The Bates' of Hemlock

A Short Family Biography Outline

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Thomas Bates was born in England on the 4th of August, 1827. He married Hepzibah Woodstock, also of England. They had 5 children, Richard, Alfred, Arthur, Sarah Ann and Eliza Jane. Arthur remained in England his entire life. Thomas was a master ironworker. His son, Richard, who was known fondly as "Harry", learned the trade from his father. Together they had built locks that still stand in Leeds and Birmingham (England). When my Great Grandfather Bates (Richard "Harry") was seventeen, the family came to Hemlock (about 1873) and there they lived for the rest of their lives. It is unclear whether Thomas and Richard came to America, and Hemlock, because of their expertise, or if the challenge of building a water main from Hemlock Lake to Rochester came up after they arrived. In either case, they worked on the first conduit to be built from Hemlock Lake to the Rush Reservoir and the Highland Reservoir until its completion. Reportedly, Thomas was a foreman.
Although these pictures were probably taken about 1914, during the construction of Conduit III (See Water Works Timeline below from the City of Rochester Webpage), it is symbolic of the immense job that each conduit’s construction entailed.

Hemlock & Canadice Lake Water Supply History

- **1876** - Conduit I, Rush Reservoir and Highland Reservoir construction was completed and started to deliver water to the City’s distribution system.
- **1894** - Conduit II construction was completed, including 1550-foot Hemlock Lake intake pipe and two-mile brick tunnel.
- **1896** - City purchased St. James Hotel and 55 other buildings on Hemlock Lake. Acquisition and removal of all Hemlock and Canadice Lakes’ shoreline properties was completed in the early 1950’s.
- **1901** - Hemlock Gatehouse was constructed.
- **1902** - City began a program to reforest recently acquired property. Over three million trees were planted over the next 30 years.
- **1909** - Cobbs Hill Reservoir construction was completed.
- **1918** - Conduit III construction was completed.
- **1919** - Canadice tunnel was put in service to divert water from Curved Dam on Canadice Outlet into Hemlock Lake.
• 1927 - Hemlock dike was raised.
• 1936 - New spillway was built at Hemlock Lake.
• 1937 - Canadice Lake dam was built.

After completion of the Water Line, Thomas and "Harry" stayed on in Hemlock and opened up their Cutlery and Ironsmith business in a shop on Water Street next to the entrance to the Hemlock Fair Grounds. Their home was immediately next door (west of) the shop. A description of the shop and grounds is included in the memories herein of Harry's granddaughter Clara Bates Allen. The home and shop building still exist.

The following are the Memories of Clara Bates Allen, my dad's first cousin in a letter to me, Ray Henry, dated July 17, 1982.

"Great-Grandpa, Thomas, was a lay preacher in the Baptist church and people said there was no finer man than Thomas Bates. (Ray Henry has a copy of one of his sermons). After his wife died, he and Richard and Clara (nee Malabar) lived together. I have the feeling that his wife (Hepzibah) died in England. (Ray Henry thinks not, because he believes she is buried with her husband and family in Union Cemetery, Big Tree Rd., between Livonia and Hemlock.) Clara Malabar Bates died within 2 months of her third child's (Leona's) birth."
"Richard and Clara had Alice, Arthur (my father), and Leona (Ray Henry’s grandmother) whose birth resulted in her mother’s death, and the two men (Thomas and Richard “Harry”) brought up those children alone. Can you imagine them with a new-born girl, the others 8 and 6 respectively? Well, undaunted and courageous, they did a terrific job. Grandpa made a poor but respectable living with his blacksmithing and carpentry, known for miles for his workmanship. His knives made of Sheffield steel from England and handles he made in his shop were the best ever, attested to by all the people who were lucky enough to purchase one. When I was a little girl, we’d go to Hemlock weekends, alternating with those at my mother’s folks’ and, of course, the big event was the annual Hemlock Fair. Since Grandpa’s house was the last before entering the fairgrounds, he’d set up a table and sell all he could, the location ideal as the cars would have to stop in line for tickets. Walkers were corralled too, of course. What fun! Some of my happiest memories are of that shop whose interior and contents plus the peculiar smell are just as vivid today as ever. Honestly, I could draw a map - if that were my talent - of the whole place from the time one went in the door.
through the rooms or compartments, stepping around or over crates Grandpa made, past the
workbenches and shelves of tools, picking the way on the sawdust floors until reaching that
big room in the back with the forges and other machines. I can feel the heat, see the flame,
hear the unique hum as that furnace burned and the metal was molded and then hammered
into shape. The hammering had its own sound and I never tired of watching the process.
Mother would say I shouldn't bother Grandpa and try to keep me out, but wasn't I lucky to
have a benevolent, dear Grandfather who knew he was forming memories in a little girl's
mind and heart. I was good --- had to be!"

