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JOSEPH HARRISON BATES



FOREWORD

MR. GEORGE L. BATES

Bitye Kameruns, West Africa.

My Dear Son:

In compliance with your request that I write you some of the facts concerning the life of my father, I am now sending you the following:

First, let me say that I very soon found that in order to do the subject justice I would have to go back further and branch out more than I at first thought to do. I have done this the more willingly because I fear that it is not being done by any one else and that if necessary facts and dates are not secured now the time will very soon come when it will be too late. I feel now very keenly that the golden opportunity for me to have secured at first hand and preserved the facts about my family and their ancestry has already passed unimproved.

Through the aid of my cousin, Creed F. Bates, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who has had especial opportunities to know the facts, having

lived all his life among the Bates people where father was born and grew to manhood, and from the biography of my uncle, Jefferson Dillard Goodpasture, and also from Mr. H. R. McIlwain, Virginia State Librarian, Richmond, Va., as well as from father's private papers left by him at his death, all of which are in my possession, I have been able to get the facts that follow, and I feel sure they are entirely trustworthy.

MADISON C. BATES

Galesburg, Ill., December, 1915.

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I will say in the beginning, that it appears that the ancestors of both my father and mother were of Scotch-Irish descent—that is to say, they came from Ulster District, Ireland,—but were of Scotch and English stock, possibly slightly mixed with Irish blood at the time they came to America. This subject I will refer to again.

My father, Joseph Harrison Bates, was born May 4, 1806, at Cades Cove, near Knoxville, Tenn. His father died when he was a lad. The mother and family soon after moved to McMinn County, Tenn., where his eldest brother, William, and his brother, Ezekiel, owned and lived upon adjoining farms. With these brothers my father made his home until he reached early manhood. I have heard him speak of this, and it is confirmed by Creed F. Bates, who is a son of Ezekiel Bates. From him we also learn that both my grandfather and great-grandfather were born in Virginia; that my grandfather, James Bates, was born in Prince Edward County, and that both he and his father, William Bates, were soldiers in the Revolutionary