

The Richard¹ Bowen DNA Project

Version 4.1¹

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Abstract: This project studies the descendants of Richard¹ Bowen, one of the original proprietors of Rehoboth, Massachusetts using a combination of rigorous genealogical research and DNA studies. The project currently has 23 participants who have reported both DNA results and genealogical linkages. We have a diverse set of test results from the 12, 37, 67 and 111 marker tests and a few SNP results. At this point we have ten unique lines that pass through the 91 known males in the 5th generation and we connect these men to their great-grandchildren in the 8th generation, most of who lived to the late 1800s. Our goal for coming down to generation-8 is to make the deep ancestry more accessible to people who may only know their ancestors back to the early 1900s.

If you would like to participate please contact the author at the email listed above.

1.0 Introduction

I myself descend from two prolific genealogists. My father Richard LeBaron Bowen, Jr. wrote the original comprehensive story of Richard¹ Bowen which addressed many “myths” including the Welsh connection, his wife’s name, and the Coat-of-Arms.² The Wales connection is a central theme to this study because we hope DNA can lead to a definitive answer. Although there is much circumstantial evidence (the strongest being that John Myles, one of the early pastors in Rehoboth was known to have been ejected from a Baptist Church in Ilston, Wales) nobody has ever produced definitive evidence proving the Welsh linkage. His father was Richard LeBaron Bowen, Sr., who was the author of the Early Rehoboth Series³ and had a keen interest in proving his English heritage. I avoided the genealogy bug for many decades but in 2008 I started this project by writing blind-letters to the 235 Bowen’s in the Rhode Island phone book (these turned out to be 189 unique people). The initial letter was a simple “Hello, what do you know about your genealogy?” I received replies from 31 people and of those 11 were sure they descended from Richard¹, 10 were sure they were not (about half of these said there had been a name change to Bowen), and 10 were not sure of their lineage. We started with a half dozen DNA samples and that came down very different lines - - two unique people at the 2nd generation and four unique people at 4th generation. All families had done

¹ This version replaces Version 3.1 (and all prior versions), dated October 1, 2015.

² “The Ancestry, Wives, and Children of Richard¹ Bowen of Weymouth and Rehoboth, Massachusetts,” by Richard LeBaron Bowen, Jr., TAG 76 (2001): 263-278.

³ “Early Rehoboth,” 4 Volumes, Richard LeBaron Bowen, 1945-1950.

significant genealogical work and had high confidence in the accuracy of their lines. Over the last nine years we have grown to 23 participants with ten unique lines coming out of the fifth generation.

This project is a companion study to William Saxbe's three volume comprehensive study of the Bowen genealogy^{4,5,6}. This paper will not repeat dates (births, deaths, marriage) from Saxbe's books but will make references to page numbers and the person number in his books.⁷ For example, Figure 1 uses the notation "5. Obadiah² (v1,27)." This means Person Number five (in Saxbe's numbering system) is Obadiah (2nd generation) and the details can be found in Saxbe's Volume 1, Page 27. We will underline the name of a person in Figures 1-3 who have a descendant living in the present day and is participating in this study.

This paper is organized as follows:

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2.0 Genealogical Results: Generations 1-5

Figure's 1 through 3 list all male descendants from Richard¹ through the fifth generation. A summary of the results:

1. Figure 1 shows the results for Generations 1 to 3: Two of the three males born into the 2nd generation have living descendants participating in the study. There are a total of 8 males born into the 3rd generation and of those 6 have descendants living in 2017 that are participating in the study (we underline the names of people that have living descendants participating in this study). Note that Isaac³ had no male issue so we now have 100% coverage for Obadiah² and Richard².
2. Figure 2 shows the results for Generations 2 to 4: There are a total of 33 males born into the 4th generation and of those 10 have descendants living in 2017 that are participating in the study.
3. Figure 3 shows the results for Generations 2 to 5: There are a total of 91 males born into the 5th generation and of those 10 have descendants living in 2017 that are participating in the study.
4. We currently do not have any descendants of Richard³ (*Thomas*², *Richard*¹) Bowen participating in the study. In the Appendix we include many of Richard³

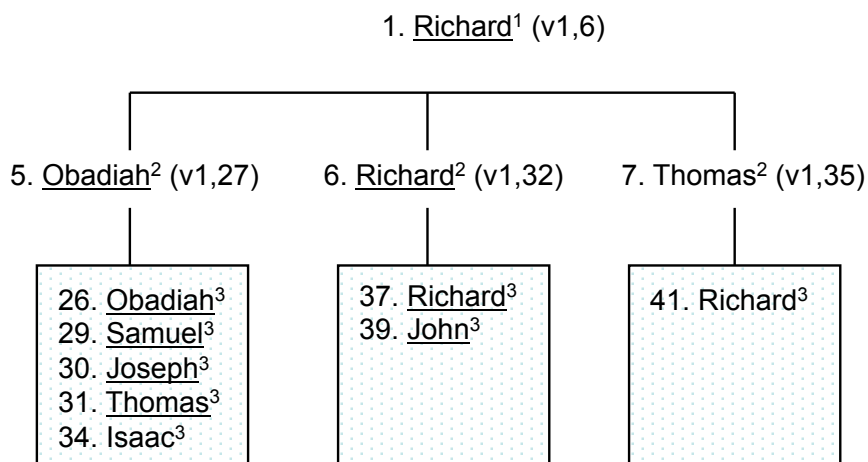
⁴ "Richard Bowen (1594?-1675) of Rehoboth, Massachusetts and His Descendants: Volume 1 – Generations 1-3," William B. Saxbe, 2011.

⁵ "Richard Bowen (1594?-1675) of Rehoboth, Massachusetts and His Descendants: Volume 2 - - Generation 4," William B. Saxbe, 2013.

⁶ "Richard Bowen (1594?-1675) of Rehoboth, Massachusetts and His Descendants: Volume Three - - Generation 5," William B. Saxbe, 2015.

⁷ This is a strong hint to buy the books, which can be found at <http://www.rigensoc.org/forsale.php>

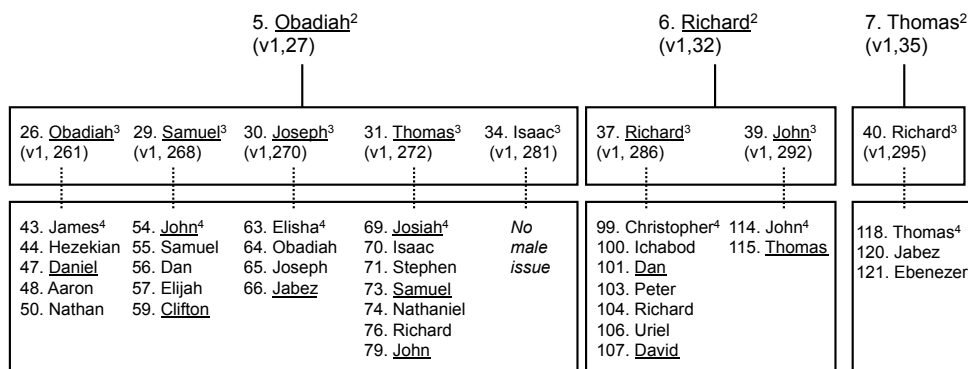
descendants hoping that someone from this branch will join the study. I am optimistic since many of these people have recent activity on ancestry.com (I have created a public tree on ancestry call “Richard Three Bowen” that contains several generations done (a summary is included in the Appendix).



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Figure 1. Generations 1 through 3.

