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## UPDATE ON CHANGES IN THE ASSOCIATION:

By President, Sandy Bates

We have had some Major Changes within the Association in the last months.

**RESIDENT AGENT POSITION:** First, our long-time **faithful Resident Agent, Duncan Bates Todd**, has moved to Washington State. Therefore, she had to give up her position as Resident Agent. We THANK her for the many years of faithful and dedicated service to the Association.

Our **new Resident Agent is Lynne E. Bates** of Bridgewater, MA.

**Our New, Official mailing Address for The Association is: The Bates Association, PO Box 135, Bridgewater, MA 02324.**

Members, please **DO SEND** all correspondence to **Sandy at 222 Line Road, Greene, Maine, 04236.** Any mail going to the PO Box in Bridgewater will only have to be forwarded, by Lynne, to me at an extra expense.

**EDITOR, POSITION:** Our dedicated **Editor, Lisa LaPointe**, had a computer crash, and does not have the publishing program to continue our Bulletin. She has done a superb job of putting the Bulletin together in the format we wanted and doing an excellent job with pictures, that sometimes were a bad quality and she enhanced and made them work. Thank You Lisa for all the Help. We sure Appreciated it.

**Terri Bates Black** was our back up Editor and she has stepped up to the plate, and is giving it her all to put out the Bulletin. She has done this excellent one.

**WEB MASTER POSITION:** **James Cleveland Bates**, has been our Web master, and has kept the web site up for us. He has stepped down. Thank You Jim, for keeping the web site alive all this time.

**Terri Bates Black** has also stepped up to the plate with this Position and will be making changes to the site. I look forward to her work.

**WE WILL NEED BACKUPS FOR ALL THREE POSITIONS. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT SANDY AT SBates1011@gmail.com**

## Rockton History Museum Gears Up for Annual Fest-Rockton, IL



AMY J. CORRENTI / RRSTAR.COM

Judy Bates holds a glass of sparkling rhubarb spritzer Wednesday, May 26, 2010, in her Rockton home. Judy Bates is a Member of The Bates Association and President of the Rockton Historical Society Museum. Fifteen women baked using rhubarb for an event that drew more than 100 people.

## COPYRIGHT REMINDER

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**DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY AND SANDY'S TOMBSTONE PROJECT**



**David E. Bates** donated his Book Titled "Coat of Arms, Bates" to The Bates Association Library. David and Wife Ruth-Jean traveled to England and collected

copies of many items of interest on the Clement Bate/Bates Family Line. They took some wonderful pictures of the Lydd and Biddenden Churches. David also had research done in England trying to prove the marriage of an Ann Dalrymple to our Clement Bate. David also acquired many copies of official birth, marriage and death certificates of folks in the Clement Line from Hingham Mass. David did a wonderful job putting this book together, and it is a valuable addition to our Library. Thanks David!

**Kathy Jones** of the Edward of Boston Line submitted tombstone pictures, which are on file in the Bates Association Library, of folks in her Family Line. They are excellent photos showing clearly the names and dates. Included are the following: Orson P. Bates 1887-1962. Orrin W. Bates Jr. 1885-1929. Harriet C. Bates 1855-1924. George A. Bates 1874-1922. Sarah E. T. Bates 1852-1932. Willard Ray Bates 1924-1925. Ormus E. Bates 1844-1912. Ollie Bates 1880-1915. Luvena Adams Bates 1856-1939. Electa Bates 1859-1942. Effie Celestia Bates 1881-1971, dau. of Orson Parley Bates Sr. Ormus Ephraim Bates 1815-1873. Phoebe Maria 1817-1888. Matilda Reeves Bates 1828-1882. Franklin L. Bates 1867-1919. Nettie K. Bates 1890-1941. Margaret A. Bates 1836-1915. Orrin W. Bates 1858-1920. Sarah E. T. Bates 1852-1932. Ruth Cole Bates 1865-1916.

