

BOOK 1

Genealogy of Alexander BOWIE  
of Bo'ness, Scotland  
and his Descendants

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## Forward

The BOWIE'S were the direct descendants of the MacDonald Clan, located in the Highlands of Scotland, that split from the main body, and were classified as Obstinate by their leaders. This Clan settled in the Southeastern shores, in a town called Borrowstounnes, (Bo'ness), outside of Graham's Dyke, Scotland. My mother's people left Scotland in the early part of the 18th century and settled in Gallup, New Mexico.

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Each of the descendants of Alexander BOWIE is placed under the name of that child, beginning with the oldest and going through with that one in all its branches, in the order of their generation, before another name of his children is given. A short horizontal line is placed at the end of each branch. Each generation is designated by the Roman numerals against the name. The number of children belonging to each family is given, and the Arabic numerals, 1,2,3 etc., are also prefixed to the names. Other information, when available has also been included.

Great care has been exercised to insure the accuracy of the material contained herein, however it is inevitable that errors can and do occur. When two sources disagree on a date, the alternative date is given in parenthesis. Additions and corrections are actively solicited and requested so that future editions will be more complete and correct.

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## Introduction

Scotland is a mountainous region composed mostly of mountains and valleys, making it unsuitable for agriculture on which a rural economy depends. On lower grounds the soil is too thin and lacks minerals for cultivation. Sheep and cattle were the main industry during the 11th and 12th century.

The ancestry of the people were either Pictish, Scottish (or Irish) and Scandinavian, which made up the clans of Scotland. The Clans were under a series of active and powerful Scottish monarchs, that spread feudalism, and produced a new social order in Scotland. By feudal theory the King was regarded as owning all the land in the kingdom, which he divided among his most important followers. Each received a written charter giving him legal rights over his part of the land in return for certain obligations to the king, and these chartered deeds could divide their land among dependants in return for similar support. No titled possession however legal was worth anything without armed forces to back it up, and it was to the interest of the chief to have as many followers as he could effectively muster. It was to defend themselves from attacks from other clans and to impress their neighbors, thus causing many feuds among the clans. Many chiefs built castles, or forts for protection. Each chief had several sites for their rendezvous gatherings.

The basic reason for the division of the Highlander Clans was for protection against encroachment by strangers. Also the topography of their country with its many rivers, valleys, glens and islands separated by mountains and seas, which divided the population of the community into clans. Each community was separated from the main body and was more or less like an independent state with a chief at the head. He was a law giver, a leader in battle and an administrator of the territory, dividing the land so that even the humblest member received his share.

The MacDonalds were the oldest and most famous of the Scottish Clans and exercised a powerful influence on the early Highland history. At one time in Scottish history the MacDonald power rivaled that of the Scottish King. The Clans were solid in thought, word and deed and rarely married outside of their own clan.

Animosity between rival clans became apparent over the years as the wealth of the Highland clans increased. Feuds were numerous. Their wealth consisted mostly from increased flocks of sheep and cattle. Their reprisals was to make a foray into the hostile clans territory and carry off their cattle or sheep. The stronger clans went into battle against the opposite to protect their weaker clans or septs. Whenever a situation arose against Scotland all the clans rose up as a body to protect her.

## HISTORY OF THE SCOTTISH CLANS

The word clan was applied to a group of kinsmen or Scotchmen united under a chief and claiming a common ancestry. They lived as one great family on the land they possessed. The clansmen or septs supported their chief with remarkable loyalty. They rose to prominence in the 13th century.

After the battle of Culloden in 1746, the British Parliament issued an act abolishing the Scottish Clan system. This issue also abolished the Scottish Kilt and Bag-Pipe as an instrument of war. Each man was compelled to wear pants instead of kilts. Only those men who joined the army were allowed to wear their cherished kilt, and thousands joined the army. Many tartans or plaids were lost during the proscribed period of 1746 to 1782, following the Jacobite Rebellion.

The word "Caledonia" which is applied to the National Tartans is the Roman name for Scotland, and hence Caledonia is the National Tartan and can be worn by anybody.

Tartans and their wearers are divided into three classes:

1. Clans which have one or more tartans of their own besides the common clan tartan are special weaves or setts for hunting, dress, and for mourning. There is a chief tartan worn only by members of his family. Many large clans were divided into branches, each having as its tartan a variation of the clan tartan. These tartans are known by the name of the region in which they were worn.
2. Families which have distinct tartans of their own are worn by people of that name or their descendants. Many of those families besides having a tartan of their own are associated with the clan.
3. Septs are dependant families usually descended from early members of a clan, but often a family living in the territory of a clan and going into battle with that clan became a sept, more or less by adoption. Tartans are distinctively Highland, and many famous lowland or border families have been associated with the traditions and dress of the "Wild Heiland Men."

It was during the Reformation that the MacDonald Clan split. Some remained in the central part of Scotland, while others settled in the south eastern part known as Borrowstounness, (Bo'ness) county Linlithgow, Scotland.

## THE BOWIES AND THEIR KINDREDS<sup>1</sup>

The origin of the name BOWIE is lost in the mist and shadows of antiquity. The word is probably a blending of the early Norse or Scandinavian and the later Gaelic of the Scotch Highlanders.

We gather from tradition that the progenitor of the name was one of the reckless and roving vikings of Norway who "Harried" the coast of Caledonia and whose descendants finally settled in the western Isles of Scotland and the neighboring shores. Professor Anderson, of the University of Wisconsin, an authority on Scandinavia, writes in 1896 in regards to the derivation of the word, it is difficult to trace the origin of the name, and the nearest we can come to the significance of your name BOWIE, is your own construction. "Bau," in old Norse means to "dwell" and "Bau Sik" means to get ready. "Bau" is the past participle of "buin," and "Bau Sik," and "Buin" survived in our English. "Busk and Bown" for the journey. We have the word "buer" which means farm, in modern Norweigan, "bu" means an inhabitant. "Sandeidson bu" means a dweller "Sandeid." Then we have the old name "bui" or "bue." "Bue Digre" of "Bue the Thick," or "Big Bue." I am of the opinion that "Bue" means dweller on the farm, and I know of no other names in the north from which BOWIE could be derived. The Encyclopedia Britannica says; About 860 A.D. a number of Jarls and their families fled Norway to escape the tyranny of Harold the Fair Haired and settled in Iceland and in the hebrides of Scotland. In Lighton's Olaf the glorious "Bue the Thick" was a celebrated Viking who fell in the battle of Jemsvikings. This same "Bue the Thick" or "Bui the Big" referred to in old histories as a famous warrior who was a powerful personage at the Norwegian Court during the reign of "Hardy Canute." Elsewhere it is asserted that this "Bui the Big" was a descendant from the God Odin, and also in translation of the "Young Edda" the warrior "Bue" or "Burre," is said to have sprung from Odin. Other authorities assert that the name BOWIE is a phonic spelling of the Gaelic word "Buidhe," which pronounced "Beoay" or "Boaie" means Victory, conquest or success, and also "Yellow Hair or Saffron" colored garments, which among the ancient Gaels or Picts was symbolic of royal extraction, in modern lowland Scotland a small milk pail is called a "Bowie." There is little doubt that the name has been transmitted from the early Vikings of Norway, who settled in the western Isles and on the coast of Argyleshire, Scotland. It can be traced through all stages of history in the Gaelic districts and is found as "Ballochbuie," "Killbuie," "Lockbuie," in the Isles of Mull.

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<sup>1</sup>The origin of the name "Bowie" taken from the book on genealogy by Walter Worthington BOWIE.

## BO'NESS 300 YEARS GROWTH<sup>2</sup>

Many years ago industrial planners were inclined to "write off" the West Lothian Burgh of Bo'ness as a declining area, particularly after the town began to lose its port trade to neighboring Grangemouth. The once busy dock of what had been the third most important port in all Scotland.

But that was before the Bo'ness Town Council, West Lothian county and other planning authorities got their heads together and began a full-phase conversion programme, revitalising this Forth-side burg. Working towards a new and more viable town centre, better housing and recreational facilities as well as a concentrated campaign for more light industry and new housing to go along with it. "Bo'ness Plans Ahead" became the theme not only of municipal exhibitions but also for the town itself an enterprising industrial burg which never, and could never say die.

Now and over the next several months Bo'ness -- the apostrophe hides its older and more official name of Borrowstounness -- is celebrating the 300th anniversary of its establishment as a burg of regality. Its chareter dates back to 1668.

During the intervening three centuries, the burg has been home to ironworks, a pottery, coalmines, joinery firms and wood-yards, hosiery makers, scrap-metal yard, sawmills, a distillery, brick yards, wool yarn spinners and shipbreaking yard.

