

YATES FAMILY HISTORY

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PREFACE

Tom Little gave the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal NHP) an oral history, in 1967. It has now been transcribed into electronic form and is available on CD from the C&O Canal NHP and the transcription is also available in both printed and electronic form from the C&O Canal NHP.

Initial research efforts disclosed that the Yates, Bowles and Little families are inter-related by the land; the Yates owned *Sarah's Fancy*, then the Bowles owned a portion of it and finally the last portion passed into the William Little family prior to its purchase by the National Park Service.

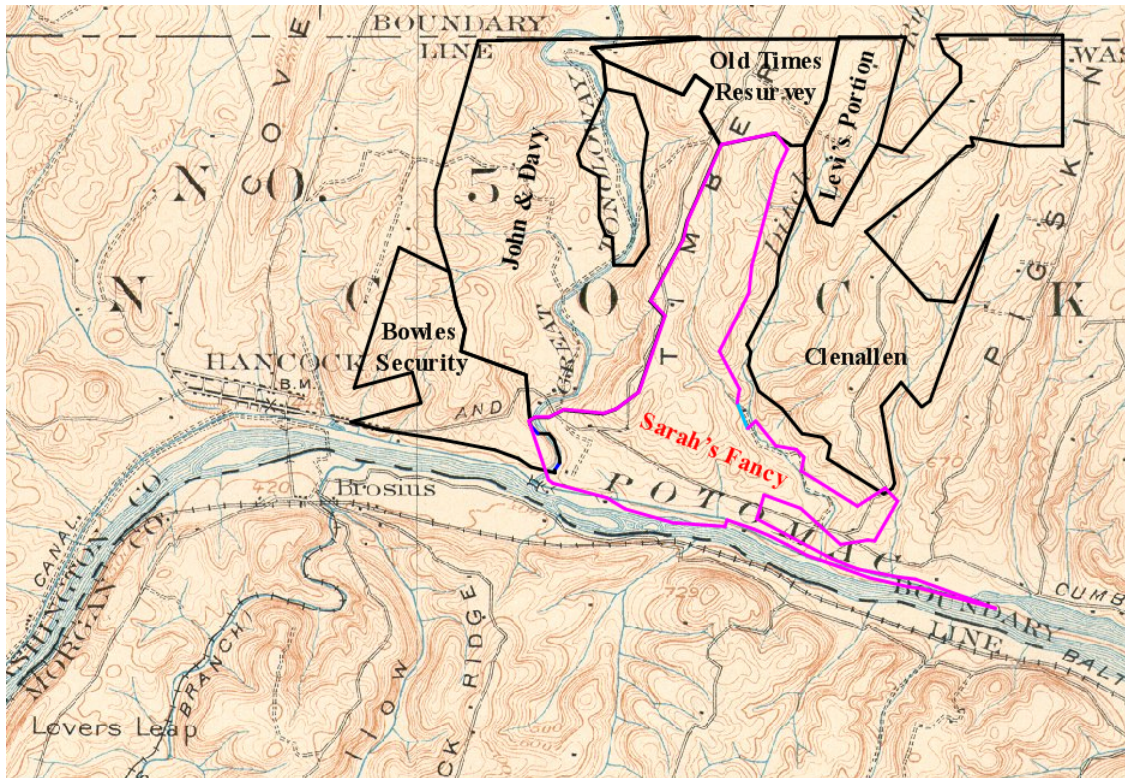
We start the trilogy of family histories with this Yates Family History. Then we will document the Bowles Family History. And lastly we will document the Little Family History. At the end of each family history we will include a Table of Family Statistics to help the reader keep track of the several individuals.

We hope the story is interesting reading and welcome any additions, corrections and comments.

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Several sources mentioned that William Yates had a parcel of land known as "Dutch folly" resurveyed and then known as "Resurvey of Dutch folly." On March 27, 1775 a survey of land known as "Sarah's Fancy" was completed and granted to William Yates. Finding the land patent has been elusive; the only official document found to-date results in the following plat:¹



