
"book"

Mrs Claude H. Bowman  
1173 Inman Rd.  
Danville VA 24541



STEAM HEAT  
AMERICAN PLAN

# BLUE RIDGE INN

W. M. JORDAN,  
PROPRIETOR.

MT. AIRY, N. C. Jan 10 1917

Mr. S. G. Brinn

Dobrow Me,

Dear sir

I have a man here  
in the lock up by the name  
of Bowman from up in Va  
a Miss Hall had him locked  
up charged with promiscue  
of marriage I want you  
to send me license and I  
will see that they are  
propily filled out and mailed

Yours Truly  
T. D. Hatcher

(Submitted by John Edwards)



Bowman

June 10, 1983

Dear Sir, or Madam,

I am writing this, in hopes that you might help me. I am doing research on my family. My Great grandfather's name was Samual Gilbert Bowman, I have reason to believe, that he lived in Mt Airy at one time., not to far from his daughters home. they only thing I have about her is that she lived there in 1950 in the month of November. I have no dates on her, or her married name if she was ever married. Her name was Ann Elizabeth Bowman, her parents were Samual Gilbert & Martha Susan-- Susan Griffin Bowman her daddy was in the Cival War between 1777 & 1780, after the war is when I belive he came to N.C. & lived there for sometime. Would you be kind enough, to check if you have anything on him or his family, such as birth, death, or cencus, any kind of records. I dont know when he was born or died I know that he is buried at The Red Bank Primitive Baptist Church in Claudsville VA, Which I have written to many times, but they have never answered me. I would also like for you to check on Samual G last child his name was Claude Bowman, his mother was Velince (Lynch) (Maiden name) Bowman. Samual Gilberts second wife I have that Claude might of bee n born around 1910 in Mt Airy & died 1933 I hope these dates are right. Samual G & Martha Susan children were

1. William Thomas - my grandpa
2. John Robert
3. Samual Jefferson
4. George Washington
- 5 Plesent Gude
- 6 Mary Elizabeth
- 7 Martha Frances
- 8 Lucretia Bowman Hylton
- 9 Ann Elizabeth, the one that lived in Mt Airy
- 10 Posy Lester
11. Claude Bowman who was born by Samual second wife. Veilince.

I hope you can understand this, I have been very sick I am now trying to recover from my 3rd stroke in which I had April 12 of this year. This one took my throat, its very hard to speak, or swallow. The other 2 took my right, then my left side, the second one hitting me last christmas moring, & the first one the Dac before in 81. So as you can see I am unable to travel to search for myself. Plus I am blind in my left eye, because of diabetec since I was 9 years old. Thats one reason my typing is not so good. But through all of this GOD has been very good to me & is keeping me around for some reason & I am greatful for that.

enough about me I just wanted you to know, why I couldn't come my self & search .& how important this is to me. Thank you for any help that you might give me.

GOD BLESS

Mrs Judy Bowman Howard

Mrs. Judy Howard  
 5170 North 1000 E.  
 Brownsburg, Indiana 46112



BOWMAN

July 28, 1983

Dear Miss Creed , & Mrs Wells,

I am writing this letter to thank you from the bottom of my heart, In this world today it is very rare to find someone like the both of you to take time out, from their busy lives to help someone, that they have never met, GOD BLESS BOTH OF YOU I truly mean that. What you have found for me , I have written 56 letters to different people trying to find out anything I could on SAMUAL GILBERT BOWMAN, MY GREAT GRANDPA, & now I know who his parents were, maybe I can find more in Va where they were born. I need Plesent & Mary Ann Morris Bowman death dates, When you went to Red Bank Church, was there a headstone for Martha Susan Griffin Bowman, ( My great grandmother ) ? Did you ask anyone at the church why they never bothered to answer any of my 3 letters ? Was the church yards kept up ? I have a lot of questions, you not only helped me but also Barbara Clemet who lives in Ararat Va she was looking for Coleman Bowman, who was her Great grandfather, this is also Plesent & Mary's son he was born 1840, I wrote her & told her what I have I'm am sending her copies, We have been writing to each other for over a year , buy did not know we were related, So a BIG THANK YOU & GOD BLESS BOTH OF YOU FROM BOTH OF US. I must hurry & get to the Doc today, I had another stoke on July 19 it paralized my left hand that makes 4 Doc says I might not be so lucky next tume,

