

Bowers Corners

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entrepreneurs, artists, botanists, nutritionists and
philanthropists.*

June 18, 2016

This event marks the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society's dedication of its museum to *Jan W. Bowers*



Documenting the impact of the Bowers Family
on the community of Maine, NY and beyond.

including

Bowers Family genealogy from 1512 to 2004.



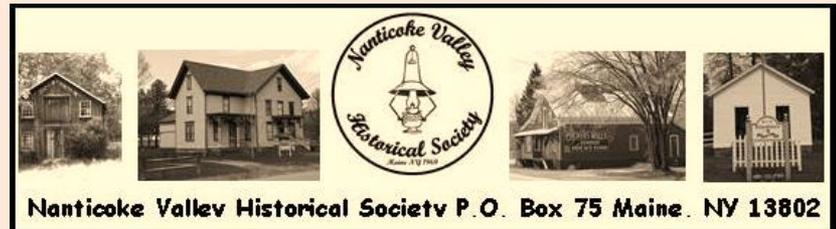
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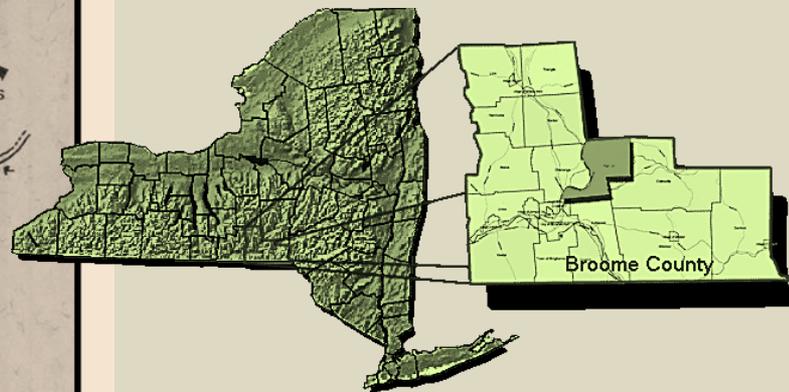
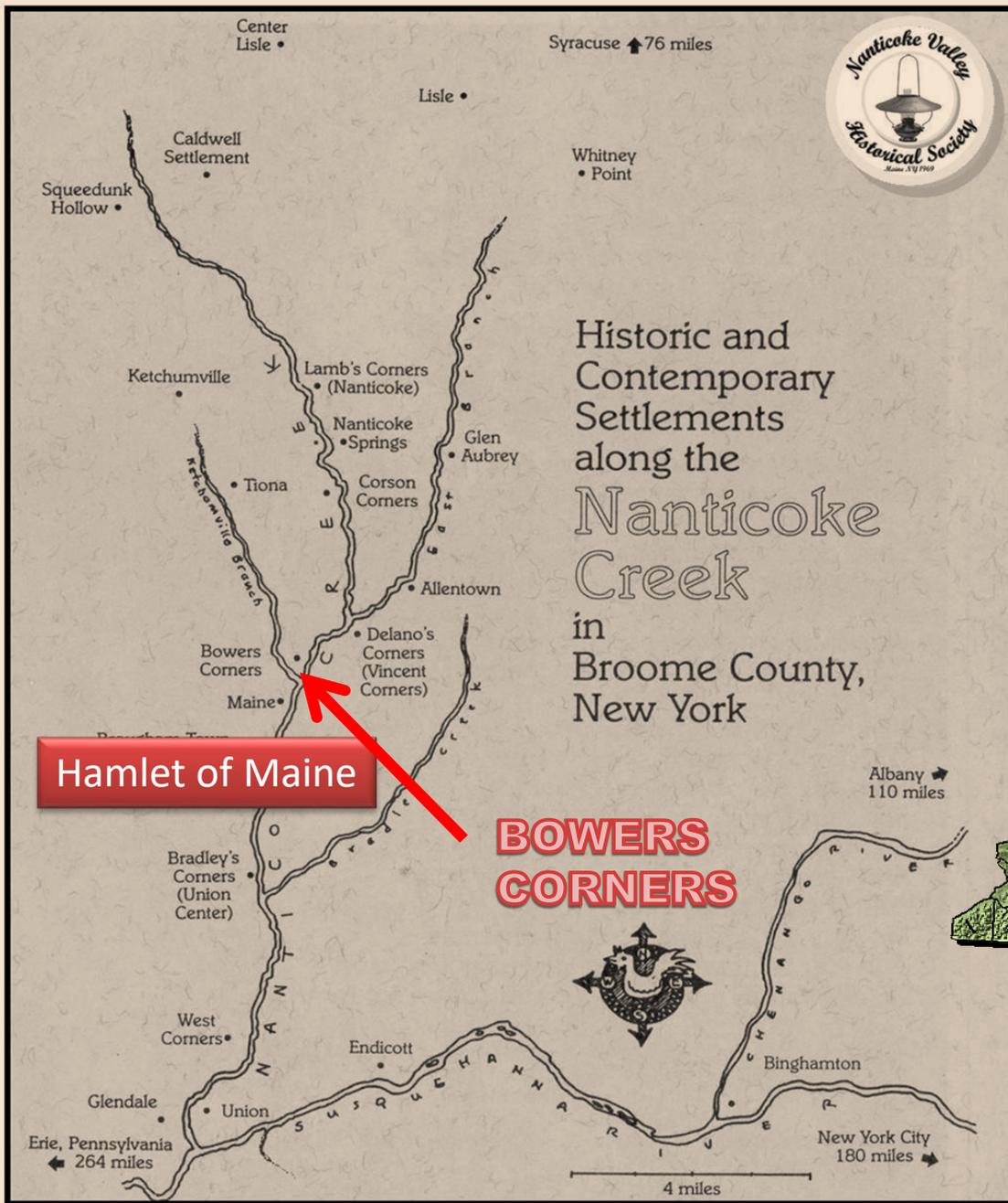
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Susan H. Lisk: Curator of Jan W. Bowers Museum



June 18, 2016

Dedication
of the
Jan W. Bowers Museum
Maine, NY





Some Early Settlers in and around Maine, NY

Benjamin Norton
Stockbridge MA in
1794

Russell and Alfred
Gates
East Hadden MA
1793

Asap
Morse

Amos Howard
1769 - 1845

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

Gardner
Sawin
Bowers
moves 1822
from
Rindge, NH

Thomas
Marean

Winthrop
Roe 1795

John
Wilson

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

BOWERS FAMILY 1512 - 1650

Edmond Bower 1512—unknown

Born in England to Robert Bower and Agnes Weston. Edmond married Joan Moggeridge 1519 -1574 and had 3 children.

Children:

Thomas Bower Unknown-1614, Walter Bower, **Thomas Bowers** 1565-1590



Thomas Bowers 1565—1590

Born in, England to Edmond Bower and Joan Moggeridge. Thomas married Iwerner Minster 1560 - 1590 and had a child.

Child:

George Bowers 1595 – 1650

George Bowers 1595—1650 (next page)

Born in Lincolnshire, England to Thomas Bowers and Iwerner Minster. George married *Elizabeth Worthington* had a child. George married Barbara Smyth had 7 children. He passed away in Braithwell, Yorkshire, England. Barbara Smyth 1595 - 1644 Elizabeth Worthington Bowtell** 1633-1682. Arrived 1635 in US.

Children:

Benanuel Bowers-1656, Ruth Bower-1656, Mathew Bowers 1624-1644, Patience Bennett unknown, John Bowers-1687, Patience Bowers-1665, **Jerathmeel Bowers** ** mother 1650-1721, Silence Bowers 1652-1677



George Bowers
1590 - 1656

Born: Manby
Lincolnshire
England
Died: Dec 30,
1656
Cambridge
Middlesex
County MA,
USA

Non-Cemetery Burial

MY ANCESTOR~

“George Bowers probably immigrated around 1635, settling first in Scituate in Plymouth Colony where he was a freeman on March 7, 1636/7 and a town officer.

The family removed to Plymouth where he was elected constable. In Plymouth, he purchased land from Governor Winslow at Eele River. A complaint was brought against him for not allowing cattle to pass over his land and a committee was appointed to find ways through his land for cattle to be herded through.

He was appointed one of three men to a committee to find timber to use in building the new colony jail. In Jan., 1641/2, he along with two others (including Gov. William Bradford) were contracted to build a ship having 1/16th interest each. However, he soon removed to Cambridge -- probably so that his son, JOHN, could be educated there, which he did graduating in 1649.

George's first wife, (1) BARBARA (SMYTHE) BOWERS died at Cambridge on March 25, 1644, and son Matthew Bowers died there on Jan. 30, 1644/5. He married on April 15, 1649 at Cambridge (2) Elizabeth Worthington (she married second, Henry Bowtell at Cambridge on June 25, 1657).

In his will dated Nov. 8, 1656 and proved Dec. 30, 1656, he does not mention daughter, Ruth Knowles, but bequeaths to his wife, sons: Benanuel, John and Jerathmeel, and to his young daughters, Patience and Silence.”

Family links:

Spouses:

Barbara *Smythe* Bowers 1596 – 1644

Elizabeth *Worthington* Bowtell ** 1633 - 1682

Children:

Matthew Bowers unkn. – 1645

John Bowers 1630 - 1687

Jerathmeel Bowers** 1650 – 1724

Plus Benanuel, Patience, Silence, Ruth Knowles

BOWERS FAMILY 1650 - 1719

Jerathmeel Bowers 1650—1724

Born in Massachusetts, on 1650 to George Bowers and Elizabeth Worthington. B. May 2, 1650 – April 23, 1724. Jerathmeel married Elizabeth 1648-1721 (**NEXT SLIDES**) and had 7 children. He passed away on 1724 in Cambridge, Massachusetts .

Children:

Private, Jonathan Bowers 1674-1745, Hannah Bowers 1669-1746, **Samuel Bowers** 1680-1724, John Bowers 1680-1718, Mary Bowers 1680-unkn., Jerathmeel Bowers 1685-1751,

Samuel Bowers 1680—1724

Born in Chelmsford, Massachusetts to Jerathmeel Bowers and Elizabeth. Samuel married Esther Sawtel and had 7 children. He passed away in Chelmsford, Middlesex, MA. Esther Sawtel 1692 -Unknown

Children:

Samuel Bowers 1711-1768, Esther Bowers-1788, Elizabeth Bowers Tarbell 1717-1758, Jerathmeel Bowers-1793, **Nehemiah Bowers** 1719 -1757, Joshua Bowers unkn -1756, Hannah Bowers 1723-Unkn.



Bowers Homestead Lowell

Jerathmeel Bowers 1650 - 1724

"had previously lived in Chelmsford, of which town he was one of the proprietors and a prominent inhabitant. At different times, he commanded a company against the Indians, and was a noted fighter of them. According to Savage, he was born May 2, 1650." http://rjohara.net/gen/cards/ps05/ps05_163.htm

"Jerathmeel Bowers removed from this homestead to Groton, where he died in 1724, at the age of seventy-eight years. Probably he was not long away from his home, as we find in Chelmsford burying-ground a stone to the memory of "Mrs. Elizabeth Bowers, wife to Capt. Jerathmeel Bowers who died, March 4th 1721, in ye 76 year of Her age." Captain Bowers was a man of influence in his time, and on this old homestead conducted business according to the demands of the time. October 5, 1686, Jerathmeel Bowers and John Fisk were licensed by the court to sell "strong waters." Two years later Bowers and Cornelius Waldo were licensed to carry on the same business. Fisk was a son of the minister, and Waldo was the deacon of the church. No harm was thought to arise from the sale of intoxicants to the white people, but it was bad for the Indians with whom Captain Bowers had to do.

Six children were objects of Captain Bowers' solicitude at this old homestead, and he was doubtless succeeded by his son Jerathmeel, and perhaps Jonathan, at the old home; and it is certain that William, Joseph, and Sewall have each tilled the ancestral acres and gone to their reward, and two generations are still living there. The hearthstone around which the family gathered when the red men were their enemies was the place where anxious mothers and children gathered on the morning of April 19, 1775, when the men fell in with Captain Ford's company and hastened on towards Concord."

<http://www.ma-roots.org/books/hearth/chapter20.html>

Jerathmeel Bowers 1650 - 1724

May 2, 1650, Cambridge, Middlesex County, MA
Apr. 23, 1724, Groton, Middlesex County, MA



US Old Burying Ground Groton Middlesex County MA

The cemetery sits on 4.8 acres. The earliest headstone death date in 1690. There are 1500+ headstones. There are approximately 102 veterans interred at Forefathers Burying Ground including 46 Revolutionary War Veterans and 45 Civil War Veterans.

Forefathers Burying Ground:

Chelmsford's first cemetery was established circa 1655. The earliest surviving gravestone is dated 1690.



Here Lyes ye Body
of Capt JERATHMELL
BOWERS Who
Decd. April ye 23d
1724 in ye 78th
Year of His Age.

His wife is buried in Chelmsford.
Her epitaph reads as follows:

Here Lyes ye Body of
Mrs. Elizabeth Bowers
Wife to Capt Jerathmell
Bowers Who Decd
March 4th 1721 in ye 76
Year of Her Age.

Near it is:

Nathaniel Bowers
Son of Mr. Jerathmel & Ms Sarah Bowers
Decd. Februry ye 27th 1726
Aged 4 years & 11 Mo.

Elizabeth Bowers 1648- 1721

Elizabeth, maiden name unknown, was **wife to Jerathmeel Bowers**. There is a rumor on the internet that her maiden name was Wilder, but I have never been able to find anything to substantiate. If you have proof - a primary source of some kind - please contact me - I would love to be wrong!

Her husband outlived her, and so she was not mentioned in his will. See The History of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, p. 529. In her husband's will, which was lodged for probate June 10, 1724, Jerathmeel mentions three sons: Jonathan, Samuel, and Jerathmeel; three daughters: Elizabeth Shed, Hannah Wilson, and Mary Page; as well as grandchildren Jerathmeel Pearce, son of daughter Hannah; Benjamin, son of son Jonathan; and children of son John, deceased. (bio by: **Bushnell**)”

Family links:

Spouse:

Jerathmeel Bowers 1650 – 1724

Children:

Jonathan Bowers (1674 - 1745)

Samuel Bowers (1682 - 1724)

Nathaniel Bowers (1721 - 1726)



Inscription:

"Here Lyes ye Body of
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Bowers who Died
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[Find A Grave Memorial # 18167986](#)

BOWERS FAMILY 1719 - 1802

Nehemiah Bowers 1719 – 1757 born Groton VT died in Lunenburg, MA (central MA)
marries **Sarah Larrabee** 1712 – 1767 have 6 children ; Fourth child is **Nehemiah** b 1752

Nehemiah Bowers II February 26, 1752 – 1828 Born Lunenburg, Massachusetts Died April 24, 1828 in Rindge, New Hampshire
marries **Sarah Sawin** 1757 – 1856 who was born Worcester, Massachusetts she died in Rindge, New Hampshire; they had 10 children, the oldest was **Gardner Sawin Bowers** 1802 – 1882 (he) moved to Maine, NY in 1822

Her parents: Stephen Sawin 1712-1795 & Abigail Fiske 1711-1806 who had nine children, **Sarah** was the Eighth child.

Nehemiah & Sarah's Children: Sarah 1778- Unkn., Sally 1778 – Unkn., James 1781 – 1835 (9 children), Betsy 1783 – Unkn. , Polly 1786 – Unkn., **Nancy** 1791 - Unkn., **Lucinda** 1793 – Unkn., **Asenath Bowers** 1796 – Unkn., Gilman 1799 – Unkn., **Gardner Sawin** 1802 – 1882

Moved to Broome County NY.

Gardner Sawin Bowers 1802 – February 20, 1882 d. Maine, NY born in Rindge, MA
marries **Achsah Taylor** July 8, 1804 – February 20, 1875 born in Francestown NH. She was the third of ten children.

Her parents lived in Maine, NY and they were; Andrew Taylor 1766 – February 29, 1840, he was born in Beverly MA died in Maine NY and Sarah Dane born Francestown MA b Unknown d March 28, 1798 & then Jane Dinsmore June 6, 1779 – November 30, 1840 who was born in Francestown NH and died in Maine, NY

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SAWIN:

SUMMARY NOTES

CONCERNING

JOHN SAWIN,
AND HIS POSTERITY.

