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Side View Mill # 5



Close up Mill # 5

BATES MILL #5 IN LEWISTON, MAINE; AND ITS FUTURE FATE

By Sandy Bates



Benjamin Edward Bates



The Bates Mill Story begins in Lewiston, Maine with Benjamin Edward Bates.

His Family Line is: Clement --James--Benjamin--Solomon--Benjamin--Elkanah marr Sarah Copeland--Benjamin Edward Bates. He was born July 12, 1808 in Marshfield, Mass., and was the third of eight children.

He was a pleasant, genial, lovable, smiling boy. He always blushed when spoken to. He called his parents a good father, and a pious mother.

His father was Major Elkanah who was a merchant, cotton manufacturer and farmer. He owned a store and was agent to two small cotton mills and owned 2 farms. Elkanah was a man of much dignity of character, and was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. Benjamin worked in the store, mills and on the farm until he was 19. His brother tells this story of Ben. "Ben was working with two horses in a field, harrowing; the harness broke and the horses ran away and drug poor Ben a considerable distance but he

never let go of the reins and stopped the horses." Ben attended the Academy at Wretham, Mass., from 1823 to 1825. At the age of 21 he went to Boston and became a member of the mercantile firm B.F. Loring & Co. Dry Goods, which became Davis & Bates, and then Bates, Turner & Co. This company was dissolved in 1847. Ben married first in 1834 Josephine Shepard and they had one daughter. I could not find if his wife died or what happened to this marriage. On August 7, 1860 Ben married 2nd, Sarah C. Gilbert and they had one son Ben Jr. and two daughters, Frances and Lillian.

In the meantime, in 1836; a group of men, Edward Little, Josiah Little* and others created the Great Androscoggin Falls, Dams, Locks and Canal Company in Lewiston. They started with \$100,000 in capital and their purpose was to develop water power on the Androscoggin River in Lewiston. Here was located Great Falls, with a 37 foot drop. *Josiah Little also bought land in Greene, Maine and two of his parcels comprise our Bates Farm.

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THE BATES ASSOCIATION FOUNDED IN 1907



Great Falls



Great Falls after large rain fall



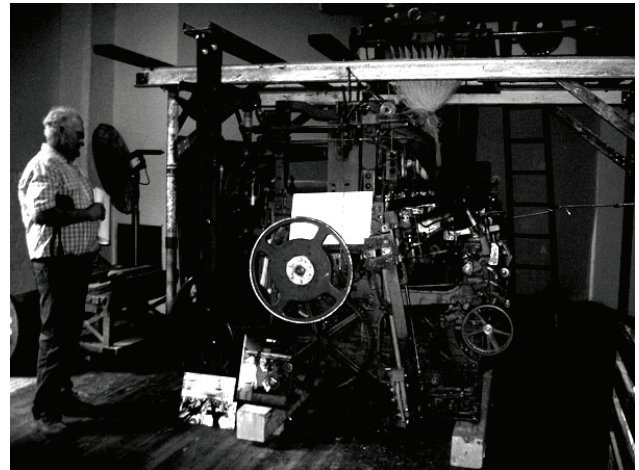
BATES MILL # 1

This group of men hired a Boston engineer, B. F. Perham to survey the land on both sides of the river. They were unable to raise more capital to continue the project, so things came to a standstill. In 1845 they reorganized as The Lewiston Water Power Co. and sold stock in Boston to industrialist like Benjamin Bates and others. Thanks to this group of men, and Benjamin Bates; Lewiston, became the largest textile center in Maine and 7th in New England.

Benjamin bought stock in the Lewiston Water Power Co. and became interested in Lewiston and its capabilities for manufacturing. Later name of Lewiston Water Power Co. changed to Union Power Company. In 1849 Ben visited Lewiston and painted a glowing picture of the manufacturing potential and raised \$500,000 in Boston to build a cotton mill along the river. He knew a canal system had to be dug to harness the water power. He held a banquet for the Mass. Industrialist, in Lewiston, in hopes of raising funds. They went back to Boston and ridiculed Ben. They realized that Ben's dream of mills in Lewiston would compete with cities on the Merrimack, that they were interested in. Ben refused to give up, and used his own credit to bankroll the effort; and in 1850 digging of the canals began. The Irish arrived in Lewiston in 1850. The Irish dug the canals,



Inside of Mill # 1, Round Columns are made of wood.