WITH LOVE  
 JUDY BOWMAN HOWARD

MRS. JUDY HOWARD  
5170 NORTH 1000 E.  
BROWNSBURG IN 46112



Miss Kathryn Susan Creed  
& Mrs Agnas Wells  
1448 Edgewood Dr  
Mt Airy NC

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*Human Researcher*



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COUNTY OF SURRY, NORTH CAROLINA

— Formed in 1770 —

REGISTER OF DEEDS

July 25, 1983

DENNIS W. "BUD" CAMERON  
REGISTER OF DEEDS

P. O. BOX 303  
DOBSON, N. C. 27017

Mrs. Judy Howard  
5170 North 1000 E  
Brownsburg, Indiana 46112

Dear Mrs. Howard:

Miss Kathryn Creed and Mrs. Agnes Wells, both member of the Surry County Genealogical Association, have been doing research regarding your letter of June 10th. They have traveled to Patrick County, Virginia, visited Red Bank Church Cemetery, talked to people in the Red Bank community, and visited other places in gathering research.

They are two wonderful ladies and I am sure you appreciate their efforts.

Enclosed you will find the information they asked that I send you.

Also, you will find a bill for copies made in this office.

Sincerely,

Dennis W. "Bud" Cameron

DWBC/lk  
Enc.



July 28, 1983

Dear Mr Cameron,

I wanted to write you, to express to you, what a wonderful thing you did for me, in helping me find my Great grandpa & my Great - Great grandparents names. I think you are wonderful, to take the time for me. My parents always taught me to do good & to treat others as you would like for them to treat you. You must of had wonderful parents also. I can't tell you how imporant this is to me with all the info, you sent me yesterday, not only did I get the info you sent me , but I also found out that I have a relitive, that we have been writing back & forth to each other for now over a year, she was also a Poman. Her name is Barbara Bowman Clemet, she lives in Araret Va her line is with Coleman Bowman, who was born in 1840 his parents were also Plesent & Mary Ann Morris Bowman I let her know what you sent me, & I will make extra copies of what I have. Barbara goes by the name of Bobbie, I want to see if I can get Samuel Gilbert 's Army record 5th ~~Brith~~ of Va C. P. A. I have to find out to whom I should write to ~~for~~this, I also want to find out my great grandmothers dates ) (Martha Susan Griffin Bowman) SHE MIGHT OF ALSO BEEN BORN IN Patrich Co Va I will check with the Sturat Court House & Library I am also going to write the Dobson Court House, about a son William named as the sam name as my grandfather William Thomas Bowman, this William first one belonged to P lesent, then my grandpa belonged to Samual Gilbert, One thing that has me wondering on these records You sent me a reord on a General Lee Bowman Sam Bowman, as father mother Berlucy Bowman Sam was born in Va so was mother in Patrick, I know that Sam Gilbert was married 2 times, first to Marthas Susan Griffin, then to Valence Lynch, they were not married to long, she left not long after Claude was born , that was the only child they had together, she gave Claude away, Sams son John Robert, by Martha Susan J. R. daughter took Claude a nd raised him. Now maybe Sam G married again after Valence e left him .? It says General Lee was born Dec 20 ,1912, Claude was born in 1910 & was given away before he was a year old General Lee only lived to be 9 monyhs & 14 days, could there of been a 3rd marriage of Sam G ??? I also I am going to find out when Plesent & Mary Ann 's deaths are He was born -1815, she was born 1824. Mr Cameron, againg I want to thank you & tell you how much I appreciate all of this Thank you and GOD Bless you always.

