

**The Town of Maine, N.Y. -  
from Settlers, to Farmers, to Commuters - 1790 - 1920.**

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## Some Early Settlers in and around Maine, NY

Benjamin Norton  
Stockbridge MA in  
1794

Russell and  
Alfred Gates  
East Haddam  
MA  
1795

Asap  
Morse

Isaac Norton  
Born 1778 - 1868  
Wife Ruth S Atkins  
1784 - 1859

Gardner  
Sawin  
Bowers  
moves 1822  
from Rindge,  
NH

Nathaniel  
Slosson 1794  
1764 - 1822

Amos Howard  
1769 - 1845

Winthrop  
Roe 1795

John  
Wilson

Thomas  
Marean

Jed Dudley  
Stockbridge MA  
1796

In Allentown  
Timothy Caswell  
1815

Ebenezer  
and  
Matthew  
Allen 1836

James  
Ketchum  
1802

Joseph  
Howard  
1756 -  
1827

Marsena  
Hitchcock.  
McIntyre 1829

John Durfee  
Connecticut early 1800's

Aaron Delano early 1800's

“The *first settler in Maine was Benjamin Norton* from Stockbridge, Massachusetts who settled about three-fourths of a mile north of the present village site, in **1794**.

In **1796 Jed Dudley** also from Stockbridge, Massachusetts came by ox team across the frozen Hudson and Catskill Rivers, over the mountains near Stamford and down the Susquehanna Valley to Chenango Point, by primitive road to Union, and then through the “wilderness” to a point about halfway between what is now Union Center and Maine. There he built a log cabin, later replaced by a plank house, near the site of the present Maine Cemetery.

In **1795 Russell and Albert Gates** , of East Haddam, Connecticut, who came in 1791 to “Chenango Point” and who were not satisfied with the soil there, migrated up the Nanticoke Valley to the end of the road near “Centerville” at the Dudley place. **From there they cut their way through the wilderness to a place about four miles up the west branch of the Nanticoke Creek. It was necessary to continually guard against wolves and other wild beasts as all sorts of game and wildlife were plentiful at that time;** however, little trouble was experienced with the Indians as most of them had begun to leave following the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign(1779). The Gates families were followed by the Daniel Howard and Winthrop Roe families in the same year”

“Because of attracting large numbers of wolves, they found they could not carry any food in their lunches that gave off agreeable odors. ...A bounty of twenty shillings was placed on wolves in 1790 and raised to ten dollars per in 1822.”

The Gates Family  
Started in East Haddam, CT  
In 1634



## Alfred Gates 1772 - 1859

### Alfred Gates

- b. 2.26.1772 (East Haddam Connecticut) d. 5.27.1859 Maine NY  
Pioneer to Maine about 1793 with brother Russell came from Connecticut.  
m 1st 5.2.1797 Lucretia Tubbs 1.14.1736 (CT)  
m. 2nd Cynthia

### Children (15)

- [Lovisa GATES](#) b: 2 Feb 1805 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Horace GATES](#) b: 16 Apr 1798 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Alice GATES](#) b : 8 Sep 1799 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Polly GATES](#) b: 8 Aug 1801 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Ancyanda GATES](#) b: 4 Feb 1803 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Lucretia GATES](#) b: 26 Mar 1807 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Lucy GATES](#) b: 5 Sep 1810 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Betsey GATES](#) b: 28 Jun 1812 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Serrano GATES](#) b: 20 Mar 1814 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Alfred GATES](#) b: 8 Apr 1816 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Rumina GATES](#) b: 28 Mar 1818 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Lydia GATES](#) b: 21 Feb 1820 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Ranson Tiffany GATES](#) b: Abt 1822 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Amanda GATES](#) b: 29 Mar 1825 in Lisle, Broome, NY
- [Levi GATES](#) b: 9 Jan 1809 in Lisle, Broome, NY

<http://gw.geneanet.org/tdowling?lang=en&p=alfred&n=gates&oc=1>

## Russell Gates 1766 - 1839

**Russell Gates**, born January 19, 1766 in East Haddam, CT, married at Canaan, Columbia County, NY, March 8, 1792, Esther Briggs, born in Dighton, MA, January 18, 1761 - 1850, daughter of William Briggs and his wife, Esther. Russell's parents Levi Gates (1736 – 1802) and Lydia Crocker Gates (1735 – unkn.)

Soon after their marriage, the couple decided to move westward to establish their home. Russell went to search for a suitable location in the Nanticoke Valley of Broome County, NY. He bought a tract of land and built a log house before making his way back east through the woods to pick up his wife for the return trip by ox team and cart. As early as 1793, they settled in Union (now Maine), Broome County, NY, then a wilderness of virgin forests, and they remained there for the rest of their lives.