BY

THOMAS E. SAWIN.

WENDELL:
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHOR.

ATHOL DEPOT:
RUFUS PUTNAM, PRINTER.

1866.
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Information in the next four slides
concerning:

**Gardner Bowers,
Nancy Bowers,
Lucinda Bowers,
Asenath Bowers**

**was taken from either this
publication or find-a-
grave.com**

<https://archive.org/details/sawinsummarynote00sawi>

“GARDNER SAWIN BOWERS, 1802; at the age of 16 begged the balance of his minority and wrought awhile as wagon maker; when 19 he went to Maine, N. Y., purchased land, returned to R. and labored as carpenter a year; again went to M. in 1822, where he made public profession of religion, and held the offices of constable, ensign, ‘captain twice, and president of court martial; about 1833 95- oscillated back to N. H. and built a grist mill near the village of Jeffrey. remaining 6 years; again he resumed M. as his abiding, and having through life given much attention to reading, he seems to have made law a specialty, for he was elected deputy-sheriff 1849, justice of peace 1852, and associate judge still later; having in 1839 bought. a farm near the village, he makes that his homestead; he m. Achsah Taylor, 1827, ch. 6, 5 b. in Maine. — Sarah Jane, 1830, teacher at 15, m. Granville Gates, 1850, ch.; Frank, 1851.—Achsah Ann, 1832.—Charles G., 1838 in Jaffrey.—John III, 1842. —Elizabeth Ann D., 1814:. —Lamont M., 1847.”

“ Westward the star of empire takes its way; ” Alas, our Alpine homes I your hearth-stone ray Shall date the morning of our Nation’s day, However your children fond to wider fields may stray.”

Nehemiah Bowers Sarah Sawin 1757 – 1856 who was born Worcester, ; they had 10 children, the oldest was **Gardner Sawin Bowers** 1802 – 1882 (he) moved to Maine, NY in 1822, sisters Asenath, Lucinda and Nancy also moved to Broome County.

Asenath Bowers was born 01 February 1796 in Rindge, Cheshire, New Hampshire daughter of Nehemiah (II) Bowers (1752-1828) and Sarah Sawin (1757-1856) both of Rindge, Cheshire, New Hampshire.

Asenath Bowers never married; she was a vigorous child until the age of 10 when exposure to the sun and immediate use of cold water caused a sickness and feebleness which lasted for about six years; In 1822/23 her health was frail and failing was pronounced as pulmonary consumption; she recovered slowly; with impaired health, she became a mantua-maker and during the next twenty years she plied her needle from house to house; In 1831 she joined her sisters in Binghamton, Broome, New York, where she served the afflicted as a nurse. She was accidentally overcome with coal gas from which she died.

Nancy Bowers was born 28 February 1791 in Rindge, Cheshire, New Hampshire the daughter of Nehemiah (II) Bowers (1752-1828) and Sarah Sawin (1757-1856) both of Rindge, Cheshire, New Hampshire.

Nancy Bowers never married, being under the disadvantage of a very frail body; she was a school teacher in New Hampshire of ministers as a private instructress; In 1823 she removed to Maine, Broome, New York and lived with her brother, *Gardner Bowers*, for about a year then removed to Binghamton, Broome, New York. Eventually she purchased land and built her own private boarding school. In 1828 her sister *Lucinda Bowers*, came to live with her and help with the school. But Lucinda became romantically involved and married. After her sister left, her own health began to fail, she experienced several devastating events putting her home and school deeply in debt from which she never recovered. She died in June 1870 in Binghamton, Broome, New York.

“NANCY BOWERS, 1791, not m. was another of those frail bodies borne through along life of usefulness under hardships by the patient assiduities of a self-reliant mind and the impelling affections of devout womanhood. Fond of books and of children, she had prepared herself to teach at the age of 20. From her sister’s in Plainfield, N. Y., she went out on her first missions, 1810-’13, as teacher. afterward nine years she was in the schools of N. H. and Mass, or in the families of ministers as private instructress. In 1823 her brother G. S. called her. to Maine, N. Y., and her tedious journey of 15 days, 4 of which were over the wintry Green Mts., nearly cost her life. After one year of teaching in M., she went to Binghamton, N. Y., and taught there a year in the public schools. She then hired rooms for a private school, and subsequently bought land and erected a cottage of her own. In this she had a boarding school for many years, until wealth and fashion threw it into the shade. At this juncture, 1828, her sister Lucinda came to her assistance, and they put up a. three-story house. But reverses soon followed; a loving man stole away her sister; her own health gave way; her means were inadequate to finish the house and hire a teacher long; her school was suspended; a craving wretch bought up her debts and claimed her house; another laid claim to a strip of her land; a great fire swept so near as to destroy her trees, and another took hold of the house itself; and m 1846 a hail storm demolished her windows. But she continues her school in the intervals of sicknesses, and keeps her house in spite of enemies. Though her profession of piety was so late as 1827, her career of more than forty years teaching has been sustained and illuminated by religion’s gentle power; orphans have found hers as a mother’s home; poor laborers have had her services free; her place, chosen for its proximity to the temple, has been the rendezvous of praying women, and “she has done what she could ” for a great multitude who have felt her presence.”

“**LUCINDA BOWERS**, 1793, left home at the age of 14, and after seven years passed in the home of her cousin Samuel Sawin in Gardner, treated by Mrs. S. as her own child, she sojourned in New York, at her sister Sally’s and other families where her able services as housemaid or matron procured her ample comforts. In 1816 she became member of a Cong. church, and her piety has ever been a part of her home life. Emerging from a year’s exhaustive sickness, she went to New Hartford and found the home of relatives also there. After a short sojourn at Binghamton, she m. **Oliver Lewis**, 1829, a New Englander, of Meadville, Penn., and they settled there; but after building they found their farm too small and removed 9 miles to Fairfield, where they built again, and planted new gardens and fields. Children 3. — Sarah B., 1832, Meadville d. 1852. — Lucinda and Amanda, 1837, Fairfield.”

“**ASENATH BOWERS**, 1796, not m.; a vigorous child until the age of 10, when exposure to the sun and immediate use of cold water caused a sickness and feebleness for 6 years; and again, in 1822—’23, she was driven to the apparent verge of life by what was pronounced pulmonary consumption; but, when supposing herself being by Providence “let softly down into the grave,” a friend suggested the simple remedy of “hoar hound syrup in milk warm with its animal heat,” by the use of which she rapidly recovered. Conforming her industry to her impaired health she became a mantua-maker, and during 20 years plied her needle from house to house. In 1831 she joined her sister at Binghamton, whose house he— came thenceforward her home, and two are found better than one. In later years she has served the afflicted as a nurse. Cooperating with a. Pres. Ch. and Miss’y Soc. which are “over against their own house,” their prayers and needlework “go out to the ends of the earth.”

BOWERS FAMILY MAINE, NY 1802 - 1847

- ❑ Achsah Taylor Bowers* 1804 - 1875 - 71
- ❑ Gardner Sawin Bowers* 1802 - 1882 - 80
- 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. Elizabeth Ann* 1844 - 1868 - 24
- 6. Lamont Montgomery 1847 - 1941 - 93

Buried in Floral Cemetery JC

* Maine Cemetery



Monument in Maine Cemetery

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. Elizabeth Ann Duane 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

CEMETERY READING OF
MAINE VILLAGE CEMETERY,

MAINE, BROOME COUNTY, NY

By [Deborah J. Barnes](#) (updated 1999)

BOWERS, Achsah Ann	1832	1905sh/f/m Gardner/Achsah BOWERS	@see Gardner Sawin BOWERS.
BOWERS, Achsah TAYLOR	1804	1875sh/s Gardner Sawin BOWERS	@ see Gardner Sawin BOWERS.
BOWERS, Charles G	1838	1918sh/f/m Gardner/Achsah BOWERS	@ see Gardner Sawin BOWERS. Also nxt s Esther Jane FLINT BOWERS.
BOWERS, Elizabeth A	1844	1858sh/f/m Gardner/Achsah BOWERS	@ see Gardner Sawin BOWERS.
BOWERS, Esther Jane FLINT	1840	1914nxt s Charles G BOWERS	@nxt Annis M/William J FLINT.
BOWERS, Gardner Sawin	1802	1882sh/s Achsah TAYLOR BOWERS	@sh/chilren Achsah Ann/Charles G/ Elizabeth A/J Milton/Lamont M/Sarah Jane.
BOWERS, J Milton	1842	1900sh/f/m Gardner/Achsah BOWERS	@ see Gardner Sawin BOWERS. Also has own st. elsewhere in cem.
BOWERS, Lamont M	1847	1941sh/f/m Gardner/Achsah BOWERS	@ see Gardner Sawin BOWERS.
BOWERS, Sarah Jane	1830	1904sh/f/m Gardner/Achsah BOWERS	@ see Gardner Sawin BOWERS.

Gardner Sawin Bowers

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



Achsah Taylor Bowers

Obit

“Born: Jul. 8, 1804 Francestown, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire

Died: Feb. 20, 1875 Maine, NY

w/o Gardner S. Bowers and mother of L.M. Bowers of this city, died in the town of Maine Feb. 20, 1875 age 70 years.”

Family links:

Parents: Andrew Taylor (1766 - 1840) , Jane Dinsmore Taylor (1777 - 1829)

Spouse: Gardner Sawin Bowers 1802 - 1882

Children:

Sarah Jane Bowers (1830 - 1904)

Achsah Ann Bowers (1832 - 1906)

Charles Gardner Bowers (1838 - 1918)

John Milton Bowers (1842 - 1900)

Elizabeth Ann Duane Bowers (1844 - 1868)

Lamont Montgomery Bowers (1847 - 1941)

Siblings:

Robert D. Taylor (1806 - 1842)

John Milton Taylor (1811 - 1864)

Sarah T. Taylor Gates (1820 - 1854)



Andrew Taylor House c. 1820 Nanticoke Road just north of Bowers Corners



Taylor Family



Sep. 16, 1766
Beverly
Essex County
Massachusetts

Feb. 29, 1840
Maine
New York



Jun. 6, 1777
Francestown
Hillsborough
County
New Hampshire

Nov. 30, 1829
Maine
New York

Maine Cemetery

Andrew Taylor was the son of William Taylor (1725-1784) and his second wife Mary Baker (1738-1770).

Andrew first married **Sarah Dane** (1771-1798). They had three children: 1) Sarah Taylor 2) Daniel Taylor (1796-1865) and 3) William Taylor (1797-1876)

Andrew then married (2) **Jane Dinsmore**. Married in Francestown, Hillsborough, N.H. Jane "Jenny" Dinsmore was the daughter of Robert Dinsmore (1751-1831) and Sarah "Sally" Dickey (1756-1830). She married Andrew Taylor (as his second wife) on March 7, 1799.

Children:

- 1) Charlotte Taylor (1800-??);
- 2) Miles Taylor (1801-1828);
- 3) Achsah Taylor (1804-1875);**
- 4) Robert D. Taylor (1806-1842);
- 5) Baker Taylor (twin) (1809-1879);
- 6) Jenny Taylor (twin) (1809-1809);
- 7) John Milton Taylor (1811-1864);
- 8) Mary Jane Taylor (1813-1865);
- 9) Frances "Fanny" Taylor (1816-1849);
- 10) Sarah "Sally" T. Taylor (1820-1854)

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)

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



Bowers Corner

Corner of Tiona Road and Nanticoke Road

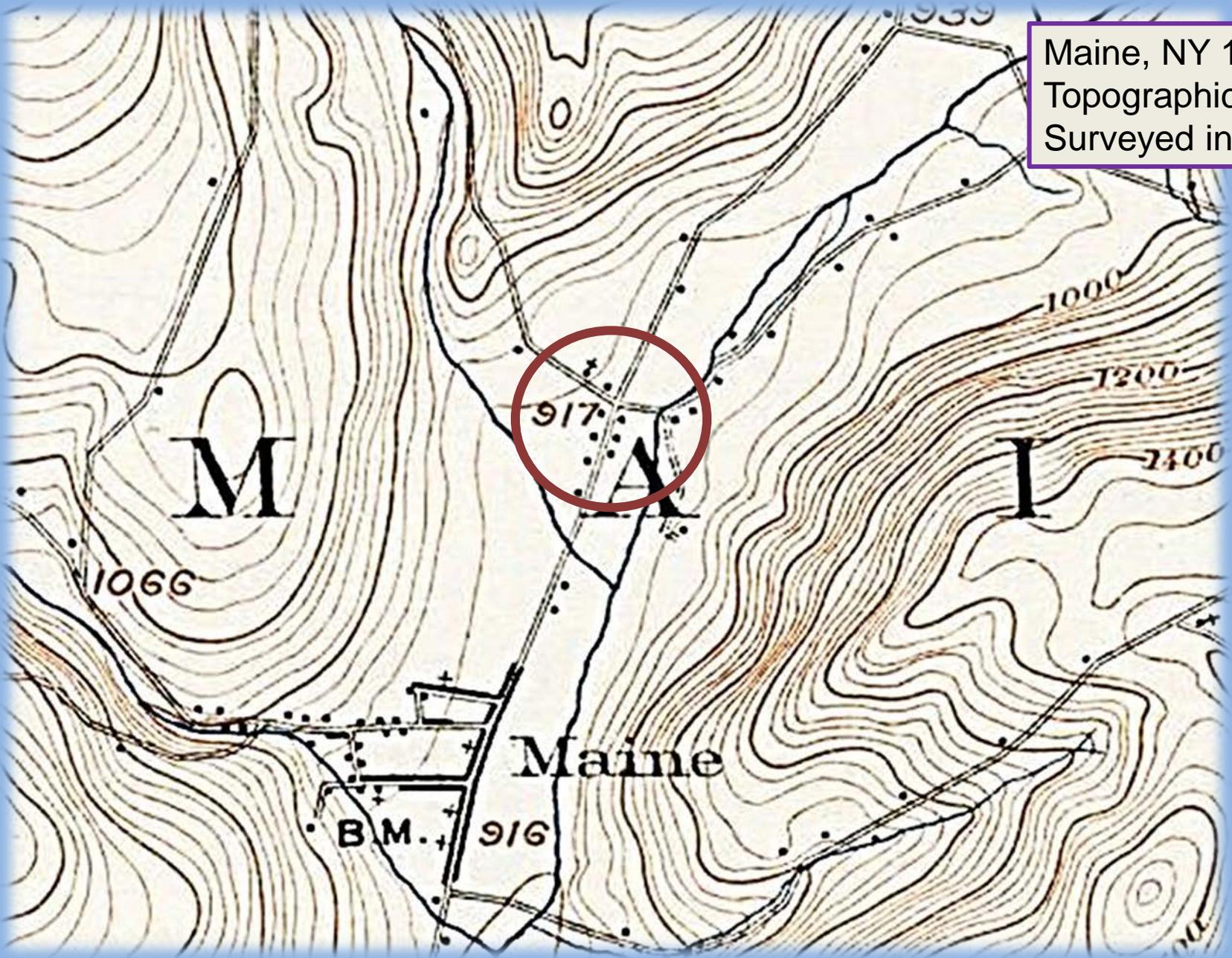
Maine, New York 13802

- 1822 **Gardner** moves from New Hampshire
- 1837 Original house burns, and is replaced with Italian revival house.
- 1882 Gardner Bowers dies, house passes to his 5 children.
- 1900s House is rented for about 20 years
- 1922 Lamont takes over the house.
- 1928 Kitchen is added. Formal gardens to the north are started.
- 1935 Picket fence is added.
- 1939 Study and upstairs bath is built above the dining room.
Schoolhouse is moved, runway is built.
- 1947 Guest suite added to second floor of schoolhouse.
- 1952 Garage is added
- 1957 Bay window on living room. Pump house and garden gazebo.
- 1958 Ponds were dug.
Garden tea house was built.



"One of the early home fires was that of Gardner S. Bowers. In the March 3, 1871, issue of the "The Union Weekly News" a report stated this fine old pine frame home was destroyed completely last Thursday night. The fire originated in a barrel of ashes and there was no insurance to cover the loss." S. Woodward. Maine NY 123th Anniversary Celebration publication, 1973, p. 69.