Its importance as a port began to show a slow decline at about the time of the union of the Parliament (1707) and was particularly affected by the completion of the Forth and Clyde Canal in 1790 and the harbour at Grangemouth in 1810.

Just east of Bo'ness at Bridgeness was the east end of Antonine's Wall and the Roman Wall at this section is known as Graham's Dyke, now also an area of handsome, ultra-modern housing.

The burg also has associated with James Watt. It was at historic Kinneil House, on the estate of which is Kinneil Colliery, that in 1769 Watt constructed a small steam engine, the first steam engine to be used for winding coal.

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<sup>2</sup>From the Scotchmen Newspaper, Thursday March 28, 1968

The shores of Bo'ness has been reclaimed at various times, with blast-furnace slag and pit-waste being used for construction of barriers to hold back the water of the Firth of Forth. And speaking of pit-waste, Bo'ness has co-operated with the town council of Armsdale and Bathgate and with West Lothian County Council in a vast programme aimed to the rehabilitation and beautification of pit-bings and derelict land. Bings are being regraded and planted with grass, shrubs and trees.

Nearby Bathgate provides jobs for hundreds of Bo'nessians for it is the home of the British Motor Corporation's new assembly factory, the centre of their group's truck and tractor production where there are plans for large expansion.

But is is the revitalisation of its town centre at Douglas Park with attractive new shops and office blocks, plus the provision of industrial and housing estates, that Bo'ness has significantly surged forward.

Plans were announced over a year ago for a five-year programme to construct over 1720 houses -- houses to cover an overspill arrangement with Glasgow, executive type high rented houses, building to meet the Town Council's own housing needs arising out of the normal increase in population and slum clearance.

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## BOWIE

- I. Alexander Bowie was born about 1731, Bo'ness, Scotland. He was a great-grandfather to William Bowie, a member of the MacDonald Clan, a mason by trade. Married Sarah Campbell, January 3, 1755. She was born 1735 and was 20 years old at the time of her marriage, according to the Old Parish Records of Carriden. This couple had nine children, viz.:
  - II. 1. Robert Bowie, eldest son of Alexander and Sarah (Campbell) Bowie, born June 26, 1756. Listed in Carriden Records. No further information.
  - II. 2. William Bowie, son of Alexander and Sarah (Campbell) Bowie, born June 16, 1759. Died in infancy.
  - II. 3. William Bowie, third child of Alexander and Sarah (Campbell) Bowie, born February 27, 1761. Married Janet Whyte. She was born 1789, Carriden, Bo'ness, Scotland. Their child:
    - III.1. Mary Bowie, daughter of William and Janet (Whyte) was born January 2, 1790. No further information.
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- II. 4. Alexander Bowie, son of Alexander and Sarah (Campbell) Bowie, born May 14, 1762. Died in infancy.
- II. 5. Sarah Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Campbell) Bowie, born June 14, 1765. No further information.
- II. 6. Alexander Bowie, son of Alexander and Sarah (Campbell) Bowie, was born April 30, 1767 and baptized on May 3, 1767. Married Margaret Baxter, born 1769. Their four children were:
  - III. 1. Alexander Bowie, eldest son of Alexander and Margaret (Baxter) Bowie, was born December 11, 1791 at Bo'ness, Scotland. Married in 1814 to Isabella McNaughton. She was born in 1795, Bo'ness, Carriden Register. He was a watchmaker by trade. Their four children:
    - IV. 1. Alexander Bowie, eldest son of Alexander and Isabella (McNaughton) Bowie, born November 10, 1815. He was born at Bo'ness, Scotland. No further information.
    - IV. 2. Christina Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Isabella (McNaughton) Bowie, born November 28, 1817. She married Alexander Grant, January 18, 1841.

- IV. 3. Margaret Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Isabella (McNaughton) Bowie, born February 19, 1820 (possibly Januray 11, 1820).
- IV. 4. Isabella Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Isabella (McNaughton) Bowie, born January 1, 1823.

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- III. 2. Janet Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Baxter) Bowie, was born August 26, 1793. Married Peter Jamieson September 6, 1813. He was born about 1772, Bo'ness, Scotland. The child of this couple was:
- IV. 1. George Jamieson, son of Peter and Janet (Bowie) Jamieson was born January 17, 1814 at Bo'ness, Scotland.

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- III. 3. Thomas Bowie, son of Alexander and Margaret (Baxter) Bowie, was born September 26, 1794. He was a miner. Married Marion Jemima Shaw, August 27, 1819. She was born circa 1797, Bo'ness, Scotland. The child of this couple was:
- IV. 1. Margaret Bowie, daughter of Thomas and Marion Jemima (Shaw) Bowie, was born February 19, 1820 at Carriden, Scotland. Witnesses: Alexander Bowie, Margaret Bowie. She married Robert Seth on June 17, 1842. Their child was:
- V. 1. George Seth, son of Robert and Margaret (Bowie) Seth, was born in 1843. Baptized at Carriden.

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- III. 4. Margaret Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Baxter) Bowie, born on February 23, 1797 and baptized February 26, 1797.

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- II. 7. Janet Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Campbell) Bowie, was born December 24 (14?), 1769. Married Archibald Richie February 6, 1790. He was born about 1764.
- II. 8. Elizabeth Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Campbell) Bowie, born May 1, 1771. No further information.
- II. 9. William Bowie, youngest son of Alexander and Sarah (Campbell) Bowie, was born September 27, 1772 at Bo'-

ness, Scotland. Married Mary Wilson, December 30, 1796. She was born 1776, Bo'ness, Scotland. They had nine children:

- III. 1. Alexander Bowie, eldest son of William and Mary (Wilson) Bowie, was born May 3, 1797. He married Margaret Bennie on April 26, 1822.

His wife, Margaret Bennie, was the daughter of David Bennie, born 1771 at Bo'ness, Scotland, died August 30, 1813 and Elizabeth Miller, born 1776 at Bo'ness, Scotland. They were married June 17, 1796. Elizabeth was a calendrer. Their first child: John, born May 3, 1797 and baptized on June 3, 1797. Their second child, Margaret, was born on October 8, 1798 and died on March 7, 1872.

The seven children of Alexander and Margaret (Bennie) Bowie were:

- IV. 1. Elizabeth Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Bennie) Bowie, was born March 12, 1823. She was baptized on March 23, 1823. She died in infancy.

- IV. 2. William Bowie, son of Alexander and Margaret (Bennie) Bowie, born January 28, 1824 outside of Graham's Dyke, Bo'ness, Scotland. He was baptized on February 1, 1824. Married Margaret Robertson on March 17, 1845. She was born February 14, 1827 at South Street, Bo'ness, Scotland. She died September 18, 1895 at Gallup, New Mexico. He died March 17, 1897 at Gallup, New Mexico. See Historical Note 1 for additional information. They had nine children, namely:

- V. 1. Alexander Bowie, eldest son of William and Margaret (Robertson) Bowie, born December 28, 1845, over David Downey's Bakery, Bo'ness, Scotland. He died February 10, 1917 at Bowie, Colorado. Married Elizabeth Whinney on September 11, 1868 at Irwin, Pennsylvania. She was born April 9, 1849 in Scotland and died July 14, 1915 at Bowie, Colorado. See Historical Note 2 for additional information. The eleven children of this couple were:

- VI. 1. William Whinney Bowie, eldest son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Whinney) Bowie, born December 22, 1868 at Irwin, Pennsylvania. Married Martha Elizabeth Kretschmer on September 11, 1917. She was born 1887 and died 1965. He died June 7, 1959 at Bowie, Colorado. He is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Their six children were:

- VII. 1. Elizabeth Ann Bowie, daughter of William Whinney and Martha Elizabeth (Kretschmer) Bowie, born May 1919.



She married William Wilson.

- VII. 2. Robert Frank Bowie, son of William Whinney and Martha Elizabeth (Kretschmer) Bowie, born August 1920. He married Mercedes.
- VII. 3. Ruth Justine Bowie, daughter of William Whinney and Martha Elizabeth (Kretschmer) Bowie, was born March 1922. Married James Abshire.
- VII. 4. James Whinney Bowie, son of William Whinney and Martha Elizabeth (Kretschmer) Bowie, was born February 1924. He was killed in World War II, Normandy Invasion.
- VII. 5. William Kretschmer Bowie, son of William Whinney and Martha Elizabeth (Kretschmer) Bowie, was born December 1925. He married Mary Carol Haley.
- VII. 6. Catherine Louise Bowie, daughter of William Whinney and Martha Elizabeth (Kretschmer) Bowie, was born in 1927. She married Donald Stokes.

