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The major news of this half of 1995 was the Reunion at Chelmsford, Massachusetts. About 50 people attended. The next issue of The Bates Bulletin will feature an article by Mary Jean Evans and pictures describing the events at Chelmsford. Since all of the wonderful activities were planned and organized by Mary Jean, it is appropriate for her to write about them and share the excitement of what turned out to be a super gathering. It really takes an enormous amount of planning and supervising to bring off an excellent three day program and **Mary Jean** is to be congratulated for a job more than **well done**.

For this issue I'll deal with the business of the General Meeting/Reunion with an update of what has happened since. **FIRST**, after two years the Association is on a solid footing. The organization and administration of the Association has an established and sound foundation; the financial picture is such that goals and plans to expand and enhance membership services are possible; and membership numbers are healthy and getting better.

Officers for 1995-97 Term:

President	C. Ben Bates
Executive Vice President	Mary Jean Bates Evans
Corporate Secretary & resident Agent	Duncan Bates Todd
Treasurer	Mary Lou Bishop
Vice Presidents	Lynne Bates
	Mary Patricia Bates
	Maynard Bates
	Wayne Witt Bates
	Betty J. Heil
	Melvin Spencer Klein

Appointed:

Editor/Publisher <u>The Bates Bulletin</u>	Molly Evans
Librarian	Pamela A. F. Priest

Committee Chairs:

Publicity	William C. Bates
Bates Foundation	Mary Pat Bates
Reunion	Charles C. Bates
	Kenneth N. Bates
Computer	Spence Klein
Photography	Bev & Don Lutz
Proxy	Martha Bates
Election	(Open)
Promotions	(Open)

Treasurers Report : As of the end of September all funds have been transferred to the Covenant Bank in New Jersey. The balance there was \$2839.52. It is anticipated that at the end of this year there will be around \$2,000.00 to carry over into the 1996 budget. The Executive Committee is in the process of studying and making recommendations for 1996.

Membership Report: As of the end of September there were 222 members. In November, a much requested **Membership Directory** will be sent to all members. Included with this will be a form for membership renewals.

Membership Directory: This will include E-mail addresses for those with computers who are "on-line." **NOTE:** If there have been any changes in your address information or branch, please send these changes to: Spence Klein, 541 Berkshire Valley Road, Wharton, NJ 07885. This Directory is one more service to members to help you with your ancestral research. Among its many uses is to put you in contact with other members of your branch.

Demographic Information: At the workshop this summer Spence presented this look at our membership: Our membership breakdown by ancestral lines looks like this:
Clement - 44; Edward of Weymouth - 25; Edward of Boston - 11; James - 8;
Robert - 3; Francis - 2; Clement & Edward of Boston - 1;
Clement & James - 1; Virginia Bates - 1;
Bates Association (not yet linked to one of the above) - 77; and
Associate Members - 4.

Membership by state (look for your postal code): AZ - 3; CA - 9; CO - 6; CT - 5;
DC - 1; FL - 13; GA - 1; HI - 1; IA - 2; ID - 1; IL - 11; IN - 3; MA - 27; MD - 14;
ME - 3; MI - 4; MN - 4; MO - 2; NC - 2; ND - 2; NH - 2; NJ - 8; NV - 1; NY - 7;
OH - 10; OK - 1; Or - 6; PA - 4; SC - 1; TN - 1; TX - 6; UT - 3; VA - 2; WA - 5;
WI - 3; WY - 3.

Don't bother to count - that's 177 member locations but we have 39 additional members because of multiple members in family memberships! That makes 216 total members by my count.

So - in what states don't we have members? AL, AK, AR, DE, KS, KY, LA, MS, MT, NE, NM, RI, SD, VT, & WV.

We seem to be averaging 2 to 3 new members per week since the reunion and, thanks to all of you spreading the word, I get 3 to 5 inquiries per week via e-mail, US. Main and the Internet. Keep up the great Work!!!!!!