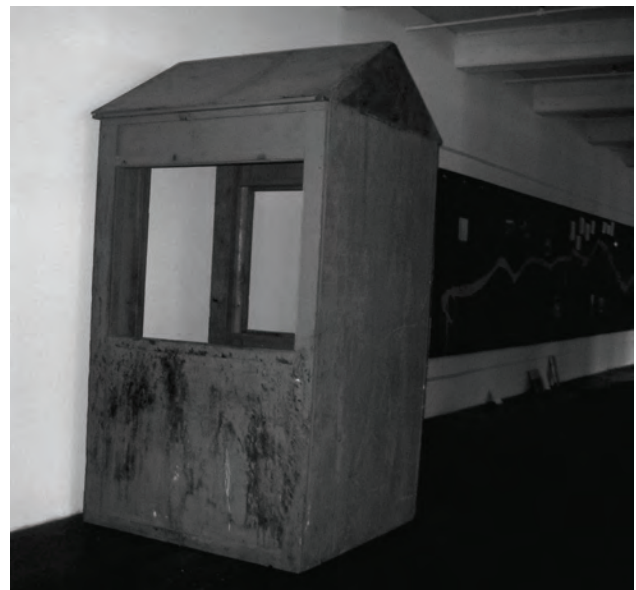
Loom that Bates Bedspreads were made on.



Canals of Lewiston, Maine

and the labor was very hard, as they had to go through granite.

In 1849, The Lewiston Water Power Co. had an unfinished mill and Ben had them complete it. Ben took it on and Bates Manufacturing Co. was incorporated in 1852. This was **BATES MILL # 1**. It stood on the west side of the main canal. This mill employed 200, and paid 60 cents day. It was 150,200 square feet of space. Mill # 1 stood by itself, and the boiler plant next.



Smokehouse in Mill # 1, used by employees on smoke breaks.



Bates Gatehouse on end of Mill # 1



Walkways from Mill # 1 to Mill # 5



Same walkway showing Canal with falls under the walkway



Part of Mill #1



Wing House # 1 used as a Picker House, houses Baxter Brewery

BATES WING #1 & STOREHOUSE #1 - Built in 1852 at same time as Mill #1. Wing #1 was a Picker house, and Storehouse #1 housed the raw cotton. In 1866-1867 a floor was added to each, making them 4 stories high. Wing #1 is 25,880 sq feet and Store #1 was 18,040. Storehouse #1 was torn down around 2000.

Wing #1 now houses the Baxter Brewery.

MILL #2—Built in 1854 and built exactly the same as Mill #1. From 1919 to 1923 changes were made to this mill. It was widened by 38 feet, and 4 stories high. The boiler plant was moved and a Connector Building built, connecting Mill #1 & Mill #2. The Connector building had a clock and bell tower.

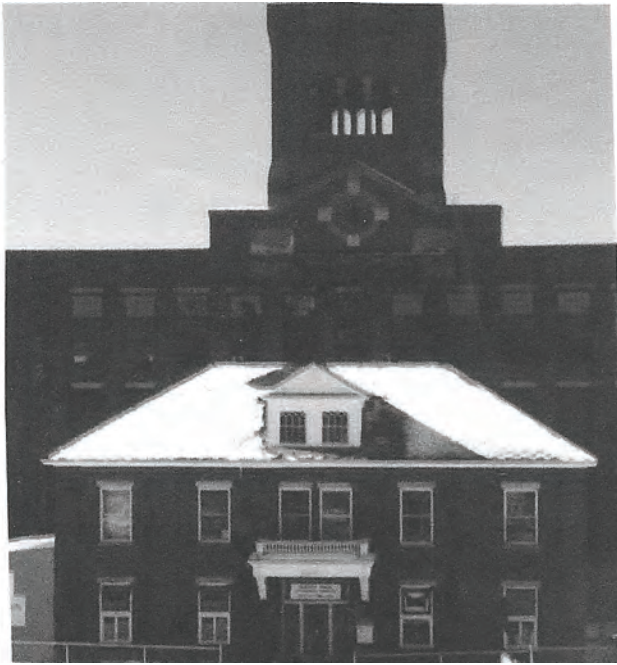


BATES MILL # 2



Bates Connector, connecting Mill 1 & 2

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The Connector showing the Executive Office Building, in front, which since has been torn down. Done so, to showcase the front of the Connector Building, to become the main entrance to the Mill Complex.