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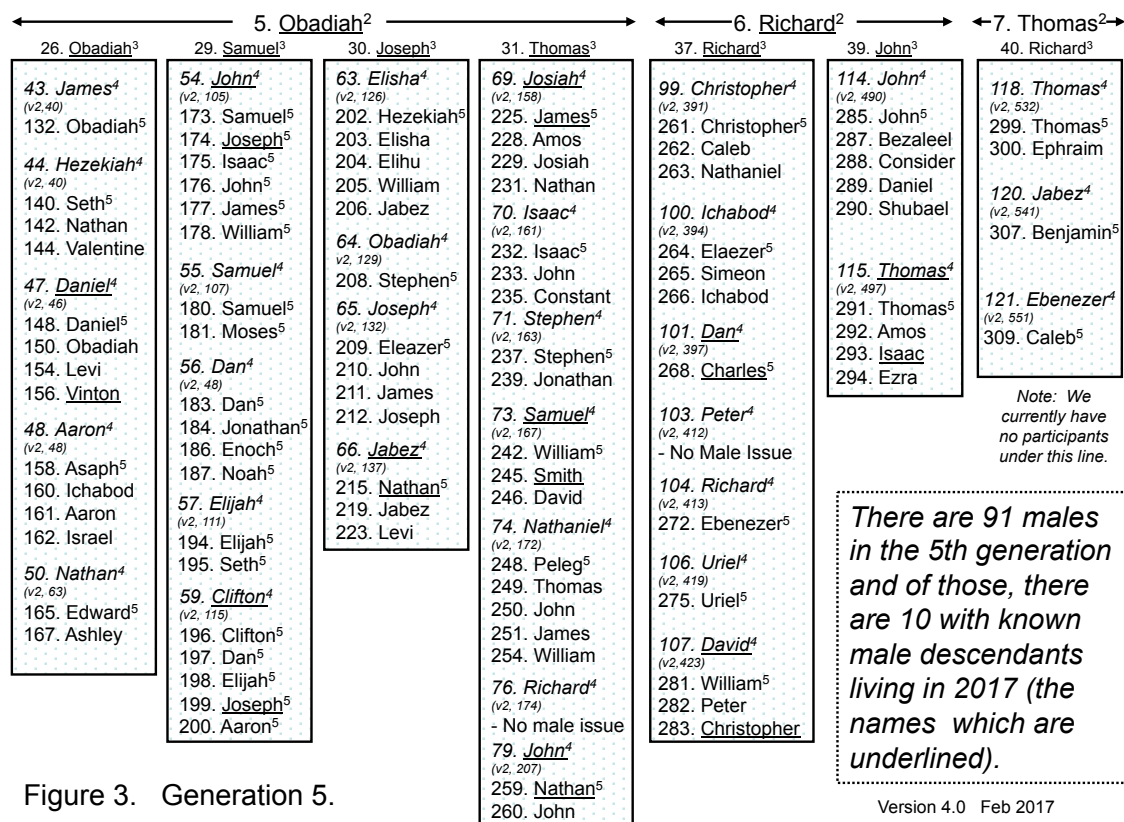


Figure 3. Generation 5.

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2.1 Genealogical Results: Generations 6-8

Figure 4A & 4B provides a summary of the lines that have living descendants. We have named the **lines** as one through lines and we have shown the individuals coded number. We'll consider a unique line as one that comes through a unique male in Saxbe's Generation 5 (Volume 3). This section takes each line down to the 8th generation. Under each line we'll provided a brief summary of the 5th generation and then cover the next three generations. The participants are identified by the notation "RB_XXX" and at this point all are anonymous. The **lines** are shown at the table at the bottom of figure 4A/b and in the text that follows. The participants are also shown at the bottom of the Figure as well as in **Section 3.0 DNA Analysis**. Finally, the states listed at the bottom of Figures 4a/b represent the geography where the family lives.

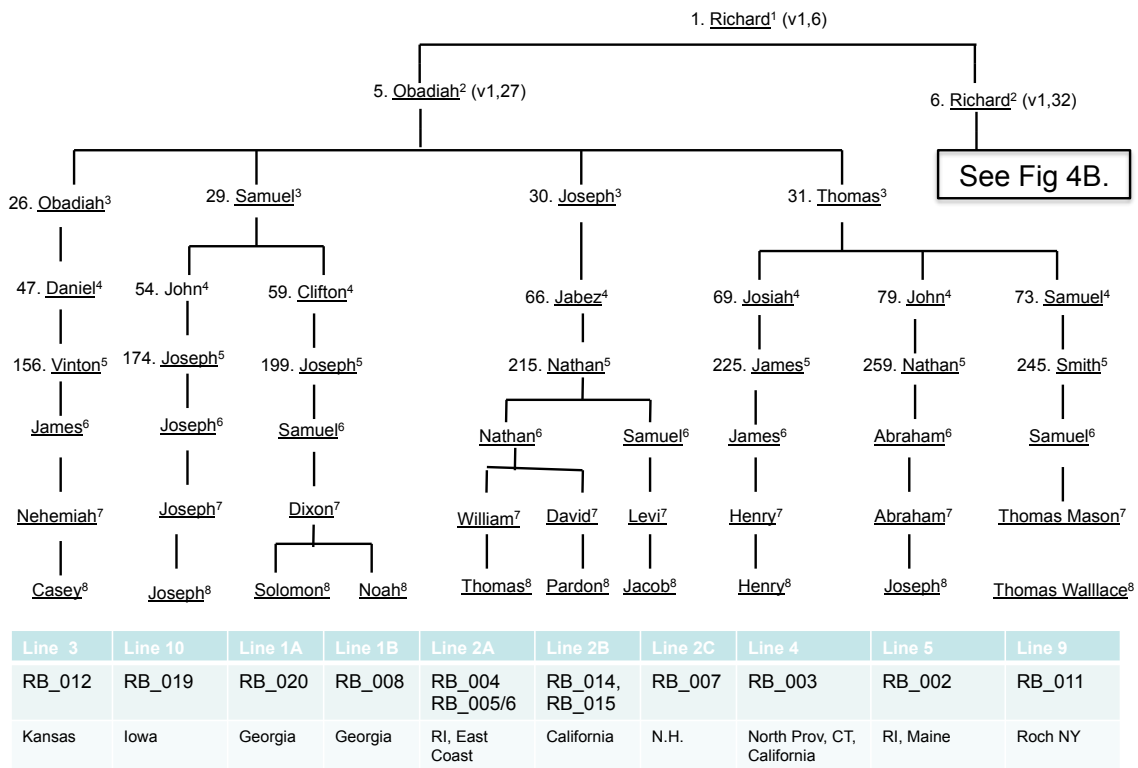


Figure 4A. Lines with living descendants (in 2017).

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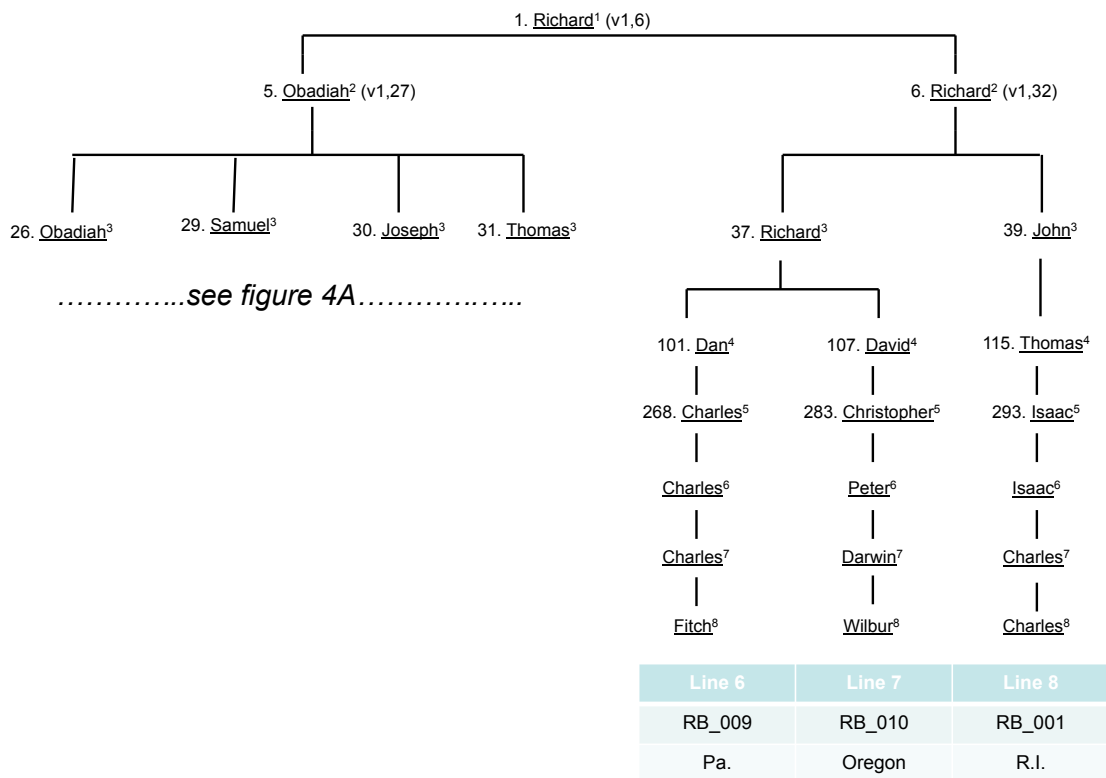


Figure 4B. Lines with living descendants (in 2017).

