

The Bates Bulletin

A Tribute to C. Benjamin Bates, Our First President

by Mary Jean Bates Evans

The Bates Association has both good news and bad news this year. First, the bad news: Ben Bates has retired as President after three years of hard work founding this organization and getting it well launched. Now for the good news: He's not going away! He will stay on as a member of The Executive Committee and has accepted the position of Historian of the Bates Association. Thus he will continue to provide his leadership and wisdom.

I became acquainted with Ben first as a genealogy phone friend. I don't remember how I learned about "The Bates Chronicle", the newsletter Ben published for descendants of Edward of Weymouth, but when I did, I subscribed and I called him and that began an interesting and helpful phone friendship. Of course, in those days I hadn't yet learned that there were two Edward Bates ancestors. I assumed that Ben and I were really cousins but later I learned that we aren't

really related, it just feels as if we are. Ben has always been good at fostering that Bates family feeling in our association.

About the time that I voiced my frustration that the Bates Association had died many years before, Ben told me that plans were well under way to revive it. He and Bill Bates of the Clement line and Capt. Robert Bates had been working on it for about a year. Bill had managed to have the original charter in Massachusetts reopened and the they all were arranging a founding meeting in Falmouth, MA on the centennial of the birth of Katherine Lee Bates. My sister, Cynthia Bates Schaefer, and I joined them in Falmouth for that July, 1993 meeting. Bill's sister, Duncan Bates Todd, Ben's wife, Martha and Robert's wife, Katherine were there as well. That was an exciting event. The Bates Association was officially reopened with eight members and Ben was elected President.

He took on a difficult job and has done it with patience, humor and knowledge. We've grown to over two hundred members in just three years. The original constitution and by-laws had to be reviewed



C. Benjamin Bates, First President of the revived Bates Association.

and brought up to date to fit current needs and philosophies. Officers were appointed or elected, committees formed, tasks assigned etc., all the details that needed Ben's organizational skills. He ar-

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ranged the first reunion in Scituate and edited the first year's Bulletin's. It's been a huge job and I know he has found it rewarding but having launched "the baby" so successfully, he now plans to stay involved but also spend time traveling, enjoying his family and devoting himself to his many other interests.

Asked for a biography, he tells us that he was born in Baltimore, MD August 24, 1934. He spent all his pre-adult life in Baltimore, graduating from the Baltimore City College (high school). He received his BS degree and teaching credentials from Towson State College. While he was teaching, he got his Master's and Doctoral degrees. Before that he had served in the Army as an enlisted person, discharged as a Sergeant. He taught for ten years and was then promoted to Vice-Principal. He continued as an elementary school administrator until he retired in 1986.

Since retirement he has been involved in a number of fun activities. To fulfill his childhood dream of being a streetcar motorman, he took a training course at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum and has operated streetcars there and conducted school tours for the past ten years. He wanted to be a history teacher and so has taught history and has served as Historian for several organizations as he now will serve us. He has done historical research and has contributed to several rail histories, a historical novel and a family history. He feels fortunate to be able to do in retirement what he was not able to do earlier. In 1980 Ben began to publish "The Bates Chronicle" which was originally intended to bring together Maryland descendants of Edward of Weymouth. However, it began to draw interest from Bates folk everywhere and thus led ultimately to the founding of The Bates Association.

Ben concluded his brief biography with the following, "I was born into what would be termed now as a deprived environment and a dysfunctional family. I take pride that I overcame this handicap as well as a severe physical handicap to achieve what I have. The most important and satisfying goal was the establishment of a loving family and a home of my own. I don't believe I would have reached the above goals without the love and support of my wife, Martha, and my three children—Benjamin, Leila and William. And now our family of five has grown to ten with in-laws Marjorie, Craig and Tracey and grandchildren Megan and Kenon."

Ben's shoes are too big to fill but I am honored to be the current President and am happy that he is generous with help and advice. With his support and that of our membership, I believe that we will continue to grow and flourish. ☺

Westward Ho, The Wagons!

Meet Our Hosts For The 1997 Reunion in Salt Lake!

This is the second in our series of regional or single family Bates organizations. We are fortunate to have a large group of Bates "cousins" of the Edward of Boston line right there in Salt Lake City. They have worked hard to plan a wonderful experience for us in July, 1997. Their Reunion Committee organized to provide entertainment, genealogical research opportunities and plenty of time for sharing and getting to know each other. Gordon Bates, the President of our host organization was asked to tell us how their family group began.