Bates Bell from top of Mill, that was rung for Shift Changes.

BUILDING E was the Executive office.

BATES WING #2 & STOREHOUSE #2 - Built in 1854 with Mill #2. Again the Wing #2 was a Picker house, 21,365 sq feet, and Store #2 housed raw cotton. Now 4 stories high, and 16,900 sq feet. Wing #2 & Storehouse #2 houses Da Vince's Restaurant today.



Bates Storehouse # 2

MILL #3 - In 1863 Mill #3 was built. In 1863 this mill began producing woolen fabrics, later making cotton products. It burned in 1878 and rebuilt with 161,200 square feet.



MILL # 3

Joined to Mill #1 & Mill #3 was **MILL #3 ANNEX**. This building received considerable water damage to the roof and top floor and was torn down.

MILL #4 - Built 1881, it was 18,500 square feet. It was used for bleaching cotton cloth. Around 2000 this building was torn down.

MILL #5 - Built in 1912, 352,300 square feet; used for weaving the famous Bates Bedspreads.



Canal side of # 5



Lincoln Street side of #5



Canal side of # 5



Bates Mill Complex Sign, in front of # 5



1950 Bates Bedsread, owned by Sandy

In 2007 the **LA MUSEUM** workers were taking inventory and updating their archives. They found a reel in a metal shell. It was sent to Northeast Historic Film Company. On the reel is Bates Mill board members explaining their advertising process. Barbara Bush and her husband George are on the reel. They were promoting fine fabrics of Bates,

just right for college students; looking for style and versatility. The Victoria pattern was used for bedspreads and matching draperies. Barbara is wearing a dress made of easy-to-sew campus fashions in Bates Cotton.

(MY NOTE) Barbara Pierce Bush is a descendant of Clement Bates, as was Benjamin Edward Bates, of Bates Mills.

My husband, Harold Bates, is also a descendant of Clement Bates.

MILL #6 - This was built in 1892, as a weave mill. It was constructed to use jacquard looms, being automatic looms, and ran on electric rather than the previous ones which ran on water. The 53,400 square foot building now houses Fishbones Restaurant.



Bates Mill # 6

MILL #7 - Built in 1880 and used as a storehouse. This building is 48,000 square feet.



Bates Mill # 7 front side, on Mill Street



Bates Mill # 7 side view, from Lincoln Street.

MILL #8 - Mill #8 was built 1908, and is attached to Mill #7. It was used to store raw cotton. Known as Storehouse #8. It has been dismantled and all parts saved.

MILL #9, is the boiler plant and has a chimney, 22 feet in diameter and 250 feet high. The boilers were coal-fired and provided steam for heat and processing. In 1991 oil-fired boilers were installed with natural gas used as a back up source.

MILL #10, was an ash house used to store ash from coal burners. Only a foundation was left, so apparently this



Bates # 9 Boiler House

building was previously torn down.

Benjamin also had **Tenement Housing**, built for his workers. Most of them have been torn down.

The original Bates Mill Complex comprised of 11 separate buildings. Some have been torn down. Today the complex consists of eight major buildings containing 1.2 million feet of floor space on 10 or 12 acres. Today 2000 people work in the restored buildings.

MILL #1 houses the **LA MUSEUM**. Harold and I went through some of the museum to see the textile, and shoe displays. Very impressive inside this mill and museum.

Located at 35 Canal Street, Lewiston, Maine, 04240 Phone (207)333-3881. I want to thank the folks at the LA MUSEUM, for being so very helpful in my request for info on the mills.

HILL MANUFACTURING CO., built abt. 1854, was taken over by Bates Manufacturing. Bates also owned **Edwards Division** of Mill in Augusta Maine, and **York Division** in Saco Maine.

One building, known as the **BATES ANDROSCOGGIN MILL**, has a concrete sign over it that says **MAINE MILLS LABORATORY**. It now houses Marden's Distribution Center.