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Line 1A/1B: JOSEPH⁵ (*Clifton⁴, Samuel³, Obadiah², Richard¹*) [RB 008, RB 020]

This line begins with JOSEPH⁵ BOWEN who was born in New Hanover County, N.C. and was alive in Montgomery County, N.C. in 1784.⁸ His father, Clifton, was born 12 Feb 1700/01 at Bristol, Mass (later became Rhode Island) and he moved south after receiving a land grant for 300 acres in New Hanover County, N.C. 22 Nov 1738.

- SAMUEL H.⁶ BOWEN was born 16 August 1756. He and his family lived next-door to Joseph Bowen in Montgomery Co., N.C., in 1782 and 1784.”⁹ He married (1) **Sarah Elizabeth Gibbs** and died 2 Aug 1843.¹⁰
- DIXON⁷ BOWEN was born 3 June 1792 at Greenville, SC and died 26 Dec 1879 at Henry Co., GA. He lived for a time Wilkes County Georgia where he married (1) at Henry County, GA, December 14, 1815, **Sarah Lee**. Sarah was born 9 Nov 1799.¹¹ She was the daughter of Solomon P. Lee and Mary McGlocklin Lee. Sarah died shortly after giving birth to her 13th child. Dixon married (2) former Elizabeth Cage and had five more sons.¹²

⁸ Saxbe, v3, p. 186 (Person #199).

⁹ Saxbe, v3, p. 188.

¹⁰ Personal communications with Nathan Bowen of Georgia.

¹¹ Research on Sarah Lee provided by Selma Yates Bowen.

¹² Much of the Dixon information is from “Newspaper, Franklin Heard County”, Georgia, July 27, 1988. There is a picture of Dixon Bowen which we should try to obtain.

- **1A:** SOLOMAN⁸ LEVI BOWEN was born 10 Dec 1817 at Rockdale County, GA and died 10 March 1898 at Rockdale. He married **Mary Cook**. She was born 8 March 1827 and died 22 April 1899 at Rockdale County, GA.¹³
- **1B:** NOAH⁸ JAMES BOWEN was born 6 December 1833 in Henry County, GA and died 13 November 1925 in Henry County, GA. He married (1) **Statira Cassandra Bentley** 24 February 1859.

The descendants of this line are in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

Line 2A/B/C: NATHAN⁵ (*Jabez⁴, Joseph³, Obadiah², Richard¹*) [RB_004/5/6/7, RB_14/15].

This line begins with NATHAN⁵ BOWEN who was born at Rehoboth 12 Sept 1729 and died at Rehoboth, Mass. prior to 7 Oct 1814.¹⁴

- **2A/B:** NATHAN⁶ BOWEN was born at Rehoboth 2 April 1763 and died at Rehoboth 24 Dec 1856. He married **Patience Lindley** at Rehoboth 1 Feb. 1784.¹⁵ Patience was born 1 Sept 1763¹⁶ and died at Rehoboth 24 Dec 1856.¹⁷ Nathan lived his life at 26 Kelton Street, Rehoboth.¹⁸ Two of their children's lines are in this study:
 - **2A:** WILLIAM⁷ BRADFORD BOWEN, was born at Rehoboth 20 June 1808 and died at Providence 7 Oct 1880. He married **Hannah Boyd Miller** at Rehoboth 26 Feb 1833.¹⁹ She was born 20 Sept 1807 at Rehoboth and died 22 Feb 1884 at Providence, R.I.²⁰ She was the daughter of Amos Miller and Olive Wheaton.
 - THOMAS⁸ LEBARON BOWEN was born at Providence, Rhode Island 18 Feb 1850 and died 18 JUN 1897. He married Clara Francis Carpenter at Providence, Rhode Island 2 Nov 1876. **Clara Francis¹⁰ Carpenter** was born 23 June 1854 at Seekonk, Massachusetts and died in Redlands, California 14 Jun 1932. She was the daughter of William Moulton and Eunice Walker Bishop

¹³ The family bible describes Solomon's birth, marriage and deaths.

¹⁴ Saxbe, V3, p. 240 (Person #215).

¹⁵ Saxbe, v3, p. 243.

¹⁶ Arnolds page 667 lists the 12 daughters with birth dates consecutively as "3 170" though the first three (Experience, Mary, Elizabeth) have a parenthetical comment "(3 78)".

¹⁷ Gravestone at Hix Cemetery "she died in her 94th year."

¹⁸ He lived in the "Nathaniel Bowen House" on the Historical Registry.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nathan_Bowen_House

¹⁹ Vital Records of Rehoboth 1642-1896 Part I, James N. Arnold., page 48. Recorded in Book 6 page 108. "Capt. William B. Bowen and Hannah B. Miller married by Elder Childs Luther Feb 26, 1833. Int. Dec 5, 1832.

²⁰ Index to Vital Records of Rhode Island: Birth's Marriages and Deaths. Deaths 1853 – 1900. Volume 1. No. 1.. Book 84, Page 741.

- Carpenter of Fall River, Massachusetts.²¹ Clara married (2) Theodore H Doan 1928 at Redlands, California.
- **2B: DAVID⁷ BOWEN** was born 1794 at Rehoboth, Massachusetts and died 5 April 1853 at Rehoboth. He married(1) at Attleboro, Massachusetts 9 Sept 1811 **Amey Round**, who was born about 1789.²² She was the daughter of Hezekiah and Molly [Wheeler] Round. Amey died 1 May 1824 at Rehoboth.²³ **DAVID BOWEN** married(2) at Swansey **Mary²⁴ [Brown] Hale** 13 Nov 1825.²⁵ Mary was born about 1792 and died 13 Dec 1856 at Somerset, Mass.²⁶ Mary Brown had m(1) Slade Hale (b. 1788) 4 Feb 1811^{27,28} and Slade died 29 June 1811.
 - **PARDON MASON⁸ BOWEN** was born at Boston 9 Sept 1826,²⁹ and died at Alameda, California 16 Nov 1909.³⁰ He married **Francis Blanding**. She was born at Massachusetts 29 April 1829 and died at Alameda, California 22 Dec 1911.³¹ He moved to San Francisco in 1850 as part of the gold rush.³²
 - **2C: SAMUEL⁶ BOWEN** was born 9 March 1760; m., possibly at Poland, Me., before 1788 (first child) **POLLY HOLMES**.^{33,34} Samuel⁶ died 25 May 1840 at Brooks, Maine.³⁵
 - **LEVI⁷ BOWEN** was born 6 Feb 1796 in Poland, Maine and died 31 July 1869 in Bangor, Maine. He married (1) **Lovina Roberts** 16 April 1818 in Brooks, Maine. He married (2) **Hannah Brown** in Bangor, Maine, 28 Oct 1857.
 - **JACOB⁸ ROBERTS BOWEN** was born at Monroe, Maine 28 May 1821 and died 21 October 1873 at Monroe, Maine. He married (1) **Sarah Jane**

21 Carpenter family history: Page 764: William & Eunice's children. That that in addition to Edward & Clara, there was a Fanny Bishop Carpenter who died in 1868 at the age of 7, which is the source of Clara using that name in 1880 for second child and first daughter. Page 616: William & Eunice Marriage.

22 GS Inscription: "Mrs Amey Bowen, wife of Mr. David Bowen & daughter of Hezekiah & Molly Round, who died May 1, 1824, aged 35."

23 Amey's GS at Hix lists her parents, age, and ID's husband as David Bowen.

24 David and Mary registered intentions in Rehoboth as "Polly Hale" and their marriage in Swansea as "Mary Hale."

25 "Vital Records of Swansea, Massachusetts to 1850," transcribed by H.L. Peter Rounds, 1992, p342. This is from Book C: Births & Marriages 1739-1858. Wife is listed as "Mary Hale", married by Elder Benjamin Taylor.