Russell Gates built a large estate, consisting of a frame house with farms, an orchard, dam, and sawmill. He was chosen deacon of the Baptist Church and he conducted funerals in the neighborhood and officiated as a lay preacher. He died, suddenly, May 8, 1839, leaving bequests to his church. Mrs. Esther Gates died, November 6, 1850. (buries in Corson-Corners Old Nanticoke Rd.

### Children of Russell and Esther (Briggs) Gates, born in Broome County, NY:

1. **William**, born September 18, 1795.
2. **Louis**, born April 10, 1800 (Lisle, NY) - July 1, 1873. (Maine, NY)
3. **Cyrus**, born (Lisle) July 25, 1802 - 1891 (Nanticoke) Marries November 5, 1828, Arabella Leadbetter, born in Richmond, Berkshire County, MA, b. December 10, 1805 | Jan. 27, 1897. They resided in Broome County where he was a farmer, a surveyor for the county, deacon of the Baptist Church, and leader of the choir.



### Spouses of Louis:

Sarah T. *Taylor* Gates 1820 - 1854

Emily *Payne* Gates 1804 - 1842

Mary Jane *Ross McAllister/Gates* 1817 - 1889

Louis married Emily Payne 4 May 1823 in Maine, Broome, New York. He married 2nd Sally | Taylor on 7 Jul 1842 in Maine, Broome, New York and 3rd Mary Jane Ross 3 Nov 1854 in Maine, Broome, New York.

### Children:

William Henry Gates 1825 - 1902

Granville Gates 1829 – 1906 marries Sarah Jane Bowers

Russell Gates 1845 - 1916

Mary Jane Gates 1848 - 1873

Find a grave



“Rev. William Gates ran the Maine Academy from 1837 until 1852. Students at the school came from as far away as Owego. The Baptist minister was pro-slavery and used scripture to support his point of view, and it was also said that Reverend Gates spoke eight languages.” Maine and the Nanticoke Valley S.L.

## Reverend William Gates 1795 -1882 1st child of Russell

“Eldest son of Deacon Russell Gates (1766-1839) and Esther Briggs (1761-1850), **William**, though a backwoods boy, was absorbed in books from childhood. For some years he conducted an academy in Maine Village, Broome County, New York. Then for forty years he was the comfortable pastor of a quiescent Baptist church in a neighboring town. There he entertained his abundant leisure with the driest of books, linguistic, theological, and other. It was whispered that Reverend William Gates had mastered eight languages. Some old Greek and Hebrew books came down through the family from him. Without having seen the inside of a schoolhouse except as teacher, he was given a degree for his learning by Madison University, now Colgate. Without ambition, without interest in visible things, William Gates lived among his books at cost of all practical efficiency. (Ref: Our American Ancestry, by Frederick Taylor Gates)

September 18, 1795 - 2.22.1882

William married Mary Ellen Stevens on 03 September 1833 in Union, Broome, New York; they had one child.

Family links:

Spouse:

Mary Ellen *Stevens* Gates (1804 - 1877)

Burial:

Riverside Cemetery

Whitney Point

Broome County

New York, USA

Find A Grave Memorial# 74212185”

## Deacon Louis Gates 1800 – 1871 2<sup>nd</sup> child of Russell



### Spouses:

Sarah T. *Taylor* Gates (1820 - 1854)

Emily *Payne* Gates (1804 - 1842)

Mary Jane *Ross McAllister*/Gates (1817 - 1889)

### Children:

William Henry Gates (1825 – 1902)

Granville Gates (1829 - 1906)

Russell Gates (1845 - 1916)

Mary Jane Gates (1848 - 1873)

Find A Grave # 78638631

This house is referred to as the Louis Gates home. This lovely home on Nanticoke Road burned in 1997. Louis Gates was the second son of Russell Gates, one of the first settlers in the Town of Maine. Russell and his brother Alfred cut their way through the dense forest and made a seven-mile road, which is now known as Nanticoke Road. Both brothers were charter members of the Maine Baptist Church at its incorporation in 1835. Louis,

born in 1800, received one-third of his father's land when Russell died in 1839. The house probably dates from that time. Louis was appointed as one of the three moderators at the incorporation of the Town of Maine in 1848 (See Page 3).

Louis was the father of Granville and "Denver" Russell Gates, who made his fortune as a merchant in the West. Granville was Town Supervisor in 1851-53.

