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THE PRESIDENTS LETTER

by
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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello "Cousins". This is a much delayed Winter issue. The delay has a number of causes, not the least of which is that the publication of The Bulletin depends on the ideas and articles submitted by members. Sometimes several of you send me interesting material to share through the Bulletin and sometimes I have very little and have to accumulate material slowly. This was one of those times.

However, we have had a very successful year. The highlight, of course, was the Reunion in July in Salt Lake City. Our Utah members outdid themselves in giving us a memorable experience. About 50 members from all parts of the country met for three days of fun, learning and getting to know new friends and relatives. Ken and Janet Bates, who arranged the whole program with the help of their local Bates organization, have written a brief outline of the wonderful experiences they provided us. I've also included a few quotes from the many letters we received later. The photos included in this issue have been sent by several members and we are very grateful to have them. They will all be placed in the archives so that future generations will have a record of these events.

Almost half of our members are now online and would like

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WESTWARD HO!

The 1997 Bates Association in Salt Lake City
By Ken and Janet Bates

We were privileged to host the national Bates Association Reunion, July 17-19, 1997. We chaired this event as a result of a request two years ago during the reunion at Chelmsford, Massachusetts. We accepted only because we knew that we would have the support of our local association, the Cyrus Bates/Lydia Harrington Family Organization. However, we never dreamed of just how much support we would have! Our local Bates group enthusiastically took up the task. Chairman Gordon Bates headed a committee with members Velma Bates Allredge, Steve Allredge, Burlin Bates, Dan Bates, Dan L. Bates, Forest and Donna Bates, Ivan Bates, Martin Bates, Alden Covington and Loni Gardner, all Edward of Boston descendants as we are and now members of The Bates Association as well.



We met several times at our home during the next two years and some folks came a long way to be there for the planning. The ideas flowed and little by little the plans were put into action. Over fifty "cousins" registered for the reunion and on July 17, we were ready to greet them.

Registration was held on that afternoon at our headquarters, The Salt Lake Plaza Hotel. Registration packets and name tags were color coordinated to identify Bates family lines. A huge (5 by 12 feet) pedigree chart had been prepared to show the six early Bates families who emigrated from England. All but one had representatives at the reunion. Everyone added his own genealogy to the chart and it was quite a sight to see where each of us fit. Forest Bates produced several other charts showing the genealogy of the Ormus Ephriam Bates family and the descendants of the seven wives. It was quite a conversation piece!

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more material on the use of computers in genealogical research. I have included a long list of pertinent web sites in this issue. It came to me in an e-mail from the Genealogical Records Service and I think it may be helpful to share. We still do not have our own web site but I want to tell you of a site established by Yvonne E. Schwartz, "The Bates Connection". Ms. Schwartz is not as yet a member but she has a great deal of Bates information and includes a description of The Bates Association and a membership request form. The site address is: <http://angelfire.com/in/yeschwartz/blink.html>. We can all participate in the on-line Bates discussion group started by member, Wayne Ambler, but not limited to our members, Bates L rootsweb. A lot of important information is posted in the list; queries posed and often answered, Many of our members have joined as a result of participating in the discussion.

I have one important change to share with you. Lauren Delaney has resigned as Membership Chair. However, we are not losing her valuable help. She will continue in her many roles as Vice-President of the EW line and as chair of the ad hoc committees to plan the 1998 reunion in Massachusetts and of the committee to preserve the deteriorating grave stone of Edward of Weymouth. Our Executive Vice-President, Kenneth Bates, will take over the Membership duties. You have or will be hearing from him to renew your membership. Please respond to him in a timely manner.

We have a lot to look forward to this year. The return to annual meetings gives us the opportunity to meet and be together on a more regular basis. Our 1998 meeting will be in Plymouth, MA., Oct. 15-18. The Reunion Committee has made some wonderful plans for us. I hope you all will plan to be there,

Sincerely, your President,
Mary Jean

MASSACHUSETTS MEMBERS GATHER FOR A BATES WORKSHOP

New England members of The Bates Association attended a workshop on April 12, 1997 at the Scituate Historical Society. The full-day workshop was organized by Executive Committee members, Lauren Delaney and Duncan Bates Todd. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by the fourteen members who attended. In the morning, they visited and shared information with each other while having a continental breakfast and had the opportunity to do research using the microfilm and printed materials available at The Historical Society. A moderated query roundtable provided the opportunity to discuss queries previously submitted and several common Bates problems were shared.