In 1948 Bates Mills introduced flannel, and in 1950 had 7000 employed.

Benjamin Bates was a prime mover in building and opening of the Union Pacific and other railroads. He organized the First National Bank of Lewiston, the first in the city. In Boston he was active in the movement for the filling in of Back Bay. For many years he was president of the National Bank of Commerce of Boston. He donated for building of the Central Congregational Church, where he was a member. He also donated to scouts and other organizations in the Lewiston area.

The first two mills were very profitable making over \$112,000 in profits in 1856. In 1857 a business panic hit

and many employees were laid off. Ben weathered through and the next year saw a revival of the business. At first young girls from neighboring rural areas worked at the mills, and lived in boarding houses provided by the mills. In 1860, the French-Canadians arrived and began working in the mills. Between 1854 and 1870, \$9 million was spent on cotton, making 100,000,000 yards of fabric. In 1890, 58,392 spindles were in use and used 5,000,000 pounds of cotton. One mill grew to 84,000 spindles. By 1900, 70% of Lewiston's work force worked in the mills, producing over fifty million yards of cloth in a year. During the war, Europe bought Khaki for uniforms and Turkish towels. Later Bates also made airplane wing fabric, horse covers, hammocks, awnings, napkins, diapers, crocheted quilts, rayon. They also made jeans, twills, sheeting, duck, shoes and seamless bags. In addition to all of this, they made camouflage cloth, rayon uniform linings, shoe linings, and muslins. They made fancy cassimere, seersuckers, gingham fabric, which had previously only been made in England. In total, the Bates Mills made over 800 different fabrics. In 1940 Bates was the largest employer in the state of Maine. Bates was winning prizes at both Maine and Mass. fairs for best pantaloon stuffs and best in plain and fancy cotton fabrics.

The Mills also produced tents, cotton bedding, parachutes, Poplin, tablecloths, Chambray, Corduroy, Flannels and Bates Bedspreads. The name was later changed to Bates Fabric Company, and then Bates of Maine. In 1981 Bates, gave Lady Diana a Bates Bedspread as a wedding Gift.

BATES MILL #5 - This mill is a highly recognizable landmark in Lewiston, and a reminder of the Bates Manufacturing glory days. It was designed by Albert Kahn, the foremost industrial architect in America in 1912. Other Bates Mills have been successfully restored, or are being restored, while #5 sits decaying.

Investment to renovate would be at least sixty million dollars. In Boston a square foot of rental space goes for \$100. In Lewiston about \$7 per square foot. It is too big for housing and too inaccessible for new manufacturing and too costly for noncommercial use. Some call this mill, an incredible place, a neat building, or, it's an eyesore, a money pit, it's not attracting viable investors, or it should be tore down!

I have been so concerned for its future. The city of Lewiston had taken over the Mill in 1992 in lieu of back taxes. The city hoped to transfer ownership over to a private developer, but the taxes and restoring costs would be so high that it would not be profitable. The Mill is located on the corner of Main and Canal Streets. It was one of the first to be made of steel and reinforced concrete. But now,

years later, the rebar is rusting and expanding and has weakened the concrete. It has a saw-tooth roof to allow light in for the workers. (They are the slanted things on top the building in pictures). In 2009, the nearby Cowan mill burned down and embers went on the roof of Mill #5 causing damage, and repairs had to be made.

In 2009, the city voted to tear down the mill but later reversed this decision due to a glitch about it's historic preservation. The mill has been used to store looms, spools and manufacturing equipment. In 2010, the Great Falls Recreation & Redevelopment LLC, invested funds for a casino and wanted voters to approve the casino going into this mill. They had paid funds down to begin this process. When the casino went to vote, it was voted down by 63% of the people. Great Falls still has an option to pay another \$100,000, and this option ends Dec. 31, 2012, and if not paid the option would be dissolved, and at this point it seems highly unlikely a payment will be made.

Lewiston is planning a Riverfront Island Master Plan to revitalize downtown Lewiston. The vision is to see the Riverfront as a centerpiece of a renewed Lewiston-Auburn region. They have 4 goals: 1. Tap the power of the river, 2. Attract new uses. 3. Make the area more walkable. 4. Attract business and visitors, so that the Riverfront grows. These plans may affect what will become of Bates Mill #5. I personally have my hopes set high that this unique building will not be torn down.

