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PART ONE

The following pages will be devoted to the

Children of

JOHN BOWEN AND LILY McILHANEY

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JOHN BOWEN AND LILY MCILHANEY BOWEN

John Bowen, son of Moses Bowen and Rebecca Reese Bowen, was referred to as a "wealthy planter of Lancaster Co. Pa." Some writers say: "late in life" he fell in love with a very beautiful Scotch-Irish girl, whose family had just landed in the colonies from Ireland. She was only 17 years of age, the daughter of Henry and Jane McIlhaney; her father had died when she was an infant, leaving two children, Lily and Henry. Her mother remarried a Mr. Hunter, and they had a large family of children. Mrs. Hunter and her daughters brought the first small flax wheel to Pennsylvania.

Lily Bowen was known to be a very remarkable woman. She had a strong discriminating mind. She lived 20 years longer than her husband, was administratrix of his will and had many important decisions to make regarding property settlements, and management of their large farm.

John Bowen and Lily McIlhaney moved from Pennsylvania to Augusta Co. Va. perhaps as early as 1730. They located in that part of Augusta Co. now embraced in the county of Rockbridge. They were the parents of thirteen children. Their eight sons were all Revolutionary soldiers. Some of the daughters married men who were Revolutionary soldiers. Records indicate their first child, Nancy, was born ca 1732 in Orange Co. (originally Spotsylvania Co.)

John Bowen's will was probated in Augusta Co. Va. May 19, 1761, date of which was March 13, 1760. (Will Book 3, pg. 24).

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Lily McIlhaney Bowen died in Washington Co. Va. Her will was written April 4, 1780, probated June 20, 1780. (Will Book 1, page 73). Executors of her will were her sons Henry and Charles.

Children of John Bowen and Lily McIlhaney Bowen:

- I. Nancy Bowen, born about 1732 in Orange Co. Va., died 1759. Married Archibald Buchanan about 1750-52. They had three sons: William, ⁴⁴³ Spencer and John.
- II. Agnes Bowen, born about 1735, died 1803, married (1st) James McFerran. (2nd) Archibald Buchanan May 14, 1760.
- III. Reece Bowen, born 1737, married Louisa (Levisa) Smith ca 1756. Died 1780.
- IV. Jane Bowen, married (1st) Mr. Cunningham (2nd) Jos. Looney
- V. John Bowen married Rachel Matthews ca 1757, died 1768
- VI. Henry Bowen, born ca 1738, died 1808 Grainger Co. Tenn. Married Ann Cunningham.
- VII. Robert Bowen, born 1740, died 1817, m. Mary Gillespie
- VIII. William Bowen, born 1742, died Dec. 15, 1804, Nashville, Tenn. Married Mary Henley Russell.
- IX. Arthur Bowen, born 1744 Augusta Co. Va. died 1816. Married Mary McMurray
- X. Charles Bowen, born 1749, died 1833. Married Mary Gillespie
- XI. Moses Bowen, born 1754
- XII. Rebecca Bowen, born ca 1740, married Mr. Whitley
- XIII. Mary Bowen, born 1748 Augusta Co. Va. Married William Porter

WILL OF JOHN BOWEN, Augusta Co. Va. Will Book 3, pages 24, 25 and 26. Dated March 13, 1760. Proved May 19, 1761.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I John Bowen of the County and parish of Augusta, in the Colony of Virginia, being at this time in perfect health sound sense and memory but calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and that it is appointed for all men once to die.----- first of all, I recommend my soul to God that gave it trusting that thru the merits and intercession of my Redeemer the Lord Jesus Christ that I will receive the same again at the General Resurrection and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian and descent manner and the worldly Estate wherewith God in his good and providence hath pleased me with I order and appoint to be disposed of in the following manner that is to say I hereby order constitute and appoint my well beloved wife Lillie Bowen to be sole Executor of this my last will and Testament and to be Guardian to my children and that immediately after my decease a regular and true inventory be made of my personal Estate and that the same be duly appraised and then that all and singular and every part and parcel of my real and personal estate and the same be duly appraised and then, that all and singular every part and parcel of my Real and Personal Estate (after just debts and funeral charges are duly paid off) shall be and remain in the hands of my said wife to be by her at any time devided given in manor and form part or parcel amongst my children as shall judge proper and Expidient except one Malato slave named Johnson and that I bequeath unto my Daughter Mary and her heirs and she failing of heirs then the slave shall Descend to my son Charles his heirs and in case my wife shall marry again that then she shall be Intitled to no more than the third of my personal Estate according to the aportionment mentioned above and a negro woman named Hannah shall be and remain with my wife during her life and at her decease to be Bequeathed or given to any one or more of my children in manner and form my wife shall see cause.

And I do by these presents Dissaul, Revok and make void all and all manner of will or wills testaments or Testaments by me formerly made previously, and by these Presents confirming publishing and Declaring this only to be my Last Will and Testament signed with my hand and sealed with my seal this thirteenth day of March and in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and Sixty and in the thirty third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second.

John Bowen (Seal)

Signed sealed published and Declared in the Presence of John Smith, Margaret Smith, Peter Laney, Walter Crockett, Jonathan Smith, Buchanan *John*

At a Court held for Augusta Co. May 19, 1761

This last will and testament of John Bowen decd was proved by the oaths of John Buchanan, John Smith, Johnathan Smith three of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded .

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Children of John Bowen and Lily McIlhaney Bowen

III - LIEUT. REECE BOWEN AND MARGARET LEVISA SMITH BOWEN

Corrections and Additions Vol. I "Bowens of Virginia & Tennessee"

Lieut. Reece Bowen, son of John Bowen and Lily McIlhaney, was born 1737 Rockingham County, Va., died October 7, 1780 in Battle of King's Mountain, N. C. He married in 1756 Rockingham Co. Va. to Levisa Smith, born October 1741 (not 1750 as shown). She died Feb. 16, 1834. Levisa is buried in the family cemetery located on a hill near the beautiful ancestral home of Col. Henry Bowen and Ella Stuart Tate.

Reece Bowen was one of the first settlers of Tazewell Co. Va., locating at Maiden Springs about 1772, where he owned a large estate, which is still in possession of his descendants, having been owned by a Reece Bowen for six generations.

To protect their family from attacks by Indians, Mr. Bowen built a strong stockade around his house, but later a much larger and stronger fort was erected near by, which became the historical Maiden Spring Fort which was also to protect neighboring families.

Levisa Bowen was a woman of great courage and bravery. She accepted the responsibility of raising her orphan children, none of whom were of age when their father died.

Rebecca 1758 ✓
Rees 1759 ✓
John 1760 ✓
Nancy 1761 ✓
Mary 1763 ✓
Lily 1766 ✓
Levisa 1768 ✓
Henry 1770 ✓

CHILDREN OF LIEUT REES BOWEN AND LEVISA SMITH BOWEN:

I - John Bowen (1760-1789) Married Nancy Gillespie. They had one daughter, Louisa, who married Reece Gillespie August 6, 1802. He was the son of Thomas Gillespie and Margaret Bowen. Nancy Gillespie married (2nd) Thomas Ferguson.

In 1801 Thomas Gillespie was appointed guardian of Louisa. Thomas and Nancy Gillespie moved to Knox Co. Ky. The daughter in 1802 married Rees B. Gillespie. He was born November 4, 1782; Children of Reece B. Gillespie and Louisa Bowen: John B. born 1803; Margaret "Peggy" born 1805; Thomas S., William B. and Henry. ("Annals of Tazewell Co. Va. - Gillespie Family".)