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- VI. 2. Agnes Brown Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Whinney) Bowie, born February 23, 1870. Married Milton Todd. Divorced. She died March 9, 1950 at Bowie, Colorado. She was cremated.
- VI. 3. James Whinney Bowie, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Whinney) Bowie, born July 28, 1872. He died January 9, 1950 at Golden, Colorado. Married Mary Ann Tucker. She was born circa 1876. After the death of her husband she married Guy Higgins. Two children blessed his marriage:
- VII. 1. Alexander Bowie, eldest son of James Whinney and Mary Ann (Tucker) Bowie, born 1899. Died 1932. He married Bernice Bagley, born 1902. Their marriage took place in 1926. They had three children:
- VIII.1. Elaine Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Bernice (Bagley) Bowie, was born 1927. Married Ted Otey. They had three children:
- IX. 1. Ted Otey, son of Ted and Elaine (Bowie) Otey, was born in 1948.
- IX. 2. Cynthia Otey, daughter of Ted and Elaine (Bowie) Otey, was born in 1951.
- IX. 3. David Otey, son of Ted and Elaine (Bowie) Otey, was

born in 1955.

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VIII.2. Joanna Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Bernice (Bagley) Bowie, was born 1929. Married circa 1949-1950 to James Ray Arnial. They are divorced. Their three children are:

IX. 1. James Ray Arnial, son of James Ray and Joanna (Bowie) Arnial.

IX. 2. Gertrude Arnial, daughter of James Ray and Joanna (Bowie) Arnial.

IX. 3. Dianna Arnial, daughter of James Ray and Joanna (Bowie) Arnial.

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VIII.3. Alexander Bowie, son of Alexander and Bernice (Bagley) Bowie, was born 1932. Married Barbara Rhone, circa 1957. Their two children are:

IX. 1. Becky Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Barbara (Rhone) Bowie, was born in 1959.

IX. 2. Brian Bowie, son of Alexander and Barbara (Rhone) Bowie, was born in 1964.

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VII. 2. Elizabeth Bowie, daughter of James Whinney and Mary Ann (Tucker) Bowie, was born in 1901. She married 1st to Leonard McNamara. He died in 1922. She married 2nd to Joseph Newcomb. Their child:

VIII.1. Eleanore Louise McNamara, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Bowie) McNamara, was born in 1924. She married 1st to Robert Simpson and 2nd to J.B. Ahern. Their four children:

IX. 1. Judith Michele Simpson, daughter of Robert and Eleanore Louise (McNamara) Simpson, was born in 1945. She married Phillip Stout in 1968. Their three children:

X. 1. Marcia Stout, daughter of Phillip and Judith Michele (Simpson) Stout, was born in 1969.

X. 2. Jason Stout, son of Phillip and Judith Michele (Simpson) Stout, was born in 1971.

- X. 3. Joshua Stout, son of Phillip and Judith Michele (Simpson), was born in 1973.
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- IX. 2. Deborah Catherine Simpson, daughter of Robert and Eleanore Louise (McNamara) Simpson, was born in 1947.
- IX. 2. Andrew Mark Simpson, son of Robert and Eleanore Louise (McNamara) Simpson, was born in 1952.
- IX. 3. Lucinda Jerri Simpson, daughter of Robert and Eleanore Louise (McNamara) Simpson, was born in 1958.
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- VI. 4. Margaret Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Whinney) Bowie, was born in 1873. Died in infancy.
- VI. 5. Mary Anne Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Whinney) Bowie, born February 4, 1875 in Pennsylvania. Died September 1954 at Bowie, Colorado; buried at Gallup, New Mexico. Married James Adamson Sneddon on September 11, 1907. He was born 1875; died 1920 and buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Gallup, New Mexico. Children of this couple are three:
- VII. 1. Elizabeth Bowie Sneddon, daughter of James Adamson and Mary Anne (Bowie) Sneddon, was born October 27, 1908. She is known as "Tib" Sneddon.
- VII. 2. Alexander Bowie Sneddon, son of James Adamson and Mary Anne (Bowie) Sneddon, was born 1910. He died in 1915.
- VII. 3. James Bowie Sneddon, son of James Adamson and Mary Anne (Bowie) Sneddon, born September 12, 1913. Died March 25, 1977. Married Evelyn Kepler, born 1915. They were married in 1948. They have four children:
- VIII.1. Wallace Alexander Sneddon, eldest son of James Bowie and Evelyn (Kepler) Sneddon, born 1949. He married Mary Thersa Bersheny. She was born circa 1950.
- VIII.2. Margaret Ann Sneddon, daughter of James Bowie and Evelyn (Kepler) Sneddon, was born 1953.
- VIII.3. James Adamson Sneddon, son of James Bowie and Evelyn (Kepler) Sneddon, was born 1955.
- VIII.4. William Bowie Sneddon, son of James Bowie and Evelyn (Kepler) Sneddon, was born 1957.

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VII. 4. Agnes Bowie Sneddon, daughter of James Adamson and Mary Anne (Bowie) Sneddon, born January 9, 1918. Married in 1943 to James Daniel Murphy. Their four children are:

VIII.1. James Daniel Murphy, son of James Daniel and Agnes Bowie (Sneddon) Murphy, was born in 1944. He married Ann Gleishert.

VIII.2. David Alexander Murphy, son of James Daniel and Agnes Bowie (Sneddon) Murphy, was born in 1945.

VIII.3. Michael Bowie Murphy, son of James Daniel and Agnes Bowie (Sneddon) Murphy, was born in 1950.

VIII.4. Nancy Ann Murphy, daughter of James Daniel and Agnes Bowie (Sneddon) Murphy, was born in 1957.  
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VI. 6. John Stewart Bowie, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Whinney) Bowie, born October 21, 1876. Died July 1, 1951 in Colorado. He married Blanch Claudian Mulholland. She was born September 17, 1881 at Himes Mill, Pennsylvania, the second daughter of nine children. Her marriage took place on September 25, 1902 at Gallup, New Mexico. She died December 24, 1968 in Colorado. The four children of this couple are:

VII. 1. Morris Alexander Bowie, eldest son of John Stewart and Blanch Claudian (Mulholland) Bowie, born July 24, 1903. Married Helen Margaret Childress, born 1904. Their three children are:

VIII.1. Margo Bowie, daughter of Morris Alexander and Helen Margaret (Childress) Bowie.

VIII.2. Alexander Bowie, son of Morris Alexander and Helen Margaret (Childress) Bowie.

VIII.3. Stewart Bowie, son of Morris Alexander and Helen Margaret (Childress) Bowie.  
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VII. 2. Kenneth Robert Bowie, son of John Stewart and Blanch Claudian (Mulholland) Bowie, born June 18, 1904. Died July 18, 1968. Married Ruth Taylor, born 1906. Their two children are:

VIII.1. John Stewart Bowie, son of Kenneth Robert and Ruth (Taylor) Bowie.

VIII.2. Michael Taylor Bowie, son of Kenneth Robert and Ruth (Taylor) Bowie.

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VII. 3. Agnes Blanch Bowie, daughter of John Stewart and Blanch Claudian (Mulholland) Bowie, born November 19, 1916. Married Robert Sabin. No further information.

VII. 4. Alice Juanita Bowie, daughter of John Stewart and Blanch Claudian (Mulholland) Bowie, born November 24, 1923. Married in 1951 to George Abseck. The two children of this couple are:

VIII.1. Christopher Abseck, son of George and Alice Juanita (Bowie) Abseck, was born in 1952. He died in 1971.

VIII.2. Patricia Abseck, daughter of George and Alice Juanita (Bowie) Abseck, was born in 1955. She married Van Tuin, who was born in 1953.

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VI. 7. Alexander Robinson Bowie, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Whinney) Bowie, born August 30, 1878. Died May 10, 1957. Married Georgia Bates, born 1880. She died in 1926. (Duchesne Cremated). No children.

VI. 8. Wallace Douglas Bowie, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Whinney) Bowie, born April 26, 1880. He died on March 18, 1962. He was a bachelor.

VI. 9. Edwin Rothvan Bowie, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Whinney) Bowie, born January 10, 1882 in Pennsylvania. Died February 17, 1932. Married Margaret Kelley, born June 8, 1886; died 1932. No children.

VI. 10. Dr. Morris Ramsey Bowie, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Whinney) Bowie, born February 14, 1886. Died March 18, 1913 at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles, California. He was a bachelor.

VI. 11. Walter Scott Bowie, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Whinney) Bowie, was born April 2, 1890. Died August 4, 1891.