26 The death record is on "Page 1" in the town of Somerset. It indicates she was "63y, 7m and 'days' are left blank. This gives a birth date of 13 May 1793. Where it should list her parents name is has "widow of David Bowen." It says she was born in Swansey and is buried in Swansey. She is buried in Hix cemetery and is says she died "Dec 13, 1856, age 64."

27 Swansea VR, p. 367. "Slade Hale and Mary Brown both of Swansey was Married February 4, 1811 by Daniel Hale Justice of the Peace."

28 Find-a-grave says Slade was b. 1788, and they had one child in 1811, Slade Brown Hale but gives no references.

29 Supplied by family – meglake.

30 California Death Index, 1905-1937, p. 1074.

31 Certified California Death Record

32 Obituary in "The San Francisco Call," 17 Nov 1909.

33 Saxbe, v3, p. 243.

34 The author has in his possession an original probate record for Nathan⁵ (Jabez⁴, Joseph³, Obadiah², Richard¹), dated 29 Sept 1815 that lists ten people most of who are known children. These include (1) David Bowen, 2. Jonathan Bowen, 3. Nathan Bowen, 4. Jabez Bowen, 5. Samuel Bowen, 6. Arron Bowen, 7. Avis Horton (this is a new discovery). 8. Lettis Lee, 9. Grisle Horton, 10. Martha Mathas.

35 Saxbe, v3, page 243.

Clements 3 Nov 1843 at Monroe, Maine. He married (2) **Mary Kimball Leathers** at Monroe, Maine, 4 April 1852.³⁶

The descendants of Line 2A are mostly in Rhode Island, but also in New York, Washington, DC and Florida; line 2B are all in California; and line 2C is in the New Hampshire area.

Line 3: VINTON⁵ (*Daniel⁴, Obadiah³, Obadiah², Richard¹*) [RB_012]

This line begins with VINTON⁵ BOWEN who was presumably born in Swansea 1735 and died of yellow fever in Havana Cuba 1762-1763 as part of the French and Indian War.³⁷ He had one daughter and twin boys, this line being:

- JAMES⁶ BOWEN was born 19 Feb 1761 at West Greenwich, Rhode Island and married before 1788 (first child) his cousin **Rhoda Potter⁷** (*Eunice Casey⁶, Hannah⁵, Daniel⁴, Obadiah³, Obadiah², Richard¹*).³⁸
- NEHEMIAH⁷ BOWEN was born 18 April 1793 at Rhode Island and died 29 Aug 1838 at Missouri.³⁹ He married **Harriet Elizabeth Gates** 25 Dec 1814 at Missouri. She was born 24 Jun 1794 at Massachusetts and died 18 Dec 1863 at Cass Township, Iowa.⁴⁰ The DNA confirmation on Nehemiah is useful since the genealogical evidence is weak.⁴¹
- CASEY P.⁸ BOWEN born 18 Feb 1818 at Vermont and died 4 Jan 1907 at Belvidere, Nebraska. He married **Rebecca Jane Ledgewood** 25 July 1840 at Clay County, Missouri. She was born 1 July 1821 at Clay County, Missouri and died 6 May 1906 at Belvidere, Nebraska.⁴²

The next the six generations are all named John Bowen with different middle names (Ledgewood⁹, Casey¹⁰, Charles¹¹, William¹², Thomas¹³, and Joseph¹⁴). The family is living in Kansas.

³⁶ Provided by the family.

³⁷ Saxbe, v3, p. 70 [Person #156].

³⁸ Saxbe, v3, p. 70.

³⁹ The source for Nehemiah's birth, death and marriage dates are "The Anna Bowen & Daniel Bowen bible" left at Mrs. W.H. Cundiffs home when Anna Bowen died 29 Jan 1909.

⁴⁰ "Descendants of Nehemiah Potter Bowen," Family Genealogy.

⁴¹ According to William Saxbe: "DNA on this family should be unusually useful, because the paper trail to Nehemiah is weak, based entirely on secondary sources. James⁶ Bowen and his twin brother Benjamin moved from their birthplace West Greenwich, R.I., to Shaftsbury, Vt., probably in the 1790s. James applied for a Revolutionary pension from Shaftsbury in 1832, but none of his children's births appear in the Shaftsbury VRs. The poorly referenced Hubert Bowen papers do list Nehemiah P. as James's son, along with James's children Russell, Freeloove, James Jr., Vinton, Daniel, and Elias. James's wife Rhoda was the daughter of Nehemiah Potter and Eunice Casey, so the appearance of the names Casey, Nehemiah, & Daniel in Nehemiah's family is interesting. What is needed to make a good paper case for him being James's son are some primary records. It also needs to be explained how a Nehemiah Bowen was still at Shaftsbury for the 1820 census, and a Nehemiah Bowen was at Pawlet, Rutland Co., Vt., some 30 miles north of Shaftsbury, for the 1830 census."

⁴² Ibid.

Line 4: JAMES⁵ (*Josiah⁴, Thomas³, Obadiah², Richard¹*) [RB 003]

This line begins with JAMES⁵ Bowen who was probably born at Barrington, Mass (later RI) about 1721 and died at Barrington 28 Sept 1793. He married at Swansea 18 June 1744, **Ann Thurbur**. Ann was born at Swansea 11 July 1728 and died at Barrington 10 January 1821.⁴³

- JAMES⁶ BOWEN was born 14 (or 15) July 1765; m. (1) at Barrington 22 March 1789 **CHLOE THAYER**; m.(2) prob. in Warren Twp., Bradford Co., Penn., 3 (or 24) Jan. 1814 **JANE WESTFALL**.^{44, 45}
- HENRY⁷ WILLIAM BOWEN was born at Warren Center, Pennsylvania 28 August 1800 and died at Providence, Rhode Island 31 Dec 1834.⁴⁶ He married **Mary Ann Prout** about 1829. Mary was born at Rhode Island 5 March 1805 and died at Providence 26 Oct 1894.^{47, 48}
- HENRY WHITMORE⁸ BOWEN was born at Providence 5 Sept 1829 and died at Scituate, R.I. 28 Jan 1924. He married **Ann Francis Crossman** at Providence 16 June 1863.⁴⁹ Ann was born at Northbridge, Mass 1 July 1839 and died at Providence 20 April 1906.⁵⁰

These Bowens remain concentrated in Rhode Island, the participant hails from Connecticut, though many family members are spread out as far as Southern California.

Line 5: NATHAN⁵ (*John⁴, Thomas³, Obadiah², Richard¹*) [RB 002]

This line begin with NATHAN⁵ BOWEN who was born at Freetown, Massachusetts 4 April 1740 and died at Troy (later called Fall River), Mass., 9 Nov 1825.^{51, 52}

- ABRAHAM⁶ BOWEN was born 22 March 1773 and died 9 Mar 1824. He married at West Side Congregational Church, Providence, 1 Jan. 1795, **Ruth Graves**.^{53, 54} She was born 6 Aug 1769 and died 4 Aug 1824.
- ABRAHAM⁷ BOWEN was born 26 Aug 1803 and died 24 Jan 1889. He married **Sarah Ann Read** Feb 1827. She was born at Fall River 17 April 1804 and died 3 July 1891.⁵⁵

⁴³ Saxbe, v3. p. 267 [Person #225].

⁴⁴ Saxbe, v3, p. 270.

⁴⁵ "Town of Barrington Vital Records, Book No. I; 25 April 1713 to 24 March 1803: This book also contains cattle earmark and other miscellaneous records," Transcribed by Richard LeBaron Bowen. Mr Bowen was given an original set of Photostats in 1936 from Frederick Peck. Mr Bowen finished his transcription 7 April 1944 and he bound his typed papers with the original Photostats.

⁴⁶ Gravestone states the death date and "Died in his 35th year."

⁴⁷ Gravestone for her birth and death dates.

⁴⁸ Family Group Sheet for Descendants of Henry Bowen with extensive references (54 pages).

⁴⁹ RI Marriages VR: Book 65, page 216, CT=28.

⁵⁰ Ibid.

⁵¹ Saxbe, v3, p. 365, Person #259.

⁵² "The Descendants of John Bowen," by Fanny Corey Bowen, 1941. Self Published, p. 9.

⁵³ Saxbe, v3, p. 372.

⁵⁴ Fanny Bowen, p. 15.