Two guest speakers, Jonathan Galli from NEHGS and Lorie Burningham of Creative Memories shared the podium in the afternoon. Jonathan, speaking on "Genealogical Resources Found at Family History Centers," reviewed the vast holdings at the Salt Lake City facility and helped to prepare members for the Reunion to come. However, he also discussed resources available at most local history centers as well as research "items" that can be borrowed from Salt Lake City. He also answered many questions about the changes and remodeling at the NEHGS building.

The second speaker, Lorie Burningham, gave a slide presentation to educate members in proper photo preservation. For instance, she told us why we should NEVER write on the back of a photo with a ball point pen, and about the importance of using acid-free materials to mount and preserve our old photos and how to create memory books for future generations using our old photos, newspaper clippings and other genealogical gems. She had supplies for sale as well as invitations for hands-on workshops that she would be leading in the future.

At the conclusion of the workshop members gathered for a group dinner at a local waterfront restaurant. The day was very productive and participants enjoyed it thoroughly. Duncan and Lauren hope to arrange other Massachusetts gatherings for local members in the future. Members in other parts of the country are encouraged to organize their own local activities.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1997-1999

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I REMEMBER GRANDMOTHER

by Larry C. Taylor

This is a collection of my memories of Grandma, Myrtle May Bates (1891-1968). First, a little background informa-



tion. Grandma's parents, Peter Elderbert Bates and Nellie Frances Mikel, owned a hotel in Norborne, Carroll Co. Mo. This is where their daughter, Myrtle, met Alva Melvin Taylor, the hotel barber, whom she soon married. A week later they were both "saved" and Alva declared that it was his calling to preach the gospel and on the road they went. The family had many moves. The last child was born in a covered wagon after a trip from Texas to California, but that is another story. Alva and Myrtle then made their home in Tucson, AZ. Myrtle had a tough life there and finally called it quits in 1942. She divorced Alva and went to visit her mother in Osawatomie, KS. During this visit, Myrtle met George Hay, a boarder at her mother's boarding house. A few weeks later they were married and made their home in Kansas. My first memories of Grandma are in the early 50's on her farm near Rantoul, KS. She was a very proper and elegant lady whose most striking feature was her petite height of 4'11". She was a kind and generous person but we kids knew not to cross her. There was always something new to play with and good things to eat at her house. I remember the farm with its big barn and root cellar just like ones I had seen many times in the movies. In 1953 she moved from the farm to a house in Rantoul, KS. My father bought the house next door, but at that time he was in the army, stationed in Germany and my mother worked outside the home so we spent a lot of time at Grandma's house. I can remember many hours making ships out of clothespins. Many great naval battles were fought on her dining room floor. The greatest thing about her house was that she had one of the few indoor bathrooms in town. My brother and sister and I thought it a great privilege to use it.

My family and I moved to Missouri and Grandma moved to Osawatomie, KS. After, times got hard for my mother and so to help, grandma took the three of us to live with her. It was in 8th grade and Grandma was always there when we needed her. This was one of the happiest times I had when I was a child. She had several large elm trees in her front yard and I can remember spending most of a summer playing under those trees with the neighbor kids. When my father returned from Germany, we moved to a house a few blocks from Grandma. She was a member of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints and she took us to church with her every week. We were all baptized into the church.

When I was in high school Grandma had some research done on our family by a professional. When she got the information in the mail, it upset her so much that she wouldn't let anyone read it. Later she went out and burned the report. I got the impression that there were a few horse thieves in the family line. Grandma was a lady and this kind of a pedigree was not something to be proud of. The only thing she would tell me about our family was that we were 12th cousins to Jesse James. After 10 years of research, my brother still can't prove this. No one ever found out what was in that report.

