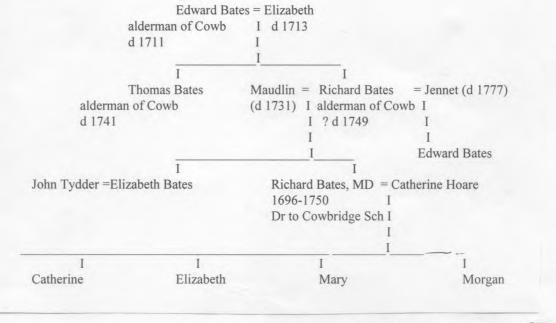


### **Bates family**



OF 49 MGH ST.

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## SOME LOCAL ROMAN CATHOLICS

family

A Father Hall and Father Scudamore, S.J., served at Pyle and the neighbourhood before 1740.

Father Thomas Brewer used to come as far as Cowbridge three or four times a year till his death in 1787. The Mission at Swansea was founded about this time, and in the baptismal registers of the Roman Catholic Church there are several entries of families belonging to Cowbridge and the neighbourhood, especially in the twenties of the nineteenth century, when Lewis and Bates were the principal Roman Catholic families of the neighbourhood.

Some at any rate of the earlier Bateses were Protestants, for the name frequently occurs in the registers of Cowbridge and in the Bishops' transcripts for those years which are missing in the Cowbridge registers.

The entries in such transcripts are :--

BATES

Burial.

1731. Maud ve wife of R<sup>d</sup> Bates Sen<sup>r</sup>. June 12.

1734. The transcripts for this year are signed

R. Gregory Rr [Rector].

Richard Bates,

so Richard Bates was Churchwarden.

1735. Baptism.

Feb. 5. Thomas son of D<sup>r</sup> Richard Bates. Signed by :--

1736. Richard Bates Isaac Redwood } Churchwardens.

1741. R<sup>d</sup> ye son of D<sup>r</sup> Bates. Aug. 28.

1748. Burial.

Richard Bates. Feb. 11. Cecil Carne, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Signed by :--

William Miles, Rector.

1749. Burial. March 7th Dr Bates Thomas Edmonds Isaac Redwood } Churchwardens.

1759. Marriage:

Edward Bates and Grace Gardner. May 27th.

1760. Baptism :

Richard son of Edward Bates by Grace his wife.

The Bateses owned considerable property in Cowbridge and Llanblethian, as may be seen in the Tithe Commutation apportionment of 1840.

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### THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

From time to time stones rattled down the tiles and the boys were in danger of having their brains knocked out. Redwood and young Powell, of Llandow, were seen breaking the School windows.

"I went to Dr. Bates, the Baily, to have Redwood bound over." All this was explained to Dr. Pardoe, the Principal, not to prevent his admitting Redwood to College but to frighten him a little by keeping him in suspense, and to have a good effect on the boys, "who from the evil communications they have in this town are in danger of being corrupted. They too are injured, it being a custom from time immemorial to *spair the windows*. Twice again stones rattled on the roof, but it was not Redwood's doing but that of the rascals of the Town."

The books read by the upper classes were the Iliad, Hesiod, Paterculus, Quintus Curtius Anacrean, Virgil, Horace, and Juvenal. There is no mention of mathematics.

In some years as many as nine boys went up to Oxford.

A Hebrew class was held on Sundays for the house boarders and any who chose to come. One afternoon two boys asked permission to attend Divine Service at Llanblethian instead. They did not go, however, so they had as an imposition to write the iv<sup>th</sup> Commandment, one into Greek verse and the other into Latin.

One of the Ushers; Mr. Jones, took the service at Coychurch as well, where Durell was Rector, but, of course, non-resident. Mr. Jones obtained the living of St. Hilary, and was replaced by a graduate, Mr. Hoare, probably the gentleman who afterwards became Principal of Jesus College, Oxford.

On the death of his wife, in 1737, the Headmaster gave up keeping boarders and sent "the Welch" to lodgings in the town. Those were the days when there were frequent visitations of the small pox and when no care seems to have been taken to isolate the patients. It came to the Headmaster's house, and both his daughter and his nephew, Tonumy Durell, had it.

Dr. Bates came frequently from Cardiff to Cowbridge in those days and his fee was a guinea a visit—'a considerable sum at that time.