Deacon Cyrus Gates 1802 - 1891 3<sup>rd</sup> child of Russell



“The home of Cyrus and Arabella Gates was built in 1848 on Old Nanticoke Road in Maine. Cyrus was a surveyor and cartographer. This home was once a station on the Underground Railroad, and the Cyrus Gates Farmstead is now listed in the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places.” [Maine and the Nanticoke Valley](#)

## Underground Railroad in Broome County

“Broome County, New York played a very important role in the Underground Railroad by helping runaway slaves escape their bondage from Southern plantations and slave masters. From 1848 until the end of slavery in the United States in 1865, the **Cyrus Gates** Farmstead in Maine, New York was a station or stop on the Underground Railroad. Its owners: Cyrus and Arabella Gates were outspoken abolitionists as well as active and vital members of their community. Oral history says that through those years many escaped slaves came through the Gates' station. The slaves would travel from the South to the North from station to station mostly under the cover of darkness. Often times, once runaways got into the states of Pennsylvania and Ohio, they would not be in much danger of being captured by bounty hunters or the police. Runaways in New York would often work and do chores with the station owners during the day. One runaway female slave, a 16-year-old girl named Margaret "Marge" Cruizer was so comfortable with the Gates family that she decided to stay at their station and live with them. Marge ended up spending the rest of her life with the Gates' and is buried in the cemetery right next to the house.

In 1850 the United States government in trying to prevent a war between the slave and non-slave states passed a new Fugitive Slave Act. This law gave bounty hunters from the South more rights to chase slaves into the North and forced Northern police officers into arresting and returning runaway slaves that they captured. Abolitionists hated the Fugitive Slave act, and started working even harder to find ways to end slavery. Southern slave plantation owners hated Northern abolitionists because the abolitionists wanted to end slavery which in turn would mean that the plantation owners would lose their laborers-the people that worked for them. The plantation owners kept trying to get back their slaves that would run away to the North and on to Canada if they had to. The average slave was worth a lot of money to a slave owner, so owners would pay people called bounty hunters to bring runaway slaves back to them if they could.

We should be proud of our strong abolitionist heritage here in Broome County. Slavery was a terrible thing and families like the Gates' knew in their hearts and minds that it had to be stopped. The Gates' and many other abolitionists risked much to end slavery, but unfortunately it took the great Civil War to end slavery in the United States. ”

Stephen G. Beukema

November 19, 2005

<http://www.wpcsd.org/UndergroundRailroad.aspx>

**Cyrus Gates**, born July 25, 1802 in Lisle, Broome County, NY, married, November 5, 1828, Arabella Leadbetter, born in Richmond, Berkshire County, MA, December 10, 1805, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Rowley) Leadbetter, and a granddaughter of Aaron Rowley, a Revolutionary War officer. Cyrus Gates resided in Broome County where he was a farmer, a surveyor for the county, deacon of the Baptist Church, and leader of the choir. He died in 1891 in Nanticoke, Broome County, NY and his widow died there, January 27, 1897.

#### Children

1. Livingston Theodore, b. 2 Sept 1829, d. 18 Mar 1903 WI, m. J. Agnes Brockett 10 Oct 1860
2. Byron Chandler, b. 14 Feb 1832, d. 22 Mar 1913 NY, m. Lydia A. Buck 20 Oct 1858
3. Aravesta Clementine, b. 10 July 1836, m. Alexander Ross, born about 1829 in Scotland.
4. Eugene Orestes, b. 21 Oct 1844, m. 1st about 1880, Cora Bogert, b. April 1860 in New York, daughter of Peter and Jane (\_\_\_\_\_) Bogert. He m. 2nd after 1900, Anna \_\_\_\_\_. He was a farmer in Maine, NY, age 18, when the 1862 Military Roll was taken. In the census of 1880 and 1900 he was recorded as a farmer in Candor, Tioga County, NY. In 1900 he and Cora resided with her father, Peter Bogert, and worked on his farm. Eugene and Cora (Bogert) Gates had no children.”