2. Reece Bowen, born 1759, married his cousin Rebecca Bowen, daughter of Robert Bowen and Mary Gillespie. They had three daughters: Lily, Elizabeth who married Rees Ward, and Levisa.
3. Nancy Bowen, born 1761, married Capt. John Ward, son of David Ward. John Ward was born ca 1759, died 1805. They had ten children. (See following page)

III - LIEUT. REECE BOWEN AND MARGARET LEVISA SMITH BOWEN:

3. Nancy Bowen and Capt. John Ward

Their children:

3-a) Levisa Ward, died March 27, 1872. Married William Barnes, born 1790, son of Robert Barnes. Children of Levisa & William Barnes:

1. Robert Barnes m. Ella Gibson
2. Clinton Barnes m. Sarah Gillespie
3. Oscar F. " m. Mary Gillespie
4. John " m. Margaret Smith
5. Mary " m. Wm. T. Moore
6. Nancy " m. James Harrison
7. Amanda " m. Moses Higginbotham
8. Rebecca " Never married
9. Sallie " m. Capt. D. W. Baldwin
10. Eliza/ " m. A. J. Copenhaver

Eliza Jane Barnes, 10th child of Levisa and William Barnes born Jan. 21, 1839, died Dec. 23, 1915, Bluefield, W. Va. Married Oct. 10, 1867 to Andrew Jackson Copenhaver, born March 23, 1841, Smith Co. Va. Died August 15, 1912 Tazewell Co. Va. Their children: 1. Charles, 2. William 3. Rufus Pierce, 4. Robert, 5. John, 6. Henry B. 7. Luther L.

7. Luther Lawrence Copenhaver, was born July 2, 1885 Tazewell Co. Va. died Oct. 17, 1939 Johnson City, Tenn. Married Nov. 4, 1914 Johnson City, Tenn., to Octavia Torrey Wofford, born April 11, 1892. Their children:

a) Luther Lawrence, Jr. b) Torrey Wofford, c) Margaret Jane, d) Charles Andrew.

(Source: Octavia W. Copenhaver, Port St. Joe, Fla. 32456).

4. Margaret "Peggy" Bowen, born 1763, died 1799. Married Thomas Gillespie ca 1781. He was born in North Carolina ca 1760, Died after 1842 Tazewell Co. Va. Their son Rees B. Gillespie married Louisa Gillespie, daughter of John Bowen and Nancy Gillespie. Rees B. Gillespie was born Nov. 4, 1782, Tazewell Co. Va., died June 19, 1871 Gentry Co. Mo.

William Gillespie, son of Margaret and Thomas Gillespie, was born Oct. 21, 1784, died Sept. 25, 1875. Married (1st) Emerine Gillespie. Married (2nd) Jennie Draper Crockett, dau. of John (Wythe Co. Va.) Rufus Addison Gillespie, one of William's many children, married Catherine Spurgeon, and their daughter, Elma Gillespie, next to youngest of eleven children, married Arch L. McNeill (d. Jan. 1946). They were parents of: Arraga "Rage" McNeill who married George T. Young, and Frankie McNeill, who married P. W. Stevens, Narrows, Va.

Other sons of Margaret & Thomas Gillespie: Robert, John and Henry.

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III - LIEUT. REECE BOWEN AND MARGARET LEVISA SMITH BOWEN (CONTINUED)

5. Rebecca Bowen, born 1758, died Feb. 7, 1829. Married June 13, 1791 to Samuel Duff, born May 25, 1763 Ireland. Died February 11, 1829. (More information on this family follows)
6. Lily Bowen, born 1766, married Jeffry Hildreth in 1795. They went to Kentucky.
7. Levisa Bowen, born 1768 Clinch Valley, S. W. Va. married 1789 John Thompson (not William Thompson as shown on page 8 of Vol. I). John was the son of William Thompson, the pioneer. John Thompson and Levisa had a son William who married Matilda Whitten. (Source: Mrs. Val. L. Forsyth, 13623 Pebblebrook, Houston, Texas).

8. COL. HENRY BOWEN AND ELLEN (ELLA) STUART TATE

Col. Henry Bowen was born March 18, 1770, died April 18, 1850. He married Ella Stuart Tate August 3, 1797, Washington Co. Va. Daughter of Thomas Tate. She was born May 5, 1778 and died October 1853. Col. Henry Bowen represented Tazewell County in the House of Delegates 1802-1806 and was an officer in the war with Mexico. Children of Col. Henry and Ella Tate Bowen:

1. Ellen Bowen, born Jan. 8, 1817, married Chas. Taylor
2. Jane C. Bowen, born April 25, 1798, married Nov. 10, 1814 to Capt. Andrew Edmundson. They had a daughter, Louise S. Edmundson who died Oct. 1, 1840 at the age of 21
3. Levisa Bowen, born Feb. 16, 1800, married Dr. John W. Johnston, Abingdon, Va. Their son, John Warfield Johnston was a U.S. Senator from Virginia for 12 or 14 years. Married Narcissa Floyd, daughter of Governor Floyd. He died 1890 Richmond, Va. Children of John Warfield Johnston and Narcissa Floyd Johnston:

- a. George Ben Johnston
- b. Joseph B. Johnston
- c. Louisa Bowen Johnston m. Daniel Trigg
- d. Sallie J. Lee, wife of Capt. Henry Lee
- e. Lavellette, married John F. McMullen
- f. Leittia Floyd Johnston
- g. Coralie Henry Johnston

4. Col. Henry S. Bowen, born August 3, 1820 Tazewell Co. Va. Married Elizabeth Jane Black of Montgomery Co. Va, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Black of Blacksburg, Va. Died March 9, 1848 at the age of 24 years. They had one son Henry Alexander, born May 12, 1847, died Sept. 29, 1852. Married (2nd) Henry E. Miller.

Col. HENRY BOWEN AND ELLA STUART TATE BOWEN (CONTINUED)

5. Gen. Rees Tate Bowen, born January 10, 1809, died August 29, 1879 at Maiden Spring, Tazewell Co. Va. Inherited through his father the beautiful homeplace of Rees Bowen and Levisa Smith Bowen, now owned by Rees Bowen VI. Married Maria Louisa Peery, first wife, daughter of Col. Thomas Peery, January 13, 1835. She was born August 24, 1819, died April 1, 1853. (Family Bible reference).

Children of Gen. Rees Tate Bowen and Maria Louisa Peery:

- a) Ellen Stuart Bowen, born Dec. 24, 1835, m. Wm. L. Watkins
- b) Major Thos. Peery Bowen, born Aug. 2, 1838, married Augusta Stuart June 26, 1866. They had five children.
- c) Henry Bowen, born Dec. 26, 1841, d. April 29, 1915
Married Louisa M. Gillespie b. Aug. 20, 1842, d. May 21, 1915
- d) Rees Tate Bowen, born Feb. 7, 1845, m. Mary A. Crockett
- e) Edward Bowen, never married
- f) Hattie Bowen, married John G. Watts
- g) Jane Bowen, married Alexander Greever
- h) Mariah Louisa Bowen, married Jerome P. Kroll
- i) Rees Bowen, born July 22, 1843, died April 24, 1845

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Gen. Rees Tate Bowen married (2nd) Lucy Gravatt of Port Royal, Va. ca 1872. They had two children:

- j) Rees Tate, died in infancy
- k) Mary Cary Bowen married George Turner of Port Royal, Va.
They had 3 children: George Turner, Jr, Jacqueline and Rees Bowen Turner

(See page 9, Vol. I for details on this family, pages 9 and 9-a)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE BOWENS OF
TAZEWELL COUNTY VIRGINIA

This past August (1969) Lucile Evans and I made a trip to Tazewell County Virginia. We drove through the Maiden Spring Cove where Rees Bowen first settled when he came to Virginia. This being our first trip, we were thrilled and delighted with the magnificent view that greeted us as we drove through the Cove. We knew immediately when we came to the stately old homestead of the Rees Tate Bowen family that has been in the family for six generations. The house was built before the Civil War, and still has some of the scars to prove it. Somewhere within those walls were hidden their guns to prevent the enemy from taking them. We drove on until we found the famous Maiden Spring, still gushing in full force from the mountain side. A huge pump was "chugging" away, indicating the water was being piped to the house some distance away, for modern convenience. Across the road from the spring stands a marker erected by the Conservation and Development Commission 1929 commemorating "Maiden Spring Fort", also known as Rees Bowen's Fort, founded by Rees Bowen who was killed at Kings Mountain in 1780.