**Dee Bates**, also of the Edward of Boston Line, sent information on Lydia Harrington Bates, wife of Cyrus Bates and a picture of her marker that the Cyrus Bates/Lydia Harrington Family Organization placed. The Grave Marker was placed in the St Charles, Idaho Cemetery. The Marker reads: "In Memory of Lydia Harrington Bates Wife of Cyrus Bates."

**Cyrus Bates/Lydia Harrington Family Organization**

Dear Family: On a beautiful summer day, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, we had about 25 family members attend the placing and dedication of the Lydia Harrington marker in the St Charles cemetery overlooking the beautiful Bear Lake. President Mike Mahnken dedicated the marker. Thanks to David Bates, son of Dee Bates, who did the work of obtaining the marker and all the material to put it in place. He and Dee hauled it to St Charles and with the help of our Mike Mahnken digging the hole and mixing the cement, they put the 150 lb marker in place. Thanks to all who helped financially and with your encouragement the project is finally finished. Now we have a place where we can go and remember one of the first members of our family to join the Church.

After we sent out the notice on the placement of a cemetery marker for Lydia Harrington Bates in the St Charles cemetery, we had a request for the history of this great lady. I have tried to put together what information I have, which isn't much. If any of you have more information than this, please send it to me and we will send it out to everyone. Dee Bates



## DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY AND SANDY'S TOMBSTONE PROJECT

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### HISTORY OF LYDIA HARRINGTON BATES



Lydia Harrington was born 7 December 1795 in West Halifax, Windham, Vermont. Her parents were Daniel Harrington and Sarah Carpenter. She married Cyrus Bates 18 February 1813. They lived in Henderson, New York where they had 11 children: Nelson, Ormus Ephraim, Sarah Marinda, Lovina Arinda, Marcellus, Orissa Angelia, Lydia Augusta, Cyrus W., Julia Ann, Lansing and Adeline. They built a rock house that is still occupied and is listed on the National Historical Register. Donna and I visited this house in 1998. Lydia died 28 Dec 1873 in St Charles, Bear Lake, Idaho. Cyrus died 3 October 1839 and is buried in the Carpenter Cemetery Henderson, New York.

**For more information about the  
Cyrus Bates/Lydia Harrington Family Organization,  
go to [www.batesplace.com](http://www.batesplace.com) and [www.BatesPlace.net](http://www.BatesPlace.net)**

### Edward Bates of Weymouth Mass.

By Carol Seward Cont. from Winter Bulletin, page 387

He married Mary (Polly) Brown, 12 May 1784 in Abington, MA \*67, p48, b. 15 Aug 1764 in Abington, MA \*67, p48, (daughter of John Brown and Lydia Hersey) d. 12 Oct 1816 in Abington, MA \* 68 V2 p 246, buried S Abington, MA in Mount Zion Cemetery GR12 Row 2 grave Q. Mary: She apparently was known as "Polly" \*167 p 123.

Children:

2. i Christopher Bates b. 24 Feb 1785.
3. ii Moses Bates b. 14 Jan 1787.
4. iii Daniel Bates b. C 1788.
5. iv Jacob Bates b. 24 Nov 1791.
6. v Mary (Polly) Bates b. 25 Nov 1794.  
vi Anna Bates, b. 3 Sep 1799 in \*230 1932 p 96, d. 7 Sep 1866 in \*244. She married Seth (Capt) Gurney, married 1 Feb 1819 in Abington, MA \*68 V2 p 21, b. 7 Apr 1793 in Abington, MA \*68 V1 p 98, (son of Seth Gur-

ney, Sr. and Rebecca Packard) d. 29 May 1844 in Abington, MA \*68 V2 p 289, buried Whitman, MA in Colebrook Cemetery GR 13. Seth: They lived on the old turnpike (Bedford Street) about a mile south of her sister's place at the Toll House intersection of routes 18 and 14 (2003) 230 1912 p 9.

vii Nahum Bates, b. 19 May 1803 in \*230 1932 p 96, d. 11 Nov 1820 in ibid, buried S Abington, MA in Mount Zion Cemetery Row 2 lot R.