Maine, NY 1904
Topographic Map
Surveyed in 1900



Bowers
Corners

Lamont Montgomery Bowers ^{1/4}

b. March 7, 1847 Maine NY d. June 2, 1941 Binghamton NY

Obituary appears in The New York Times 03 June 1941: L. M. Bowers Dies: Rockefeller Aide.

Lamont Bowers married Fanny Adella Gray September 3, 1872 in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania.

Lamont Bowers married (2) Frances Irene Gere in 1911 in Montrose, Pennsylvania. They had no additional children.

“Lamont Bowers left Maine, New York, in 1866 to attend Lowell's Commercial College in Binghamton, New York. After completing a one-year course of study, he got a job as a traveling salesman for the Ford and Meagley Soap Company of Binghamton. He proved to be a successful salesman, and bought out Ford's share of the business. The firm of Meagley and Bowers suffered a series of setbacks, including a under a fire in the factory. Deeply in debt he sold his interests in the business.

He married Fanny Adella Gray in September 1872 in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania. Later that year he became a partner in M.A. Sheak and Co., a wholesale grocer in Binghamton. During this period he also bought an interest in a roofing company which would eventually become L.M. Bowers and Company.

In 1878 ill health forced him to resign from M.A. Sheak. Following the advice of his doctor, he moved the family settling near Omaha, Nebraska. This move proved to be a turning point in his life. He formed a partnership with George Bemis and the firm of Bemis and Bowers began buying up what was then farmland in the outskirts of Omaha.

With America's extraordinary industrial growth following the depression of 1873-1878 the population of cities doubled. The real estate owned by Bemis and Bowers became valuable land in the growing suburbs around Omaha. They lived on a small farm in the countryside outside Omaha, and Lamont indulged his life-long ambition to be a gentleman farmer by raising sheep. ”(continued)

“Although happy in Omaha, Lamont had a deep emotional and psychological attachment to central New York State. He moved the family back to Binghamton, New York, in 1883. He had maintained an interest in Hatten, Galpin and Company, a Binghamton manufacturer of roofing material; and he began to dabble in real estate in the local area as well as New York City.

At the age of 36 Lamont settled into a quiet genteel semiretirement. Then a chain of events brought Bowers back into the active business world. In 1892 Lamont was asked by the John D. Rockefeller organization to manage the construction and operation of a new fleet of ships which were to transport iron ore across the Great Lakes from the Mesabi Range mines in northeastern Minnesota to the blast furnaces in Ohio. In 1895 Lamont became manager of the Bessemer Steamship Company. In 1901 Rockefeller sold the Mesabi iron fields and the Bessemer fleet to the promoters of U.S. Steel. Lamont returned to Binghamton, his interest in real estate around the region had grown. He still periodically worked on projects for the Rockefeller organization.

In 1907 his wife, Fanny, became ill and was advised by her doctors to seek a better climate in which to recuperate. They moved her to a sanitarium in Colorado's Rocky Mountains. Before leaving Binghamton, Lamont was asked by the Rockefeller organization to inspect the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company in the southern part of Colorado. He was offered the chairmanship of the executive committee of the company and a free hand in reorganizing the management. In 1907 he became the vice president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. Lamont became Rockefellers' chief liaison with his Colorado mining interests.

In 1909 his wife, Fanny died. Lamont then married Frances Irene Gere (1881-) of Montrose, Pennsylvania in 8.22.1911 (cousin of Fanny Gray). In 1913 the political environment and labor unrest surrounding the southern Colorado coal miners led to a strike which ended in violence. Lamont's position in the strike and the events leading up to the "Ludlow massacre" was ambiguous. The prospect of a congressional investigation of the incident put Lamont in a difficult position. He resigned from C.F. and I. and disconnected himself from the Rockefellers' organization.” (continued)

Lamont Montgomery Bowers 3/4

“In 1914 he returned to Binghamton with his family. He still had a wide and diverse set of business interests. He bought a farm near Binghamton, as a country home and again assumed the role of gentleman farmer. His second marriage was not a happy one and experienced long periods of separation. Throughout the 1930's he increasingly withdrew from his business interests, relegating their management to his sons or trusted advisers. Lamont died in 1941 a sad and bitter man. (Ref: Biography: Lamont Montgomery Bowers 1847-1941, written by Jerry Pepper) (Ref: The Way We Were: The Bowers Family, by Aileen Humphries)

Lamont Montgomery Bowers was buried in the Floral Park Cemetery in Johnson City, Broome, New York along with his wife, Fanny; his sons, Franck and Clement and both their wives. Lamont Bowers' name is also carved in a large stone in the Town of Maine's Cemetery along with his parents, brothers and sisters.

In "A Brief Biographical Sketch of Lamont M. Bowers, 1847-1941" written by his son, Clement G. Bowers, he states, "In religion Bowers was equally definite and had many friends among the clergy. During middle life he was very active in the Presbyterian denomination, and his conception of Christianity was as a robust, positive faith. He was fond of social events in a broad sense, took great pleasure in his Masonic lodge and other fraternal connections, but was contemptuous of "society" in the narrow sense and detested snobbery. He cared little for ordinary games and sporting events, and had supreme contempt for gambling and speculation. He was an ardent teetotaler. He was fond of young people and animals, and enjoyed driving horses, which for years was his only form of outdoor sport." (continued)

Lamont Montgomery Bowers 4/4

“Bowers possessed an inventive mind and his two noteworthy inventions were the eaves through machine and the anchor. With his natural resourcefulness and his wide experience in a variety of enterprises, Bowers was exceedingly adaptable and peculiarly fitted to study the mechanisms of a new project and quickly discover its significant features.

In appearance he was a man of medium build, about 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighing about 170 pounds. He had sharp, brownish eyes and in mature life always wore a moustache. Even in old age, he was noted for an erect posture, a prepossessing air and a generally distinguished appearance being a meticulous dresser.”

Obituary appears in The New York Times 03 June 1941: L. M. Bowers Dies: Rockefeller Aide.

Family links:

Parents:

Gardner Sawin Bowers (1802 - 1882)

Achsah *Taylor* Bowers (1804 - 1875)

Spouse(s):

Fanny Adella *Gray* Bowers (1852 – 1909)

Frances Irene Gere marries 8.22.1911 (1881 – unkn) cousin of Fanny Gray

Children with Fanny Gray (only):

Franck Bowers 1875 - 1932

Clement Bowers 1893 - 1973

From Glenn G. Bartle Library, State University of New York Special Collections The Papers of
Lamont Montgomery Bowers Biography 1847 – 1941 by Jerry Peppers 1979

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Lamont M. Bowers's parents were among the second wave of New England immigrants whose search for land led them into central New York State. Bowers's parents moved from New Hampshire into an area which was part of the Boston Purchase. His father, Gardiner Sawin Bowers, a millwright by trade, came to central New York from Rindge, New Hampshire. His mother, Achsah Taylor, was the daughter of an affluent Bennington, New Hampshire, family who settled near Maine in 1822. Bowers's parents were married in the Town of Maine in 1828, and moved to the farm at Bowers Corners in 1837. Despite financial difficulties which plagued him throughout most of his life, Gardiner Bowers became a prominent member of a small community. He served as a justice of the peace and was appointed colonel of the local militia regiment by Governor DeWitt Clinton.

The small farming community in which Lamont grew up was typical of America in the period before the Civil War. The United States was still an agrarian nation in which community and family defined identity and provided security. Although rural life in central New York was crude, and the land and climate unrelenting, this tightly knit farm community along Nanticoke Creek provided Lamont Bowers with a warm cocoon of family and friends who protected him during his developing years.

Life in America in certain respects in the years immediately preceding the Civil War had changed little since the Revolution, though population growth, fed by European immigration, had pushed the boundaries of white settlement further and further west. Yet the basic changes in life style associated with major industrial growth were still only a whisper in 1860. Agriculture remained the predominant American industry, and over 88 per cent of the population still lived in small rural communities. The railroads, which were to be a significant agent of change, were still in their infancy. In 1850 there were only about 9, 000 miles of railroad track throughout the entire United States.

Lamont Montgomery Bowers 1847—1941

- 1847 Born in Maine, New York
- 1866 Attended Lowell's Commercial College, Binghamton, New York
- 1867 Became a traveling salesman for Ford & Meagley, Binghamton soap manufacturers
- 1868 Bought out Ford, and became a partner of Meagley & Bowers
- 1871 Sold his interest in the soap business and became a partner in M.A. Sheak & Co.,
a Binghamton wholesale grocery business
- 1872 Married Fanny Gray of Maine, New York
- 1875 Son, Franck Taylor Bowers, born
- 1878 Ill health forced a move to Omaha, Nebraska, where he formed a real estate business,
Bemis & Bowers, with George Pickering Bemis
- 1879 Formed a second partnership, Parker & Bowers, Omaha, state agents for several farm
implement manufacturers
- 1883 Returned to Binghamton and spent next 10 years in semi-retirement while investing in
several local businesses and working on inventions
- 1893 Son, Clement Gray Bowers, born
- 1895 Began his association with Rockefeller interests as a confidential representative in many
enterprises with some specific assignments
- 1895-1901 Manager of the Rockefeller-owned Bessemer Steamship Co., Cleveland, Ohio. It was
during this period that he formed his own anchor company
- 1904 Supervised the building of the 17-story Rockefeller Building, Cleveland
- 1907-1915 Chairman of the board of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company
- 1909 His first wife died
- 1911 Married Frances Irene Gere of Montrose, Pa.
- 1915 Returned to Binghamton where he maintained interest in local affairs and remained a
representative of Rockefeller interests on several directorates. He journeyed to
Cleveland every month 'til he was well over 80 to attend directors' meeting
of the American Shipbuilding Co. and the Great Lakes Towing Co.
- 1941 Died in Binghamton, New York

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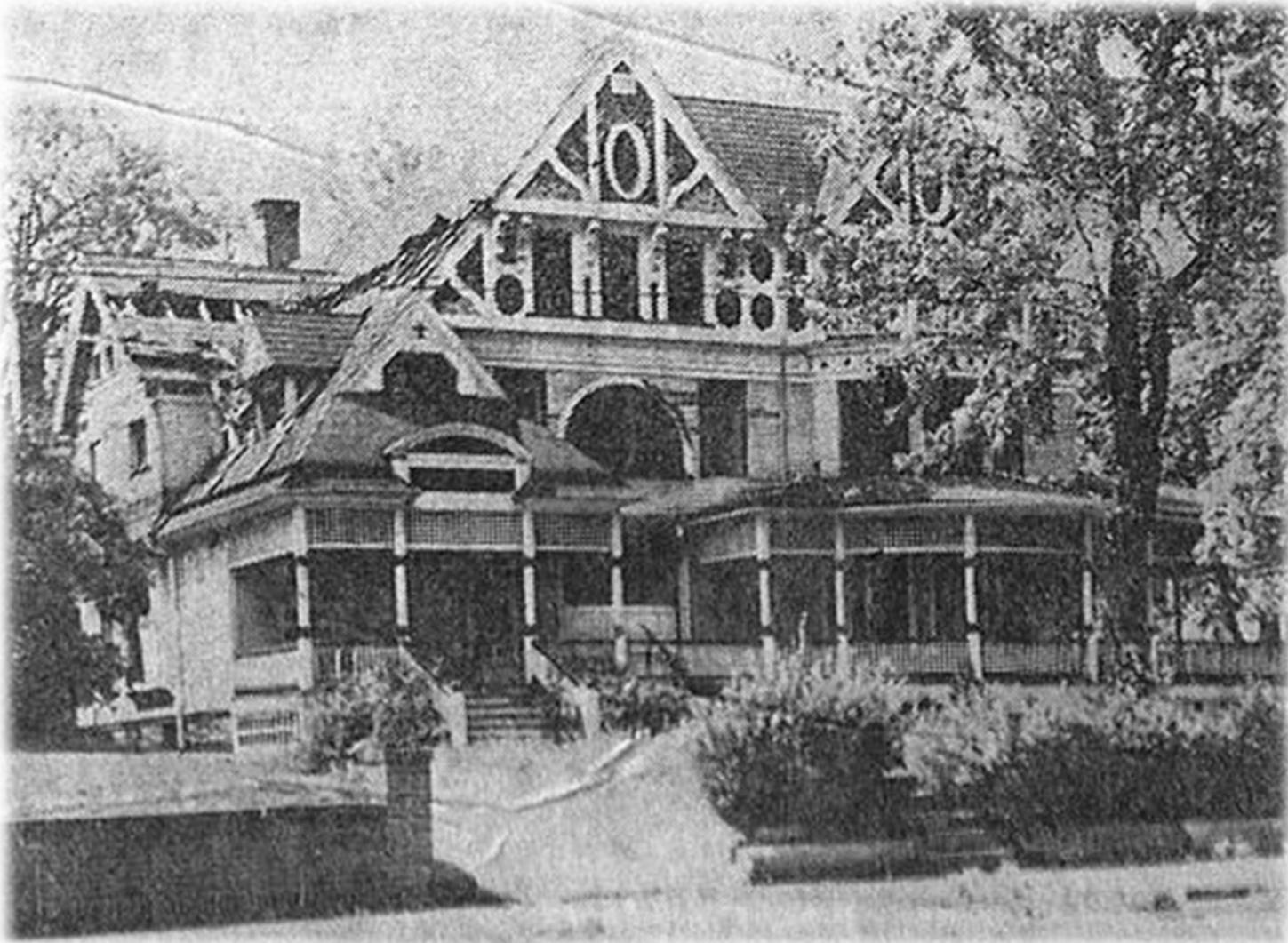
Lamont Montgomery Bowers (1847 - 1941)
Fanny Adella *Gray* Bowers (1852 - 1909)



Lamont Bowers taken 1915 by
Franck Bowers



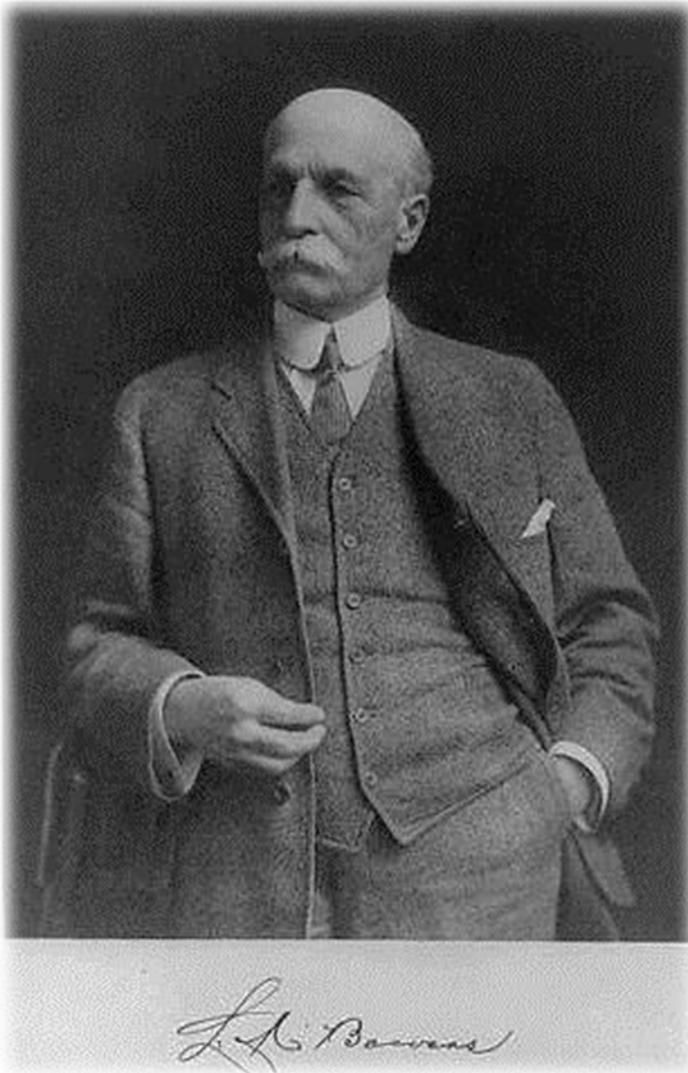
Fanny Adella *Gray* Bowers c 1900



The Lamont Bowers home at 100 Main St. in Binghamton as it appeared in 1954.
(Photo: Broome County Historical Society)