Go to

<http://www.wpcsd.org/CyrusGatesFarmstead.aspx>

For more information. It is on the Whitney Point High School website



“Owning a station or being a conductor on the Underground Railroad was most certainly illegal behavior, although not considered unethical behavior by many people. In light of this, participation in the Underground Railroad was very secretive; records were not usually, if ever kept of the comings and goings at stations. It would be an unwise act to record illegal behavior, especially in New York where there were the Northern Democrats were strong. *In fact Cyrus' own brother William Gates was an ardent Copperhead and after an argument with Cyrus over "breaking the law" moved out of the family house. In light of this it is easier to see why much of the history of this vast network of stations has been passed down through oral history.*

The oral history of the **Cyrus Gates Farmstead** says that the main house was used before and after the Civil War as a station on the Underground Railway and that Cyrus and Arabella Gates were station hosts or conductors. The following is a statement made by Cyrus Gates' great-granddaughter, Louise Gates-Gunsalus (1894-1986):

*"I know of only one route in Maine (N.Y.) township for the travel and care of slaves. This route has, as far south as I have been told, its first point of contact in a home in Vestal, New York. Its next station, or stop, the Luce home on Route 26, south of Union Center, and next, to the Russell Gates home, later his son's, Cyrus Gates...the next and last known point was the Bushnell home on the Newark Valley, Dryden Road at the crossroad where the Bushnell house stood. From there the next station was in or near Ithaca, but where I have no information."*

*To facilitate the harboring and if necessary the hiding of runaway slaves, the Gates built a hiding place inside the south wing of their attic. Inside the master bedroom upstairs, an access panel was made inside of one of the closets. The old leather thong used to close the panel to the wall is still there to this day. This panel would give access to an area that was roughly 20 feet by 10 feet by four feet high. It is not known if runaways were actually ever forced to retreat to this area. There would probably have to be a high level of concern-such as a bounty hunter in the area-to necessitate the hiding of the slaves inside the house. ”*

Stephen G. Beukema

March 6, 2006

<http://www.wpcsd.org/UndergroundRailroad.aspx>

The Bowers Family  
Started in Cambridge, MA  
in 1635

Bowers Family came to Maine in 1822



1920

Bowers Family Homestead 51 Nanticoke Road originally settled by Gardner Swain Bowers and his wife Achsah Taylor Bowers . The 1824 house burned and was replaced in 1871.

## Gardner Sawin Bowers photo c 1880

- Father, Nehemiah Bowers, II, 1752 - 1828 was a minute man at Lexington and Bunker Hill
- Mother; Sarah Sawin 1756 – 1856
- Gardner moved here from NH in 1822 Married Achsah Taylor in 1827  
Oldest daughter of Andrew Taylor/Jane Dinsmore
- Commissioned by Governor DeWitt Clinton
- Recommissioned in 1861 to raise troops for the Civil War
- Was a millwright, and served as local magistrate



## Gardner Sawin Bowers

b. April 4, 1802 Rindge, New Hampshire. d. February 20, 1882 Maine, NY

“Gardner Sawin Bowers was the son of Nehemiah (II) Bowers (1752-1828) and Sarah Sawin (1757-1856) Gardner Sawin Bowers, born in Rindge, Cheshire County, New Hampshire in 1802. He was the youngest son of Nehemiah and Sarah who had lived near Boston and later moved to Rindge, Cheshire County, New Hampshire. They were among the second wave of New England immigrants whose search for land led them into central New York State. They moved from New Hampshire into an area which was part of the Boston Purchase in 1822.

Straight down the Nanticoke Creek was the Andrew Taylor farm, and Gardner Sawin Bowers, a young man of twenty-two, bought land in 1824 adjoining this Taylor farm. Andrew Taylor, with his fine family of nine children had several pretty daughters, among them **Achsah**, two years younger than Gardner. Gardner and Achsah were married in 1827 and went to live in the modest frame house that Gardner had built with his own hands half a mile south of the fine mansion of Andrew Taylor.

Gardner was a millwright by trade but had made a profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian church in 1825, two years before his marriage. There was no mills started at that time and the people in the area soon found his skills in clearing the timber and making ready to cultivate the land and building houses were in great demand. He took an active part in the building of houses for the new settlers and later on, in the erection of saw and grist mills.

His military title of Captain is derived from commissions held in the New York State militia during the "training days" and granted by Governor DeWitt Clinton from 1829 to the mid-1830's. An interesting conflict between church authority and State authority was brought out a trial and excommunication of Captain Gardner Sawin Bowers, a commissioned military officer who had been forced to court-martial a brother member for failure to obey a militia training order. Since the church trial was for slander, only evidence bearing directly upon this charge was admitted and Captain Bowers was not permitted to introduce evidence regarding the situation as a whole. In 1834 he was excommunicated from The Congregational Church of Maine, New York. The family withdrew from the church and thereafter attended the Baptist church, although never becoming members. Although physically unable to serve, he was again commissioned as honorary Major in 1861 in order to raise troops for Lincoln's second call for the Civil War.

