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**THE BOWEN, LINDLEY AND CARPENTER FAMILIES:
A MIGRATION FROM MASSACHUSETTS TO VERMONT**
by Nicholas S. Bowen

Introduction

This story is about two men from Rehoboth, Massachusetts, **Isaiah Lindley** and **Nathan Bowen**, who collectively would have twenty-two children of which six would marry and ultimately thirteen would move to Royalton, Vermont. Central to the migration is **Jonathan⁶ Carpenter, Jr.** and **David⁶ Carpenter** who were cousins from Rehoboth and were early settlers in Royalton and married sisters of the Sessions family.

Jonathan Carpenter kept an extensive journal that has been preserved.^[1] He went to work at his uncle Nathaniel Carpenter's house for two and a half years and for his joiners trade on 1 December 1774 and first enlisted in his uncle's company on 10 December 1775 when he was eighteen for a month long mission to Roxbury and Brookline. In this first company would be Nathan Hix and Benjamin Bosworth who would both later marry two of the Lindley girls and relocate to Royalton.

Jonathan Carpenter enlisted on the Privateer Brigg Reprisal under Capt. James Brown for \$2 per day on 11 December 1777. This voyage went awry when in February 1778 they chased a ship for two hours which turned out to be the 20-gun ship Unicorn in service of the "Tyrant King of Great Briton" and they were captured and put in chains. They were brought back to Rhode Island Harbor and put on the prison ship Clibborn and in April finally departed for Portsmouth England for a 28-day passage. In July they were put on the ship General Jiflin, an American privateer commanded by George Wade Babcock and they arrived in Boston on 1 November 1779. Carpenter returned to Rehoboth on 4 November after being gone for two years.

On 3 March 1780 he "received \$150, the prize money due me for the prizes taken by the Jiflin October last"^[2] and with that money he sets out with David Carpenter decided to travel "to the northern country to seek my fortune."^[3]

His journal provides a remarkable historical record of many Rehoboth folks who had relocated to points north of Rehoboth. Whenever he travelled, he would make stops every

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1. Miriam Herwig and Wes Herwig ed., *Jonathan Carpenter's Journal: Being the Diary of a Revolutionary War Soldier and Pioneer Settler of Vermont*, (Randolph Center, Vt.: Greenhill Books, 1994), [hereafter *Jonathan Carpenter's Journal*].
 2. *Jonathan Carpenter's Journal* [note 1], 67.
 3. Ibid.

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A Migration From Massachusetts to Vermont"
in *Vermont Genealogy*, 27 [2022]: 78-91]

2-5 miles and record the town, the person he visited, and the miles between stops. In a typical day he would travel 20-30 miles and make five or more stops. We find Perrins in Upton, Mass., Bicknells in Grafton, Mass., Pecks in Swanzey, N.H. and N. Carpenter^[4] in Guilford, Vt.

On 28 April 1780, he hikes through Sharon to “Royalton Parkhursts” then “up River to Stephensens’ across the ferry” and comments “Good land on Ye River.” After spending the night in Bethel he returned to work for his landlord Parkhurst and makes several observations: “This town settled 8 years,” “No settled minister” and “wild land sold for 45s per acres ye old way.”^[5]

David and Jonathan Carpenter inspected lands from Guilford to Royalton and bought 100 acres in Pomfret, Vt. By July 1780 they had cleared 8 acres of their land and had enlisted with 25 men in Pomfret to form minutemen. On 16 October they hear that Royalton has been plundered and burned and they set off to the Bethel Fort and the next day marched with Colonel Woodward to help to chase the enemy.

A letter from Lieutenant Richard Houghton to General Haldimand in Montreal on 26 October 1780 describes the devastation that happened that day [*sic*]:^[6]

“I was discovered several times on my march by some hunters and two small scouts of Whitcombs’ from Cohos which obliged me to alter my course & struck upon White River about eighteen miles from where it emptys itself in Connecticut River the Name of the place Royal Town, I burned twenty eight dwelling Houses, thirty two Barns full of grain and one new barn not quite finislied, one Saw and one Gris Mill, killed all the black Cattle, sheep, Piggs of which there was a great quantity, there was but very little hay. We burned close to a Stocaded Port wherein there was a Captain and 60 men but they could not turn out after us.”

He closes the letter with an ominous postscript: “I got 32 Prisoners & 4 scalps.”

A view from the other side can be found in an account of their march has come down to us through Jonathan Carpenter. Carpenter had enlisted August 15th, 1780, in Capt. Benjamin Cox’s Company of Rangers, stationed at Fort Defiance, Barnard [*sic*]:

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4. This was the Nathaniel Carpenter mentioned in: Amos B. Carpenter *A Genealogical History of the Rehoboth Branch of the Carpenter Family in America Brought Down From Their English Ancestor, John Carpenter, 1303, with Many Biographical Notes of Descendants and Allied Families* (Amherst, Mass.: Press of Carpenter & Morehouse, 1898), 266.
 5. *Jonathan Carpenter’s Journal* [note 1], 72-73.
 6. Evelyn M. Wood Lovejoy, *History of Royalton Vermont with Family Genealogies 1769-1911* (Burlington, Vt.: Free Press Printing Company, 1911), [**hereafter** *History of Royalton, Vt.*] 138-139.

