YATES – YEATTS FROM 1599 – 2000


John had a son by the name of Robert who was Rector of Christ Church in Middlesex County, Virginia. 

Robert had nine children. 

William, Benjamin, Samuel, Frances, Richard, Thomas, Thomas, John *(The Coleman Bennett Yeatts family goes back to this John), Margaret and Rev. Bartholomew (no record of his career).

Bartholomew had six children 

Catherine, Sarah, Rev. Bartholomew (no record of his career), Robert, Frances, William (William was President of William and Mary in 1758 and was Rector of Bruton Parish in 1764.

**John Yates, Jr.** (Of Nansemond) B. 1635 D. 1731 He was born in Middlesex, England. His father who had arrived in Jamestown sent for his family that was left in England. He established two free schools in the lower Parish of Nansemond County, Va. A school in Suffolk is named for him – John Yeates Middle School.

**John Yates III** (Of Dan River) B. 1715 D. 1778 Elizabeth Kilgore B. 1718 D. 1795 They died in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. 

He married twice. The Children were by first wife whose name was Elizabeth.

He had a plantation on the Dan River near the Danville Riverside Drive. 

Children: Lydia, John IV, Elijah, Hannah, Ann, Martha, Stephen, and George

**Stephen Yates Sr.** B. 1756 D. 1836 M. Lydia Parsons B. D. 1805 

In 1815 he and his son, Samuel received a license to operate an ordinary at Yates Tavern, Gretna, Va. Revolutionary War Patriot.

Children:

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Samuel       B. 1776  D.   1836              M. Mary Davis D. 1858
Samuel is buried at the Yates Tavern at Gretna, Virginia
Tarpley       B. 1778                                     M. Diana Dodson
Sara (Sally)  B. 1783                                     M. James Harris
Eva           B. 1789                                     M. Hardy Bannister
Joseph        B. 1782  D. 1833                       M. Elizabeth Johnson
John           B. 1790  D. 1866                       M. Nancy Taylor
Charles       B.                                             M. Elizabeth Goff
William       B. 1795                                     M. Polly Shellhorse
Mary (Polly)                                        M. Thomas Willis

Samuel Yates       B. 1776   D. 1858   M. 1795   Mary (Polly) Davis   B. 1770  D. 1858
Children: Lettie, Stephen, Thomas, Polly, Susan, John Yeardley, Daniel, George, William, Elizabeth, Eliza, Judith, and Byrd

Samuel Yates’ grave at the Yates cemetery at Yates Tavern

Stephen Yates      B. 1795   D. 1854   M. 1819   Mary (Polly) Terry   B. 1796  D. 1876
Children: David Terry, Sarah, William, Thomas, Martha, Joseph, Mary, Andrew, and Samuel.

David T. Yeatts  B. 1820  D. 1895  M. 1852
First marriage, Tempy Parsons, Children: Lee and Harriett
Mary Herndon 1892, No children

David T and Elizabeth Yeatts buried on Hollywood Road

Coleman B. Yeatts B. 1858 D. 1907   M. 1876   Susan A. Edwards   B. 1858 D. 1935
Coleman and Susan were first buried on the family farm but later they were moved to Hyland Burial Park in Danville, Va.
Children: Walter, John, Benjamin, Carrie, Samuel, Dave, Richard, Cora, Stanley, and Dewey.

Coleman Bennett and Susan Edwards Yeatts moved to this house in 1897. The framed part was built later. The original log house had a kitchen attached to the back of it. Dewey was the only child of Coleman and Susan born here.

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The change in the spelling of Yates to Yeatts took place in the early 1800’s probably due to misspelling of it by a person other than a Yates. It was changed in Pittsylvania County. The Yeatts spelling is exclusive to Pittsylvania County, Virginia. The heritage of people whose names are spelled as Yeatts can be traced to Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

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