When final plans are made, I will let you know.

PLATZ ASSOCIATES of Two Great Falls, Auburn, Maine, are Architects, Engineers and Construction Managers. They have taken on the Bates Mill Complex project. They have worked hard on this project and have done an outstanding job of renovating the various Mill Buildings. In 2007, members of the City of Lewiston Historic Preservation Board honored Platz Associates with a Preservation Award for renovations of **MILL #6** and their retaining Lewiston history.

I wish to thank, Steve Myers of Platz Associates, for his help in finding out which Mill Buildings have been torn down in the Bates Mill Complex. Platz Associates are doing a wonderful job of having the various Mill buildings renovated.

Benjamin Bates never lived in Lewiston, but for 31 years; each month he came to Lewiston and walked the streets and mingled with its people. He wanted labor for laborers, education for children, places of worship, lights for the streets, water for the houses, and a hospital. Ben stated, "I love Lewiston and I love the College." Ben was a strong Christian and he stated "if we have the Love of Christ in

our hearts, we will be happy in this world and the world to come." Ben was a hard working young man, devoted to his family.

The Maine State Seminary now (Bates College) was located in Lewiston and Ben became very interested in it. Primary object for the College was to provide Free Baptist of New England an institution for higher education. Ben became personally responsible for donations to the college. In all he gave, or pledged around \$200,000. He did more for the city of Lewiston than any of its residents. It was later named Bates College in honor of Benjamin Bates.

On the campus is Bates Chapel, which holds weddings at all times of the year. I met my husband Harold Bates, in the Bates chapel when he was in his sister's wedding. I had created, and displayed, her wedding flowers.

Benjamin Edward Bates died January 14, 1887 and is buried in Mt Auburn Cemetery in Boston, MA. Ben's best friend, Rev. Oren B. Cheney, did his Eulogy and said, "I have known him for twenty five years. He was an able, honest, kindly man; and would do all in his power for the good of friend, community and society, always working on the advance of society."

SURPRISE VISIT FROM CHARLIE BATES

On July 17, Charles (Charlie) Bates and his Mom came for a visit. They live in Vernon NY. He is the son of The Flying Parson, the late Rev. Roger Bates. It was so wonderful meeting Charlie face to face after all the E-mails and Facebook connections. We caught up on his Family Line and so enjoyed spending time with him and his Mom. The time was way to short. His Line Is:

Clement--Joseph--Joshua--Jacob--Simeon--Ephraim--Jeremiah--Harvey--Charles E.--Elmer Norton--Rev. Roger Cleveland--Charlie.



Charlie & Dad (the late Rev. Roger Bates) in earlier days. They built and flew their planes, and Charlie still flies them.

DONATIONS

FLORENCE BATES WYLAND Collection on Bates, donated to the Association. Her husband, Alan Wyland, and family donated a four drawer metal file cabinet and the contents there of. This information is on John of Long Island, NY, and other NY articles of interest. (I have gone through one drawer so far, and will do the others this winter.) Thanks to the Wyland Family for this great donation.

DUNCAN BATES TODD Donated her brother William (Bill) C. Bates obit. Also, a newspaper article on the Bates home of Simeon Bates, the Scituate light house keeper, and his daughters Abigail & Rebecca (The Army of Two). Also, a newspaper article on the new keeper of the Scituate light house. Also, certificate of birth for a John Bates born Dec. 3, 1700 in Hingham, Mass., son of Caleb Bates and Mary Lane. (I will do a write up on all of these in a future Bulletin.)

JAMES OF DORCHESTER, MA LINE

Dr. Maynard Bates has once again helped me to correct one line for a member and find another line for a member.

First for **Ruth Townsend**: In the Spring 2012 Bates Bulletin, Page 467 we had Ruth's Line as: James Bates of Dorchester--James--Samuel--Stephen--Stephen--Aaron Sr. --Linus--Homer Watson--George Lawrence--Henry Albert Bates Barber--James (Henry adopted by his Mother's Sister Jean Barber Townsend--Ruth.