Sincerly with love

Judy Howard

PS I wish I could come and thank you in person, but with all my illness, I couldn't do that. I just had another sto ke on the 19th of this month, which paralized my left hand, they are comming very clse together now, the one before this one was April 12, 1983 it took my throat, So the Doc says I may not be so lucky next time, but I must keep my faith, & to leave my hrritage to my children, who are now very interested in it. It makes me feel happy that , I can do something for my family. thank you again.

Judy



HUSBAND or WIFE: John Sehen

Born: Immigrant Place:

Married: Date: By:

Work--lived: Patrick County Va Mount Airy NC (County Sutter)

Died: Age:

Buried:

Parents:

HUSBAND or WIFE

Born: Place:

Work--lived:

Died: Age:

Buried:

Parents:

Could there be a connection between Manuel Washington Sehen sp John Calvin and Alice Bowman Sehen Born in Greenbrier WVA Book 126 page 29

M or F	CHILDREN Given name--Surname	Born Mo. Da. Yr.	Where Born	Name & Date of First Marriage	Death Mo. Da. Yr.
1. M	<sup>William</sup> John William	Jan 27 1867		Estilla M	Jan 17 1952
2.	Buried in	LittleFlock	Cemetery	Amelia County	Va
3.	lived in	Patrick and	Amelia	County's	Va
4. M	Asa Armfield	July 13 1868		1 Mary Elizabeth "Molly" Hall	Buried in W.Va Burk Hollow
5.				2 Virginia Boyd Jenny	Near Keystone W.VA
6.					
7.					
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Notes: It is said that John Raised another family and is Buried in Sutter County NC

**MRS. GENERAL M. BOWMAN**

Mrs. Charity Puckett Bowman, widow of General M. Bowman, of Ararat, Va., died Tuesday afternoon following a stroke of paralysis. Had she lived until March 7 she would have been 71 years old. Her husband died last August. Mrs. Bowman is survived by three sons Jesse, Dock, and Willie Bowman and two daughters Mrs. Charles Mabe and Mrs. H. Puckett. Thirty-one grandchildren and one brother Major Puckett also survive. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Granville Gwynn with interment in the family cemetery.

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Obituaries taken from the Minutes of the Twenty-First Annual Session of Zion Association of Primitive Baptists – Convened with The Church at Mt. Lebanon – Carroll County, Virginia dated September 15, 16, and 17, 1922. Submitted by Teresa Smith.

### JOHN W. STRICKLAND

John W. Strickland was born September 17, 1845, and died April 29, 1918, age 72 years, 7 months and 12 days. He married Mary F. King on April 11, 1871. To them were born seven children of which two preceded him to the grave. The deceased were: John E. Strickland and Lucy A. Strickland. The living are: T. R. Strickland, Cana, Virginia; Mrs. Rhoda E. Lawson, Gratton, Virginia; W. C. Strickland, Fancy Gap, Virginia; D. W. Strickland, Fancy Gap, Virginia; and Mrs. Eliza F. Smith, Cana, Virginia.

Brother Strickland joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Elk Spur, Virginia, by experience the second Saturday in August, 1892, and was ordained as Deacon the second Saturday in January, 1893. He was also put in the position of Assistant Clerk at the same time and was put in as Clerk the second Saturday in August, 1905. He was a good faithful member and was always willing to bear his part of the burden that should befall the duty of the church. He was a loving husband, a kind father and a good citizen.

May God above, who doeth all things well, comfort and bless the bereaved wife and children and enable them to say as Job did—“The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.” For our loss is his eternal gain. May it be the will of the Lord to prepare us to meet him where sorrows can never come.

I now ask that this be put into our minutes and a minute be sent to the dear sister and to each of the children that are now living. He is gone, but not forgotten.

