

## **Bows or Bowes: References in Ebenezer Parkman's Diary**

1725 November 11 (Thursday). [Boston.] The Boy having brought Back my Horse, I toward night prepar'd, and understanding, by Sister Lydia, that Mrs. Dorcas Bows (my wife's Kinswoman) would ride up to Westborough with me, and that Mrs. Dorcas waited for me at Charleston, we went over by Ferry and we overtook her at Neck o'Land. We proceeded on Horseback with good pace; and Sister alighting at a place whence she Could with much Ease walk to Sister Hicks'. I returned and took up Mrs. Dorcas and by these means we got up Comfortably.

1725 November 12 (Friday). Brother Champney and Sister Lydia accompanied Mrs. Dorcas and Me to Westborough; and we got home in good Season.

1725 November 17 (Wednesday). Brother and Sister return'd home to Cambridge. Mrs. Tomlin Buried. Mrs. Dorcas rode with me to the Funerall and after it we went up to Captain Fays.

1725 November 20 (Saturday). I rode down with Mrs. Dorcas to Cambridge.

1726 January 19 (Wednesday). By and by Madame rose up and to Mr. Webb we'll go if you please Sir from the Jews to Spanish and Polish at which game [?] they play'd till near nine when I left them and went to Captain Boyse's to see Cousin Dorcas Bowes.

1726 July 6 (Wednesday). Commencement.... At Night having borrowed a Large Sturdy Coat I ventured over to Father Champney's but it was very wet, uncomfortable. Here was Cousin Dorcas Bows and Susan Champney.

1727 March 17 (Friday). [Boston.] In the Evening we had much more Company than I thought of. Mr. Secretary Willard, our Cousens, Mrs. Sarah Porter and her Sister, Mrs. Dorcas Bows, etc., etc. I have grievously and Sadly reflected upon my Levity this Evening. I am very much afraid that in the Eyes of Some of the Company my Demeanour was not altogether becoming. But there was nothing criminal in my Conduct with one that considers what a time of Joy it was with us. However I think I might have spent more time with the graver people, especially have improv'd the opportunity of acquainting my Self better with the Secretary and perhaps it had not been to my Disadvantage.

1728 February 11 (Sunday). At our house was Mr. Bows who had preach'd at Southborough on the Day past.

1728 February 12 (Monday). I rode down with Mr. Bows to Cambridge, dining at Mr. Jonsons of Southborough and calling in likewise at Mr. Briton's of the Same Town and at Mr. Williams at Weston.

1728 February 19 (Monday). [Boston.] This Evening at cousin Dorcas Bows where was Mrs. Rebecca Adams and by and by Brother Samuell Parkman.

1736 May 26 (Wednesday). [Boston.] At Mr. Fennels shop -- went over to Charleston in the Eve to Mrs. Gibbs's, with Mr. Prentice of Grafton. Mr. Bows, Mr. Solomon Prentice and I lodged at Brother Samuel Parkman's.

1742 March 30 (Tuesday). Broke fast at Mr. Warham Williams. N.B. Mr. Williams going (with Mr. Appleton and Mr. Peabody) to a Fast to Morrow at *Bedford* on account of the Troubles there relating to Mr. Bows's Conduct among them.

1745 March 9 (Saturday). Captain Maynard, who came up from Boston last Night, brings Me Brother Samuels Mournfull Letter of the Death of his Wife, on Monday Eve last, about 6 o'clock. The Lord Awaken all of us to a due Sense of his holy Will! May He be very gracious to those more immediately Suffering under So Sore a Bereavement. And may we all be quicken'd to and assisted in all due preparation for our own Decease! Sister Dorcas had been long languishing and wasting, and much Confin'd from Publick Ordinances but I have learnt Nothing of the State of her Mind. N.B. Small pox Said to have been at Boston.

1745 March 12 (Tuesday). I rode a.m. to Mr. Grouts, by whom I sent a Letter to Brother Samuel Parkman....

1752 April 10 (Friday). Receiv'd Two Letters per Mr. Winchester from Brother Samuel Parkman, dated the third Instant -- one of them writ by Billy Bows, who with his sister Nabby and Cousen Sarah Tyley were inoculated on the second. As soon as I had read I burnt both the Letters.

1754 November 4 (Monday). I wrote to Mr. Bows of Bedford about Mr. David Taylor's Request.

1755 October 9 (Thursday). My Kinsman William Bowes Parkman generous in sending Me another Pamphlet concerning Affairs in America.

1755 December 13 (Saturday). Much interrupted by the Coming of Captain Thomas Stoddard from Fort Edward. He tells me he supposes Mr. Bowes, late of Bedford, one of the Chaplains in the army, to be by this time dead, he having been struck suddenly with numb palsey, and speechless when he was with him, as he came down upon his Journey. May God grant that I may myself be always ready! Since we know not the Day nor the Hour. O that I might wait for my Lord!

1755 December 14 (Sunday). Reverend Mr. Bowes Death is Several Ways confirm'd. I read 1 K. 4. Preach'd on Mat. 16.24. P.M. read Mat. 7, and on Occasion of Mr. Bowes Death, repeated the remainder of what I began on Occasion of Deacon Newtons sudden Death last February, viz. from Deut. 32.29.

1757 December 6 (Tuesday). William Bowes Parkman took Care of my Horse. Lodged at Brother *Williams*.

1758 May 11 (Thursday). When I returned found my Kinsman William Bowes Parkman here, in his Return from Fairfield in Connecticut. He lodges here.

1758 November 30 (Thursday). Returned home at Eve; and find all in Comfort. D.G. I Said, *all in Comfort* -- but I am to Except the sorrowfull News we have of the Death of my dear Kinsman, my Brother *Samuels* only Son, *William Bowes Parkman*, who dyed on the 22d. May God most gracious please to Sanctify this Breach to all of us! But especially Support my poor Brother under this distressing Bereavement. And may both his and my own Children have Grace to think Seriously of the Vanity of Life, and prepare for their own Death.

1760 September 4 (Thursday). Mr. Sherman rode with me to Mrs. Bows at Bedford; and to *Concord*; where also came Deacon Wright and Wife.

1761 February 4 (Wednesday). Billy Set off for Boston in his Master Baldwins Service gave him Money to pay my son Thomas's Debt to Mr. William Bowes.

1764 November 28 (Wednesday). Received also from Boston, my Brother Samuels Account of his Daughter Loyds being favoured with a Child whom they have called *Dorcas Bowes*.

1770 June 12 (Tuesday). My Son *Baldwin* returns from *Boston*, and with him William Bowes Bradford, and his Sister. They dine and leave us for Brookfield.

1776 November 6 (Wednesday). *William Bowes Bradford* of *Leicester* came -- lodges here.

1782 April 7 (Sunday). I preached a. and p.m. on *Prov. 4.10*. Messrs. *Ebenezer Hancock* and *Nicolas Bowes*, attended among us.

1782 August 31 (Saturday). Two young Kinsfolks Master *William Bowes Bradford* and his Sister Miss *Betsy*, arrived from *Boston*, to make us a Visit.

1782 September 2 (Monday). My Young Kinsman and his Sister and Sundry Others with them take a Ride to Col. *Brighams*. Returned at Evening.