Hidden on an island, near Dunnet Landing, through pointed firs and behind a white fence is a cemetery which you can only reach by foot. Ambling through it you may read many names and dates which span America's history. For those familiar with the island the names may evoke memories of faces and voices heard in prior decades. From one marker dated 1893 to 1985, images rise of a hand holding a brush, painting scenes of island settings, selling note cards or pouring coffee while light reflected from the sea glistens on the roof of a seaside chapel. Echoes arise of a cheery voice urging support for the chapel, heart's home to many generations. Some visitors to the shingled chapel walk along a forest path pausing to rest on a bench by the path, exercise reminding them of days before automobiles. Others come by water in their Sunday best. Eyes glance through diamond shaped window panes from the honey wood interior toward boats at sea, clouds, birds, trees, fields before returning to the faces near the simple altar for a baptism and before resting for a moment on "In loving memory of ..." Voices sound "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity".

It is a cool summer evening, the fog horn blows, a fire crackles casting moving shadows around the soft light of a large wood grained room. Quiet reigns, pierced by nature's voices; the sea lapping the rocky shore, a bird's caw, a chipmunk's scampering step. Seated by the fire passages from a classic tale are savored before retiring.

Deep sleep by the sea fosters wonder upon awaking for what the new day will bring. Whose face will sea breezes waft today? Are there enough provisions for a week of quiet time at the vicarage? The season's cycle abounds with wood lilies, wild rose, ripe blueberries; indian pipes while tides go in and out. A few chores keep the wooden shell of a house from the weathered, vacant decay of abandoned buildings on more distant islands which
are now homes to seagulls and ghosts. Soon mowed grass and joyful blossoms
reveal active hands shaping a greeting to those who may approach this place
of inner strength midst outer storms of life and sea. Whose hand will tap
at the door? What mix of sea and fate will be engraved to stand in the light
of this day? What volumes will speak through events? As breakfast is cleared
away and tentative plans to hand pump the bilge of a moored boat after a damp
and drizzly night take shape, a foot step is heard on the porch. The nearest
neighbor in residence brings Victor Hugo's "The Man Who Laughs" drawn by the
thought, those at the vicarage will appreciate the old binding and enjoy
reading it as well during an island interlude. France, Paris, Hibernian isles
and mysterious stories all come to mind. The visitor carrying the book has
lived abroad and told tales of their own round flickering hearth in previous
summers. Through Hugo's book attention is brought to a theme, how a bottle
washing up on the shore with its hidden message changes all the outer circum-
stances of a circus clown.

A century stands still as Hugo's tale of a hundred years ago unfolds.
Drama, intrigue, France, England and the House of Lords woven into a plot
underscoring the power of fate. Hugo died in 1885 and his sense of wonder
in humanity shines forth from words from "Ninety Three": "The babble of an
infant is more and less than speech, it is not measured, and yet it is a
song; not syllable, and yet a language; a murmur that began in heaven and will
not finish on earth; it commenced before human birth and will continue in the
sphere beyond! These lisplings are the echo of what the child said when it
was an angel, and of what it will say when it enters eternity. The cradle
has a yesterday, just as the grave has a tomorrow; this morrow and this yesterday
join their double mystery in the incomprehensible warbling, and there is no
such proof of God, of eternity, and the duality of destiny as in this
awe-inspiring shadow flung across that flower-like soul."

Out the window bark peels from an old birch. Images arise of birch
canaes, feet walking with reverence on the soil, eyes gazing at sails on the Eastern horizon where the sun climbs over the high cliffs of a distant island at dawn. Burial sites of some of the five Indians Sir Fernando Gorges took to London before Pocahontas arrived in that city are near Dunnet Landing. Tales also echo of Ogam script found on these island shores and of recently discovered Irish library records providing a key for their translation. Such is a cursory view from an island vicarage snuggled under ancient oak mixed with younger fir and pine. When later in the day an old leather covered sea log is found in the attic of the vicarage the reading eye deciphers words written when Hugo was perhaps forty. Bits of old wax and crumbled string would indicate pages long sealed, the last of the pages reveals quarantine due to an outbreak of smallpox aboard barque "Sarah Hand." The earliest pages in this section reveal barque "Levant" is sold and a 300 ton barque is ordered, built and launched by Maine hands who chose to construct the vessel on the banks of Alloways Creek near Hancock, N.J. long before, from the launching site anyone could see an electric plant's nuclear cooling tower.