Written by one who dearly loved him. His nephew, J. D. Ayers.

### ISAAC BOWMAN

Isaac Bowman, the son of Oliver and Louisa Bowman, was born March 16, 1851, and died January 27, 1921, making his stay on earth 69 years 10 months and 11 days. He was married to Mahala Vass on October 3, 1872. To this union were born 10 children, 9 girls and 1 son who preceded him to the grave.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Elk Spur the fourth Sunday in June 1910, and remained a faithful member until death. He leaves a wife, 9 girls, 27 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss, which we hope is his eternal gain.

We feel his wife has lost a good husband, the children a good father and the church a good member, but hope to be reconciled to God's will, for he doeth all things well.

We might say many more good things of this good brother, but we believe his life speaks for itself.

G. P. Allen



# Mount Airy News

WEDNESDAY

Mount Airy, N.C.

May 31, 2000

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## Death Strikes Another Ex-Official

By **R.J. BERRIER**  
Staff Writer

Mount Airy Board of Commissioners  
to die within the space of a few days.

Funeral services for the first former

Russell Eugene "Gene" Bowman

commissioner,  
Rossie Bowman  
George, were held  
Tuesday morning.  
Bowman and  
George had been  
neighbors for many  
years, when both  
lived on South  
Main Street, and

Gene Bowman was  
scheduled to have been an  
honorary pallbearer in  
Rossie Bowman George's  
funeral.

Bowman was scheduled to have been  
an honorary pallbearer in George's fu-

Sr. died sud-  
denly Tuesday  
morning. He  
was stricken at  
his home, 2105  
Heatherstone  
Lane, Mount  
Airy, and died  
en route to  
Northern Hos-  
pital of Surry County. He was 74.

Bowman's death was a shock to nu-  
merous friends and relatives. He was  
the second former member of the

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"Gene" Bowman Sr.

## Private Business Park Is Proposed

By **JEFF LINVILLE**  
Staff Writer

Two developers announced plans  
Tuesday to build a small-business park  
on N.C. 89.

Burke Robertson and Charlie  
Vaughn will develop 27.17 acres of  
land next to Hardy's Custom Golf,  
near J. Sam Gentry Middle School.  
They appeared before the city Public  
Works Committee Tuesday morning to  
discuss municipal water service. With  
new commissioners on board, the com-  
mittee now includes Commissioners  
Mike King and Todd Harris and City  
Manager Matt Bernhardt.

The city is concerned because it  
could be competition for the new Pied-  
mont Triad West Corporate Park that  
the city and county established at a  
cost of more than \$3 million.

The park would cater to businesses  
wanting small offices or distribution







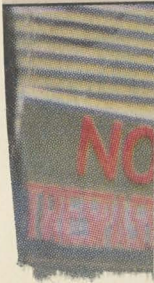
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# Death And

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Russell E. Bowman Sr. died suddenly Tuesday morning. He was stricken at his home, 21 Heatherstone Lane, Mount Airy, and died en route to Northern Hospital of Surry.

Bowman, a numerous friend of the second fa



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neral.

In addition to being a former Mount Airy commissioner, Bowman was a retired Mount Airy postmaster and a past company commander of the Mount Airy National Guard unit, serving with the rank of captain.

He was also a past exalted ruler of the Mount Airy Elks Lodge, a past president of the Mount Airy Lions Club, was a former Mount Airy Jaycee and member of the Sertoma Club and a past member of the U.C. Civil Service Examiners.

He was a past chairman of the Surry County chapter, American Red Cross, a past president of the Mount Airy Country Club and was a past assistant scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of Granite Masonic Lodge and the Surry Shrine Club.

Bowman was a veteran employee of the U.S. Postal Service. He was a mail carrier and then served as officer in charge of the Mount Airy Post Office from June 30, 1970, until March 1971, when he was installed as postmaster. He filled the office for about 10 years, before retiring.