Lamont Bowers Home 203 Main St., January 1, 1898



Lamont M. Bowers, 1924

- 1847 Born in Maine, NY
- 1867-71 Ford & Meagley, soap company, sales and then partner
- 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 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

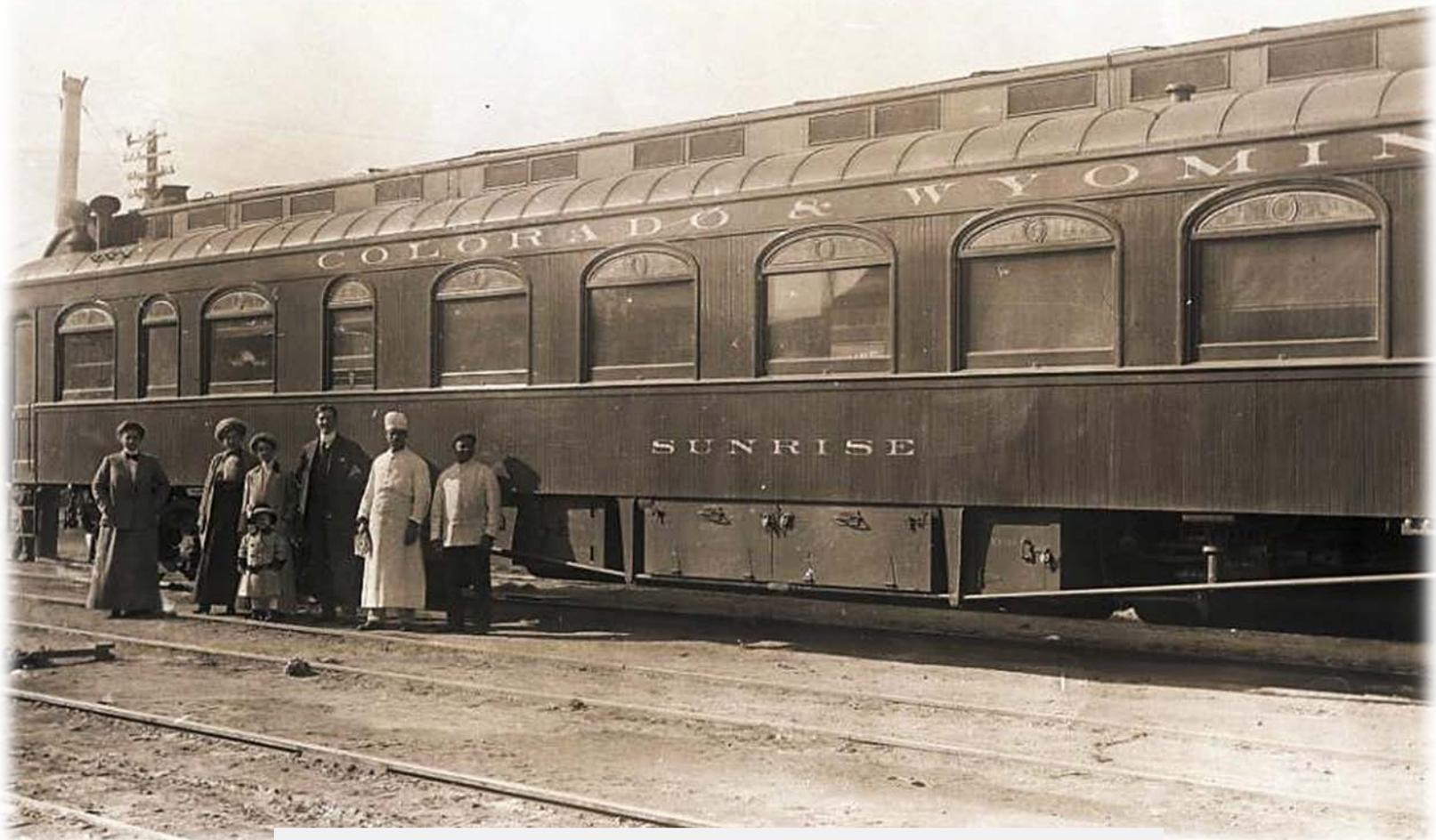
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**Bowers Denver home
with four children
and two older youth
in front c 1900**



Bowers Family – Denver c. 1911



The Bowers family
Private railroad car of Lamont Bowers.
The car was called Sunrise and was
used to transport from
their Denver home to Binghamton, NY

Fanny Adella *Gray* Bowers

b. December 13, 1852 Maine NY
d. July 27, 1909 Denver, Colorado

“ Fanny Adella Gray was the daughter of Lyman Burrell Gray and Theresa Adella Norton. Fanny was born in Maine, Broome County, New York in 1852. On many of the letter's which her father wrote to her during the Civil War, he would address her as "Frank".

According to the family bible she married Lamont Montgomery Bowers in September 3rd, 1872 in Susquehanna, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. They were married by Rev. A. J. Schlagen. They had two sons, Franck Taylor Bowers (1875) and Clement Gray Bowers (1893). Fanny died at the age of fifty-seven in Denver, Colorado in 1909 and is buried in the Bowers family plot at the Floral Park Cemetery, Johnson City, New York.

Her husband writes of her: "We were married when she was twenty and I was twenty five and never with a single regret - that the young girl that I fancied when she was twelve and became my sweetheart at sixteen and my wife at twenty, and laid at rest in 1909 in the cemetery where the sun shines on her grave every hour of the day.

Circumstances prevented Fanny from obtaining more than a high school education, still there was that natural grace and poise, with entire freedom from all inclination to be other than herself, which made her at ease among the most refined and cultured ladies in the cities in which she lived. She was in the highest sense - a perfect lady - so genuine that every one felt that they were with a delightful woman. Without ever having to do any cooking at her home, she took this up after we were married and she became one of the acknowledged - best cooks - in Binghamton, in making rare cakes and fancy dishes. No one ever lived who placed greater dependence upon her Lord or whose faith never wavered, or whose hope nothing could shake for one moment, in whatever circumstances she was placed.”

Husband; Lamont Montgomery Bowers 1847 - 1941

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Lyman Burrell Gray
Theresa Adella Norton



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“Lyman Burrell Gray was the keeper of the tollgate on the plank road one mile below Maine Village. He married Theresa A. Norton and they had four children. Gray enlisted in the Civil War as a bugler in 1861 with the Dickinson light Artillery and died of yellow fever at Yorktown Virginia, in 1863.” pg. 32.

GRAY , LYMAN B.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, November 1, 1861, at Binghamton; mustered in as bugler, November 1, 1861, to serve three years; promoted corporal, May 1,1863; died of disease, September 22, 1863, at Yorktown, Va.

[https://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/rosters/rostersa
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[New York Independent Battery, Light Artillery16th](#)

Lyman Burrell Gray
Theresa Adella Norton

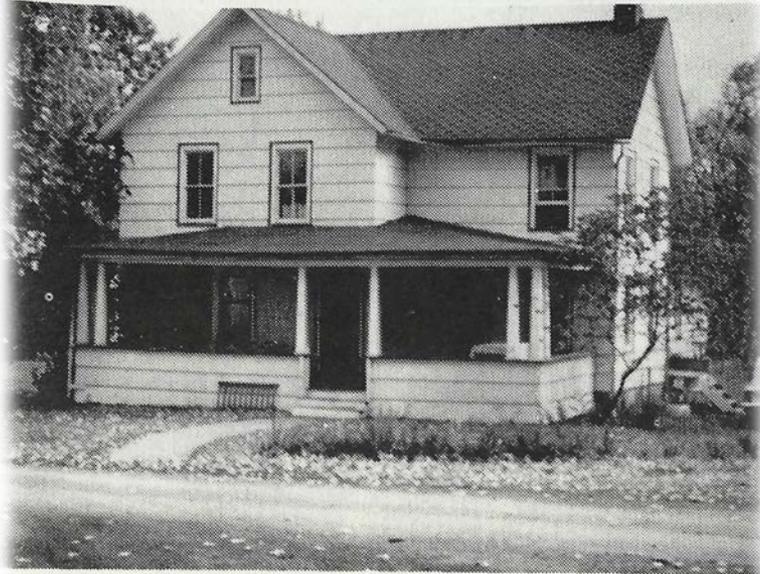
The 16th Independent Battery, New York Light Artillery was organized at Binghamton, N. Y. and left the state for Washington, D. C., March 10, 1862. The regiment mustered in at Washington March 27, to date from December 10, 1861. It mustered out July 6, 1865.

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/16th_Independent_Battery,_New_York_Light_Artillery

Papers and photographs pertaining to the service of *Warren Gray*, a Darlington, Wisconsin resident who served in Company B, 23rd Wisconsin Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. ...There is also biographical information on the Gray family, discharge and pension records from Gray, additional writings from Gray after the war, and service records from another family, *Lyman Gray*, who served in the 16th New York Independent Battery Light Artillery during the war. *Lyman died of disease in 1863. Photographs include original and copy print photographs of members of the Gray family. Copy prints include several copies of two original images of Gray in uniform*

<http://wisvetsmuseum.pastperfectonline.com/archive/F5485941-997F-495C-B629-366984118229>

Lyman Burrell Gray
Theresa Adella Norton



GRAY HOUSE

Church Street torn down in 1970,
moved 1850's.

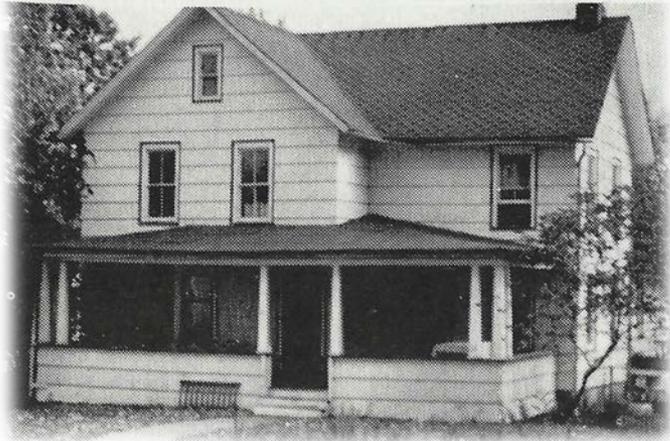
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Emma J. Gray Taylor 1849 – 1888

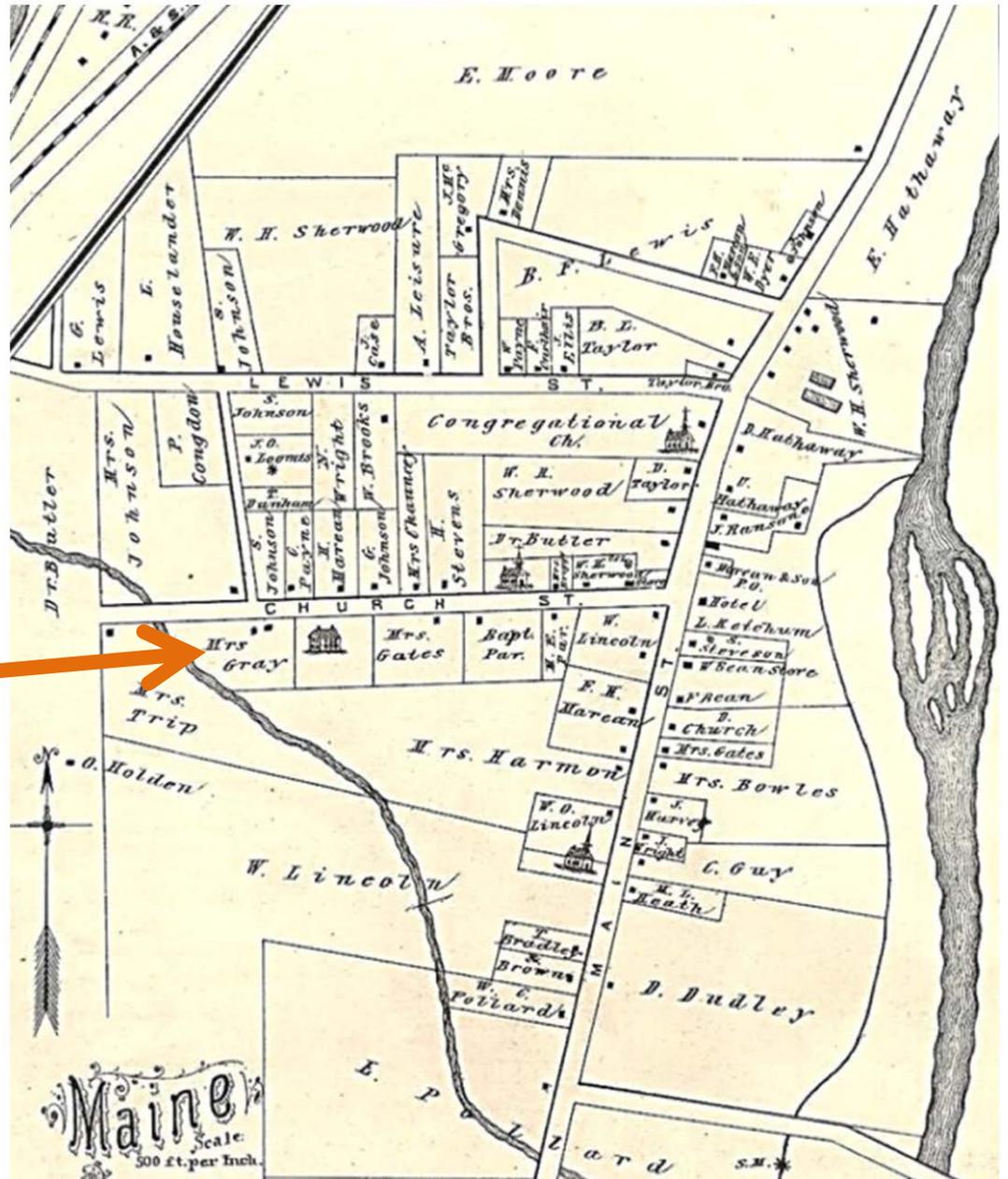
Fanny Adella Gray Bowers 1852 - 1909

“The toll-keeper’s house was located at the northern terminus of the plank road that ran between Union and Maine just south of the hamlet. Lyman B. Gray was the keeper of the toll-gate. This house was moved to Church street with additions being added prior to 1850’s. Mrs. Theresa Gray lived here after the death of her husband in 1863. She had four children with Lyman and later moved to Lanesboro PA to be near her parents. Her father Lauren ran a hotel in Maine, her mother Lydia died in Lanesboro, PA in 1871.

Fanny Adella Gray daughter of Lyman and Theresa b. 1852 married **Lamont Bowers** in 1872.”



Mrs. Gray House
 moved to Church
 Street before 1850.
 Torn down in 1970.
 1876 Broome County
 Atlas, Hamlet of
 Maine, NY



William Gray 8.10.1784 - 10.15.1870
Solina Harper Gray 1796 - 1888

[#40073241 Bethel Grove Cemetery, Belmont Wisconsin](#)
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Children:

- **Lyman Burrell Gray** 1825- 1863,
married 1845 to **Theresa Norton**
- Mark Gray 1820 – 1904 Schoharie
County, NY
- Rachel Gray Haskins 1829 – 1918
born NYS
Family moved to Wisconsin
Lyman stayed in Maine NY
- Richard Gray 1832 – 1864 Enlisted in
Company I, 6th Infantry Regiment
Wisconsin on 27 February 1864.
Wounded on 10 May 1864 at
Laurel Hill, VA. Died of wounds
Wisconsin on 25 May 1864
- Dexter H Gray 1841 – 1930 Broome
County NY
- Cousin ? Warren Gray 1835 – 1920

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Lauren Norton 1797 – 8.20.1867

Lydia Bacon Norton 1799 – 5.30.1871

Buried: Lanesboro Cemetery, Lanesboro
Susquehanna County, PA



Daughters:

***Theresa Norton**

*Amanda Norton 1836 - 12.20.1859

*Catherine A. Norton Wicks 1840 - 1882

*Flora Norton Carpenter 1849 - 1897



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Fanny Gray and two sisters



C 1899



Franck and wife Frances Bowers c 1915

Son of Lamont and Fanny Gray

Franck Taylor Bowers

b. June 3, 1875 Binghamton NY, d. June 7, 1932 Boston MA.