From there we went on a couple of miles and found the home of Mrs. James Walker Bowen (Azalee Curtis) and daughter Margaret Louise. Margaret was delightful. She is most anxious to have a marker erected to honor Levisa Smith Bowen as the true Patriot she was. She saved the lives of all the women and children at the Fort, while their men went out to fight the Indians. Mrs. Bowen was small in physical stature, but strong in courage and bravery, developed in the hardships of pioneer life. This brave little woman left a great heritage to her descendants and it would be proper and fitting that they exercise their influence to see that an appropriate marker is placed near her grave. Margaret went with us to the little family cemetery where Levisa Smith Bowen is buried. It is only a short distance from the home built by Col. Henry S. Bowen, and probably the original farm of Col. Henry Bowen and his wife Ellen Stuart Tate, parents of Col. Henry S. Bowen. We found the stones marking the graves of Col. Henry Bowen and his wife Ellen, most of the inscriptions had been worn away. We also found the grave of Jane Bowen, wife of Henry S. Bowen, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Black, also their little son, Henry Alexander, who lived to be only five years of age. (See Bowen Book page 8, also Cemetery Record attached to this report.)

Col. Henry S. Bowen married a second time and in his late years sold the farm and moved to Wytheville, Va. He and his second wife are buried in the cemetery just north of the town on Tazewell road. East-West Interstate 81 crosses near the cemetery. As you face the church from across the road his grave can be found down in the right hand corner of the cemetery with his wife's grave. Unfortunately, we do not have the inscriptions on their stones at this time.



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Mary Willoughby Read of Alexandria, Va., December 22, 1924; Charles Copenhaver graduated in dentistry from University of Maryland in 1888.

(b) William Copenhaver, born February 18, 1871, died September 21, 1895.

(c) Robert Moses Copenhaver, born July 3, 1873, married Lucy Howe June 28, 1905. Their children: Eliza Katherine, Sallie Virginia, Lucy Haven, Robert Jackson, Rufus Pierce, Mary Howe, and Charles Clinton—the three sons have stiff fingers. Robert Moses Copenhaver is a farmer and grazier and resides at Dublin, Virginia.

(d) Rufus P. Copenhaver, born July 31, 1875, married India Moore (daughter of W. L. Moore) August 7, 1907. Their children: Virginia, John William, Margaret B., and Rufus P., Jr. Rufus P. Copenhaver received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from Southern Dental College (now Medical College of Virginia), Richmond, Va., in 1903. With the exception of one year at Bluefield, West Virginia, Dr. Copenhaver has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Tazewell Va. since his graduation. In 1924 he formed a partnership with Dr. Peyton Lee Rowlett under the firm name of Copenhaver & Rowlett. Dr. Copenhaver served one term (1924-25), as Mayor of Tazewell; is a director in the Farmers National Bank, Tazewell; Vice-President Frazier Pocahontas Coal Company; is member of the American Dental Association, Virginia State Dental Association, Mercer, Mingo and McDowell County Dental Association, and Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee Dental Association; is a member of Tazewell Lodge No. 62, A. F. & A. M.; is chairman of the board of stewards and assistant superintendent of Sunday School of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Tazewell, Virginia.

(e) John Copenhaver, born 1877, married Lethia Witten (daughter of Dr. Rawley Witten) October 23, 1907. Their children: John Dresden and Martha Jane. John Copenhaver has been connected with the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency for twenty years and is now acting assistant special agent for the Norfolk and Western Railway Co., located at Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Copenhaver is actively engaged in civic affairs of Roanoke, and is a member of the Kazim Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Roanoke, Va.

(f) Henry Copenhaver, who married Ferne Spencer June 18, 1919. Their children: Henry Barns, Jack Spencer, and William

Pierce. Henry Copenhaver is a farmer and grazier, and lives at the old Copenhaver home place in Bowen's Cove.

(g) Luther Copenhaver, who married Octavia Wofford, November 4, 1914. Their children: Luther Lawrence, Torrey Wofford, Margaret Jane and Charles Andrew. Luther Copenhaver graduated with degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va., in 1911, and is now located at Johnson City, Tenn., in the practice of his profession.

10. John Barns (William, Robert), born June 7, 1841, died June 25, 1919; married Margaret "Peggy" Smith, June 20, 1872.

THE BOWEN FAMILY.

The Bowens of Tazewell County, Virginia, trace their ancestry to Moses and Rebecca (Reese) Bowen, his wife, who immigrated to this country with a large company from Wales about 1698, and settled in Massachusetts, from whence they later removed to Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, where they spent the remainder of their days. A branch of this family came south at an early day, settling first in Delaware, then in western Maryland and northern Virginia.

John Bowen, son of Moses and Rebecca (Reese) Bowen, was a man of considerable wealth for that day. He married Lilly McIlhaney, whose family emigrated from Ireland, and they migrated to Augusta County, Virginia, about 1730, at that time a frontier settlement. They were the parents of twelve children: 1, Moses, who died at the age of twenty years while serving in the Virginia Colonial Army (Saffel Record). 2, John, who married Rachel Mathew (children: John, William, Rebecca, who married a Frazier; Nancy and Elizabeth). 3, Jane, who married first a Mr. Cunningham and second a Mr. Loring. She was the mother of two sons by her first husband and two daughters by her second husband. 4, Nancy, who married Archie Buchanan (they were the parents of one son, James, and eight daughters, whose names are not obtainable). 5, Rebecca, who married a Mr. Whitley (two children: Lily, who married a Robertson, and Moses). They went to England and Moses was an officer in the British Army. 6, Rees, of whom further. 7, Henry, who married Anne Cunningham. He served in the American army during the Revolutionary War. They had one daughter, Lily, who married a Mr. Smith. 8, Arthur, who

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married Mary McMurry (children: Jane, John, Arthur, Nancy and Rebecca. Arthur married Catherine Poston and they had the following children: Sarah, Texie, Mary, Hamill, Richard, Robert, Virginia, William, Jerome, and Rees). 9. Robert, who married Mary Gillespie (their children: John, William, Lily, who married a Mr. McClure; Agnes, who married a Mr. Pickens; Mary, who married a Mr. Helm first and Ban second; Rees; Robert, who married Polly Reed; Rebecca, who married Captain Rees Bowen first and a Mr. Cowan second; and Charles, who married Malinda Early. 10. Mary, who married a Mr. Poston; 11. Charles, who married Nancy Gillespie. He served in the Revolutionary War (King's Mountain and Its Heroes, pp. 256, 262, 265, and Ramsey's Tennessee, pp. 240 and 241); and 12. William, of whom further.