Tommy's invalid time-table seems very quaint to us after a lapse of nearly two centuries and some progress in therapeutics :— "In ye morning about 7 o'clock Tommy drinks in bed half-a-pint of cow's milk as it comes warm from ye cow, mixed with half-a-pint of snail decoction & stays in bed about an hour. About 9 he eats a Porringer of bread & milk. About half-an-hour after 10 he takes his electuary with a glass of Spaw water. About 12 he rides according as the weather permits. At dinner he eats pretty hearty Ch 05833

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Notes on the Bates family (from unknown printed source)

The Bates family are perhaps as old as many connected with the Vale. They once possessed much property in and around Cowbridge. As all the members of the family have been distinguished by a good deal of natural talent, it is perhaps no more than fair to style them clever. Many of them excelled in music. The male members studied physic, and distinguished themselves (and no less the town of Cowbridge) by their skill in that art. The family were in religion Roman Catholic, some of them having spent years on the Continent, and were excellent linguists.

One prominent member of this family, who flourished in the last century, was much famed for his social talents and his company much sought after to the boards of neighbouring gentry. It was a matter of doubt among some of his friends whether, if invited to dine out on Friday, he would accept the invitation. A bet was made on the point, and he was invited. He accepted it and dined heartily, and after the dinner was jocularly asked how he, a Roman Catholic, could reconcile it to his conscience to feast upon a fasting day. 'Oh', said he 'easily enough, sir. I have a Protestant belly, but a Catholic heart.'

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# 'HONOURED UNCLE'-A NAVAL CORRESPONDENCE

Within the Blandy Jenkins collection held by the Glamorgan Archive Service there is a series of letters written by Morgan Bates, a midshipman, to his mother's brother, the Cardiff-born Joseph Hoare, Principal of Jesus College, Oxford. The correspondence (reference D/D BJ C/34-84) covers the period 1769-1781, and highlights the position of officers in the eighteenth-century Navy and the variety of service which they could expect to experience. The letters written by Hoare, as well as other letters received, concerning Morgan Bates.

One of the first letters in the series is a copy of a letter, dated 6 August 1768, sent by Sir Edward Hawke, Admiral of the Fleet and First Lord of the Admiralty, to Earl Harcourt, regarding the latter's request for the promotion of Morgan Bates from midshipman to Lieutenant. Hawke's position gave him the opportunity of promoting officers, but in this case he was unable to agree to the request: *I feel very much, for a great number of young men, who served well in the last War, and are very deserving of preferment, but the times will not admit of giving it them.* The war referred to was the Seven Years' War which ended in 1763, and after which the British Navy's strength was reduced.

Reond D'Hoarel

The date of the earliest letter which survives from Morgan Bates to his uncle is 22 January 1769, when he was aboard the *Mermaid*, at Boston, Massachusetts, still a British possession. The letter contains a request for money, the lack of which is a perennial subject throughout the correspondence. It appears that Morgan passed his naval pay to his mother, the widowed Catherine Bates of Cardiff, who was in need of support, he was therefore totally dependent on his uncle for money. However, there seem to have been different opinions on Morgan's ability to limit his expenditure. Morgan claimed that his fellow officers *thought me rather frugal than expensive*, but Henry Pace, presumably a fellow officer on the *Mermaid*, who was helping him with his monetary affairs, wrote to Joseph Hoare that Morgan, *has a great turn for extravagancy*. The problems with money reached a climax when Hoare refused to honour a bill which Pace had rather foolishly raised for Morgan Bates before obtaining his uncle's agreement. This matter was eventually settled, but worry over money is a continuous theme in the letters.

The *Mermaid* at this time was sailing along the North American coast as far north as Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 1769 the ship was damaged in Canso harbour, just north of Halifax, and Morgan suggested in his letters that Captain Smith was guilty of misconduct which had resulted in the ship being damaged. Morgan also claimed that the other officers agreed with this. The relationship between Morgan and his captain further deteriorated and in November 1769 he asked his uncle for permission to leave the ship and return to England. He accused the captain of *Tyrrany and oppression*. Enclosed with Morgan's letter was one from Pace who did not support Morgan's decision to leave—which would have been regarded as desertion and would have been disastrous to his career. Joseph Hoare's reply to Morgan, dated 3 February 1770, is sympathetic to his problems but refuses to allow him to return to England.