“Oct. 16. This morning we were alarm’d by intelligence that the enemy were burning and Plundering at Royalton and it was supposed that ye woods were full of them I went out on a scout round ye north part of Barnard about 10 miles & in again but Discovered nothing, by this time some of ye inhabitants had come into the garrison, and a Party went to meet the enemy (or at Least to look for them) at about twelve o’clock at Night I went out in a Party of 11 men with Lieut. Green, with 4 days provisions we marched (by night) to bethel fort from whence upwards of 100 men had just gone under Capt. Safford to Royalton—ye 17 from thence we marched to Col. Woodward’s at Middlesex about 15 miles from Barnard fort and 8 from Bethel fort, (it snowed almost all day) there we were joined by 19 more & sot of toward the hight of Land in hopes of coming across our main boddy, & coming to a house in Middlesex burning which we judged to have been fired by the enemy about 4 hours—we took their (trail) and followed into Brookfield & finding our men did not follow we encamped that night, but ye Middlesex men returned back, but ye next morning ye 18th, we followed on about 4 miles further onto ye heighth of Land & finding we should not be joined by more men & our Party but 14 which we thought to smal a number to ingage whom we judged to be 300 by ye path they made..... we heard that the Enemy had burnt and Destroy’d Royalton, & some houses in Sharon & Middlesex &c and have taken off upwards of 20 prisoners and killed 7. Notwithstanding they were fired upon by ye advance guard of upwards of 400 men, which indeed put them to great confusion but they killed 2 prisoners.”^[7]

The burning was certainly a watershed moment with many of the settlers remaining and slowly rebuilding which took a long time.^[8] Records from before and just after the burning are sparse. Three Royalton families moved back in 1782 (there had been 14 before the burning). Jonathan Carpenter returned to Rehoboth by 10 December 1781 and seems to have grown a cynical streak writing in his journal “April 1, 1782. Rehoboth Election! All fools!”

The Parents

Thomas Lindley, a 28-year-old blacksmith, arrived in Boston on 25 June 1716 on the ship *Globe* from England.^[9] Within a year he married Experience Ide in Rehoboth, Mass., on 9 May 1717. Experience was the daughter of Capt. Timothy³ and Elizabeth (Cooper) Ide. The will of Timothy Ide³ leaves Experience Lindley wife of Thomas Lindey £30/20 in a year, and £29 at discretion of executors; “the Reason why I leave the time of payment of the Twenty Nine Pounds to the discretion of my Executors is because my Son in Law

7. *Jonathan Carpenter’s Journal* [note 1], 78-79.

8. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 174.

9. John M. Lindley, *The History of the Lindley, Lindsley - Linsley Families in America. 1639-1924*, (Winfield, Iowa: privately printed, 1924), [hereafter *History of the Lindley, Lindsley - Linsley Families*] 2: 433-453.

[Thomas] Lindley proves such a bad husband that I would prevent its Coming into his hands and so spent without any profit to my Daughter for whose use, benefit and comfort I intend it in my bequest.”^[10] His son, Isaiah was born on 1 December 1731 at Rehoboth, Massachusetts married Anna Clanning/Channing in 1752.^[11] Anna was born in Barrington, R.I., on 2 December 1735. Perhaps following in his father’s steps Isaiah was near the bottom of the Rehoboth economic ladder in 1769 where 97 people had more real property and 14 had less.^[12] Beginning in 1752 they had 12 daughters all born in Rehoboth. By 1785 six of them were married but the marriage rate slowed and it took until 1793 for two more daughters to be married, then two stragglers would marry in Royalton in 1797/1799 and two would never marry.

NATHAN⁵ (*Jabez*⁴, *Joseph*³, *Obadiah*², *Richard*¹) **BOWEN** was born in Rehoboth, Mass., on 12 September 1729. Nathan married Lettice Millard in Rehoboth, Mass., on 22 April 1753. Lettice was born in Rehoboth, Mass., on 20 January 1735/6. They would have 10 children. Nathan Bowen lived at present day 26 Kelton Street in Rehoboth which he built around 1785 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.^[13] The Lindley’s lived about 1.5 miles south of Nathan’s house on what is now called Lindley Lane which starts at the junction of Plain Street and Brook Street.^[14] It is now a path in the woods that runs about a quarter mile east to the edge of Munwhague Swamp where there is a cellar ruins of the Lindley House. The town of Rehoboth is currently in the process of buying the land for preservation.

The Migration

Nearly 50% of all these children would end up migrating to Royalton, Vermont. For completeness, **Table 1** shows the children that stayed in the Rehoboth area. One interesting story is that a father and son married two Lindley sisters within six months. Mary Lindley was born on 2 September 1754 and married widower Nathan Hix on 30 January 1785 at Rehoboth.^[15] Nathan Hix was born on 23 August 1742 at Rehoboth^[16] to

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10. Richard LeBaron Bowen, *Early Rehoboth Documented Historical Studies of Families and Events in This Plymouth Colony Township*, 4 vols. (privately printed, 1945-1950) [hereafter *Early Rehoboth*], 1: 121. This references Bristol Co., Mass., Probate Records, 2: 236.
 11. The controversy in her last name is discussed in the genealogy section.
 12. *Early Rehoboth*, 4: 109. “Fourth List of the Polls & Personal of said fourth Company in Rehoboth Taken by us the Subscribers In 1769.”
 13. <https://npgallery.nps.gov/AssetDetail/NRIS/83000633>.
 14. Personal communication with Otis Dyer, Jr., dated 7 Oct. 2015.
 15. James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642-1896. Marriages, Intentions, Births, Deaths, ...* (Providence, R.I.: Narragansett Historical Publishing Company, 1897) [hereafter *Vital Record of Rehoboth*], 178, citing original record, 3: 305, by Elder John Hix.
 16. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 635, citing original record 3: 99. This was the only Nathan between 1716 and 1770. They were married by Elder John Hix.

