

## Benjamin Bowman (1761-1828)

Born: June 20, 1761 (WVR 22)  
son of James and Mary

**(1) Married:** Abigail Wheelock, Nov. 15, 1786 (WVR 126)  
Born: Aug. 10, 1765 (WVR 105)  
daughter of Moses and Abihal  
Died: Apr. 20, 1801 (WVR 230)

**(2) Married:** Lucy Whitney, Mar. 2, 1806 (WVR 126)

Died: Mar. 12, 1828, a. 67 y. (Cambridge VR Deaths, 478)

Middlesex Probate 2343 (1828) describes him as a laborer; widow Lucy; the appraisal of his estate: \$36.33 ("hereby allowed to retain for her own use").

### Children:

Josiah Brigham, Nov. 25, 1787 (WVR 22)  
Daniell, Sept. 5, 1789 (WVR 22)  
Abihail, July 15, 1791 (WVR 22)  
Susannah, Apr. 5, 1793 (WVR 23)

1777 May 12 (Monday). This Morning I send Six young Cattle to Mr. *Baldwins* Pasture at *Cois Hill* at *Brookfield*, under the Care, for driving, of Benjamin *Bowman*, and Nathan *Champney*. *Sangor* helps part of the way.

Breck Parkman diary (AAS): 1779 December 1 (Wednesday). Ben Bowman goes to Boston with 40 Bushels Corn.

1781 November 26 (Monday). Mr. *Brigham* is desired by Several to take their Sons to instruct them. He has already his Brother *Josiah*. Ensign *Aaron Warrin* wants his son *Abijah* should come (and he is come to day); Lieut. Jonathan *Grout* is earnest to have his son come; *Benjamin Bowman* is expected to come to live with me this Winter to look after my Cattle and chop Wood, hoping to get Learning withal: and Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* is here and requests that his *John* may come to Mr. *Brigham* to School -- all which coming upon me with without our being prepared for it, is too difficult.

1781 December 4 (Tuesday). *Benjamin Bowman* came to live here to take Care of my Cattle, chop Wood, make the Fires, etc., and to learn to write, Cypher.

1781 December 6 (Thursday). Benjamin Bowman says he would live here on the following Terms, He will take Care of my Cattle and cutt my Wood etc. if he may board here, and learn to write and cypher.

1781 December 21 (Friday). *Benjamin Bowman* returned from *Boston*.

1782 February 28 (Thursday). *Benjamin Bowmans* Time is out, and he leaves us.

Breck Parkman diary (AAS):

1793 August 23 (Friday). Ben Bowman and Rufus Forbush bring my Clock from Wilmington.

1794 November 8 (Saturday). I Sell a pair of Oxen which I had of B. Bowman to David Fay for £17.10.0.

1797 June 22 (Thursday). We dig an out side Celler way to the New Store and Stone it up. B. Nurse, B. Bowman, B. Cham<sup>n</sup>, and J. Warren.

1797 June 23 (Friday). Under pin the Store. B. Nurse, B. Bowman, J. Warren, B. Chamberlin work part of the day. The rain beats them of.

1801 April 20 (Monday). Benjamin Bowman's wife dies. Leaves a most distressed family. Poor, ragged, destitute of food and every Necessity.

1801 April 21 (Tuesday). I visit B. Bowman in the morn. Find him mourning. I take one of his children home and Cloath it up. Other Neighbors do the same by other children.

1801 April 22 (Wednesday). Benjamin Bowman wife buried. A large funeral and the procession very regular.