7. viii Charles Bates b. 5 Jul 1809.

### Second Generation

2. Christopher Bates, (1.Christopher<sup>1</sup>) b. 24 Feb 1785 in \*230 1932 p 96, d. 24 Apr 1849 in Abington, Ma \*68 V2 p 244(Also recorded by church), buried S Abington, MA in Colebrook Cemetery GR13. His house is on Auburn Street and is now owned by Mrs. Josiah Chamberlain. (1912) According to the records of First Congregational Church in Whitman -organized in 1807 - Christopher became a church member on 4 November 1832 on the date of the 25th anniversary of the church's organization. He was listed as a blacksmith in record of death \*91 p 337 230 1912 p9 The 1820 census for Richmond, VA had the following information which fits the family quite well: 1 male under 10; 1 male 10-16; 1 male 16-26; 1 male 26 -45; 2 females under 10; 1 female 26-45. Two children were born in 1821 and 1823. The Bates lots in Colebrook cemetery are on one of the highest elevations in the cemetery and are under the spreading arms of three large trees. A most beautiful spot to visit. He married Polly (Mary) Howland, married 20 Jul 1806 in Brockton, MA \*171 p 167 CR1, b. 16 Jun 1783 in \*68 V1 p 21, (daughter of Ichabod Howland and Mary Hatch) d. 4 Jun 1863 in East Bridgewater, MA (EB Town Records), buried S Abington, MA in Colebrook Cemetery GR13. Polly: They were m in North Bridgewater in the Fourth Congregational Church now the First Congregational Church of Brockton, MA Polly is the 7th generation of Henry and Mary Newland Howland of Duxbury. Christopher's death was also recorded in E Bridgewater, MA \*91 p 337 where he was listed as a blacksmith. The family lived in the East Bridgewater section that eventually became the Town of S Abington and in 1876 became Whitman. The house is still standing, probably with addition, on 269 Auburn St. CS.

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*Children:*

8. i George H Bates b. 8 Apr 1807.
9. ii James Bates b. c Apr 1810.
10. iii Mary Howland Bates b. 1813.
11. iv William H Bates b. 1816.
12. v Lurana Howland Bates b. 23 May 1819.
13. vi Elbridge Gerry Bates b. Sep 1821.
14. vii Harriet Atwood Bates b. 1823.
3. Moses Bates, (1.Christopher<sup>1</sup>) b. 14 Jan 1787 in E Bridgewater, MA \*231, d. 1 Jun 1859 in Bridgewater, MA \*67, p52, buried E Bridgewater, MA in Northville Cemetery. He married Deborah Dyer, married 1 Dec 1808 in Abington, MA \*68 p67 Vol 2, b. 10 Jan 1790 in Abington, MA\*68 V1 p 67, (daughter of Christopher, 3rd Dyer and Deborah Reed) d. 29 Jan 1874 in \*244, buried E Bridgewater, MA in Northville Cemetery.

*Children:*

15. i Mehitable (Hitty) Dyer Bates b. 13 Nov 1809.
- ii Christopher Bates, b. 27 Sep 1813 in Bridgewater, MA \*74 V1 p45, d. 2 Nov 1814, buried S Abington, MA in Mount Zion Cemetery GR12 Row 8 Grave F.
- iii Moses Bates, b. 15 Sep 1815 in Bridgewater, MA \*74 V1 p 46, d. 16 Jun 1873. He left no descendants. He married Eliza Johnson, married Jan 1836 in \*67, p53, (daughter of Zebina Johnson and Mrs. Z Johnson).
16. iv Deborah Bates b. 4 Sep 1819.
- v Nahum Bates, b. 4 Oct 1822 in \*67, p53, d. 9 Mar 1826, buried S Abington, MA in Mount Zion Cemetery GR12 Row 8 Grave E.
- vi Samuel Bates, b. 19 Aug 1826 in \*67, p53, d. 30 Aug 1826 in \*68 V2 p 246, buried S Abington, MA in Mount Zion Cemetery GR12 Row 8 Grave E.
- vii Nahum Bates, b. 8 Jan 1828 in \*67, p53, d. 26 Feb 1869 in S Abington, MA, buried E Bridgewater, MA in Northville Cemetery. He married Julia A Leavitt, married c 1855, (daughter of Stillman Leavitt and Clarissa P Sampson) d. 23 Jun 1834 in Fairhaven, MA \*231 LDS, buried E Bridgewater, MA in Northville Cemetery.
4. Daniel Bates, (1.Christopher<sup>1</sup>) b. C 1788, d. 10 Jun 1826 in Abington, MA \*68 V2 p 245 age 38. Daniel built near his grandfather on the westerly side of (School) the street. He taught school in the school house which stood opposite the end of the street under