6. Lieutenant Rees Bowen, son of John and Lilly (McIlhenny) Bowen, born about 1750, served in the Revolutionary War, there earning his title and rank. He was one of the first settlers of Tazewell county, Virginia, locating at Maiden Spring about 1772, where he owned a vast estate, which is still in the possession of his descendants, having been owned by a Rees Bowen for five generations. Lieutenant Rees Bowen was killed at the battle of King's Mountain October 7, 1780. He married Levisa Smith, 1768. She was born 1750, died February 16, 1834.

Rees Bowen was a man of forceful physique, and his fame as a contestant in the fashionable fist fighting bouts of the day had spread far and wide. It is related that Mr. Bowen and his wife went back on a visit to the old home in Rockbridge County, Va., riding horseback and taking their baby. While crossing a mountain they met a noted athlete, who confronted Mr. Bowen with a request for a fight, but he declined the challenge. The athlete called Mr. Bowen a coward, and thereupon Mrs. Bowen said: "Rees, give me the baby and get down and slap him in the face." Mr. Bowen handed his wife the baby and alighted from his horse. He gave his antagonist a severe shaking and slapped him in the face a few times, and the noted athlete hurriedly expressed his satisfaction and desired an immediate cessation of hostilities, which was granted by Mr. Bowen. They shook hands and parted, each going on his own way.

Lieutenant Rees Bowen and Levisa Bowen his wife, are said to have been the second white family to settle on the Clinch river in the present bounds of Tazewell County. They settled at Maiden

Spring in 1772. To protect their family from attacks by Indians in 1773, Mr. Bowen built a strong stockade around his house. From this beginning a larger and stronger fort was later erected near his home, which became the historical Maiden Spring Fort, into which the families of the surrounding neighbors gathered for safety from the frequent attacks by the Indians. (For a description of this splendid section, see Vol. 1 of these "Annals", pp. 356-7 and 387.) The Bowen farm has remained in the family to the present time, and is now owned by Rees Bowen the fifth.

It was perhaps about the year 1776 that the startling news reached the Bowens that the Ohio Indians were on the warpath, coming up Sandy River, murdering and scalping the inhabitants. This band of Indians was headed in the direction of Maiden Spring Fort, and it was only a matter of a few days until they would reach the fort. Mr. Bowen and his neighbors held a council of defense, in which it was decided to meet the pending attack and if possible give aid to others as well as to protect the Maiden Spring Fort. Not a man was left to protect the women and children in the fort, so sure were the men that they would meet the Indians several miles north of this point. But to their consternation the Indians slipped by the white men and headed rapidly in the direction of the fort. With all possible speed Bowen and his party hastened back to the fort, fearing that they would find the women and children murdered and scalped. To their great relief and joy, they found their loved ones alive and unharmed. The lives of all in the fort had been saved by the strategy and nerve of one little woman. That woman was Levisa, the wife of Rees Bowen.

After the men had departed from the fort to meet the Indians, late on an afternoon at milking time, Mrs. Bowen, who was diminutive in physical stature, but possessed a keen and resourceful brain and courage developed in the hardships of pioneer life, started along the foothills of "Short Mountain" to drive home the cows. While passing over some marshy ground she discovered fresh moccasined footprints of Indians. She did not scream or faint as many modern women, reared in idleness, luxury and ease, would have done, but she continued on her way and brought the cows to the "milk gap". She informed the women of the fort that they must all dress in men's attire and take their turns in marching around the outside of the palisade all night to deter the Indians from their contemplated attack. To her surprise, not one consented to thus expose

herself. The only one over whom she had authority was a large negro woman whom she dressed in Mr. Bowen's clothes, while she herself put on her son's clothes. She shouldered the only gun left in the fort and had the negro woman to shoulder a large stick which looked like a gun. Armed with these implements of war, they marched around the palisade all night. When the negro woman showed signs of fear and began to falter, Mrs. Bowen would threaten to shoot her. This threat stimulated her colored companion in arms throughout the night. This military march terrorized the Indians and thus prevented what would otherwise have been a massacre of all the women and children in Maiden Spring Fort, for on the day following the military display of Mrs. Bowen and her colored lieutenant, remains of the camp fire of the Indians were found on the side of Short Mountain overlooking the fort.

A large measure of whatever courage and bravery is possessed by her descendants, despite the ease and luxury in which they have been reared, may be attributed to the heritage left them by this brave little woman. She was not as careful to conform to styles as some of her worthy female descendants perhaps, for she refused to wear a bonnet, which was then the prevailing style of the women of her "set", but insisted upon wearing a felt hat, and dressed otherwise as her comfort dictated.

Lieutenant Rees Bowen and Levisa Smith Bowen were the parents of eight children: Rees, who married his cousin, Rebecca Bowen; no children. Nancy, who married Major John Ward (son of David Ward). They left a large family. Peggy, who married Thomas Gillespie (see Gillespie line). Rebecca, who married a Mr. Duff. Lilly, who married a Mr. Hildreth and removed to Kentucky, where many of their descendants are residing at the present time. Louise, who married William Thompson and left a large family. Many of their descendants reside in Tazewell County, Va., at the present time. John, who married Nancy Gillespie in 1784. They had one daughter, Levisa, who married Rees B. Gillespie in 1802 (see Gillespie line); and Henry, of whom further.

Colonel Henry Bowen, oldest son of Capt. Rees and Levisa Smith Bowen, born March 18, 1770, died April 18, 1850, was an officer of a Virginia regiment during the second war with Great Britain, 1812-1814, and also served his State in the Legislature. He took a prominent part in the early history of Tazewell county, having

been appointed by the Governor of Virginia as a member of the first county court, which position he filled for several years. He was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, sessions December 5, 1803—February 3, 1804; December 3, 1804—February 1, 1805; and December 6-1841—March 26, 1842. He was Sheriff of Tazewell county for the years 1806-7-8, and was Colonel of the Second Battalion, 112th Regiment, in the War of 1812. He married Eleanor Stuart Tate, niece of General William Campbell, August 3, 1797. She was born May 5, 1778, died October, 1838; and they were the parents of five children: 1, Ellen, who married a Mr. Taylor; 2, Jane, who married Captain Edmundson; 3, Louisa, who married Dr. John W. Johnston, a brother of General Joseph E. Johnston, of the Confederate Army. They had one son, Judge John W. Johnson, Jr., who was United States Senator from Virginia. He married Nickati Floyd, daughter of Governor John Floyd and brother of Governor John B. Floyd. They were the parents of five children: Dr. George Benjamin Johnston, expresident of the American Surgical Association; Joseph E. Johnston; Lavalette Johnston, who married a Mr. McMullin; Sallie Johnston, who married Captain Henry Lee, brother of General Fitzhugh Lee; and William Johnston. 4, Henry Bowen, who gained the title of Colonel, married a Miss Black, of Montgomery County, Va., no children; and 5, Rees Tate Bowen, of whom further.