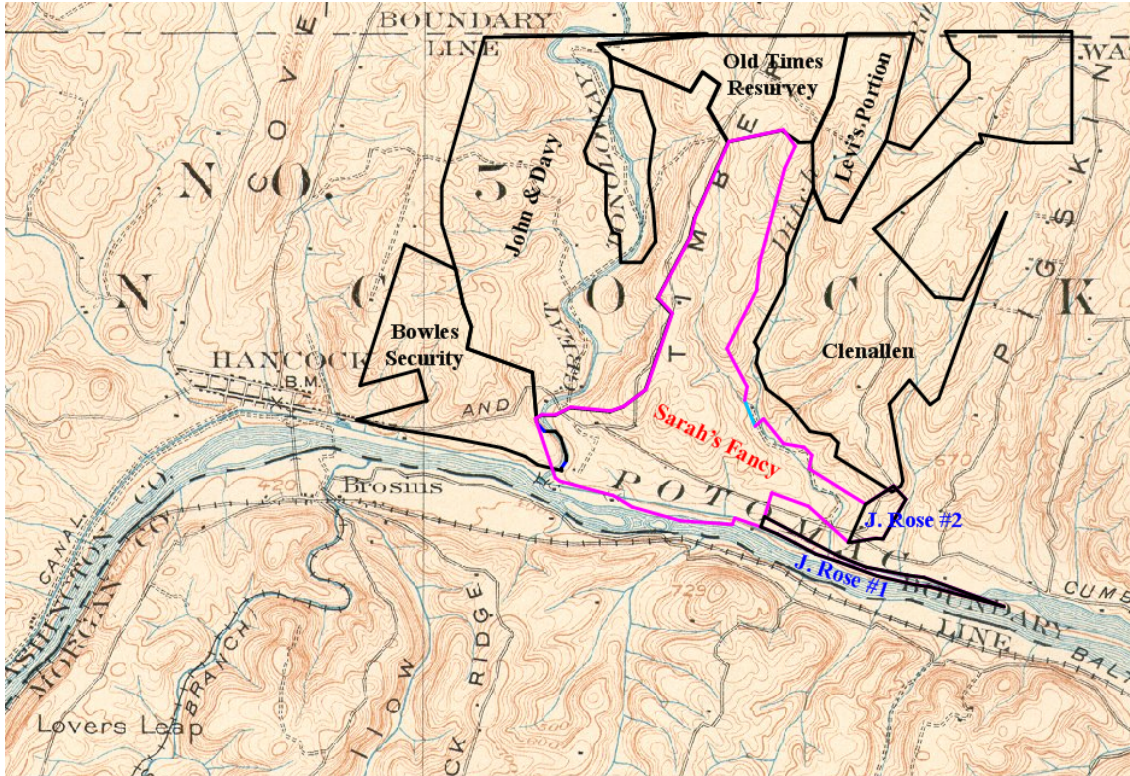
The plat has been overlaid on an 1899 Topographical map of the Hancock area. Something is wrong with the courses and distances; the enclosed area is short about 20 acres and the eastern boundary does not fit well with the adjacent plats. Sarah's Fancy lies foul of Bowles Security and Clenallen. The data source for Sarah's Fancy is a typewritten list of the courses and distances and thus merits confidence in the data. The record begins: "Beginning for the outlines thereof at three cornered white oak standing in a triangle on the west side of a run known by the name Dutch Run that falls into the Potomac River and running thence;-". Dutch Run is evident on the topological map and the short blue line in the outline was the first course from the beginning; it was on the west side of Dutch Run.

According to a Park Service press release,² the first story of the Little House near Hancock was built in 1780 on land known as "Sarah's Fancy," which was granted by Lord Baltimore to the Yates family around 1775. The foundation is stone and the first floor exterior walls are brick laid in a Flemish Bond with glazed headers showing. The full basement has a ceiling height of 8-9 feet. The first floor is a double pile, center stair hall plan with an attached kitchen ell.

¹ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Land Patent Book 1, p. 212, granted 3/27/1775

² *The Herald Mail*, Hagerstown, MD, newspaper, 10/2/1997.

On March 21, 1778 William Yates [Sr.] sells to Jonathan Rose two parcels of Sarah's Fancy: parcel #1 (labeled J. Rose #1 in the following plat) was supposed to contain 28.5 acres of land, more or less; parcel #2 (labeled J. Rose #2) did contain 21.2 acres, more or less.³



In 1780 (based on a brick inscribed with "W. Yates 1780" located adjacent to the main door of the house, shown to the right) apparently it was William Yates [Sr.], who started building the red brick house. The builder used a brick pattern



known as common bond, which was seven horizontal courses of



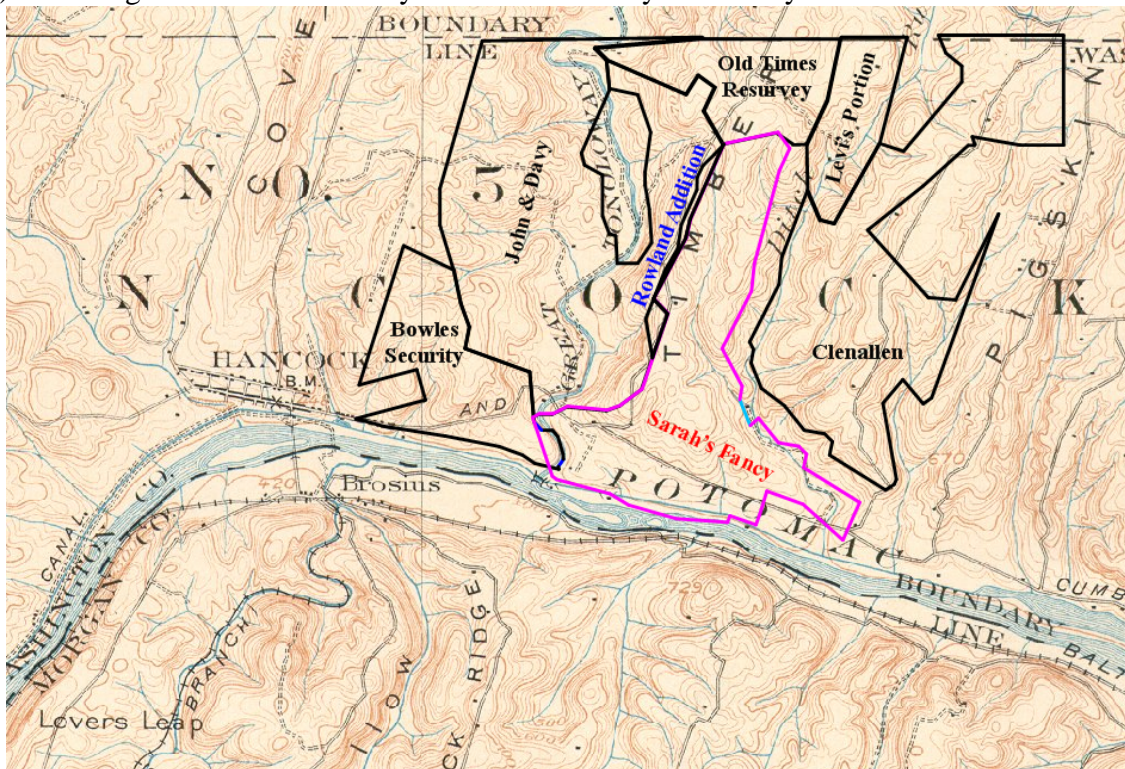
brick followed by one course of short-ended brick. The basement walls were all hand cut stone. There was a fireplace in the basement and on the first floor. Local lore has it that William Yates [Sr.] built only the first floor and the present front, eastern window was then a doorway leading to a tavern room. An examination of the brick pattern, shown to the left, supports the claim that the opening was once a doorway, now a window. The present bricks underneath the window are also "new" bricks.

³ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book A, p. 167, recorded 3/25/1778.

William Yates [Sr.] died between Nov. 1785, when he confirmed his Last Will and Testament (Appendix A), and Jan. 7, 1786, when his son Joseph, two witnesses and his wife Sarah came to the Washington County Courthouse, Register of Wills Office, to record the document for probate. In William Yates' Last Will & Testament, he gave the tract of land where he lived to his dearly beloved wife, including the dwelling house, out houses and all other and every other appurtenances until his son, William Yates, became 21 years of age.⁴ He left to his son Joshua Yates 300 acres being a part of Sarah's Fancy beginning at the three bounded white oaks laid out and agreeable to the courses of said tract and to end at the same beginning. Joseph Yates was named executor of the estate. The will also named four other children who did get specific bequests. On Jan. 7, 1786 the will was recorded and the widow, Sarah Yates, quit her claim to the several bequests & devices; she elected instead her dower or one third of the estate, both real and personal.

At the time William Yates [Sr.] signed his will, his daughters, Sarah and Mary Yates, were unmarried. The 1790 census recorded that Sarah Yates was head of the household and living with her were 2 white males 16 years of age and over plus 2 other free white females, a total of 5 in the household.⁵ That total was a bit miss-leading in that the two sons younger than 16 years of age were not counted.

In 1798, William Yates [Jr.] buys a strip of land (labeled Rowland Addition in the following plat) extending his western boundary into "John & Davy" owned by David Rowland.⁶



The strip of land was to contain 22.25 acres, more or less.

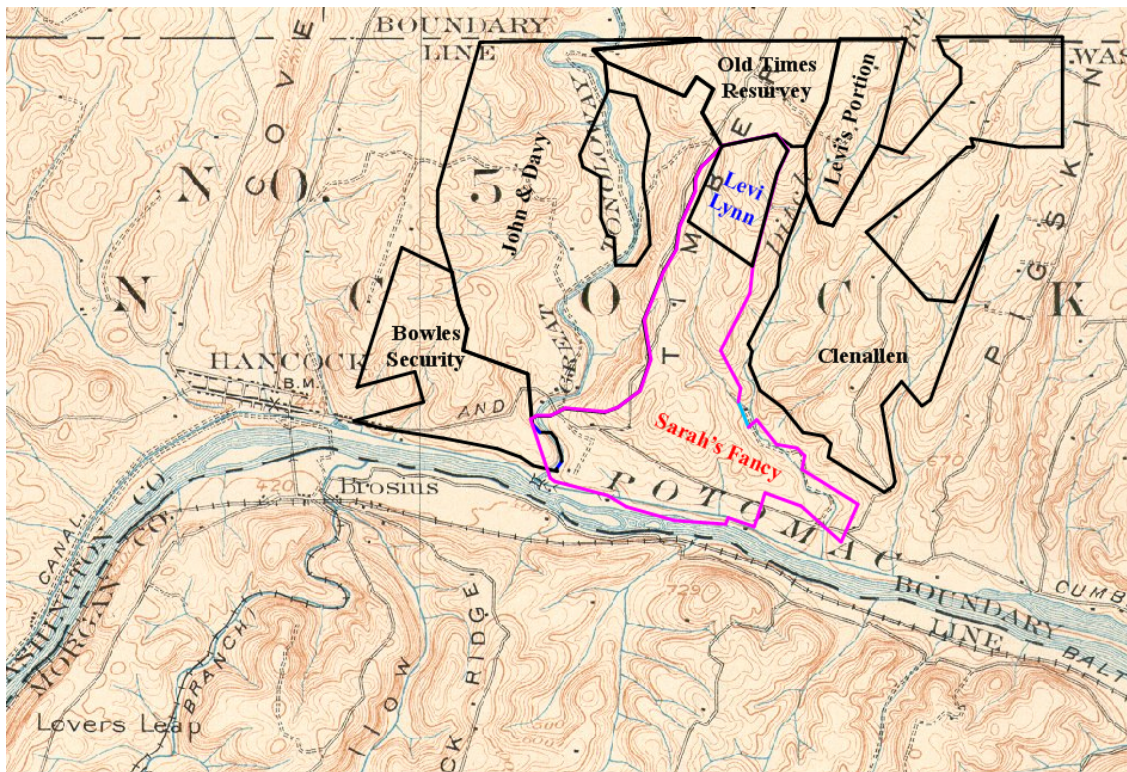
⁴ *Last Will & Testament of William Yates*, Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Will Book A, p. 129, dated 11/25/1785, a transcript is provided in Appendix A.