Franck Taylor Bowers was an artist, illustrator and teacher of art. Educated at the Chase Art School, New York, and in Paris at the Academies Colorossi and Jullienne. He married, March 31, 1903, in Washington D.C., Frances Benedict Nicoll of Washington, D.C., daughter of John and Sara E. Nicoll. According to the family bible they were married in Washington, D.C. by Rev. Greene. They lived in Binghamton, New York, and had one child: Frances Shelton Bowers (1907-1991).

Franck had devoted much time and energy to the founding and promoting of the Binghamton Society of Artists. The townspeople and the local press showed their appreciation for this unselfish effort in many ways. From October to December of 1930 he was at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland due to extreme poor health. At Johns Hopkins he was discovered to have had a rare form of anemia. In the first part of 1931 he and his wife were convalescing in Miami, Florida. In January of 1932 he went to Thorndyke Memorial Ward, Boston City Hospital in hopes of conquering his aplastic anemia. He died June 07, 1932 in Boston, Mass.

Spouse: Frances *Nicoll* Bowers (1877 - 1953)

Frances Benedict Nicoll Bowers

b. May 11, 1877 District of Columbia, d. June 18, 1953 Binghamton, NY

Frances Benedict Nicoll was the daughter of John (1832 – 1898) and Sara E. Nicoll (1844 – 1936) Spring Forest Cemetery Binghamton NY # 83921201 . Frances married artist Franck Taylor Bowers 31 March 1903 in Washington, D.C. They had one child: Frances Shelton Bowers (May 17, 1907-1991) One daughter with Franck: Frances and remarries Thomas Stephens Miller in 1934; Frances Shelton Bowers 1907-1991

Husbands: Franck Taylor Bowers (1875 - 1932)
Thomas Stephens Miller m. in 1934

Son of Lamont and Fanny Gray



1911

Daughter of Franck and Nicoll
Frances Shelton Bowers Miller,
1907-1991

Frances Nicoll married in 1903 to
Franck Bowers. Franck dies June
1932 then married in 1934 to Thomas
Stephens Miller



Teaching a Dog New Tricks” oil on illustration board . Signed F. T. Bowers 1904 12” x 18”
Collection of Roberson Center for the Arts and Sciences.

FRANCK TAYLOR BOWERS 1875-1932

Franck Taylor Bowers artist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamont M. Bowers born Binghamton NY; wife Frances Nicoll of Washington D.C. His brother was Dr. Clement Bowers, noted botanist. Clement Bowers was the father of Janet Bowers Painting is from a publication of Roberson Center for a *Retrospective of Drawings, Paintings and Photographs*. 1977 Roberson houses many of F.T. Bowers art work.

Son of Lamont and Fanny Gray

FRANCK TAYLOR BOWERS

“Born in Binghamton, New York, Franck Bowers spent most of his career as an illustrator but the last years of his life, he devoted much time to oil painting and watercolors. His subjects included landscapes, especially trees, figures, genre, still life and botanical drawings. He usually signed his paintings F. Taylor. He was a founder and strong promoter of the Binghamton Society of Artists and a teacher at The Binghamton Art School. Early in his career participated in the Binghamton Sketch Club.

His parents lived on the Main Street of Binghamton and had two sons, Franck and Clement. The father, Lamont Bowers, was an associate of John D. Rockefeller and a successful entrepreneurial businessman who was President of Cleveland Steel Company, manager of Bessemer Steamship Company and owner of a large farming operation. He had a creative mind, and among his inventions were the design of tankers sturdy enough to carry iron ore and the design and manufacture of an anchor that could handle that amount of weight on a ship.

Because of the strong business orientation in the family, young Franck Bowers was discouraged by his father from pursuing his creative art talents, but he was not dissuaded. However, making money was necessary, and in 1892, the year after he graduated from high school, he started a calling-card printing business in the home of his parents. In 1894, he advertised as an "artistic photographer. Animals, children and architectural subjects finely photographed"...(4). He also worked for his father in a family roofing business.

In 1898, he attended the Chase School of Art in New York and studied with its founder, William Merritt Chase. His roommate was Charles Shepard Chapman from New Jersey, and they remained close friends from that time. Two years later, he received scholarship to the New York School of Art on a scholarship and won its Saltus Prize for "brilliant work". That same year he took a trip to Duluth, Minnesota, which resulted in many shipboard drawings.

In 1904, he married Frances Nichol from Washington DC, and the couple settled in Binghamton where he earned a living with his illustration. Five years later, they sailed to Europe for a year. Bowers attended several schools for short periods including The Academie de la Grande Chaumiere, The Academie Colorossi, The Academie Vitti and The Academie Julian.

Returning to the United States, the couple had their only child in 1907, a daughter named Frances. Bowers became a major influence in the cultural climate of Binghamton and gave lectures on art, taught drawing classes for The Binghamton Society of Fine Arts, and wrote art reviews for the local newspaper.

He did some landscape painting but, likely needing money, from 1908 to 1928, did primarily book and magazine illustrations, including for "Century". He also was involved in the family businesses of anchor manufacturing and farm managing.

In the late 1920s, Bowers began to experiment with oil paint. Instead of mixing colors on a palette before application, he "dragged one color partially over another" (5) to achieve effects that were quite original for that time. He usually began by covering his canvases with a mahogany tone, which then showed through after the other paint applications. In his later oil paintings, he used both brush and palette knife and placed the paint with a brush and then flattened it with a knife.

A point of pride for Bowers was the acceptance of one of his paintings, "Vanquished" by the National Academy of Design for their Winter Exhibition of 1928.

Two years later, at the height of his fine-art career, Bowers was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia from which he died, a year later, on June 7, 1932. The last year of his life, he completed a series of watercolors for a book, "Rhododendrons and Azaleas" written by his brother, Dr. Clement Gray Bowers, a highly-respected botanist. Because he was in the hospital, Franck Bowers did many of these drawings from specimens that were mailed to him from his brother.

Several months after his death, the Binghamton Museum of Fine Arts held a Memorial exhibition for Franck Bowers. It was an especially fitting venue because the previous year, Bowers had made the motion in a Binghamton Fine Arts Society meeting to establish a permanent museum in Binghamton”.

Source:

Robert Vose Jr., "Franck Taylor Bowers 1875-1932", Vose Galleries of Boston

Courtesy, David Mapes, Mapes Auctioneers & Appraisers of New York

Bowers died from a year-long illness at age 57 on June 7, 1932, which meant that he had a short career as a fine-art painter.

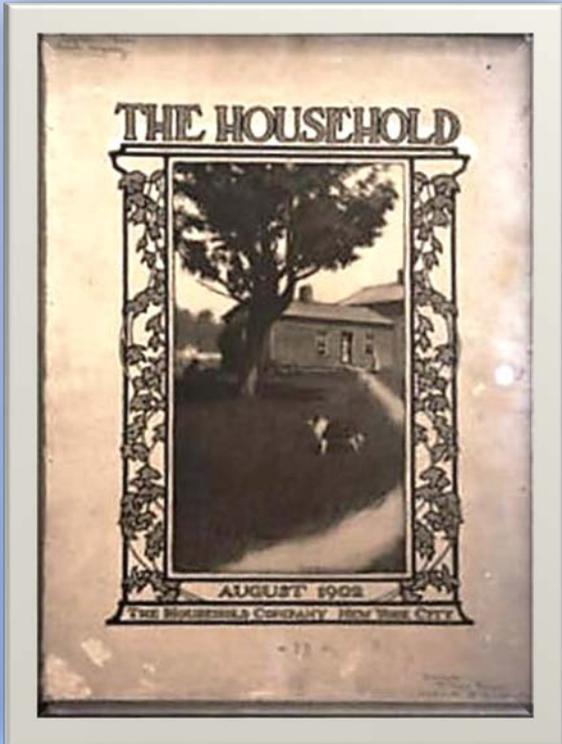
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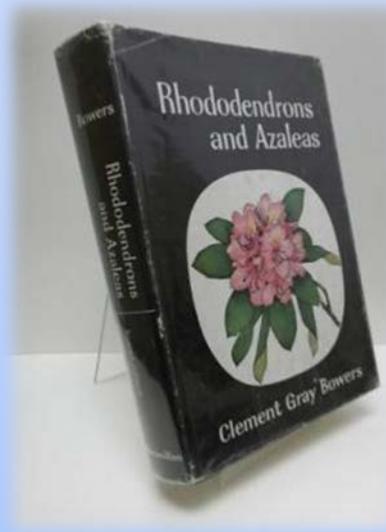
SUNDAY MORNING
1928



PEACEFUL EVENING
WITH CATTLE
WATERING



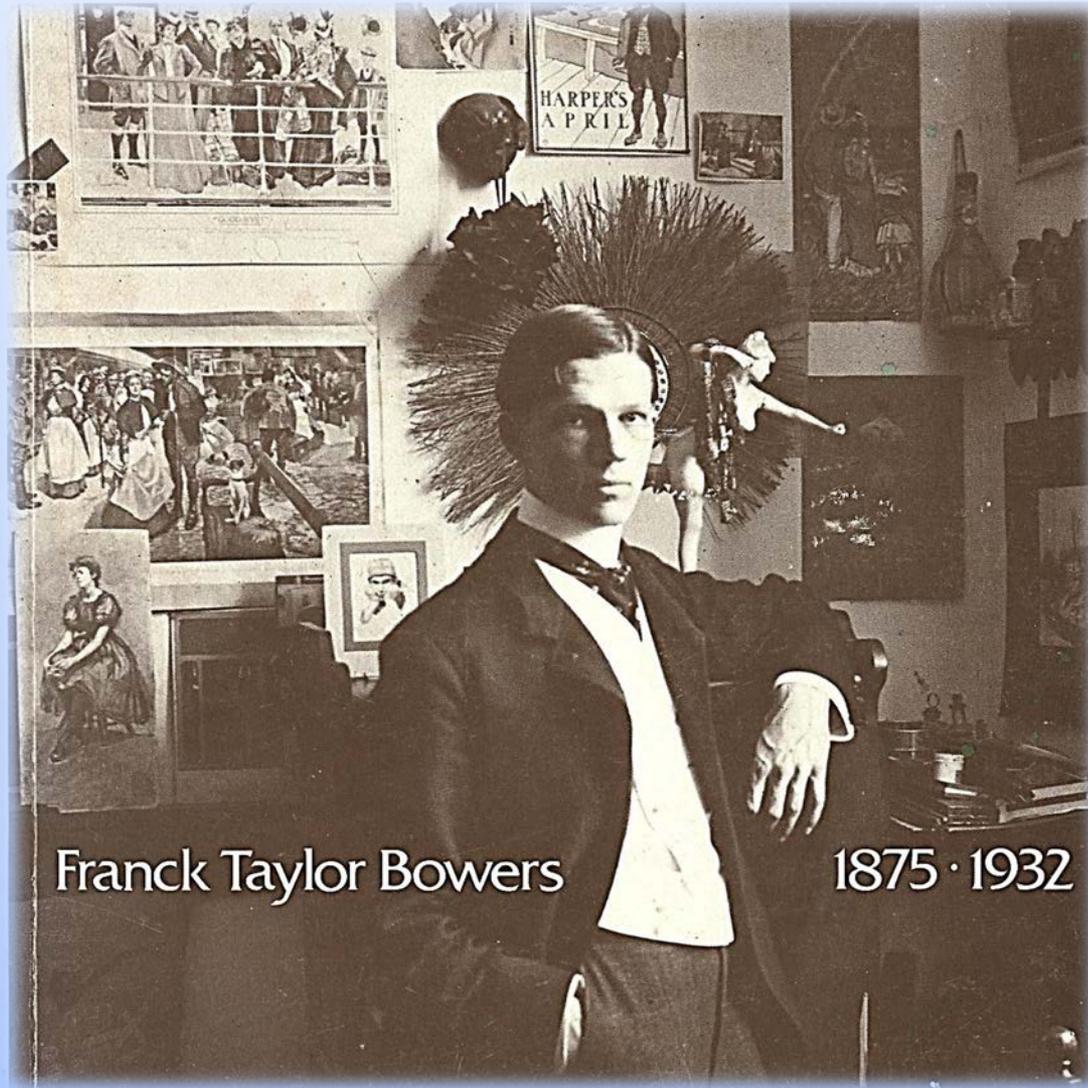
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Rhododendrons and azaleas : their origins, cultivation and development ; with illus. in color by Franck Taylor Bowers and Clement Gray Bowers, and pen drawings by the author Bowers, Clement Gray 1936

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Franck Taylor Bowers

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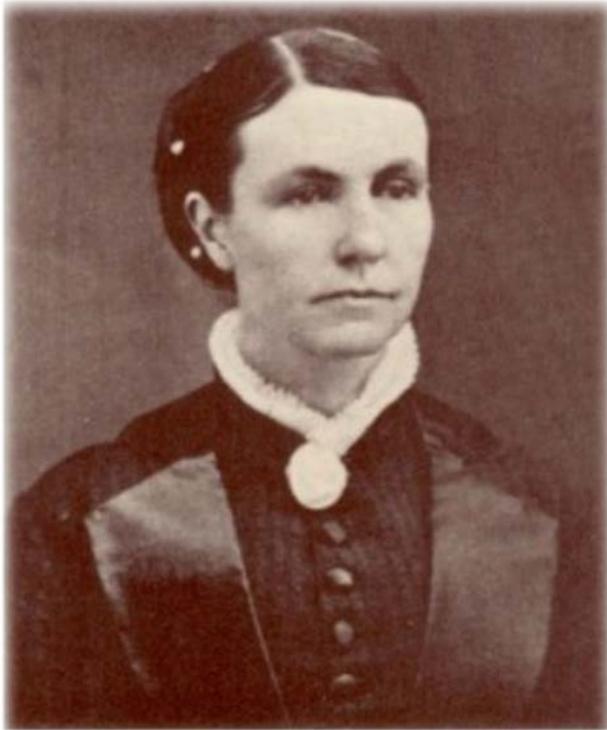
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Binghamton, New York



Bowers Collection at Broome County Historical Society

“This extensive glass-plate collection contains the work of Franck Taylor Bowers (1875-1932) a Broome County artist and photographer. Bowers was the son of Lamont Bowers, the financial advisor to John D. Rockefeller, and grew up in a wealthy Victorian environment. The images depict the height of late nineteenth and early twentieth century life at home, on vacation, and with family and friends. Many of the images are local residents used as studies and models for a number of Bowers' paintings, which are located in several important regional and national museums.”

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^{1st} Sarah Jane Bowers 1/3
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.



Sarah Jane Bowers 2/3

Sarah Jane Bowers was named after her two grandmothers and was always called by both names, owing Sarah to her paternal grandmother, Sarah Sawin, and Jane to her maternal grandmother, Jane Dinsmore. Sarah was not stout like her mother, and she had larger eyes, and a more open and luminous face. She had a more versatile intelligence, more varied tastes, and a better education than her mother.

Sarah spent her childhood getting all the training that could be got in the nearby district school where she became acquainted with Granville Gates, a year and a half her senior. She began teaching at the early age of fourteen, and it was a source of pride to her family throughout their lives. She also had a class in Sunday school, usually of young ladies.

She married the Rev. Granville Gates 19 Sep 1850 in Maine, Broome, New York. No two persons could be more absolute opposites. Not only were they different in physical stature, but Granville's motions were usually somewhat slow and negligent as befitted his sedentary pursuits, while Sarah's step was quick, firm, confident, and graceful. Granville did not shrink from physical labor, but his energy was by preference mental rather than physical. Sarah on the other hand, could give to what she was doing an undivided attention, and she took great pleasure in doing those things which require special deftness and the exercise of taste.

Sarah Jane Bowers ^{3/3}

She was a beautiful seamstress, made lovely artificial flowers, and painted charming flower pictures. During the Civil War period she used to remove the plush from Granville's over worn silk hats, renovate it, cover a bonnet frame with it, and deck the whole with flowers of her own manufacture.

