

**Husband: Joseph BATES \***

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Birth: 1781 Place: Exeter, Washington County, Rhode Island  
Death: 14 Sep 1864 Place: Homer, Cortland County, New York  
Burial: 1864 Place: Glenwood Cem., Homer, Cortland Co., New York  
Occupation: Carriage And Sleigh Maker  
Father: Joseph BATES (1734-1799)  
Mother: Amy Ann (1760-)

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Marriage: About 1806/1807 Place: Berlin, Rensselaer County, New York

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**Wife: Amelia "Millie" BABCOCK**

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Birth: Dec 1785 Place: Berlin, Rensselaer County, New York  
Death: 26 May 1837 Place: Homer Village, Cortland County, New York  
Burial: Place: Glenwood Cem., Homer, Cortland County, New York  
Father: Thomas BABCOCK (1750-1824)  
Mother: Olive BRIGGS (1755-)  
Notes: ongoing research to verify exact Babcock ancestors

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**Children...**

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**1. M Child: Daniel BATES**

Birth: 1808 Place: Greenfield, Saratoga Co., New York  
Death: 1882  
Burial: Place: Ashton Cemetery, Ashton, Lee County, Illinois  
Occupation: Farmer/Blacksmith  
Spouse: Phebe  
Notes: Daniel and his family lived in Homer until about 1860 when the family moved to Ashton, Lee County, Illinois. Living relatives have been located in Aurora, Illinois and the Lee County area. He died a few weeks before his younger brother Alvin of Minnesota.

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**2. M Child: Alvin BATES \***

Birth: 1810 Place: Greenfield, Saratoga Co., Washington Co., New York  
Death: 10 Aug 1882 Place: Greenvale, Dakota Co., Minnesota  
Burial: Place: Hastings, Dakota Co., Minnesota  
Occupation: Carriage Maker-Blacksmith-Shoe Maker  
Religion: Baptist  
Spouse: Sarah Ann "Sally Ann" ROBINSON  
Marriage: 1831  
Notes: Alvin's job and part-time hobby of shoemaking allowed him to travel to Seneca County New York during the winter months to apply his trade. He continued to farm and work as a blacksmith in Homer. Alvin and his sister Zerue were baptised in the Homer Baptist Church in 1826 by the Rev. Bennet. Alvin moved in 1856 to Greenvale, Dakota County, Minnesota where three of his sons later volunteered for Lincoln's "First Minnesota", the first volunteers to serve the cause of the Union.

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**3. F Child: Zerue "Pru" BATES**

Birth: 1812/1813 Place: Greenfield, Saratoga Co, New York  
Death: 26 Jan 1876  
Burial: Place: Glenwood Cemetery, Homer, Cortland Co. N.Y.  
Occupation: Housekeeper  
Ref Number: Lot 4 Sect. 8 Yale Monument, Homer Glenwood Cemetery.  
Spouse: CONGER

Notes: Zerue was married several times but only the married named of her husband Conger can be located. She had two known children Persis Conger and Christopher Conger. In later years Zerue lived with her youngest sister Helen Bates Yale and she is buried with the Yale's in Homer Cemetery. Christopher moved in the 1870's to Parma, Michigan where he was located with his family. Persis married Luke Coon of Homer and had 2 children Frederick Coon who died at age 3, and Grace Coon Ratnour of Madison County. The Coons are buried in Homer Cemetery.

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4. M Child: Alexander S. BATES

Birth: 1814 Place: Greenwich, New York

Death: 7 Jun 1892 Place: Homer, Cortland County, New York

Burial: 10 Jun 1892 Place: Glenwood Cem., Homer, Cortland County, New York

Occupation: Carriage Maker/Blacksmith

Spouse: Lavina YALE \*

Marriage: 20 Sep 1834 Place: Lenox, Madison County, New York

Spouse: Hannah J. ANDREWS

Marriage: 23 Aug 1890 Place: Wolcott, Wayne County, New York

Notes: Lavina Yale was the youngest of 14 children of Waitstill and Sarah Hover Yale and was a descendant of Eliphalet Yale, founder of Yale University. There was a very large branch of Yale family and collaterals living in and around the Cortland County area prior to the Civil War.

Military: Alexander was the Drum Major for Co D., 157th NYSV during the Civil War. He developed Rheumatic Fever while serving in Virginia and was discharged shortly after enlisting in Hamilton, N.Y.