Dr. Maynard states "He finds the information accurate except for the connection of Stephen Bates and his son Aaron Sr., both of whom lived in Southampton, MA, to Stephen Bates, Sr. of Durham, CT. I think there is sufficient proof that Stephen of Southampton is the son of Daniel Bates, the youngest son of Samuel, and was born in Long Island, NY. This Stephen being born within one year of Stephen Bates Jr. of Durham. There is information that Stephen Jr. also had a son named Aaron. If so, he may be the Aaron Bates born in 1753 In Durham, CT. who married Sarah King in Durham and moved to upstate NY, with other members of that family. Aaron and Sarah are mentioned in Dr. Charles Bates' book, (The Bates Centennial Farm of Rockton, Illinois). In about 1803, Aaron and Sarah moved the family to Vernon, Trumbull County, OH, where he is buried. Stephen of Southampton's brother is Captain Lemuel Bates who lived in northwest CT and was also the son of Daniel Bates. My ancestor, Aaron Jr. of Southampton and Norwich, MA and Mesopotamia, OH is the brother of Ruth's ancestor Linus Bates

The confusion about the Stephens and Aarons has been an on-going issue because two of the early Bates family genealogies disagreed on the family lines, apparently due to

similarity of names and birth dates. I (Maynard) have been trying for years to get this sorted out.

So Ruth Townsend's corrected Line: James of Dorchester 1582--James 1624--Samuel 1648--Daniel 1697--Stephen 1721/22--Linus 1796--Homer Watson 1830--George Lawrence 1878--Henry Albert Bates Barber 1901 marr Ruth Elvina Isabel Dunbar--Jean Barber Townsend--Ruth Townsend.

Now as to the Stephen confusion, back in the April 1926 issue of The Bates Bulletin, page 151; it has Query 99. Stephen Bates married Mindwell Seward at Durham, CT, Mar 1749. Who was this Stephen? A Stephen Bates and wife Patience had children among them a Stephen born Mar 20, 1722-23. There are two Stephens in the Durham records either of whom might be his son. Stephen and Mindwell had children 1750 to 1755 and Stephen Jr. and Lois had children 1749-1762. Which Stephen is the son of Stephen and Patience and what is the ancestry of the other Stephen?

In the April 1927 Bates Bulletin, page 168 it has Answer to Query 91 (should be 99). This Stephen was the son of Daniel Bates, of Huntington, and Smithtown, Long Island, NY. He later removed to the vicinity of Springfield, Mass. His older brother Lemuel settled in Simsbury, (now East Granby) CT. Daniel was the youngest child of Samuel of Saybrook, CT who was a grandson of James Bates of Dorchester, MA. By Albert C. Bates

Homer Watson > George Lawrence > Henry Albert Bates > Ruth Townsend

Homer Watson Bates, son of Linus and Mary Ann (Lord) Bates, was born August 19, 1830 in Southampton, Massachusetts. Homer became a prominent builder in Springfield and Chicopee, Massachusetts and also in Thompsonville, Connecticut. An indication of his reputation was shown in an Advertisement and article of the Springfield Republican. On March 14, 1868: "*I Martin Deneffe, do hereby challenge any American Bricklayer In Western Massachusetts (Childs, Hall and Warner excepted) in the sum of \$50 – Homer Bates of Chicopee in particular...*" On March 16, 1868: "*Martin Deneffe of this city, and a mason by trade, has challenged any Bricklayer in Western Massachusetts (with two or three exceptions), and Homer Bates of Chicopee in particular, in the sum of \$50, the quality of work being the best. If the challenge is accepted by Mr. Bates there will no doubt be some nice work done; otherwise Deneffe becomes the champion.*"

Homer married Jane Eliza (also Jennie) Moore, daughter of Daniel W and Elizabeth (Martin) Moore on June 13,



Homer W. Bates, Aug. 19,
1880—Oct. 18, 1886



George L. Bates, April 14,
1878—April 27, 1941

1859. They had three children, Mary Elizabeth (1860-1939); Anna Alberta (1863-1873) who died of Scarlet Fever at 10 years; and George Lawrence (1878-1941). Homer and all of his family were buried in Fairview Cemetery on Oleander Path.