IRS Status: As soon as I returned from the Reunion I received good news and bad news. The Association was granted tax exempt status at the federal level. This means no tax returns or payment (unless we exceed \$25,000 per year). Now the bad news - they would not grant us the "charitable" status that would allow members to deduct part of the dues on your tax return or to deduct donations to the Association. It was the latter that I really wanted for the Association. I would suggest that at a later date the Association try again - after investigating how others have achieved the status.

Bates Bulletin - Vol. II:

The Executive Committee discussed two alternatives for getting Vol. II out to interested members. The President was asked to get more information on the cost of printing Tom Bates' version. This data and information that Mary Jean has obtained from the Higginson on an alternative method of printing Vol II will be discussed this fall by the Executive Committee. Several innovative ways for financing this were presented. Factors affecting the decision on whether or not the Association can produce Vol II are the costs (Do we have the money to pay for the up-front cost of printing?) and getting someone to take charge of the project. We hope to have some answers and decisions some time this Fall and will share that with you.

The Bates Foundation: After an excellent report from committee members Mildred and Russell Bates on behalf of Mary Pat Bates, chairperson, a discussion followed. It appeared that the Bates Foundation would be set up to give something back to the community. Details need to be spelled out, but the purpose would be to promote an interest in history (especially the history of families) by awarding grants and scholarships to those interested in pursuing research and/or education in that field. Probably the focus would be on interesting young

people, but not limited to that age group.

The 1997 Reunion and In Between: The site for the 1997 Reunion is Salt Lake City, UT. This was discussed and voted upon by the majority at the General Meeting. Charles C. Bates of AZ and Kenneth N. Bates of UT, as co-chairmen, have already met in Salt Lake City and will have a preliminary report out this fall. **[Please NOTE** -- it was proposed, discussed and voted upon in 1994 that the Association go to a two-year (biennial) time period for term of office and for its Reunion and General Meeting. The reason behind this was that for a volunteer organization with limited human resources the annual time period did not give officers time to learn their jobs, and to plan a quality Reunion that would interest members in traveling a distance to attend. (Some locations, such as Salt Lake City, require a year in advance to book rooms, etc.) Also, it was decided that with the Association growing into a national organization, sites reflecting the continental scope of membership should be selected.]

Salt Lake City fits the criteria for Reunion sites: (1) it is an historic site of significance to a branch of the Bates family; (2) opportunities for genealogical research and/or on-site education is available; and (3) it reflects the national scope of the Association by its location. (Note: Kenneth N. Bates of Bountiful, UT is not only on-site to help with planning but is a member of the local Bates Family Association - about a 50 member Mormon related group) Already, early reports from Charles & Ken give a hint of some superior activities and attractions that should make the Reunion a "can't miss" event. Much more will be coming your way between now and the Spring of 1997. So start blocking in July 24-28 of 1997.

Regional Gatherings: In the even years (1996) between the national Reunions is a great time to begin holding mini reunions or regional gatherings. Take a look at Spence's groupings of members (above): about 22 in Mid-Atlantic; 25 on Pacific Coast; 37 in New England, etc. **When you get the Membership Directory why not take charge of getting your area together next summer?**

I bet you have a great time meeting your new cousins, just as those of us these past two years have done. Let me know if you are going to try a regional gathering and the Association will help in some way -- certainly with publicity. I hope to attend 1 or 2 regional reunions next year. **How about You?** (For New England - Duncan Bates Todd has already volunteered a one-day gathering.)

NEHGS CD ROM on the "Register": The Association won't have this available for a while. NEHGS is having trouble with the production end of the project. It will be produced - **Just When?**

Publicity and More Members: One continuing goal for this year is to increase membership and get the Association more visible. Any ideas for our Publicity Committee - Bill & Duncan?

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Some reports in this issue were not based upon a written report, but rather my memory

which can be like Swiss Cheese!]