The Cyrus Bates/ Lydia Harrington Family Organization

By Gordon Bates, President

The Cyrus Bates/ Lydia Harrington Family Organization literally started with a dream. Ivan LeSelle Bates was raised with an appreciation of the value of family research. He was named for his father, Ivan, who was named for his uncle, Ivan Milo Bates (b. 4/11/1895, d. 25/7/1962). Ivan Milo Bates was an avid genealogist and a Life Member of the original Bates Association. During the 20's and 30's Ivan Milo contributed information about his branch of the family to "The Bates Bulletin", so in a way, we are now coming full circle with the Bates Association.

In April of 1972 Ivan LeSelle had a dream in which his grandfather, LeSelle Bates appeared to him. In the dream his grandfather directed him "in no uncertain terms" says Ivan to investigate the Bates genealogical records and correct them wherever he found errors. This dream so impressed Ivan that he recorded it and told family members at the time.

In spite of the fact that Ivan had severe health problems, he felt impelled to follow the directive of the dream and he moved with his family from Phoenix, AZ to Salt Lake City to be near the Family History

Center. Since then he has done research and gathered as much information as time and his strength would permit.

As anyone who loves genealogy and family history knows, it's hard to do this work alone. It is an endeavor that requires exchange and sharing. To extend and expand our connection with the past, we need to extend and expand our contacts in the present and it's more enjoyable when there is a team of mutually interested relatives sharing in the work and the excitement. Ivan found others of us in the area working on the Bates records, some more than others but all with the same interest and appreciation for our family history. We came together and, finding that our nearest common ancestors were Cyrus Bates and Lydia Harrington, we organized under their names.

Our member, Loni Gardner, has done extensive research on Cyrus and Lydia Harrington Bates. Their home still stands in Henderson New York. It was there that Orson Pratt, an Apostle and missionary of the LDS church, mentioned in his journal on 30 July 1836 that he "went to Brother Bates in Henderson". The following July 4th he wrote "In the afternoon I was married to sister Sally M. Bates, the ceremony being

performed by Elder Luke Johnson. After the ceremonies of the wedding...(I) attended to the confirmation of those (which) were as follows: Jonathan and Julia Harrington being connections of Bro. Bates...Ormus Bates, Phebe Mariah Bates and Marcellus L. Bates of Henderson, being the two sons and daughter-on-law of Bro. (Cyrus) Bates."

Ormus and Phebe Bates and others of the family followed Orson Pratt on the trek to Nauvoo, IL and later to Utah.. We'll tell the story of that trek and the Bates pioneers settling in the area in the next issue of "The Bates Bulletin" but that's how we Bates' out here in the West got rooted in the LDS church.

So far, all of us in this organization are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, LDS for short. As you probably already know, one of the most important doctrines of the LDS church is that families are forever and that each family ties into other families, one family by itself not being complete. Thus the genealogy emphasis among the LDS and how the Cyrus Bates/Lydia Harrington organization came to be. We look forward to a great Bates reunion in '97 with all of you. ☺

There's Always One Line that is Trouble....

by Gordon Johnson

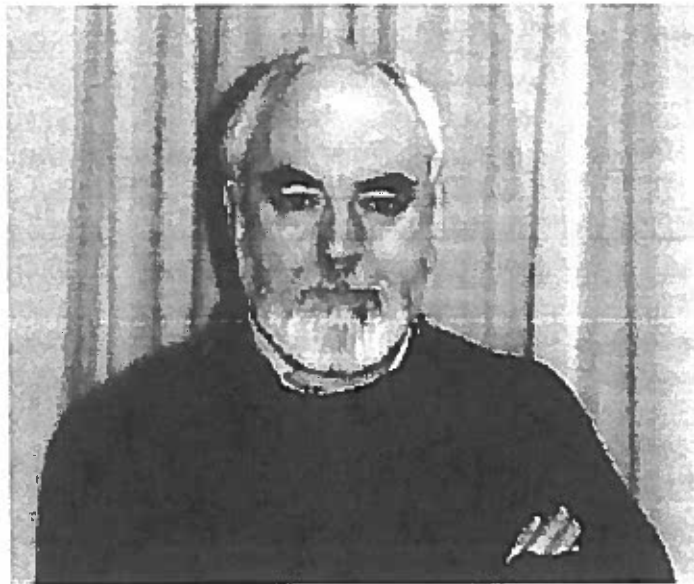
I am a Johnson. My mother was a Pert. Her mother was a Gillanders. There are lots of different surnames in my family tree.

