

## Bates notes from Greene Co., Ala.

From Deed Book I (eye), p. 341. 5th April, 1838:

John M. Bates and Elizabeth, his wife, and Eugene V. Levert and Martha, his wife, sold to Robert Dickens, Andrew Walker and Frederick Peck and Thos. M. Johnston and John Erwin, land for Greensboro Cemetery.

From Deed Book A, pp. 76-7: James A. Bates sold to John M. Bates, slaves, in 1823.

From Deed Book A, p. 227. 1st April, 1823, Robert A. Bates sold a slave to John Carson. Deed witnessed by James A. Bates and Henry Wideman.

From Deed Book A, p. 240. 1st December, 1823:

John M. Bates, as sheriff of Greene, County, sold a slave to Solomon McAlpin. Slave had belonged to Pleasant Daniel.

From Deed Book A, p. 255. Margaret Bates, of Greene Co., for love and affection, to my grandchildren, Oscar and Margaret B. Watkins, son and daughter of Needham and Elizabeth Watkins, of Greene Co., a Negro man, Charles, aged 25. Delivered to Needham Watkins, natural guardian of said children, in the presence of Thos. F. Moody. 12 Feb., 1825.

Book and page number not recorded. 3rd April, 1857:

John M. and Robert F. Bates gave a mortgage to Thos. M. Johnston, conveying to him their undivided interests in the lands and slaves bequeathed by their grandfather, the late Samuel Patton, in his will, to Elizabeth Bates, to be allotted to the children of said Elizabeth as they reach the age of 21; said lands being the same occupied by John M. Bates, dec'd, in his lifetime, and where he resided at the time of his death, including the mill known as Bates' Mill, about 4½ miles north of Greensboro.

From Marriage Record of Greene Co.:

John W. Bates married to Miss Elizabeth Constantine on 30 Nov., 1853, by C. C. Calaway.

## Estate of William Bates, Greene Co., Ala.

From Minutes of Orphans' Court, Vol. A (?), p. 135:

17 Sept., 1823. Letters of administration granted to Sophia Bates on the estate of Wm. Bates, dec'd. Bond for \$5000.00 with Pleasant White and John Coats as her securities.

The following were appointed to appraise the estate of Wm. Bates, dec'd:

Robert Bell    Walter Chiles    Thomas Seales  
Joseph Middlebrooks    Doctor Christopher

From Marriage Record A, p. 37: Wyatt Harper married to Sophia Bates on 21 Dec., 1825.

From Probate Court Record, Vol. C, pp. 46-7, Oct., 1829. Wyatt Harper, guardian of William Bates, one of the minor heirs of Wm. Bates, dec'd. Harper is also administrator of the estate of Wm. Bates, dec'd.

In same volume, a document dated April 13, 1829, mentions cash received for this estate from John Thomas, James Adams, and Andrew Elliott.

Lands belonging to said estate were sold about 1829 by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of Alabama, passed for that purpose. Land in Township 20, Range 5.

From Probate Court Record, Vol. B., pp. 233ff. These documents are dated 1825-6-7. John Coats and Sophia Bates were then administrators of the estate of Wm. Bates, dec'd.

From Probate Record D, p. 799. March 30, 1835. Inventory of Negroes belonging to the estate of the minor heirs of William Bates, dec'd, by Joseph B. Chambers, their guardian.

Same Volume, p. 800. March 31, 1835. Joseph B. Chambers, guardian, in account with the minor heirs of Wm. Bates, dec'd: viz.:

Mary Ann Bates    Martha Bates    Betty Bates  
Joseph C. Bates

Same Volume, p. 802. 31st March, 1835. Mary Jane Bates has married Henry Field prior to this date.

Probate Record D, p. 894. Martha Ann Bates has married Willis B. Harvey. Apparently Elizabeth Bates is still single.

Same Volume, p. 809: Joseph B. Chambers, who was appointed in 1828, guardian of Martha Ann, Mary Jane, Elizabeth, and Joseph C. Bates, resigned March 31, 1835.

