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### John Bates

Born **23 May 1598** in **Kent, England**  [uncertain]

Son of [father unknown] and [mother unknown]

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of **Elizabeth Mary (Winston) Bates** — married about 12 Aug 1624 in Bruton Parish, James City, Virginia  [uncertain]

Father of [George Bates](#), [Alse \(Bates\) Deane](#), [Anne \(Bates\) Bellbee](#), [Susanna \(Bates\) Tarleton](#) and [John Bates Jr.](#) DESCENDANTS

Died **13 Mar 1666** at age 67 in **Middleton, Bruton Parish, York County, Colony of Virginia**

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## Disputed Origins

It has been claimed that John Bates of Virginia was the son of [James Bate\(s\)](#) and [Mary Martine](#). However, evidence shows that this couple's son John was buried 6 Mar 1606, which would mean that James and Mary couldn't have been the parents of John, whose known children don't include a James or a Mary.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Biography

**John Bates**<sup>[2]</sup>



John Bates was born in Kent, England.

Genealogist-to-Genealogist (G2G) Forum posts:

[How much credibility given the "Colonial Dames" Publications?](#) Jul 6, 2015.

[What evidence is there for the parents of John Bates?](#) Dec 11, 2014.

[Who Did John "Isaac" Bates Marry and Did He Have a Middle Name?](#) Sep 17, 2013.

### DNA Connections

It may be possible to [confirm](#) family relationships.

Paternal line [Y-chromosome DNA](#) test-takers:

[Douglas Bates](#) : Y-Chromosome Test 12 markers, haplogroup I-M253 [\[test details\]](#)

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## Arrival

John BATES boarded the ship "Southampton" which sailed for Virginia in Oct 1623 with 30 passengers, while accompanying the Pierseys. Captain Harvey requested permission for trip to Virginia 9 July 1623.<sup>[3]</sup> John was on the King's Muster, travelling on 20 January 1624/5, to obtain a census of the Royal colony following the liquidation of the Virginia Company.<sup>[4]</sup>

John Bates was listed in the muster of Abraham Peirse at Peirse's Hundred, 1624/5, as aged 24, apparently unmarried. He married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, named with his four children in his will dated 2 Sept 1666 and proved 24 Jan 1667/8.<sup>[5]</sup> <sup>[6]</sup> <sup>[7]</sup>

## Marriage & Children

John Bates married Elizabeth in James City about 1624, but more evidence is needed to confirm Elizabeth's maiden name. Please see the Research Notes.

It appears that their children were born in James City "Incorporation," part of which became Charles River County in 1634. George Bates' record specifies Bruton Parish.

1. George Bates M - 23 May 1625
2. John Bates M - 29 Aug 1627
3. Anne Bates F - 1630
4. Alyse Bates Deane F - 1632
5. Susanna Bates F - 30 Sep 1635

## Land Patents

Possible patents recorded in Charles River County in name of John Batts should be attributed to this John Bates of Charles River County.

- Apr 1639 - John Batts & John Davis, 750 acs. Chas. Riv. Co., 2 Apr. 1639, p. 638. At the head of Queens Cr. ... 50 acs. each for their own per. adv. & 650 acs. for the trans. of 13 pers: Samll. Charywell, Wm. Thomas, Joseph Drewer, Edward Marshall, Tho. Lockly, John Fling, due to John Batts; .... Renewed in the name of John Davis for 450 acs. & 300 acs. in the name of Stephen Gill.<sup>[8]</sup>
- July 1640 - Stephen Gill, 300 acs. Chas. Riv. Co., July 3, 1640, p/. 722. ... Part of patent formerly granted unto John Batts & John Deines [Davis] for 750 acs. dated 2 Apr. 1639, which 300 acs. assigned by said Batts to sd. Gill.<sup>[8]</sup>
- 15 Sep 1655: John Bates, 50 acs., 15 Sept, 1655, p. 377. Lying at the Middle plantation ... Due by purchase from George Lake.<sup>[8]</sup>

5 Mar 1665: Renewal of above patent<sup>[8]</sup>






## Death

John Bates died between 21 September 1666, date of Will, and 24 January 1667, the date the Will was proved in Court, according to most sources.