Granville's conversation was by preference on religion, doctrine, and on matters of the soul. While Sarah's mind was on affairs and business of the household or events in the community or nation. Sarah was kindly and sympathetic, a good neighbor, a faithful friend, and her life was one of continuous toil and sacrifice for others. She had executive efficiency, energy, vigilance, self-reliance, boldness, combined with unfailing common sense, tact, and shrewd judgment of men.

In 1867 they moved the family to the vicinity of Highland, Kansas, where Rev Gates spent the rest of his active professional life as superintendent of Baptist home missions.

Sarah was too nervous and high strung to be at any time in good health. She was often sleepless, and often had neuralgia (An acute, severe, intermittent pain that radiates along a nerve).

During her last year in Kansas she caught malaria which through neglect and misdiagnosis became a chronic condition. The usual sequence of such neglect is acute inflammation of the liver (Chronic Interstitial Hepatitis) This resulted in her death at the age of seventy-three. Both Granville died in Montclair, NJ and were buried in the Mt. Hebron Cemetery in the Gates's family plot. Jersey (see memorial [# 35218198](#))
(Bio by Frederick Taylor Gates)

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. (buried 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 I 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

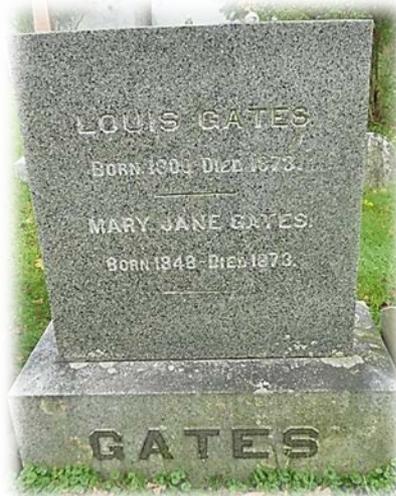
Mary Jane Gates 1848 - 1873



Louis Gates, son of Russell Gates, home on Nanticoke Road. It burned down in 1997. Louis' father Russell 1766 – 1839 constructed Nanticoke Road through “virgin” forests. He worked along with his brother Alfred. Both brothers were charter members of the Maine Baptist Church . Louis received one third of his fathers Russell's estate in 1839. This house dates from that time. (taken from Then & Now by Ann Lewis book 1998.)



Sally (Sarah Taylor Gates) died of rheumatic fever in 1854. She was Louis' second wife married 7.7.1842



Louis and daughter Mary Jane



Emily Payne Gates 1st wife died 3.3.1842. Buried Corson-Corners -County Rd. 314 next to Cyrus Gates Home

Granville Gates was born April 17, 1829 in Maine, Broome County, NY. His son Frederick said he was an affectionate and tender hearted boy and man. His mother died when he was thirteen and he idolized her to his dying day, keeping a lock of her hair, letters and other memorials from his childhood. As a youth, he taught school and worked on his father's farm.

On September 19, 1850, he married Sarah Jane Bowers, born September 19, 1830 in Maine, NY, daughter of Gardner Sawin Bowers and his wife, Achsah Taylor.

Sarah began teaching at the early age of fourteen and this was a source of pride to her family. In 1850, at the age of twenty-one, Granville Gates was elected supervisor of Maine, Broome County, NY. In 1853, he was ordained to the Baptist Ministry and, for thirteen years, served as minister at several churches in New York State, receiving very little monetary compensation. His son Frederick said the family was always poor and grew even poorer during the Civil War when his father's salary did not rise and the cost of living did.

In 1867, Granville Gates was commissioned by the American Baptist Home Mission Society as a general missionary and the family moved first to Forest City, Holt County, MO and a short time later to Highland, Doniphan County, KS. From 1867 to 1885, he served the Baptist ministry in NE Kansas. After several years, in recognition of his performance, he was chosen Superintendent of Missions for the entire state of Kansas. About 1885, he resigned his position and confined his ministry to occasional preaching at churches not far distant from his home, and he retired altogether about 1890. Before he was sixty-five years of age, his mental capacities began to decline until eventually he was but a shadow of his former self.

Mrs. Gates died of hepatitis, October 23, 1904, in Montclair, Essex County, NY, aged seventy-three. Granville Gates died, November 20, 1906, aged seventy-seven. They were buried in the family lot in Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Upper Montclair, Essex County, NJ.

Children of **Granville and Sarah Jane (Bowers) Gates**, born in Maine, Broome County, NY:

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. Next three pages, his relationship with John D. Rockefeller which led him to introduce Lamont Bowers (mothers brother) to Rockefeller. Next three slides.

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Frederick Taylor "Fred" Gates ^{1/3}
July 2, 1853 Maine NY – February 6, 1929 Phoenix, AZ

Brother-In-Law of Lamont Bowers who was instrumental in connecting Lamont with John D. Rockefeller. His parents were: Granville Gates 1829 – 1906 and Sarah Jane Bowers Gates 1830 - 1904

Frederick Taylor Gates born July 2, 1853 in Maine, Broome County, NY, married, first, June 28, 1882 in Rochester, Monroe County, NY, Lucia Fowler Perkins, daughter of John Henry Hobart and Mary Emma (Tindall) Perkins. She died without issue, October 31, 1883, and he married, second, March 3, 1886, in Racine, Racine County, WI, Emma Lucile Cahoon, born April 25, 1855, in Racine, WI, daughter of Lyman Hall and Cardelia L. (Teague) Cahoon. Fred died 6 Feb 1929 in Phoenix, Arizona of pneumonia and acute appendicitis.

Frederick T. Gates was born in a country farmhouse and spent his childhood years in central New York towns where his father was minister to small parishes. When he was fourteen, the family moved to Kansas. His father had a small income and went into debt. Frederick contributed to the family's finances by working at a variety of jobs, including selling harrows to farmers, clerking at a store and bank, and supplying animal hides to a tannery.

In 1880, he graduated from the University of Rochester and Rochester Theological Seminary, and, at the age of 27, became the pastor of a Baptist church in Minneapolis, MN. In 1888, he resigned from his ministry and undertook the task of raising of an endowment for Pillsbury Academy, a Baptist school in Minnesota. In this endeavor he displayed an exceptional ability to plan, organize, and lead a major financial campaign. The same year, he was chosen to lead the new American Baptist Education Society in its effort to establish new religious schools throughout the United States. A principal goal of this organization was to rebuild a small Baptist school in Chicago into a major university. John D. Rockefeller, a Baptist, had contributed \$600,000, an unprecedented donation at that time.

Frederick Taylor "Fred" Gates 2/3



Mount Hebron Cemetery
Upper Montclair
Essex County
New Jersey

Mr. Gates, working with Thomas W. Goodspeed in a two-man campaign during 1889-90, succeeded in raising \$400,000, which, with Rockefeller's donation, made it possible to establish the University of Chicago. Gates said this was the "most disagreeable, depressing, and anxious year of my life" and when asked to explain his great success in raising funds, he wrote that he did nothing, worked at nothing, and thought of nothing for the entire year except the canvass. Rockefeller was greatly impressed by Gates's accomplishments and by his handling of financial affairs. Constantly besieged by requests for money, Rockefeller asked Gates to work for him and to take the burden of philanthropic decisions off his shoulders. As director of Rockefeller's vast philanthropic organization, Gates developed the principles and policies that led to the establishment of the Rockefeller Foundation. Over a period of years, Mr. Gates also became a guiding force in many of Rockefeller's business enterprises, and he was instrumental in developing the iron mines, railroads, and fleets of vessels that later were combined into the United States Steel Corporation.

Frederick Taylor "Fred" Gates 3/3



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)

^{2nd} Achsah Ann Bowers
September 11, 1832 Jaffrey NH – February 1, 1906 Maine NY

Achsah Ann Bowers kept house for her father until his death in 1882. She married quite late in life to Stephen Vandenburg of Maine, New York and subsequently separated. They had no children. She died in Maine, New York in 1906. (Ref: Clement Gray Bowers letter 07 March 1968)

3rd CHARLES GARDNER BOWERS; 1838 – 1918

Charles G. Finishing off sap in his home. Maple syrup is still made locally. Charles is a brother of Lamont and Uncle to Franck.



Charles was an undertaker, a coffin and furniture maker. We (NVHS) have his ledger listing the deaths he attended to. Married to Ester Jane Flint Bowers 1840 – 1914. . His home was at 2878 Route 26 Maine NY. The home which is currently yellow with the barn that has an American Flag painted on it.

^{3rd} Charles Gardner Bowers

Born March 4, 1838 in Jaffrey NH and died March 9, 1918 in
Maine NY

Charles Gardner Bowers resided in Maine, Broome, New York throughout his life and died there in 1918. He married Esther Jane Flint (1839-1914) on 12 April 1860 in Maine, Broome, New York, daughter of William J. Flint (1815-1885) and Annis Marean (1817-1888).

Charles varied his activities from cabinet-maker, under-taker, and farmer. After a short and successful career as traveling representative of the Syracuse casket firm, Charles returned to Maine (N.Y.) where he settled in the Flint family home and became the village undertaker. He was a popular and attractive gentleman. He was well-regarded by the whole community. There were no children of this union. (Ref: Clement Gray Bowers letter of 7 March 1968)

Esther Jane Flint Bowers
1840 - 1914

Esther Jane Flint Bowers (Aunt Ett)
(wife of Charles) born in 1840 (1839) in
Maine, NY - died June 1914
Married Charles April 12, 1860

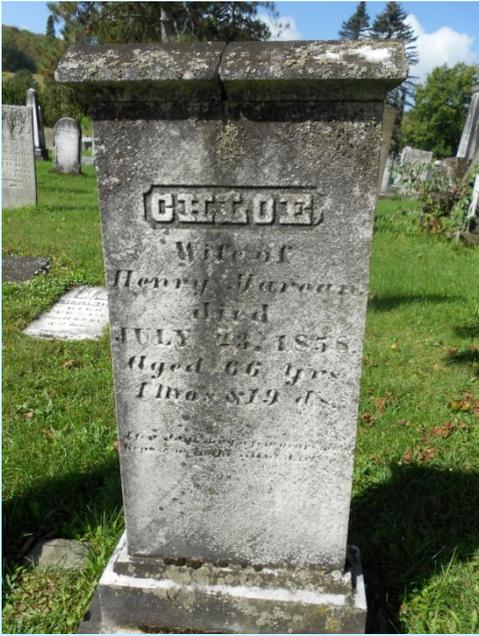
Parents:

William Jackson Flint August 30, 1815 in
Hillsboro ,NH – March 4, 1885 Maine, NY
Annis Marean Jan 5, 1817 – November 7,
1888 Maine, NY

. “According to the *History of Broome County*,
Ester Bowers was in the millinery business in
1880”

” Ann Lewis p 104





William Jackson Flint

Aug. 30, 1815

Hillsboro, New Hampshire

Mar. 4, 1885

Maine, New York,

Annis *Marean* Flint

Jan. 5, 1817 New York

Nov. 7, 1888 Maine, NY



“Early owners of 2878 Rte. 26 were William Flint, who was a cabinet maker, and his wife Annis, daughter of Henry (1777 – 1855) and Chloe (Delano) (1792 – 1858) Marean. Flint may have been in business with Michaiah Mooers before he went on his own in 1860. Flint’s daughter **Esther Jane married Charles Bowers** in 1860, who came into the family business and continued to run it after William’s death in 1885”

4th John Milton Bowers

July 3, 1842 – November 12, 1900



John Milton Bowers was born in 1842 and named for his uncle, John Milton Taylor, a New York merchant. He was known as J. Milton by his family and friends, even on his gravestone it is J. Milton Bowers. He was a respected citizen of Maine, Broome, New York, throughout his life, took an active part in community affairs and kept a store there for a short time. He had an attractive personality and was noted for his caustic wit which he inherited from his grandfather Andrew Taylor. For some time, while a bachelor, he resided with his sister Achsah Ann Bowers in the family house at Bowers Corners (near Maine, N.Y.). In mid- life he married a widow but had no children. He died of tuberculosis at the age of fifty-eight in 1900. Tuberculosis was a tendency inherited perhaps from the Dinsmore ancestry. (Ref: Our American Ancestry, written by Frederick Taylor Gates)

John Milton Bowers married widow Mary Jemina (Harmon) Allen on 27 March 1870 in Castle Creek, Chenango, New York, widow of Hector Allen (1831-1858) and daughter of Gurdon Harmon (1801-1843) and Laura Etta Barnes (1808-1891). They had no children.



5th Elizabeth Ann Duane Bowers
July 29, 1844 Maine NY – December 20, 1868 Maine NY

“ Elizabeth Ann Duane Bowers (Libby, as she was called) was most unfortunate and died unmarried with no children in 1868 (some records date her death as 1873). When a girl of about fourteen, picking berries in a distant and lonely pasture she was frightened into hysterics, but not harmed otherwise, by a half-witted youth, the son of a neighbor who unexpectedly confronted her when alone. She never recovered from that shock. She soon began to disclose symptoms of incipient epilepsy attributed to that incident, which in due course developed into the disease. The attacks continued with constantly increasing frequency and severity until they completely destroyed her health and her mind. She died at twenty-eight in 1868.” (Ref: Our American Ancestry, written by Frederick Taylor Gates)



Lamont and Clement - 1898



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

b. December 22, 1893, Maine NY d. April 12, 1973 Johnson City, NY

“He went to school for two or three years. The rest of the time he was tutored by his brother Franck, who was 18 years older. In 1907 his father moved the family to Denver, Colorado, for the benefit of his mother, who was then suffering from tuberculosis. Clement attended Westminster College in Colorado during some of the 1907-1914.

After his mother's death the family returned to their Binghamton home in 1914 where his interest in horticulture came about. Clement was able to enter Cornell School of Agriculture. Clement held a B.S. and M.S. from Cornell University graduated in 1923 and a Ph.D. in botany from Columbia University graduation in 1930. He was a research associate at Cornell University and a Professorial Lecturer in Botany, at Harpur College, State University of New York. He did research on rhododendrons and azaleas on Long Island, the purpose being to hybridize the hardy northern and exotic southern plants.

According to the family bible he married Janet Rankin Whitney in October 1925 in the Sage Chapel in Ithaca, New York, daughter of Thomas Frederick Whitney and Anna Ryan. they were married by Rev. Dr. Herbert M. Moore. Janet was a graduate of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and was a hospital trained and licensed dietitian from Binghamton. With the introduction of a regularly nutritious diet, most of his health problems vanished. In 1929 the Bowers came back to Maine, Broome County, N.Y. to occupy the family home on Nanticoke Road which was his grandfather, Gardner Bowers, called "Bowers Corners".

In 1936 Clement published a book called Rhododendrons and Azaleas which came to be known as "a true classic in garden literature." A second edition came out in 1960. In 1935 he succeeded his late brother as a Director of the Roberson Center for the Arts and Sciences in Binghamton, a position which he held until his death. Prior to World War II, he served as a New York State Director for the Committee on Tuberculosis and Public Health.

Clement Gray Bowers

The onset of World War II he was denied military service do to his health, so he took a position as War Transportation Administrator. This primarily involved arranging public transportation to crucial industries. After the war he returned to Cornell to join other distinguished Cornell related staff members that were hired to serve on the Broome County Planning Board. He had been a member since 1838 and he was its chairman from 1841 until 1967. A life-long Republican, he was initially shocked but finally amused when, during the McCarthy era, he was accused of being a Communist because of his strong public advocacy of planning.