George Lawrence Bates, third child of Homer and Jane Bates was born and grew up in Chicopee, Massachusetts. It is recorded that George worked as a Bicycle Repairman when he was 19-20 yrs. Because of a Springfield Republican article stating he was a Columbia Bike Racer, one could assume that he worked at the Columbia Bike Factory. Bicycles and Bicycle Contests were very popular at that time. Many contests were held at Hampden Park in Springfield. Other occupations listed for George were clerk and salesman.

George enlisted in the Army - Spanish American War on May 3, 1898. He was ranked a Private and served in Co. K, 2nd Regiment of Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry. This , his first enlistment until November 3, 1898, was in Cuba. In July 1898, the Springfield Republican published a letter George had sent to his mother from near Santiago. It was written that George had spoke of the hard contest and heavy fire that was sustained throughout the nine and a half hours of fighting. The regiment was entrenched $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the city, extending for 20 miles. George's letter said: *"The heat here is terrible, though the air is fine. All the boys are homesick, tired of this life and want to go home. They got enough war the other day. We lost most of our men by sharp-shooters. The coconut trees are full of them. This is an elegant country. For miles around you can see nothing but coconut trees, banana trees, pineapple groves, sweet corn, sweet potatoes and tomato fields, lime*

trees, mango trees and fig trees. We have a band concert every night and a fine moon. For eatables we have hard-tack, bacon, coffee, sugar corn, beef, roast beef, beans, vinegar, and salt. I never expected to get in a country where a man with \$100 is no better off than a man without a cent. You can't buy anything for love or money." George was "mustered out" November 3, 1898.

Following his stint in Cuba, George was living in Boston on Commonwealth Avenue and working as a salesman. This is where he married Emma Laura Dyotte, youngest child of Toussaint and Charlotte (Charbonneau) Dyotte, on January 21, 1899 in a small ceremony at The Parker House on Tremont Street in Boston. Emma, born in Springfield was also living in Boston and working as a clerk. The ceremony was performed by Father Theophile Remy Of Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church. They then spent the night at the Worthy Hotel in Springfield, then leaving for an extended western trip.

George re-enlisted into the Army, Co. E, 5th Cavalry Regiment on February 28, 1899 for a three year stint. He served in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico and was honorably discharged September 23, 1900.

January 8, 1901, Henry Albert (assumed he was named for Emma's brothers) was born to George and Emma in Springfield, Massachusetts.

George re-enlisted once again, May 8, 1901 into the Army, Co. F, 14th Regiment – Infantry for a three year period. Interestingly, his sister was listed as "wife, nearest relative, guardian, or friend" not Emma. It was recorded that he deserted February 27, 1902, then "dropped as deserter" March 9, 1902.



Emma Laura Dyotte Bates (wife
of George, mother of Henry)

Little information is known about George and Emma. What has been passed down through the family was that George died in the Spanish American War and Emma

died of a ruptured appendix when Henry was 2-3yrs. Probate records re: Jane Bates estate which became Mary's estate, (George's sister) who died in 1939, indicated that George was residing in Cedar Falls, Iowa in 1939-1940. Death and Military records revealed that he died April 27, 1941 of a coronary occlusion at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He had known coronary artery disease and was at the VA hospital prior to St. Joseph's. George's death announcement stated that he had been a member in the John Pomranky Camp in Garland County, Arkansas and that other members were pall bearers at his funeral as he left no next of kin.

Henry Albert Bates was born January 8, 1901 in Springfield, Massachusetts and lived there with his parents and then only his mother after his father re-enlisted to serve again in the Spanish American War. Nothing is documented during Henry's childhood other than his adoption in 1906. His mother's sister Rose and her husband Louis Barber legally adopted Henry and his name was legally changed to Henry Albert Barber. In the petition for adoption September 26, 1906, it stated that Henry had been in the care and custody of Rose and Louis Barber for several years and had been willfully deserted by both parents for more than two years preceding the petition date. The probate document indicated that Louis had followed the law



1926 Henry & Janet



Henry about 1940



Henry 1958

and all of the means to locate the parents, without success. The adoption and name change was legalized on October 26, 1906.

