

# *Descendants of Willis A. Bailey*

## *Generation No. 1*

**1. Willis A.<sup>3</sup> Bailey** (William<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born 1833 in Lynnville, Giles County, Tennessee, and died 26 Mar 1916 in Granite, Kiowa County, Oklahoma. He married **(1) Parthena C. Boaz** 01 Dec 1855 in Maury County, Tennessee. He married **(2) Sarah R. Jackson** 19 Aug 1861 in Lawrence County, Tennessee. She was born 20 Jan 1844 in Tennessee, and died 29 Mar 1907.

Notes for Willis A. Bailey:

Need to send for copies at NARA of applications into the Five Civilized Tribes. Seems he applied along with his wife, children and his parents. Application was denied, could not prove Indian lineage. Claimed to be Mississippi Choctaw. Not sure which parent has the Indian blood, mother or father?

SOURCES:

Death Certificate of daughter, Cordelia Elizabeth Bailey Bates

Picture of his tombstone

The following information was gathered by Dave Harper and can be viewed at:

<http://fp1.centurytel.net>

1850 Giles County, Tennessee Census, page #337, William Bailey listed as head of household.

1860 Giles County Census, Willis living with sister and brother-in-law (Elizabeth and Robert Tacker).

1870 Giles County Census, page #295, Sarah is listed as his wife.

1880 Lamar County, Texas Census page #17, Sarah R. is listed as Roda S. Bailey, Elizabeth is listed as, Elizia A. Bailey.

1900 Lamar County Census, Willis is listed as living with his son William.

1910 Census, Willis is listed with living with son Caleb

Willis was living in Kiowa County, Oklahoma near daughter Mary when he died.

NOTES:

Lynnville, Tennessee is now called "Waco".

Willis served as a confederate soldier in the Civil War and a Brevet 2nd

Lt. with the Tennessee 48th Infantry.

BURIED:

Lone Wolf, Oklahoma

More About Willis Bailey and Parthena Boaz:

Marriage: 01 Dec 1855, Maury County, Tennessee

More About Willis Bailey and Sarah Jackson:

Marriage: 19 Aug 1861, Lawrence County, Tennessee

Child of Willis Bailey and Parthena Boaz is:

+ 2 i. William Thomas<sup>4</sup> Bailey, born 18 Oct 1856 in Giles County, Tennessee; died 02 Mar 1937 in Paris, Texas.

Children of Willis Bailey and Sarah Jackson are:

3 i. Caleb D.<sup>4</sup> Bailey, born 24 Jul 1867 in Lawrence County, Tennessee; died 10 Oct 1927 in Faight, Texas. He married Mattie J. England 09 Dec 1886 in Paris, Texas.

More About Caleb Bailey and Mattie England:

Marriage: 09 Dec 1886, Paris, Texas

4 ii. Mary C. Bailey, born Abt. 1869. She married Albert Akers.

+ 5 iii. Cordelia "Cordie" Elizabeth Bailey, born 12 Mar 1873 in Tennessee; died 07 Nov 1960 in Cotati, Sonoma County, California.

*Generation No. 2*

**2. William Thomas<sup>4</sup> Bailey** (Willis A.<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born 18 Oct 1856 in Giles County, Tennessee, and died 02 Mar 1937 in Paris, Texas. He married **Madie Bell Easley**. She was born Abt. 1900 in Carter County, Oklahoma.

Child of William Bailey and Madie Easley is:

- + 7 i. Allen Bruce<sup>5</sup> Bailey.

**5. Cordelia "Cordie" Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Bailey** (Willis A.<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born 12 Mar 1873 in Tennessee, and died 07 Nov 1960 in Cotati, Sonoma County, California. She married **Ira Edmond Bates** Bef. 1900, son of Daniel Bates and Harriet Miles. He was born 21 Sep 1869 in Wisconsin, and died 10 Feb 1943 in Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California.

Notes for Cordelia "Cordie" Elizabeth Bailey:

Claimed to be Mississippi Choctaw. Applied to enroll in Five Final Civilized Tribes in 1903.

**SOURCES:**

Death Certificate, Sonoma County, California

**NEED:**

Birthplace in Tennessee

Notes for Ira Edmond Bates:

**SOURCES:**

Death Certificate of Ira

**NEED:**

Birthplace in Wisconsin

Marriage date/place; possibly in Minnesota, Kiowa County, Oklahoma or Rogers Mills County, Oklahoma

More About Ira Bates and Cordelia Bailey:

Marriage: Bef. 1900

Children of Cordelia Bailey and Ira Bates are:

- + 8 i. Charles Davis<sup>5</sup> Bates, born 08 Mar 1900 in Hobart, Kiowa County, Oklahoma; died 09 Mar 1956 in Cotati, Sonoma County, California.
- + 9 ii. Effie Verda Bates, born 02 Nov 1901 in Beckham County, Oklahoma; died 24 Jan 1978 in Modesto, Stanislaus County, California.
- 10 iii. Alton Bates, born 1904 in probably Kiowa County, Oklahoma; died 1998 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

Notes for Alton Bates:

SOURCE: Personal knowledge and Della Curtis Bates Wyatt.