the gnarled oak tree. His brother Nahum, who died in 1820, as a boy went to this school and drew on the ceiling a picture which he labeled in school boy fashion, 'This is a bison'. The school house was afterward sold and used as a shop and the picture was whitewashed over, but whitewash came off revealing the picture and recalling memories. \*230 1912 p9. He married Jane Reed, married 10 Jan 1811 in Abington, MA \*68 V1 p 174, b. 10 Jun 1791 in Abington, MA \*68 V1 p 185, (daughter of James Reed and Ruth Porter) d. 3 Feb 1869 in Whitman, MA (FCC record #453). Jane: Jane Reed Bates kept meticulous notes on births, marriages and deaths for the Bates family and for other townspeople of Abington, MA These are found at Dyer Library in Abington on Center Street. Library open 4 afternoons 1-5 pm Check website for more information. In 1860 she was living with her daughter Emily and family in Abington (US Census 1860).

*Children:*

17. i Jane Gurney Bates b. 19 Mar 1812.
18. ii Emily Bates b. 15 Aug 1814.
- iii Daniel Bates, b. 10 May 1818 in Abington, MA \*68 V1 p 20, d. 25 Aug 1839 in Abington, MA \*61 p 492. He married Elizabeth Brown, married 28 Jan 1839 in Abington, MA \*68 V1 p 22, b. in of East Bridgewater, MA \*61 p 492.
19. iv Mary Brown Bates b. 27 Apr 1820.
20. v Eliza Ann Bates b. 16 Jun 1822.

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### Harold & Sandy Visit NJ



During a visit in May, Sandy & Harold met up for lunch with Doug & Terri Bates Black.

Harold and Sandy were in NJ doing research on the William Bates of NJ Lines.

Unfortunately, shortly before their visit, there was an underground explosion in the basement of the Morristown Library so they were unable to research the genealogical records that were housed there.

**CORRECTIONS:** For Bobby & Sue Bates Line. In the

Louis Bates & Grace  
Louise (Anderson) Bates

Summer 2009 Bulletin, page 352, top of second column we have Elmer Francis 9 b Dec 1878 Akron Ohio, had no children, marr. Jennie Van Buskirk. I (Sandy) mistakenly did not pick up on the fact that they did indeed have one child as Sue had given me. So we are adding that child here. His name was Louis William Bates born April 1882 in Minnesota. He married Grace Louise Anderson. Louis owned a Theatrical Company named "Louis Bates & Co.", in Chicago, Illinois and Grace was

also a part of it. Louis played many roles on the stage. He dressed in drag, and performed. He made a very beautiful woman dressed in this manner. I have included two pictures of him in roles. Louis and Grace had no children.



Louis Bates visiting Tenn.,  
and dressing the part.



Louis Bates, Dressed as a  
lady in a role on stage.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The Bates Association is pleased to welcome the following new members and organizations:

Carolyn Brazier of Salmon Arm, BC, Canada: Carolyn is descended from James Hunt for whom we just did a nice article on in the Winter 09 Bulletin. We know James Hunt goes back to John of LI because of DNA but we just cannot connect him back. He comes from NJ.