Between the sale of "Levant" and the launching of "Sarah Hand" the shipmaster records in a few brief words, a journey sandwiched by these events to have deeds recorded near the gulf of Mexico. Who is around who knows what it signifies, for the faces and voices now on the island seem not to know of land ever held so far away. What is this cryptic entry next to word of January Texas snow storm left by a New England shipmaster, who had captained a crew and sailed the seas? Where does the tale begin and where does it lead?

The first vicar's wife lost her shipmaster father when seven and her mother when fourteen. Both her parents died intestate and in 1859 at age twenty one she released her guardian. Four years later on Christmas Eve she married a minister. In the 1860's aboard the steamer they went down east to the islands with some of their congregation for a church picnic. Some land was acquired and space offered for services under oaks in 1874, in the vicarage and at last in 1906 a seaside chapel is consecrated. From the chapel's porch you can see the site Bishop Burgess, first Bishop of the
Episcopal Diocese of Maine revered as location of the first recorded New England apostolic service in English by Rev. Richard Seymour in 1607.

North Yarmouth in Sept. 1836, Captain Daniel of Gardiner marries Emily. In Texas the Alamo signals the birth of the Republic of Texas, also 1836 the Kennebec's flow powers mills cutting lumber and shingles at Gardiner which are shipped past Bath to the open sea and turned into homes of Galveston. Records for his voyages in ship "Tampico" synchronize with formation of Galveston City Co. and exchanges of land for lumber. The shipmaster/Captain enters into agreements to acquire land. In Pittston Maine, 1838 the future vicar's wife is born. The sea and ships with their crews and cargoes are a major part of her father's life. From those who knew her it appears if she ever read in her father's sea log she never wondered about the voyage to Texas to check on the state of interests there. Late in 1841 the sea log reveals that the captain discharged his only brother from sea duties to go home to Gardiner. When his brother gets home he becomes executor for their father's intestate, appointed to this task by the local judge who notes that the older brother is away at sea and will not get home soon, if at all. In February 1842 Captain Daniel's log reveals he is home for a month or so before hastening back to sea. His wife Emily gives birth to Harriet in June of 1842. When Captain Daniel again returns home, late in 1843 the mystery deepens, for he dies at age 38 and not a New England soul seems to know about his property in Texas, where trustees are obligated to maintain and defend it against all claims forever in "quiet possession" in behalf of Daniel and his heirs. Agreements in Galveston, other agreements in Houston with representative of Ezekiel Thomas land grant and with Andrew J. Yates attorney, slumber in the lap of court records and title companies until long after the sisters have both released their guardian. Somehow the largest parcel slumbers at least until 1906 when the records in Texas reveal that the whereabouts of heirs is questioned and no knowheirs reported.*

* a 1864 graduate of Union College Schenectady, N.Y.
although the minister's wife did not die until 1915 and her sister Harriet until 1930 at age 88. What is the grave's tomorrow and the cradle's yesterday?

This is America, land of liberty and justice for all. Here lies a tale of three masted schooners, their journeys under the stars; between continents carrying hog's heads of tobacco to Bordeaux and commodities from Maine to the gulf of Mexico while on shore lawyers, trustees, widows, intestate orphans, guardians, bankers, and applicable merchant laws and the abilities of justice weave around handling proceeds from laying railroads across the acreage and "management" under "quiet possession" of a trust corpus which comprises almost a square mile of Houston, 627 acres, slumbering decades apparently unread within an island vicarage attic.

Suppose Saul Bellow's "Humboldt's Gift" had been a few words in an old leather bound sea log slumbering at the bottom of a box filled with Victorian era children's toys in a vicarage attic on an often fog bound island? Perhaps like the author of these notes, you as a reader are filled with wonder at the drama of life hidden behind the old pen's strokes responsible for a few riddling words long slumbering within a leather bound sea log, along with entries of burials at sea of long ago passengers at longitude x and latitude y, who died in midst of a journey.

- John Herrick Moses, Jr. 1990

John H. Moses, Jr.
4813 Morrison Rd.
Richmond, VA 23230

Note: Sarah Emma Jordan's "Country of the Pointed Fin" is set in Cockeysville region - "Dunnet Landing"
August 11, 1967

Dear Mrs. Van Loan:

I have received the material you sent me on Andrew Janeway Yates, John B. Yates, and Rev. Andrew and Hannah Hooker Yates which is, to say the least, very interesting. Would it be possible for you to send me the same type data on Henricus Yates, son of Col. Christoffel, who graduated in Union—my error—who was State Senator and an attorney-at-law. His sons all graduated in Union College, but the only ones who could possibly have been my great-grandfather are Charles, who graduated in Union College 1829 and/or Stephen, who graduated in Union College in 1825. Do you have any personal data on either of these men?