⁵ 1790 Census, Washington County, Maryland, page 10.

⁶ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book K, p. 4787, recorded 10/7/1798.

The 1800 Census reported William Yates as the head of the household with: 1 free white male under 10 years of age; 1 free white male 16 to 25 years of age; 1 free white male 26 to 44 years of age; 1 free white female 16 to 25 years of age; plus 2 slaves for a total of 6 household members.⁷ We surmise that the mother, Sarah Yates, had died between 1790 and 1800, exact date to be determined. We may also surmise that his sister, Mary Yates, had married Rowland Hannah in that decade and moved into her new household.

On April 27, 1805, William Yates [Jr.] sold 99+ acres of land to Levi Lynn as shown in the following plat:⁸ On the same date, April 27, 1805, Amos Yates, Rowland Hannah and Mary [Yates] Hannah in consideration of seventy five pounds current money gave William Yates [Jr.] a quit claim to their part of Sarah's Fancy.⁹ Apparently, Joshua Yates had died; he had inherited 300 acres of Sarah's Fancy and a tract of land in the State of Virginia (now WV). After subtracting out the 300 acres left to Joshua Yates, the remainder was given and devised to Amos Yates; which would not have included the widow's undivided dower third of the entire estate. William Yates must have been buying up his brother's and sister's claims to Sarah's Fancy; to get a clear title.

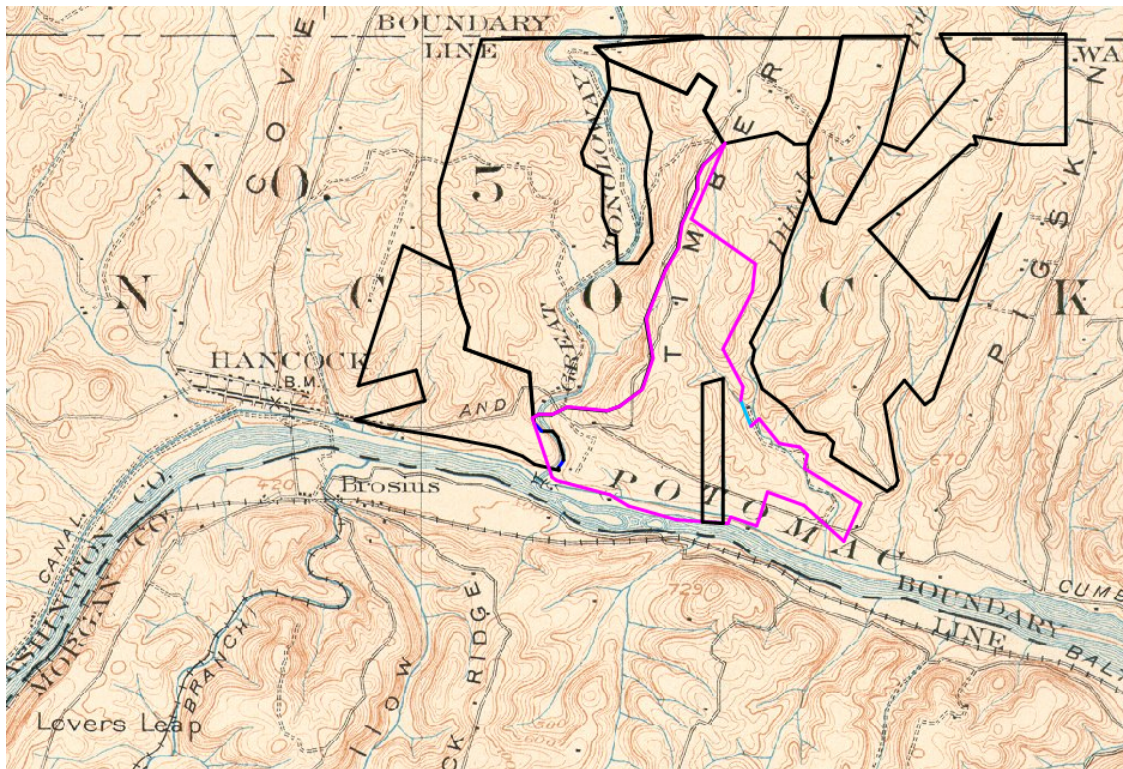


After subtracting the acreage sold to Levi Lynn, William Yates [Jr.] retained 545 acres. On Sept. 24, 1805, in consideration of \$136 Amos Yates sells to William Yates [Jr.] a 38.4 acre

⁷ 1800 Census, Fort Frederick Hundred, Washington County, Maryland, page 144.

⁸ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book R, page 181, recorded 5/11/1805.