5. General Rees Tate Bowen, son of Colonel Henry and Eleanor (Tate) Bowen, born January 10, 1809, died August 29, 1879, was one of the most distinguished members of this family. He served his State as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates and as Congressman from the Ninth District of Virginia. He served in the Mexican War and in the War Between the States, obtaining the rank of General of Militia. He owned and operated an extensive stock farm in Tazewell County, Va., and was a man of great influence in that section of the State. He married Maria Louisa Peery, first wife (daughter of Col. Thomas Peery), January 13, 1835. She was born August 24, 1819, died April 1, 1853. They were the parents of eight children: 1, Ellen Stuart, born December 24, 1835; married William L. Watkins October 9, 1855 (two children, Mary Louisa and Ellen S.). 2, Thomas Peery, of whom further. 3, Henry, of whom further. 4, Rees Tate, of whom further. 5, Edward, who served in the Confederate Army—died unmarried. 6, Hattie, who married John G. Watts (children:

Louise, Edward Peery, William Mahone—all three died young, and Rees Bowen Watts, who married Mamie Redd April 30, 1902, and they have two daughters, Hattie Louise and Katherine. 7, Jane Bowen, who became the wife of Alexander Greever—No children; and 8, Mariah Louisa, who became the wife of Jerome P. Kroll.

Major Thomas Peery Bowen was the eldest of the four gallant sons of General Rees T. Bowen who served in the Confederate Army as members of the "Tazewell Troopers". He was mustered into service in May, 1861, his company being designated as Company "H," of the 8th Virginia Regiment of Cavalry. In the fall of 1861 he became captain of the company, and early in 1863 was promoted to major of the regiment for gallantry in action. Major Bowen was severely wounded in battle, but remained in active service until the surrender at Appomattox. He was born at Maiden Spring August 2, 1838, and died October 6, 1911. He married Augusta Stuart, of Lewisburg, West Virginia, June 26, 1866, and they were the parents of five children: Lucy who died in childhood; Rees Tate, who married Lena Alexander Walker April 30, 1901. He entered the service of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company as flagman on construction train, in 1890, and because of his efficiency and fidelity to every trust he has risen to the present position of past chief conductor in the passenger service of the same company. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner; resides at Bluefield, West Virginia; (children: Sara Augusta, Louise Stuart, Margaret Walker, Rees Tate, Jr., George Harvison and Lenabelle); Jennie Mary, who married William G. O'Brien February 20, 1895; Ellen Stuart, who was educated at Stonewall Jackson Institute, Abingdon, Va., and University of Virginia Summer Schools. She was a teacher in Tazewell county public schools until 1922; taught one session in Pittsylvania County, Va., 1922-1923. In June, 1923, she was elected assistant to the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Tazewell, Virginia, which position she most ably fills; and Stuart, who died June 6, 1908.

Captain Henry Bowen, second son of General Rees Tate Bowen, was born at Maiden Spring, Tazewell County, Virginia, December 26, 1841. He received a collegiate education. He entered the Confederate army in 1861; served continuously most of the time as Captain of a company of cavalry in Payne's Brigade, Lees's Division, Army of Northern Virginia, until December 21, 1864, when he was

captured in a night attack by Sheridan's cavalry at Lacy Springs, Virginia. When released from Fort Delaware June 19, 1865, he returned to Virginia and engaged in farming and grazing. In 1869, he was elected to the Virginia Legislature and re-elected in 1871. In 1882 was elected to Congress as a Readjuster, and was elected to the Fiftieth Congress as a Republican, receiving 13,497 votes against 9,927 votes for R. R. Henry, Democrat. He married Louisa M. Gillespie (daughter of William M.) December 4, 1871, and they were the parents of six children: (1) Dr. Margaret Ellen Bowen, who received her education at Wesleyan Institute, Staunton, Va. She was the first woman from the State of Virginia to study Osteopathy. She received her degree of Doctor of Osteopathy from the American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Missouri, in 1908. She has the distinction of being the first Osteopath to pass the Virginia Medical examination. Dr. Bowen was Secretary of the Virginia Osteopathic Association from 1909 to 1912; President of same from 1922 to 1924. With the exception of four years spent in Tazewell County in the practice of her profession, Dr. Bowen has been located in Richmond, Virginia, since her graduation. (2) James Walker Bowen, who married Azecle Curtis (daughter of Geo. Washington and Dora Davis Lewis Curtis) February 6, 1918. They have one daughter, Margaret Louisa. James Walker Bowen was educated at Hampden-Sidney College and Washington and Lee University, from which university he received his LL. B. degree in 19—. He is a prominent farmer and grazier of Tazewell County. (3) William Rees Bowen, who married Frances Johnson Barns (daughter of Robert and Ellen Gibson Barns) October 3, 1904. Their children: Robert Henry, Mary Olivia, Louise, William Rees, Jr., Francis, Ellen Gibson, and Courtney Cox. William Rees Bowen was educated at Hampden-Sidney College. He is a farmer, stock dealer and one of the leading business men of the county. (4) Henry Albert Bowen married Mary E. Bowen (daughter of Rees T. and Mary Crockett Bowen) June 16, 1909. He was educated at Emory and Henry College and Richmond College, from which school he received his degree of Bachelor of Law June, 1908. He was admitted to practice law at Tazewell, 1908. (Children: Mary Louisa, who died in infancy; Henry, Mary Crockett, Samuel Cecil, William Joseph, and Margaret Louisa. (5) Lou Ollie Bowen, who died in childhood; and (6) Joseph Clinton Bowen, who married Courtney Cox, of Farmville, Va., first wife, June 10, 1913;

and Ruth Davis second wife, daughter of Wm. Leon and Dora Frances Keister Davis, of Burke's Garden, Va., June 10, 1925. Joseph Clinton Bowen was educated at Emory and Henry College and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., and is a farmer and grazier.

Upon his retirement from Congress, Captain Henry Bowen returned to the vocation of his pioneer ancestors, that of grazier and farmer, which noble calling he followed until his death, which occurred on the 29th of April, 1915. As evidence of the esteem in which he was held, the following telegram was received by his widow from Governor Henry C. Stuart, Richmond, Virginia:

"I am greatly distressed by the sad tidings of the grievous blow that has fallen upon you. The loss is not yours alone; the State has lost a son in whose life and character were exemplified in high degree the qualities of honor, courage and patriotism, which for five generations characterized and distinguished the name he bore; a gallant soldier, an upright citizen, honorable in all relations, he worthily typified the race of men whose swords drove out the Indian and the alien, and whose good right arm carved from a wilderness the paradise of the mountains. Please know that my sympathy goes out to you and yours in this dark hour of affliction."

Rees Bowen, born July 22, 1843, died April 24, 1845.

On February 7, 1845, a son was born to General Rees Tate and Louisa Bowen, whom they named John. After the death of their son Rees, April 1845, they changed this child's name to Rees Tate, as they were anxious that the name should be kept up in the family.

Rees Tate Bowen, son of Gen. Rees Tate and Louisa (Peery) Bowen, was born on the old Bowen homestead, in Tazewell County, Virginia, February 7, 1845; died May 3, 1917. He was a prosperous stock farmer of that famous "Blue Grass" region. He entered the Confederate army at the age of sixteen years, was twice wounded, once in the side and once in the head. He married Mary A., youngest daughter of Hon. Thompson and Rachel Cecil Crockett, of Wythe County, Virginia, December 24, 1872. She was born February 19, 1852, and is now living at Tazewell, Virginia. Their children: Sallie Louise Bowen, who married Samuel J. Thompson April 15, 1891. They have two sons, Harry Lee, who married Irene Ward November 11, 1913 (their children: Louise Cecil, Anne Floyd, and Harry Lee); and Rees Bowen, who married Mary Preston June 27, 1919 (their children: Rees Bowen,

Jr., Martha Josephine, and Henry Preston). Samuel J. Thompson owns and operates several large farms; is one of the most extensive graziers of the county. He is a director of the Tazewell National Bank. On account of his ability and the high esteem in which he is held in his part of the state, he was elected to the Virginia Senate, November, 1923, without opposition.