Same Volume, p. 958: 29 Sept., 1835: Receipt of John Morrisette, guardian of Joseph C. Bates, for certain notes deposited in the clerk's office by Joseph B. Chambers, former guardian. Also the receipt of David Packer, gdn. of Elizabeth Bates, by his agent, John Morrisette.

Nothing is indexed in Books E, F, G, or H about these miners.

**Bates Data from Wilcox Co., Ala.**

From Minutes of Orphans Court, Book C, p. 511: (Date ?)

Case Henry Field, in right of his wife, Mary Jane, formerly Mary Jane Bates, one of the heirs of Wm. Bates, dec'd, and filed his petition to sell certain real estate belonging to said estate, for the purpose of making a more equitable distribution among the heirs.

It is ordered by the court that notice of the filing of said petition be issued to:

Joseph B. Chambers, in right of his wife Ann, who was the widow and relict of Wm. Bates, dec'd.

Willis B. Harvis, in right of his wife, Martha Ann, formerly Martha Ann Bates

John Morrisett, guardian of Joseph C. Bates, a minor

David Packer, gdn. of Elizabeth Bates, a minor

-- all children and heirs of Wm. Bates, dec'd.

From Minutes of Orphans Court, Vol. 3, p. 58:

17 Oct., 1836. This case having been continued from time to time, and no one appearing to oppose the petition, same is granted. Commissioners appointed to make the sale: Bryant Marsh, Alexander Perryman, James Gamble, John H. Gamble, Thos. E. Ellis.

Same Vol., p. 65: 21 Nov., 1836. Petitioner comes by his attorney, and finishes petition.

## Bates Data from Wilcox Co., Ala.

From Deed Book G, p. 162: 23 Jan. 1841. I, Joseph Bates, of Monroe Co., Ala., but at present a citizen of Holmes Co., Miss., sell all my right, title and undivided interest, at law or in equity, as one of the heirs of William Bates, dec'd, to fraction section 6 & 5, Township 13, Range 7, West of Ala. River, for \$200.00, to Henry S. Atwood; some of the land being lots in the Town of Dale, alias Prairie Bluff. Witnessed by C. N. Hobbs, and J. H. Smith. Signed: Joseph C. Bates.

From Deed Book G, p. 398: 1st Jan. 1837. Deed recorded in Wilcox Co., Ala., but drawn and witnessed in Perry Co., Ala. Willis B. Harvey and Martha A., his wife, Henry Field and Mary, his wife, and Joseph C. Bates, all of Perry Co., sold to Bryan Marsh, of Wilcox Co., for \$5730, 600 A. in Sec. 26 and Sec. 23, Township 14, Range 6. Witnessed by Jack F. Cooke and Woodson Cooke.

Same Volume, p. 399. Elizabeth, wife of Joseph C. Bates, joined her husband in making this deed. "Land belonging to the estate of the late Wm. Bates."

## Bates Marriages from Monroe Co., Ala.

Earliest Marriage Record: p. 17. Seymour Bates to Martha A. Sharp, on 25 July, 1835. Security: Joseph D. Boney.

p. 57. Seymour Bates to Elizabeth M. Sullivan, on 9th Oct., 1839, by James P. Wilson, J. P. Security: Henry Sullivan.

p. 105. Richard Clark to Elizabeth Bates, 28 April 1846, by Edmund C. Murdaugh --

Monroe Co., Ala., Deed Book A, p. 574-5. 4th April 1846:

Deed of trust between Adam Carson and Joseph C. Bates. Carson is indebted to Ann Chambers for \$12,000.00. He made over his slave-property, in trust, to Joseph C. Bates, to secure the debt. Witness: John Morrisette.

Wilcox Co., Ala. Deed Book K, p. 533. 11 Jan. 1840:

Uriah M. Bates, and his wife, Eliza, sold to Ezekiel Watson, 60 acres on Pine Barren Creek.