- JOSEPH⁸ BOWEN was born 10 Oct 1832 and died at Warren 30 Sept 1914. He married **Fanny M. Corey** 19 Jan 1865. She was born 21 Aug 1840 and died 14 Jan 1929.⁵⁶

This family still lives in the Tiverton and Maine areas.

Line 6: CHARLES⁵ (*Dan⁴, Richard³, Richard², Richard¹*) [RB_009]

This line begins with CHARLES⁵ BOWEN who was born at Rehoboth 18 Nov 1728. His last known record was at Hopkinton, Rhode Island where he was enumerated in the 1774 census.⁵⁷

- “[presumed son]⁶ BOWEN.”⁵⁸ Charles⁶ was born about 1760 and died about 1818. His wife’s name is not known.⁵⁹
- CHARLES⁷ BOWEN was born 1799 and died 1847 (both in Tunkhannock, PA).⁶⁰ He possibly married **Susanna**.
- FITCH⁸ D. BOWEN was born 1834 and died 1909. He married at Indiana, August 1861, **Sarah A. Demund**. Sarah was born 1838 and died 1902.⁶¹

This family lives in Pennsylvania.

Line 7: CHRISTOPHER⁵ (*David⁴, Richard³, Richard², Richard¹*) [RB_010].

This line begins with CHRISTOPHER⁵ BOWEN who was born at Rehoboth 17 Dec 1750 and died at Peru, Mass 29 Nov 1836. He married, first, probably at Ashford, Conn., before 1 February 1779 (first child) Elizabeth Chaffee. She was born at Ashford 11 April 1753 and died at Peru 17 October 1813.⁶²

- PETER B.⁶ BOWEN was born at Peru 20 Nov 1788 and died at Amherst, Massachusetts 29 September 1871. He married at Peru, Massachusetts 23 Jan 1810 **Polly Cody/Apthrop**.⁶³ Polly was born at Peru, Mass 11 March 1787 and died at York Twp, Ohio 15 Nov 1861.⁶⁴
- DARWIN EMERY⁷ BOWEN was born at Peru 31 May 1817 and died at Clinton Twp, Kansas 4 August 1882. He married **Sarah Amanda Shepard** at Byrd Twp, Ohio 29 August 1844. Sarah was born 1820 and died 31 Dec 1875. When Darwin was

⁵⁵ Ibid. P. 21.

⁵⁶ Ibid, p. 51.

⁵⁷ Saxbe, v3, p 399, Person #268.

⁵⁸ Saxbe, v3, p. 401. Saxbe cites circumstantial evidence that his name may be Charles but was not able to find hard evidence.

⁵⁹ Saxbe, v3, p. 401.

⁶⁰ Speculation based on GS in Tunkhannock, PA, Saxbe, v3, p 401.

⁶¹ Reported by the family.

⁶² Saxbe, v3, p. 456 [Person # 283].

⁶³ Saxbe, v3, p. 459.

⁶⁴ Family Group Sheet for Peter Bowen and children with extensive references (24 pages) provided by the family.

20 he moved to Ohio where he met his wife. They moved to Kansas in 1857 where they are buried. Darwin kept a detailed journal that has been preserved and transcribed.⁶⁵

- HENRY⁸ WILBUR BOWEN was born 1852 and married **Dorinda**.

The living descendants in this line have since migrated to Oregon.

Line 8: ISAAC⁵ (*Thomas⁴, John³, Richard², Richard¹*) [RB 001]

This line begins with ISAAC⁵ BOWEN who was born at Attleborough, Mass about 1739 and died at Providence 10 Aug 1823.⁶⁶

- ISAAC⁶ BOWEN was born 8 Feb. 1778 and died 1828.⁶⁷ He married at Providence, 16 Dec. 1804, **Eliza Bullock**.
- CHARLES⁷ WETTER BOWEN was born 22 May 1824 and died 12 Aug 1865.⁶⁸ He married **Lousia Martin**.⁶⁹
- CHARLES⁸ WETTER BOWEN was born 22 Jan 1851 and died 15 Sept 1916. He married at Providence 6 June 1892, Alice LeValley.^{70,71}

There are several descendants living in the Providence and Coventry areas.

Line 9: SMITH⁵ (*Samuel⁴, Thomas³, Obadiah², Richard¹*) [RB 011]

This line begins with Smith⁵ Bowen who was born at Swansea 27 Feb 1738 and died at Warren, R.I. 19 March 1827.⁷²

- SAMUEL⁶ BOWEN was born at Tiverton, R.I. 18 Oct 1760⁷³ and died at Hartford, New York 14 June 1846. He married **Susannah Mason** at Swansea 14 Feb 1788, Mass.⁷⁴ She was born at Swansea 22 Sept 1767 and died at Hartford, N.Y. 20 Dec 1844.
- THOMAS MASON⁷ BOWEN was born at Warren, RI 22 Oct 1788 and died at Dansville, Stueben, NY 18 Dec 1846. He married **Patience Brayton** 17 Jun 1813. She was born at Washington County, NY 13 April 1770 and died 30 Jun 1858.⁷⁵

⁶⁵ Ibid.

⁶⁶ Saxbe, v3, p. 490, Person #293.

⁶⁷ Saxbe, v3, p. 495.

⁶⁸ RI Deaths: Book 65, Page 992. He was 41 years old.

⁶⁹ Reported by family.

⁷⁰ Reported by family.

⁷¹ RI Marriages: Book 92, p. 423, CT=28.

⁷² Saxbe, v3, p 321, Person #245.

⁷³ Arnold, VR of RI, Vol. 6, Part 2 Town of Warren, p 49. Recorded in Warren although he later claimed he was born in Tiverton.

⁷⁴ Swansea VR.

⁷⁵ Extensive research provided by descendant John Bowen. Much of this information is sourced from a family bible.

- THOMAS WALLACE⁸ BOWEN was born at Dansville, Steuben, NY 14 Aug 1821 and died at South Danville, Steuben, NY 14 Aug 1821. He married **Olive Evaline Rector** 9 Mar 1854. She was born at Boston, Erie, NY 30 Aug 1834 and died at Almond, Allegany, NY 30 March 1914.⁷⁶

The descendants of this line are in the Rochester, N.Y. area.

Line 10: JOSEPH⁵ (*John⁴, Samuel³, Obadiah², Richard¹*) [RB_019]

This line begins with Joseph⁵ Bowen who was born in Salem County, N.J. 8 July 1723 and died in Stow Creek Township, Cumberland County, 20 February 1803. He married **Mary Bacon** by license dated 22 December 1761. Mary was born in Salem County 3 October 1731 and died in Stow Creek Township 17 May 1803.⁷⁷

- JOSEPH⁶ BOWEN married **Anne Reeves**. It has long been thought that JOSEPH⁶ was not a descendant of JOSEPH⁵ or even part of the RICHARD¹ line.⁷⁸ Anne m(2) BACON⁶ BOWEN who is confirmed to be son of JOSEPH⁵. Bacon did have a brother Joseph who married Phoebe Ann Ayars. The DNA confirms Joseph⁶ descends from Richard¹ so more work needs to be done on the Joseph⁶-Joseph⁵ relationship.
- JOSEPH⁷ BOWEN was born 1777 in Salem, N.J. and died in Clark County, Indiana 1839. He married **Nancy Current** at 1798 in Clark County.⁷⁹
- JOSEPH NAPOLEAN⁸ BOWEN was born in Clark County, Indiana 1822 and died in Charleton, Iowa. He married **Delilah C. Norris** in Clark County, Indiana.⁸⁰

This family is living in Michigan.

2.2 Unknown lines with strong DNA results

In this section we provide information on Bowen participants, with strong DNA matches, who cannot trace their line back to the Saxbe books. Our hope is that this paper solicits information that can help connect the dots.

⁷⁶ Ibid.

⁷⁷ Saxbe, v3, p. 135 [Person #174].

⁷⁸ From William Saxbe: "Charles Sheppard, the great expert on Cumberland Co., N.J., families, was of the opinion that Anna Reeves' first husband, Joseph Bowen, was not a descendant of Samuel³ Bowen of New Jersey, but was of a different Bowen line "not of New Jersey." Hence the Joseph⁷ Bowen Jr., son of Anna Reeves by that first marriage, who married Nancy Current and fathered Joseph Napoleon Bonaparte Bowen, would not be of Richard¹ Bowen's line. The question is where the senior Joseph came from. Since there is an extremely strong DNA match from the living descendants, there is more work to be done at the 6th generation. Joseph (Jr.) is the only known child of Anna (Reeves) Bowen by her first husband, Joseph Bowen, in 1777. Joseph Sr. was a Revolutionary soldier, born in 1755; he reportedly died in 1779 of wounds, having been weakened by time on a prison ship. All this info comes from Sheppard's files, at the Vineland Historical Society in Vineland, N.J. Anna and her second husband, Bacon Bowen, had four children 1792-1797. Anna died in 1821."