"Grandpa loved flowers, his long fence between the lawn and garden of vegetables galore
completely covered with sweet peas, the beauty of which was never seen elsewhere. There
were rows and rows of more flowers in the garden, but the sweet peas were the focus and a
picture to be admired and remembered. The huge grape arbor, its boughs winding and
covering on four sides and the top, the coolest, loveliest retreat on a hot summer’s day, was
another special place. I suppose the buyers of the house tore that down? I must drive past
that home although I’m torn between wanting to see it again and desiring the wonderful
pictures indelibly imprinted on my mind."

"Do you like oysters? If so, blame it on Grandpa Bates (Harry) who doted on them. Any
Saturday we might drive up to Hemlock because Daddy wanted to check up on “Father” and
there he’d be sitting at the table with a saucer full of those slimy, wiggly animals slithering
around in a cup or more of Vinegar, a slice of bread and butter making the Saturday night
supper complete, much to the dismay of his son. Saucers were big and heavy then. Grandpa
was happy and satisfied, Daddy was upset, Mom was resigned and, impressionable Clara
Gertrude was forever turned off the succulent oyster in the raw. Daddy was worried for
days that his father didn’t eat right, but the stubborn and independent Englishman lived to
a ripe old age of 82. He worked until the day he had his heart attack, five days before he
left this world and a legacy of decency, love, goodness, values and beautiful characteristics
to his children and families."

"Religiously, the family was Anabaptists originally, I’m told. They’re akin to Mennonites,
I believe, and indirectly to Baptists. Your grandmother (Leona Bates Henry) used to attend
the Methodist Church in Hemlock more than the Baptist."
Descendants of Thomas Bates

Generation No. 1

1. Thomas Bates was born 05 Aug 1827 in England, and died 1917 in Hemlock, Livingston County, New York. He married Hepzibah Woodstock. Burial: Thomas and Hepzibah are buried in the Union Cemetery, on Big tree Rd., between Livonia and Hemlock, Livingston County, NY. (Note: the +'s to the left of a numbered individual means that there is more to follow on their descendents)

Children of Thomas Bates and Hepzibah Woodstock are:
+ 3 ii. Alfred Bates.

Notes for Alfred Bates:
Alfred always lived in England.


Generation No. 2

2. Richard (Harry) Bates (Thomas') was born 09 Nov 1856 in Birmingham, England, and died 23 May 1938 in Hemlock, Livingston County, New York. He married Clara E. Malabar, daughter of William Malabar and Emma Hall. She was born 1868 in England, and died 10 May 1896 in Hemlock, Livingston County, New York. Burial: "Harry" and Clara are buried in Union Cemetery, on Big tree Rd., between Livonia and Hemlock, Livingston County, NY.

Clara E. Malabar:
Memories of Clara Bates Allen, in a letter to Raymond W. Henry, dated July 17, 1982. "Clara Malabar was actually a descendant of the Duke of Marlborough—note the change of spelling. I wish I knew more of that branch especially because I bear her name"

Children of Richard Bates and Clara Malabar are:
+ 6 i. Alice Bates, born 1888; died 1960.

Notes for Arthur W. Bates:
"Arthur was a salesman for Remington Typewriter Co.; in fact had a more responsible job than that. He and Aunt Luveria lived in New York City with their only child Gladys, who was tipped out of her carriage when a baby by the nurse, suffering a spinal deformity, hunchback. She was an absolutely lovely person who made a life for herself regardless, and I know my father always admired his uncle for whom he was named."

Child of Arthur Bates and Luveria is:
  9  i. Gladys Bates.

5. Eliza Jane Bates (Thomas) was born in England. She married James Found June 1877 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York, son of Richard Found and Grace Tamlin.

Children of Eliza Bates and James Found are:
+ 12  iii. Thomas Henry Found, born 1881.
+ 14  v. Clara Heptabeth Found, born 1887.
+ 15  vi. Alice Found, born 1890; died 1930.