## Gardner Sawin Bowers

“As a millwright, Gardner became interested with several others in a patent milling process. The partners bought territorial rights. The patent proved worthless. Gardner alone was financially responsible (as his friends were without means) and was obliged unassisted to pay the notes which the partners had given, and he had endorsed, besides the expenses of a long and unsuccessful litigation. It was more that twenty years before he was able to discharge this debt, principal and interest.

He served as a justice of the peace, learned the rudiments of law, often acted as attorney in local suits when not presiding, and was for one term associate judge on the County bench. He was a vigorous and sometimes a vehement speaker. He was the local boss of his township for the Republican party, pulled all the political wires and dominated the party caucuses. The outbreak of the Civil War filled him with excitement and zeal. Despite financial difficulties which plagued the family throughout most of Gardner's life, he became a prominent member of this small community.

Gardner and Achsah had six children. All of these children died without issue except Sarah Jane Bowers and Lamont Montgomery Bowers. The old family mansion at "Bowers Corners" with its invaluable keepsakes and heirlooms burned to the ground in 1870 and the present rather tasteful building was erected in its stead immediately after, by the filial piety of the sons.

Gardner Bowers died in 1882 at the ripe age of eighty. His brothers and sisters inherited with him the longevity of his mother and of the Sawin family. He had a fair share of personal and family pride, and desired to have the old farm kept permanently in the family as a memorial. The old farm was inherited by Lamont M. Bowers and passed down through his descendants.”

(Ref: Clement Gray Bowers letter 07 March 1968) (Ref: Biography: Lamont Montgomery Bowers, written by Jerry Pepper) and (Ref: Our American Ancestry, by Frederick Taylor Gates)

Spouse: Achsah Taylor Bowers (1804 - 1875)

**The People of the State of New-York,**

*To all to whom these Presents shall come:*

**KNOW YE,** That pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of our said State, **WE** have appointed and constituted, and by these Presents, **DO** appoint and create *L. Gardner Bowers, Esquire*, **Commissioner** of the *201<sup>st</sup>* Regiment of *Infantry* of said State, (with rank from *June 1<sup>st</sup> 1827*) To hold the said Office in the manner specified in *Art. 17* by our said Constitution and Laws.

In Testimony whereof, *WE* have caused our Seal for Military Commissions to be hereunto affixed: Witness **DE WITT CLINTON**, Esquire, Governor of our said State, General and Commander Chief of all the Militia, and Admiral of the Navy of the same, at our City of Albany, the *11<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-*9*.

*Passed the Adjutant-General's Office.*

*A. T. Beck*

Adjutant-General.

8.11.1827 Gardner Bowers Commission in the 201<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Infantry NYS signed by Governor DeWitt Clinton. Original housed in the Janet W. Bowers Museum Archives Maine, NY. "His military title of Captain is derived from commissions held in the New York State militia during the "training days" and granted by Governor DeWitt Clinton from 1829 to the mid-1830's."

**Gardner Sawin Bowers 1802- 1882 Age 80 and**  
**Wife Achsah Taylor Bowers 1804 – 1875 Age 71**

**BOWERS**

**1802**  
–  
**1935**  
**(2004)**

*Six Children*

1. **Sarah Jane** 1830 - 1904 - 74
2. Achsah Ann 1832 - 1906 - 74
3. Charles Gardner 1838 - 1918 - 80
4. John Milton 1842 - 1900 - 58
5. ElizabethAnnDuane 1844 - 1868 - 24
6. **Lamont Montgomery** 1847 - 1941 - 93

Sarah Jane (1) m. Granville Gates  
Two sons Frank and Frederick Taylor

Achsah Ann (2) m. Vandeburgh  
No children

Charles Gardner (3) m. Esther Jane  
No Children

John Milton (4) m. Mary Jamina  
No children

Lamont Montgomery (6) m. Fanny Gray in 1872,  
Frances Irene Gere m. 8.22. 1911 from Montrose, PA  
Two sons: Franck Taylor 1875 - 1932  
Clement Gray 1893 – 1973

Elizabeth Ann Duane (5)  
Not married

Franck m. Frances Nicoll m. 1903  
One daughter with Franck: Frances;  
remarries Thomas Stephens Miller in 1934 no children

Clement Gray m. Janet Whitney in 1925  
One Daughter Janet

Frances Shelton Bowers Miller,  
1907-1991

Janet Bowers 1935 - 2004 m. Larry  
Bothwell in 1957 he dies in 1995  
No children