⁹ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book R, page 398, recorded 9/28/1805.



tract of land within the outline of Sarah's Fancy as shown above. It must be that the 1805 quit claim did not include this parcel of land.

For reference, Tonoloway Creek Aqueduct on the C&O Canal is at Mile Post 123 and the Village of Millstone Point was at Mile Post 118.9; about 4 miles east of the Yates house. On February 10, 1807 William Yates [Jr.] and Christian Shepherd accept a State of Maryland bond to build a road across the hollow at Millstone Point.¹⁰

We have a report that William Yates [Jr.] was elected to the Assembly, in Annapolis, in 1803, 1804, 1805, 1817 and 1818, then again in 1827.¹¹ The newspaper found a list of Congressmen, Sheriffs and Assemblymen, elected from Washington County, from 1801 to 1847, made out in the hand-writing of Gen. O. H. Williams (deceased), for many years the Clerk of Washington County. The list was copied in the newspaper.

Before being elected an Assemblyman, William Yates [Jr.] served as a Justice of the Levy Court in 1802.¹² Additionally, William Yates was a Justice of the Peace from 1802-19.¹³ Then after serving as a Delegate, William Yates returned to the bench as a Justice of the Levy Court in 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811 and 1812.¹⁴ Then in 1822 he was appointed a Judge of elections for District 5 - Hancock.¹⁵

¹⁰ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book S, p. 558, recorded 2/10/1807.

¹¹ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 10/24/1877, p. 1. Also see Scharf, J. Thomas, *History of Western Maryland*, ISBN 0-7884-2155-7, p. 988.

¹² Scharf, J. Thomas, *History of Western Maryland*, ISBN 0-7884-2155-7, p. 1111.

¹³ *Ibid.*, p. 991.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 990.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 994.

The 1810 census reported William Yates [Jr.] as head of the household; living with him were: 2 free white males 10 to 15 years of age; 1 free white male 16 to 25 years of age; 1 free white male 26 to 44; 2 free white females under 10; 1 free white female 10 to 15; 1 free white female 16 to 25; 1 free white female 26 to 44; and 1 free white female 45 and over, for a total of 10 household members.¹⁶

On May 15, 1810 a meeting was held to establish **Hagerstown Academy**, an academy for higher education. William Yates [Jr.] was appointed to the planning committee, which raised \$3,700 by Sept. 8, 1810.¹⁷ That was enough capital to locate a site and prepare plans; in December the Legislature passed an act incorporating the academy. Building construction was completed in 1813 for the reception of 150 scholars; the first academic year commenced on June 7, 1813. William Yates subsequent role is unknown.

The 1820 census reported William Yates [Jr.] as head of the household; living with him were: 1 free white males 16 thru 25; 1 free white male 45 and over; 1 free white female under 10; 1 free white female 10 thru 15; 1 free white female 16 thru 25; 1 free white female 26 thru 44; plus 2 male slaves under 14 and 1 female slave under 14, for a total of 9 household members.¹⁸ Four persons were engaged in agriculture.

The inauguration ceremony for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal was held on July 4, 1828. On July 5, 1828 William Yates [Jr.] accepts a writ of *ad quod damnum* from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company which gave the Canal Company access across his land to the canal right-of-way; exact courses and distances plus damages to be determined.¹⁹

On December 28th, 1829, John Yates, Ann Yates Bond, Sarah Yates Adams, Joseph Yates, Samuel Yates, Franklin Yates and Hiram Yates, all of Scott County, Kentucky, being heirs and representatives of Joseph Yates, late deceased, sell their one fifth undivided fifth part of Sarah's Fancy to William Yates.²⁰ On January 5, 1830, Richard Cole and Sarah (Yates) Cole of Woodford County, Kentucky, sell their (her) undivided fifth part of Joshua Yates' estate called Sarah's Fancy to William Yates.²¹ The deed records the courses and distances beginning at the three bounded white oaks standing in a triangle on the west side of Dutch Run, follows the outline for some courses and then by a straight line to the beginning, containing three hundred acres [309.2], more or less, as shown on the following plot, marked as "Kentucky Heirs." The courses and distances in both deeds are identical. Notice right off that William Yates bought some land previously sold to Levi Lynn, as well as some he had already bought from Amos Yates. The courses and distances did not match those of Sarah's Fancy but the acreage was close to 300 acres as mentioned in William Yates' Last Will and Testament.

¹⁶ 1810 Census, Fort Frederick Hundred, Washington County, Maryland, p. 509.