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- V. 2. Mary Ann Bowie, daughter of William and Margaret (Robertson) Bowie, born December 28, 1848 at Bo'ness, Scotland. She married John Stewart, born May 14, 1848 at West Marystown, Lankershire, Scotland, on March 25, 1873 at Irwin, Pennsylvania. See Historical Note 3 for additional information about John Stewart. She died May 31, 1916 at Gallup, New Mexico. He died July 19, 1931 at Gallup, New Mexico.
- V. 3. John Bowie, son of William and Margaret (Robertson) Bowie, was born in January 1850. He died of Scarlet fever.
- V. 4. Margaret Robertson Bowie, daughter of William and Margaret (Robertson) Bowie, born January 15, 1852 at Bo'ness, Scotland. She married Alexander Cunningham, born June 2, 1852 at Graham's Dyke, Bo'ness, Scotland, the son of James Cunningham, born December 13, 1811 and Anne Scott Cummingham, born August 16, 1813, on October 23, 1872 at Carriden. He died November 9, 1882 at San Antonio, New Mexico. See Historical Note 4 for additional information. She died February 10, 1896 at Gallup, New Mexico. Their six children are:
- VI. 1. Margaret Robertson Cunningham, daughter of Alexander and Margaret Robertson (Bowie) Cunningham, was born June 16, 1873 at Irwin, Pennsylvania. Died September 28, 1956 at Roseville, California. Married Murry Briggs Johnson on September 14, 1891. He was born July 9, 1860, at Sullivan, Indiana. See Historical Note 5 for additional information. Died July 4, 1935 at Roseville, California. Their five children:
- VII. 1. Luther Murry Johnson, eldest son of Murry Briggs and Margaret Robertson (Cunningham) Johnson, born July 4, 1892. Died May 5, 1963 at Auburn, California. Married Donna Butler, born June 2, 1891. She died June 5, 1967. The two children of the couple are:
- VIII.1. Mary Ellen Johnson, daughter of Luther Murry and Donna (Butler) Johnson, was born March 20, 1919.
- VIII.2. Murry Lyle Johnson, son of Luther Murry and Donna (Butler) Johnson, was born August 26, 1926.
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- VII. 2. Earl Alexander, son of Murry Briggs and Margaret Robertson (Cunningham) Johnson, born June 2, 1894 at Gallup, New Mexico. He was an opera singer. Died February 15, 1973. Married Leona Bickel, born March 4, 1903.

- VII. 3. Allen Johnson, son of Murry Briggs and Margaret Robertson (Cunningham) Johnson, was born August 25, 1896 at Gallup, New Mexico. Died February 1973 at Vet. Hospital.
- VII. 4. Margaret Johnson, daughter of Murry Briggs and Margaret Robertson (Cunningham) Johnson, born May 4, 1898 at Gallup, New Mexico. Married 1st to Bud Roth, divorced. Married 2nd to Roy Gosslyn. She died July 30, 1970. No children.
- VII. 5. Alice Johnson, daughter of Murry Briggs and Margaret Robertson (Cunningham) Johnson, born August 4, 1909 at Fall River Mill, California.

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- VI. 2. Anne Scott Cunningham, daughter of Alexander and Margaret Robertson (Bowie) Cunningham, born July 23, 1874 at Irwin, Pennsylvannia. Died September 12, 1959 at Los Angeles, California. Married Samuel Emmer Wood September 12, 1899. He was born October 11, 1872 at Norman, Illinois. Graduate of Golden State School of Mining. See Historical Note 6 for additional information. He died December 31, 1937 at Los Angeles, California. Buried in Gallup, New Mexico. The two children of this couple are:
- VII. 1. Mary Ethel Wood, daughter of Samuel Emmer and Anne Scott (Cunningham) Wood, born February 24, 1902. Married George Elbert Payne October 22, 1927. He was born July 1, 1906. He died August 28, 1950 in California. A chiropractor by trade. No children.
- VII. 2. Harold Aaron Wood, son of Samuel Emmer and Anne Scott (Cunningham) Wood, born May 12, 1904. Died July 17, 1944, Port Chicago Explosion. Married Doris Evelyn Whitney born August 2, 1901. They were married in 1935 at Gallup, New Mexico. The two children of this couple are:
- VIII.1. Frank Wood, son of Harold Aaron and Doris Evelyn (Whitney) Wood, was born in 1935. Died in infancy.
- VIII.2. Samuel Wood, son of Harold Aaron and Doris Evelyn (Whitney) Wood, born August 4, 1936. Died October 26, 1961 in an airplane accident in Hawaii. Married Christina Collear, born November 11, 1936. They were married about 1959. Their child is:
- IX. 1. Ellen Lee Wood, daughter of Samuel and Christina

(Collear) Wood, was born October 13, 1959.

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- VI. 3. Mary Ann Stewart Cunningham, daughter of Alexander and Margaret Robertson (Bowie) Cunningham, born April 16, 1876 at Irwin, Pennsylvania. Died January 7, 1927 at Gallup, New Mexico. She had chronic arthritis. See Historical Note 7 for additional information.
- VI. 4. John Cunningham, son of Alexander and Margaret Robertson (Bowie) Cunningham, born February 18, 1878 at Irwin, Pennsylvania. Died October 22, 1894 at Gallup, New Mexico. See Historical Note 8 for more information.
- VI. 5. William Cunningham, son of Alexander and Margaret Robertson (Bowie) Cunningham, born April 14, 1880 at Irwin, Pennsylvania. Died September 25, 1902 at Golden, Colorado of a fever.
- VI. 6. Catherine Carthage Cunningham, daughter of Alexander and Margaret Robertson (Bowie) Cunningham, born July 9, 1882 at Carthage, New Mexico. The first white baby born in this territory. Died July 26, 1964 at Williams, Arizona. Married Henry Laurens Benham, born January 2, 1879 at Indianapolis, Indiana. He died October 22, 1973 at Prescott, Arizona. See Historical Notes 9, 10 and 11 for additional information. Their three children:
- VII. 1. Anna Margaret Benham, daughter of Henry Laurens and Katherine Carthage (Cunningham) Benham, was born in November 9, 1910. She died February 20, 1925 as a result of a fractured skull from a horse accident in Williams. She was taken to Gallup, New Mexico, for surgery, where she died. She is buried in Williams, Arizona.
- VII. 2. Henry Laurens Benham, son of Henry Laurens and Katherine Carthage (Cunningham) Benham, born December 25, 1911 at Williams, Arizona. He married 1st, Mary Virginia Strawn, born July 26, 1911, on July 3, 1934. She died November 3, 1939. He married 2nd, Montyne Viale Schnell, born February 12, 1916, of Boulder, Colorado, on January 29, 1942. His three children:
- VIII.1. Mary Frances Benham, daughter of Henry Laurens and Mary Virginia (Strawn) Benham, was born January 8, 1938. She died in a car-train accident in 1958 in Montana.



VIII.2. Henry Laurens Benham, son of Henry Laurens and Montyne V. (Schnell) Benham, born March 17, 1944. Married August 25, 1964 to Patricia Lavenia Patterson, born September 3, 1944. Their two daughters:

IX. 1. Lauresa Daneille Benham, daughter of Henry Laurens and Patricia Lavenia (Patterson) Benham, was born November 14, 1968.

IX. 2. Amy Denise Benham, daughter of Henry Laurens and Patricia Lavenia (Patterson) Benham, was born November 6, 1972.

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VIII.3. Michael Leslie Benham, son of Henry Laurens and Montyne V. (Schnell) Benham, born November 2, 1949. He married 1st to Charyl Ostler on August 23, 1969. Divorced in 1974. Married 2nd to Kathy Glattfelder on December 10, 1975. She is from Prescott, Arizona. They have no children.

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VII. 3. James Edward Benham, son of Henry Laurens and Katherine Carthage (Cunningham) Benham, born April 25, 1915 at Williams, Arizona. Died September 17, 1971 at Granada Hills, California. Married August 14, 1937 to Ethel Maxine McCoy. Their three children are:

VIII.1. James Edward Benham, son of James Edward and Ethel Maxine (McCoy) Benham, was born December 24, 1941 at Los Angeles, California.

VIII.2. Barbara Ethel Benham, daughter of James Edward and Ethel Maxine (McCoy) Benham, born January 20, 1943 at Los Angeles, California. Married on June 13, 1965 to William Haines Dittmann, born October 12, 1943. Their two children are:

IX. 1. Katherine Ann Dittmann, daughter of William Haines and Barbara Ethel (Benham) Dittmann, was born June 22, 1972.

IX. 2. Matthew David Dittmann, son of William Haines and Barbara Ethel (Benham) Dittmann, was born October 22, 1977.

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VIII.3. Harry Cunningham Benham, son of James Edward and Ethel Maxine (McCoy) Benham, born November 14, 1948 at Burbank, California. He married Janice Ruth Brown on November 23, 1973. Their two children are:

IX. 1. James Jackson Benham, son of Harry Cunningham and Janice Ruth (Brown) Benham, was born December 3, 1977 at Norman, Oklahoma.