Generation No. 3

6. Alice Bates (Richard, Thomas) was born 1888, and died 1960. She married Henry Orton. He was born 1886, and died 1950.

Children of Alice Bates and Henry Orton are:
  18  ii. Claire Orton.
+ 19  iii. Henry Orton, Jr., born 1908; died 1972.

7. Arthur Henry Bates (Richard, Thomas) was born 13 Feb 1890 in Hemlock, Livingston County, New York, and died 06 Oct 1943 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York. He married Bessie Reynolds 27 Jun 1917 in Marion, Wayne County, New York, daughter of
Madison Reynolds and Sopia Carmon. She was born 19 Sep 1890 in Walworth, Wayne County, New York, and died 07 Oct 1951 in Brighton, Monroe County, New York.

Arthur Henry and his wife Bessie Reynolds Bates are buried in Marion, Wayne County, NY

Children of Arthur Bates and Bessie Reynolds are:
+ 20 i. Clara Bates, born 22 May 1919 in Marion, Wayne County, New York.

8. Leona Clara Bates (Richard², Thomas¹) was born 11 Feb 1896 in Hemlock, Livingston County, New York, and died 27 Oct 1979 in Livonia, Livingston County, New York. She married Raymond Samuel Henry 04 Mar 1917, son of Charles Henry and Frances Affolter. He was born 09 Sep 1898, and died 1974 in East Bloomfield, Ontario County, New York. Raymond Samuel and Leona Clara Bates Henry are buried in Union Cemetery, Big Tree Road, Livonia although in separate plots due to their divorce. Ray subsequently married Gretchen Fisher.

Children of Leona Bates and Raymond Henry are:
Children of James Arthur Found are:

+ 26 i. Grace Found, born 1908.
+ 27 ii. James Found.
+ 28 iii. Wilson Found.
+ 30 v. Helen Ruth Found, born 1924.

12. Thomas Henry\(^3\) Found (Eliza Jane\(^2\) Bates, Thomas\(^1\)) was born 1881.

Children of Thomas Henry Found are:

31 i. Howard Eugene\(^4\) Found, born 1915; died 1944.

More About Howard Eugene Found:
Fact 1: Died in World War II

32 ii. Gladys Found, born 1918. She married Carl Keach.

+ 33 iii. Verlee Found, born 1925.

13. Richard Raymond\(^3\) Found (Eliza Jane\(^2\) Bates, Thomas\(^1\)) was born 1884, and died 1956.

Children of Richard Raymond Found are:

+ 34 i. Hazel Marie\(^4\) Found.
+ 35 ii. Mary Alice Found.

14. Clara Heptabeth\(^3\) Found (Eliza Jane\(^2\) Bates, Thomas\(^1\)) was born 1887. She married McEldowney.

Children of Clara Found and McEldowney are:

36 i. Lenna\(^4\) McEldowney.
37 ii. Lawrence McEldowney.
38 iii. Lorean McEldowney.

16. Daisy\(^3\) Found (Eliza Jane\(^2\) Bates, Thomas\(^1\)) was born 1893, and died 1986. She married Steele.

Children of Daisy Found and Steele are:

+ 39 i. Marie\(^4\) Steele, born 1913.
+ 40 ii. Clara Bell Steele, born 1917.
+ 41 iii. Arthur Steele, born 1920.
iv. Frances Steele, born 1924.

v. Raymond Steele, born 1915.

Generation No. 4


Child of Henry Orton and Ruth Smith is:

+ 44 i. Sally Orton.

20. Clara Bates (Arthur Henry, Richard, Thomas) was born 22 May 1919 in Marion, Wayne County, New York. She married Ralph Allen 07 Apr 1945 in Brighton, Monroe County, New York, son of Ralph Allen and Florence Snook. He was born 11 Dec 1923 in Macedon, Wayne County, New York.

Children of Clara Bates and Ralph Allen are:


46 ii. Paul Allen, born 24 Apr 1959 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York; Adopted child.

Children of Shirley Bates and Harold Singer are:
+ 49 iii. Timothy Jon Singer, born 20 May 1959 in St. Louis, Missouri.


Children of Arthur Bates and Marjorie Jurusik are:


More About Norma Rebecca Henry:
Burial: White Haven Cemetery, Rochester, Monroe County, New York

Children of Norma Henry and John Church are:
+ 54 i. John Francis Church.
+ 55 ii. Donna Rae Church, born 1942.
+ 56 iii. David Nelson Church, born 11 Nov 1945.