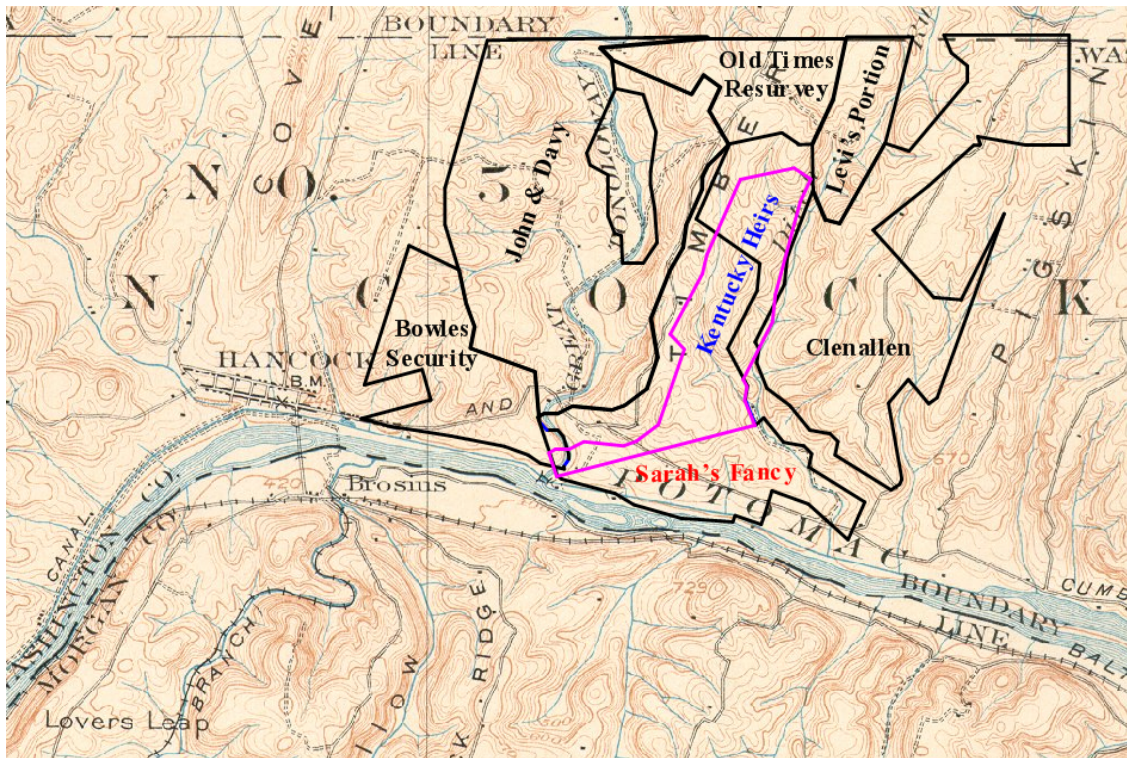
¹⁷ Scharf, J. Thomas, *History of Western Maryland*, ISBN 0-7884-2155-7, p. 1156.

¹⁸ 1820 Census, Hancock, Washington County, Maryland, enumerated on 8/7/1820, p. 146.

¹⁹ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book KK, p. 286, recorded 9/8/1828.

²⁰ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book LL, p. 626, recorded 5/25/1830.

²¹ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book LL, p. 623, recorded 5/22/1830



The 1830 census does report a Richard Cole as head of a household in Woodford County, Kentucky.²² The free household consisted on one male between 30 and 40 years of age, one female between 50 and 60 years of age, and one male between 20 and 30 years of age.

On Feb. 11, 1830 William Yates [Jr.] and others were sworn in as Justices of the Peace, of Washington County, State of Maryland.²³ The 1830 Census reported William Yates [Jr.] as head of the household; living with him were: 1 free white male 5 thru 9; 1 free white male 20 thru 29; 1 free white male 50 thru 59; 1 free white female 5 thru 9; 1 free white female 10 thru 14; 1 free white female 15 thru 19; 1 free white female 40 thru 49; 2 male slaves 10 thru 23; 1 female slave 10 thru 23, for a total of 10 household members.²⁴

William Yates [Jr.] died 11/20/1831 according to the inscription on his tombstone. His Last Will and Testament was dated 8/10/1824 and listed his children as indicated in the Table of Yates Family Vital Statistics.²⁵ Joseph Yates was given the plantation containing 421 acres. We really do need to find the last will and testament of William Yates [Jr.] to see if it defines the plantation he gave to Joseph Yates.

On August 5, 1835 an Inquisition was held on the lands of Joseph Yates to value his land for the use of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company by cutting the canal through the same. The land taken contained 22 acres, 131 perches with a value of \$2,125 dollars. On the west side of Great Tetonoloway Creek, through Samuel Bowles property, the Canal required 19 acres, 77 rods.

²² 1830 Census, Kentucky, Woodford County, p. 14, enumeration date not found.

²³ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book LL, p. 311, recorded 2/18/1830.

²⁴ 1830 Census, District 5, Washington County, Maryland, p. 165.

²⁵ *Last Will & Testament William Yates*, Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Will Book D, p. 7, dated 8/10/1824.

On July 3, 1835 a contract for Lock No. 51 was let to Robert Brown.²⁶ On August 9, 1837 the contract was abandoned; the contract was relet on December 6, 1837 to William Storey. By April 1838 the work was completed at a cost of \$16,257.24. Similarly, on July 3, 1885 a contract for Lock No. 52 was also let to Robert Brown.²⁷ He abandoned that contract on August 9, 1837 also. The contract was modified and relet to Robert Brown on August 23, 1837. By April 1839 the work was completed at a cost of \$15,191.61. Also on July 3, 1835 a contract for Aqueduct No. 7 [Tonoloway Aqueduct] was let to Robert Brown.²⁸ Apparently he kept up the work and finished on June, 1839 at a cost of \$48,423.10. On July 25, 1837 a contract for a lockhouse at Lock 51 was let to Jesse Schofield.²⁹ On December 26, 1838 the contract was abandoned; on May 15, 1839 the contract was relet to John W. Beideman who completed the work July 1840 at a cost of \$1,016.60.