She passed away during my last year of college. In 1980 my brother and sister and I decided to collect data on the family's roots. I visited Grandma's grave and took pictures of every family headstone I could find and I was really inspired to learn everything I could about our family history. My brother had been collecting data for 10 years, so I had a good starting place. Unfortunately, our Bates family is lost in Indiana in the 1850's. In 1995 we went to a local Bates reunion in Lane, KS and I printed a collection of our data for the event. I received a lot of additions and corrections and made many new friends.

The following is a brief overview of my Bates family pedigree:

Daniel Bates b Dec 1835 IN
m. Mary Ellen (Margaret) Daley
d 1 Oct 1904 Palmyra, Marion MO
Peter Elderbert Bates b 12 Apr 1867 IA
m Nellie Frances Mikel 9 Oct 1888 Beloit, Mitchell,
KS
d 25 May 1927, Kansas City, MO
Myrtle May Bates b 12 Oct 1891 Laplata, Macon, MO
m Alva Melvin Taylor 22 Feb 1910 Carrollton, MO
d 23 Oct 1968 Choctaw, OK
Clarence Peter Taylor b 10 Mar 1914
Larry Clarence Taylor b 11 Aug 1942
Michael Shawn Taylor b 8 May 1972
Lucas Michael Taylor b 12 Apr 1996

VITAL RECORDS

Your president, Mary Jean Bates Evans, is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter, Molly Cynthia Evans to Mr. Brian Cohen on the 21st of September, 1997 at Washington DC. Molly is the former publisher of "The Bates Bulletin". Executive Vice-President, Ken Bates, came from Salt Lake City to attend the wedding and represent the bride's Edward of Boston Bates line. The young couple are making their home in Washington.

Late breaking news from the Evans family! The newest member of the Bates Association, Mara Jeanne Evans was born to Kirk and Penelope Evans on March 17, 1998.

IN MEMORIAM

The Bates Association has suffered three sad losses to our membership this year.

PATRICIA ANN MITCHELL, member and sister of our member James Bates Mitchell, died in Bexley Ohio on June 30th, 1997. She was born June 30th, 1924 in Columbus. Patricia was retired from Columbus Mutual Life Insurance Co. as an Assistant Vice-President. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, James B. and Renee Mitchell Sr. of Bexley, her nephew James B. and Dorothy Mitchell Jr. of Marquette, Michigan and her niece, Molly and John Geissman of Albuquerque, N.M. Burial was in Green Lawn Cemetery. Patricia made a wonderful contribution to the Spring issue of "The Bates Bulletin" when she shared letters written by her Bates ancestors over a hundred years ago.

VIRGINIA QUATTRUCCI SAMUELS, wife of our member Ray Samuels, died on September 29th, 1997 at home in North Falmouth, MA. Born in Hyde Park, MA., she moved to North Falmouth in 1990. She is survived by her husband and three sons, Dale G. Samuels, Ray F. Samuels Jr. and John S. Samuels, all of Massachusetts, sisters and brothers and two grandchildren. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Falmouth.

GLYNDON BATES, member and brother of Executive Vice-President, Kenneth Bates, died on October 10th, 1997 in Sunnyvale, CA. He was born on the 14th of March, 1928. Glyndon had retired from the Air force. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, three children six grandchildren in addition to his brother, Kenneth, other siblings and his mother.

WORTHY OF NOTE

Not a member, but worthy of note was Mercedes Bates who died August 16 in Bloomington, MN. at age 81. Ms. Bates had been a Vice-President of the General Mills food company, in charge of the Betty Crocker division. A 1936 alumna of the Home Economics department of Oregon State University, she donated the funds to build a family study center at the university. Bates Hall, home of the Mercedes A. Bates Family Study Center is the first of its kind in the nation. Families are studied over their life span, from child development, family health and economics, to literacy and parenting skills. Educational programs and counseling are offered as well. Ms. Bates has made a major contribution to society.

This information was submitted by Mary Patricia Bates.

WHY IS IT NAMED BATES?

Submarine USS Wm H Bates, SSN-680

Per "Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships," the William H. Bates was named after William Henry Bates, who was born 26 April 1917 at Salem, Mass. He was son of Congressman George J. Bates of the 6th Congressional District of Mass. who was killed at a plane crash at the Washington D. C. National Airport on 1 November 1949. The son (William Henry Bates) resigned his reserve commission (Lt. Commander) to fill the rest of his father's term in the House of Representatives.