John and Hannah Gelusha Hix.^[17] He married first Sarah Bullock on 7 December 1763.^[18] Their first son Jacob was born in Rehoboth, on 28 September 1764 and they had five more children through 1776.^[19] Sarah died on 11 February 1784 and is listed as wife of “Lieut. Nathan Hix.” The year following Sarah’s death, Nathan Hix marries, on 30 January 1785, Mary Lindley (age 31) and Nathan’s son Jacob Hix (age 21) marries, on 2 July 1785 Mary’s litter sister Ester Lindley (age 18) becoming a brother-in-law of his son. Capping off the year Nathan and Mary had a child Nathan born on 17 November 1785 at Rehoboth where they would have six additional children.^[20] The elder Nathan would remain in Rehoboth and Jacob and Ester would remove to Royalton.

Table 1: The Children that remained in Rehoboth area.

Lindley Child	Bowen Child	Other Spouse	Marriage
	Martha	Joseph Mathews	1774
	Avis	Joseph Horton	1776
	Lettice	Stephen Lee	1778
Patience	Nathan		1784
Mary (m1)		Nathan Hix(m2)	1785
Sarah	Aaron		1785
Lucretia		Wheeler Horton	1792

Table 2 shows the two of the Bowen sons that left Rehoboth for other parts.

Lindley Child	Bowen Child	Spouse	Marriage	Homestead (post-marriage)
	Grizzel	Jotham Horton	1772 ^[21]	Oswego, NY
	Samuel	Polly Holmes	1778	Possibly Poland, ME. ^[22]

17. *Vital Record of Rehoboth [note 14]*, 176, citing original record 2: 152. They were married 5 June 1735, by Rev. David Turner.

18. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* 3: 339, Arnold’s p, 177.

19. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* 4: 85, Arnold’s p. 636.

20. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* 4: 85, Arnold’s 636. The last birth entry indicates “of Nathan and Mary, 2nd wife”

21. Margaret R. Jenks and Frank Seymour, *Thomas Horton of Milton and Rehoboth Massachusetts*, (privately printed, 1984), [hereafter *Thomas Horton of Milton and Rehoboth, Mass.*], Jotham Horton, Jr. is person #4.34.

22. Joseph C. Anderson, ed., *Maine Families in 1790*, vol. 12 (Waterville, Me.: Maine Genealogical Society, 2021) [hereafter *Maine Families in 1790, vol. 12*], 43-49. The vital records for Samuel are scant and the towns in the area went through a variety of divisions and renaming. Ten children: first six recorded in Poland, Me. (1788-1798), last four are not recorded (1801-1808).

Ten of the Bowen-Lindley children would migrate to Royalton. There were eight Lindley girls, 3 Bowen boys, and one Bowen-Lindley couple.

Table 2: The children that migrated to Royalton

Lindley Child	Bowen Child	Spouse	Marriage	Royalton Appearance
Experience			Never	Moved as single girl with her parents.
Elizabeth		Benjamin Emmerson	1779	Settled in Royalton in 1797 on M. 41 L.A. » ^[23]
Barbara		Benjamin Bosworth	1784	Before birth of son David, who was “probably” b 1 Feb 1797 in Royalton. ^[24]
Ester		Jacob Hick	1785	Married in Rehoboth, bought Royalton land in 1797.
	David	Betsey Cushing	1788	Possibly 1789.
	Jonathan	Patience Pierce	1790	In 1792 his ear mark and his first deed are recorded in Royalton. ^[25]
Hannah	Jabez		1793	They married in 1793 Rehoboth and came to Royalton in 1795.
Martha		Jacob Huntington	1797	Moved as single girl with her parents.
Anna		Joseph Bowman	1799	Moved as single girl with her parents. Joseph “On March 16, 1789, bought 102 acres in 25 L. A. of Isaac Bowman, who had purchased this in 1783.” ^[26] ”
Lydia			Never	Moved as single girl with her parents.

23. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 780.

24. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 693.

25. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 806.

26. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 698.

The first event we can find from a Rehoboth person with close ties to the Bowen-Lindley families was when Asa⁵ (*Nathaniel⁴, Samuel³, John², John¹*) Perrin bought 10 T.P. ("Town Plot") in October 1782 but did not take possession until after he wrote in his diary, entry 10 March 1783 "Sat out for Royalton" with sons Nathaniel, Asa and Greenfield.^[27] They had been residents of Woodstock, Connecticut. Asa was a cousin by marriage of Isaiah Lindley.

It was on 19 April 1783 when the official truce was established with Britain and after eight years of hardships in Rehoboth they became hostile towards "absentees"-people who had left and wanted to return. There was also a grim financial outlook, unstable town government and the farming town was getting saturated with farmers.^[28] The population had a peak in the 1790 census at 4,710 people and would decline to 4,656 by the 1800 census.^[29]

It is not known whether David or Jonathan Bowen were the first to Royalton, where one author in the same book seems to give them both credit for being first; she writes "David was probably the first of the Bowen family to come to Royalton, being here as early as 1789" and later "It is thought "Jonathan Bowen, according to tradition, was the first of the name to remove from Rehoboth to Royalton."^[30] He does not appear in the census of 1790 or 1791^[31] and in 1792 his ear mark and his first deed are recorded in Royalton.

David Bowen married **Betsey Cushing** on 14 December 1788 (int. published at Putney, Vt.). David and Betsey started in Putney, had 8 children (3 sons), raised them in Royalton, and many of the children spent their lives in Bethel, Vt. David is the only Bowen in the Royalton census of 1791.^[32]

Jonathan Bowen was born on 13 August 1769 at Rehoboth and married first on 6 March 1790 **Patience Pierce**. Jonathan would have a total of 11 children, 6 with Patience. Their fourth child, William Bradford Bowen died on 2 April 1802 "aged 1 yr. 1 mo. 15 d." They also named their fifth child William Bradford Bowen, who was born on 17 March 1803. Patience Pierce died in 1805. Jonathan's brother, Nathan⁶ who married Patience Lindley and remained in Rehoboth would reuse the "William Bradford" name for his last child who was born in 1808.