⁷⁹ Reported by family, and a GS (where?)

⁸⁰ Reported by family.

RB_023 is currently living in Georgia and had one of the strongest DNA matches (67/67). What is known about this line:

- PARENTS OF ALEX were born in Georgia according to the 1880 census.
- ALEXANDER BOWEN^X was born about 1820 in Georgia and died after 1880. He married **Frances Minix** of Telfair County, Georgia. Frances was born about 1830 and died after 1880 (although she may have been born in 1813 and died after 1900).⁸¹ I have a public tree on ancestry called "Alexander Bowen RB_023."
- GEORGE^{X+1} WASHINGTON BOWEN was born about 25 March 1847⁸² and married **Molsie Minix**. Molsie was born about 1845.⁸³ He may have married (2) Isabell and had five children with her.⁸⁴
- ARCHIE^{X+2} CLARK BOWEN was born about 24 Sept 1873 and died 27 March 1964 in Georgia. He married Sallie.

RB_017 hails from a Kentucky family that made a clean move from Rhode Island in the mid 1800's to Kentucky. Multiple census records state that the for-father, Horace Bowen, was born in Rhode Island, but we can find no other records of him in RI. The strongest DNA tests are with the 37 marker tests: GD=1 to RB_003 and RB_020 and GD=2 to RB_012, RB_019, and RB_023.

HORACE^X BOWEN was born at Rhode Island about 1813.⁸⁵ He married **Nancy Brown** before 1840 (first daughter Elizabeth who born in Kentucky). Nancy was born in Kentucky. I have made a public tree on ancestry called "Horace Bowen RB_017."

Our primary evidence is in census records. In 1840 he was in Kentucky with 1 male under 5 and 2 females under 5. The census of 1850, 1860, 1880 indicate 10 children: Elizabeth (b 1840), **Samuel** (b. 1845), Edwin (b. 1847), Judy (b. 1849), Albert (b. 1852), Watterman (b. 1854), Mary (b. 1854), Lydia (b. 1858), George (b. 1859) and Sarah (b. 1850, but it not in the 1860 census). It appears that 2 of the children in the 1840 census died before 1850.

They lived in Deckers, Ohio County, Kentucky and in 1880 the parents and **Samuel** have moved 240 miles north to Philo, Illinois.

⁸¹ Federal Census 1900: "Frances A is listed as the mother of George . She is age 87 and had 11 children and 5 are living in 1900. George's birth is "Mar 1846" and his years of marriage are listed as " 34-" with 13 as a replacement.

⁸² Findagrave (death date matches pension records): <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=46278874&ref=acom>

⁸³ In the 1860 census she is listed as Molcy Minnicks, daughter of William and Molcy Minnicks both aged 55.

⁸⁴ Federal Census, 1920: GW Bowen (74) with wife Isabell (49) and children Essie (15), Minnie (12), Frank (11), Blanche (9) and Preston(8). The census was recorded 19 Jan 1920 and pension records indicate George died 2 Feb 1920. The child's name "Minnie" is close to the last name of George's first (?) wife Molsie Minix and mother Francis Minix Bowen. The are living in Milan, GA and living next to a "G.L. Bowen, age 40.). Note: Preston was born 1924 so we may want to chase him down.

⁸⁵ He is born RI (consistent in three census) as were his parents; she is born in Kentucky and her parents were born in Virginia.

RB_023 hails from Rhode Island (no DNA test yet). Many records put James Bowen as being born in Vermont, married in Nova Scotia in 1824 where about seven children were born through 1840. His eldest son marries in Boston in 1847 and soon after all children move to the Boston suburbs.

- **JAMES BOWEN** was born at Vermont about 1810. He married Sarah Uhlman 1824 at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.⁸⁶ She was born at New Brunswick. She may have died 9 Dec 1853 at Boston.⁸⁷ Children:
 - GEORGE, b. 1824 at New Brunswick,⁸⁸ d. 1824
 - JOHN THOMAS, b. at St John, N.B. 23 Nov 1825, died 22 Oct 1909 at Somerville, Mass. He marries Martha Kimball in Boston 1847.
 - Robert, b. 1830, d. 1871. No evidence.
 - JAMES, b. 1830⁸⁹, d. 1871⁹⁰ at St John.
 - Edward, b. 1832. No evidence.
 - WILLIAM, b. at St. John, N.B. 26 Nov 1837, died at Chelsea, Mass 3 Sept 1890. He married at Boston, 30 Jan 1859, Fannie Ray. She was born in St. John's, NB and was the daughter of Francis and Eliza Ray. He arrived in Boston 1 Sept 1851 and became a citizen 2 Jan 1857.⁹¹ His naturalization was attested by John T Bowen (possible older brother) and Benjamin Ellis.
 - **CHARLES FREDERICK BOWEN** (*James*) was born 12 May 1840⁹² at St. John, N.B. and died 6 January 1920 at Newton, Mass.⁹³
 - Robert Sidney, b. about 1876 at San Rafael, California.
 - WILLARD LEE, b. 20 July 1875 at Boston.⁹⁴ He married Annie L. Pray 28 Oct 1897 at Natick, Mass. He was a bookkeeper she was a Clerk born in Washington, DC.

3.0 DNA Analysis

We now have 18 participants in the study who have taken DNA tests. One challenge in presenting the data is that people have taken a mix of 12-marker (18 results), 25-marker (13), 37-marker (13), 67-marker (6) and 111-marker (2) tests. I am asking people to focus on the 37 marker test at a minimum but springing for the 67 marker test would

⁸⁶ "Nova Scotia Vital Records, 1763-1957," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KMLB-T58> : 8 December 2014), James Bowen and Sarah Uhlman, 1824, Marriage; citing p. 5040, volume 1800, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada; Nova Scotia Archives, Halifax.

⁸⁷ Deaths in the City of Boston. She is listed as age 49, most compelling evidence is that it says she was born in "Nova Scotia" which had fluid borders with NB in the 1800s.

⁸⁸ Ancestry: Extracts from the 1851 Federal Census of York County, Microfilm #C998, C1717 & M5221, National Archives of Canada, Ottawa.

⁸⁹ Ancestry – no evidence.

⁹⁰ New Brunswick Directory for 1871, The Genealogical Research Library, Toronto, 1984., Vol 171.

⁹¹ US District Court Records, Mass, V25, p. 199.

⁹² Death Cert. p 78.

⁹³ Mass Death Certificate, Newton, Mass, Page 78. He was

⁹⁴ Massachusetts, Delays and Corrected Vital Records, v. 8, p 132.

really improve our overall results.⁹⁵ We now have enough results that for each test we have multiple “perfect” scores (e.g., 25 matches for the 25 marker test), heretofore called a *cluster*. We’ll often use the acronym GD, for genetic difference, which measures how many markers changed between two tests.⁹⁶

12 Marker test: We now have 18 results.⁹⁷

- 14 tests have a 12/12 match: RB_001, RB_002, RB_003, RB_006, RB_008, RB_009, RB_010, RB_011, RB_012, RB_014, RB_017, RB_020, RB_023.
- GD=1 for RB_004, RB_005 (Father & Son): Marker 5 (385a) is 28 instead of the dominant results of 27.
- GD=1 for RB_007: Marker 12 (389-2) is 14 instead of the dominant result of 13.
- GD=2 for RB_018: This is from a potential Wales connection to the surname Lewis (we’ll discuss this more later).

25 marker test: We now have 13 results.⁹⁸

- Marker 25 (464-d) is known to vary and our results show it:
 - o 7 results have a value of 14 (dominant); 6 have a value of 13.
- This is creating two clusters of results which only vary for marker 25.
 - o Match of 25/25 for RB_010, RB_011, RB_012, RB_019, RB_023 (#25=14)
 - One test is GD=1 from this cluster: RB_004
 - o Match of 25/25 for RB_003, RB_009, RB_017, RB_020 (#25=13)
 - Two tests are GD=1 from this second cluster: RB_008 & RB_014.
 - o RB_018 (The potential Wales person is GD=2 from the second cluster; GD=1 from one known Bowen (RB_004).
- At this point, there seems to be no evidence that Marker 25 delineates a distinct line since Obadiah² and Richard² have descendants in both clusters.