Alton lived with his sister Effie Bates Stahl and her husband Ira Stahl on the corner of Helman Lane and Alder Avenue in Cotati, California. He was an employee of the City of Cotati for many years.

When Effie became too much to take care of (she had a leg amputated due to her diabetes), she and her husband Ira moved to Modesto to live with their son Edgar.

The property was then split and one house (the main house) and an acre were sold.

Barbara (the Indian girl that Effie and Ira had brought into live with as a child) bought the other house and an acre.

Alton stayed on with Barbara and her family. They took care of him until his death.

Alton never married.

*Generation No. 3*

**7. Allen Bruce<sup>5</sup> Bailey** (William Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Willis A.<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>)

Child of Allen Bruce Bailey is:

11 i. Patty Jean<sup>6</sup> Bailey.

**8. Charles Davis<sup>5</sup> Bates** (Cordelia "Cordie" Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Bailey, Willis A.<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born 08 Mar 1900 in Hobart, Kiowa County, Oklahoma, and died 09 Mar 1956 in Cotati, Sonoma County, California. He married **Lela V. Wilson** 28 Jul 1924 in Hobart, Kiowa County, Oklahoma, daughter of William Wilson and Lillie McKinney. She was born 14 Jul 1901 in Caddo County, Oklahoma, and died 22 Dec 1994 in Sebastopol, Sonoma County, CA..

Notes for Charles Davis Bates:

SOURCE: Lela Wilson Bates Briggs as told to Lela Bates Cline

The Bates family was a family of Seventh Day Adventists. Joseph Bates was one of the founders of the Church, but it's uncertain if there is any relationship here. Once Charlie and Lela married, Lela and her family joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Charlie went to California to find work in the mid 1930's. While in California he stayed with his sister and brother-in-law, Effie and Ira Stahl. When he finally had steady employment he went back to collect his family and move them from Oklahoma to California.

He moved his wife and 4 children to California in 1937 during what was called the dust bowl era in Oklahoma.

They settled in Sonoma County.

At the time of his death Charlie was working on a Seed farm which is now known as the city of Rohnert Park.

Notes for Lela V. Wilson:

SOURCES:

Lela V. Wilson

BURIAL:

Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California (buried in same plot with son, Edmond)

RESIDENCE at time of death:

7850 Atkinson Road, Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California

Lela V. Wilson was born in Caddo County, Oklahoma.

She was born into a Protestant family.

When she met and married into the Bates family, she and her family converted to the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She moved to California along with her husband, Charles "Charlie" Davis Bates and their children about 1937. This was during the Dust Bowl Era in Oklahoma.

They lived in Cotati, California.

Lela and Charlie bought a home at 410 Helman Lane, Cotati, California.

This home was next to the home of Charlie's sister Effie Bates Stahl.

While living there, Charlie worked on a Seed Farm, which is now known as the city of Rohnert Park.

A few years after Charlie died from a heart attack, Lela sold her home and the property next to it (430 Helman Lane), to her son and daughter-in-law,

Edmond and Della Curtis Bates. This was about 1959.

In 1961, she married for the second time to George Briggs.

She met George while she was recuperating after surgery. She said to herself, if he asked her to go out for a ride with him, then he would be the man that she marries. And he did ask her.

They married and lived together at 750 Atkinson Road, Sebastopol, California until his death in 1975.

Lela lived on in the home they shared until her death in December 1994.

She outlived three of her five children.

Proceeding her in death were these children:

Charlene died in 1927 at the age of 2.

Edmond died in 1978 at the age of 49 from skin cancer.

Joyce died in 1986 at the age of 53 from lunge cancer.

More About Charles Bates and Lela Wilson:

Marriage: 28 Jul 1924, Hobart, Kiowa County, Oklahoma

Children of Charles Bates and Lela Wilson are:

- 12        i.    Charlene<sup>6</sup> Bates, born 30 May 1925 in Lone Wolf, Kiowa County, Oklahoma; died 27 Nov 1927 in Lone Wolf, Kiowa County, Oklahoma.

Notes for Charlene Bates:

Charlene was ill so her parents drove her in to town to take her to the doctors. When they finally located one he gave her a shot in her back, behind her heart, and soon after that she died. Her mother then noticed that the doctor had been drinking. All her life, Lela believed that the doctor killed her daughter.

- 13        ii.    Ruby Leora Bates, born 25 Apr 1927 in Lone Wolf, Kiowa County, Oklahoma. She married Joe B. Richardson 10 Apr 1945 in Clovis, New Mexico; born 09 Oct 1921; died Abt. 1992.