## Bowers Corners



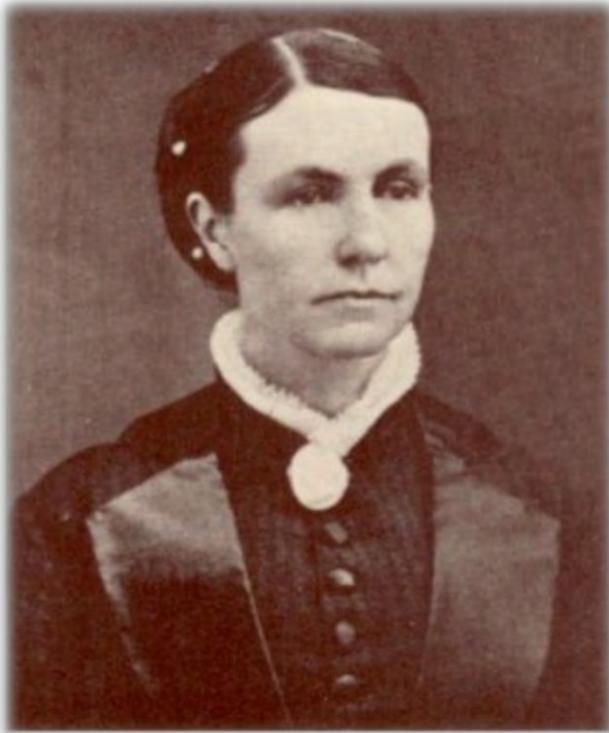
Christmas Card sent out by Lamont M. Bowers and his wife Fanny Gray. The home was built in 1871 on the site of the original house, built in 1837 which burnt down.

Bowers Corners is named for ***Gardner Bowers*** who settled here in 1822.



Front row: Lamont, Clement and Fanny Gray 1898





<sup>1st</sup> **Sarah Jane Bowers child of Gardner**

September 19, 1830 – October 23, 1904

Married Rev. Granville Gates on 9.19.1850 in Maine NY. Rev. Gates was the son of **Deacon Louis Gates** and Emily Payne. He served churches at Lamb's Corners, Yorkshire, Mott's Corners, and Ovid.

They moved to Kansas, 1867, where he served as superintendent of Baptist home missions for the entire state.

Children:

1. Frank Gates, born June 28, 1851. He died of heart disease, January 24, 1884, unmarried, in Highland, Doniphan County, KS. He was buried at the Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Montclair, NJ.
2. Sarah Gates, born 1852. Died Young.
3. **Frederick Taylor Gates**, born July 2, 1853. Died 6 Feb 1929 in Phoenix, Arizona.



## **Frederick Taylor "Fred" Gates Son of Sarah Bowers and Granville Gates**



Sibling: Frank Gates 1851 in Maine NY – 1884 in Kansas

Spouses:

Emma Lucile *Cahoon* Gates (1855 - 1934)

Lucia Fowler *Perkins* Gates (\_\_\_\_ - 1883)

Children:

Federick Lamont Gates 1886 - 1933

Franklin Herbert Gates 1888 - 1945

Russell Cahoon Gates 1890 - 1964

Alice Florence *Gates* Pudney 1891 - 1974

Lucia Louise *Gates* Hooper 1893 - 1967

Grace Lucile *Gates* Mitchell 1895 - 1981

Percival Taylor Gates 1897 - 1978

**The following is a partial listing of major offices held by Frederick T. Gates.**

- **Original trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation (1913-1923)**
- **A trustee (1902-1917) and chairman (1907-1917) of the General Education Board.**
- **Chairman of the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission (1909-1914)**
- **Trustee of the University of Chicago (1896-1910)**
- **Trustee of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research (1909-1929)**
- **Member of the International Health Commission Board (1913-1923)**
- **Member of the China Medical Board**
- **Trustee of the Peking Union Medical College (1914-1917)**



Lamont M. Bowers, 1924

- 1847 Born in Maine, NY son of Gardner Ford & Meagley, soap company, sales and then partner
- 1867-71
- 1872 Marries Fanny Gray
- 1878 Moved to Omaha, formed Bemis & Bowers, real estate
- 1879 Parker & Bowers, state agents for farm equipment, Omaha
- 1883 Returned to Binghamton. Semi-retired, local investing
- 1895 **Confidential representative for J. D. Rockefeller**
- 1895-01 Mgr. of Bessemer Steamship Co, Cleveland. Anchor Co.
- 1904 Supervised building 17-story Rockefeller Bldg., Cleveland
- 1907 Moved to Denver. Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.
- 1909 Fanny died
- 1911 Marries Frances Irene Gere
- 1915-31 To Binghamton. On the board of American Shipbuilding Co
- 1941 Died in Binghamton