### York County Will Abstract

Note that this source gives the probate date as June. " *Bates, John, Middletown Parish, 21 Sep 1666, 24 Jun 1667. Eldest daughter Anne; son George; daughter Aise Deane; John Bates my youngest son; wife Elizabeth executrix. (Codicil same date.) Witnesses: William Winston, George Bates, William Deane.*"<sup>[9]</sup>

### Probate of the Will of John Bates

	John arrived in Jamestown aboard the ship <i>Southampton</i> in 1623.
	John Bates was a <a href="#">Jamestown colonist</a> .
	John was listed in the <a href="#">1624/5 Jamestown Muster</a> .
	John Bates is a <a href="#">Qualifying Ancestor of the Jamestowne Society</a> .
	John Bates migrated from England to Virginia.

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## Research

[RootsSearch for John Bates](#): conveniently search 20+ genealogy websites. [\[more info\]](#)

: Date: 24 JAN 1667

Place: York County, Virginia, Will Book 4, p. 165

In the name of God, Amen

I John Bates of the County of York in Middletowne parish being very sick and weak yet in perfect memorie do here make my last will and testament.

FIRST I comitt my soul to my Creator and Redeemer, Next my body to the earth to be buried in Xtian burial at ye disposing of my wife and for my other worldly estate as followeth.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Anne Bellbee one pide cowe called Primrose to be delivered after my decease.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my sonne George Bates one cowe called Souarkin to be delivered after my decease.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter Alse Deane one two year old Heifer called Marigold to be delivered to her after my decease.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto John Bates my youngest sonne one cowe called cole and one two year old heifer called Stone and one cowe calfe to be delivered him after my decease, and likewise one featherbed, bowlster and likewise I give all my land which I now hold by patent unto my said sonne John Bates, likewise I give unto my sonne John Bates one younge sowe with pigge to be delivered after my decease.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Bates all my other estate moveable not moveable and likewise my will is that my wife shall enjoy my land during her life.

Furthermore I make my wife Elizabeth Bates my whole sole Executrix of what estate I have not bequeathed to my children, and I doe appoint my oldest sonne George Bates my overseer of this my last will and Testament to see it performed, as witness my hand this 21st of September 1666

The mark of John (X) Bates

Teste George Bates, his mark Robert Cobbs

Furthermore I the sd. John Bates do bequeath to my wife Elizabeth three barrells and halfe of corne to be at her disposing. I doe give and bequeath to my sonne George Bates my best hatt and Cloth Coat and breeches. I doe give and bequeath to my sonne John Bates one hogshhead of tobacco and one young horse, my sonne in respect to pay all my debts in ye Generall.

The mark of John (X) Bates

Teste William Winston George Bates William Deane

The will and Codicill annexed proved in Court on January 24th 1667 by William Winston, George Bates and William Deane and Recorded.

L.J. Badkerville Clk. Cur.

## Research Notes

- Conflation possibly explains the addition of a middle name "Isaac" to this profile, since no burial date is given for Isaac, son of James and Mary. As is known, middle names were uncommon in this time frame and "Isaac" may have been added to preserve the link to James and Mary. It probably should be removed. [Strutton-11](#) 21:09, 13 January 2022 (UTC)
- Regarding the spousal identification, Ancestry.com matching and indexing identifies some references merely on the entry of John Bates and Elizabeth Winston's names and living dates, including, which should confirm their relationship and origins:
  - Tidewater Virginia Families <sup>[10]</sup>

- This source states: "It is said that he married Elizabeth Winston; however the only reason for this conclusion appears to have been the fact that William Winston witnessed the will of John Bates. There does not seem to be any evidence that the Winstons and the Bates were in the same place at the early date that John and Elizabeth would have married. [Ch 15, 425] [Strutton-11](#) 20:09, 13 January 2022 (UTC)
- Seventeenth Century Colonial Ancestors, Vol I <sup>[11]</sup>
  - This sources states only: "Bates, John (c1598/99-1666) Va.; m. Elizabeth Winston. Landowner." No source cited for marriage or maiden name of Elizabeth. [Strutton-11](#) 20:09, 13 January 2022 (UTC)

Persons with subscriber access to Ancestry.com should be able to further develop these potential sources. Links for Ancestry.com as a repository for the above-listed works are included in the Sources.