When I came to enter my family data into a computer file (using Personal Ancestral File (PAF), what was the first name that I typed? - Hope! and the second was Bate. It was an omen.

My Bate section of the family have proved evasive in the records. They still are, but I will work on it more now, having just achieved early retirement from my local government work as a public librarian in the North East corner of Scotland.

So, entry no.1: Hope Bate, wife of David Bennet. Their first child, a daughter, was named Jessie Bennet, and my own mother's full name was Jessie Bennet Pert. I therefore have a strong affection for that family line, and while I have had great difficulty pinning down David Bennet (born between 1784 and 1791,

somewhere in Scotland), I found dear Hope because Hope is an unusual name in the locality - Craig parish in Angus, Scotland, just beside the East coast port of Montrose. The church record is quite clear: Craig, 1789: "James Bate and Jean Addison his wife at Balgove had a child baptised 14th June named Hope - before the congregation." Balgove was a local farm name, so I had an



Gordon Johnson, a new member from Aberdeen, Scotland, found us via the Internet.

exact location for the family, the names of both parents, and a description of the baptism being done in public, in front of the congregation.

Having the parents names, I was able to trace all the other children of these parents, and draw up my Bate family: William, baptised 18 Aug 1776 at Balgove, Craig; Isabel (not listed - I found her as one of

the family in a list of parishioners of Craig, drawn up by the Minister in 1788 - a great help), born 1777-1779; Mary, baptised 26th March 1780, Balgove; Betty, baptised 3 March 1783, Balgove; Jean, baptised 3 April 1785, Balgove; James, born 2, bapt.3 April 1787, Balgove; Hope, bapt. 14 June 1789, Balgove; Catherine (or Kate) born about 1790. Where did I get Catherine?

By a process of elimination. Like Sherlock Holmes, what I was left with had to be the truth: I checked all the Bate references in the IGI for Angus, and the only ones with a connection to Craig or Montrose were the one family. That family should have been expected to have a child about 1790/91, but there was none listed. However, the only extraneous Bate in the parish not identified was

Catherine/Kate Bate, wife of Robert Cargill. She died between 1838 and 1841 (husband is widower at 1841 census, she is noted as alive in other church records in 1838). There was no gravestone to help, no record of her marriage, but from other evidence such as the date of first child she was married about 1810, period of childbearing, husband's birthdate, etc., I concluded she was born about

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1790, which fitted in to the only Bate family in the parish.

I dislike including someone on flimsy evidence, but once I had excluded all other possibilities, I accepted her. I checked the Kirk Session (parish church elders meeting) minutes for the relevant period [in Scottish Records Office, Edinburgh], death records in Montrose (none for Craig, for 1800-1854), the Montrose newspapers, etc. I came up with some tit-bits on the family.

I found two deaths for a James Bate. One was in the Montrose interments: 21st Sep. 1850 - James Bate, buried Rossie Island (burial ground on island between Craig and Montrose, traditional burial place for Craig residents), and in the Kirk Session Minutes, 5th Dec. 1816: "Paid to [Rev.]Mr. Brewster the sums advanced to James Bate, junr. on death bed, 5/-[5 shillings].....to James Mitchell for coffin for James Bate junr., 12/-."

If they are putting him in a coffin, he's dead. Being junr.(junior), he is the son, so the 1850 death might be his father...or might be someone else, so I don't dare conclude that.

One other child of the family appears: William. Again, as the only William Bate in the vicinity of Montrose, he can be identi-

fied. He gets married in 1803 to Helen Beattie in St. Cyrus, Kincardineshire, just a few miles up the coast. The marriage entry describes him as "soldier in the Angusshire Militia", which helps again. I find him in a militia list of 1809, held by the Montrose Museum. He is a private. I find him in the Montrose census, living in Baltic Street. In his son's death certificate, he is described as an agricultural labourer, but in the "Montrose Review" newspaper, 14th Sep 1849, I find "William Bate, well-known local porter in Montrose, intoxicated, knocked down by a carriage." It might all be him, but...Hey, you say. Enough about the children, what about the parents?

Ah, well, you see...The marriage between James Bate and Jean Addison..is not recorded. There is a gap in the marriage register between 1774 and 1784.