24. Theron Wendall Henry (Leona Clara Bates, Richard, Thomas) was born 26 Jul 1919 in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, and died 29 Oct 1968 in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York. He married Naomi Bernadette Smith 29 Oct 1940 in Honeoye Falls, Monroe, New York, daughter of Walter Smith and Cecilia Dunlap. She was born 08 Jul
1917 in Fishers, Ontario County, New York, and died 04 Mar 1990 in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York.

Notes for Theron Wendall Henry:
Theron Wendall Henry was my father. He was born the second of three children to Raymond Samuel and Leona Bates Henry in 1919. He was a very bright redhead, attending school in district schools in the Towns of Richmond and East Bloomfield, and attended high school at East Bloomfield Academy. He did not finish high school in his teen years, having quit to go to work at sixteen. In his later years (I'm not sure of the dates) he received his high school diploma through the New York State program.
The Henry's (Ray, Leona, & children) lived in several places in the Richmond and East Bloomfield areas, including the home on the corner of McAnn Rd. & Routes 5 & 20 in Centerfield. The home is now a Bed & Breakfast.

Notes for Naomi Bernadette Smith:
My mother, Naomi Bernadette Smith Henry was born to Cecilia Maude Dunlap Smith and Walter R. Smith on July 8, 1917. The family home was in the hamlet of Fishers, and for many years housed the Western Union Office for New York Central RR. in this very active railroad hamlet.

Children of Theron Henry and Naomi Smith are:
+ 57 i. Mary Bernadette Henry, born 26 Sep 1942 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York; died in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York.

25. Richard Burton Henry (Leona Clara Bates, Richard, Thomas) was born 21 Jan 1925. He married (1) Doris Martin. She was born 04 Oct 1926. He married (2) Rose Giambra.

Children of Richard Henry and Doris Martin are:

Children of Richard Henry and Rose Giambra are:

Child of Grace Found and Charles Gilbert is:
64 i. Dixie Lynn Gilbert, Adopted child.

29. Betty Lue Found (James Arthur, Eliza Jane Bates, Thomas) was born 1922. She married William Davis.

Children of Betty Found and William Davis are:
65 i. James Davis.
66 ii. Loretta Davis.

30. Helen Ruth Found (James Arthur, Eliza Jane Bates, Thomas) was born 1924. She married Homer Guy.

Children of Helen Found and Homer Guy are:
67 i. Homer Lynn Guy.
68 ii. Randy Guy.
69 iii. Lisa Guy.

33. Verlee Found (Thomas Henry, Eliza Jane Bates, Thomas) was born 1925. She married Marcus Stoneburner.

Children of Verlee Found and Marcus Stoneburner are:
70 i. Marcus Stoneburner, Jr..
71 ii. Sharron Stoneburner.


Children of Hazel Found and C. Nelson are:
72 i. Richard Nelson.
73 ii. Donald Nelson.
74 iii. Robert Nelson.

35. Mary Alice Found (Richard Raymond, Eliza Jane Bates, Thomas) She married Albert Fraise.

Children of Mary Found and Albert Fraise are:
75 i. Terry Lee Fraise.
76 ii. Harold Fraise.
77 iii. Elberta Fraise.
78 iv. Lloyd Fraise.
39. Marie⁴ Steele (Daisy³ Found, Eliza Jane² Bates, Thomas¹) was born 1913. She married Howard Noble.

Children of Marie Steele and Howard Noble are:

84 i. Coleene⁵ Noble.
85 ii. Judy Noble.

More About Judy Noble:
Fact 1: Joyce’s twin

86 iii. Joyce Noble.

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Fact 1: Judy’s twin

40. Clara Bell⁴ Steele (Daisy³ Found, Eliza Jane² Bates, Thomas¹) was born 1917. She married Everett Grindle.

Child of Clara Steele and Everett Grindle is:

87 i. Carol⁵ Grindle.

41. Arthur⁴ Steele (Daisy³ Found, Eliza Jane² Bates, Thomas¹) was born 1920.

Children of Arthur Steele are:

88 i. Ann⁵ Steele.
89 ii. Yvonne Steele.
90 iii. Jean Steele.
91 iv. Linda Steele.
92 v. John Steele.
93 vi. Arthur Steele.

42. Frances⁴ Steele (Daisy³ Found, Eliza Jane² Bates, Thomas¹) was born 1924. She married Harold Grahm.

Children of Frances Steele and Harold Grahm are:

94 i. John⁵ Grahm.
ii. Jane Graham.