The William H. Bates (SSN-680) was built by company owned by another Bates. I refer to Charles Bates Thornton, founder of Litton Inc. and Ingalls Shipbuilding Div. at Pascagoula, Miss., whose Bates ancestors originated in Stafford County, Virginia. My first cousin.

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Editor of The Bates Booster Newsletter The Bates Family of Old Virginia (FFV)

THE STORY OF JOSEPH BATES OF THE EB LINE

Compiled and Written by John K. Maddy

Joseph Bates was born 24 February, 1787 in Randolph, Orange Co. VT. He was the son of Jonathan Bates and Mehitable Willoughby, (Edward of Boston, John, John, Edward, John, Jonathan.) After the Revolutionary War Jonathan and Mehitable left Massachusetts for Vermont where Joseph was born. As a young man Joseph moved from VT to Canada where he married Harriet Dodge. Some of their 8 children (Truman, Thomas, Joseph Jr., James, Harriet m. Theron Landon, Belinda m. Warren Hancock, Mary m. Cyrus Barrett, Elizabeth m. Hiram Alvord) were born there but in 1817 the family moved to Cattaraugus Co. NY where Joseph Bates Jr. was born. Later they moved to Ohio where son James was born in 1823. In 1832 they moved to Williams Co. (later Fulton Co.) in Ohio. The following story is taken from The Borton and Mason Family Genealogy by Freeman C. Mason MD., published in 1908.

EARLY SETTLERS OF WILLIAMS CO. OHIO

One of the first settlers within the present limits of Franklin and the old limits of Brady townships was Joseph Bates and Family, who in 1832 settled on the s.e. quarter of section 2, township 7 north, range 4 east, and all this country for years was known as the Bates settlement. From a letter from his daughter combined with statements from several of the first settlers, I have obtained the following sketch of Mr. Bates' life, which has become almost legendary.

In the summer and winter of 1830 and '31, Ezekial Masters says: "He (Bates) took his gun, dogs, bear and wolf traps and 150 muskrat traps and came to Harden Co. where he hunted and trapped till spring and lived on the game he hunted or trapped. He bought his land in Williams Co. with the money he got for the bear's oil and skins, wolf scalps, coon, muskrat and beaver skins, and had \$130 in money left in Feb. 1832, in the dead of winter, he started with his family for his new home and cut his road through an unbroken wilderness from Ottawa to Defiance. He went on to where Pulaski now stands and cut the road through to what is now the Shilling's farm and lived 3 days in his wagon until he built a cabin. The cabin stood near the confluence of Bates and Ayres runs. His nearest neighbor was 12 miles away.

Here he cleared some land and raised the first grain but spent the greater portion of his time hunting and trapping. In the spring of 1835 he was elected the first supervisor and the first fence viewer of Springfield township. In 1840 he sold his farm to Wm. Ayres and bought a farm now owned by Jacob Sherk in sec. 10 and 11. On the 20th of March, 1845, his wife Harriet Dodge died and the following year he married Rebecca Borton, Widow of a cousin, Joseph Borton.

In the year 1852 he erected a large frame tavern, the first in Franklin township, which he ran for a number of years. The building remained as an old landmark until Dec. 30, 1885 when it was destroyed by fire. He called it "The Bates Inn" and it was largely patronized as the Angola Rd. was then a great thoroughfare for travelers and the movers to their western homes. He lived there until 1861 when he moved to Iowa and died in Story Co. August 1, 1866."

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That evening some folks attended the rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Executive Committee got together for a dinner meeting at a local restaurant where we worked out plans for the next year.

The next day began with a business meeting presided over by our president, Mary Jean Bates Evans. George Ott of the LDS Church Genealogy Department then gave us a helpful introduction to the Family History Library. A short walk to the Joseph Smith Building brought us to the wonderful computer resources of the library and a presentation on their use by Joseph Monson. Lunch next door at the historic Lion House, one of the homes of Brigham Young and a tour of the Beehive House, another of his homes, ended the programmed part of the day. The remainder of the time on Friday was free for those who wanted to work in the largest genealogical library in the world. Some great stories and lots of excitement came from this opportunity for important research.