My source of the children of Rev. Andrew and Andrew J. Yates who were born in Chittenango was the D.A.R. Cemetery Records, vol. 40, p. 107, which contains "the following names in the old cemetery on Lake Street in the village of Chittenango:

Yates, William Austin, son of Andrew and Matilda H. Yates, born April 17, 1834; died October 26, 1834.
Yates, Thomas Harper, son of Rev. Andrew and Hannah died August 9, 1837. This information is what I received from Miss Gladys Ladd, Assistant Librarian at The New York State Library at Albany." I would think that Thomas Harper was probably meant to be Thomas Hooker. I agree that Hooker must have been the family name rather than Hooper. I wonder if that should not be connected in the "Genealogies"?

The Hall of Fame informed me that they would be glad to send me the forms required for nominating a person. I believe that John Barentse Yates is more deserving of a place there than many who are there now. He was certainly an extraordinary man. It is sad that he had no offspring. I wonder if he has ever been nominated for the Hall of Fame?

My father’s father was James Burnside Row who was born in Oswego County. His mother was first cousin to Ambrose Burnside. I don’t know as yet whether her maiden name was Burnside but hope one of these days to find out when I have time to go into the Row genealogy. His mother was Ellen Elizabeth Coan who was born in Parish, Oswego County before the Civil War.

It has been a source of inspiration to me to learn of the wonderful things accomplished by the Hersey and Yates families in Massachusetts and New York so it has really been a pleasure and not a chore.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Row Magedanz
(Mrs. Norman A.)
August 22, 1967

Mrs. Norman A. Magedanz
3368 N. Farragut Street
Portland, Oregon 97217

Dear Mrs. Magedanz:

Thank you for your letter of August 11. Enclosed are the biographical sketches you requested on Henricus Yates, Charles Yates and Stephen Yates.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. J. Van Loan, Jr.
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure
MVL/cab
HENRY CHRISTOPHER YATES, A.B.
(Henricus Yates)*

Henry Christopher Yates graduated Union 1818.

Vital Statistics -

Born June 13, 1799
Died May 12, 1847

Unmarried. Resident of New York City

Family Information -

Son of Henry & Catharine (Mynderse) Yates. Henry and Stephen (Union '25) were brothers.

Note: Henry's father was a lawyer and State Senator

STEFEN YATES, A.B.

Stephen graduated Union 1825.

Vital Statistics -

Born July 12, 1805
Died June 1, 1875
Resident of Palatine, New York

CHARLES YATES, A.B.

Charles graduated Union 1829.

Vital Statistics -

Born March 1, 1808
Died September 26, 1870
Brigadier General in Civil War

Family Information -

Charles was also the son of Henry & Catharine (Mynderse) Yates.

* Although the name Henricus is not mentioned in Henry C. Yates folder, it is a possibility that they are one in the same.

8/22/67
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Wells House - Union College  
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CHRISTOPHER YATES and JANETTE BRATT

sons:

1. Andrew b. January 17, 1773 Schenectady d. October 13, 1844
   m. Mrs. Mary Cobb August 5, 1814
   children:
   1. son Christopher b. August 3, 1798 at Schenectady d. December 11, 1812 at E. Hartford, Conn
   2. son John Austin b. May 31, 1801 d. August 26, 1849
   3. son Andrew Janeway b. April 20, 1803 d. August 8, 1856
      (Union 1822)
      m. Hannah Allin Hooker of E. Hartford, Conn. May 11, 1810 b. September 4, 1785, died October 20, 1859
      (daughter of Mary Chaffee and James Hooker)
      children:
      1. Mary Austin b. May 20, 1811
      2. Christopher b. July 18, 1813 d. May 20, 1815
         (adopted daughter Hannah)
      8. Thomas Hooker b. August 29, 1826, d. Aug. 5, 1827

2. John Barentse b. February 1, 1784 at Schenectady d. July 10, 1836 at Chittenango
   m. Mrs. Mary Cobb August 5, 1814

Andrew Yates m. Mary Austin October 8, 1797

children:

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John Austin Yates m. Mrs. Henrietta Maria Cobb autumn 1829

   at Amherst, Ontario
2. Austin Andrew b. March 24, 1836 at Schenectady d. September 28, 1921 at Schenectady
3. Arthur R.

Children:
4. Henrietta Cobb (died in infancy)
5. Mary Austin m. John Watkins

Austin Andrew Yates m. Josephine Yates December 18, 1865 d. 1919

Union 1854

1. Daughter, Henrietta C. died 1917
1822  ANDREW J. YATES.

DIED: At San Jose, California, August 8th, of chronic disease of the spine, Andrew J. Yates, son of the late Rev. Andrew Yates, D.D., of this city.