Generation No. 5

44. Sally⁵ Orton (Henry⁴, Alice³ Bates, Richard², Thomas¹) She married Thomas Jebbett.

Children of Sally Orton and Thomas Jebbett are:
96    i. Jennifer⁶ Jebbett.
97    ii. Jessica Jebbett.

47. Harold Arthur⁵ Singer (Shirley⁴ Bates, Arthur Henry³, Richard², Thomas¹) was born 23 May 1953 in Syracuse, Onandaga County, New York. He married Diane Melnick 15 Jul 1978.

Children of Harold Singer and Diane Melnick are:

49. Timothy Jon⁵ Singer (Shirley⁴ Bates, Arthur Henry³, Richard², Thomas¹) was born 20 May 1959 in St. Louis, Missouri. He married Margaret Riley 23 Oct 1983.

Children of Timothy Singer and Margaret Riley are:

54. John Francis⁵ Church (Norma Rebecca⁴ Henry, Leona Clara³ Bates, Richard², Thomas¹) He married Gay Geisler.

Children of John Church and Gay Geisler are:
102   i. Marilyn⁶ Church.
103   ii. Jacquelin Church.
104   iii. Randolph Church.
105   iv. Lawrence Church.

55. Donna Rae⁵ Church (Norma Rebecca⁴ Henry, Leona Clara³ Bates, Richard², Thomas¹) was born 1942. She married Allan Morse.

Children of Donna Church and Allan Morse are:
106   i. Bruce⁶ Morse.
107   ii. Julia Beatrice Morse.
108 iii. Lisa Rae Morse.
110 v. Rebecca Dawn Morse.


Child of David Church and Lana Clark is:
111 i. Kelly Lee Church. She married Ronald Antes.

Child of David Church and Janet Fisher is:
112 i. Carrie Ann Church.

57. Mary Bernadette Henry (Theron Wendall, Leona Clara Bates, Richard Thomas) was born 26 Sep 1942 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York, and died in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York. She married Charles Kaiser.

More About Mary Bernadette Henry:
Burial: Woodlawn Cemetery, Canandaigua, New York

More About Charles Kaiser:
Burial: Woodlawn Cemetery, Canandaigua, New York

Children of Mary Henry and Charles Kaiser are:
113 i. David Charles Kaiser.
115 iii. Mary Ann Kaiser.


Notes for Raymond Walter Henry:
Nicknamed "Mike" by his Grandfather Smith at birth.
Fact 1: 1963, Canandaigua Academy
Fact 3: 1992, MBA - University of Rochester

Children of Raymond Henry and Barbara Hurlbutt are:


59.  Murray Gerard⁵ Henry (Theron Wendall⁴, Leona Clara³ Bates, Richard², Thomas¹) was born 10 Jun 1956 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York. He married Pearl Emmaline Hook 31 Mar 1974 in Gorham, Ontario County, New York, daughter of Francis Hook and Jeanne Lafler. She was born 20 Apr 1947 in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York and died on December 2, 2007 in Rochester, N.Y.

Child of Murray Henry and Pearl Hook is:


60.  Richard Burton⁵ Henry II (Richard Burton⁴, Leona Clara³ Bates, Richard², Thomas¹) was born 24 Oct 1944. He married Barbara Jean Porray. She was born 17 Mar 1944.

Children of Richard Henry and Barbara Porray are:

120  i.  Richard Burton⁶ Henry III, born 09 Sep 1968.


61.  Charles Edward⁵ Henry (Richard Burton⁴, Leona Clara³ Bates, Richard², Thomas¹) was born 22 Sep 1946. He married (1) Julia Ann Littlesohn. He married (2) Barbara Rose Deisenroth.

Children of Charles Henry and Julia Littlesohn are:

122  i.  Matthew⁶ Henry.

123  ii.  Joshua Henry.

Children of Charles Henry and Barbara Deisenroth are:

124  i.  Kimberly Ann⁶ Henry.

125  ii.  Christopher Henry.

126  iii.  Corrie Lee Henry.

62.  Raymond⁵ Henry (Richard Burton⁴, Leona Clara³ Bates, Richard², Thomas¹) was born 1950. He married Charlene.
Children of Raymond Henry and Charlene are:

127 i. Nick Henry.

128 ii. Tony Henry.

129 iii. Janeen Henry.
Thomas & Richard Bates
Shop and Home