Lois Brumell of Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society, Cape May Court House, NJ

Peter L. Bates of Joliet, IL: Earliest ancestor is James Hunt Bates.

Betty Bates Morten of Alameda, CA: Betty's known line so far is Daniel Staples b 1804 m Rachel Oman, Alfred b 1829 m Amanda Carter, Alfred Merton b 1873 m Julia Grace Sage, Harold Sage b 1897 m Hazel Ernestine Rudy, Edgar Alfred b 1921 m (1) Margaret Rosalie Lloyd, (2) Terrill Viola Miles, Betty. Betty is the sister of Member Terri Bates Black.

Cathy Bates Shockley of Knoxville, TN: DNA puts her in the line of Ephraim Bates Line, along with Billy Samuel Bates and others. According to Cathy's dad, Roy Bates, 7 brothers came from PA in 1775 to KY in an area now known as Fern Creek outside of Louisville. They were Presbyterian, and called their settlement Penn. Run. They established a church and a cemetery that has stones for John Bates 1779-1851 and wife Mary, who I believe had last name of Franklin, her father being Hezekiah Franklin. This John Bates had a son John Joseph Bates 1806-1860 marr. Rebecca Wells. John Joseph had a son Leven (Levin) 1800- marr. Sarah Margaret Johnson. Leven had son Harvey Horace 1878-1974 who marr. Matilda Belle Hawes. They had son Roy 1915-2010 marr. Grace Burdell Coleman.

Wayne Thompson of Tucson, AZ: Wayne is from the Clement Bate/Bates Line--Samuel Bates--Judith marr. Job Gibbs--Johanna Gibbs marr. Abner Perry--Lydia Perry marr. Lemuel Lyon--Spencer Lyon marr. Mary Barney--Fanny Lyon marr. Obadiah Eddy--Cullen C. Eddy marr. Omelia F. Bishop--Clement Cullen Eddy marr. Jessie Aldean Church--Nellie Eddy marr. Edgar Porter Biggs--Bernice Ola Biggs marr. Carl Willard Thompson--Kenneth Thomas Thompson marr. Alma JoeAnn Foster--Wayne.

David John Bates of Hophouse Farm, Catsfield, Battle, England: Member David Bates from NJ met him in England and they became acquainted.

Kathleen O. Whelen of Madison, CT

Scituate Historical Society of Scituate, MA

**UPDATE ON A MEMBER LINE:**

In the Winter 09 Bulletin we have New Member Teresa Bates Ramsey.

Stan Bates e-mailed and said she is a second cousin of his, so that puts her into the **Francis of Ipswich Line.** So her Line is: TERESA 12--STANLEY GENE 11--STANLEY FRANCIS 10--MARK GENERAL 9--LEVI DECATUR 8--STEPHEN LYMAN 7--STEPHEN 6--STEPHEN 5--WILLIAM 4--FRANCIS 3--FRANCIS 2-- FRANCIS 1. Stan said that he is named after his Uncle, Stanley Francis Bates. His Uncle was killed in World War 11 in the South Pacific and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross which is the second highest medal available. Teresa's great-grandfather is Mark General Bates who is my grandfather.

## TEACHER FINDS REVOLUTIONARY WAR DOCUMENT ON BOOKSHELF

Teacher, Michelle Eugenio, of the Peabody MA School, was packing up her classroom to make a move to another classroom. She discovered a yellowed sheet of paper protected by plastic, dated April 1792. It shows a debt owed to a Jonathan Bates. The paper was then shown to President, Bill Power, of the Peabody Historical Society. He verified its authenticity. He states, Bates served in the Continental Army and the document conveys the final payment for his service of 19 pounds, 19 shillings, and 11 pence, to the person he owed. It is not known how the document arrived at the school. Bates was a resident of Shaftsbury VT, and according to Paul Carnaham, librarian of the VT Historical Society, records show in 1870 Bates was in a company led by Capt. Bigelow Lawrence. Bates died Aug 23, 1808 at 63 and buried in East Hill Cemetery in Williamstown, VT. Michael Leclerc of New England Historic Genealogical Society has the following to say, in the SalemNews.com, Bates was from Mass. Born in Westford in 1745. He grew up in Ashby, in 1769 married Mehitable Willoughby from Hollis, NH. The couple had two children. Bates moved to Shelburne. During the war, he served in militias from MA and VT He had an uncle Oliver who also fought and died from wounds suffered in 1775. Bates' brothers Oliver and Moses also fought for the colonies and his brother John might have as well. Bates also moved to towns Royalton and then Randolph VT. His wife died in 1833. At the time of Jonathan's death, he was insolvent and owed more to creditors than his estate was worth. He was a poor farmer, trying to get by.