On Saturday we had a fleet of vans take everyone on a tour of the city, to the "This is the Place" monument where Brigham Young is believed to have decided on a home for his group, and then on to Antelope Island for a buffalo burger lunch and a chance to "enjoy" floating on the Great Salt Lake. Fortunately, fresh water showers were available to wash the salt off our intrepid members before their skin fell off.

That night we had the whole group at our home in Bountiful for a good old Dutch Oven Cookout and Blue Grass entertainment. The evening ended with the singing of America The Beautiful written by Katherine Lee Bates and led by Bates Association member Linda Chisholm, a descendant of Clement of Lydd and a cousin of Katherine. What a beautiful conclusion--- even had a few tears.

It is impossible to express in words the spirit and feeling of this reunion. It was as though all were truly brothers and sisters rather than distant cousins. LET'S DO IT AGAIN SOON!

**ARTEMAS BATES
HISTORY AND PEDIGREE
Submitted by Walter Laffer**

1. Artemas BATES, b. 1782 in Templeton, MA. 102 D. 7 Apr 1860 in Adams, Jefferson Co. NY. Buried Apr 1860 in Elmwood Cemetery, Adams. Occupation, Farmer

"Mr. Artemus Bates, one of our oldest and most esteemed citizens, one whose probity and honesty as well as his liberality was only well known but appreciated, died at his residence near this village on Saturday morning last (7th inst.). He was born at Templeton, MA in 1782. In 1787 his father removed to Washington Co. in this state, where he resided until 1803, when at age 21 he removed to this country and located in this town, where for over half a century he has been a resident, and for the last 35 years upon one farm. Thus, one by one our old pioneer settlers are leaving us to mourn over their loss--a loss felt not alone by kindred and loved ones at home, but by the community among which he so long resided, and was so deservedly esteemed." 102

Phys./Medical: Died a natural death.

Census/tax: 1820, Lyme township, Jeff. Co. NY, pg.455 Artemus Bates' household consisted of 3 males under 1, 1 male 16-18 (Nelson) 1 male 18-26, 1 male 26-46 (Artemus), 2 females under 10, 1 26-45 (Catherine).

1830 NY pg 17 Artemus Bates household consisted of 1 male 5-10 (Nahum), 1 male 15-20(Nelson), 1 male 40-50 (Artemus), 1 female 10-15, 1 40-50- (Catherine).

1840 Adams township, Jeff. Co. NY, pg. 327 Artemus Bates' household consisted of 1 male under 5, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 15-20 (Nahum), 1 male 20-30 (Nelson), 1 male 50-60 (Artemus). Four males were in agriculture, 1 female 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 50-60 (Catherine).

1850 Adams township, pg. 284 Dwelling 1030, Family 1041

Artemus Bates	68	Farmer	\$9000	MA	Catherine	6	4
VT							
Nahum	28	Farmer			Insane		
Mary	22				(Nahum's wife)		
Catherine	2						
Alvina Sweet	38						
Henry	18	Farmer			Att school		
Helen	8				"		
William	7				"		
Adeline Segar	18				"		
Edward Clark	21	Farmer					

Artemus married Catherine STOWELL, d. of David Stowell and Mary LARRABEE. B. 30 June 1785 in Guilford, Windham Co. NY. D. 1 Oct 1878 in Adams, NY. Buried Oct. 1870 in Elmwood Cemetery. "In Adams, Oct 1, 1870 At her residence on Sand St., Mrs. ARTEMUS BATES, aged 86. 42

Census/tax: 1790, 1800 See David Stowell
1820, 1830, 1840, 1850 See Artemus Bates

Artemus and Catherine had the following children: i. Nelson Stowell Bates, ii. Lavina Catherine Bates, iii. Nahum B. Bates

Second Generation:

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2. Nelson Stowell BATES. B. ca 1810 in VT. D. 28 Feb 1867 in Seward, Winnebago Co. IL. Buried Mar 1867 Twelve Mile Grove Cemetery, Sec A, Row 521B .Seward, IL 21B Occupation, Farmer.

