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1999 BATES REUNION AT CHARLOTTESVILLE

by C. Ben Bates

The gathering started on a high note as the Virginia Bates and the New England Bates mingled and socialized on Friday afternoon. Easily, these "cousins" got to know each other and exchanged family and research experiences. We had more in common than differences — a gathering of the North and South Bates'. It made one think that the groups might join forces, in some manner, for what seems to be some common goals. I still feel strongly that back in England, 400 years or so, we were related.

It was during this late afternoon gathering that Martha and I met the newest members of The Bates Association: Jane and Richard Brumbaugh of Lake Alfred, Florida (Clement), who came all the way to attend our meeting; and Thomas Bieg, of Glenn Allen, Virginia, Jane's brother. Jane is very excited about being in The Association and discovering all these new cousins. When it came time for the dinner break, there was no segregation of organizations. We were now one big Bates family, and we sat together at one enlarged, impromptu "banquet" table.

This amicable scene was repeated that evening at the tea and cookies social, as more members arrived, and on through the business, program and luncheon on Saturday. The Bates Family of Old Virginia has branches from several

ancestors much as The Bates Association does. Represented at this year's reunions were descendants of James of Stafford County, Virginia; John of York County, Virginia; Robert & Roland of Albemarle County, Virginia; Clement of Hingham, Massachusetts; and Edward of Weymouth, Massachusetts.

The colonial ancestor John Bates of York was a contemporary of Clement and Edward - and probably was related. Family tradition has it that John was from Lydd, Kent Co., England. He was born about 1598 and is believed to have come to Virginia in 1623/24 in the company of Abram Piercey aboard the ship "Southampton". His wife was Elizabeth. Their children were: Anne, George, Also (Alice) and John. When he arrived in Virginia, did he become part of the Jamestown settlement? With the unearthing of the Jamestown Fort, it will be interesting to see if a Bates was there.

Back to the current times. On Saturday, the substitute speaker, Genevieve Skinner, filled in nicely for Rev. Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio (who had a heart attack and could not attend). She, a descendant of Elisha Bates (1781-1861) - 7th generation of John of York (I 589-1666), presented a slide talk on the town of Mt. Pleasant, its Quaker

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Guest Speaker on far left
Others (from right to left) are Jane Leake, Claude Leake & James Scott

**THE BATES ASSOCIATION
REORGANIZATION, JULY 1, 1999**

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With not being able to put together a slate of officers, and, thus, not being able to hold elections, the President, C. Benjamin Bates, with the approval of the outgoing Executive Committee, formed a Committee of Trustees to supervise the assets, property, and operation of the Association and to hold in trust for the membership until such time as nominations and election of officers is practical.

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meetinghouse and other restored buildings, and Elisha Bates. He was a Quaker, physician, writer, printer, inventor and finally a Methodist minister. It is interesting to note that many New England Bates were settling in Ohio during the same period.

After the luncheon, the cousins scattered to do their own side trips or research. We went a short ways to locate Batesville, Virginia. It is not truly a town - more like a small community nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains. There are many detached houses clustered near the intersection of two country roads. A few businesses are spread out among the homes. Nearby is the campus of a manual labor school where some Bates were educated. It seemed to be an early version of a vocational school. A movement is afoot to declare the community historic.

In Jamestown, Virginia, there is a replica of the old fort and the first permanent English settlement in America. Not far away is the archaeological site of the original fort. For decades it was thought to be under the James River but was recently revealed to be on land. Close at hand is a museum building housing the artifacts uncovered in the dig. If you find yourself in Jamestown or Williamsburg, Virginia, think of the likelihood that Bates men, women and children were walking this path of history. Wouldn't it be exciting to find the remains of a Bates ancestor?

Many thanks to the Virginia Bates for allowing us to join them. It was a memorable experience.