There is no local gravestone for James Bate and Jean Addison - I personally examined them all. I look for possible birth/baptism of James Bate. There is none locally for the period when he might be born. The only possible that I can find recorded is in the town of Brechin, about ten miles away. Parents would be David Bait and Margaret Hendry. While I record that, I do not enter them as his parents - I don't have proof. His wife, Jean Addison, has

another difficulty: at the time, the minister recorded only the father's name at the baptism, and there are two possibles.

One is christened 28 Jan 1750, father-Robert Addison, the other is christened 17 May 1752, father William Addison. Now comes the detecting.

As most of William Addison's family were born in Craig, and therefore more likely to remain in Craig, and as Robert Addison (married Katherine Baxter, Maryton, 16 Aug 1739) had only one child, Jean, in Craig, the others all born in Maryton, it seems reasonable to assume that the true parents of Jean must be William Addison and Jean Ramsay (married in Craig, 25 April 1730).

And there it stands for the moment. A few wisps of possibilities to pursue when time permits, but other priorities have forced me to leave them for the moment. I have another 8,000 people on the family tree and linked families, so the tendency is to pursue the attainable and leave the more indefinite lines for later.

And then what happens? I pursue another line entirely, and find a link into another Bate family in Montrose, who are bound to be linked, but I can't find it. And then I do. Several strands, including another person's pedigree chart with a Bate on it bring me to focus on George Bate, married

to Margaret Duthie on 6th June 1829, Dun parish, Angus.

I pin down the children one by one: Martha, born 11 June 1831, Edzell parish, Angus; married Edward McLaren, 9th June 1855, Craig. (I find her in the 1851 census at East Mains of Rossie, Craig, house servant to the Kydd family, age 19, unmarried, born Edzell.) Ann, born about 1833, married James Arbuthnott, 5th June, 1858, Craig.

James Bate, born about 1834, Fettercairn, Kincardineshire (just a few miles away again), married Isabella Davidson, 18 Jun 1859, Craig. He is a farm servant at Maryton at marriage, and in 1863 when recording his father's death he is at East Mains of Rossie, where his sister used to work.

Christina, born about 1836, married Skene Thomson, 2 Dec 1874, Montrose. She is described as a domestic servant (meaning: living at home without an outside job), age 38, at 37 Melville Lane, Montrose.

I get much of the parentage through the marriage certificates, compensating for the non-appearance in baptismal records.

Mother Margaret Duthie I find on a gravestone as having died 29th Oct. 1869, aged 72 years, so I know her parents to be David Duthie and Christian Scott. Father, George Bate,

agricultural labourer, died on 9th October 1863 at Craig Braes, Craig, and his parents are recorded as William Bate and Helen Beattie.

Now wait a minute! That William Bate, married to Helen Beattie strikes a chord. Yes. William is one of the children of James Bate and Jean Addison, so we are back there again.

At least we can now add another branch: William and Helen's children: George (just mentioned), born in St. Cyrus, 1st Sep 1803. James, chr. 7 Dec. 1806, Benholm parish, Kincardineshire - just up the coast again, and a contender for the intoxicated porter getting knocked down in 1849. Jean, born 6 Oct 1809, Benholm parish.

William, born about May 1813 (whom I find later, as a flaxdresser, in a census). Alexander, born 10 Jun 1820, Ferryden, Craig David, born about 1825, of whom I know little. So there you have it, up to date. Not very much, and not very extensive, and worth deeper research some time. But not today. ☺

Meet Your Executive Committee....

Melvin Spencer Klein

Spence Klein is a Committee member known to almost



Melvin Spencer Klein

everyone because he has served as both Membership and Computer Chairman for the past two years. Maintaining both the membership and the research data bases has been an extremely valuable and time-consuming job. The membership chairmanship has now been turned over to Lauren Delaney and Spence will remain on the Committee as the Computer Chair.

His Bates connection is through his great grandfather, Charles Nathan Bates, born in

Cooperstown, NY on 24 Feb. 1862. "Charlie" married Isadore Irons in Smethport, PA on 20 Apr. 1886. Charlie's great grandfather, Oliver Bates, came to Cooperstown from Scituate, RI. Oliver's grandfather, Samuel Bates was born in 1682 and married Mary Corp, daughter of John and Deliverance Corp of Bristol. Samuel bought several parcels of land in Scituate as early as 1706 but there the trail ends. Some people have thought that he was the son of James Bates of Dorchester but proof has not as yet been found. Perhaps Spence's work with our Bates database will someday bring the answer.