FROM: Schenectady Reflector
September 19, 1856.
August 18, 1938

My dear Mrs. Rosson:

I find on trying to answer your questions about Andrew J. Yates, that we have another Andrew J. Yates in the Class of 1834. You state that his wife's name was Matilda and I find a clipping in the folder of the man in the class of 1832 which says "Married: In the city of New York on the 20th day of August ult. by the Rev. D. A. Donner, Mr. Andrew J. Yates, of Schenectady, to Miss Helen A. Roswell, of the former place." This was taken from the Albany Argus of September 3, 1834. It may be that this clipping should be in the folder of the Yates in 1834, but I have no way of knowing as the middle name is not given in the note.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mary E. Rosson
Hidden Lake Camp
Lake Luzerne, N. Y.
MARRIED: In the city of New York on the 20th day of August ult. by the Rev. D. R. Downer, Mr. Andrew J. Yates, of Schenectady, to Miss Helen A. Moswell, of the former place.

Albany Argus
September 3, 1834.
July 15, 1935

In Box H in library there are letters written by ANDREW J. YATES to his brother John A. who was travelling in Europe. They are difficult to read and seem to be about family matters. He sends drafts for large amounts to John A. Letters were written about 1828-1830.

Information given by C. Hislop
Andrew J. Yates, born April 20, 1805 in East Hartford, Conn., was the son of Professor Andrew Yates and Mary Austin Yates. His father graduated from Yale in 1793, and held an honorary degree from Union College. He was a professor of Latin and Greek at Union College, 1797-1801; and professor of Moral Philosophy & Logic at Union, 1814-1825; he established a seminary for young men at Chittenango, N. Y., and this was known as the "Polytechny". His son, Andrew Janeway Yates was graduated from Union College in 1822, A.B., and A.M. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a lawyer; he taught in the "Polytechny" as Professor of Jurisprudence and Modern Languages.

A. J. Yates made application for a grant of land in Texas in Oct. 1835. In Jan. of 1836 he offered his services to Stephen F. Austin to go to the U. S. to secure donations and negotiate a loan for the Texas cause. From a letter to Austin from Schenectady, June 3, 1836, he intimates that he has extensive property there.

"I am still here with my family, and much engaged in settling my old private affairs, which I once mentioned to you. I have had a proposition from the persons who have had my property in charge, and they have offered me $15,000 to release them, and I have charged $35,000, and a settlement of $30,000 on my wife. They have till day after tomorrow to accept. My estate is worth $120,000, by their own admissions, and I shall secure some $80,000 if I go into a Chancery suit, but as that will keep me out of it for some two or three years and perhaps more, I am determined to close at once by a sacrifice, provided I can do so on the terms I have offered." He served Texas as Commissioner of Loans until 1838; he drew up a plan of education for the state; he was prominent in all civic affairs until he moved to Calif. in 1851; he died in San Jose, Calif. in 1856. His wife's first name was Matilda.

There is plenty of material on his work in Texas but little available here on his life in New York.

This was given to us by Mary Emma Rosson who was at the Girl Scout Camp at Hidden Lake in 1858.
Mr. C. N. Waldron,
Union College,
Schenectady, New York.

Dear Mr. Waldron:

Under separate cover I am sending your copy of my thesis on A. J. Yates. The photostats in this copy are the negatives since I had them made in 1938 before I knew that you desired a copy. As there are also typed copies of most of these documents I did not think it necessary to have another set of positive copies made. The typing cost at two cents per page was $4.48, and the binding was $2.20.

I hope that you will be pleased with my work and if you ever have any additional information about Yates I shall be glad to get it as I shall always have a friendly interest in the man.

Thank you so much for your help and encouragement.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Nov. 27, 1979

Dear Mrs. Rossen:

The copy of your work on Andrew J. Yates has arrived. Thank-you for taking the trouble to send it; and I am sure that I shall find much of interest in it, when I have time to go over it.