RESEARCH NEWS

A boom for family researchers is the new web site of The Church of Latter Day Saints - Mormons. The new site was formally unveiled May 23, 1999. It is FREE of charges and has through the Mormon records 400 million names of people who lived as long ago as 1500 AD; many of them have pedigree charts. As anticipated, the site is heavily used. Try a slow time, if there is such a time. www.familysearch.org

NATIONAL ARCHIVES - has announced a new microfilm publications database that genealogists, historian, and others can access in their own home. The National Archives and Records Administration has created a database that contains brief descriptions for approximately 3,100 numbered microfilm publications that NARA has. It is available to the public on the web through the NARA Archival Information Locator (Nail) at <http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail> (Thanks to MD Genealogy Society Newsletter for this infor-

ANOTHER BATESVILLE?

by C. Ben Bates

George Hammett called me last year and asked about the New England Bates, and if I had any information on his ancestors in Rhode Island. I am sorry that I don't, but I am sure some member out there can help. While we were talking, he told me this story and how Batesville got down in South Carolina (founded by a New England Yankee, of all things.)

William Bates, son of John and Deborah (Jinks) Bates, was born in 1800 in Pautucket, Rhode Island. He moved to the South about 1816, making the trip in a sailing vessel which required several weeks sailing down the Atlantic Coast. After landing in Charleston, South Carolina, he walked from Charleston to Rutherford County, North Carolina. He became associated with Philip and Undsley Weaver, Thomas Hutchings, and John Stack in operating one of the first cotton mills in the state from 1818-1821. William Bates returned to South Carolina, and either built or took charge of a mill which was being built in Greenville County on Gilder Creek, near where the this creek flows into Enoree River. The mill was called Batesville Mill, and the town in which it was located was named Batesville. On the current road maps it is listed as BATESBURG. The old Bates' house is still there in town.

William Bates married Mary McCarley, daughter of Moses and Jean (Harris) McCarley, in Rutherford County, North Carolina, in 1820. They had six children. George Hammett is one of four grandchildren living at this



time - the others being: Harry B. Bates, William H. Hammett, and Mrs. Mary E. Henry of Greenville. In the midst of the War Between the States, 1863, the mill was sold and in 1866 William moved to Greenville, South Carolina where he died in 1873.

George Hammett's grandfather, William Pinckney Hammett, married, 1848, Deborah Jane Bates, born, 1830 at Weaverville, NC, died 1902, daughter of William and Mary (McCarley) Bates. Shortly after the marriage, Mr. Hammett became associated with William Bates in the management of the Batesville Mill and remained its president until it was sold in 1863. Later, Mr. Hammett built the Piedmont Mill at Piedmont, South Carolina, which was then, and still is one of the leading cotton mills in the South. He was at one time mayor of the town of Greenville, a member of the South Carolina Legislature, and President of the Columbia and Greenville Division of the Southern Railway.

Membership Chair

The Association would like to welcome Sandy Bates, who has taken over the Membership Chair for 1999, as well as position of Librarian. Sandy was born and raised on a farm in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Born Sandy Kauffman, her ancestors, Amish Mennonites; came to Pennsylvania in 1717 from Switzerland to escape religious persecution. Her ancestors broke away from the Amish Mennonite religion after four generations. Sandy is married to Harold Bates, a third generation Bates who runs the Bates Dairy Farm in Greene, Maine. They have five married children and 12 grandchildren. Sandy helps to hay and run the farm. She also owns and runs Sandy's Crafts & Greenery. She has done that for 35 years. After high school Sandy attended collage, she had horticulture, and flower arranging courses as well as many other craft seminars. Having four years of librarian work in high school, Sandy started on genealogy on the Bates family 16 years ago and has quite a collection on them. Also, she helped to start a Historical Society in Greene, Maine, and is the Secretary and Head of Research and Genealogy, and a Trustee. She has the Society's Library in her home. She writes history stories for three local newspapers, as well as articles on the Historical Society. Sandy would like to become a professional genealogist and will work toward that goal. Her biggest future goal is to put onto Family Tree Maker all the Family History she has in eight huge file cabinets. Sandy's goal is to try and help members of The Bates Association to connect their family lines. We wish her luck in her new endeavors.