IX. 2. Miles Allen Benham, son of Harry Cunningham and Janice Ruth (Brown) Benham, was born June 14, 1980 at Norman, Oklahoma.

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V. 5. William Bowie, son of William and Margaret (Robertson) Bowie, was born in 1854. Died of heart trouble.

V. 6. Emma Frances Bowie, daughter of William and Margaret (Robertson) Bowie, born December 28, 1857 at Bo'ness, Scotland. She married 1st to Walter Scott of Socorro, New Mexico. He died or was killed in 1885. Her 2nd marriage was to John Bocklett. They were married January 26, 1891 at Gallup, New Mexico. He died in a train accident in 1900. She died July 13, 1936 at Alhambra, California and is buried Cedar Crest Cemetery, Gallup, New Mexico. Her nine children are:

VI. 1. Cora Lynn Scott, daughter of Walter and Emma Frances (Bowie) Scott, was born December 10, 1885 at Socorro, New Mexico. She died May 25, 1924.

VI. 2. Anna Margaret Bocklett, daughter of John and Emma Frances (Bowie) Bocklett, was born December 16, 1892 at Albuquerque, New Mexico. She died December 28, 1972.

VI. 3. George William Bocklett, son of John and Emma Frances (Bowie) Bocklett, was born September 17, 1895 at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He died April 1966.

VI. 4. Agnes Mary Bocklett, daughter of John and Emma Frances (Bowie) Bocklett, was born ~~December 12, 1897~~ at Gallup, New Mexico. ~~She became a Catholic nun.~~ Died February 1, 1977. *1972*

VI. 5. John Adrain Bocklett, son of John and Emma Frances (Bowie) Bocklett, was born July 21, 1898. He died April 1899.

VI. 6. Elizabeth Johanna Bocklett, daughter of John and Emma Frances (Bowie) Bocklett, was born April 15, 1900

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at Gallup, New Mexico. She married Russell Robert Bogue May 18, 1923.

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- V. 7. Boy (no name) Bowie, son of William and Margaret (Robertson) Bowie, was born in 1859 at Bo'ness, Scotland.
- V. 8. Boy (no name) Bowie, son of William and Margaret (Robertson) Bowie, was born in 1860 at Bo'ness, Scotland.
- V. 9. Elizabeth Margaret Bowie, daughter of William and Margaret (Robertson) Bowie, born July 27, 1861 at Bo'ness, Scotland. She married, September 27, 1882 in Pennsylvania to Paul Johnson, son of John Larson Johnson, mother Bongta Jeppssons, of Sweden. He was a book keeper by trade. He was born September 27, 1846 in Sweden; died August 23, 1916. She died October 19, 1939. Both died at Ontario, California. Their eight children are:
- VI. 1. Walter Winfred Johnson, son of Paul and Elizabeth Margaret (Bowie) Johnson, born October 1, 1884. He married Vella Welch. They had no children.
- VI. 2. Clarence Marvin Johnson, son of Paul and Elizabeth Margaret (Bowie) Johnson, born November 6, 1886. He died May 30, 1956 at Fort Wingate, New Mexico. He married 1st to Elizabeth Funk and 2nd to Rose Turner. Rose Turner died December 1967. The two children:
- VII. 1. Betty Johnson, daughter of Clarence Marvin and Elizabeth (Funk) Johnson. She married Herman Von Heck. Their child:
- VIII.1. Carl Von Heck, son of Herman and Betty (Johnson) Von Heck.

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- VII. 2. Margaret Johnson, daughter of Clarence Marvin and Rose (Turner) Johnson. She married Thomas Chambers. Their child:
- VIII.1. Dennis Chambers, son of Thomas and Margaret (Johnson) Chambers.

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- VI. 3. Alvin Ray Johnson, son of Paul and Elizabeth Margaret (Bowie) Johnson, was born February 8, 1890. He died

December 10, 1892.

- VI. 4. Alma Leonora Johnson, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Margaret (Bowie), was born June 11, 1893. She died December 26, 1914.
  - VI. 5. Wallace Bowie Johnson, son of Paul and Elizabeth Margaret (Bowie), was born June 26, 1895. He died July 17, 1908.
  - VI. 6. Margaret Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Margaret (Bowie) Johnson, born September 17, 1897, at Gallup, New Mexico. She died June 2, 1931 at San Bernardino, California. Married April 9, 1923 at Ontario, California to Melvin Castle, born in 1901 at Redding, Kansas, the son of Thomas M. Castle of Louisville, Kentucky and Pearl L. Hallowell of Cleveland, Ohio. Their child:
    - VII. 1. Margaret Castle, daughter of Melvin and Margaret Elizabeth (Johnson) Castle, born January 1924. Married circa 1944 to Lester Joslin, born circa 1922. Their three children are:
      - VIII.1. Lester Joslin, son of Lester and Margaret (Castle) Joslin.
      - VIII.2. John Joslin, son of Lester and Margaret (Castle) Joslin.
      - VIII.3. David Joslin, son of Lester and Margaret (Castle) Joslin.
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- VI. 7. Ellen Considine Johnson, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Margaret (Bowie) Johnson, born October 29, 1900 at Gallup, New Mexico. Married in 1920 at Ontario, California to Martin Russell Speaker, born July 9, 1896. He died December 8, 1968 at Long Beach, California. Their three children are:
    - VII. 1. Kenneth Speaker, son of Martin Russell and Ellen Considine (Johnson) Speaker, was born in 1921. He died in 1943, World War II.
    - VII. 2. Donald Speaker, son of Martin Russell and Ellen Considine (Johnson) Speaker, born April 19, 1923. Married Maxine White, born April 19, 1927, in 1949. Their two children are:
      - VIII.1. Donald Speaker, son of Donald and Maxine (White) Speaker, was born May 17, 1950.

VIII.2. Candy Speaker, daughter of Donald and Maxine (White) Speaker, was born May 5, 1952.

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VII. 2. Elizabeth Speaker, daughter of Martin Russell and Ellen Considine (Johnson) Speaker, born May 9, 1927. Married Harold Knorr, born January 6, 1927. The two children of this couple:

VIII.1. Catherine Elizabeth Knorr, daughter of Harold and Elizabeth (Speaker) Knorr, was born January 2, 1945.

VIII.2. Richard Knorr, son of Harold and Elizabeth (Speaker) Knorr, was born May 18, 1950.

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VI. 8. Paul Alexander Johnson, youngest son of Paul and Elizabeth Margaret (Bowie) Johnson, born June 2, 1904. He married Bertha E. Johnson. Died December 25, 1958.

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IV. 3. David Bowie, son of Alexander and Margaret (Bennie) Bowie, was born May 28, 1825. He married Ann Shaw, born about 1822. They were married July 1846 at Arkley Lane, Bo'ness, Scotland. He was a labourer in a Chemical plant, East Bog, Bo'ness, Scotland. He died on May 28, 1898. Their nine children were:

V. 1. Alexander Bowie, son of David and Ann (Shaw) Bowie, was born in 1846. He was a muffin maker in the bakery at the age of 15 according to the 1861 census.

V. 2. Ann Bowie, daughter of David and Ann (Shaw) Bowie, was born 1848. Died in infancy (after 1861 census).

V. 3. David Bowie, son of David and Ann (Shaw) Bowie, was born in 1850. Died in infancy (after the 1851 census).

V. 4. Richard Bowie, son of David and Ann (Shaw) Bowie, was born in 1852.

V. 5. Matthew Bowie, son of David and Ann (Shaw) Bowie, was born on June 3, 1856.

V. 6. Margaret Bowie, daughter of David and Ann (Shaw) Bowie, was born on May 24, 1858.

V. 7. John Bowie, son of David and Ann (Shaw) Bowie, was

born November 22, 1859.

- V. 8. Margaret Bowie, daughter of David and Ann (Shaw) Bowie, was born on March 21, 1863.
- V. 9. Thomas Smith Bowie, son of David and Ann (Shaw) Bowie, was born February 1, 1866.

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- IV. 4. Alexander Bowie, son of Alexander and Margaret (Bennie) Bowie, was born January 4, 1828. He was a seaman in 1855 and a miner after 1859. He married Margaret Hardie, born circa 1830, on November 26, 1852 at (Leith) Edinburgh, Scotland. Their six children are:

- V. 1. Elizabeth Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Hardie) Bowie, was born in 1853.

- V. 2. Alexander Bowie, son of Alexander and Margaret (Hardie) Bowie, was born July 27, 1855.

- V. 3. Margaret Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Hardie) Bowie, was born on August 4, 1857. She died at South Street, Bo'ness, Scotland.