Henry Smith Bowen (son of Rees Tate), married May Mustard (daughter of Hon. William Gratton and Ella McDonald Mustard) December 2, 1896. He died August 15, 1918. Henry S. Bowen was a director of the Clinch Valley Bank, Tazewell, Va.; was a farmer and grazier. He dispensed a whole hearted hospitality in his home, and responded liberally to all charitable calls. He was numbered among our most progressive citizens; was a leader in politics and active in all public affairs of the county. In 1911, when the good roads movement was inaugurated in the county, no man rendered more effective service than did Mr. Bowen. Their Children: Gratton Mustard, who married Harriet Scott (daughter of W. A. and Lucy Buston Scott) September 6, 1922, and they have one son, Gratton Mustard, Jr.; Mary Ellen, Rees Tate, Louise McDonald, and Henry Smith, Jr.

Thompson Crockett Bowen (son of Rees Tate), married Jane Anne Hoge (daughter of Meek and Mariah Higginbotham Hoge) June 8, 1904. Mr. Bowen attended Hampden-Sidney College and then entered Washington and Lee University, where he received his Bachelor of Law degree June, 1897, when he was twenty years of age. On account of not having reached his majority he had to wait a year before he could take the State Bar examination. Was admitted to practice law at the September, 1898, term of court of Tazewell county. Mr. Bowen was elected Attorney for the Commonwealth November, 1903. In September, 1918, he became the junior member of the firm of Graham & Bowen. He owns several farms and deals extensively in cattle raising and live stock. Their children: Meek Hoge, Mariah Cecil, Rees T., and T. Crockett, Jr.

Rees Tate Bowen, Jr. (son of Rees Tate), married Mary Cecil Ward (daughter of Geo. and Annie Mosely Ward) September 12, 1912. Rees Tate Bowen owns the old Bowen homestead near Maiden Spring, in Bowen's Cove. He is the fifth generation of Rees T. Bowens to own this property. He received his education at Emory and Henry College, King College and Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Mr. Bowen is one of the large land owners of

Tazewell County, and is a farmer, grazier and live stock dealer. Their children, Annie Moseley and Rees Tate, Jr.

Dr. Samuel Cecil Bowen (son of Rees Tate) was born at the old homestead in Tazewell County, Virginia, May 15, 1881. He was from the age of eight years taught privately at home by a tutor, preparing in that manner for college. He entered Hampden-Sidney College in 1898, where he remained for two years, winning the prize scholarship in 1899. He attended the Ohio State University, session 1900-1901, entered Medical College of Virginia in the fall of 1901, and was graduated Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1905, taking high honors, and during his senior year was president of the student body. Immediately after his graduation he became resident physician at the Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, continuing there eighteen months. He was then associated in practice with Dr. George Ben Johnston, surgeon, and later spent three years at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, New York City, where he served in the capacity of house surgeon. He then returned to Richmond, and in association with Dr. R. H. Wright began the special practice of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He was instructor of Ophthalmology and Otology at the Medical College of Virginia, 1912-1913, and after the amalgamation of the University College of Medicine with the Medical College of Virginia was associate professor of Laryngology. He was a member of the American College of Surgeons, the Tri-State Medical Society, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Richmond Academy of Medicine, Tazewell County Medical Society, Kappa Sigma and Pi Mu fraternities. Very soon after he commenced the practice of medicine he aroused the attention of eminent men of the profession, as a skillful and successful operator, and previous to his death, which occurred December 20, 1918, won a Statewide reputation as a specialist.

Jennie McDonald Bowen (daughter of Rees Tate) married J. Powell Royall June 12, 1905. Their children: Mary Christian, Rachel Louise, John Powell, Jr., Janie Bowen, Rees Bowen, William Archer, Samuel Cecil, Ellen McDonald, and Edwin Gratton "Dick".

Honorable John Powell Royall, born in Danville, Virginia, June 2, 1874, was a son of William Archer and Eliza J. Christian Royall, and a grandson of Joseph Royall. When but ten years old John Powell Royall was left an orphan, but was adopted by Honor-

able William G. Mustard, who at that time represented Tazewell County in the Virginia House of Delegates. Mr. Royall was educated in the public schools of Tazewell; later attended Sharon College in Bland County and Tazewell College, at Tazewell, Va. In 1898 he entered the Law Department of Washington and Lee University and was admitted to the Tazewell Bar the following year. Soon thereafter he was elected Mayor of the town of Tazewell, and after serving as such for two years was re-elected for the second term. Before he finished his second term as Mayor, in 1903, he was elected to represent the counties of Tazewell and Buchanan in the Virginia House of Delegates, in which he served during the sessions 1904 and 1906. He was twice elected to represent the Third Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Tazewell, Buchanan, Dickenson, and Russell, and served in the Virginia Senate from 1912 to 1920. In 1923 he was elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Tazewell County for a term of four years. Mr. Royall not only enjoys a lucrative law practice, but is closely identified with the financial and industrial interests of the county. He is a director in the Garden Coal Company, a mining operation of Tazewell, Virginia, and vice-president of Coal Mountain Mining Company, which company owns lands in Tazewell and Buchanan counties, and is a stockholder in Bluefield National Bank, and has other financial interests. Instead of faltering before the formidable adverse conditions which confronted him in his early boyhood, he used these apparent obstacles as stepping stones to reach the goal of his ambition.

Rachel Bowen (daughter of Rees Tate) married Samuel B. Thompson (son of Grey Buchanan and William Thompson) October 29, 1918. They have one daughter, Mary Gray. Samuel B. Thompson is a large landowner and one of the leading farmers and cattle graziers of Tazewell county.

Mary Ellen Bowen (daughter of Rees Tate) married Henry Albert Bowen (son of Henry and Louisa Gillespie Bowen) June 16, 1909. (See his line).

Hattie Bowen (daughter of Rees Tate) died June 24, 1890, when two years of age.

General Rees Tate Bowen (son of Col. Henry Bowen) married Lucy Gravatt, of Port Royal, Virginia (second wife) about 1872. They had two children: Rees Tate, who died in infancy, and Mary Cary, who married George Turner, of Port Royal, Virginia. They

have three children: George, Jr., who died in infancy, Jacqueline and Rees Bowen. General Rees Bowen died in 1879.

Captain William Bowen, son of John and Lilly (McIlhancy) Bowen, gained his title by service in the Revolutionary War. He married Mary Henley Russell, daughter of General William Russell, by his first wife, Tabitha (Adams) Russell, his second wife having been the widow of General William Campbell, the hero of King's Mountain, and before her marriage was Elizabeth Henry, sister of Patrick Henry. Their children: Colonel John H. Bowen, who was a noted lawyer and representative in Congress from Tennessee for several years, and Catherine Bowen, who married David Campbell, brother of Governor Campbell, of Virginia. Their son, William Bowen Campbell, was elected Governor of Tennessee, serving from 1851 to 1853.

THE CHAPMAN FAMILY.

The Revolutionary ancestor of this family was John Chapman, and the following is taken from a paper read by Mrs. Conrad F. Tynes before the John Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of Bluefield, West Virginia. This Chapter was named by Mrs. Kate English Baldwin, the founder, whose father, Colonel James English, married Annie Chapman, the great-granddaughter of the Revolutionary hero, John Chapman:

"The Chapmans, who were of English origin, immigrated to America and settled in Connecticut long prior to the Revolutionary War. From there they moved to Charles County, Maryland. Leaving Maryland before the beginning of the revolution, a part of them came to Culpepper County, Virginia. Isaac Chapman was among this number, and there he married Sarah Cole, by whom he had three sons and one daughter, namely, Isaac, John, Richard and Jemina. Isaac went south and located in Alabama, where his descendants are now living. John and Richard married sisters, Sallie and Margaret Abbott, daughters of Richard Abbott, of Culpepper County. Their brother, Rev. James Abbott, a Baptist minister, located in the new River section in 1774. The only daughter of Isaac and Sarah Chapman, Jemina, married Moredock McKenzie, a Scotchman from Glasgow. The story of the capture of their two children, Margaret and Elizabeth, and the killing of Mrs. McKenzie and the three children by the Indians in May, 1778, is a very thrilling one.