A native of Surry County, he was born Dec. 27, 1925, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Bowman Sr. of Mount Airy and was a graduate of Mount Airy High School. He studied accounting at Hardbarger Business College. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy.

Bowman was married to the former Frances Simpson of Dobson. They had three sons, Russell E. Bowman Jr., Mike Bowman and Johnny Bowman.

Prominent in the Mount Airy Friends Meeting, Bowman had served as presiding clerk and chairman of the trustees and had been a part-time Sunday School teacher.

Postmaster Jim Littleton said this morning that Bowman was one of the reasons he chose to come to Mount Airy. They became acquainted when attending postal service meetings, he said, and Bowman would talk about Mount Airy, praising the town, its citizens, business and industrial life and church life.

Bowman did a good job of praising Mount Airy, for Littleton said that he resolved to apply for the postmastership here when it became open. The position became open when Bowman retired in 1981.

Bowman is survived by his wife, three sons, seven grandchildren, one great-grandson, one sister and one brother.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Mount Airy Friends Meeting, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Willie Frye. Burial will be in Skyline Memory Gardens.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in Moody Funeral Home of Mount Airy.

Memorials may be made to the Mount Airy Friends Meeting, 109 W. Wilson St., Mount Airy, N.C. 27030.

The complete obituary appears elsewhere in today's issue of *The Mount Airy News*.



## BOWMAN

Mr. Russell Eugene "Gene" Bowman Sr., 74, of 2105 Heatherstone Lane, Mount Airy, the husband of Frances Simpson Bowman, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2000, in Northern Hospital of Surry County. Mr. Bowman was born December 27, 1925, in Surry County, the son of the late Andrew and Chattie Griffith Bowman. Mr. Bowman was former postmaster for the Mount Airy Post Office, a member of the Mount Airy Friends Meeting, having served as Sunday School teacher and on various committees, was past president of the Mount Airy Country Club and Mount Airy Lions Club, a former commissioner for the City of Mount Airy, having served for eight years, was a former member of the board of directors of the Mount Airy Red Cross, a member of Granite Masonic Lodge and the Surry Shrine Club, was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served in World War II and later was a captain and company commander for the North Carolina National Guard in

Mount Airy. Surviving are his wife, Frances Simpson Bowman of the home; three sons and their spouses, Russell and Linda Bowman of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Mike and Diane Bowman of Mount Airy and Johnny and Joan Bowman of Mount Airy; seven grandchildren, John Bowman of Winston-Salem, Betsy Bowman, Lee Bowman, John Shelton and Jamey Shelton, all of Mount Airy, and Susan Meadows and T.J. Goswick, both of Mooresville; one great-grandson, Sachiel Meadows of Mooresville; one sister, Eva Lou Milford of Newark, N.J.; and one brother, Martin Bowman of Fayetteville. In addition to his parents, Mr. Bowman was preceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 1, 2000, at 2 p.m. in the Mount Airy Friends Meeting, conducted by the Rev. Willie Frye, with burial to follow in Skyline Memory Gardens. The Bowman family will receive friends in the Moody Funeral Home of Mount Airy on Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be made to the Mount Airy Friends Meeting, 109 West Wilson St., Mount Airy, N.C. 27030.



HUSBAND or WIFE: John William "Will" Sehen

Born: Jan 27 1867 Place: Patrick County Va.

Married: Estilla M Date: By:

Work--lived: Patrick County Va Amelia County Va

Died: Jan 17 1952 Age:

Buried: Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church Amelia County Va

Parents: John Sehen

HUSBAND or WIFE Estilla M Sehen

Born: Place:

Work--lived:

Died: July 26 1948 Age:

Buried: Little Flock Cemetery Amelia County Va

Parents:

	M or F	CHILDREN	Born Mo. Da. Yr.	Where Born	Name & Date of First Marriage	Death Mo. Da. Yr.
		Given name--Surname				
1.	F	Ophelia			Lonn Cox	
2.	F	Della			Reid Woodall	
3.	F	Eva			Sherman White	
4.	F	Emma			Reid Rogers	
5.	M	Ted			Grace Robinson	
6.	M	Raymond			Roxie Jarrell	
7.	F	Avis			Hester Pike	
8.	M	Robert "Bob" P			died age 14	
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Notes: Ophelia Sehen Cox stayed in Patrick County Va is Buried in Red Bank Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery All of the other children moved to Amelia County Va. All are deceased. Many decedents survive. (1997)



HUSBAND or WIFE: Asa Armfield Sehen  
 Born: July 13 1868 Place:  
 Married: Sept 5 1884 Date: Sept 5 By:  
 Work--lived: Patrick County Va Keystone W Va  
 Died: Sept 14 1928 Age: slate fell on him in Coal Mine  
 Buried: Keystone W. Va

Parents: John Sehen Mary Elizabeth Married Sept 7 1911  
 HUSBAND or WIFE "Molly" E Hall Aug 26 1894 2. (Jenny) Virginia Boyd  
 Born: Jan 15 1874 Place: Patrick County Va  
 Work--lived:  
 Died: May 18 1910 Age:  
 Buried:

Parents: Zedekiah Hall Matilda Spangler Hall

M or F	CHILDREN	Born	Where	Name & Date of	Death
	Given name--Surname	Mo. Da. Yr.	Born	First Marriage	Mo. Da. Yr.
F	Mamie M	5-29-1895		Jim Compenella May 5 1911	June 20 1986 <del>Sept 11 1928</del>
M	Iran Blaine	9-15-1896		Sophronia Handy Oct 30 1920	Jan 8 1968 <del>May 18</del>
M	Sherman A	8-5-1898		Never married Sept 15 1916	March 10 1902
F	Lizzie M	2-28-1900		Pizzino Eggs Van Suptin	Aug 31 1960
M	Burton Armfield	12-26-1901		Sept 3 1925	Aug 28 1960
M	Harry M	1-6-1903			Aug 18 1904
F	Flora S	10-15-1905		Wilcy P Bowman March 5 1924	Aug 13-1941
F	"Mollie Irene"	8-10-1907		Walter Bowman	May 28 Aug 11 1935

Notes: Virginia (Jenny) R Boyd May 22 1876 - Jan 6 1950  
 Wife # 2 - No children  
 All of Asa's children are deceased (1997)  
 Molly Hall Sehen wife no. 1 was the daughter of Matilda Spangler + Zedekiah Hall Matilda first married Edd Mabty owner of Mabty's Mill on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Va  
 many of Asa's grand children survive