The situation was saved by Morgan Bates' transfer to the *Gaspee*, an armed schooner. This was achieved by Pace who was asked by the *Gaspee*'s Commander to recommend a midshipman, and was able to mention Morgan. In his letter of 2 April 1770 Pace refers to the riots that had occurred in Boston in March (soon to be known as the Boston massacre). There was unrest throughout the American colonies at this time which led ultimatedly to the revolution of 1776. Not all Americans were hostile to the British though, as Morgan Bates describes *the Gentlemen and Ladies at Newcastle* (Delaware) who frequently come aboard and form parties of pleasure in sailing up and down the river Delaware, and making excursions in the country.

This extract is from a letter dated 25 June 1770 and at this time the *Gaspee* was assisting the Customs who were involved in enforcing the unpopular taxes and duties which were a major cause of unrest. The Americans boycotted British goods and Morgan was personally affected by this as he apologised to his uncle in the same letter: *I must beg you will excuse the paper* (on which the letter was written) as it is country made and none else to be had till the non-importation agreement is broke. However, worse was to befall the Gaspee after Morgan had left the ship. In 1772, off Delaware, it was boarded and burnt by rebels and the commander was wounded.

In the meantime, in June 1771, Morgan Bates was back in London, and by May 1773 he had taken up a new position as Surveyor of a *cruizing barge* at Belfast. This post had been gained through the influence of Earl Harcourt who, in 1772, had become Viceroy of Ireland; he was clearly a powerful and useful friend for the family. Morgan cheerfully describes his new position: *I have a Deputy and nine men for my compliment but no allowance of provision we being oblidged to find ourselves*.

Although Morgan's salary was only £50 per annum, he hoped to gain extra money by providing an informal passenger service for people wishing to cross from Donaghadee in Northern Ireland to Portpatrick in Scotland. Morgan was told that the previous surveyor had made an additional £100 each year in this way, and Morgan likewise benefited from providing such a service. The Irish smugglers, though, seem to have been formidable opponents, Morgan claims in a letter of 5 August 1773: what Smuglers there is are of too great a force for me to attack, few of them mounting less than twelve or fourteen guns and strongly mann'd with a set of outlaws who are in short little better than Pirates while my Force amounts to only eleven and eight swivels (a type of gun) besides small arms.

By 1774 Morgan had been promoted to the command of the *Bourke Cruiser*, a larger ship which he was also required to provision at his own cost. Morgan continued in Ireland for the remainder of the period covered by the correspondence, despite illness and problems with the smugglers. He still retained an affection for Cardiff, his home town, as he wrote to his uncle on 24 August 1777: *I hope you enjoy'd evry pleasure Glamorganshire afforded which I am told is greatly improved particularly Cardiff. I must own I have a longing desire to see my native place, as but very lately I gave over all hopes of ever seeing it (due to a serious illnes), but now my hopes Revives and please God the first time my Duty will admit of it will statisfy my desire. Morgan's feeling for Cardiff must have been gratified when in September 1780, as shown in the Cardiff Borough minute book, he was admitted a Freeman of the town.* 

The last letter in this bundle of correspondence is dated 1781 and leaves Morgan Bates still in Ireland. It is not known how long he continued in his career or whether his life was cut short by illness or by some other misfortune. Morgan Bates was dead by 1802, for when Joseph Hoare died in that year his will mentioned legacies to Morgan's three sisters, but it was Hoare's step-nephew and godson, Richard Hoare Jenkins, who was named as his uncle's main beneficiary.

Mary McKenzie

# WYNDHAM (RICHARD) BATES.

Born 1829 Coubridge WALES, 1851 WALES CENSUS, ANN BATES 64 Landee Proprietor Edward 11 28 Medical Practioner LiAitt. Wyndham 11 23 Grace A 21 H

Enlisted U.S. Navy 1847 Richard Bates enlisted Army 13 Nov 1861 at SAN FRANCISCO. California. Sergeant Company "K" 1<sup>ST</sup> (ALIFORNIA INFANTRY Reg. mustered out on 13 Nov 1864 at FORT UNION. NEW MEXICO.

Won his peace time "MEDAL OF HONOR" serving as seaman on USS DE SOTO OLD EASTPORT MAINE.

Rescued two drowning seamen from the USS WINNOOSKI on 10 MAY 1866.