In the post War period, Syracuse University established a liberal arts college in Endicott, known as Triple Cities College, later becoming Harpur College of the State University of New York. Clement was asked to teach Botany. He taught until the mid 1950's

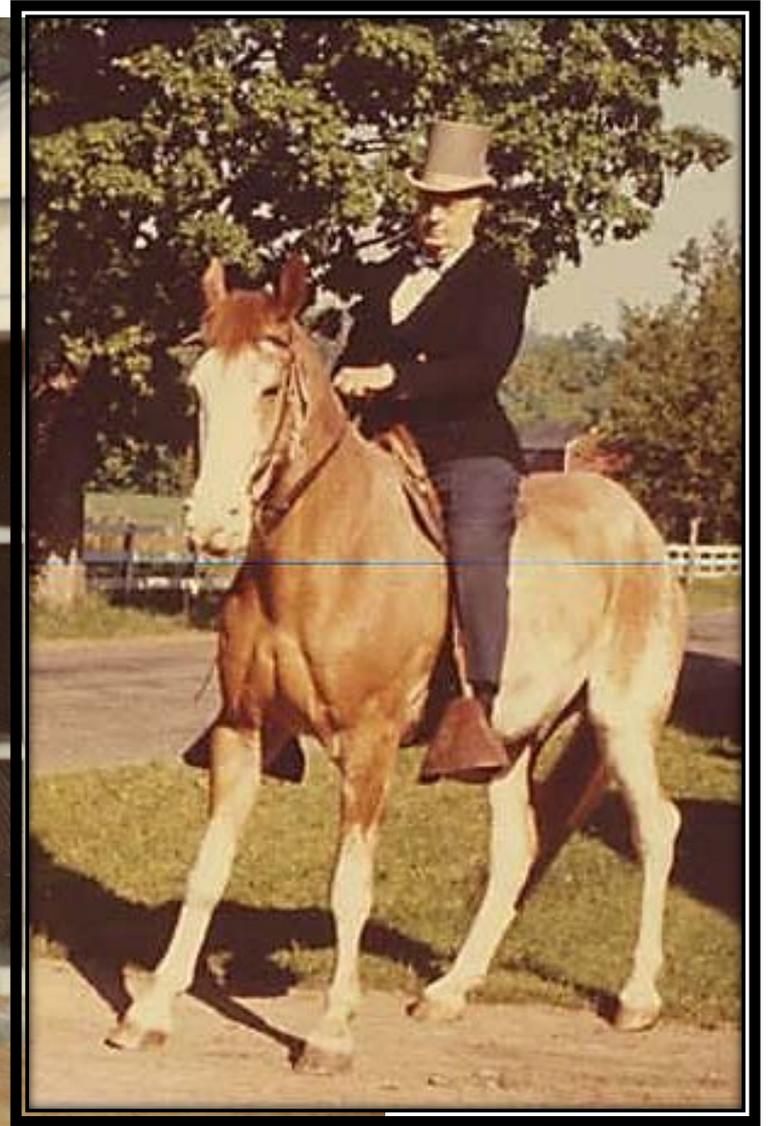
During his lifetime Dr. Bowers was on so many boards, gave so many lectures, received so many honors, medals and citations that we can't mention them all here He died April 12, 1973. In later life Clement had diabetes and Parkinson's Syndrome and died of a heart attack according to his death certificate (#303 City of Johnson City, Wilson Memorial Hospital, New York).”

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.”



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Clement and Major



CLEMENT GRAY BOWERS - 1894 -1973

Richard M. Lewis, Director

Audrey H. O'Connor, Editor

Cornell Plantations

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

” Clement Gray Bowers, eminent plant scientist, author and hybridizer of note, died on April 12 at the age of 79. A native of Binghamton, New York, Dr. Bowers was considered one of the world's leading authorities on rhododendrons. In 1960 he received the Jackson Dawson Medal, an honorary award given by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. At that time his book, *Rhododendrons and Azaleas* (1936, second edition 1960) was cited as "one of the true classics of garden literature."

Dr. Bowers received B.S. and M.S. degrees at Cornell University in 1923 and 1925 and a Ph.D. in botany from Columbia University in 1930. His doctoral research was based on cytological studies in the genus *Rhododendron*. His early research in genetics, cytology and plant sterility was carried on at the New York Botanical Garden. Dr. Bowers later pursued an independent career in plant breeding and as a horticultural consultant and lecturer. He discovered the origin of viscin strands in some plant pollens and developed new techniques in plant hybridization.

His interest in education continued and led him to serve as a lecturer in botany at State University of New York units at Syracuse and Binghamton, New York. In 1948 he was appointed a research associate in ornamental horticulture at Cornell University. He was active until his death as a member of the Cornell Plantations Faculty Committee and as a Sponsor of the Cornell Plantations, the arboretum-natural areas enterprise of Cornell University.”

Clement Gray Bowers



“He was a founder of Pi Alpha Xi, national collegiate honor society in floriculture, and of the Men's Garden Club of Broome County. He was a member of many professional societies, including fellowships in the Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Botany Society of America. He was a charter member of the American Horticultural Council and of the American Rhododendron Society and contributed to the long range planning of many horticultural organizations.

On the international scene, Dr. Bowers served as vice-chairman of the section on plant breeding methods and as director of floriculture exhibits for the Sixth International Congress of Genetics in 1932. In 1949 in London, he was presented to Queen Mother Elizabeth as an "outstanding American scientist." He was also a member of the International Committee for Horticultural Nomenclature from 1952 to 1955.

Clement Bowers' wife, the former Janet R. Whitney, died in January, 1972, 48 years after their marriage. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Bothwell of Cambridge, Mass.”

BOWERS RHODODENDRON COLLECTION



[HTTP://WWW.CORNELLPLANTATIONS.ORG/](http://www.cornellplantations.org/)

“This garden has 302 accessioned plants, including some zone 6 trees, and 123 different types of rhododendrons—almost all hybrids. These plants are protected by a white pine over story, and interspersed with other plants suited for shady areas.

Rhododendrons and azaleas are shrubs native to the mountains of North America, Europe, and Asia, especially the Himalayas. This rhododendron collection illustrates the principles of plant exploration, collection, hybridization, and popularization by botanical gardens and nurseries.”



“In honor of Janet's father, Clement G. Bowers, a noted horticulturist and an authority on rhododendrons, the foundation assisted in the establishment of the Clement Gray Bowers Rhododendron Collection on Comstock Knoll at Cornell Plantations, Ithaca, N.Y.”

Maine to Honor Dr. Bowers Sun.

A monument in memory of the late Dr. Clement G. Bowers will be dedicated at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, the final day of the Maine

Bicentennial celebration. The monument, located on the lawn of the J. Ralph Ingalls School on Church Street, reads "in memory of

Clement G. Bowers, Ph.D., botanist, educator, friend and neighbor."

The monument was erected by the Maine Kiwanis with financial assistance from the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society.

Emerson Cornsteck is chairman of the dedication program. Speakers will include Dr. Joseph Vandtiper and Mrs. Janet Bothwell, Dr. Bowers' daughter.

Dr. Bowers was born in 1890 to Lambert M. Bowers and Fanny A. Gray. He married Janet R. Whitney in 1925. The couple's only child, Mrs. Bothwell, and her husband Lawrence, live in the ancestral home in Maine.

Dr. Bowers was an educator, author, researcher, plant hybridizer, planter and was a professional lecturer on botany for eight years at Harper College.

His most important published work was a large reference work on rhododendrons and azaleas. During World War II he was Broome County war transportation administrator.

Dr. Bowers was a member of Broome County Planning Board for 25 years and served as its chairman for

many years. He was president of the Maine School Board at the time of centralization and was largely responsible for the architecture of J. R. Ingalls School.

He also was instrumental in starting the Kiwanis Club of Maine and the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society.



The monument to Dr. Clement G. Bowers, which will be dedicated in ceremonies Sunday, is located in front of the J. Ralph Ingalls School in Maine.



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When J. Ralph Ingalls School closed the bell was "given" to the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society who then had it moved along with the base and plaque in front of the 1845 one-room school house on Nanticoke Road. Thanks to the town for help in this project. The bell is the original one from the Maine Central School.

Janet Rankin *Whitney* Bowers

Born May 28, 1894 Philadelphia, PA

Died January 9, 1972

“Janet Rankin Whitney was the daughter of Thomas Frederick "Fred" Whitney and Anna Ryan. Janet married Clement Gray Bowers on 12 October 1925 in Ithaca, Tompkins, New York. They had one child: Janet Whitney Bowers(1935-2004).

Janet Rankin Whitney graduated from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn as a licensed dietician. She had done her internship at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland as a nutritionist later becoming the departmental superintendent. She organized and headed the diet school at the University of Maryland Hospital. She left the hospital to set up a new clinical dietetic service for the Bank of New York and Trust Company of New York City. During World War II, she became chairman of the Broome County War Nutrition Committee. (Ref: Obituary of Mrs. Janet Bowers January 11, 1972)”



Janet Rankin Whitney Bowers
1918

Janet Rankin *Whitney* Bowers

Obituary: "Janet Whitney Bowers, 77, died suddenly from a coronary attack at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital on Sunday. The descendant of an old Broome County family, she was born in Philadelphia, attended Binghamton schools, and was professionally trained in the school of nutrition at Pratt Institute and later as a graduate student and staff member of the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Subsequently she organized and headed the Diet School of the University of Maryland Hospital, and then left hospital work to set up a new clinical dietetic service for the Bank of New York and Trust Company on Wall Street, the first such installation in New York City. She also practiced as a consulting nutritionist, and during World War II became Chairman of the Broome County War Nutrition Committee. In 1929 she moved with her husband to Bowers Corners, his old family home, at Maine, N.Y. where she spent the remainder of her life. She became prominent as President of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc., and until her death was on the State Advisory Committee and the State Awards Committee of that organization. She was a past officer of the Monday Afternoon Club, the Binghamton Garden Club, the Women's Auxiliary of the Susquehanna Valley Home board, and various other local organizations. She was a well-known lecturer and judge of flower arrangements, and for many years was chairman of judges on table arrangements at the International Flower Show in New York City. During World War II she wrote a book on Wartime Vegetable Cookery for the American Women's Volunteer Services. She was a considerable local authority on the subject of antiques and was very active in the affairs of the Roberson Center and largely responsible for the "Bowers Room" in that institution. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Clement G. Bowers and one daughter, Mrs. Lawrence L. (Janet) Bothell of Cambridge, Mass. Burial at Floral Park Cemetery, Johnson City, N.Y." January 1972

Janet Whitney Bowers through the years



1918



1935



1941



1944



1950



1965



1968

Janet Whitney Bowers
May 28, 1894 —
January 9, 1972
Daughter of Thomas
Frederick "Fred" Whitney
and Anna Ryan. Janet
married Clement Gray
Bowers on 12 October
1925 in Ithaca, Tompkins,
New York.

Two Generations of Historians



1931 **Janet Whitney and Clement Gray Bowers** at Bowers Corners with Buddy.

Clement Bowers

was a scientist specializing in botany, his wife **Janet Whitney** was a nutritionist, later she was President of *Federated Garden Clubs of NYS*. They both had a deep love for the history of Maine, NY and Broome County.



Photograph taken in 1936 of Janet W. Bowers and mother Janet Whitney Bowers. Janet grew up in Bowers Corners, graduated Vassar College and later established the Bowers Foundation which was a driving force of the NVHS.

Bowers wedding Ithaca, NY 1925



Clement and Janet Bowers - 1968



Anna Ryan Whitney Rankin 1862 - 1951



Anna Ryan Whitney Rankin,
1935 - Mother of Janet Whitney
Bowers Grandmother of Janet
Bowers

WEDDING OF INTEREST

**Ex-Mayor Rankin Married to Mrs. Anna
R. Whitney**

The marriage of ex-Mayor John C. Rankin and Mrs. Anna R. Whitney of Pine street is anounced. After May 1, Mr. and Mrs. Rankin will receive their friends at the well known and beautiful residence "Sunnyside" on Upper Court street.



Sunnyside,
Binghamton NY



Toward the end of his life, Rankin moved to Pennsylvania after some get rich schemes failed, depleting his fortune. After returning to Binghamton, he lived with his former servant and adopted daughter, Mrs. Anna R. Whitney, whose first husband had died. Rankin's first wife had also died and in his old age he married Whitney. While the relationship may have raised some eyebrows, it caused no great public scandal. In fact, Rankin's obituary commented favorably on his wife's care and devotion during Rankin's last illness.

Mrs. John Rankin (Janet Whitney, wife of John Rankin), born 1862 and died 1951, mother of Janet Whitney Bowers. Photo by Franck Bowers

Broome County Public Library/Broome County Historical Society



Anna Ryan Rankin – buried in Spring Forest Cemetery Binghamton NY find a grave # 83677878

Mrs. John RANKIN, wife of Ex-Mayor RANKIN of Binghamton, formerly a resident of Homer, died May 31st, at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, at the residence of Mr. R's brother. Her remains were brought to Binghamton for burial, the funeral being held on Wednesday, June 4th." 6 Jun 1879 *This is the first wife of Mayor Rankin.* <http://www.usgenweb.info/nycortland/vitals/d1879.htm>
He marries again to Anna Ryan Whitney



John C. Rankin 1835 - 1905

John C. Rankin was a businessman and Democratic reform mayor of Binghamton, 1876. Earlier, he was a business partner of David Hannum of Cortland, with whom he was involved in the Cardiff giant hoax. And Rankin and Hannum were lifelong friends from their days as students at the Cortland Academy in Cortland County. Moreover, they were partners in a number of business ventures, including real estate, the sale of a butter churn patent, and oil land speculation. Rankin's own father was one of the promoters and builders of the Boston & Albany Railroad

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Find A Grave Memorial# 83677867

Spring Forest Cemetery
Binghamton Broome County New York, USA

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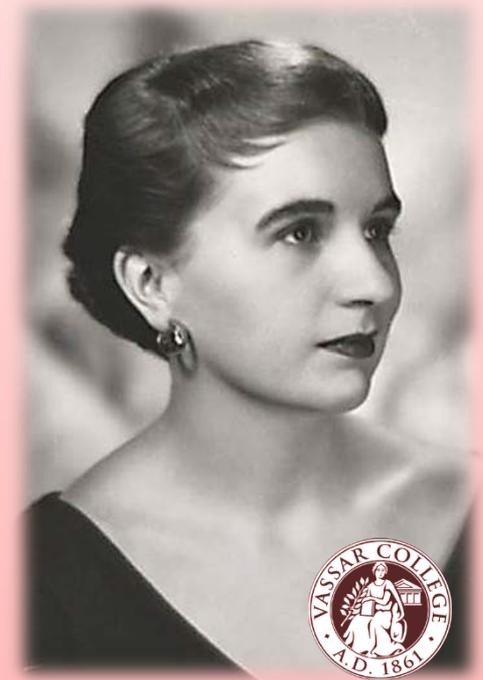
1936



Janet and Lamont – c. 1940



Miss Hall's - 1952



Vassar College - 1956

Founded in 1898, Miss Hall's School was one of the first all-girls established in New England <http://www.misshalls.org/oarding> schools

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

Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards – 2000

<http://www.preservenys.org/awards-2000.html>



“Janet Bowers Bothwell and her family organization, The Bowers Foundation, have been instrumental in protecting, promoting, and increasing public awareness of the incomparable historic resources in the Southern Tier of New York State. Mrs. Bothwell’s intense commitment to historic preservation, her support of preservation organizations, and her efforts to protect buildings through collaborative ventures, have made her a strong leader in her community. The Preservation League honors Mrs. Bothwell for helping to ensure the future of the region’s heritage for generations to come.”