The 37 marker test: We now have 13 results.

- We now have two clusters that match 37/37 (and are GD=2 from each other).
 - o Cluster 1: RB_012, RB_019, and RB_023.
 - o Cluster 2: RB_003, RB_020.
- Two tests are GD=1 from each cluster (RB_010 from Cluster 1; RB_017 from cluster 2)
- Two tests (RB_008, RB_009) are GD=2 from both clusters.
- Two tests are GD=2 from each cluster (RB_014 from Cluster 1; RB_009 from cluster 2)
- Two tests are GD=3 from each cluster (RB_011 from Cluster 1; RB_018 from cluster 2)
- Marker 35 (CDY-b) really varies in these results: 6 tests @ 40; 4 tests @ 39; 1 test @ 41; 1 test @ 38; 1 test 37.

The 67 marker test: We now have 6 results. Even a match as low as 62/67 or a GD=6 is considered “related” (Your common ancestor is not very recent, but your mismatch is likely within the range of most well established surname lineages in Western Europe.).⁹⁹ Since the MCRA for many of these participants is 10-12 generations back, these are positive for what we are trying to accomplish.

⁹⁵ <https://www.familytreedna.com/y-dna-compare.aspx>

⁹⁶ http://isogg.org/wiki/Genetic_distance

⁹⁷ <http://www.wnconline.net/~hermes/gsdnap/comparing12.html>

⁹⁸ <http://www.wnconline.net/~hermes/gsdnap/comparing25.html>

⁹⁹ <http://www.wnconline.net/~hermes/gsdnap/comparing67.html>

- We now have two results that match 67/67 (RB_019, RB_023)
- One test is GD=2 from the cluster.
- Two tests are GD=4 from the cluster.
- RB_018 (The non-Bowen one) is GD=5 from the clusters and GD=3 from RB_004.

The 111 marker test: We now have 2 results: RB_019 & RB_010 match 105/111.

We have two SNP results. The CT4803 matched for RB_008 and RB_010. RB_010 also tested for Z177187. Note that the MCRA for these two participants is Richard¹.

In Table 1 we have provide a table summarizing the “best” result for each participant across the multiple tests. Table 2 shows where the variation in the tests are found.

Test ID	12 Marker Test	25 Marker Test	37 Marker Test	67 Marker Test	111 Marker test
RB_001	12/12 in cluster of 14.				
RB_002	12/12 in cluster of 14.				
RB_003	12/12 in cluster of 14.	25/25 in cluster of 5 (Cluster 2)	37/37 is cluster of 2 (Cluster 2)		
RB_004	GD=1	GD=1 from cluster 2	GD=2 from Cluster 2	GD=4 from cluster of 2	
RB_005	12/12 in cluster of 14.				
RB_006	12/12 in cluster of 14.				
RB_007	GD=1				
RB_008	12/12 in cluster of 14.	GD=1 from cluster 2	GD=2 from Cluster 1 & 2		
RB_009	12/12 in cluster of 14.	25/25 in cluster of 5 (Cluster 2)	GD=2 from Cluster 1 & 2		
RB_010	12/12 in cluster of 14.	25/25 in cluster of 5 (Cluster 1)	GD=1 from Cluster 1	GD=2 from cluster of 2	105/111 from RB_019
RB_011	12/12 in cluster of 14.	25/25 in cluster of 5 (Cluster 1)	GD=2 from cluster 1		
RB_012	12/12 in cluster of 14.	25/25 in cluster of 5 (Cluster 1)	37/37 in cluster of 3 (Cluster 1)		
RB_014	12/12 in cluster of 14.	GD=1 from cluster 2	GD=2 from cluster 1; GD=1 from RB_014)		
RB_017	12/12 in cluster of 14.	25/25 in cluster of 5 (Cluster 2)	GD=1 from Cluster 2	GD=4 from cluster of 2	
RB_018	GD=2	GD=2 from cluster 2; GD=1 from RB_004	GD=3 from Cluster 2	GD=5 from cluster of 2	
RB_019	12/12 in cluster of 14.	25/25 in cluster of 5 (Cluster 1)	37/37 in cluster of 3 (Cluster 1)	67/67 in cluster of 2	105/111 from RB_010
RB_020	12/12 in cluster of 14.	25/25 in cluster of 5 (Cluster 2)	37/37 is cluster of 2 (Cluster 2)		
RB_023	12/12 in cluster of 14.	25/25 in cluster of 5 (Cluster 1)	37/37 in cluster of 3 (Cluster 1)	67/67 in cluster of 2	

Table 1. Summary of "best tests" for all participants.

Table 2 shows a summary of where we are seeing variations. Note that markers 25 and 35 are the most volatile, essentially splitting the population into two groups. Right now these groups are all equally spread across Richard¹ descendants, but there is a possibility there is a mistake in the first few generations that more data may shed light on.¹⁰⁰

Marker #	Name	Dominant Value	Frequency (raw)	Frequency (%)	Other values
5	385a	13	16/18	88.9%	14
12	389a	29	15/18	83.3%	28
21	449	31	11/13	84.6%	32
25	464d	14	7/13	53.8%	13
30	456	16	11/13	84.6%	15,17
33	570	19	12/13	92.3%	20
34	CDYa	36	10/13	76.9%	38,39

¹⁰⁰ I am not suggesting there is a mistake, but given that in the first three generations there are 4 Richards, 2 Thomas and 2 Obadiah, there could be a father-son that is in the wrong branch.

35	CDYb	40	6/13	46.2%	37,38,39, 41
46	406S1	12	5/6	83.3%	11
60	446	18	4/6	66.7%	17,19

Table 2.

4.0 The Welsh Connection

John Myles (1621-1683) was a reverend in Rehoboth, Mass who was kicked out of the town for his Baptist views and became one of the founders of Swansea, Mass. It was well documented that was Baptist preacher in Wales at a church in Ilston (on the Gower Peninsula in Swansea, Wales).¹⁰¹ This church is located about two kilometers behind the present day Gower Inn¹⁰² where you can find the original foundation of the church with a plaque that reads “To Commemorate the foundation in this valley of the first Baptist Church in Wales 1649-60 and to honor the memory of its founder John Myles.”¹⁰³

We found our first potential link to Wales after stumbling upon an FTDNA result from the **Lewis family**, that was fairly close to many of the Bowen’s. I would characterize the DNA test as “close” meaning, “probably related at some point in European history. The subject was GD=1 for one well document Bowen on the 25 marker test; GD=2 from two Bowen’s who had a 37/37 match; and GD=5 for two Bowen’s who matched 67/67.

This family came to America from Wales around 1865 when Wales’s coal industry crashed and there was rampant unemployment. Stephen Lewis was first seen in the 1870 census in Pennsylvania as a 65 year old man with 4 children all born in Wales. His son married 15 August 1872 at the Welsh Baptist Church, Minersville, PA. His wife was Hannah was born at Aberdale, Wales. Stephen Lewis, Jr was born at Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorganshire, Wales 17 Sept 1839. Researchers believe his grandfather is Evan Lewis who married 7 May 1805, Mariah Morgan, at Maenclochog, Pembrokeshire, Wales. Little is know about Evan Lewis, but the name “Evan” makes many mysterious appearances:

- In 1836 an “Evan Bowen” records the birth of a daughter two months before Stephen & Elizabeth Lewis record their daughters (these are adjacent entries in the original records).
- Stephen Lewis, Jr wife’s first husband was a man named Evans which is proven a stepson “William Evans” recorded in the 1880 census in Pennsylvania. William Evens was born in Wales and is Stephen Lewis’s stepson in Pennsylvania.
- The 1880 census has an “Evan B Evans” (from Wales) on the same page as the Stephen Lewis family.

¹⁰¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Myles

¹⁰² <https://goo.gl/maps/8EPF3nV4mNz>

¹⁰³ A more detailed story of Nicholas Bowen’s trip to Ilston can be found in Carl Boyers “Ancestral Lines: Third Edition,” Santa Clara, California, 1998, pp. 109-110.