- [One World - Ancestry.com Listing](#) (no longer available 8 Sep 2021)
- Boddie, JB: Virginia Historical Genealogies, [Mallory article](#), refers to a John Batts or Batt patenting land in 1639 and 1643. Would that be this John? Boddie thinks it may have been [Capt. John Batte](#) of Oakwell - causing much confusion, because it wasn't. . .

## Sources

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  - Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s Author: Gale Research Note: [Psgr.Img.Lists](#) Repository: [#R1](#) Repository: R1 Name: Ancestry.com
  - U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900 Author: Yates Publishing Publication: Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004. Note: [Int Mar Rec](#)
  - York County, 1648-1657 Author: Ancestry.com Publication: Online publication -

Provo, UT: The Generations Network, Inc., 2004.Original data - Fleet, Beverley,. York County, 1648-1657. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1961.Original data: Fleet, Beverley,. York County, 1648-1657. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co. Note: [York, Virginia](#) Repository: [#R2198041564](#)

- Ancestral Line for Eight Generations of Captain Lemuel Bates, 1720-1820, with some records of his descendants Author: Bates, Albert Carlos Publication: Hartford CT, 1943 Repository: [#R18](#) Call Number: 929.2 B3184B Repository: R18 Name: Allen County Public Library Address: City: Ft Wayne State: IN
- [Virginia Muster](#) of 1624/5 (no sign of a wife at this date).
- McCartney: [page 119](#).

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- Bates Family of Old Virginia

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**Porter Fann**

Is Middleton, Bruton Parish, York, Virginia an actual place name that was used in 1666?

posted Apr 13, 2022 by [Porter Fann](#)

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**Porter Fann**

Also to be updated is the current URL for the Virtual Jamestown search result on John Bates 1624/5 muster:

Shifflett, Crandall. Virtual Jamestown. [Jamestown 1624/5 Muster Records](#). 1999, 2000. University of Virginia: Virginia Center for Digital History. Accessed 1 Jul 2020.

posted Jul 01, 2020 by [Porter Fann](#)

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**Porter Fann**

As genealogists, we use the name that the person used. To distinguish the generations when the person did not use any extension or suffix, we use dates to distinguish between the generation (note: specific dates are used here and no source is attached to explain that level of specificity). Per Jamestowne Society and per his will, he did not use 3RD. He was plain old John Bates. The 3RD suffix should not be part of his name (and similarly, 1ST probably not as a part of his grandfather's name, nor 2ND as his father's). No one has ever - to my knowledge and experience - written those designations in caps, and it is especially inappropriate when we have no indication that any sort of a suffix was used (with the exception of this generation having a son using Jr).

Note also reconciling his vital dates with what [Jamestowne Society](#) says is important: "born 1601, died 1667/8, York Co.; (Ancient Planter, Muster of 1624/5)." Granted the probate date may be where 1667/8 is derived.

Please also note that the first source citation probably should either be moved to the actual discussion (so that it doesn't show up

in the Sources list) or else clarified that it supports the disproof of the parents named in the source; otherwise, it is misleading (and is only important because it disproves the parents named by some because the vital dates don't correspond).

Also regarding origins, some statement should be made as to why he is attached to the father to whom he is attached, especially because a disputed origins section is used.