Henry lived with Louis and Rose Barber "off" Glenwood Street, near the cemetery in South Natick, Massachusetts. Rose and Louis had had four other children, all deceased by the time Henry came into their lives. Toussaint Guillothe (Dyotte), Henry's maternal grandfather had moved in with Rose and Louis in 1889 and lived with them until he died in 1905. Louis died when Henry was 9 years old. No information on Henry or Rose has been documented during his childhood years. It's been told that he was raised by the neighbors, two families in particular and then also lived in a boarding house and worked in a shoe factory in South Natick. The next documentation was when he was 17 yrs. He lived in West Newton, Massachusetts and worked as a chef at a restaurant there.

Henry married Ruth Isabel Dunbar, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Lamont Dunbar, on April 17, 1918 in Newton, Massachusetts. They initially lived with Ruth's parents in Natick, Massachusetts and began their family with Jean, born in September, 1919. Henry had been working at the Pfeiffer Shoe Factory, then joined his father-in-law at New England Pressed Steel Company – a thriving industry at this time, manufacturing steel toed caps and metal shanks for shoes and boots. As the family continued to grow, the Barbers moved around the Middlesex County area a bit. In 1927 while living in Worcester, Massachusetts, "Aunt Rose" (Henry's adoptive mother) came to live with them, as she was ill and they took care of her until she died March 1, 1927. They moved back to Natick and then moved to 189 West Central Street in Natick in 1937. This remained the family home for them, their children, and grandchildren for many years. Henry was a well established and successful insurance agent with John Hancock Insurance Company now and stayed with the company until he retired.



Henry and Ruth were very much engaged in the lives of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. And many gatherings took place at this house – from playing in

the back yard to Thanksgiving dinners - to watching the Boston Marathon runners from the front yard - and so much more. They also enjoyed traveling and took regular trips to Florida as well as across the country. They summered in York Beach, Maine and spent time with friends at the farm in Brownfield, Maine – which they later inherited and turned into their summer home. Although Henry had some obstacles as a child, he overcame them. He had a successful life, was a lot of fun, had a family who loved, admired and respected him.



Ruth & Henry



Ruth & Henry
50th Wedding Anniversary

After Henry retired, he and Ruth sold the property (to Barber Bros. – sons and grandson) and moved to Sandwich, Massachusetts, close to their daughter, Ruth. Henry had some health problems in later years. He went to the hospital for a surgical procedure in 1978. Due to complications, he was transferred to a convalescent home where he died of heart failure on January 7, 1979. When Henry died, he left his wife, 7 children, 24 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren who loved and admired him and still tell stories about him today.



Henry & Ruth with 7 of 8 children 1958

OBIT

WILLIAM (BILL) C. BATES

Bill was a Member and Trustee of The Bates Association and helped to get us re-organized.

He passed away Nov. 20, 2011. He was cremated and buried May 20, 2012. He lived in Lake Worth Fl., and was from Scituate, Mass. He was a graduate of New England College and the Boston University. He survived two plane crashes, Belonged to the Clement Bate/Bates Line.


William Bates

SCITUATE – Bates, William C., age 86 died 20 Nov. 2011 at Betehsda Memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida.

William was the son of the late Lena V. (Quigley) and William C. Bates of Scituate. Brother of Dorothy Bates Gammon of Scituate and Ruth 'Duncan' Todd living in Washington. Bill was pre-deceased by his sister Eleanor M. Bates of Maine and John E. Bates of Scituate.

Bill is survived by his son Mark Bates and his wife Beth of Bentonville, Virginia and his daughter Victoria Pagan and her husband Robert of West Bay Village, Florida. Many nieces and nephews survive their much loved Uncle Bill.

Raised in Scituate, Ma., Bill was member of the SHS class of 1944. Bill found permission



William Bates

to enlist underaged in the US Army and flew with the 1st Air Commando Group in the China-Burma-India Theatre. The 1st Air Commando Group was to achieve fame as 'Terry and the Pirates'. After the War, Bill graduated from New England College and worked for the US State Department, United Press International and successful private ventures.

William will be buried at Union Cemetery, Scituate, Sunday 20 May @ 2:00 PM. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

I would Love to do a membership drive for 2013. Would Love some suggestions. Contact me at SBates1011@gmail.com

BATES ONLINE STORE

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