- V. 4. James Smith Bowie, son of Alexander and Margaret (Hardie) Bowie, was born on November 14, 1859. He died at Bo'ness, Scotland.

- V. 5. William Bowie, son of Alexander and Margaret (Hardie) Bowie, was born February 27, 1861.

- V. 6. Christina Bowie, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Hardie) Bowie, was born on April 6, 1863. She married Alexander Grant.

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- IV. 5. John Bowie, son of Alexander and Margaret (Bennie) Bowie, was born on January 17, 1830. He was baptized on January 17, 1830. Was drowned at sea.

- IV. 6. Matthew Bowie, son of Alexander and Margaret (Bennie) Bowie, was born on January 28, 1832. He was baptized on February 5, 1832. He was a potter kilnman. He married Mary Thomson, born in 1830 (possibly 1821). They were married at Gray's Lane, Bo'ness, Scotland. She died 1887, buried at Carriden Cemetery, Bo'ness, Scotland.

- IV. 7. Andrew Bowie, son of Alexander and Margaret (Bennie) Bowie, was born in 1835 at Bo'ness, Scotland. He was a labourer. He married Jennie Brash, born in 1832. They were married circa 1852.

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- III. 2. William Bowie, son of William and Mary (Wilson) Bowie, was born on May 6, 1799. Died in infancy.
- III. 3. Jean Bowie, daughter of William and Mary (Wilson) Bowie, born March 26, 1803. Married Alexander Boswell on February 6, 1823. He was born circa 1767, Carriden.
- III. 4. Janet Bowie, daughter of William and Mary (Wilson) Bowie, was born on March 14, 1805.
- III. 5. John Bowie, son of William and Mary (Wilson) Bowie, born January 24, 1808. Baptized in Carriden. Married Isabella Bard circa 1830. She was born circa 1810.
- III. 6. Margaret Bowie, daughter of William and Mary (Wilson) Bowie, born February 18, 1813. Married to Hendrew Sneddon, circa 1833. He was born circa 1811-1812.

## HISTORICAL NOTE 1

William Bowie, and his father, Alexander Bowie, were both Scotch Highlanders, members of the MacDonald Clan. William was the eldest son of Alexander Bowie and wife Margaret (Bennie) Bowie. His father was a labourer and mother worked as a calendrer in the woolen mills of Scotland. They had seven children. Elizabeth the eldest died in infancy. John, a sea captain drowned at sea. William the eldest son started working in the coal mines of Scotland when quite young. After his 21st birthday he met and married Margaret Robertson, on March 17, 1845, in the little church of Carriden, the 17th ward, Bo'ness, Scotland. Nine children blessed this couple. Margaret Robertson worked in the woolen mills, to help support her family and pay the tithes so the children could attend school. Emma Frances and Elizabeth Bowie, the two youngest children were left home while the parents worked. Each had to learn a verse from the Bible each day and repeat it to their mother, after she finished her days work in the mills. They learned to read and write through the minister in their church that held classes in the church school each day. After their schooling, they learned a trade to help support the family.

Alexander Bowie, the eldest son of William Bowie, started working in the coal mines of Scotland when only eleven years old. His work in the coal mines was quite a trying ordeal for an eleven year old boy, crawling on his hands and knees pulling a small cart after him to the mouth of a tunnel, filled with coal, so it could be emptied into a big bin and later sold as coal to the industries. He worked here in the coal mines of Scotland until he reached his 21st birthday. It was during this time that he and his father decided to leave Scotland for the United States in hopes of making a better life for themselves and family. They left Scotland the 3rd of July, 1867 from the port of Glasgow, arriving at Cape Burton, Nova Scotia, where Alexander attended mining school for a short time, then joined his father William Bowie in Pennsylvania. On Alexander Bowie's arrival in Pennsylvania, took the examinations for mine Inspector and was approved by the Board of Ventilation, April 18, 1877. He was issued a certificate under the Ventilation Act as a mine inspector. He filled a vacancy there and his work took him to the states of Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. It was during his work as mine inspector that he met and married Miss Elizabeth Whinney, September 11th, 1868. The family first lived at North Huntington Township, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania in 1870, and two of their children were born here. In 1880, the family lived at Sutterville & Sewickley Township, County Westmoreland, Pennsylvania. Seven of their eleven children were born here in Pennsylvania; William, Agnes, James, Anna, John, Alexander and Wallace.



Alexander Bowie and family came from Pennsylvania to Colorado in 1880 and was with the Canyon Coal Company. He came to western New Mexico in 1882, as a coal expert for the Santa Fe Railroad. At that time there were very few houses in Gallup, and what is now the north side of town was a big commissary. He was with the Santa Fe in that capacity for 5 years. Later he was connected with the Catran Company at Minero, New Mexico. In 1888 he became superintendant of the Old Aztec Mine. They were operating the Gallup Coal Company which later became the Crescent Coal Company.

Alexander Bowie later became general manager and superintendant as well as one of the principal stockholders of the Caledonia Company, which included the Caledonia, Thatcher and Otero Mines. They also operated a large store in the building now occupied by the Bell Market and the offices were in the second story now occupied by business offices. In 1906 he disposed of his coal interest to the American Fuel Company, but later retained his other property interests here and went to Bowie, Colorado becoming the manager and superintendant of the Juanita Coal Company.

William Bowie, the father obtained work on the engines for the railroad when he first arrived in Pennsylvania. He worked at the Irwin Station on Tuesday the 21st and worked until the 19th September 1868, when he was transferred to the station in Ohio. On the 22nd of October moved into his new home as the first of his family would be arriving from Scotland. Mary Ann and Elizabeth Bowie, the eldest and the youngest daughters arrived at Irwin Station, Pennsylvania on the 14th November, 1871. Mary Ann Bowie, the eldest daughter obtained work on the 11th December 1871. She worked here until her marriage on March 25th, 1873 to John Stewart of Marysville, Scotland. Margaret, my wife and daughter Emma Bowie, were the last of the immediate family to arrive from Scotland, on October 22, 1872, at Larimer Station, Pennsylvania. The family lived here for eight years. During the interval of his arrival from Scotland, took out citizenship papers on September 16, 1876, after living in the United States for the required length of time. He later joined the Masons, and soon became a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. He still retained his membership in the MacDonald Clan, which he and his father were members of long standing in Scotland. In the meantime his son Alexander Bowie and family moved to Rockville, Colorado in 1879. Later they bought a ranch out from Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, where Morris Bowie, the son was born February 14, 1886. The family lived here until the fall of the year then moved to Gallup, New Mexico, where Alexander Bowie became inspector for the railroad. His work took him throughout New Mexico at that time.

William Bowie and family lived in Ohio and Irwin Pennsylvania for eight years, then all the folks decided to go west. They

pooled their money and left Pennsylvania by horseback and covered wagon. On their way west stopped off in Kansas to visit Alexander the son and during their stay experienced one of the coldest winters in the history of the United States. All their stock froze to death. The family continued on west, arriving at Carthage, New Mexico. Here the men folks scattered throughout the territory looking for coal that could be mined and sold to the railroad. It was during their prospecting for coal that Alexander Cunningham came down with a severe cold that later developed into pneumonia. He died on November 9, 1882.

Emma Frances Bowie, my mother, decided to go down to Socorro, New Mexico and sew for the women living on the ranch. She worked here several years and met a prospector looking for silver or gold, which at the time was in demand. Fell in love with him, Mr. Walter Scott. They decided to get married, but could find no minister in the territory at that time to marry them, so they took it on themselves to marry by an Old Quaker Ritual, the exchanging of rings and a prayer. They planned on being married by a minister when they left Socorro for Albuquerque, New Mexico. In the meantime, Walter Scott, resumed his prospecting down into Mexico and was killed by either bandits or Indians. My sister Cora Lynn was born December 10, 1885. After her birth mother decided to join her family in Carthage, New Mexico. On her way the stage coach was held up by Mexican bandits and all her gold that she had saved from her wages was taken from her. When she arrived in Carthage, New Mexico, she and her baby were penniless.

The Bowie family and the Cunningham family all left Carthage, New Mexico for Gallup, where Alexander Bowie, the son was Inspector of Coal for the railroad. On their arrival in Gallup, William Bowie, Margaret his wife, Emma and Margaret Cunningham moved into an old adobe shack that was abandoned on the edge of Gallup. Here the Bowies and Cunninghams fixed the place up and made a notion store out of it. Emma the one daughter took care of the dress making and millinery part of the store, while Margaret Cunningham looked after the notions. (The old adobe building was still standing on front street in 1965 when my sister Anna Clarke and I were there gathering genealogy on the family.)