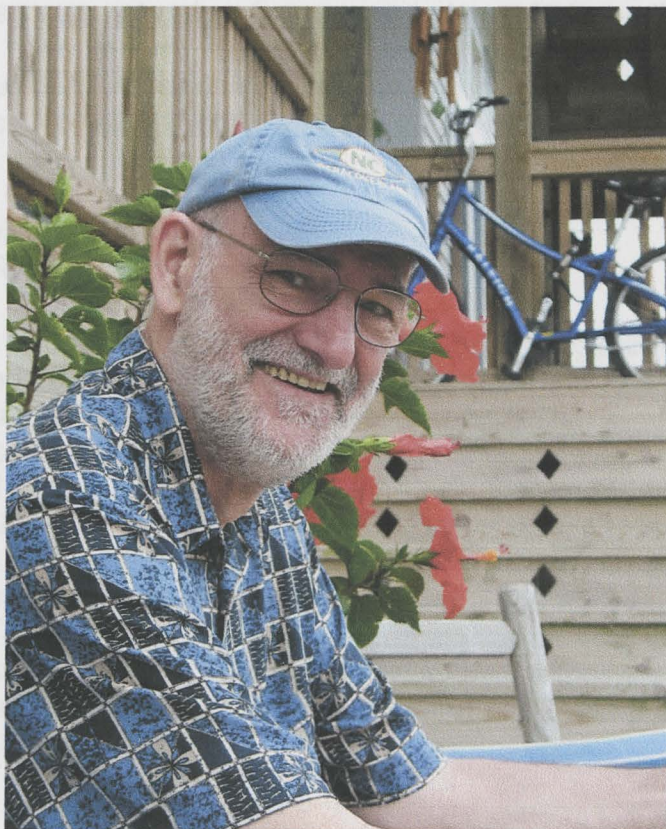
**In Memory of**

**Byron Lee Bowman**

Mr. Byron Lee Bowman, age 76, of Mount Airy, North Carolina passed away on Monday, May 28, 2018 at Northern Hospital of Surry County.

Byron was born in Stokes County, North Carolina on March 5, 1942 to the late Charlie Lee and Virgie Snow Bowman and later migrated to Cambridge, Massachusetts where he taught at the Buckingham Browne & Nichols School for over 30 years before moving back to North Carolina.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Left to cherish his memories are his wife, Berit (Bisse) Bowman of the home; sons and daughter-in-law, Peter Bowman, Benjamin Bowman and wife Abigail Sue; grandchildren Magnus and Phineas Bowman; brothers and sister-in-law, Samuel and Rita Bowman, Foley Bowman; sisters and brothers-in-law, Lydia and Earl Shelton, Bessie and Eric Comer, as well as many nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and nephews. Services for Byron were private and in lieu of flowers the family requested that memorial donations be made to The Sierra Club at <https://sierraclub.org/ways-to-give> or to ACLU at <https://action.org/give/make-gift-aclu-someones-memory>.





## Memories of Byron Bowman

Some years back, my husband and I met up with Byron and his lovely wife, Bisse. We had been corresponding but we'd never met until this time. Besides a lovely lunch and their showing us around the town of Mt. Airy (which was a delightful experience in itself), they took us on a special tour of Surry Co. Byron's ancestor was a brother to my ancestor. His was William Smith who came to Surry from Orange Co., VA not too long after my ancestor had arrived. Mine was Charles Smith. Both were sons of Stephen I.K. Smith (originally Justphenica Smith) who died in 1784.

Byron had studied the deeds and the maps and found the land where Charles lived and the neighboring land where his oldest son, Stephen I.K., Jr. lived. I descend from Stephen I.K., Jr. He also took us on up the road to where William had lived. It was a special day.

Byron was an excellent researcher and kindly shared and patiently answered questions from some of us not quite as astute in research. He'll be missed.

Gale Judkins  
Corinth, MS

Byron Bowman was not only a fun person to know but was the greatest of ancestor researchers I have known. He not only knew how to research but could analyze his findings on our SMITHS and HODGES by a deep study of births, deaths, taxes, censuses, etc. He will be sorely missed. My love and prayers go out to his wife Bisse and family.

Orella Chadwick  
Tillamook, OR

Byron was so supportive to the Surry County Genealogical Association while he was a member during 2011-2018. Byron was researching the Bowman, Golding, Snow, Smith, Shinault, Johnson, Davis, Robertson, and Bellen families as well as others. I will especially miss all of his good research and his articles he submitted to the quarterly journal. I had the pleasure of having lunch with him and Bisse when Orella Chadwick came from Tillamook, Oregon for a visit to Mount Airy, NC in 2013. We had a wonderful time eating at Barney's in downtown Mount Airy along with some of his Holloway cousins and friends. Included in the group were Louann and Don Frye, Janie and Wayne Pack, and Orella's daughter Virgie. He will be so missed by his many friends, researchers and most of all his family. I was looking forward to some articles on his Bowman family in the future. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of his family during this time.