Check for $6.66 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

E. A. Waldron, Secretary

Mrs. Opal Rossen
1202 Shakespeare Rd.
Houston, Texas
Reformed Church, Scl^dy

Henrikus Yates and Catharina Meynderse
Christobel b. Oct. 6, 1795

Henry Yates Jr. and Catharina Meynderse
Mary b. Aug. 17, 1795
Henry Christopher b. Jan. 13, 1799
Edward b. Oct. 21, 1801
Stephen b. July 12, 1805
Charles b. Mar 1, 1808
June Ann b Feb. 29, 1816

Joseph C. Yates and Maria Kne
Helen Maria b. Sept. 28, 1797

Andrew Yates and Mary Austin
Christopher b. Aug. 5, 1798
John Austin b May 31, 1801

Joseph C. Yates and Ann Elizabeth Delancey
Anna Alida b Sept. 14, 1806
June Josepha b. Nov. 6, 1811

Abraham F. Yates and Catharine Sharp
Susan Margaret b Nov. 22, 1812

Andrew Yates and Hannah A. Hooper
James Hooper b Oct. 9, 1815
Christopher b. Feb. 12, 1818
Helena b Sept. 1, 1819
Joseph b May 2, 1821
Ann Elizabeth b. Aug. 18, 1822

Johannes C. Yates and Margari.tje Meynderson
Sarah b. Jan. 24, 1789
Christopher b. Mar 7, 1790
Jacobs b. Jan. 11, 1795
Catherina b. July 7, 1794
Mari b. May 22, 1796
Robert Henry b July 9, 1801

Joseph J. Yates and Annatje Roosa
Arrantje b Oct. 5, 1789
Marytje b Dec. 23, 1792
Elizabeth b Apr. 18, 1795
Isaac b. Feb. 22, 1797
Eva b Mar 8, 1799
Jelles b May 6, 1801

In the rest:--
Joseph Jel. Yates and Annatje Roosa
John b. Mar 5, 1803
Joseph J. Yates and Nancy Rose
Andrew Robert b. Mar 25, 1805
Joseph Yates and Ann Rose
Andrew b. Nov. 25, 1806

In the above six baptisms the father is called Joseph J.
Giles Yates and Jane Yates  
Margaret Luisa b. July 51, 1830

John A. Yates and Henrietta M. Cobb  
Marg. Elizabeth b. Mch 51, 1831  
Austin Andrew b. Mch 14, 1836  
Arthur Reed b. Oct. 28, 1838  
Henrietta Cobb b. May 28, 1841

James Fuller and Maria Yates  
Isaac I. Yates b. Oct. 26, 1840  
Mary Kendell b. Mch 4, 1842

Isaac I. Yates and Rachel Barheyt  
Maria b. Dec. 7, 1819  
Joseph b. Oct. 15, 1821  
Peter Barheyt b. Jan. 24, 1834  
Henry Edward b. Nov. 6, 1825  
Isaac B. Nov. 21, 1834

Isaac Yates and Margaret Reese  
Nicholas b. Jan. 6, 1821  
Susanna b. Aug. 5, 1822

Isaac G. Yates and Margaret Reese  
Jacob Van Vechten b. Feb. 14, 1824  
Margaret Jane b. May 19, 1829

Isaac N. Yates and Margaret Reese  
Catharine Ann b. Apr. 31, 1833

Nicholas Yates and Sarah Rosa  
James Rose b. Mch 22, 1828  
Jos. James b. Sept. 5, 1829  
Henry b. Nov. 8, 1831 (Sarah Rosa deceased)

Nicholas Yates and Harriet Hansen  
Chas. b. Sept. 1, 1834  
Abraham Veeber b. Nov. 15, 1836  
Mary b. Mch 8, 1839  
Philip Arthur b. July 26, 1841  
Cordelia b. Apr. 15, 1843  
James Edward V. Horn b. Oct. 28, 1849  
Anna Margaret
Jellis Yates and Aryan Jrat
Leena bp. Oct. 3, 1785
Catalynse b. Mach 8, 1786
Annatje b. Aug. 4, 1788
Rachel b. Aug. 13, 1792

Nicholas Yates and Rebecca Fonda
Susanna bp. Dec. 12, 1784
Abram b. Feb. 7, 1788
Robert b. Nov. 11, 1789
Isac Glenn b. Aug. 21, 1795

John Yates and Margarieta Fonda
Joseph b. Oct. 4, 1786
Jannetje b. Oct. 8, 1789
Mary b. Nov. 5, 1795
Jellis Fonda b. Nov. 8, 1798
Maria Matilda b. June 27, 1805
Catharine Louisa b. Apr. 22, 1810
Joseph Yates, whose surname is recorded as Jedts, Jaedts, Yets, Yetts, Yatts, and eventually, Yates, first appears on record at Albany, in the province of New York at an "Extraordinary Court holden at Albany 8 August 1685," when subscriptions were taken to pay for the maintenance of Domine Godefrius DeLius. "Joseph Yetts" gave one-halfguilder. He next appears with his wife, on April 27, 1684, when was baptized there at the Dutch Reformed Church their son, Christoffel. He was an Englishman, probably, and the Dutch clerks were responsible for the various spelling of his surname. That he was present at Albany during several years previous to 1683 is proved by the fact that in 1698 he had seven children, borne by his wife, Huybertje, daughter of Marcellis Janse van Bomel. One or two of their children were born before the baptismal records of the church begin (in 1683). He must have married her in Albany not later than 1680. It is probable that he resided for several years after his marriage, in the tavern of his father-in-law, as he does not figure in any records as to a house or land until 1715, when he was residing at the eastern corner of Green and Beaver Streets. His wife "Huybertje Jaedts" appears in the list of "Names of the members of the church of Jesus Christ in New Albany, at the end of the year 1683 afterwards."