Spence was born on 16/9/36 in Port Allegheny, PA, went to high school in PA in 1954 and spent three years at Penn State. He spent the years from 1960-63 in the Air Force as a nuclear weapons fusing specialist and got his BSBA degree

from the University of Denver in 1964. After college he managed a ski shop in Denver for two years, then worked in marketing until 1970 when he became a computer programmer and analyst until 1979. At that point he began working for AT&T in data processing. He retired from AT&T in 1991 and tells us that from then until now he has been "playing" at being a genealogist, house remodeler and a traveler. One day a week he volunteers at a local Family History Center and, of course, puts in considerable time for The Bates Association. He and his wife, Eva have a house at Vail, CO. and are planning to move there soon. His hobbies, in addition to genealogy, are music, skiing, traveling, cooking and wine making. Obviously, Spence is a man of many and varied talents and we are lucky to have him in The Bates Association. ☺

She was hanged as a witch in 1692. Sarah married a Mr. Oldham. Their daughter **Ann** married **Francis Bates Sr.** Susannah Martin was Ann Bates' aunt.

The Bates "giants", **Martin Van Buren Bates**, 7'8" tall and his wife **Anna**, 7'11" tall met while traveling with the P.T. Barnum show. They performed for royalty and became favorites of Queen Victoria who gave a diamond ring to Anna and an oversized pocket watch to Martin. They eventually retired from show business and settled in Seville, OH in a home built for their size.

Ann Bates, a Philadelphia school teacher at the time of the Revolution, was married to **Joseph Bates** an ordnance repairman in the British artillery. Ann was recruited to be a spy for the British. In disguise as a peddler, she managed to infiltrate Washington's camp where she was able to get information helpful to the British. After the British defeat she and her husband wisely sailed for England.

We have heroes in every generation. **Lindon Bates Jr.** died in the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915. It was reported that he took off his life jacket to give to a woman, led her to a safe place and then went down to his death.

In WWII **Lt. Charles J. Bates** narrowly escaped drown-

Bits of Bates History

Our Bates family has its share of heroes, scoundrels and interesting everyday folk. Did you know that: Bates College isn't the only college we can claim. Sarah Lawrence College was actually named for **Sarah Bates Lawrence**. William Van Duzer Lawrence, the founder of the college, married Sarah Bates of Monroe, MI in 1867. Sarah was the grand daughter of **Phineas Bates** of Canandaigua, NY. Phineas' house is believed to have been a stop on the underground railroad. Sarah was always an advocate of human rights and worked for equality for women. She was a founder of the YWCA in Montreal and worked for a time with Mary Bethune in the Bethune-Cookman College.

Don Lutz tells us that a Bates was a relative of one of the Salem women executed for witchcraft. Richard and Ursula North had two daughters, Sarah and Susannah. Susannah married George Martin.

ing when his ship, the USS Meredith was torpedoed and sunk. Lt. Bates was one of the few survivors but he managed to save several men struggling in the water and pulled them onto a raft. Rescued after several days without food or water, they were weak and disoriented but were among a handful of man who survived.

Paul L. Bates was the white colonel who commanded the first black tank battalion to enter combat in WW II. He had refused a promotion that would have separated him from what he regarded as one of the best tank battalions in the Army and he refused to court-martial a black officer who would not move to the back of the bus in segregated Texas. The officer was Jackie Robinson who recounted the incident in his autobiography. Paul Bates was the first member of his battalion to be wounded. He received the Silver Star and two Bronze Stars, the Legion of Merit and in 1978 after years of struggle by the unit's veterans, he was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism by President Jimmy Carter.

A more recent hero is **Lt. Commander John Stacy Bates**, the pilot of an F-14 fighter that crashed in February of this year. When the plane developed trouble over a densely populated area of Nashville, Cmdr. Bates could

have saved himself by ejecting from the pilot's seat. He apparently chose to stay with the plane to maneuver it to an area where less damage would be done. He died in the crash along with his radar officer but hundreds of lives may have been saved by his decision.

We also have our share of unique folks. **Mr. E.M. Bates**, a retired grocer from Williamsport, PA, set himself the task of copying every word of the Bible in long-hand on 1,717 sheets of lined paper. He did it all with a green fountain pen and a quart of ink. For three years he spent most of his waking hours at his desk with his Bible in front of him and green fountain pen in hand. He finished the job in 1939 and then set about to copy the Apocrypha but that was only 311 pages.