Despite who was first, there seemed to be agreement quirky behaviors: "David [*Bowen*] was fond of his cups, and he is said to have once ridden his horse into the schoolhouse and jumped it through the window. Though lacking proper self-control, he certainly

27. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 904.

28. Rehoboth Historical Commission and Rehoboth Antiquarian Society, Susan Ellen Snap, ed., *In Old Rehoboth Book I* (Taunton, Mass.: William S. Sullwold Publishing, 1979).

29. *Early Rehoboth Volume IV*, 117, 131.

30. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 806.

31. Not included in the 1790 US Census Rehoboth, Bristol Co., Mass. nor 1791 US Census Royalton, Windsor Co., Vt.

32. United States Bureau of the Census, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States taken in the Year 1790: Vermont* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1907), 63. The "1790" Census was taken in Vermont after its admission to the Union in 1791.

possessed a sense of honor, for he is found complaining of himself on May 18, 1796, for breach of the peace, and paid his fine like a man.” And “It is said that he [*Jonathan Bowen*] used to sleep in the loft of his log house, and pull the ladder up after him, as a safeguard from the wolves.”^[33] Erastus P. Williams wrote in his journal on 3 April 1834 “David Bowen was buried yesterday. He lived a drunkard’s life and died a drunkard’s death. An awful spectacle of the effects of hard drinking.”^[34]

Jacob⁶ (*James*⁵, *James*³, *Simon*², *Simon*¹) **Huntington** was born in Connecticut before his father bought a farm in Royalton “M. 40 L.A.” on 27 September 1793 but paid no tax until 1796. He married **Martha Lindley** on 20 March 1797.

Isaiah Lindley was still in Rehoboth in 1790 living with 5 females (children Experience & Lydia who never married, Hannah & Lucretia who would both be married in Rehoboth by 1793 and Anna who marries in Royalton in 1797). Isaiah signs his will in Rehoboth on 19 December 1792 where he names all his “beloved daughters” and specially mentions his 5 unmarried daughters (prior list minus Lucretia who married on 27 February 1792). He would have been in Rehoboth in February 1793 when Hanna was married. He likely moved to Royalton in 1796 when he and his wife sold land in Rehoboth on 8 November 1796 to Squire Pearce^[35] and purchased a small Royalton farm of Amasa Niles in October 1796.^[36] He brought four unmarried daughters: Experience (43), Anna (36), Martha (20), Lydia (15).

Jabez Bowen married **Hannah Lindley** on 18 February 1793 at Rehoboth, Mass.^[37] He was “first listed in [Royalton] 1795. His first deed was dated 12 October 1799 when he bought W. 35 L. A. of Laban Gates. He seems to have sold out about 1818 and removed to Bethel. In 1833 he was in Lewis, N.Y.”^[38]

Benjamin Emmerson travels from Nova Scotia to Rehoboth, marries **Elizabeth Lindley** and takes her back to Nova Scotia and later buys land in Royalton in 1797 where he dies in 1805.

Joseph Bowman was born in Bedford, Mass., on 19 September 1752.^[39] Joseph married first **Rebekah Freeman** who was born 2 October 1755 in Hardwick, Mass. They bought 50 acres in Barnard, Vt., in 1777. Two months after his wife died in 1799, he married 40-year-old single **Anna Lindley** in Royalton, Vt.

33. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 806.

34. <https://vermonthistory.org/documents/transcriptions/williams1834.pdf> Erastus P. Williams’ Diary – 1834 Transcribed by Steven Kung MS B W671, p. 10.

35. *History of Lindley Family*, 435; Bristol Co., Mass., Deeds, 129: 68, the deed was not recorded until 10 March 1830.

36. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 854.

37. *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 47.

38. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 697.

39. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 698.

There was a fairly notable migration from Royalton, Vt. to Potsdam, N.Y. that touched many in this story and is worth mentioning. Potsdam was the 7th town in New York formed after legislation passed on 21 February 1806.^[40] The hamlet of Hannawa Falls is four miles south of Potsdam. The first town meeting in Potsdam was held on 4 April 1806 where at least two Rehoboth names, Bester Pierce and David French were elected commissioners of highways. French was also elected “overseer of the poor.” Jacob Hicks died in Hanawa Falls, N.Y., on 30 April 1842 and Martha died on 17 August 1854.^[41] Jacob is buried in Garfield Cemetery, Potsdam, N.Y. Capt. Ebenezer Parkhurst lived on the edge of Sharon, Vermont and was a “man of great influence” who also had close business relations with Royalton. He came to Potsdam in 1804 with his third child, Roswell, who was born on 10 December 1773 at Sharon and died in Potsdam.^[42] Elkannah Banister married Patience Bowen (daughter of David & Betsey Bowen) and they “removed to Potsdam NY.”^[43]

Isaiah Lindley is buried in Royalton and his epitaph reads:

*Death is a Debt
To Nature Due
Which I have Paid
And So Must You*

Genealogical Summary

NATHAN⁵ BOWEN son of Jabez⁴(*Joseph³, Obadiah², Richard¹*) and Joanna (Salisbury) Bowen, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., on 12 September 1729 and died in Rehoboth, Mass., prior to 12 September 1814. Nathan married **LETTICE MILLARD** in Rehoboth, Mass., on 22 April 1753. Lettice, daughter of Joseph and Grizzell (Whitaker) Millard, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., on 20 January 1735/6 and died at an unknown time after signing one of her husband’s deeds January 1785.^[44]

Children of Nathan and Lettice (Millard) Bowen (i.-x.) b. Rehoboth, Mass.:^[45]