YATES MARCELIS.

Robertie Marselis, born at Beverwyck about 1660, married before 1683 Joseph Jets.* (*Genealogies of the First Settlers of the Ancient County of Albany, p. 165.) His name became anglicized as Yates, their descendants being known chiefly, by the latter form. This surname is found also recorded at Albany as "Jedts," "Jaedts," "Yetts," "Yeads." She is recorded in the Book of Burials of the Dutch Reformed Church of Albany, "1730, July 13, Huybertje Yeats."

SUMMARY: —

Marcellis Jansz van Bomel = Annetje (———)

Huybertje Marselis = Joseph Jets. (Yates)

JOSEPH AND HUYBERTJE (Marcelis) YATES, were married and their first four children born and baptized before the beginning of 1683 of the records now extant of the Dutch Reformed Church of Albany. The records of the baptisms of the six children born after 1683 as follows:


Witness: Antje Bekker.

Witnesses: Hasueros Merselis, Sara Merselis.

1704: March 1. Abraham, of Joseph Yets and Juybertje Marselisz.
Witness: Christoffel and Johannes Yeeds.

Bib: Holland Society Year Book, 1904, pp. 55, 45, 60, 67, 77; 1905 p 52.

Robert Yates, a grandson of Joseph and Juybertje (Marselis) Yates, in 1782, was a judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of New York. For him and his family the county of Yates was named.

The burials of Joseph and Juybertje (Marselis) Yates, in the Beaver Street yard of the Dutch Reformed church of Albany, were recorded in the book kept by the Sexton, Barent Bradt. Three pounds sterling were paid to the church for each interment, not including the fees for grave digging and ringing the church bell.

"1730, May 22, Joseph Yats".
"1730, July 13, Huybertie Yateis"

Bib: Annals of Albany 1:155

From the Research of E.M. Stone, 118 Jay St., Schenectady, N.Y.
October 1, 1940
October 6, 1958

Dear Miss Rosson,

I do not know the descendants of Andrew Janeway Yates; but I have made some copies of the questions you raise in your letter of October 1, and am writing to see if we can get any additional facts for you. If I succeed, you will hear from me. One of the persons I want to consult is now in South America, but is due back the middle of the month.

I should like your thesis on Yates for our biographical files, if it does not cost too much to get an extra copy. Please let me know the price. We seldom have an alumus, (unless a very prominent one), written up so fully as you will do this study, and I hate to have the College miss the possession of a copy.

Sincerely yours,

C. N. Waldron

Miss Opal Rosson
2302 Shakespeare Rd.
Houston, Texas
Dec. 6, 1958

My dear Mrs. Hosson:

I have only just received an answer from one of the persons to whom I wrote about Andrew Janeway Yates.

My correspondent says that there are no descendants, to her knowledge. Matilda was always the wife referred to in his letters.

She further says that from tradition there were in the Austin family three brothers: David, Steven and Joshua. David Jr. married Esther Allen in 1782 and their daughter, Mary Austin, married Andrew Yates in 1797, and lived in Schenectady. Andrew Yates was one of the three first professors at Union College. Their sons were Andrew Janeway and John Austin. Andrew Janeway married Matilda.

She adds that there is a Stephen Yates who lives at St. James, Long Island, N. Y., and may have more information.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Opal Hosson
2502 Shakespeare Rd.
Houston, Texas
The Austin Family from Traditions

Three Brothers

Daniel who married Mary Trip 1752

And settled in Sussex, Conn.

Stephen & Josiah in East Haven.

Daniel had several children and

Daniel Jr. married Esther Allen 1782.

Their daughter Mary Austin married

Andrew Gates in 1797 and lived in

Shenecody. Andrew Gates was one of

the first Professors at Amherst College.

Their sons Andrew January, and

John Austin.

Andrew January married Matilda

and went to Texas.

There is a Stephen Gates who lives at

St. James, England. He may be able

to give you some information.

File in

1822

Andrew J.
A teacher in Texas is writing up the life of Andrew Janeway Yates for a thesis.