Let's have stories about your Bates ancestors, good, bad or just odd. Gossip is always welcome as long as it is two or three hundred years old! ☺

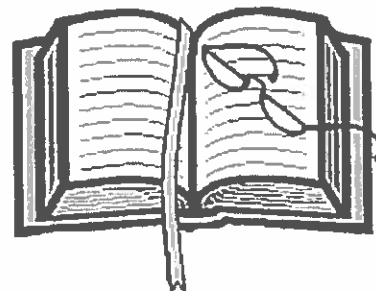
News from the Library

by *Pamela A. F. Priest*,
Librarian

The Bates Association Library has received books from members, along with purchasing a book, that I can use as additional resources for you:

'The Flying Parson—The Biography of Reverend Roger Bates, of Vernon, NY,' as told to Anne Barnard Viterise, Canastota Publishing Co., Inc., Canastota, NY 1991 received from Charles C. Bates, Ph.D.;

'American Revolutionary War Pensioners—Bates' (Senate Doc. #514) received from Marian Wittenberger;



The Bates Booster, The Bates Family of Old Virginia, First Five Years Revisited (1972-1976) received from C. Ben Bates;

'Directory of Family Associations, 1993-1994 Edition,' by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1993

Thank you to those members who gave these items to The Bates Association Library!

I have also made some new purchases to my personal collection, that I am always more than happy to use as resources for you, too. They are as follows:

'The Migration Begins, Immigrants to New England 1620-1633, Vols. 1-II,' by Robert Charles Anderson, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, MA, 1995. Vol. III is expected out soon, which will complete this series. I have found the first two volumes very helpful in my own family research.

'Early Records of Hartford, CT: Land Records, 1639-1688; Vital Records, 1644-1730; and Probate Records, 1635-1750; Plus Genealogical Notes and a Manual of the First Church in Hartford,' on CD-ROM from Heritage Books, Inc., Bowie, MD, 1996

'Early New Hampshire Periodicals and 1874 Gazetteer: Assorted Historical and Biographical Collections; and The New Hampshire Genealogical Record, 1903-1910,' on CD-ROM from Heritage Books, Inc., Bowie, MD, 1996

I have heard that the New England Historical and Genealogical Register on CD-ROM should be arriving soon! You can start sending queries for the NEHGR, which I'll answer after I receive the NEHGR on CD-ROM. I will also go through the letters I have already received and answered to see if there is anything in the NEHGR to answer them more completely. I'm looking forward to having this invaluable source for our research!

In Search of the (Old) Bates Association Documents

On page 37 of The Bates Bulletin, Series II, Vol. II, April 1914, under the article "Ancestry of William Wallace Bates" the last paragraph says 'Copies of very interesting and valuable documents giving Long Island records have been presented to the Association by Mrs. Lindon W. Bates of New York City.'

'Bates Works,' by William Bates DD 1723 London Eng. . . This book was a gift of Albert C. Bates of NY City, to Bates Association.

Do the above items still exist, and if so, do you know where?

Please contact: Pamela A. F. Priest, The Bates Association Librarian, 544 Glenview Court, Webster, NY 14580-1502

Queries

BATES, CATHERINE VIOLA, seeking information on my great-grandmother who married William McBride and had one daughter, Edith May McBride b. 23/1/1890, d. 22/3/1958. Contact Terre Mingus, 2615 Haversack Ct. SW, Marietta, GA.

BATES, JAMES W. b. ca. 1825, Wash. Co., Ky. Bro of Sarah Martha Bates. James was a 1st Lt. in Confed. Cav. unit from Denton Co., TX. Children of James & Martha: Sarah A. b. ca 1847, m. ? Taylor, Lucinda b.

ca 1849, George b. 1851, Wm. F. 1853, all b. in Ky. Ann, b. 1855 and Nathan H. b. 1859 in Tx. If anyone is researching this family, please contact Rochelle Hardin PO Box 95, Alvarado, TX 76009-0095

BATES, JOHN WALLIS, b. 17/5/1779 at Broadwater of the Holston River, VA. Seeking parents. John Wallis Bates was the father of MARTIN VAN BUREN BATES, the Bates "giant". Contact Anita Bates Hundley, 21 Fairglen Dr. Titusville, Fla. 32796

BATES, LYDIA, b. 1793, Scituate MA, m. PAUL CLAPP 11/2/1810. Seeking her parents. Contact Lonnie Wick, 71 Adamson St. Allston, MA 02134.