Wilma Hiatt  
Tobaccoville, NC

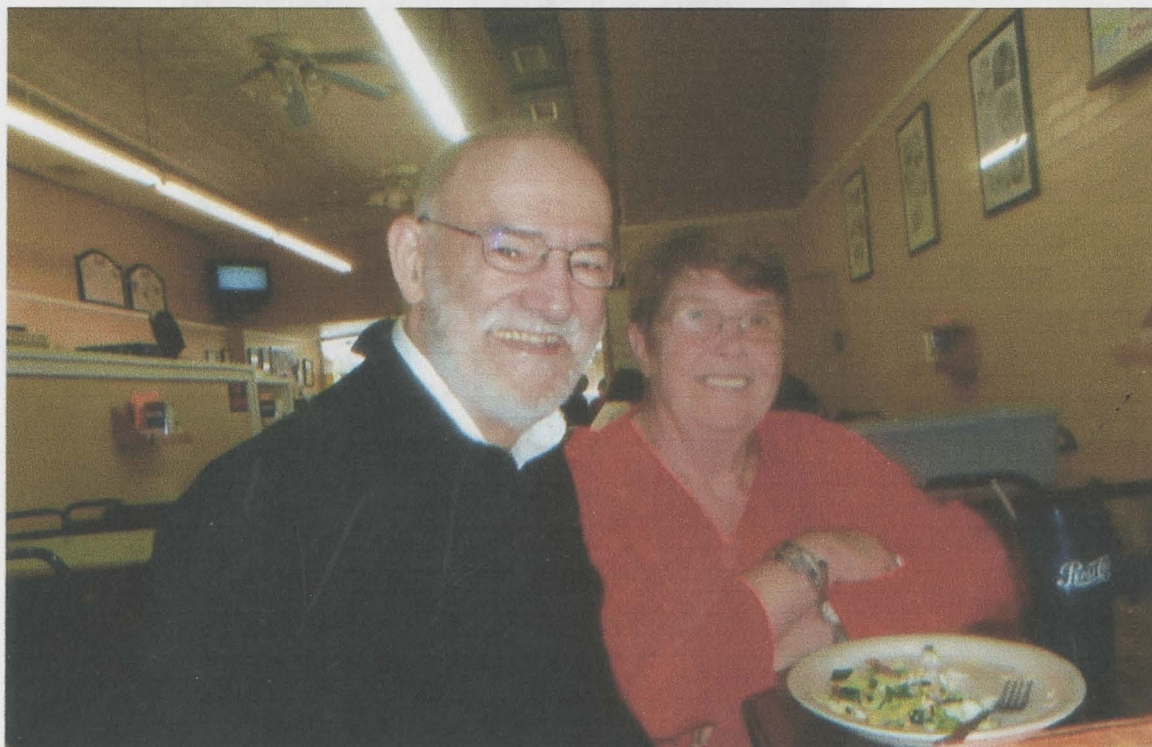


Byron Bowman was my first cousin (once removed), the grandson of my father's sister, Molly Smith Snow. When he retired from teaching and he and Bisse moved back to Surry County I asked him to join our Team of Smith/ Hodges Researchers. Right away he started breaking down brick walls, finding data the rest of us had bypassed. He shared everything and we were amazed at how he could "dot" every "I" and "cross" every "T" with his knowledge. I will miss him because we were kin; I will miss him because he was a great researcher and I will miss him because I loved him.

Mary Anne ( Smith ) Hodges-Pippin  
Taylorsville, North Carolina

As with so many others, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Byron Bowman. Byron and I were related through the Snow, Hodges and Smith families of Surry County. While I treasure that kinship, more importantly I treasure his friendship and his willingness to share information concerning our families. Byron was a superb genealogical and historical researcher and the material he found and shared has added so much to the knowledge of these families both in Virginia and in North Carolina. He will be greatly missed and will never be forgotten by so many of us who were blessed to know and to share family history with him.

Dr. Christopher N. ("Kirk") Sheap  
Bridgewater, Virginia



Byron and Bisse in Mount Airy, NC in 2013.