He was graduated from Union College in 1822. We believe that he was the son of Andrew J. Yates (who was a professor at Union College) and of Mary Austin.

Our correspondent now wishes to clear up the following points:-

Wife's name is given as Helen A. Woswell; but according to his will his wife was Matilda. In a letter to S. F. Austin in 1836 he tells of trying to dispose of his property, which he values at $120,000, but for which he would take $35,000, and a settlement of $30,000 on his wife. His application for land in Texas in 1855 states that he was married and had one child. Was he married twice? Matilda is always spoken of in his letters.

What was the child's name?

Are there any living descendants?

Dr. Frederick Ely of the University of Texas is much interested because of the part Yates had in the educational field in Texas. He wants to know how the family acquired their wealth; that is, the money already possessed before he left Schenectady.

What was the relationship of his mother, Mary Austin, to Stephen F. Austin?

Do you know anything of the six years he spent in California? No.

He died there in 1856.

We should be glad to add to our biographical material at the college any other information you can add about Andrew Janeway Yates, or any corrections to the statements given above.
C. N. Waldron,
Secretary Graduate Council,
Union College,
Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Waldron:

Thank you for your letter on Andrew Yates. I am very happy to get this information, although it is about the father of the man I am interested in, Andrew Janeway Yates. I believe he graduated from Union College in 1822. He came to Texas in 1835.

Here are some of the things I would like to know about him:
Date of birth; did he come direct from New York to Texas; why did he come to Texas; was his mother Mrs. Austin, and if so was she related to Stephen F. Austin; did he have a fortune of about $180,000 in New York, and if so how was it acquired; when and whom did he marry and how many children did he have?

When my paper is completed I shall be glad to give you a summary of the facts I have collected. As I must have this paper in by July 10, I am sending this by airmail and enclosing an envelope to be returned to me by airmail. I shall surely appreciate any information you may send me.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Opal Rosson

Mrs. Opal Rosson
Mr. C. N. Waldron,
Secretary Union College,
Schnectady, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

So far as we have been able to discover, Andrew J. Yates arrived in Texas before November, 1835, at which date he received a league of land. He was apparently from the beginning on good terms with Stephen F. Austin and others high in Texas affairs. He was eager to assist Texas by getting ships for her defense. In a letter he wrote to Austin, he said, "I feel a great anxiety to aid the country of my adoption in its present struggle and am willing to leave my own pressing business and private interests at the present time for that purpose." He played a large part in the affairs of the State under the Republic. These have not, as yet, been traced in any detail. In 1838 he and some other citizens presented to the Congress of the Republic the first memorial asking for a state provision for public education. No action, however, was taken on this memorial. In 1840 after the first educational bill was passed, he wrote a lengthy letter to President M. B. Lamar criticizing the law that was enacted in 1839, and making some specific recommendations in regard to a state system of schools. Shortly after this letter, a new law was passed which seems to indicate that his ideas had considerable influence. I judge that no other individual in Texas at the time had such a clear and comprehensive
conception of state education.

I take it that you are aware of the book which he wrote while Professor at Polytechny, N. Y. He was evidently a wealthy man, but we have not yet been able to discover the source of his wealth. It may be that you can inform us concerning his early life and training. We shall be greatly obliged to you for the information.

Faithfully yours,

Frederick Eby,
Professor of the History of Education.
Professor Frederick Eby,
University of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Eby:

Thank you for your letter of September 27 about Andrew J. Yates. I am sorry that I have no further information about him, but when you have completed your work I hope you will let me know so that we may get a copy.

Sincerely yours,

October 2, 1923.
July 3, 1935

My dear Mrs. Rosson:

When answering your first inquiry, I overlooked an Andrew J. Yates who was graduated from Union College in 1822, A. B. and A. M. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a lawyer. He was the son of Professor Andrew Yates and Mary Austin. He died in San Jose, California, in 1856.

His name is not given in the list of Andrew Yates' children, and we have no record of the date of his birth.

The omission of his name from the list and your reference to the Polytechny led me to think that it was the father about whom you were inquiring. I trust this has not seriously inconvenienced you.

As we know so little about him, we shall certainly be glad to have the facts you have collected.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Waldron

Mrs. Opal Rosson
207 West 21 St.
Austin, Texas
Refer to Yates letters and diary in manuscripts in library.

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197 Andrew (father)
My Dear Mrs. Rosson:

Sometime ago you asked us for information concerning Andrew Janeway Yates, on whom you were collecting information. We had hoped that you would send us the copy of your paper when it was finished that we might add it to the Yates material here.

If there is a charge for making a copy of the paper, will you please state what it is and give us some idea how much information you discovered on this gentleman.