BATES, DEBORAH (spelled Debrough in one source). Married John Bird 12 May 1799 (source: VR of Windsor, MA). Family Bible notes describe her as being "of Welsh descent"; her brothers were merchant seamen, lost their vessels and a large share of property by sinking vessels and cargo at sea. They took an active part in the destruction of vessels at the time of The Boston Tea Party and later in the Revolutionary War. A tiny undated newspaper clipping states Deborah died 30 Aug. in Manchester. Family Bible says Manchester NY but no date given. "Does any of this ring a bell?" asks Barb Bredow, 811 Thomas St. Plainwell, MI or BBredow@aol.com.

The Bates Ancestry of our Treasurer, Mary Louise Bishop Number JM-1

Mary Louise Bishop, North Wildwood, New Jersey

1. JAMES BATE, b. 2 Dec. 1582 at Lydd, d 26 Nov 1655, Dorchester MA, married Sep. 1603 Alice Glover, b. 2 Dec. 1582, d 14 Aug 1657, came to Dorchester, MA on the "Elizabeth, 1635.
2. JAMES, bp. 19 Dec. 1624 at Lydd, d bet Oct 1685 & Feb 1692 at Haddam Ct, married ca 1647, Dorchester, MA Ann Withington, b. ca 1625 d bef Feb 1692, moved to Haddam CT in 1664.
3. SAMUEL bp 19 Jun 1648 Dorchester MA, d 28 Dec 1699 at Saybrook, married 2 May 1676 at Saybrook CT, Mary Chapman b. 15 Apr 1655, Saybrook CT, d. after 1704.
4. STEPHEN b. 1 Jun 1689 at Saybrook CT, d ?, married 29 Dec 1715 at Guilford, CT Patience Seward, b 18 Apr 1694 at Guilford, Ct.
5. STEPHEN b 20 Mar 1722, Durham CT, d ca 1759, married 1748 Lois ?, b 1729, d 5 Feb 1791, Granville MA.
6. PHINEAS b 2 Aug 1748, Durham Ct married 5 Dec 1771, at Durham Esther Curtiss, b 15 Nov 1751 at Durham, d 23 May 1828, d 22 Nov 1829 at Canandaigua, NY.
7. SARAH B 25 Oct 1772, Granville, MA d 28 Jun 1836 in NY, married 8 Nov 1787 in Hartland CT, Orange Brace b.27 Oct 1765 at Hartland d Dec 1812 Buffalo NY.
8. PHOEBE BATES BRACE b 15 May 1799 at Litchfield NY, d 18 Apr 1876 at Prophetstown, IL married 13 Jul 1819 at Sheldon NY Nathaniel G. Reynolds b 14 Mar 1794 at Hancock, MA d 21 Jan 1866, sterling IL
9. PHINEAS BATES REYNOLDS b 20 Jun 1820, sheldon NY d 3 Aug 1901 at Lexington, NE, married 1) Polly Frances Smith b 25 Sep 1825, d 8 Jul 1957 at Prophetstown, IL, 2) Elizabeth Gardner May b. 26 Aug 1836 in Bath NY, d 7 Nov 1912 in Lexington, NE
10. LUELLE GRACE REYNOLDS b 27 May 1871 in Phrophetstown, IL d 28 Jul 1947 at Washington DC, married 26 Oct 1892 at Holyoke, CO Chas. Fielding Spencer b 31 May 1864 at Spencer's Grove, IA, d 10 Sep 1931 at Lexington, NE.
11. CHARLES HAROLD SPENCER b 16 Sep 1901 At Lexington, NE d 16 May 1963 at Philadelphia, PA, married 26 Sep 1929 at chicage IL Mary Elizabeth Strong b 15 Feb 1908 at Sioux Falls, SD
13. MARY LOUISE BISHOP b 8 May 1831 at Lincoln, NE married 28 Feb 1959 At Philadelphia, PA Edward Vincent Bishop, b 25 Jul 1931 at Phialdelphia, PA.

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An Australian member, Patrick Callaghan, writes "My earliest established ancestor is **FRANCIS BATES** who was baptised in the village of Stone in Buckinghamshire on 2/6/1759. He married Mary Wyatt (bp. Great Kimble 5/4/1752) on 27/1/1778 at Stone. Francis is my 4th greatgrandfather. I suspect his father to have been a John Bates bp. ca. 1699 at Newton Longvill in Bucks but I have never been able to prove the link. The first of the line to arrive here was a Francis grandson who then sponsored others in his family." If anyone knows of this line or has information to share or would just like to welcome this new member, Patrick can be reached via the Internet at callagha@enternet.com.au

A request from Marian Wittenberger for a member living in or near Greene Co. NY to investigate cemeteries to see if the grave of **ELIAS BATES**, d. summer of 1849, can be located. May be buried near a daughter, **LYDIA BATES SWEET**.