**FROM SANDY:** First, I would like to thank the following Members for e-mailing or mailing this article to me: Wayne Witt Bates, Harry Weber, Spence Klein, Marjorie Healey, Kathy Jones, Todd Bates, and Joanne Carroll. It shows our Bates members are up on matters of Bates interests and I appreciate the thoughtfulness they have shown by sending articles to me for our Library.

**As I have it, this Jonathan Bates goes back to the Edward of Boston Line.** Beginning with Edward of Boston and wife Lydia Fairbanks, -- John b 1641-1722 marr. Mary Farwell, -- John 1668-1722 marr. Deborah Spaulding,--Edward 1696-1781 marr. Mary Snow,--John 1722-1775 marr. Martha Foster--Jonathan 1745-1808 marr. Mehitable Willoughby. Now NEHGS has Jonathan having two children. In the Fall 2009 Bulletin, front page under Correction we have children listed for him that really belong to the Francis of Ipswich Line, so at this time I am still trying to find who his two children are. We did have another Jonathan Bates who fought in the Rev. War and he is of the Clement Line. He was killed at Bunker Hill and his name is engraved there.

## BATES ASSOCIATION LOSES MEMBERS

We lost **Member DONALD R. WEBER**, brother to our Member Harry Weber.:

Donald R. Weber, Monday April 19, 2010. Beloved husband of Evelyn Weber (nee Schmidt): dear Father of Robert (Jill) and Richard (Karen) Weber and Ruth (Bradley) Notch; Dear Grandfather of Brian (Chelsea), Kevin (Emily), Paul, Curtis and Megan Weber, Kathryn and Andrew Notch: Dear Brother of Harry O (Harriet) Weber, Jr. 50 Year Member of Beacon Lodge # 3 A.F. & A.M., Scottish Rite and Moolah Shrine, Moolah Temple Directors Staff (past president), Guides, Ambassador and Aide Emeritus. Services: Visitation at Schrader Funeral Home and Crematory, 14960 Manchester Road at Holloway, Balwin, Thursday, 3 p.m. Until 8 p.m. Visitation at St. John's U.C.C., 15370 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, Friday 10 a.m. Until time of service at 11 a.m. Internment private. Memorials to Moolah Temple Transportation Fund, 12454 Fee 63146 or to St. John's Memorial Fund preferred. Published in St. Louis Post-Dispatch on April 21, 2010.

Donald and Harry belong to the Clement of Hingham Family Line: Clement—Samuel--Samuel--Barnabas--Thomas Sr.--Thomas Jr.--Joseph--Hugh Gault marr. Alice Wright—Eva Bates marr. Charles Valentine Crusius—Alice Charlotte marr. Harry Weber Sr.--then Donald R & brother Harry O.