Bates Family of Dallas and Perry Counties

From 1850 Census of Dallas Co., Ala., Athens Beat,  
House No. 460:

G. W. Bates	age 37	born in S. C.
S. E. Bates	25	born in Ga.
W. A. "	3	born in Ala. (female)
Martha E. "	5	"
G. M. "	1	" (male)

From Minutes of Probate Court of Dallas Co., Ala.  
Book W, p. 63ff:

Oct. 16, 1875. Came Alexander W. Brown, and represents that George W. Bates departed this life about 24 Sept., 1875, leaving no will, and possessed of property including about 1300 acres of land, worth about \$8000.00. He left no widow, and his heirs are his children, viz::

1. Hattie A. Morgan
  2. Ida J., wife of Samuel Bates
  3. C. E., wife of A. W. Brown
  4. Sallie, wife of Clark Lyles
- all over 21, and residing in this State
5. John Murphy Bates
  6. Lucy M. Bates
  7. W. W. Bates
- the last three are minors and reside in this County  
-- and since the death of her father, Lucy has married John Lyles

There are 22 documents connected with the settlement of this estate. Land in Township 15, Range 7, which is SW of Selma, near the present town of Safford. The documents mention the Mobley Place (also called the Home Place), the Sugar Bottom Place, and the Geldsby Place.

From Book W, Minutes of Probate Court, Dallas Co., Ala., pp. 576 ff. Sept. 27, 1876. The following list of heirs gives additional information about them:

1. Mrs. Nannie Morgan, residing in Perry Co., Ala.
2. Ida J. Bates
3. Ella, wife of Alexander W. Brown, residing in Dallas Co., Ala.
4. Sallie, wife of Clark Lyles, residing in Wilcox Co., Ala.
5. Lucy, wife of John Lyles, residing in Wilcox Co.
6. Murphy Bates, a minor over 14 years, residing with Clark Lyles in Wilcox Co., Ala.
7. W. W. Bates, a minor under 14, residing with Clark Lyles in Wilcox Co., Ala.

From Minutes of Probate Court, Book X, p. 53:

Dec. 16, 1876. John S. Lyles and J. E. Wilkerson bought some of the land of the estate.

Alexander W. Brown eventually resigned as administrator of this estate, and the administration was committed to Joseph F. John, who was at the time general administrator for Dallas Co. This was on April 13, 1877. I did not find a final settlement of the estate; nor any account of property being distributed among the heirs.

From Marriage Record of Dallas Co., Ala., for the years 1818-45:

p. 276. George W. Bates was married to Sarah E. Mobley on the night of 14 July, 1844, by Wm. McKirroy, J. p.

From 1860 Census of Dallas Co., Ala.:  
Athens Beat, Post Office, Liberty Hill.

Geo. W. Bates, age 47, farmer, born in Ga.  
value of real estate \$700  
personal property \$31,600

S. E. " age 35, born in Ga. female  
Nancy A. " 13; G. M. Bates, 11, male;  
I. J. Bates, age 8, female; Eoline Bates, age 7;  
Sarah Bates, age 5; J. M. Bates, age 3, male;  
Lucy Bates, age 2 -- all born in Ala.

Also living in this family were: M. E. Baines, female,  
school teacher, born in N. C.; Wright Scurlock, age 40,  
farm laborer, b. in Ga.; and Susan Scurlock, age 22,  
born in Ga.

Inscriptions from Marion Cemetery:

William Walter Bates (My husband)  
Dec. 16, 1865 June 24, 1901

Thos. J. Morgan  
Mar. 4, 1832 Feb. 23, 1875

My beloved son: G. W. Morgan  
Nov. 13, 1869 Nov. 24, 1891

Lula T., wife of James D. Smith  
June 12, 1871 Dec. 7, 1907

From cemetery between Miller's Ferry and Camden, in  
Wilcox Co., Ala. (Canton Bend?):

Sallie, wife of Clark Lyles, born April \_\_\_\_, 1857, and  
died Jan. 22, 1887.

Children of Sarah Bates Lyles still living include:  
Mr. Malcolm Lyles of Kimbrough, Ala., and a Mrs. Lawler  
of Camden, Ala.