Requests for Our Help

We have two requests, via the Internet, for help in locating living relatives.

"I was born **SHAWNNA L. BATES**, July 31, 1965 in Los Angeles, CA. I was placed in a foster home and later given up

for adoption in/around Oct. 1965. My birth mother's name is **BARBARA J. BATES** (maiden name Moon). My father's name is **A. BATES**. I don't have a first name, only an initial. I am trying to find out as much information about them as I can as I am searching for my family. Any help you can provide would really help....thank you, Shawanna Bates," MsBLKMstg@aol.com or contact Mary Jean Bates Evans.

"Looking for twin sister born in Los Angeles County Hospital, L.A., CA on Oct. 18, 1942. Premature birth (two months early approx. 2-3 lbs). Mother's last name was Bates or possibly father's last name was Bates but parents not married. Babies separated and given up for adoption. My birth name prior to adoption was **DONNA LEE BATES**. If anyone has any information concerning the above please contact Mrs. Judith Kuchler, 9636 Broadway, Temple City, CA. 91780 or Kglayde@aol.com.

Vital Records

The early "Bates Bulletins" always included reports of major events in members' families, especially marriages, births and deaths. We would like to do the same and would like to have to have this information from other than past and present Presidents. However, we are pleased to report the following:

Ben and Martha Bates are delighted to announce the birth

of their grandson, Kenon Andrew Bates, b. 18 March 1996 at Charlotte, NC to proud parents, William and Tracy Bates.

Mary Jean Bates Evans announces the marriage of her son, Kirk Arnold Evans to Penelope Newman on 16 June 1996 at Bethesda, MD. Kirk and Penelope will make their home in Bethesda.

Help Wanted

"The Bates Bulletin" urgently needs a desktop publisher to take over the publication beginning with the next issue in December. Molly Evans, who has done such a fine (and award-winning) job since 1994 has reluctantly decided that she must relinquish the position. Please e-mail MJBE3@aol.com, or contact Mary Jean Bates Evans for more information, if you think you might like to use your computer skills and contribute to your Association in this way.

Spence Klein has pointed out that Series IV and VI in v. II of "The Bates Bulletin" are not indexed. The current series as well, needs to be indexed. Volunteers are needed to work on this as a group project. In the meantime, is anyone aware of software that can be used to index future issues?

Queries, pedigrees, articles, "Bates Bits," profiles or news of your family or anything else

you would like to share through "The Bates Bulletin" are very welcome. We are currently hoping to find a member who will write an article on the uses of the Internet for genealogical research. Please send your contributions to Mary Jean Bates Evans, 1519 35th St. NW, Washington D.C. 20007 or MJBE3@aol.com.

We would like to contact members of the original Bates Association and extend a special welcome to them. Life memberships will certainly be honored. Those folks have interesting memories to share and might be willing to be interviewed for a future issue of "The Bates Bulletin". We'd also like to borrow and copy pictures or souvenirs from early reunions. If anyone has an original pin, we'd like to have it copied for our Salt Lake City meeting. If you know any of these earlier members, please send their names and addresses to MJBE at the above address.

Renew Today!

If you have not renewed your membership, this will be your last issue and you will not receive information about the fabulous reunion planned for July 1997 in Salt Lake City! You can renew by sending your name and address and a check for \$10 to Lauren Delaney, Membership Chair, 23 Nanumett St. Buzzard's Bay, MA 02532. As you know, membership is \$20 a year but

because we miss you and want you back, \$10 will keep you in good standing until the next renewal in January.

Bates Bulletin Reprints

V.II of the Bates Bulletin is sold out but ten more copies have been ordered. A few copies of V.I are on hand. If you want the set for \$85 or v.I for \$51 or v.II for \$35, send your order and check to MJBE at the above address. When these are gone, we probably will not order more.

The Last Word

And finally, a plaintive query from MJBE, your befuddled President.

Q. Does anyone know what the word "psychopath" means?

A. (from Anyone) Yes, of course. It's the road to the BATES MOTEL!

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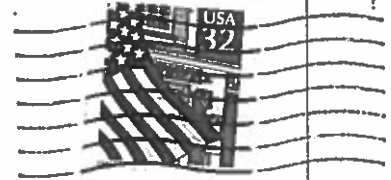
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