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40. Gates Curtis, ed., *Our County and Its People: A Memorial Record of St. Lawrence County, New York*, (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason & Company, 1894), 462.
 41. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 822.
 42. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 899.
 43. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 668.
 44. This section is partially sourced from work done by Richard LeBaron Bowen, Sr. dated 10 June 1933. He did not have David as a child, and did not have the spouse of Jonathan. It is also sourced from William B. Saxbe, Jr., *Richard Bowen (1594?–1675) of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, and His Descendants*, 4 vols. (Hope, R.I.: Rhode Island Genealogical Society, 2011–2017), [hereafter *Richard Bowen of Rehoboth, Mass.*] 3: 240-244 person #215.
 45. Only the first three children are listed in *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, [note 14] 548 citing original record 3: 63. The author possesses an original quit-claim against the estate of Nathan⁵ from sons, daughters & grandchildren dated 9 Sept. 1815. It is signed by all parties and provides some clarity as to the children and where they lived: Samuel Bowen, of “Washington County of Hancock, Commonwealth of Massachusetts”; David, Jonathan & Jabez Bowen all of “Royalton County of Windsor State of Vermont”; Jotham Horton of “Killingly County of <large blank space> State of Connecticut; heirs of Aaron Bowen; Lettice Lee, deceased; Martha Mathews, deceased; and Avis Horton, deceased.

- i. GRIZZEL⁶ BOWEN, b. 15 Oct. 1754, d. Oswego, N.Y., 24 Aug. 1846, bur. Stevens Cem.;^[46]
m. JOTHAM HORTON in Rehoboth, Mass., 14 Oct. 1772.^[47] Jotham, son of Jotham and Penelope (Round) Horton, b. Rehoboth, Mass., 30 July 1753,^[48] d. Oswego, N.Y., 8 Nov. 1846, bur. Stevens Cem.^[49]
- ii. LETTICE BOWEN, b. 14 March 1755, d. Swansea, Mass., 17 Sept. 1800, bur. Lee Cem.;^[50]
m. STEPHEN LEE in Swansea, Mass., 20 Dec. 1778.^[51] Stephen, son of Thomas and Miriam (Briggs), b. Swansea, Mass., 22 March 1755,^[52] d. Swansea, Mass., 2 Aug. 1821, bur. Lee Cem.^[53] They had five children between 1783 and 1795 in Swansea, Mass.: Lettis (b. 1783), Sarah (b. 1786), Stephen (b. 1788), David (b. 1793) and Elisabeth (b. 1795).^[54]
- iii. MARTHA BOWEN, b. 30 May 1756; m. JOSEPH MATHEWS in Rehoboth, Mass., 15 Dec. 1774.^[55] Joseph, son of Jeremiah and Susanna (Medbury) Matthews, b. Rehoboth, Mass., 26 Oct. 1752^[56] They had six children between 1775 and 1785 all born in Rehoboth: Lydia (b. 1775), Benjah (b. 1776), Martha (b. 1778), Rachel (b. 1780), Joseph (b. 1783), Susanna (b. 1785), James (b. 1787) and Nathan (b. 1789).^[57] Only their first child has a marriage recorded in Rehoboth in 1794.^[58] Joseph Matthews ran a brass works in Rehoboth.
- iv. DAVID BOWEN, b. say 1758, m. BETSEY CUSHING int. pub. in Putney, Vt., 14 Dec. 1788.^[59]
- v. SAMUEL BOWEN, b. 9 March 1760, d. Brooks, Me., 25 May 1840; m. POLLY HOLMES possibly in Poland, Me., bef. 1788.^[60] In 1840, Samuel resided with his son Barzillar Bowen in Brooks, Me.^[61]

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- 46. Grisell Horton, *findagrave.com/memorial/133489665*, "aged 91 years." Stevens Cemetery, circa 1799, is located about 7 miles southwest of Oswego, N.Y. about 1/10-mile south of intersection of NY 104A and Chapel Rd. The cemetery is right on the west side of Chapel Rd.
 - 47. *Thomas Horton of Milton and Rehoboth, Mass.*, Jotham Horton, Jr. is person #4.34
 - 48. *Thomas Horton of Milton and Rehoboth, Mass.*, 12.
 - 49. Jotham Horton, *findagrave.com/memorial/133489801*.
 - 50. Lettice Lee, *findagrave.com/memorial/142484103*.
 - 51. H.L. Peter Rounds transcriber, Jane Fletcher Fiske and Margaret F. Costello, editors, *Vital Records of Swansea Massachusetts to 1850* (Boston, NEHGS, 1992), [hereafter *Vital Records of Swansea Mass.*] 305 citing original Book C: Births & Marriages 1739-1858.
 - 52. *Vital Records of Swansea Mass.* [note 49], 378, citing original Book C: Births & Marriages 1739-1858, by Elder Jacob Hix.
 - 53. Stephen Lee, *findagrave.com/memorial/142484176*.
 - 54. *Vital Records of Swansea Mass.* [note 49], 305, citing original Book C: Births & Marriages 1739-1858.
 - 55. Richard LeBaron Bowen Sr.'s research notes list eight children of Martha: Lydia (b. 24 May 1775), Benjah (b. 18 Dec 1776), Martha (b. 14 Oct 1778), Rachal (b 2 Nov 1780), Joseph (b. Dec 1783), Susanna (b. 11 March 1785), James (b. 9 Aug 1787), Nathan (b. 24 Dec 1789).
 - 56. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 678, citing original record 3: 135.
 - 57. Richard LeBaron Bowen, Sr. notes list eight children of Martha: Lydia (b. 24 May 1775), Benjah (b. 18 Dec 1776), Martha (b. 14 Oct 1778), Rachal (b 2 Nov 1780), Joseph (b. Dec 1783), Susanna (b. 11 March 1785), James (b. 9 Aug 1787), Nathan (b. 24 Dec 1789).
 - 58. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 252, citing original record 4: 241, m. Lydia Matthews and Oliver Whitaker, 21 Dec. 1794, by Elder Jacob Hix.
 - 59. *Richard Bowen of Rehoboth, Mass.* [note 42], 3: 243.