Sincerely yours,

C. N. Waldron, Secretary

Mrs. Opal Rosson
207 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas
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Henrikus Yates and Catharina Meynderse
Christobel b. Oct. 2, 1793

Henry Yates and Catharina Meynderse
Mary b. Aug. 17, 1735
Henry Christopher b. Jan. 13, 1736
Edward b. Oct. 21, 1801
Stephen b. July 12, 1805
Charles b. Mch 1, 1808
June Ann b Feb. 29, 1816

Joseph C. Yates and Maria Kane
Helen Maria b. Sept. 28, 1797

Andrew Yates and Mary Austin
Christopher b. Aug. 3, 1798
John Austin b May 31, 1801

Joseph C. Yates and Ann Elizabeth Delancey
Anna Alida b Sept. 14, 1806
Jane Josepha b. Nov. 6, 1811

Abraham P. Yates and Catharine Sharp
Susan Margaret b Nov. 22, 1812

Andrew Yates and Hannah A. Hooper
James Hooper b Oct. 9, 1815
Christopher b. Feb. 12, 1818
Helena b Sept. 1, 1819
Joseph b May 2, 1821
Ann Elizabeth b. Aug. 16, 1822

Johannes C. Yates and Margaretha Meynderse
Sarah b. Jan. 24, 1789
Christopher b Mch 7, 1789
Jacobus b Jan. 11, 1793
Catherina b. July 7, 1794
Maria b. May 22, 1796
Robert Henry b July 9, 1801

Joseph J. Yates and Anmatje Roosa
Arriantje b Oct. 3, 1789
Marytje b. Dec. 22, 1792
Elizabeth b Apr. 18, 1795
Isaac b. Feb. 22, 1797
Eva b Mch 8, 1799
Jelles b May 6, 1801

In the rest:—
Joseph Jel. Yates and Anmatje Roosa
John b Mch 5, 1803
Joseph J. Yates and Nancy Rose
Andrew Robert b. Mch 25, 1805
Joseph Yates and Ann Rose
Andrew b. Nov. 25, 1806

In the above six baptisms the father is called Joseph J.
Giles Yates and Jane Yates  
Margaret Luisa b. July 31, 1830

John A. Yates and Henrietta M. Cobb  
Marg. Elizabeth b. Mch 31, 1831  
Austin Andrew b. Mch 24, 1836  
Arthur Reed b. Oct. 38, 1836  
Henrietta Cobb b. May 28, 1841

James Fuller and Maria Yates  
Isaac L. Yates b. Oct. 26, 1840  
Mary Kendell b. Mch 4, 1842

Isaac I. Yates and Rachel Barheyd  
Maria b. Dec. 7, 1819  
Joseph b. Oct. 13, 1821  
Peter Barheydt b. Jan. 24, 1824  
Henry Edward bp. Nov. 6, 1825  
Isaac B. Nov. 21, 1834

Isaac Yates and Margaret Reese  
Nicholas b. Jan. 6, 1821  
Susanna b. Aug. 5, 1822

Isaac G. Yates and Margaret Reese  
Jacob Van Vechten b. Feb. 14, 1824  
Margaret Jane b. May 19, 1829

Isaac N. Yates and Margaret Reese  
Catharine Ann b. Apr. 31, 1833

Nicholas Yates and Sarah Rosa  
James Rose b. Mch 22, 1823  
Jos. James b. Spt. 5, 1829  
Henry b. Nov. 8, 1831 (Sarah Rosa deceased)

Nicholas Yates and Harriet Hansen  
Chas. b. Sept. 1, 1834  
Abraham Veeder b. Nov. 15, 1836  
Mary b. Mch 8, 1839  
Philip Arthur b. July 26, 1841  
Cordelia b. Apr. 15, 1843  
James Edward V. Horn b. Oct. 26, 1849  
Anna Margaret
Jellis Yates and Aryntje Brat
Leena bp. Oct. 5, 1785
Catalyntje b. Mch 8, 1786
Annatje b. Aug. 4, 1788
Rachel b. Aug. 13, 1792

Nicholas Yates and Rebecca Fonda
Susanna bp. Dec. 12, 1784
Abram b. Feb. 7, 1786
Robert b. Nov. 11, 1789
Isaac Glen b. Aug. 21, 1793

John Yates and Margarieta Fonda
Joseph b. Oct. 4, 1786
Jannetje b. Oct. 8, 1789
Mary b. Nov. 5, 1795
Jellis Fonda b. Nov. 8, 1798
Maria Matilda b. June 27, 1805
Catharine Louisa b. Apr. 22, 1810