This Lewis family lived about 38 miles from Illston, Wales and were Baptists! In addition, there were several Bowen's as members at the Baptist Church in Minersville, PA in the late 1800's.

Assuming that RB_018 is a match, there are several ways this could have happened.

1. Richard¹ Bowen in Wales could have had a cousin who was the forefather of this Lewis clan. We assume that Richard¹ Bowen's great-grandfather lived in a time when last names really did not exist. It is entirely plausible that a second or third cousin in the region adopted the name "Lewis" when it became cool to have two names.
2. A Lewis could have adopted a Bowen child.
3. It is possible that Richard¹ had brothers / cousins that stayed in Wales and sometime between 1640 and 1850 a Bowen male "fathered" a child with a Lewis woman.
4. Ditto on that story, but in Minersville, PA between 1865 and present day.

I think there are two genealogical steps that we can take.

1. Spend more time looking at the records of Steven Lewis in Wales in the mid 1850's back to 1750. We may find many other lines between the two families.
2. Spend more time looking at the Welsh Baptist Church in Minersville, PA.

Conclusion

The study has made good progress over the last nine years. For those that are already in the study, continued updates and references in Generations 6-8 are most welcome. For Bowen's that are not in the study we welcome more participation. Ultimately it would be great to have knowledge of all 91 male Bowen's born into the 5th generation. Finally, for any people that are testing close to the Bowen's on FTDNA we would welcome you. The experience we have found with the Lewis family and Wales brings us one step closer to finding the deep origins.

APPENDIX: Does Richard³ (*Thomas², Richard¹*) have any living descendants?¹⁰⁴

299. Thomas⁵ Bowen

1. Thomas was born 23 June 1752,¹⁰⁵ his children¹⁰⁶:
 - a. Zebulon (1777- 12 Jan 1840 at Oneonta, NY)
 - i. Zebulon (1830-1897) at Oneonta, NY)
 1. Wesley (1860- 1890)
 2. George (1859-)
 3. Charles (1873-)
 - b. John Bowen (1780-1856) ...census in 1850 age 70 wife Elenor
 - c. Asa Bowen (23 Mar 1785 at Cumberland – 14 Sept 1871 at Maryland)
 - i. James Bowen (13 Feb 1813 – 9 Sept 1902 at Maryland).
 - ii. Several others on ancestry with less information.
 - d. James Bowen (20 July 1787- _
 - e. Thomas Bowen (1791-)
2. Cyrell was born 28 July 1757
 - a. Thomas was born at Rehoboth 20 July 1784.¹⁰⁷
 - b. Benjamin was born at Rehoboth 29 Jan 1787¹⁰⁸ and married Sophia Thompson at Leominster 16 June 1808.
 - i. George Walter Bowen was born 22 May 1819 and died at Ipswich.
 1. Eugene (1844-1910)
 2. George Walter Jr (1846-1918)
 - ii. Arthur Bowen was born 1811 and died 15 May 1885 at Worcester.
 - iii. Allen Bowen was born at Rehoboth 1823 and died at Taunton, Mass 11 June 1903). He married Sarah Wood at Rehoboth 29 Oct 1854.

300. Ephraim⁵ Bowen

1. Jabez⁶ was born at Providence 2 June 1739.¹⁰⁹ Children and birth dates:
 - o Obadiah, 5 Oct 1763
 - o Oliver, 21 April 1767
 - o Mary, 28 June 1772
 - o Jabez, 20 Jan 1774
 - o Henry 8 Feb 1776
 - o Horatio Gates, 13 June 1779
 - o Henry, 5 Jan 1785
2. Oliver was born 1741 and married (2) in Chatham Co. Ga. 21 March 1798
3. William was born 8 mar 1747¹¹⁰ and married at Providence 6 Dec 1769 Sarah Corlis. He died 8 March 1747.¹¹¹
 - o George C (1775- 9 Feb 1795)¹¹² he was 21 at his death.
 - o William C (1785-1815)
 - William Corliss (1813- died 30 Mar 1853).
4. Pardon Bowen, b 26 Mar 1759, m Elizabeth Ward 10 Dec 1780.¹¹³ He is buried at Swan Point. Children include:
 - o Esther Bowen (1781 - 1782)*
 - o Esther Ward Bowen Greene (1786 - 1808)*
 - o Frances Bowen Greene (1788 - 1879)*
 - o Anna Eliza Bowen Greene (1796 - 1889)*
 - o Edward Bowen (1803 - 1804)*
 - o William W, b, 19 Jan 1784 (Arnold VR, p 10, PVD, 2:89
 - o William Corliss Bowen (adopted his nephew).
5. Ephraim was born 29 Aug 1753 and died 2 Sept 1841 (GS) . He married (1) Sally Angell 23 Feb 1777.¹¹⁴
 - o William Bradford Bowen (1777-1826), died at New York in his 49th year 26 Aug 1826. He was a resident of Cuba.¹¹⁵
 - o Gov. Jabez Bowen
6. Benjamin was born 17 Oct 1755 He married (1) Hannah Fenner. and married (2) at Thompson, Conn. 22 Feb 1797 (age 38) Ruth (Keith) Watson.

307. Benjamin⁵ Bowen (Jabez⁴, Richard³, Thomas², Richard¹) was born 5 Sept 1727 and died at Providence 1784 (at Providence):

¹⁰⁴ Richard³ is Person #40, Saxbe (v1, p. 295)

¹⁰⁵ RI VR Extracts, vol 3 Providence County: Cumberland Marriages, page 14: 1-48.

¹⁰⁶ Ancestry.com

¹⁰⁷ RVR, p. 549.

¹⁰⁸ RVR, p. 549.

¹⁰⁹ VR RI, p 212 1-148.

¹¹⁰ VR Prov, p 10, 1:48, and 2-12.

¹¹¹ RI Extracts. XVIII, p 284. Makes reference to a sketch in Projo but is dated 28 Jan 1832.

¹¹² RI Extracts, v 13, p 193.

¹¹³ PVD 2:89

¹¹⁴ P. 2000 Arnold Churches, Pawtucket & Westport. Her father was Nathan Angel.

¹¹⁵ RI Extracts, V XVIII, p 283

1. Joseph was born 1757 and married (1) Hannah Simmon 1782 (b. 1767-1824)
 - a. Clovis H Bowen was born 9 May 1801 and died 5 Jan 1875. He married (1) Sarah S. Congdon (20 June 1821 – 2 March 1842) and (2) Nancy W. Steere (7 Feb 1830 – 3 Sept 1902).¹¹⁶
 - i. Clovis Henry Bowen (1853-1920) ... Gloucester, RI
 1. Edward (1884-)... he only had 2 girls.
 - ii. Edward Steere (1850-) m. Elma.
 1. Joseph (b. 15 April 1891)...married but no children?
 2. Harold (b. 22 July 1896)...age 33 he was single living with parents.
 - iii. Jabez (1859-1859)
 - iv. Herbert Anthony Bowen (1861-1920)
 - b. Joseph (1788 - 25 Aug 1831 at Gloucester).¹¹⁷
 - c. Clovis (1790-1798)
 - d. Francis S Bowen (1813- 5 May 1853 in Ohio).
 - i. Francis Craig Bowen (1853-1923)
 1. Dr William Francis Bowen (25 Dec 1872 at Wamego, KS – 25 July 1951 at Topeka, KS)
 - a. Children on ancestry all “private”
 2. Harry Justice Bowen (5 April 1877 Topeka – 8 Jan 1966 @ Topeka)
 - a. James Dinnwiddie Bowen (13 Dec 1905 – 4 Oct 1952 @ Topeka)
 - b. Francis Craig Bowen (20 Dec 1909 Topeka, 29 Sept 1991 Detroit)
 - c. Harry J Bowen (18 Mar 1911 – 12 Oct 1994)
 - d. Clovis Wlaker Bowen (29 March 1912 – 18 Dec 1996).

309. Caleb⁵ Bowen

1. Edmund Carrington Bowen, b. about 1767.
2. Charles Thornton Bowen, b. about 1769.

¹¹⁶ GS at Acotes Hill Cemetery, Chepachet, RI. (cross road of Tourtellot Road). It is 5 foot high square granite one so it should be easy to find.

¹¹⁷ RI VR Extracts, v 20, p 598.