<http://www.amazon.ca/Historic-Print-LaMont-Bowers-slightly/dp/B003HN5T9Y>



**Clement Bowers**  
and family dog Bibbs,  
c.1902 taken by his brother Franck



“Possible image of John D. Rockefeller, the partner of Lamont Bowers who is the father of Clement Bowers, the infant seated on the man's lap. Bowers as the financial advisor to Rockefeller and helped run his operation in both New York and Colorado.” Bowers Collection of Broome County Historical Society

<http://nyheritage.nynl.net/cdm/landingpage/collection/p261501coll8>

## Clement Gray Bowers son of Lamont

### **Obituary:**

**Clement G. Bowers, 79**, died in the Wilson Memorial Hospital, Johnson City. He was the son of the late Lamont M. Bowers and Fanny Gray Bowers, natives of Maine, N.Y. He married Janet R. Whitney in 1925. He attended Westminster College, Colorado and was a graduate of Cornell University. He received his BS degree in 1923, his MS degree in 1925 and his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1930. During the 20s he was a research scientist in New York City Botanical Gardens and the Hicksville Nursery's in Long Island. In 1930 he moved back to Maine, N.Y., and became a specialist in plant breeding and hybridization. He taught at Triple Cities College, an extension of Syracuse University, from 1947 to 1955, which later became Harpur College. He was a research associate at Cornell University since 1947, and was a Professorial Lecturer in Botany at the State University of New York at Binghamton. He was a member of the Broome County, Planning Board since 1938 and was chairman from 1941 to 1967. He was also a member of the Southern Tier Eastern Regional Planning Board. He was a founding member of the Men's Garden Club of Binghamton, and vice-president of the Men's Garden Clubs of America. In 1932 he was chairman of plant breeding section of the 6th International Congress of Genetics. In 1949 he was presented to the Queen Mother Elizabeth as an outstanding American Scientist. He was a fellow at the Royal Horticultural of Great Britain and a fellow of the American Society for the Advancement of Science. He was an authority on the History of Broome County and assisted in the publication of the book on Broome County Historical Architecture. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Lawrence L. (Janet) Bothwell, of Cambridge, Mass. Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at West Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Floral Park Cemetery."