We lost member Jane Brumbaugh's husband,

### **RICHARD L. BRUMBAUGH:**

Lake Alfred-Richard L. Brumbaugh of Lake Alfred, died on August 31, 2009. He was a comptroller for Growers Fertilizer Cooperative, a member of the United Methodist Church, and a member of the Polk County Democratic Executive Committee. He was twice elected to the City Commission of Lake Alfred. For several years, he served the community as a substance abuse counselor, helping many on the road to recovery. Brumbaugh is preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Mary Rogers Brumbaugh and his sister Betty Bartholomew. He is survived by his wife, Jane Bieg Brumbaugh: his sister, Faye Beck, and his children, Pamela Long, Maureen Brumbaugh, Roger Brumbaugh, Georgia Brown, Charlene Miller, John Cook, and Karen Cook. Brumbaugh also played a close fatherly role to many nieces and nephews who continue to cherish him through their adult years. He was blessed with many grandchildren who will always remember and love him. Born in Mount Carroll, Illinois, Brumbaugh graduated from Howland High School in Warren, Ohio, and received his Bachelor's Degree in Business from Kent State University. Friends and family will gather for a celebration of his life on Thursday, Sept. 3, at 5:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Alfred, Florida. Published in the Ledger, Sept. 2, 2009.

**SANDY AND HER FILING PROJECT:**

During the last part of May, Harold and I, and our neighbors had a really big scare. We smelled burning smoke strong and we were all out checking our homes and each other's, at 3 am in morning.



I checked the whole farm every inch of farmhouse, trailer, addition, and our home and all barns etc. None of us found anything but the white smoke was there like a gigantic fog. It really unnerved me. This continued for days with the white smoke rolling in, and we finally found out that there were hugh forest fires in

Canada and the smoke was actually coming down over Maine. In a few days, we were to take off for NJ for me to hunt info. down there on the William's in NJ. I looked at all the bookcases full of all the Bates Library, and thought of what a loss it would be if we had a fire. So, we gathered all the things up and stuffed in vaults and file cabinets, in my RV, and even in our truck and disconnected the battery. When we got back, I decided to do something about it.

So I got permission for the project and I went on Craig's list and found 8 big file cabinets from a bank for a total of \$140.00. Had to drive 4 hours but it was worth it,



since one tiny 2 drawer was going for \$99.00 as the cheapest anywhere. These are 4 and 5 big deep drawers and heavy cabinets. I did need hanging frames for them and hanging file folders, to complete the project. A lot of the notebooks were too large for the drawers and some of the 4-inch ones were so heavy I could hardly lift anymore, so I got smaller ones and reduced down in size



where I can handle better. I labeled and filed. Then I looked at all the CD's we have, sitting in boxes on the shelf, so I ordered binders for them and began filing to put them away in my big fireproof vault. I also do

make backups on other computers and on flash drives that I leave out of the house. Back when we did the CD project, all the data was entered by Spence into one big database, which is a great backup for me as well. But



since completing that project we have tons more that has come in, and must be added and this extra paper is what I was so very concerned about. All the file cabinets went into our garage, which has a concrete floor, and we put spacers under each for air circulation. On one side of our garage is our home on the other side is what used to be my craft shop.



When we added the garage and the shop, we had double fireproof materials used so if there were a fire it would have a long burn time before getting from one area to another. In addition, I also have two big fireproof vaults for valuables.

I now feel a lot safer about having this project nearly completed. Still have some to work on yet. Here are some pictures to give you an idea of the whole filing project. Sandy Bates

The tan file cabinets contain the following: Books of obits and Cemetery Projects, Books on the Williams' of NJ, Hard cover books of The Great Migration & NEHGS Index, Bates Boosters Book, Books on the Virginia Lines, Files of Past Members, Active Bates Members, Files of countries and states including MA, NC, NJ and UT, Files of Deceased Members, Files back issues of Bates Bulletins and a file of Bates Reunions.

The Green Cabinets contain Books of Bates in Maine Cemeteries, Files of Bates in Maine, Hard Cover Books of MA and other MA information, Books and other information on Clement, Books James of Dorchester, & Edward of Boston, TBA Banking & By Laws, Books Edward of Weymouth, Books Francis of Ipswich, Books Henry/Nicholas, John of Long Island, Robert of Stamford. I also have 6 more drawers in my house of stuff I am working on. I also have really important Papers and many copies of each Bulletin etc., in my personal fireproof vault.

This should give you a general idea of all that we have for Bates information in our Library.

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