Margaret Cunningham worked in the store with mother, Emma Bowie and her father, until Alexander Bowie, her brother had her come up to the Old Otero Mine and run a boarding house for him, for the miners. She lived here and worked in the boarding house until her death. During her work as a house keeper and cook for the miners, working at the Otero Mine, she lost two of her sons. John Cunningham, died in Golden, Colorado while visiting his sister Anna Scott (Cunningham) Wood, from fever. William Cunningham, the youngest son was kicked in the stomach by a mine mule. He died September 25, 1902.

## HISTORICAL NOTE 2

PAONIA COLORADO, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15, 1917

ALEXANDER BOWIE, VETERAN COAL EXPERT, LAYS DOWN LIFE'S BURDAN ON STAURDAY

He had a long and successful career from humble beginning to general management of large company which named town for him, built many enduring momuments of his leadership.

A notable life was ended on Saturday afternoon, February 10, when the spirit of Alexander Bowie took flight. Months of patient battle against illness had been his lot, and when the end came not unexpectedly he was conforted by the presence of his sons and daughters in whose association he so greatly delighted.

The funeral was held from his late home in the town which bears his name, six miles east of Paonia, at twelve thirty Tuesday afternoon. Interment was by the side of his wife and their son, Dr. Morris Bowie, in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Paonia.

A profusion of magnificent floral offerings and the large attendance of friends from far and near were but two among the many testimonies to the keen sense of loss universally realized in the departure of this good man.

Coming to the north fork valley in 1906 to assume the general management of the Junita Coal and Coke Company's Mine, Mr. Bowie entered with characteristic farsightedness upon a work which has proven to be one of the most important in the history of the country's development.

The Station Juanita, Reading Post Office, had been the scene of operation on a modern scale of one of the best coal properties in the State of Colorado. Conditions largely beyond the control of the company had discouraged progress, and a less ambitious man would have scorned the unpromising few miner's cottages and humble office quarters which clustered among the hillside cedars about modestly equipped workings.

To those who look on, the transformation seems little short of magic. A great gravity tram soon eliminated the thousand foot drop by winding road from the mine to railway. A long inclined spur from the railroad's main line was constructed. New cottages sprung up to house the mine employes in confort and cleanliness. A modern commodious office building was erected. From the commanding height there also arose the handsome residence of the general manager and his family. The finest

in this part of the country. The town and postoffice were given the name of BOWIE in his honor.

This was but a part of the building and developing program which Mr. Bowie had applied himself, perhaps too closely, from beginning. His administration of the local affairs of the company was successful from every standpoint. Not the least important factor in his achievement was his human viewpoint and his high ideals of the welfare of those who labored under his direction, coupled with these excellent traits was a fine public spiritedness which was invaluable to the growth of the surrounding country.

The towns of Somerset, Bowie, and Paonia were well nigh deserted during the hours devoted to the last rites over his mortal form. No better evidence of his importance to the commercial and social improvement of this district could be asked. Floral tributes in abundance were added testimony, as was the presence of many of his industrial associates.

Among those from a distance who came to do him honor were Dr. A. A. King, A. S. Booth, and W. H. Douglas, of Pueblo, who with the deceased his son Wallace D. constituted the board of director of the Juanita Coal and Coke Company. Mrs. May Higgins, a daughter-in-law, came from Denver to be present at the funeral.

The services at the house and at the graveside were in charge of Rev. H. L. Murry, of Paonia. The pall-bearers were F. G. Emery, W. L. Ernest, J. E. Nutting and Dr. A. A. King, all of Paonia. With Mrs. Lois Tuttle at the piano, Mrs. A. J. Cady sang appropriate solos.

Alexander Bowie was born on the 28, December 1845 at Borrowstounness, Linlithgow, Scotland. He came to the United States in 1867. On the 11th, of September 1868 he married Elizabeth Whinney. Eleven children came to bless their home. William F., Agnes B., James W., Margaret, Anna, John S., Alex R., Dr. Morris and Walter preceded their parents to the Great Beyond. The wife and mother passed away on the 14th, July, 1915.

Mr. Bowie began life in this country as a coal miner in Pennsylvania. In 1880 he came to Colorado, and since that year he had been engaged in the coal mining business in this state and New Mexico. From 1882 until 1886 he was in the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad as coal expert. Since 1886 he had been in business for himself and since 1906 he held the position of manager of the King Mine of the Juanita Coal and Coke Company at the town of Bowie.

During his busy life, he found time to be of public service, holding membership in the New Mexico State Legislature from 1900 to 1902. He is prominent in the circle of Odd-Fellowship, which order he joined in 1869 at Irwin, Pennsylvania. He was

Grand Secretary of the New Mexico state and Grand Master in 1904.

One admiration-compelling trait of the man was his strong love of home and children. It was his delight to have closely associated with him in the business management his sons, William, John, Wallace, Alex., and Edwin. During his brief but brilliant career, Dr. Morris Bowie was close to the home fireside, and daughter Agnes, has also remained in the parental home. The entire North Fork Valley joins the surviving members of his family in deploring his going and in cherishing the memories of a life filled with good deeds and crowned with success in the commercial world.

### HISTORICAL NOTE 3

#### Jack Steward Succumbs Last Night After Years of Ill Health.

Came here 1880, Prospected the entire southwest for the railroad. Steward was born in Marysville, Scotland, 4 May 1848 and came to the United States April 1, 1871.

He located at Irwin, Station, Pennsylvania, became a coal-miner and was married to Mary A. Bowie, sister of Alexander Bowie, one of the early pioneers in New Mexico, March 25, 1873.

Stewart went to Rockville, Colorado in 1879 and helped sink Rockville Shaft No. 1. He then moved to Carthage, New Mexico.

During the early 80's he was with Bowie exploring and prospecting for coal in the southwest for the Santa Fe Railroad. With their covered wagon and saddle horses, they covered every section of New Mexico, southern Colorado and northern Mexico.

His first trip to Gallup was in 1880. Traveling north from Socorro he entered the valley of Rio Puerco at the buttes west of Gallup. He returned in 1882, when the Atlantic and Pacific railroad was doing business in a box car.

After completing the prospecting he located at Blosburg and then went to Cerillos. He returned to Gallup in the spring of 1887 to put down a prospect shaft where Gallup's Steam Laundry now stands. This work was being done by Alex Bowie and other prominent citizens of Gallup. If workable coal had been found they would have obtained title to all of what is now the original townsite of Gallup.

In 1889 The Caledonian Coal Co. was formed and Stewart was Superintendant for them, opening up the mine and in charge until it was closed in 1897. He then took charge of the Otero Mine and was with that company until they sold the property to the Victor American Fuel Co., 1904 at Heaton. From there he moved to Canada, to be with his brother. The climate being too sevier he returned to New Mexico, bought a small farm near Albuquerque and settled down to be a farmer. Here he remained until 1916.

Mrs. Stewart's health failed and he brought her to Gallup, to be with their neice, Mrs. Annie Wood, at whose home she died May 3, 1916. Since that time he made his home with Mrs. Wood.

Stewart's habits were methodical and until the last his moments were governed by the watch that he carried for 40 years. He is survived by one brother, Peter Stewart, of Dysart, Canada.

# HISTORICAL NOTE 4

To The Memory of

Alexander Cunningham

Who died at San Antonio, New Mexico, America  
on the 9th of November, 1882. Age 30 years.

O Death, whose rude and ruthless hand  
Asunder tears the fondest heart,  
None can resist thy stern commands,  
Or turn aside thy venom'd dart.

Our work on earth will soon be done --  
The tide of time is ebbing fast --  
Then, when the sands of life are run,  
And we are numbered with the past,

Perhaps this friend for whom we sigh  
May be the first, on wings of love  
Descending through the azure sky,  
To welcome us to realms above.

Yes, he is gone-we trust on high  
To bask beneath his Saviour's Smile;  
Though friends may heave the bitter sigh,  
'Tis only for a little while.

A. M'LACHLAN

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November 1882, John Stewart and Mary Ann (Bowie) Stewart adopted Anne Cunningham, after the death of her father, Alexander Cunningham, who died November 9, 1882.

## HISTORICAL NOTE 5

Murry Briggs Johnson was the youngest son of Luther Johnson, and wife Rhoda (Allen) Johnson, born in Sullivan County, Indiana on the 9th of January 1862. In the early days, he and his brothers Thomas and Allen Johnson, were in the cattle business, in Gallup, New Mexico. They also owned a meat market in Gallup. They advertised in the local newspaper a sale on veal. The Wells brothers missed a calf during their roundup for branding their cattle. Missed this calf and did some investigating. Found the hide in the back of the market of Murry Briggs Johnson's market. They accused the Johnson brothers of butchering their calf. Rather than go through the ordeal of proving they were innocent, instead took off for parts unknown. Later Murry Briggs Johnson got in touch with his wife. He was carrying mail from Fall River Mills to Redding, California. The women folks sold all their property and joined their husbands in California. Murry Briggs Johnson, opened up a general merchandise store in Roseville, California, later added a furniture and hardware store to his other departments. He died July 4, 1935, was buried in Roseville, California.