More About Joe Richardson and Ruby Bates:

Death of one spouse: Abt. 1992

Marriage: 10 Apr 1945, Clovis, New Mexico

- 14        iii.    Edmond Vaughn Bates, born 26 Sep 1929 in Lone Wolf, Kiowa County, Oklahoma; died 26 Dec 1978 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, CA. He married Della Marie Curtis 02 Feb 1950 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, CA; born 09 Nov 1932 in Visalia, Tulare County, California; died 22 Jun 2004 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

Notes for Edmond Vaughn Bates:

Edmond moved to California about 1937 at the age of 9 years old.

As a young child Edmond attended Redwood Empire Academy in Santa Rosa, California. After graduating he attended Lodi Academy in Lodi, California. These schools are Seventh Day Adventist Schools.

By 1948, Ed had joined the California National Guard in Santa Rosa, California.

In October 31, 1949, he met Della Curtis, a local girl from the area. He was 20 and she 17. On February 2, 1950 they married and began a family.

Edmond was very interested in flying. He aquired a pilot license early on in years, but let it expire until he was bit by the bug again and returned to flying in his late thirties/early forties.

He purchased an airplane with a couple of friends and flew

until he became too sick to do so, by then he was in his late forties. He loved to

fly. He would fly his children and grandchildren around in the skies of Sonoma County, California. He also took a few trips out of California, one to Idaho to hunt and another one to New Mexico to visit his sister Ruby and her family.

Around 1972 he formed a business with his cousin Clifford and a friend named Ace.

He got his contractors license and began building homes around Sonoma County, California. The name of his business was A.C.E. Construction INC. Soon after that

he bought out his partners and became the sole owner of the business.

By 1978 he discovered he had cancer, and by the end of the year he passed on, leaving his wife, five children and seven grandchildren.

Marriage Notes for Edmond Bates and Della Curtis:

EDMOND VAUGHN BATES DIED OF MALINOMA (SKIN CANCER)

More About Edmond Bates and Della Curtis:  
Death of one spouse: 26 Dec 1978, SANTA ROSA, SONOMA COUNTY, CA.  
Marriage: 02 Feb 1950, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, CA

- 15      iv.    Joyce LaVern Bates, born 18 Feb 1933 in Lone Wolf, Kiowa County, Oklahoma; died 05 Oct 1986 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, CA. She married (1) Richard Tillinghast. She married (2) Arthur Widdifield 18 Feb 1950; born 17 Aug 1931. She married (3) Gary Reed Abt. 1957.

Notes for Joyce LaVern Bates:  
Joyce's ex-husband, Art, married her sister Emogene.

More About Arthur Widdifield and Joyce Bates:  
Marriage: 18 Feb 1950

More About Gary Reed and Joyce Bates:  
Marriage: Abt. 1957

- 16      v.      Emogene Bates, born 20 Jan 1937 in Lone Wolf, Kiowa County, Oklahoma; died 2003 in Clear Lake, Lake County, California. She married Arthur Widdifield Abt. 1960; born 17 Aug 1931.

Notes for Emogene Bates:  
NOTE: Emogene's husband, Art Widdifield, is her sister, Joyce's ex-husband.

More About Arthur Widdifield and Emogene Bates:  
Marriage: Abt. 1960

**9. Effie Verda<sup>5</sup> Bates** (Cordelia "Cordie" Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Bailey, Willis A.<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born 02 Nov 1901 in Beckham County, Oklahoma, and died 24 Jan 1978 in Modesto, Stanislaus County, California. She married **Ira Frank Stahl** 22 Sep 1921 in Granite Greer County, Oklahoma. He was born Abt. 1900.

Notes for Effie Verda Bates:  
SOURCE: Della Curtis Bates Wyatt as told to Lela Bates Cline

Effie Bates and her husband Ira Stahl worked on an Indian Reservation in Arizona before coming to California.  
They took in two Indian sisters to live with them in California. Their names were Madeline and Barbara.  
Madeline became pregnant and Effie and Ira adopted her child (Janet).  
Barbara had a child about three years later (Marnett).  
They all lived with Effie and Ira in Cotati, California.  
As of February 2005, Barbara and her family still live on the property that was owned by Effie and Ira.

More About Ira Stahl and Effie Bates:  
Marriage: 22 Sep 1921, Granite Greer County, Oklahoma

Children of Effie Bates and Ira Stahl are:

- 17      i.    Edgar<sup>6</sup> Stahl, born 10 Sep 1922. He married Lucille.  
18      ii.   Janet Marie Stahl, born Abt. Apr 1957.

Notes for Janet Marie Stahl:  
Janet was a baby when she was adopted by Ira and Effie Bates Stahl.