Less than 2 years after the death of Lavina Yale Bates, Alexander married the widow of a Jacob Fenton Paddock of Wolcott, Wayne County, N.Y. who was named Hannah J. Andrews. Hannah remained briefly in the Homer area after Alexander's death and later moved south to Atlanta Georgia.

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5. M Child: Briggs C. BATES

Birth: 1816 Place: Greenfield, Saratoga Co, New York

Christen: 4 Sep 1858 Place: Lenox Congregationalist Church, Lenox, N.Y.

Death: 14 Jan 1898 Place: Lenox, Madison County, N.Y.

Burial: 17 Jan 1898 Place: Lenox Rural Cem, Lenox, Madison County, N.Y.

Occupation: Farmer-Blacksmith-Carriage Maker

Religion: Congregationalist

Spouse: Clarissa "Clarusha" YALE

Marriage: 1842

Notes: Briggs was a blacksmith who lived in Lenox, Madison County. He is buried in Lenox's "Quality Hill Cemetery" renamed Rural Lenox Cem. Clarissa Yale was the daughter of Henry Yale of Lenox, N.Y. Henry Yale was brother to Lavina Yale who married Alexander Bates and was also a niece of Briggs' sister Helen's husband Moses Yale.

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6. F Child: Helen D. BATES

Birth: Feb 1819 Place: Homer, Cortland County, New York

Death: 3 Oct 1900 Place: Homer, Cortland County, New York

Burial: Place: Glenwood Cem., Homer, Cortland County, N.Y.

Spouse: Moses YALE

Marriage: Jan 1836

Notes: Helen married Moses Yale and they had one son named Austin who died at age 19. They adopted Benjamin Willson who later died at a young age. Helen left a very large will naming all her siblings descendants and many of her friends. She was very close to her family and helped out whenever family emergencies arose. She was especially close to her brother Briggs Bates and lived with Brigg's son William Almon Bates before she died.

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7. F Child: Angeline BATES

Birth: 1822 Place: Homer, Cortland County, New York

Death: 15 Dec 1889 Place: Homer, Cortland County, New York

Burial: Place: Glenwood Cem., Homer, Cortland County, New York

Ref Number: lot52sec12 Homer Glenwood Cemetery

Spouse: Henry H. MILLER  
Marriage: About 1840 Place: New York  
Notes: Henry was a musician in Co. H of the 157th NYSV. He was a carpenter.

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**8. F Child: Diantha BATES**

Birth: 1829 Place: Homer, Cortland County, New York

Death: 16 Apr 1847

Burial: Place: Glenwood Cem, Homer, Cortland County, New York

Notes: Died young and never married. She is buried in Homer Glenwood Cemetery with her Father and Mother.

**Husband's Notes...**

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**Notes:**

Joseph and his wife Amelia Babcock are the earliest verified ancestors of this Homer, N.Y. Bates family. Joseph and Millie had 8 known children who kept close throughout all their lives.

Joseph was a Carriage and Sleigh maker whose four sons also followed this profession well into the 20th century. All of the boys were farmers and blacksmiths as well.

It has been established for the most part that Joseph was born in Rhode Island and migrated slowly West through perhaps Pownal, Vermont, Bennington County Vermont and across the new border into New York State in Rensselaer County where he remained to have at least 6 of his children born either in Washington or Saratoga Counties.

An 1806 Tax assessment list was located for Berlin, Albany County, NY listing Joseph Bates and several Briggs and Babcock families. This may have been Joseph Bates last known residence before moving briefly to Madison County.

This family then went further West about 1817 to Lenox, Madison County, N.Y. Cortland County was their final migration where all the grown children either elected to remain in Homer, N.Y. or migrate further West. Helen, Angeline and Diantha were all born in Homer. The older five were probably born in Greenwich County, NY

It is in Madison County where Joseph perhaps met the acquaintance of the Waitstill Yale family which would remain a very close relationship indeed. Three of Joseph and Amelia's children Alexander, Helen, and Briggs Bates all married children of Waitstill and Sarah Hover Yale. Alexander and Helen stayed in Homer, and Briggs and his wife chose Lenox in Madison County.

Joseph and Amelia went on to live in Homer about 1819 where they remained for the rest of their lives.

Their son Alexander Bates was the longest resident of the Homer area ( 40 years ) having lived in Homer and apprenticing many young blacksmith's in his Homer shop. Alexander was also the Drum Major for Co. D. of the 157th NYSV being discharged early for medical complications. Alexander was active with the Underground Railroad near Little York.

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