On September 19, 1839 Joseph Yates, heir to Sarah's Fancy, sold three small parcels of land to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.³⁰ The first parcel lay on the north side of the canal near Culvert No. 174, east of Lock 51; the second parcel lay on the north side of the canal opposite Lock No. 51; and the third parcel also lay on the north side of the canal opposite Lock No. 52. The three parcels together contained seventy six rods, more or less.

The 1850 census reported Joseph Yates, a 52 year old farmer, his wife Elizabeth Yates, 42 years old, and Vollura Yates, a 21 year old female, idiot, were all living in District No. 2, Washington County, MD.³¹ They had one 14 year old black female slave.³²

The 1860 census reported Joseph Yates, a 62 year old farmer with real estate valued at \$8,000 and a personal estate valued at \$600, his wife Elizabeth Yates, 58 years old, and Susan Yates, a 16 year old female who had attended school in the previous year, were all living in Hancock District, Washington County MD.³³ At that time they had five slaves: one 48 year old black male; one 20 year old black female; one 19 year old black male; one 2 year old black female and one 1 year old black male.³⁴

William Yates' daughter, Elizabeth Yates, died in 1868; a grant of letters dated 5/19/1868 named her sister, Susan [Yates] Snyder as executor of her estate.

Joseph Yates died on February 20, 1868, the obituary has not been found. However, shortly thereafter the newspaper reported: "Samuel Bowles, Executor of Joseph Yates, dec'd, will sell a

²⁶ Unrau, Harlan D., *Historic Resource Study: Chesapeake & Ohio Canal*, USDI, NPS, C&O Canal NHP, Hagerstown, MD August 2007, p. 234.

²⁷ *Ibid.*

²⁸ *Ibid.* p. 240.

²⁹ *Ibid.* p. 248.

³⁰ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Deed Book UU, p.667, recorded 11/19/1839.

³¹ 1850 Census, Maryland, Washington County, Free Inhabitants, District No. 2, enumerated on 8/18/1850.

³² 1850 Census, Maryland, Washington County, Slave Inhabitants District No. 2, enumerated on 8/16/1850.

³³ 1860 Census, Maryland, Washington County, Free Inhabitants, Hancock District, enumerated on 9/22/1860.

³⁴ 1860 Census, Maryland, Washington County, Slave Inhabitants Hancock District, enumerated on 9/16/1860.

valuable body of real estate, lying in the Hancock District, on Saturday, the 10th of October."³⁵
The subsequent advertisement is:

"PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

The subscriber as Executor of the last will and testament of Joseph Yates, deceased, will offer at Public Sale, in the town of Hancock, Washington Co., Md. on

Saturday, October 10th, 1868,

all the Real Estate of which the said Joseph Yates died seized, consisting of the following tracts and parcels of land

THE VALUABLE FARM,

on which the deceased at the time of his death resided.

This Farm is situated about 1 mile East of Hancock immediately on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and is one of the best

BUSINESS LOCATIONS

on the line from Cumberland to Georgetown.

The farm contains about

365 Acres of Land

to be ascertained by actual survey.

The National Turnpike from Baltimore to Wheeling and Pittsburg passes through it.

About 75 acres of this tract is first class

POTOMAC Bottom LAND,

unsurpassed for fertility by any land in the State.

The balance consists of about 100 Acres of first rate

Timber Land and 190 Acres Good Up land.

There is on the property, a good

Brick Dwelling House

with other necessary out buildings.

A Fine Orchard

containing a variety of young and choice Fruit trees around and about the Dwelling House, and a fine Spring and two wells of water convenient to the Dwelling.

A **LARGE BARN**, 111 feet long by 47 feet wide and capable of accommodating 50 head of horses and 80 head of cattle. The Barn is close to the canal, making it convenient for the sale of every description of produce to Boatmen right at the door.

In the sale of the above tract a reservation of the Family Grave Yard with the right of way thereto will be made.

Also an **ISLAND IN THE POTOMAC** lying opposite the above described property containing about 9 acres easy of access and of exceeding fertility. Also all the equitable interest of the said deceased consisting of the undivided one-fifth part of a tract of land adjoining the above described property and containing

³⁵ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 8/26/1868, p. 2.

About 35 Acres of Land, more or less,
being the same land now in possession of John Sher
and, improved by a good
Log Dwelling House and Log Stable,
with a good Spring of water near the house.

TERMS - The terms of Sale will be one third cash on the day of sale or notification thereof by the Orphans' Court of Washington County, and the balance in two equal annual payments with interest from the day of sale, the purchaser giving notes for the deferred payments with approved security and on the final payment a good and sufficient deed will be executed by the Executor.

Possession of the first above described property will be given on the 1st day of April 1869 and the same will be shown to persons desirous of purchasing by the Executor residing on the adjoining farm or by Mr. Johnson Shiwell residing on the premises.

SAMUEL BOWLES
Executor

Aug. 26.³⁶

The estate sale was successful in that the property was sold on 10/10/1868. Samuel Bowles sold the home farm containing 365 acres to his brother, William A. Bowles, for the sum of \$27.75 per acre. Samuel Bowles sold the island in the Potomac River (containing 9 acres, more or less) to James Caedy at and for \$85 for the whole island. He also sold the undivided fifth of 33 acres of land adjoining the home farm for \$30 to Johnson Stilewell.