## HISTORICAL NOTE 6

Samuel Emmer Wood, who attended the Colorado School of Mines, during the years 1890-1894, has won State Wide Recognition among the Masonic Order in the State of New Mexico. Mr. Wood is now Grand Master of New Mexico.

Samuel Emmer Wood, was born in Norman, Illinois on October 11, 1872. Coming to the west, at an early age, he followed the profession of Mining Engineer. A quarter of a century ago, he went to Gallup, New Mexico. Since that time he has been continuously identified with the progress of the community. He died on December 31st, 1931 at Los Angeles, California.

## HISTORICAL NOTE 7

Mary Ann Stewart Cunningham, died of Lobar Pneumonia.

Friends were sorry to hear of the death of Miss Cunningham at 2:30 at the home of her sister Mrs. Samuel Wood, on Monday morning. Miss Cunningham has been an invalid for 15 year and suffered untold agony the greater part of the time. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from the Gallup, undertaking parlor.

Mrs. W. H. Morris, sang "Abide with me." The pall bearers were: Messers Palmer Ketner, John Thatcher, D. C. Walker, Frank Swarts, James Carman, A. J. Mitchell. Miss Cunningham leaves three sisters and their families, Mrs. Murry Johnson, Mrs. Kate Benham of Williams, Arizona, and Mrs. Sam Wood of Gallup, to mourn her death. The Community extends sympathy to them in their loss.

## HISTORICAL NOTE 8

### SAD DEATH

Last Sunday Johnny Cunningham was kicked in the bowels by both hind feet of a mule. He was taken home to the Caledonia Mine by Mr. C. Ginn from near Gibson, where the sad accident happened, and the mine physician Dr. Edmonson, was immediately summoned to his relief. The accident was beyond medical skill and proved fatal Monday afternoon at about 3 o'clock, when the spirit of Johnny, the pride and hope of a widowed mother, took flight to the Angelic Home Beyond the Pearly Gates. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon from the home of his mothers residence at the Caledonia Mine, and all that was mortal of him was followed to the grave by a very large number of sorrowing friends. The services were conducted by Rev. Osborn. The Gleaner joins with the many friends of Mrs. Cunningham and family in extending to them its sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable bereavement and sad affliction.

## HISTORICAL NOTE 9

The Wedding of Katherine C. Cunningham and Henry L. Benham took place in Gallup, New Mexico, as follows:

(1909) Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Sneddon, occurred a very pretty wedding in which Miss Katherine C. Cunningham and Henry Laurens Benham were joined in matrimony by Rev. Samuel Sample, of the Congregational Church. The bride was given away by her sister Mrs. S. E. Wood. Miss Rose Harsch of Albuquerque, a former school mate of the bride, was maid of honor and Mr. S. E. Wood acted as best man. Miss Cunningham wore a princess gown of white voile and Miss Harsch a pink gown of suizene. The groom's mother Mrs. H. L. Benham of Cincinnati stopped off for the wedding on her way home from Honolulu.

A sumptuous supper was served to which all did ample justice. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stofer  
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Johnson  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spears  
Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wood  
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bowie  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sneddon  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDermott  
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carrington

The newly wedded couple will make their home at Williams, Arizona.

## HISTORICAL NOTE 10

### Mr. H. L. Benham Old Timer at Williams

There's hardly a creek or crevice, spring or bluff in the Williams area that isn't known to H. L. Benham, who helped map the country back in 1909 when he was a young Forest Service employe.

He helped Will C. Barnes, Arizona historian, by furnishing information for "Arizona Place Names."

BENHAM, 83, was born in Indiana, but was raised in Cincinnati. He headed west in 1900, coming first to New Mexico.

Until 1906 he punched cattle for Barnes in the Raton, New Mexico area. In 1907 he went to work for the Forest Service. In 1909 he was sent to Williams. It was then he and his coworker, Willard Sevier, really got to know this country.

Thier ranger district covered 14 townships, and they rode horseback, and packed into every corner of it, mapping and recording canyons, mountains, trails and springs.

"Our pay was \$75 a month, and we had to feed our own horses," he said. "During fire season one of us would ride to the top of Bill Williams Mountain and scan the countryside for fires. If we saw smoke, we'd ride back down, and try to locate the fire from what we'd seen on top of the mountain.

In October 1909 he took time off to go to New Mexico and marry his sweetheart, Katherine Cunningham, of Albuquerque. Their first home was the ranger station at Camp Clover, west of Williams. In those days it was only a log cabin.

Benham stayed with the Forest Service until 1912 when he homesteaded a place in the lush meadows and tall timber country about four miles south of Williams. In 1918 he went to work for the Santa Fe with the intention of "helping out for the winter."

He retired 30 years later, in 1948, after being everything from call boy to relief agent.

When stockmen left the high country during the winter, they always left their ranch houses open, he said. One rancher, Benham remembers, had a sign over the door, "Feed your horse, feed yourself, feed the cat and cut enough wood for the next fellow."

BENHAM is a lover of horses and recalls a favorite saddle horse, Buck, who lived to be 36.

Among his most prized possessions is a tiny glass, gold-rimmed salt dish that was used at the 50th wedding anniversary reception of his grandparents in Cincinnati in 1890.

He also has a hardback notebook, containing the genealogy of the Sibley family, his mother's branch.

The book, compiled in 1858 by Edward Sibley is a history of the Sibley family from the time they came to this country from England in 1640.

The Benham ranch is a refuge for wild turkey, elk, deer and sometimes bear. The Benhams spend many summer evenings observing the animals that come in close to the house.

The ranch is a haven for people who like to get into the country. Benham has constructed picnic tables and benches and permits organizations to use them for gatherings.

He's known as barbecue chief in this area and has been preparing barbecues for more than 45 years. He has been a member of the Elks Lodge for 43 years.

Although he loves to talk about Arizona as it used to be, Benham is tuned to the present.

Active and agile, he took his grandson deer hunting last week.

The Benhams observed their 53rd wedding anniversary last month.

They have two sons, Henry Jr., of Williams and James of Northridge, Calif.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## HISTORICAL NOTE 11

Source - Williams News, October 25, 1973.

Funeral services for Henry L. Benham, 94, well known and respected rancher, railroader, and forest ranger, will be Friday, October 26, at Community Methodist Church at 2. p.m. Burial will be in Williams cemetery. Mr. Benham died Oct. 22 at Yavapai Community Hospital in Prescott where he had been a patient since June. He was a native of Indiana, but spend his childhood and early youth in Cincinnati. He headed west in 1900, settling first in New Mexico where he worked as a cowboy for Will C. Barnes. Barnes later authored the book "Arizona Place Names," and Benham assisted Barnes in identifying many area landmarks.

In 1907 Mr. Benham went to work for the Forest Service. He helped with prairie dog control programs in Colorado and was sent to Arizona in 1909. It was also in 1909 that he married Katherine C. Cunningham, whom he had met previously in New Mexico. Their first home was at Camp Clover ranger station west of Williams, where they lived in a log cabin.

Benham's ranger district at this time covered 14 townships, and he worked with a partner Willard Sevier. They rode horseback and packed into every part of their district, mapping and recording canyons, mountains, creeks and springs. The pay was \$75 a month and the men had to feed their own horses.

In 1912 Benham homesteaded a place about four miles south of Williams. In 1918 he went to work for Santa Fe Railroad. "Just to help out through the winter," he remarked once. His "helping out" stretched to 30 years, and he retired from Santa Fe in 1948 after serving as everthing "from call boy to relief agent."

Mr. Benham's wife taught school here for several years. The Benhams were active in fraternal and church affairs, and for many years the annual St. John's Episcopal church July 4 barbecue was held at Benham ranch. The family constructed a picnic and recreation area, and many organizations and familes held outings there during the summer months.

The Benhams were active in IOOF and Rebekah lodge, and several years ago Mr. Benham received a 50 year membership pin from the IOOF lodge.

Even in advanced age, Mr. Benham had a young outlook, and kept active -- going deer hunting with his grandsons when he was well past the age when most men are taking things easy. He always had a garden, worked many hours gathering and cutting

firewood, and in general retained the life-long habits of a pioneer.

His wife died in 1964 and a son James died in 1971. The Benhams' only daughter died as a result of an accident when she was a teenager.

Mr. Benham is survived by a son Henry L. Benham of Williams; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Walker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Friends may call at Walker chapel between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. tonight (Thursday).