NAVY ENLISTMENT RICHARD BATES Jan 1866 NEW YORK. 3 years General Service. previous service 10 years. Residence N.Y. 6th District Blue Eye's, Brown hair, age 37, 5'11" tall No Dist marks. Born WALES.

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Born Coubridge WALES.

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1861-1934. CIVIL WAR Pension INDEX Wyndham R Bates

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K-I CALIFORNIA INF (1861-64.) application No 6,652.

1888 retired as Master of Arms From the U.S. NAVY. died 7 Dec 1889, Brooklyn, Kings County, N.Y. Buried at

> CYPRESS HILLS NATIONAL CEMETARY. 625 Jamaica Avenue.

> > BROOKLYN.

NEW YORK 11208.

1890 Veterans Schedule for Ribates GLOUCESTER CITY, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

ANNIE R BATES WIDOW OF R. BATES. Master at Arms Company X Name of vessel U.S. ship Ranger. House N° 9. Family N° 3. 1892. ANNA R BATES living in BROOKLYN age 63 KINGS COUNTY NIY.

# AOSPITAL TICKET. 4th JAN 1888.

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RICHARD BATES WALES. 57 year's of age shipped WASHINGTON D.C. 22 April 1887. Disease; ULCER.

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Master-at-Arms on board the "RANGER", patient was ordered to put a disorderly seaman in the brig. The man resisted and in the scuffle which ensued Bates struck his leg against a stanchion from which came the older upon the right leg. This was systatically healed & brocken out again.

transferred to Naval Hospital. New York.

#### 1866, July 13th Alleged Official Negligence

The Clerk reported that Mr Bates, the medical officer for the Cowbridge district, was absent from duty, and had reported the appointment of a substitute. He was at the Mumbles and had assigned ill-health as the cause of his absence. He read the following letter :

The Mumbles, Swansea, 6th July 1866

Dear Sir , I am much obliged for your letter of the29th ult. I have arranged with Mr D I Edwards, surgeon, to act as my deputy.

I am sorry to say that I am suffering from ill-health, and am obliged to leave home for a short time. Hoping the Board will be pleased to approve of my arrangements with Mr Edwards,

I have the honour to remain, Yours very truly, Edward Bates. To S Cox Esq.

Mr Williams said that the conduct of Mr Bates had been very far from what it ought to have been of late.

Mr Lloyd, relieving-officer, in reply said that Mr Bates had before now left the town without acquainting him.

Mr Williams ...touching Mr Bates's domestic arrangements, but the Chairman etc......deprecated....

Mr Williams : I think we have tolerated Mr Bates too long. He goes away for a month at a time, neglecting his family, and he is altogether a most eccentric sort of a gentleman.

The Chairman : These are matters with which we cannot interfere.

Mr John Lewis : But there is a direct charge of having neglected paupers, some of whom he has not seen for two months.

The Chairman ; That is a different thing altogether.

Mr Williams : When a man neglects his duty to his near relations he is not very likely to attend to his duty with regard to paupers. It is certainly a difficult thing to do, to bring a direct charge of neglect against a professional gentleman, but in this case.....

Mr Lloyd : There is the Revd Thomas Edmondes, the clergyman of our parish, made a complaint. An old man had been seven weeks unattended by Mr Bates, and the reason for non-attendance was because the old man had some dispute with Mr Bates.

Chairman : It appears that some of the Cowbridge Guardians are prepared to bring forward charges of neglect of duty against Mr Bates, if the opportunity is afforded them.

Some further discussion ensued, and it was ultimately ordered that, feeling dissatisfied with the conduct of their medical officer, Mr Bates, having reference to his official duties, the Board should request his attendance that day fortnight to give an explanation, and the Cowbridge Guardians be appraised that such would form the subject of consideration at that time.

Bridgend Chronicle

Notes of Jeff Alden, from the memorials in Holy Cross church, Cowbridge :

# Bates, Richard & Catherine Morgan Bates, son

Edward Bates, son, died at 18 Catherine, daughter, died 29<sup>th</sup> April 1801 Mary Bates, daughter, died 1<sup>st</sup> June 1803 Elizabeth, daughter, died 28<sup>th</sup> October 1820 aged 87

Richard Bates MD died 7<sup>th</sup> March 17..9 Catherine, wife of Richard, (plus 7 children)

(Marked as 'Bat', not 'Bates) Edward Bates died December ? 1710

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Richard Bates died February ? 1718