³⁶ *The Herald and Torch Light*, newspaper, Hagerstown, MD, 9/16/1868, p. 3.

TABLE OF YATES FAMILY VITAL STATISTICS

Name	Rel.	Born	Married	Died	Born in
William Yates [Sr.]	hus			1785	
Sarah	wife				
William Yates [Jr.]	son	2/6/1772		11/20/1831	Maryland
Amos Yates	son				Maryland
Sarah Yates (Cole)	dau				Maryland
Mary Yates (Hannah)	dau		ca. 1800		Maryland
Joseph Yates	son	8/4/17XX		2/20/1868	Maryland
Joshua Yates	son				Maryland
William Yates [Jr.] ³⁷	hus	2/6/1772		11/20/1831	Maryland
Susanna	wife	5/19/1780		3/19/1843	Maryland
Infant children					Maryland
Valluria Yates	dau	2/18/1829		11/28/1851	Maryland
William B. Yates	son			7/2/1833	Maryland
Sarah (Sally) Yates (Stillwell)	dau				Maryland
Susan Yates (Snider)	dau				Maryland
Elizabeth Yates	dau			1868	Maryland
Richard Cole	hus				
Sarah Yates	wife				Maryland
Rowland Hannah	hus				
Mary Yates	wife				Maryland
Joseph Yates	hus	8/4/17XX		2/20/1868	Maryland
Elizabeth	wife	1808/02		4/30/1868	Maryland
Susan Yates	dau.	1844			Maryland
Pleasant Yates (Johnson)	dau				Maryland

³⁷ Data highlighted in blue read from tombstones in Yates Cemetery, Tollgate Hill, Hancock, Md. by Hancock Historical Society staff. Birth dates back-calculated from ages at death given on tombstones.

APPENDIX A - Last Will and Testament of William Yates, Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, MD, Will Book A, page 129.

In the name of God, Amen, I William Yates of Washington County and State of Maryland farmer being weak in body but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding do constitute this my last Will & Testament. Inpremis I give and devise unto my dearly beloved wife the tract of land wherein I now live with the dwelling house, out houses and all and every other appurtenances thereunto belonging for and until my son William Yates shall be of the age of Twenty One years, likewise the bed and furniture called my bed, likewise to have her choice of two horses four cows & ten sheep, likewise all plows, harrows and other farming utensils, wagons and gear excepted, like ways all pots dishes plates and all other kitchen furniture in general.

Item: I give and devise unto my son Joseph Yates a tract of land called "Addition to Mill Place," being in Washington County, containing one hundred & thirteen acres, like ways a tract in the State of Virginia near the head of Bear Grass containing four hundred acres.

Item: I give and devise unto my son Joshua Yates the quantity of three hundred acres being a part of a tract of land called "Sarah's Fancy" to be laid out and agreeable to the courses of said tract to begin at three bounded white oaks being the beginning of the original and to end at the same beginning, like ways a tract of land laying on the waters of Green River in the State of Virginia containing five hundred acres, also a mare known by the name of Joshua's Mare.

Item: I give and devise unto my son William Yates part of the tract called Sarah's Fancy to begin at the end of that line where Joshua's will strike above to the beginning trees, of Original thence to run down to the mouth of the big Tonoloway Creek, hence down Potomac River until four poles of an old fording, thence due North course until it intersects the last line of Joshua's parcel, thence to the beginning tree of the Original.

Item: I give and devise unto my son Amos Yates the remainder of the tract called Sarah's Fancy, like ways five hundred and fifty acres lying on the waters of Beaver Rough Creek in the State of Virginia.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Yates fifty pounds Maryland currency to be paid out of my moveable estate, which I will that to be sold and the money to be paid to her as soon as it can be conveniently made like ways one feather bed with furniture also a mare known by the name of Sarah's Mare with a side saddle.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Yates the sum of fifty pounds like currency to be paid to her out of my personal estate, at the age of sixteen or day of marriage which shall first happen.

Lastly I will & order that the residue of my moveable estate, after paying my debts & funeral charges shall be divided amongst the whole of my children share & share alike and finally I do hereby make & appoint my son Joseph Yates sole executor to this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & annulling all former and other Wills heretofore made by me the said William

Yates in confirmation whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of November 1785.

Signed published & delivered
in the presence of Samuel McFarrew
John Reid, John Donavan, Jacob Bishop.

William Yates {Seal}

On the original Will of the said William Yates are the following Endorsements, to wit: Washington County Se January 7th 1786 came Joseph Yates & made oath that the within instrument of writing is the true & whole Will & Testament of William Yates, late of said County deceased that hath come to his hands or possession & that he knows of no other.

And at the same time came John Reid & John Donavan two of the subscribing witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of William Yates late of said County deceased & severally made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named sign & seal this Will, that they heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding & that they subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator & in the presence of each other & that they saw Samuel McFarrew & Jacob Bishop do the same.

I further certify that on the 7th day of January 1786 came the widow of the said William Yates late of said County, deceased, and quit her claim to the several bequests & devises made to her in the Will of her said Husband, deceased, & elected in lieu thereof her dower or third part of the deceased's estate, both real & personal.

Recorded 7th Jany 1786

Certified by Thomas Bell, Reg. W