

19, and "Jarvice Gold," aged 30, were enrolled at London as passengers for New England on the *Elizabeth* [Hotten 48].

On 6 May 1657, the General Court answered the petition of Anne Bate regarding Lydia Buck [MBCR 3:434, 4:1:293].

## JAMES BATE

**ORIGIN:** Lydd, Kent

**MIGRATION:** 1635 on the *Elizabeth*

**FIRST RESIDENCE:** Dorchester

**RETURN TRIPS:** England 1648

**OCCUPATION:** Husbandman.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** Admitted to Dorchester church late in 1636 [DChR 2].

**FREEMAN:** 7 December 1636 (first in a sequence of seven Dorchester men) [MBCR 1:372].

**EDUCATION:** Signed his name to his will, but made his mark four days later when entering his codicil. His inventory included "books" valued at 12s.

**OFFICES:** Dorchester selectman, 8 November 1637, 30 October 1638, 3 August 1642 [DTR 24, 35, 50]. Assessor, 30 October 1638 [DTR 35]. Fenceviewer, 9 March 1641/2 [DTR 48].

Deputy to General Court for Dorchester, 13 May 1640 [MBCR 1:288].

**ESTATE:** Granted two acres of meadow at Dorchester, 18 February 1635/6 (as "Mr. [blank] Bates") [DTR 15]. Granted two acres "in the marsh next Goodman Grenwayes," 27 June 1636 [DTR 17]. Granted six acres of marsh "in lieu of 2 acres due to him in the Calves Pasture and other acres taken from his predecessors," 2 January 1637/8 [DTR 27]. Granted two lots of eight and three-quarters acres each, 18 March 1637/8 [DTR 29].

In his will, dated 22 November 1655 and proved 14 January 1655/6, "James Bate Elder of Dorchester" bequeathed to "my son Mr. Richard Bate of Lid Towne in Kent in Old England" his entire estate in old England and New England "to be disposed of by him according to his discretion, yet desirous that he would attend unto such directions thereabout as I shall send in writing," and to be sole executor; in a codicil of 26 November 1655, "James Bate the elder" declared that "upon further thoughts my will & mind is that my son James Bate shall be joined executor with him my

said son Richard," only for the purpose of collecting debts and selling land and goods in New England "excepting what is mentioned in my directions to be given unto my grandchild James Foster" [SPR 1:82].

The inventory of the estate of "Mr. James Bate of Dorchester," taken 8 January 1655/6, totalled £413 9d., of which £100 was real estate: "his dwelling house, homelot & meadow," £30; and "in land 28 acres at the Great Neck," £70. There were several debts owing to the estate, including one "to be paid in Barbadoes"; in addition, "there is more land valued unto 16 pounds we leave to the determination of the court whether to put it in this inventory or no" [SPR 3:36].

*BIRTH:* Baptized Lydd, Kent, 2 December 1582, son of James and Mary (Martine?) Bate [NEHGR 51:269].

*DEATH:* Between 26 November 1655 (date of codicil) and 8 January 1655/6 (date of inventory).

*MARRIAGE:* Saltwood, Kent, 16 September 1603 Alice Glover. (On 13 September 1603, a license was issued for the marriage of "Jacobum Bate de Lyd, yeoman, and Aliciam Glover de Saltwood virg[in]," to be performed at Saltwood [Archdiocese of Canterbury Marriage Licences, Book 6, 1603-1607; NEHGR 51:270].) She was admitted to Dorchester church about 1638, along with her daughters Lydia and Mary [DChR 3]. She died at Dorchester on 14 August 1657 [DVR 25].

*CHILDREN:*

- i THOMAZINE, bp. Lydd, Kent, 26 May 1605; bur. there 6 April 1606 [NEHGR 51:270].
- ii WILLIAM, bp. Lydd 9 July 1607; bur. Lydd 29 September 1625 [Lydd Bishop's Transcripts].
- iii RICHARD, bp. Lydd 12 November 1609; m. (1) 3 June 1633 (license) Susan Isham; m. (2) 18 April 1637 (license) Ellen Wallis. (Richard remained in England and died there in 1657 [NEHGR 51:268, 270].)
- iv THOMAZINE, b. by 1614 ("Thomasine, daughter of son James," named in will of James Bate of Lydd, proved 31 March 1614 [NEHGR 51:272]); bur. Lydd 16 April 1624 [NEHGR 51:270].
- v LYDIA, bp. Lydd 22 October 1615 [NEHGR 51:270]; m. by 1649 ROGER WILLIAMS of Dorchester [GMB 3:2007].
- vi MARY, bp. Lydd 21 November 1619 [NEHGR 51:270]; m. by 1640 HOPESTILL FOSTER (eldest known child bp. Dorchester 7 December 1640 [DChR 153]; James, son of

- Hopstill and Mary Foster, was b. at Dorchester 13 April 1651 [DChR 161] and was named in the 22 November 1655 will of his grandfather [see *ESTATE* above]).
- vii MARGARET, bp. Lydd 16 September 1621 [NEHGR 51:270]; m. by 1655 CHRISTOPHER GIBSON [GMB 2:763].
  - viii JOHN, bp. Lydd 4 May 1623; bur. there 15 September 1625 [NEHGR 51:270].
  - ix JAMES, bp. Lydd 19 December 1624 [NEHGR 51:270]; m. by 1648 Hannah Withington (eldest known child bp. Dorchester 19 June 1648 [DChR 159]; in early March 1654/5 "Mary Bates daughter of James Bates [was] baptized, her father being then [from] home gone for England by way of Virg[inia], her grandfather - Elder Withington gave her a name" [DChR 166]).

*ASSOCIATIONS*: Brother of CLEMENT BATE of Hingham.

*COMMENTS*: On 17 April 1635, "James Bate," aged 53, husbandman, "Alice Bate," aged 52, "Lyddia Bate," aged 20, "Marie Bate," aged 17, "Margaret Bate," aged 12, and "James Bates," aged 9, were enrolled at London as passengers for New England on the *Elizabeth* [Hotten 68].

"James Bates" signed an agreement on 2 February 1646/7 regarding fencing, and on 23 February 1646/7 the length of fence for which "Mr. Bates" was responsible was entered [DTR 76, 78].

James Bate is sometimes referred to in secondary sources as "Elder Bate," implying that he held that church office. No evidence for this can be found. The misunderstanding apparently arises from a misinterpretation of his will, in which he is referred to as "James Bate Elder," while in the codicil he is called "James Bate the elder"; both of these instances most likely are meant only to distinguish him from his son of the same name.

## NICHOLAS BATT

*ORIGIN*: The Devizes, Wiltshire

*MIGRATION*: 1635 on the *James* of London

*FIRST RESIDENCE*: Newbury

*OCCUPATION*: Linen weaver.