Lamont and Clement - 1898

**JANET W. BOWERS** daughter of Clement  
**January 9, 1935 – May 29, 2004**



1936



Miss Hall's School - 1952



Vassar College - 1956



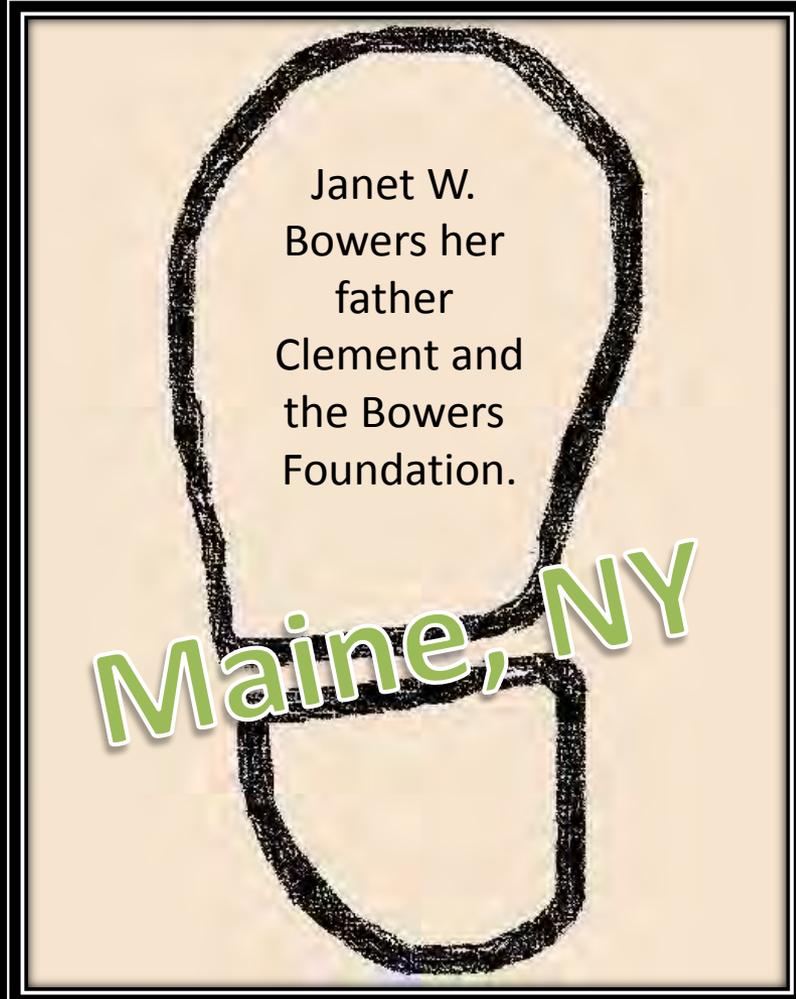
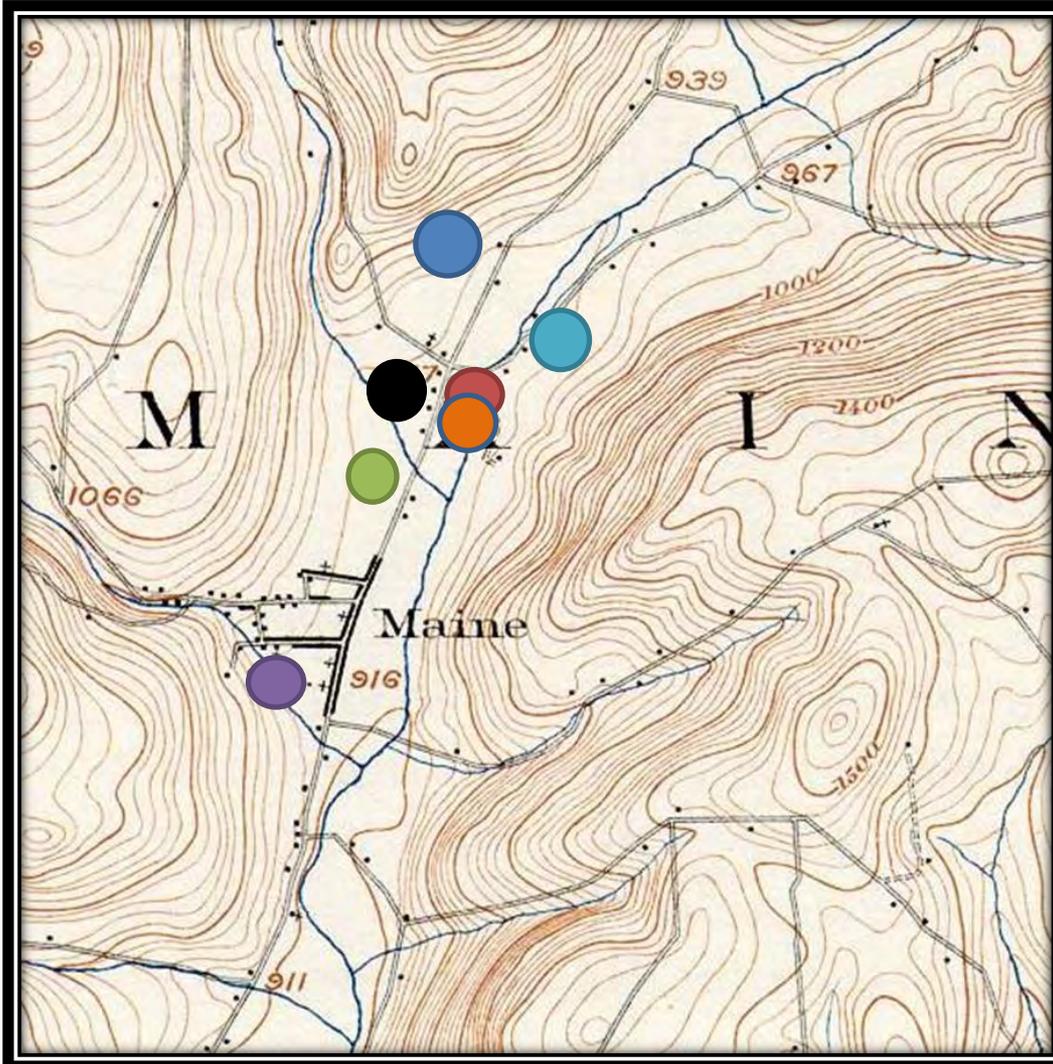
Janet and Lamont – c. 1940

Founded in 1898, Miss Hall's School was one of the first all-girls established in New England [http://www.misshalls.org/boarding schools](http://www.misshalls.org/boarding%20schools)

Founded in 1861, Vassar College is a highly selective, residential, coeducational liberal arts college. <http://www.vassar.edu/>

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- Taylor House
- J. Ralph Ingalls School
- Ransom House
- Bowers Museum
- Norton Carriage Houses
- Pitcher's Mill
- Maine Memorial Playground