"John and Richard Chapman and their brother-in-law, Moredock McKenzie, came from Culpeper in 1771 and located at the mouth of Walkers Creek in what is now Giles County, Va. John had two houses destroyed by the Indians, his wife and children, Isaac, George, John, Henley and Sallie, having to flee to Snidow's Fort for protection. The last house built by John Chapman is still standing, being encased in the frame dwelling now occupied by Isaac Painter, a descendant.

"I find in Thwaite's 'Dunsmore's War,' that Col. Preston received notice from Col. Lewis that Lord Dunsmore wished him to organize a force of men to go on the Ohio expedition in 1774 and try to quell the Indians who were doing much damage in that section. Col. Preston wrote Thomas Burke, who had a fort near the mouth of Sinking Creek, three miles from the home of John Chapman, to send him a list of brave, strong bodied men for this expedition. In a list of thirty-five names, there appear the names of John and Richard Chapman and Moredock McKenzie. So it is reasonable to suppose that John Chapman took part in the Battle of Point Pleasant.

"During the years 1774-1779, John Chapman and his son, Isaac, were stationed in Snidow's, Bangers's and Hatfield's forts. John Chapman was appointed ensign under Captain Floyd, his first service being from April to October, 1779, and his second service being from March to June, 1780. He was recommended for lieutenant November, 1780.

"John Chapman was born in 1740 and died in 1805. He is buried in the old Chapman burial ground, near the old homestead. Though his grave is unmarked, the plot has been enclosed with a concrete wall, the exact location of his grave is known, and in the near future a Revolutionary marker will be erected at his grave by the John Chapman Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution."

This John Chapman was the great-great uncle of the late Isaac E. Chapman, and was also the great-grandfather of the late Joseph S. and Albert P. Gillespie.

Isaac E. Chapman was the son of William and Nancy McDonald Chapman, and was born on August 29, 1824, in Pearisburg, Giles County, Va. He came to Tazewell County when quite a young man, and was Deputy Clerk under George W. G. Browne for a number of years, and after that was a merchant in Tazewell

Family Group Sheet

TRZ | *BOWENS*
Husband's Full Name

Chart No.

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Marr.	1768		1756				
Death							
Burial							
Places of Residence							
Occupation				Church Affiliation		Military Rec.	
<small>Other wives, if any No. (1)(2) etc. Make separate sheet for each man.</small>							
His Father				Mother's Maiden Name			

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	1750		1741				
Chr'nd							
Death		16 Feb	1834				
Burial							
Places of Residence							
Occupation				Church Affiliation		Military Rec.	
<small>Other husbands, if any No. (1)(2) etc. Make separate sheet for each man.</small>							
Her Father				Mother's Maiden Name			

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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arranged in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	REES <i>6021</i>	Birth			1759	ca 1263			
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
2	NANCY	Birth			1761	ca 1269			
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	MARG / PEGGY	Birth			1763	1768 (1762)			1781 21 1760
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.			1781				
		Death			1799	TRZ			
		Burial			1799				
4	REBECCA	Birth			1758	1763 (1770)			1791 21 1770
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.			1791		3B		
		Death			7 Feb 1829				
		Burial							
5	LILY	Birth			1766	1772			
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death				6 KY			
		Burial							
6	LEVISA	Birth	✓		1768	1774			LOUISA
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.			1789			21	
		Death							
		Burial							
7	JOHN	Birth			1760	1768 (1762)			
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.	1784		1784 1784			21	
		Death			1789				
		Burial							
8	Col Henry	Birth	✓		18 Mar 1770	VA			21
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.			1797				21
		Death	✓		16 Apr 1850				
		Burial							

Husband's Full Name

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Husband's Full Name **LIEUT. REES BOWEN**

Chart No.

Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on H
Birth	ca		1750	MONTGOMERY CO PA.			
Chr'nd							
Marr.			1768	Togwood			
Death	7 OCT		1780	KINGS MTN. REV WAR			
Burial							

Places of Residence **AUGUSTA, MAIDEN SPRING, TADEWELL CO 1772 2nd family on Clinch Run**

Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. **REV. WAR - KINGS MOUNTAIN**

Other wives, if any, No. (1-2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father **JOHN BOWEN** Mother's Maiden Name **LILLY MCILHANEY**

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on W
Birth	Oct		1741	AUGUSTA			
Chr'nd							
Death	16 Feb		1834	Family Cemetery			
Burial							

Places of Residence _____ Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____

Other husbands, if any, No. (1-2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arranged in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info on C
1	REES (REECE)	Birth			1759				LILLY
	Full Name of Spouse REBECCA BOWEN	Marr.							REES WARD
		Death							LEVISA
		Burial							
2	NANCY	Birth			1761				LEVISA
	Full Name of Spouse MAJ. JOHN WARD	Marr.							REES WARD
		Death							ELIZ. C
		Burial							LEVISA
3	PEGGY	Birth			1763	2-WM B.			REES B.
	Full Name of Spouse THOMAS GILLESPIE	Marr.			1781	d. 25 Sep 1875			11/4/178
		Death			1799	dearest John			TO
		Burial							d. 19 June 18
4	Rebecca	Birth			1758	Henry			
	Full Name of Spouse Samuel IRE Duff	Marr.			13 Jun 1791				
		Death			7 Feb 1829				
		Burial							
5	Lily	Birth			1766				
	Full Name of Spouse Jeffrey Hildreth	Marr.			1795	TO KY			
		Death							
		Burial							
6	LOUISE/LEVISA	Birth			1768	Togwood			
	Full Name of Spouse JOHN THOMPSON	Marr.			1789				m. Matilda Whittenburg
		Death							
		Burial							
7	JOHN	Birth			1760				
	Full Name of Spouse Nancy Gillespie	Marr.			1784				M. REES B. GILLESPIE 18
		Death			1789				LEVISA
		Burial							
8	HENRY	Birth			18 Mar 1770				she m. Thos. Ferguson 1801
	Full Name of Spouse Eleanor Stuart	Marr.			3 Aug 1797				Officer VA Regt War 1812
		Death			18 Apr 1850				State Legis 1812
		Burial							County Court 1803

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Address **h. 5 May 1778**

City, State, Zip _____ Date **d. Oct 1836**

Col. 2nd Regt. W. Va. 1812

Sherriff Togwood 1806-8

Family Group Sheet Shaw

Chart No. _____
State or Country _____ Add. Info. on Husb _____

Husband's Full Name JOHN BOWEN
County or Province, etc. _____ State or Country _____ Add. Info. on Husb _____

City, Town or Place _____

Birth _____
Day Month Year _____

Chr'd _____

Marr. LANCASTER CO. PA. (She 17) _____

Death WILL 13 MAR 1760 - PROB 19 MAY 1761 WB 3 p 24 August _____

Burial _____

Places of Residence PA - DEL - WEST. MD, Northern VA. TO AUGUSTA, VA CA 1730 _____

Church Affiliation _____ **Military Rec.** _____

Occupation _____

Other wives, if any No (1) (2) etc. _____
Make separate sheet for each marr.