Phys/Med: Congestion of the lungs. "...at his residence in the town of Seward, Feb. 28, aged 56 years. One of the earliest settlers in this county, residing here since 1839. 20

Census/Tax: 1820, 1830,1840 See Artemus Bates

1850 Seward township, Winnebago C. IL pg 302 Family 58

Nelson S. Bates	40	Farmer	\$400	VT
Margaret C.	24			England
Alice L.	12			NY att.school
Alba	8			IL"
Albert	4			IL"
William Hibart	30	Carpenter	\$500	CT

Nelson m. Margaret CLARK, d. of James Clark &Phebe NEWTON, b. 10 Jan. 1842 in Gunthorpe, Norfolk, Eng. D. 5 Sep 1903 in Jackson, Jackson Co. MN.

"Regarding the excommunication of Margaret BATES, I did find more information. Over the period of time from May 12, 1862 to Jan. 3 1863, several references were made to different committees calling on Mrs. Bates. She was excommunicated 3 Jan `1863 from the Seward Congregational Church for the following official reasons: 1) covenant breaking by a long absence from the communion table and other services of the church. 1) Unjustifiably forsaking of her family and other misdemeanors, as dancing, etc. Failing to appear to answer charge, it was resolved that she be excommunicated from the fellowship of the church for Contumely.." 12

Census/tax: 1859, 1860 See Nelson Stowall Bates 1880 See William J. Withers.

Nelson and Margaret had the following children:

- 5 i. Artemus N. Bates
- 6 ii. Alice Lovinia Bates
- 7 iii. Alba Bates
- 8 iv. Albert Bates

3. Levina Catherine BATES. B. 6 Feb 1820 in Adams, NY. D. 2 Nov 1910 eeds. They had the following children:

- 9 i. Artemus CLEVELAND
- 10 ii. Della CLEVELAND.

4. Nahum B. BATES Born in Adams, NY1821. D.. 1871 in Adams. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery. Occupation: Farmer. He married Mary Ann?? b. 1826. D. 1899 in Adams, NY Buried in Elmwood Cemetery. Occupation: Keeping house. They had the following children.

- 11. i. Catherine BATES

REFERENCES

Note 12: Personal communication to WBLII, 14 Oct. 1974

from Joy Aurand (Mrs. Robert), Clerk-Sec'y, Seward Congregational Church, Seward IL.

Note 20: Rockford Register, Mar 8, 1867 obituary notice.

Note 21: "INSCRIPTIONS, RECORDS AND THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE TWELVE MILE GROVE CEMETERY AND ST. THOMAS CEMETERY OF SEWARD, IL." copied directly from the tombstones and cemetery records and compiled by Dolores and Faye Hilton. Copyright 1980. 3rd printing, July 1981. Printed by Graphco Inc. 5616 W. Broadway, Mpls. MN 55428

- A.) pg 2- Sec. A Row 3 Phebe and James Clark
- B.) pg 3- Sec. A Row 5 Nelson S. Bates
- C.) pg 7- Sec. A Row 7 Elizabeth and James Clark
- D.) pg 70
- E.) pg 71

WBLII has visited this graveyard personally and has talked to one of the authors, Faye Hilton. There seems to be only one error. Nelson Bates correct death date is 28 Feb 1867, not 1862. The headstone had been broken and repaired and was probably hard to read. The 1867 date is consistent with other documents from Winnebago Co.

Note 42: Obituary in Adams newspaper. furnished by Mr. Ed Lee of the Historical Association and Family Research Center of Adams.

Note 102: Jefferson Co. News, Adams, NY. Thursday, April 2 1860. obituary, "Death of Artemas Bates".

William B. Laffer II would like to carry this extensive research back a generation and find the parents of Artemus Bates in Templeton, MA in 1782. IF YOU CAN HELPHIM, PLEASE CONTACT HIM AT 6301 NORTH SHERIDAN #21R, CHICAGO, IL. 60660-1788 OR LAFFERWBII@AOL.COM

DO YOU KNOW

The number of your ancestors doubles every generations back. Two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, 16 great-great-grandparents, etc. and on until twelve generations back the number reaches 4,096. Do you know the names of all 4,096?