

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
NEWSLETTER OF THE BATES ASSOCIATION

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No. 4

It is my pleasant duty to announce that we begin the second full year of the revived Bates Association with more exciting news and more interesting membership services. It seems that each month some opportunity arises that makes one really appreciate having the Association alive and well. For many years one branch of Bates genealogists have been stalled in finding ancestors beyond Asa Bates. Recently a breakthrough has led them back to a new progenitor, Francis Bates. We are happy for them and will spread this good news in more detail in the Spring Bulletin. In another development, the NEHGS is producing a CD-ROM that includes **ALL** 56, 000 pages of the *Register*. This will be available to extend the value of our purchase of the cumulative Index of the *Register*.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Renewals came fast, at first, then slowed to 75%. With the Reminder, renewals are coming in better. If you have an old label with a "94" expiration date on this newsletter, it means we do not have a record of your membership for 1995. To continue your membership and receive mailings, please renew right away. We wouldn't want you to miss out on an exciting new year. By the way, some nine renewals upgraded to family status -- so we welcome a number of new additions. (This does not include twenty-some brand new members!)
WELCOME TO ALL !

FINANCES: With careful management, generous donations from our officers, and increases in membership beyond our goals for 1994, AND great support with end-of-year renewals, we entered 1995 in great shape! See the accompanying budget report for 1995 to see the good news. Last year we were able to finance the Association start up as well as many unanticipated services, including the Reunion and General Meeting. This year we hope to have the Reunion more self-supporting by charging a fee. Some felt that the total membership should not pay for a reunion that about 20% attend.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: It has been requested that we list our leaders, their responsibilities, and how to contact them. As we grow and as jobs are spread out, it might be helpful to you to know who does what so you can make direct contact with the person you need to.

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formed to outline the purpose, goals, and administration of funds to reach out to the community and promote educational programs. Please send ideas to Mary Patricia Bates, 121 Woodland Dr., Sequim, WA 98382.

THE BATES BULLETIN:

The Spring issue should be out in late May-early June. We **DO** need some material for this issue. Please send articles, inquiries, family charts by April 15th.

[Many who purchased Vol. I of the book, The Bates Bulletin, have expressed their enjoyment of just reading it. Some have discovered new information about Bates ancestors and related families. I don't think anyone has been disappointed. Consider ordering one for yourself or for a relative.]

COMPUTER AND MEMBERSHIP:

From Spence Klein - Chairman. Two comments: 1) There are some people for whom we do not have complete membership information or a computer survey form. Therefore, I may be sending you one of these forms to complete so we can make our membership database current. 2) I want to thank everyone who has responded so wonderfully to my request for information on their Bates lines. So far I have received over 5,000,000 bytes of Bates information on diskettes alone ! Now I have another request. I would like to hear from anyone who has PAF and would be willing to do some data input for us. I have received a number of pedigree charts and family group sheets from members who don't have their information in a genealogy program. Some are quite small and some fairly large. If you feel that you could help, please write me, call me or send me an e-mail message and we'll talk about what needs to be done. Thank you again. Spence Klein, 541 Berkshire Valley Road, Wharton, NJ 07885-1102 Telephone: 201-328-3892 Prodigy DNHH89A

FORMER "AO" SURVEY:

To those who responded, thank you. The committee studying the forms will have a summary out soon. In the meantime, two suggestions are being implemented right now. With this mailing all Bates descendants will be encoded "BA" to indicate your Bates status and to emphasize the equality of your place in the Association. Following this, if you have determined your progenitor in America, will be your line or branch code - for administrative purposes. Ex: mine would be BA/EW. Second, an invitation is extended to any member who does not have a progenitor code, to submit a request for one. If your ancestor arrived in 1801 or 1945 or whenever, you may establish that line by giving name, date and any other pertinent information, and suggest a coding that would be recognized by others in that line. If your information is limited as far as a progenitor, for now, you may wish to leave it at "BA" until more information becomes available. The coding will help in matching you with others of common bonds and will assist in computer match-ups. The labeling with the "BA" is meant to bring us together as one family with one common bond. The further coding is meant to facilitate the exchange of data and encourage communication within and among family lines.

This concludes a lengthy news letter. I am about caught up in answering the mail. Now, I am in the process of writing and talking to many members about serving the Association in some capacity. As I have said before, for the Association to become strong and remain that way we need more hands and new faces. I am pleased to see some new faces running for office this year. Thank you, everyone, for your support and your kind comments.

THE BATES ASSOCIATION 1995 BUDGET
(January 1 through December 31, 1995)

Departments	Budget
(1) Administration (Add cost of stationery)	\$ 800.00
(2) Bulletin Book Purchase	\$ 600.00
(3) Computer	\$ 50.00
(4) Contingency Fund	\$ 500.00
(5) Elections	\$ 100.00
(6) Endowment Fund (Bates Foundation)	\$ 100.00
(7) Finance Committee (One time cost for IRS tax exempt status)	\$ 350.00
(8) Library & Research	\$ 150.00
(9) Membership Committee	\$ 350.00
(10) Publications (Bates Bulletin, Pres. newsletter)	\$ 800.00
(11) Publicity	\$ 100.00
(12) Research/Historian	\$ 100.00
(13) Reunion/General Meeting	\$ 500.00
(14) Vice Presidents' Expenses (Add expenses for Ex.VP, and Past President)	\$ 400.00
(15) Estimated carry over into 1996	\$ 600.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$5500.00</u>
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Income (Estimated from member- ship and book sales.)	\$5500.00
Income Sources:	
1994 Carry over Balance	\$ 1544.19
1995 Income during January	\$ 2267.83
Cash-on-hand Jan. 31, 1995	<u>\$ 3812.02</u>
1995 Membership, Book Sales, Int. (Feb-Dec Estimate)	\$ 1087.98
1995 Reunion Income	\$ 600.00
	<u>\$ 5500.00</u>