Mrs. Eva Lyles Wilkerson, daughter of John and Lucy Bates  
Lyles, is still living, in Montgomery, Ala., She states  
that she was born at the old Bates homestead near Safford.

Compiler's note: Thos. J. Morgan, buried in Marion  
Cemetery, was husband of Nannie A. Morgan. George W.  
Morgan and Lula T. Smith were two of the children of  
Nannie and Thos. J. Morgan. Another of their children  
married Marshall Lewis. I believe this was Minnie;

Mr. M. M. Frost, of 3617 Caruth Blvd., Dallas 25, Texas, a grandson of Nannie Bates Morgan, states that she was born in Athens, Ala., Jan. 23, 1847, and died at the home of her daughter (Clara, Mrs. A. D. Frost) on Oct. 29, 1934. Mrs. Clara Morgan Frost is still living (1959) at Venus, Texas.

Minnie Morgan, another daughter of Nannie Bates Morgan, married Walter P. Lewis. One of her sons, M. H. Lewis, resides at 55 Oakdale, Berkeley, California.

Members of the family still living state that John Bates of Perry Co., and Robt. Bates, also of Perry Co., were brothers of Geo. W. Bates, of Dallas Co.

So far, I have not found who were the parents of George W., John and Robert Bates.

From Marion Cemetery, Marion, Ala.:

John Bates, born Dec. 1, 1808, died Aug. 2, 1868  
 Martha Jane Dorroh, wife of John Bates,  
     born June 10, 1829 died Sept. 5, 1899  
 Joel M. Bates Aug. 20, 1859 Nov. 15, 1900  
 W. D. Bates Aug. 22 - Oct. 22, 1847  
 Lettie Bates, wife of H. G. Smith,  
     Nov. 17, 1860 May 23, 1927

in another square:

John Murphy Bates Nov. 18, 1855 July 1, 1921  
 Mamie England Bates July 7, 1855 Oct. 22, 1938

Robert Bates March 26, 1807 Feb. 5, 1870  
 Mary D., wife of Robert Bates, and Daughter of Thomas  
     and Sarah Montague, born in Cumberland Co.,  
     Va., Sept. 30, 1823, and died at Marion,  
     Ala., June 10, 1881

Prentice R., son of Robert and Mary D. Bates, born  
 in Perry Co., Ala., Dec. 17, 1857, died in  
 Selma, Ala., Sept. 25, 1880

Annie Underwood, dau. of S. H. and A. B. Underwood,  
 Dec. 29, 1897 June 18, 1904

Inf. son of S. J. and Ida Bates, born Nov. 30 and  
 died Dec. 8, 1882

Note: Members of the family still living say that Ida Bates, dau. of Geo. W. Bates, married Sam'l Bates, son of John Bates of Perry Co.; and that their daughter, Annie Bates, married Sam Underwood.



From 1860 Census of Perry Co., Ala., Woodville Beat:

John Bates	Age 51	born in S. C.
M. J. "	30	born in Ala., female
Sam'l "	11	"
A. F. "	8	"
John "	6	"
Martha "	4	"
Julia "	2	"
Joel "	11/12	"

John Barge, age 18, farm manager, born in Ga.  
 Frances Sherlock (?) female, aged 15, born in Ala.

Note: a client states that John Bates had a sister Susan who married John Barge, and that after her death, some of her children went to live with their uncle, John Bates, in Perry Co.

From the 1860 Census of Perry Co., Ala., Hamburg Beat:

Robert Bates	age 35	born in S. C.
M. D. "	36	born in Va.
Prentice Bates	2	born in Ala.

William Walter Bates married Mannie Adele Ezelle in Perry Co., Ala., on June 15, 1898.