Died; May 29, 2004

“One of her proudest moments occurred in 2000 when then Preservation League of New York State honored her for her many contributions to historic preservation in the State”



Janet signing cookbooks, 1995

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Something from Gray Ousterud

First curator story



Jan served as Curator of the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society from the mid-1970's until 2002

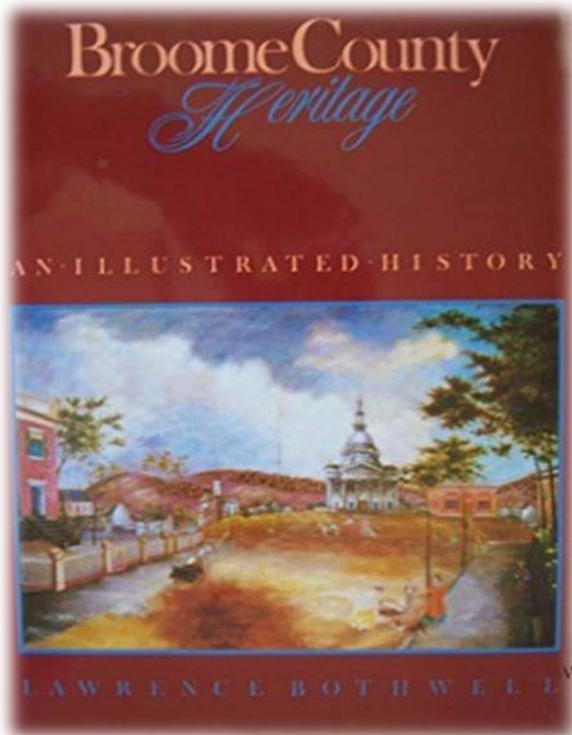
“Janet Bowers Bothwell of Maine, N.Y. Janet Bowers Bothwell, born to Clement and Janet Whitney Bowers on January 9, 1935 in New Jersey, passed away on May 29, 2004 at Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, N.Y. Preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence L. Bothwell. Janet attended Miss Hall's School, Pittsfield, Mass. She received her A.B. from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in 1956, and a M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary, New York, N.Y., in 1959. She married Lawrence L. Bothwell on February 3, 1957. Janet had special interests and hobbies in needlework, crafts and gastronomy, but her greatest pride was to serve as an advocate for historic preservation. She established The Bowers Foundation in 1967, and as President, she has focused the Foundation's efforts on historic preservation in and around the Town of Maine, N.Y. Through her efforts, the J. Ralph Ingalls School and the 1851 Cyrus Gates House in the Town of Maine have been named to the National Register of Historic Places. (Quoting from an article in the Press & Sun Bulletin, June 25, 2000: "Bothwell's father, an avid historian and preservationist, taught her to appreciate the past. 'I grew up with the preservationist philosophy and took it for granted,' said Bothwell.") She served as Curator of the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society from the mid-1970's until 2002. With her encouragement and support, the museum grew to include the Pitchers Mill, a one-room schoolhouse and a carriage maker's shop. One of her proudest moments occurred in 2000 when then Preservation League of New York State honored her for her many contributions to historic preservation in the State. Under her direction, the Bowers Foundation contributed to Binghamton's Roberson Museum and Science Center, including the installation of a permanent display of 1880's parlor furniture from the former house of her grandfather, Lamont Montgomery Bowers, which was located at 203 Main Street, Binghamton, N.Y. In honor of Janet's father, Clement G. Bowers, a noted horticulturist and an authority on rhododendrons, the foundation assisted in the establishment of the Clement Gray Bowers Rhododendron Collection on Comstock Knoll at Cornell Plantations, Ithaca, N.Y. In collaboration with her husband, Janet co-edited Broome County Heritage: An Illustrated History (Windsor Publications, 1983). She edited a Nanticoke Valley heritage cookbook, Cooking Up the Creek (Bowers Corners Press, 1994). She is survived by a group of loyal and loving friends, including Nancy McGregor Bittinger, Marceil Hamill, Charles and Janet Hathorn, Robert and Ellen Hoover, Alice Hopkins, Cam Johnson, Barbara MacFalls, Lee Mauk, and Janette Pfeiff. Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorials to the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society, Maine, N.Y. Arrangements by Allen Memorial Home, 511-513 East Main Street, Endicott, N.Y.”

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- ❑ Donation to the playground and its landscaping at the Maine Memorial Elementary School by the Bowers Foundation.
- ❑ Victorian Homes Winter 1987 Vol. 6 Issue 1 Article featuring “The Tiny Hamlet of Maine, NY”
- ❑ The Clement Bowers “school” bell which is now in front of the 1845 One Room School House
- ❖ Involvement in the acquiring of the McGregor house on Nanticoke Road which is the site of the NVHS museum. Dr. Clement Bowers being one of the original charter members of the organization in 1969.
- ❖ Research of the Town of Maine by the; Division For Historic Preservation and the Preservation Planning Workshop, Cornell University in their work documenting the history of many of the towns buildings in the Fall of 1982.
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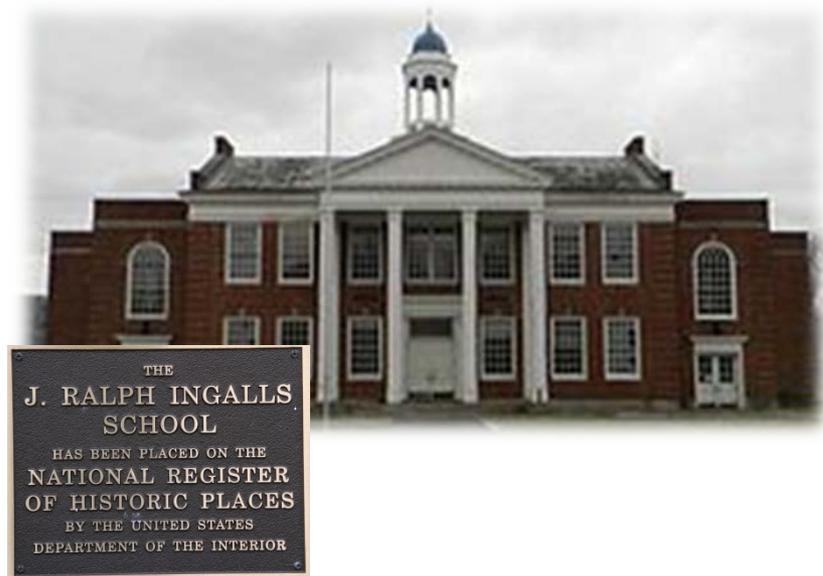
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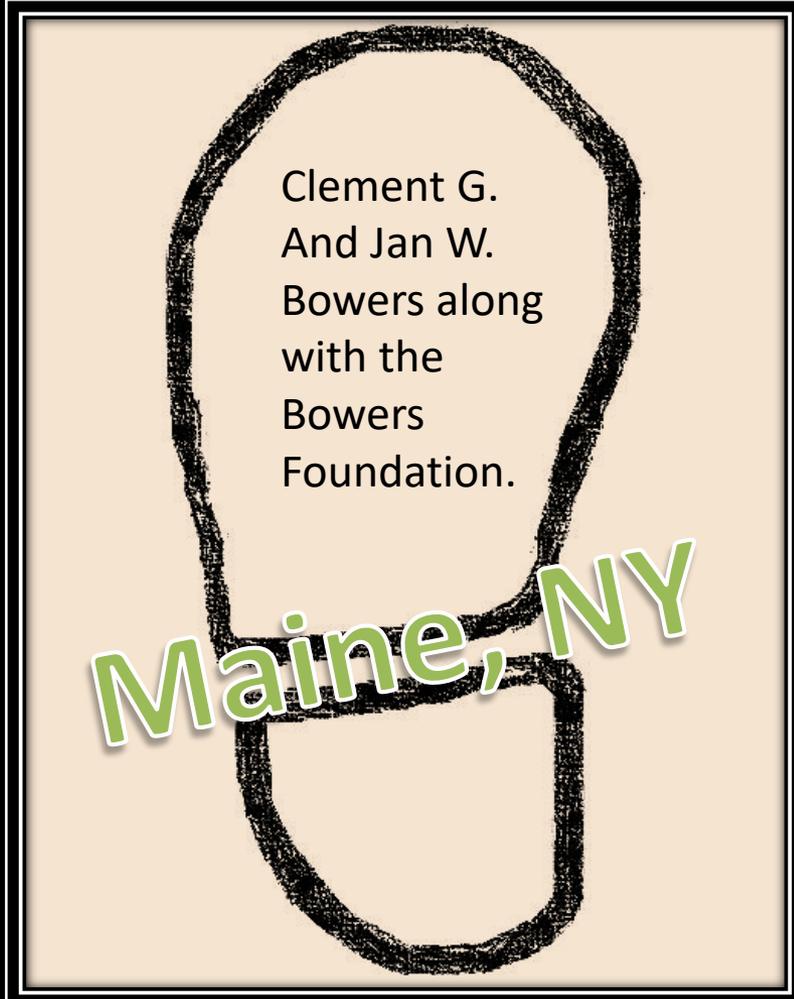
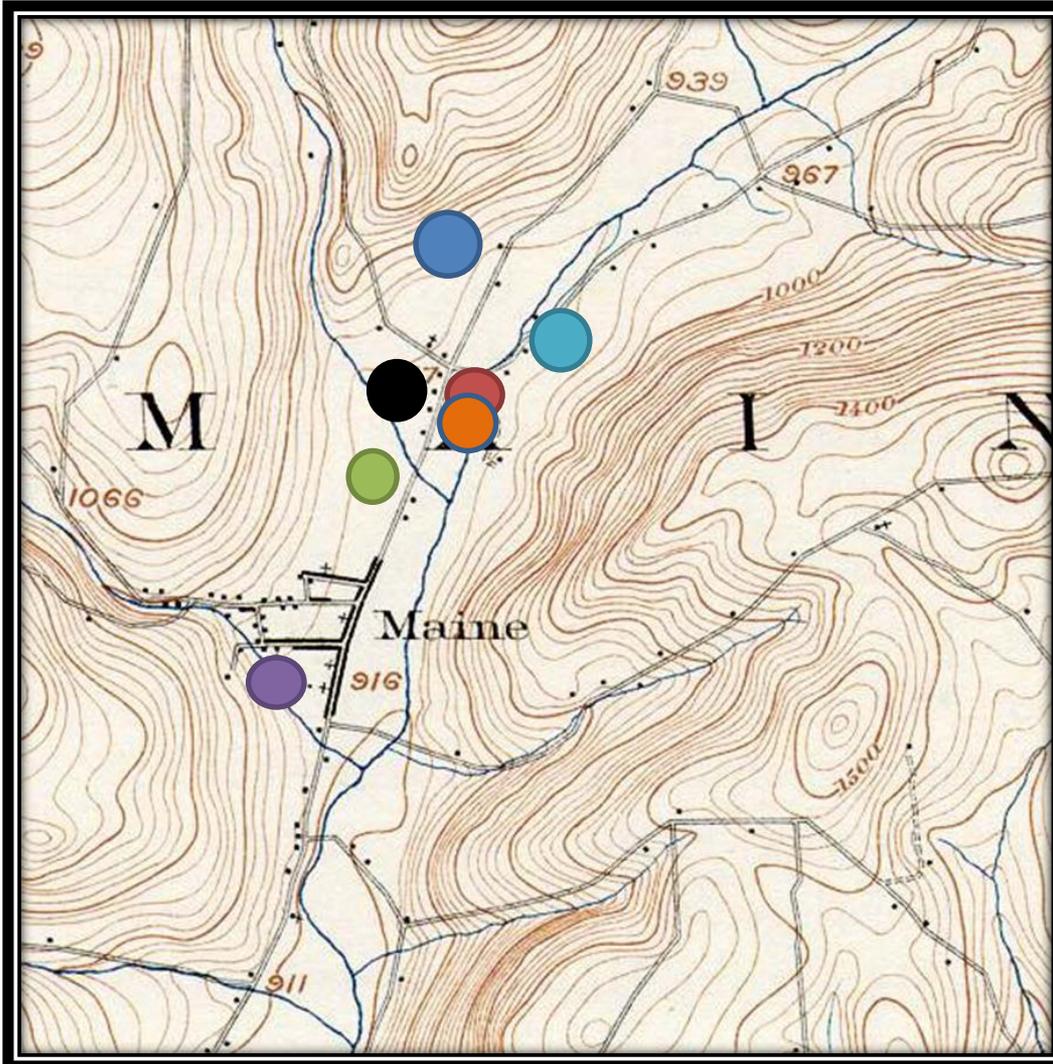




203 Main Street Binghamton Home, 1898: Reception and Living Rooms

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The Bowers Family Has Left a Large Footprint on Maine, NY



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

The Taylor House



- ❖ The Taylor House on Nanticoke Road. 1940's restoration of the house from the 1890's Victorian renovation to its "original" 1820's construction. The house is a mile north of Bowers Corner. The Bowers connection to this house is through Clements grandfather Gardner Sawin Bowers and his wife Ashcah Taylor. They married in 1827, had six children with the last one being Lamont M. Bowers 1847 – 1941, father of Clement and grandfather of Janet.



- ❖ The **Ransom House** located at 32 Nanticoke Road Maine, NY c. 1833 was converted to a gas station around 1930. Restored by Dr. and Mrs. Clement G. Bowers around 1937 information taken Then & Now A Pictorial History of the Town of Maine, New York by Ann Page Lewis May 1998 160 pages. pg. 110



Pre Conversion photo showing gas station

WHO SAVED PITCHER'S MILL ?

It was the Bowers Foundation!

Pitchers mill at 2819 NYS Route 26, purchased by the Bowers Foundation in 1985 and donated to NVHS in 1988. restoration effort in 1993 by Tom Kotasek and his assistant Bob Griffin. Open for tours in 1998 Sesquicentennial of Town of Maine. *Then & Now A Pictorial History of the Town of Maine, New York* by Ann Page Lewis May 1998 160 pages Pg 125

WHO BUILT PITCHER'S MILL ?

It was Daniel Slosson who died in 1853 at 41 years of age. Pitcher's Mill was built in 1830 by Belden and Daniel Slosson. Archie Pitcher owned the mill from 1925 - 1941 and gave his name to the building. The mill closed in 1955.



NORTON CARRIAGE SHOPS

- ❖ Donated to the NVHS by Clement Bowers. These buildings were owned by Janet Bowers and were deeded to NVHS in 1978. Various repairs have been made and both roofs have been replaced. Plans are being considered for displaying various horse-drawn vehicles and agricultural items



George E. Norton 1845 -1931
Alice Ring Norton 1848 - 1933

- ❑ LAMONT MONTGOMERY BOWERS 1847-1941 A Register of his papers in the State University of New York at Binghamton, with a biography by Jerry Pepper. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 32 Approximate number of items: 15, 000. Binghamton University, State University of New York University Libraries, Special Collections Binghamton, NY 13902-6012



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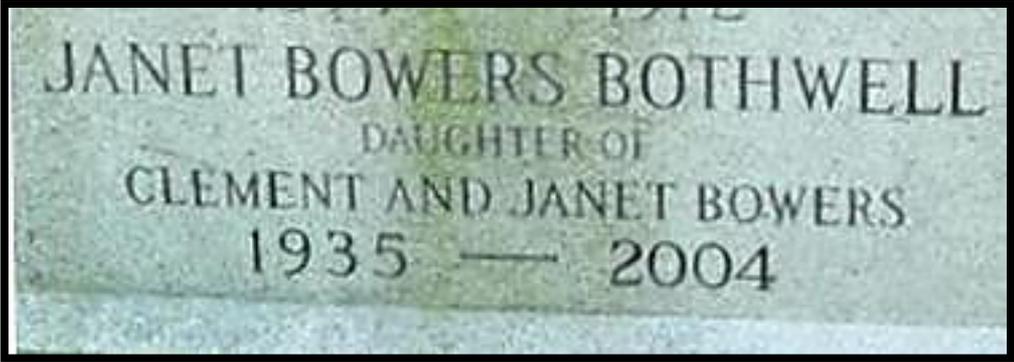
- ❑ This extensive glass-plate collection contains the work of Franck Taylor Bowers (1875-1932) a Broome County artist and photographer. Bowers was the son of Lamont Bowers, the financial advisor to John D. Rockefeller, and grew up in a wealthy Victorian environment. The images depict the height of late nineteenth and early twentieth century life at home, on vacation, and with family and friends. Many of the images are local residents used as studies and models for a number of Bowers' paintings, which are located in several important regional and national museums.

Collection owners: Broome County Public Library & Broome County Historical Society
<http://www.nyheritage.org/collections/bowers-collection>

BOWERS FAMILY STONE; FLORAL PARK CEMETERY, JOHNSON CITY, NY



Frances Nicoll Bowers
Franck Taylor Bowers 1877 - 1953
Janet Whitney Bowers wife of
Clement Gray Bowers 1893 – 1973
Janet Bowers Bothwell 1935 – 2004
daughter of
Clement and Janet Bowers



BOWERS FAMILY STONE; FLORAL PARK CEMETERY, JOHNSON CITY, NY



La Mont M. Bowers 1847 - 1941
Fanny Gray Bowers 1852 – 1909
Franck Taylor Bowers 1875 – 1932
Clement Gray Bowers 1893 – 1973

BOWERS MONUMENT MAINE CEMETERY



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