THE BATES ASSOCIATION LIBRARY LISTING

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QUERIES

Contact Sandy Bates, Membership Chair

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1. *Harold Merton Bates was born in Lewiston, Maine, May 9, 1901, m Helen Hodgeskins DeCost, July 20, 1925 in Rockland Maine. Had son Lewis Irving Bates b. Feb. 7, 1928. Harold and Helen were divorced in 1932. Need information on any siblings of Harolds.*

2. *George Bates Abt 1732-1818. D. in Springfield, Ma. m. Jemima Warner Nov. 28, 1770. Who were parents of George?*

3. *Samuel Bates of Rhode Island m. Mary Corp. Jan 23, 1711. He died in Scituate, Ma. Mary b. in Rhode Island and died in Scituate 1764. Need birth date of Samuel and who his parents were?*

4. *William Bates b. June 14, 1802 in SC m. Sarah Hembree, Sept. 26, 1833 in Carroll Co. Georgia. Sarah b. abt 1808 in SC. Need parents and siblings of William and Sarah.*

5. 1,2 Edward 3,4 Joseph 5 Sylvanus 6 Sylvester 7 Norman Francis Bates.

Sylvanus 1778-1860 b. in Middleboro Ma., m Sophia Cody, and resided at Hartford CT. Sylvester 1811-1889, in Hartland, VT, m. Eliza name unknown. Need info on Sophia and Eliza, and this family.

6. *A Caleb Bates was an original member of the Susquehanna Co. Group who left Windham CT. in the 1750's to settle in the Wyoming Valley, Pa. Probably of the Clement line? Caleb's daughter Silence b. 1771, d. 1848 m. James Brown, Jr. Need to connect Caleb.*

7. *Lydia Bates m. ASA Lappan, Aug. 17, 1787, Boston Ma. Who were her parents, Birthplace, Children?*

8. *Joseph W. Bates m Sarah Thompson, in Cherokee Co.. TX, Jan 24, 1856. Believe he was born round 1829. He may have been called George. Where in Tenn. did he come from and who are his parents, siblings etc.*

9. *Clement, Joseph, Joshua, Solomon, James. James m Abigail Litchfield and moved to Chesterfield with son Benjamin. Do not know where James died or when. Benjamin m. Hannah Kelley and had daughter. Emily b. 1797. Where was Emily born? Where did Benjamin live and die? Emily m. Anthony Soule in New Milford, CT. or Oblong, NY area. Need information on all above persons.*

10. *James Bates b 1743?, father; James B. 1767?. James father Alpheus. Need to find father of James, and any details on these three men.*

BATES PERSONALITIES — PAST AND PRESENT

WALTER B. LAFFER II passed away January 5, 1999, due to an unexpected heart attack. Walter is survived by wife, Susan H. Laffer, and four children, Cheryl, Christine, Denise and Jimmy. Walter’s first love was his family, and second was his past family. He spent hours at the computer keeping up to date with each Society. Susan has intentions to complete Walter’s work if it can be done. She wishes to continue with The Bates Association in her and Walters name.

BARBARA BATES CRIST passed away June 26th, 1999. She is the sister of member Carolyn Bates Bolt. She attended the Reunion at Plymouth last year, and enjoyed it so very much. She will be sadly missed by Membership Chair, Sandy Bates, and The Bates Association. Our thoughts and prayers go to her sister Carolyn, and to Barbara’s Family.

RAYMOND SCOTT BATES - passed away Feb. 7, 1999. He and his wife was hit by a car in Arlington, VA. He was the Senate clerk who made the television screen with his “resonant voice” during the Clinton impeachment hearings. He was a fixture in the Senate for 30 years and admired by all the U.S. Senators who passed through those doors. He made many positive innovations to help keep the Senate running smoothly. This Bates was from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, son of a member of the Arkansas Legislature.

CHARLES BATES - passed away Feb. 27 1999, from a stroke. His newsworthy claim to fame was as the FBI agent who led the 17 month hunt for kidnapped heiress Patty Hearst and the bureau’s investigation into the kidnapping’s aftermath. He was also involved in the initial stages of the Watergate investigation. This Bates was from Lewisville, Texas. (Thanks to The Bates Booster for these tips.)

EDWARD BATES, PRESIDENT of the United States?? I am in the process of reading a Lincoln biography and there is evidence that Edward Bates was considered a likely alternative to Lincoln for the Republican nomination in 1860. Before the first ballot, many were leaning toward Bates because he was more moderate than Lincoln and might be more acceptable to the South. WHAT IF Bates had been nominated and elected? There might not have been a War Between the States.

FREDERICK BATES - Secretary and Acting Governor of the new Louisiana Territory, 1807- , substituting for Meriwether Lewis. This Bates origins unknown.

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