- vi. NATHAN BOWEN, b. 2 April 1763, d. 5 April 1853. m. PATIENCE LINDLEY in Rehoboth, Mass., 1 Feb. 1784.^[62] Patience, b. 1 Sept. 1763, d. 24 Dec. 1856. They had 11 children, all born in Rehoboth: Nathan (b. 1 Sept. 1784), Benjamin (b. 1786), Darius Bowen (named 2nd as son in the will), Isaiah (named 3rd as son in the will), Patience (b. 1794), David (b. 1794), Avis (b. 1797), Lydia (b. 1798), Morrel (b. 1799), Lyndal (b. 9 Aug. 1804), and William Bradford (b. 20 June 1808).
- vii. AARON BOWEN, b. abt. 1764, d. Rehoboth, Mass., 16 May 1811;^[63] m. SARAH LINDLEY. SARAH, b. abt. 1765, d. Providence, R.I., 10 April 1845.^[64] Two children, both named Aaron who died young: the first d. 1805 (age 9), and the second d. 1818 (age 11).^[65]
- viii. JABEZ BOWEN, b. say 1766, m. HANNAH LINDLEY in Rehoboth, Mass., 18 Feb. 1793. Hannah, b. Rehoboth, Mass., 7 Nov. 1767, d. aft. 1850.
- ix. JONATHAN BOWEN, b. 13 Aug. 1769, d. Royalton, Vt., 7 Jan. 1838, bur. Hickey Bassett (Howe) Cem.;^[66] m. 1st PATIENCE PIERCE 6 Mar 1790. Patience, b. 31 March 1768, d. 1805; m. 2nd ESTER STEWART 2 Feb. 1806. Ester, b. 27 May 1785, d. 8 Sept 1812, bur. Hickey Bassett (Howe) Cem.;^[67] m. 3rd REBECCA (___) FOSTER; m. 4th NANCY PERKINS in Bolton, N.Y., 23 May 1826, as her 1st husband.
- x. AVIS BOWEN; m. JOSEPH HORTON in Rehoboth, Mass., 1 Nov. 1776,^[68] Avis d. bef. 7 Jan. 1799 when Joseph married 2nd LYDIA ROUND in Rehoboth, Mass.^[69] Their first child, James, was b. 2 Jan. 1778 at Rehoboth. They had five more children not recorded in Rehoboth, Mass.: John (b. ca. 30 Jan. 1782), Sarah/Sally (b. 1785), Avis (b. 1790), Penelope (b. 1791), and Lettis (b. 1792).^[70] Joseph and Lydia had five children. Joseph d. 28 Nov. 1810, bur. Thomas Cem., Swansea, Mass.^[71] Lydia d. Rehoboth, Mass., 16 July 1854,^[72] bur. Thomas Cem.^[73]

ISAIAH² LINDLEY (*Thomas¹*) was born in Rehoboth, Mass., on 26 January 1728^[74] and died in Royalton, Vt., on 5 August 1804 and was buried in Lindley Cemetery.^[75] Isaiah

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- 60. *Maine Families in 1790*, vol. 12, 43-49. It was only recently confirmed that Samuel was the son of Nathan⁵ Bowen via the discovery of an unrecorded quit-claim deed written after Nathan's death in 1814.
 - 61. *A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services...* (Washington: Blair and Rives, 1841, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Co., 1967), 12.
 - 62. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 46, citing original record 3: 304, by Elder Jacob Hix.
 - 63. Gravestone Inscription Hix Cemetery, Rehoboth, Mass.
 - 64. Gravestone Inscription Hix Cemetery, Rehoboth, Mass., "widow, died in Providence 10 April 1845 in her 80th year."
 - 65. Gravestone Inscription Hix Cemetery, Rehoboth, Mass.
 - 66. Gravestone Inscription Hickey Basset Cemetery, North Road, South Royalton, also called Howe Cemetery, Montpelier Vt., Stake Relief Service Project, August 2010.
 - 67. Gravestone Inscription Hickey Basset Cemetery, North Road, South Royalton, also called Howe Cemetery, Montpelier Vt., Stake Relief Service Project, August 2010.
 - 68. *Thomas Horton* [note 20], 40-41, he is person # 4.35; *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 184, citing original record 3: 392, by Elder John Hix.
 - 69. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 185, citing original record 4: 240, by Elder Jacob Hix.
 - 70. *Thomas Horton* [note 20], 40.
 - 71. Joseph Horton findagrave.com/memorial/113792153.
 - 72. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 835, citing original record 8: 12, age 85 y.
 - 73. Lydia Horton findagrave.com/memorial/113792180.
 - 74. Many people use a birth date of 1 Dec. 1731. This was a transcription error by Arnold in *Vital Record of Rehoboth*. He transcribed two Josiah's born: 26 Jan. 1728/9, 1 Dec. 1731. The first was actually Isaiah and the second was a Josiah who died 30 March 1738.

married ANNA CLANNING in Rehoboth, Mass., on 14 May 1752.^{[76][77]} Anna, was born in Barrington, R.I., on 2 December 1735 and died in Royalton, Vt., on 26 October 1820 and was buried in Lindley Cemetery.^[78]

Children of Isaiah and Anna (Clanning) Lindley (i.-xii.) b. Rehoboth, Mass.:^[79]

