

This list of children, interestingly, agrees with the list on the family document referred to earlier (and available in the picture section) except that the parentage is attributed to Abraham I instead of John and except that not all the daughters were identified by given name on that document.

Scott goes further than Egle, however, and provides us with much information about these children of John Bowman. Leaving out, for the moment, details about our ancestor, Abraham II -- also known as Abraham Bowman, Sr. -- he says of:

Veronica, born about 1747 in Lebanon, married John Schneider, widowed prior to 1784, died 1825.

Jacob, born about 1749 in Londonderry Township, married Barbara ?, died April 28, 1814.

Henry, born about 1751, Londonderry Township, married Barbara ?.

Magdalena, born about 1753, Londonderry Township, married George Bolsbaugh (or Balsbach).

Even more interesting, as one compares the two records, is the appearance in both sets of records of an incident obviously told and re-told with relish. I quote from Scott, page 18:

"At the time of the war with the Indians in 1757, there has been recorded one incident that affords knowledge of John Bowman and his family. Henry Bowman in his memoirs states that John had to flee several times because of the Indians. In 1757, moreover, two of John's sons, Jacob and Henry, described as "young men", were taken captive by the Indians and tied in a secluded thicket, while their captors left, it is presumed, to go to the Conestoga Indians with the intent to pick up the boys on their return. In the meantime, a Mr. Shally, who was returning from Lancaster to Lebanon, chanced to pass, heard the boys calling, and released them."

Compare the above version with this from a family document which appears in the picture section and appears to have been inscribed on a page in the Family Bible by Abraham Bowman III's son, Abraham IV:

"John Bowman's Father came to America from Switzerland and settled in Lancaster County, Pa. perhaps near the middle of the eighteenth century. He was the Father of Abraham Bowman who was married to Barbara Hershey, with whom he had six children, namely, Catharine, Jacob, John, Barbara, Benjamin, and Abraham the owner of this Record. It seems that John Bowman the first one mentioned above and a Brother were taken by Indians and carried some distance into the dense forest, and were lashed with ropes to trees for safe-keeping. The younger one of the two brothers (after their guard had gone to sleep) managed to slip his halter, and untying his brother they made their escape from their captors; and returned rejoicing to their home."