From the Minutes of the Probate Court, Perry Co., Ala., Vol. P, pp. 368 ff: Dec. 14, 1875. Case Martha J. Bates, executor of the will of John Bates, dec'd, asking the court for leave to sell the real estate to pay the debts of the estate. The devisees of the deceased, John Bates, are:

1. Samuel Bates, over 21
2. John D. Bates
3. Mattie J. Bates, a minor over 14
4. Julia Bates, a minor
5. Lettie L. Bates, a minor
6. Joel Bates, a minor

-- all of whom reside in Perry Co., except John D. Bates, whose place of residence is unknown.

Living members of this family say that Mattie J. Bates, dau. of John and Martha J. Bates, married a Craig, and had:

1. Joe Bates Craig
2. Martha Craig

Martha Craig married a Barclay from near Foundsdale, Ala., and had a son, Joe Bates Barclay, and a dau., Martha Craig Barclay.

Lyle Notes from Wilcox Co., Ala.

From Minutes of Probate Court, Vol. 26, pp. 519-20:

May 16, 1892. Case Wm. Thos. Lyles, and produced for probate the will of Mrs. Martha E. Lyles, who died on 13 May, 1892.

Decedent left three children:

1. John S. Lyles, age 42
2. Clark Lyles, age 40
3. Wm. Thomas Lyles, the petitioner, age 36

-- all residing in Wilcox Co.

From Minutes of Probate Court, Vol. 38, pp. 490-91:

21 June, 1938. Petitioner Mrs. Eva Lyles Wilkinson to probate the will of Mrs. Lucy Bates Lyles, who died June 5, 1938.

**Bates Notes from Sumter Co., Ala.**

From Deed Book A, p. 481: Robert A. Bates assigned to Daniel Green, all of his right and title to a tract of land purchased on 10th Oct., 1834. Receivers' receipt, No. 2335. Land in Township 19, Range 2, West. Dated 5th April, 1836. Witnessed by:

G. W. Harper  
James A. Bates

Minutes of Orphans' Court, Book 1, pp. 260-1: May 12, 1837. James A. Bates appointed administrator of Robert A. Bates, dec'd. Bond for \$4000.00 with James Savage and John Carson as securities.

Same volume, p. 521: Final settlement of estate of Robt. A. Bates. Names five heirs:

1. Wm. Brewer in right of his wife, Ann C., formerly Ann C. Bates
2. James A. Bates, in right of his wife, Sarah G., formerly Sarah G. Bates
3. James H. Spence, in right of his mother, Catherine H. Spence, formerly Catherine H. Bates
4. John N. Bates
5. Needham Watkins, in right of his wife, Elizabeth F., formerly Elizabeth F. Bates

From Minutes of Orphans' Court, Book 1, p. 25:

11 Oct., 1839. Fleming C. Bates appointed adm. de bonis non of Robert A. Bates. Bond for \$2000.00 with James A. Bates and Needham Watkins as his securities.

From Minutes of Probate Court, Book 3, p. 201:

26 June, 1843. Letters of administration on the estate of Robert A. Bates, heretofore granted to James A. Bates, revoked, and the administration of the estate turned over to James Hair, general administrator for the County.

Same volume, p. 232. Aug. 9th, 1843. Balance of estate distributed to the heirs. Heirs named again.

From Deed Book D, pp. 75-6: 21 Sept., 1838. James A. Bates and his wife, Sarah G., ... a mortgage.

From Deed Book D, Sumter Co., Ala.:

pp. 668-9: 15 March, 1840. Henry Bates, of Kemper Co., Miss., deed to Gilford Robertson of Sumter Co., Ala.

From Deed Book E, Sumter Co., Ala., p. 245:  
Seymour Bates of Mobile Co., Ala., to \_\_\_\_\_. Dated  
April, 1839.

From Minutes of Probate Court, Sumter Co., Ala., Book 8,  
pp. 66:

Jan. 2, 1854. Came Wyatt Harper and James G. Coats, and offered for probate the will of William Bates. Notice to the widow, Martha Bates, and to Lewis Haddon, as guardian of the minor heirs:

Wm. Bates

Laura Bates

Colonia Bates

Oregon Bates

Compiler's note: I did not make a complete search for Bates date in Sumter Co., as what I found seemed not to be what my client needed.