- i. EXPERIENCE³ LINDLEY, b. 27 Nov. 1752,^[80] d. after 1835,^[81] *probably never married*.
- ii. MARY LINDLEY, b. 2 Sept. 1754, d. Rehoboth, Mass., 18 Dec. 1815;^[82] m. 1st AMBROSE PECK;^[83] m. 2nd NATHAN HIX in Rehoboth, Mass., 30 Jan 1785.^[84] Nathan b. 23 Aug. 1742, d. 1 June 1816;^[85] m. 1st SARAH BULLOCK.
- iii. ELIZABETH LINDLEY, b. 17 Dec. 1756, d. Warwick, Mass., 3 June 1846;^[86] m. BENJAMIN EMMERSON in Rehoboth, Mass., 29 Aug 1779.^[87] Benjamin, son Ephraim and Elizabeth Emmerson, b. Dighton, Mass., 25 July 1735^[88] settled in Royalton in 1797, d. Royalton, Vt., 17 Feb 1805, bur. Hickey Basset (Howe) Cem.^[89] Elizabeth m. 2nd JONAS CLARK in

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75. Vermont Vital Record Card Index to 1870, citing cemetery card, 22 Oct. 1919. Gravestone: "Died August 5, 1804 in his 76th year."
 76. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 854.
 77. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 229, citing original record 2: 267, "Isaiah Lindley and Anna Channing, both of Rehoboth, married by Thomas Bowen, Esq., May 14, 1752." In Richard LeBaron Bowen, Sr.'s copy of *Vital Record of Rehoboth* (printed in 1897) he changes Channing to Clanning and writes in the side margin a transcription of the original town record: "Bristol/s Rehoboth, May 14th 1752. This may certify that Isaiah Lyndley [*sic*] and Anna Clanning were lawfully married by Thomas Bowen Justice Peace. Recorded May 18, 1752 by David Carpenter, Town Clerk [Rehoboth Birth & Marriages, Book 2, p. 267].
 78. Vermont Vital Record Card Index to 1870, citing cemetery card, 22 Oct. 1919.
 79. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 667.
 80. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 667.
 81. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 854 [remarking on Isaiah's income status "it is evident that his means were quite small, judging from his grand list, and the fact that Experience was cared for by the town in 1835."81]
 82. Gravestone Inscription Hix Cemetery, Rehoboth, Mass.
 83. *History of the Lindley, Lindsley - Linsley Families* [note 8], 2: 436, says Mary married Ambrose. There is no Ambrose Peck in the Arnold's *Vital Record of Rehoboth*. But a Mary married Nathan Hix as his second wife. Mary is listed as person 4936. The description (p. 441) is rather weak. "According to Mr. Albert C. Mason of Franklin, Mass, a descendant, married Ambrose who was born 17 Nov 1747 and died 9 April 1819. She died in Rehoboth, Mass., between 1810 and 1819.
 84. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 229, citing original record 3: 305, by Elder John Hix.
 85. Gravestone Inscription Hix Cemetery, Rehoboth, Mass.
 86. Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910, 26: 150, age 89 y. There are countless internet references that put her death in Wakefield, Mass., in 1828, (with husband Benjamin d. 1818, age 63 (birth would be off by 20 years).
 87. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 229, citing original record 3: 293, by Elder John Hix.
 88. Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988, Dighton, Mass., index, 63, citing original record 1: 40 on *ancestry.com*.
 89. The 2010 survey did not identify a gravestone for his wife. Benjamin is buried in the Hickey Basset Cemetery, North Road, South Royalton, also referred to as the Howe Cemetery, Montpelier Vt., Stake Relief Service Project, August 2010.

- Warwick, Mass., 10 Sept 1812 (Intention).^[90] Jonas, son of Caleb and Phebe Clark, b. Sudbury, Mass., 15 July 1751,^[91] d. Warwick, Mass., 4 Feb. 1826.^[92]
- iv. ANNA LINDLEY, b. 22 Feb 1759, d. Royalton, Vt., 22 June 1844; m. JOSEPH BOWMAN in Royalton, Vt., 29 June 1799.^[93] Joseph, son of Jonas and Abigail (Russell) Bowman, b. Bedford, Mass., 19 Sept. 1752,^[94] d. Royalton, Vt., April 1817. They are both buried in the North Royalton Cemetery on State Highway 14.^[95] Joseph had eight children with his first wife and two children with Anna (John Lindley, b 20 June 1800 and Lucretia born about 1805),^[96]
- v. BARBARA LINDLEY, b. 26 Nov 1760,^[97] d. Royalton, Vt., 17 Feb 1830;^[98] m. BENJAMIN BOSWORTH in Rehoboth, Mass., 11 Jan. 1784.^[99] Benjamin, son of Amos and Deborah () Bosworth, b. Rehoboth, Mass., 23 Feb. 1757,^[100] d. Royalton, Vt., 15 Sept. 1848, bur. South Royalton Village Cem.^[101]
- vi. PATIENCE LINDLEY, b. 1 Sept. 1763, d. Rehoboth, Mass., 24 Dec. 1853, bur. Hix Cem.;^[102] m. NATHAN BOWEN in Rehoboth, Mass., 1 Feb. 1784.^[103] Nathan b. 2 Apr 1763, d. Rehoboth, Mass., 5 April 1853, bur. Hix Cem.^[104]
- vii. SARAH LINDLEY, b. 30 July 1765, d. Providence, R.I., 10 April 1845, bur. Hix Cem.;^[105] m. AARON BOWEN in Rehoboth, Mass., 9 March 1785.^[106] Aaron, b. abt. 1764, d. Rehoboth, Mass., 16 May 1811, bur. Hix Cem.^[107]
- viii. ESTHER LINDLEY, b. 7 Nov 1767, d. Hanawah Falls, N.Y., 17 Aug 1854; m. JACOB HIX in Rehoboth, Mass., 2 July 1785.^[108] Jacob, son of Nathan and Sarah (Bullock) Hix, b. 28 Sept. 1764,^[109] d. Hanawah Falls, N.Y., 30 April 1842.