Lastly, nowhere are any apparent sources that say he had a middle name of Isaac. That undocumented middle name has already been removed at least once, and yet it has reappeared with no source to indicate that that was a part of his name. If his name is in dispute, then that should be discussed within the narrative.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this profile.

posted Jul 01, 2020 by [Porter Fann](#)

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### [Liz Marshall](#)

If Susanna is his daughter, why is she not listed in his will? Does anybody have confirmation of him listing her as his child anywhere?

posted Jan 17, 2020 by [Liz Marshall](#)

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### [Liz \(Noland\) Shifflett](#)

Jamestowne Society lists him as an Ancient Planter also - see <http://www.jamestowne.org/barnett--batte.html>

posted Dec 17, 2018 by [Liz \(Noland\) Shifflett](#)

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### [Porter Fann](#)

Though not rising to the level of references, the following two sites provide confirmatory pedigree data:

1. [Re: Stephen Tarleton m. Susanna Bates 1655](#) - York Co. VA By genealogy.com user 06 May 1998 In reply to: 27 Apr 98; accessed 6 Sep 2018
2. [Bates Genealogy Page](#), accessed 6 Sep 2018.

The latter site has a link for the transcription of the [Bates Family Bible](#) (1739-1929) and the [Will of John Bates](#) (d. 1666/7). If the Will is completely concordant, then site "Bible" data may be valid/worthy of study. Let me know if you want me to pursue.

posted Sep 06, 2018 by [Porter Fann](#)

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### [Liz Marshall](#)

Did you ever investigate the Bates Bible site? I can't get it to load.

posted Jan 17, 2020 by [Liz Marshall](#)

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### [Porter Fann](#)

It takes a long time to load, as it is from an electronic archive.

What I was able to get to load may be incomplete. The header says:

"Bates Family Bible, 1739-1929: This is a transcription of the Bates Family Bible, now in possession of the Library of Virginia. Some pieces of pages are missing, and some information is no longer legible."

It looks like the first generation recorded in the bible was:

*Benjamin and Hannah Bates of York County were married the 1st day of the 5th mo 1760.*

So if the PDF that I was able to print (which is incomplete, but goes through: *Saml Edward Bates Jr son Saml Edwd & Nille Ann Bates died 20 Sep 1929*) is considered to be of any validity, perhaps I should attach it to Benjamin Bates who married Hannah's profile.

posted Jul 01, 2020 by [Porter Fann](#)

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### **Anonymous Nagel**

[Bates-40](#) and [Bates-9334](#) appear to represent the same person because: same first name, last name, birth year, birth country, same daughter, same death date, same death location.

posted May 11, 2018 by [Anonymous Nagel](#)

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### **Jeanne (Lunn) Aloia**

There is no source documentation for his birthplace or that he had a middle name. We only know he came on the Southampton as a servant to Piersey. He was unmarried in the 1624/5 Kings Muster at Jamestown. His son George was born in 1625 so the marriage happened around that time.

posted Oct 21, 2015 by [Jeanne \(Lunn\) Aloia](#)

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### **Jeanne (Lunn) Aloia**

<https://www.familytreedna.com/public/CumberlandGap-YDNA/default.aspx?section=ysnp>

270555 Bates Bates, b. 1598 I-M253

posted Oct 02, 2015 by [Jeanne \(Lunn\) Aloia](#)

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### **Vic Watt**

I have deleted the middle name of "Isaac" because there is no documentation of John using Isaac as a middle name, and middle names were extremely uncommon in the early 17th century.

posted Sep 18, 2013 by [Vic Watt](#)

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### **Jon Holt**

John Bates had several children including the following from my research:

George Bates b May 23 1625 John Bates b Aug 29, 1627 Anne Bates b. 1630 Alse (Alice) Bates b. 1632 Elizabeth Bates Susanna Bates b Sept 30 1635

I can't recall where I found this information as I worked on this portion of my tree several years ago. I have not imported my tree here yet as there are too many matches to go through.

If you have any questions I have a lot of info on the bates line that may help you. :)

posted Apr 07, 2013 by [Jon Holt](#)