

BATES FAMILY: COLEMAN TROY BATES AND CHRISTINE FORD BATES (#608)

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Pg. 229 – A ceremony at the Coleman Bates' home on December 20, 1963, united Barbara Hayes Bates and Jim Dale Hawkins. Barbara is the daughter of Christine Ford and Coleman Troy Bates. Jim is the son of Lillian Johnson and Lester Hawkins. Barbara and Jim have three sons, Steven, Jeffery and Christopher Alan. Jim has three sisters Bonnie Mitchell, Delores Dockery and Wanda DeLaune. Barbara and Jim have six grandchildren, three girls and three boys.



Coleman Troy Bates was associated with the Life & Casualty Insurance Company. Coleman was born January 5, 1904 and died February 13, 1968. He is buried in Cookeville City Cemetery. The Bates family belonged to the Cookeville Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Coleman and Christine were married February 14, 1933 in White County, TN. They had three children: Marsha Elaine, Gary Coleman and Barbara Hayes Bates. Marsha Elaine Bates

was born and died September 13, 1938, Gary Coleman Bates was born and died December 6, 1939. They are buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Millie Christine Ford was born October 9, 1910 and died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident June 19, 1976. She is buried in Cookeville City Cemetery. She was the daughter of Alice Preston Hayes and Joe Dow Ford, Sr., Christine had six brothers: Clifton H. Ford, George N. Ford, Joe Dow Ford Jr., Travis Ford, Kenneth Ford and Donald Ford.

Christine was an accomplished pianist and singer. She was a member of the Cookeville Presbyterian Church choir and often sang solos at church, at weddings etc. when requested to do so. She worked as a saleslady at several stores in Cookeville. In addition to her work with the church, she was active in Senior Citizens activities.

Joe Dow Ford, Sr. was born June 2, 1866 and died February or September 9, 1964. Alice Preston Hayes and Joe Dow Ford Sr. were married November 8, 1907 in White County, TN. Both Alice and Joe are buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Joseph D. Ford was the son of Thersa Cowan Roberts and Green W. Ford. Green was born March 20, 1851 and died November 12, 1900. He is buried in the Sand Springs Cemetery, Monterey, Putnam County, TN. Thersa and Green had the following children. Joseph D., Nancy C., Mollie, Rena B. and Minnie. Green and Thersa were married in TN, 3 May 1881. Thersa was the daughter of Mahala and Robert Roberts of White County, TN. It has been reported that Thersa died December 29, 1923 in TN (probably Monterey).

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Sources: White Co., TN Marriage Book – The Dispatch Cookeville Newspaper, Herald-Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN; Overton County News, Livingston, TN Newspaper; Putnam County Tennessee Cemetery book by Maurine Ensor Patton; 1860,1900,1910 U. S. census records; Letter from Chris Hayes Miller to Martha Geyer; personal knowledge of Barbara Bates Hawkins and Martha Stewart Geyer.

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