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90. Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988, Warwick, Mass. Vital Records (Copy Book), 1: 105, on *ancestry.com*. "Mrs. Elizabeth Emmerson of Royalton, Vermont."
91. *Vital Records of Sudbury, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1903), 33, he was the twin of Abigail.
92. Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988, Warwick, Mass. Vital Records, 1: 72 on *ancestry.com*.
93. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 698.
94. *Vital Records of Bedford, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1903), 14.
95. Local Historical Society survey completed in 1990. They are both in Row #6.
96. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 698. This was Anna's first and only marriage. Joseph m. 1st Rebekah Freeman, who died 22 Feb 1799.
97. *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 667, citing original record 3: 170, lists her name at birth as Banbarry, but her marriage in *Vital Record of Rehoboth* is Barbara.
98. Barbara Bosworth, *findagrave.com/memorial/95351917*. Gravestone engraved: "In Memory of // Lieut. Benjamin Bosworth // Born 1784 Rehoboth, Mass. // Died 1848 Royalton Vermont // and his wife Barbara Lindley // 1760 - 1830 // The First Bosworths to settle in Royalton.
99. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 229, citing original record 3: 305, married by Elder John Hix. *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 53, erroneously says this is Ben Bowen.
100. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 552, citing original record 2: 121.
101. Benjamin Bosworth, *findagrave.com/memorial/95351918*.
102. Gravestone Inscription Hix Cemetery, Rehoboth, Mass., "died in her 90th year."
103. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 229, citing original record 3: 304, by Elder Jacob Hix.
104. Gravestone Inscription Hix Cemetery, Rehoboth, Mass., "aged 90."
105. Gravestone Inscription Hix Cemetery, Rehoboth, Mass.
106. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 230, citing original record 3: 304, by Elder Jacob Hix.
107. Gravestone Inscription Hix Cemetery, Rehoboth, Mass.
108. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 230, citing original record 3: 304, by Elder Jacob Hix.
109. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 821.

- ix. LUCRETIA LINDLEY, b. 22 May 1770, d. Rehoboth, Mass., 23 Dec. 1855;^[110] m. WHEELER HORTON in Rehoboth, Mass., 27 Sept 1792.^[111] Wheeler, son of Barnard and Mehitable (Cole) Horton,^[112] b. 10 Nov. 1766,^[113] d. Rehoboth, Mass., 13 Nov 1857.^[114]
- x. HANNAH LINDLEY, b. 7 Nov 1772, m. JABEZ BOWEN in Rehoboth, Mass., 18 Feb. 1793.^[115] Jabez was first listed in Royalton, Vt. in 1795 and left in 1818 to Bethel, Vt. It is assumed they divorced bef. 1820 when Jabez appeared in Lewis, N.Y. with three children under age 10.^[116] When her sister Lydia wrote her will dated 13 March 1841, she referred to “Hannah Bowen, my sister, of Royalton.”^[117] Hannah appeared in 1850 at Bethel, Vt. with her daughter Martha (Bowen) Miles and husband Benjamin.^{[118][119]}
- xi. MARTHA LINDLEY, b. 26 Apr 1775, d. Ind., 2 Sept. 1856;^{[120][121]} m. JACOB HUNTINGTON in Royalton, Vt., 26 March 1797.^{[122][123]} Jacob, son of James and Hannah (Curtis) Huntington, b. Norwich, Conn., 30 April 1773,^[124] d. Clermont Co., Ohio, Ohio, 9 Sept 1819, drowned in the Ohio River.^{[125][126]}
- xii. LYDIA LINDLEY, b. 9 Mar 1780, d. Potsdam, N.Y., bef. 26 June 1843, when her will was proved.^[127]

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- 110. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 835, citing original record 8: 13, age 85y 7m 1d.
 - 111. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 230 citing original record 4: 237, by Elder Jacob Hix.
 - 112. *Thomas Horton* [note 20], 38.
 - 113. *Thomas Horton* [note 20], 79, he is person #5.104.
 - 114. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 835, citing original record 8: 13, age “91 years.”
 - 115. *Vital Record of Rehoboth* [note 14], 230 citing original record 4: 237, by Elder Jacob Hix. It is recorded as “Jabez Brown” but other references in here support the notion that this was “Jabez Bowen.” *History of Royalton, Vt.* reports that Hannah is a twin of Esther (because of birthday of 7 Nov), but the birth records in *Vital Record of Rehoboth* do not support this.
 - 116. US Census 1820 Lewis, Essex Co., N.Y. p. 431.
 - 117. New York Wills and Probate, 1659-1999, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y. Probate, Volume 1-3, 1830-1851, p. 192-194, on *ancestry.com*.
 - 118. 1850 US Census, Bethel, Windsor Co., Vt., p. 18.
 - 119. *Ancestry.com* has a death date of 4 July 1853 without any attribution.
 - 120. Samuel Gladding Huntington, Richard Thomas Huntington and Samuel Huntington, *The Huntington Family in America A Genealogical Memoir of the Known Descendants of Simon Huntington From 1633 to 1915 Including Those Who Have Retained the Family Name, and Many Bearing Other Surnames* (Hartford, Conn: Huntington Family Association, 1915) [*hereafter Huntington Family*], 947.
 - 121. Martha Huntington, *findagrave.com/memorial/39372900*.
 - 122. Royalton, Vt., *Vital Records*, 1: 66, by Abel Stevens, JP.
 - 123. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 831, it lists her as “Martha Huntington” but on the Errata (page 1053), it is corrected to be Lindley.
 - 124. *Huntington Family* [note 113], 947.
 - 125. *Huntington Family* [note 113], 947.
 - 126. Jacob Huntington, *findagrave.com/memorial/39372606*.
 - 127. *History of Royalton, Vt.* [note 6], 854.