His Father MOSES BOWEN **Mother's Maiden Name** REBELLA REECE

Wife's Full Maiden Name LILLY MCILHANEY Brother Henry
County or Province, etc. _____ State or Country _____ Add. Info. on _____

City, Town or Place _____

Birth _____
Day Month Year _____

Chr'd _____

Death W 4 Apr 1780 +20 yrs. PROB 20 JUN 1780 WB 1 p 73 Wash. Co. VA. _____

Burial _____

Places of Residence _____ **Church Affiliation** _____ **Military Rec.** _____

Occupation _____

Other husbands, if any No (1) (2) etc. _____
Make separate sheet for each marr.

Her Father HENRY MCILHANEY **Mother's Maiden Name** JANE ? M 2 HUNTER

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arranged in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info on
M	1 MOSES	Birth	1754				
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.					
		Death			age 20 VA. COLONIAL ARMY (SAFFEL RECORD)		
		Burial					
M	2 JOHN	Birth					ELIZABETH
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.	ca 1757				JOHN
		Death	1768				WM
	RACHEL MATHEWS	Burial					(FRASIER) REBELLA
F	3 JANE	Birth					NANCY
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.					2 sons:
	① CUNNINGHAM ② LORING	Burial					② 2 DAUGHTERS
F	4 NANCY	Birth	1732	ORANGE	VA		
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.	1750-2				
	ARCHIE BUCHANAN m 2 CALLED	Death	1759		WM		JAMES
		Burial			SPENCER (Bowen)		and 2 DAUGHTERS
F	5 REBECCA	Birth	1740				
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.					
	WHITLEY	Death					
		Burial					m. Robertson LILLY
LT. M	6 REES	Birth	ca 1750				→ MOSES
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.	1737 August				To Engl. MAR 1748 from British
	LOUVISA SMITH	Death	7 Oct 1780				
		Burial					
M	7 HENRY	Birth					(Rev. War) living near NC
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.	1738				
	ANNE CUNNINGHAM	Death					GR mother Rev. War
		Burial	1808	Gorringe Co., VA.			LILLY m. 5
M	8 ARTHUR	Birth	1744				
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.					
	MARY McMURRAY	Death	1816				JANE
		Burial					JOHN
							ARTHUR
							NANCY
							REBECCA

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Chart No.

Husband's Full Name **MOSES BDWEN**

County or Province, etc.

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Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Hus
Birth				WALES			
Chr'nd							
Marr.							
Death				MONTGOMERY CO. PA			
Burial							

Places of Residence **TO MASS. 1698 THEN TDMTGY CO. PA. WITH LARGE CO. FROM WALES**

Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each marr. _____

His Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Wife's Full Maiden Name **REBECCA REESE**

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Death				MONTGOMERY CO. PA.			
Burial							

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Her Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Sex Children's Names in Full (Arranged in order of birth) Children's Date Day Month Year City, Town or Place County or Province, etc. State or Country Add. Info on

1	M	JOHN BOWEN	Birth						
		Full Name of Spouse	Marr.						
		LILLY McILHANEY	Death						
			Burial						
2			Birth						
		Full Name of Spouse	Marr.						
			Death						
			Burial						
3			Birth						
		Full Name of Spouse	Marr.						
			Death						
			Burial						
4			Birth						
		Full Name of Spouse	Marr.						
			Death						
			Burial						
5			Birth						
		Full Name of Spouse	Marr.						
			Death						
			Burial						
6			Birth						
		Full Name of Spouse	Marr.						
			Death						
			Burial						
7			Birth						
		Full Name of Spouse	Marr.						
			Death						
			Burial						
8			Birth						
		Full Name of Spouse	Marr.						
			Death						
			Burial						

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The affiant received a discharge from Col
Wm Campbell but on attempting to make
it and win from some ~~valuable~~ valuable
papers ~~purposes~~ he failed and ~~so~~ he threw it away
as he thinks. The declarant was afterward
commissioned a Captain by Gov. Randall
of the State of Va, the ? of July 1785 of 2d Company
of the 2d Regiment of Militia of the County of ?
which commission is herewith sent. That after
securing the commission he was engaged in
various purposes

Born 1749 James River Va.

Drooper MSS 10DD 15-16 King

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Letter from Gen. Wm Campbell to ? Re
Wm & Reece Bowen

Wm Bowen was a Captain in Washington Co.
at the time of the battle of Kings Mountain was
fought, but he was taken with a fever at the
time the troops marched and could not go
along - his brother Reece Bowen was the
first Lieutenant & took command of the
company and was killed at the head
of his company at the latter part of
the engagement by a random shot
after the firing had about ceased.

Drooper MSS 2DD 22
p. 256, 262, 265

Drapers 4155
2DD 228-31
Kings Mtn papers

Kings Mtn Charles Bowen

Col Cleveland M cadet Oct 1780

1832
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State of Tenn Knox Co.

on this 16th day of Aug 1832 personally appeared in open court before the hon. Samuel Powell a judge of the circuit court in sd state and now presiding in the circuit court of sd county being a Court of General having the power of fine and imprisonment Charles Bowen a resident of Blount Co. in the State of Tennessee aged 82 years on Sept last, who being first duly sworn according to law both on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1823 That he entered in the service of the US during the Rev War and served as follows - The particular times unable to say, but knows that ~~he~~ served under the command of Capt. Bowen a brother of the declarant, under the command of a Captain John Campbell and was in the Battle of Kings Mountain under the command of Capt John Williams El ?? who was then killed. That his brother Ruse Bowen was made Captain by the sword at the time and was likewise killed in the battle of Kings Mountain in that Battle, Col. Joseph Campbell commanded and Col. Cleveland was also a commander, during the time of action by some means declarant obtained information that Ruse Bowen his brother was killed and being much distressed and exasperated descended in search of his brother

hoping that he was only wounded. In his search for his brother he discovered his Captain Wm Edmondson dead owing to having been shot in the head. Declarant advanced without being seen, sensible (?) of his danger till within fifteen or 20 paces of the enemy. Declarant slipped behind a tree, leveled his gun and shot the first man who hoisted the flag among the enemy and immediately turned his back to the tree to reload his gun when Col. Cleveland advanced, called on Declarant for countersign, which Declarant did not immediately recollect nor could he give it. Col Cleveland instantly leveled his rifle at Declarant's breast and attempted to fire but the gun snapped, Declarant jumped at Cleveland, seized him by the collar, drew his tomahawk and would have sunk it in Cleveland's head if his arm had not been arrested by a soldier by the name of Buchanan who knew the parties. Declarant immediately recollected the countersign which was "Bluefort?" answered it and Cleveland dropped his gun and clasped ~~and~~ Declarant in his arms. The person who hoisted the flag was twice shot - beside the time the Declarant shot, hit by whom he know not.

DEED RECORD

State _____ County _____

Individual Louisa Smith Bowen

Source	Page	From/To	Date	Rec.	Acres	Price	Dower	Witnesses /	Location
		Rees prob. M.D.	1792		88				
		m. " Bowen	15 Nov 1762		89				
		Lillie Bowen as EPR. Cov to Rees 230 ac.	15 Nov 1762		90				
		Glade Cr. of Rees for L20.							
		Rees sold to Thomas Blanton	1774		91		Louisa	(By Signature)	
Key Co Perish Book		as per DB 11 p 149	13 Feb 1765		238 ac				
col John p. 25		Rees brother Wm							
p. 24		" " John Jr.							
p. 26		Father John							

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