

## YATES Family

Mary Beckford Bowker (née Yates) is the connection between the Yates and the Bussells, as her daughter Frances Emily Cotton Bowker married Thomas Arthur Bussell, and so this collection of letters, written mainly by members of the Yates family passed into the Bussell Collection.

Mary's grand-daughter Frances (Francie) Sarah Bussell married Robert Fairbairn of Fremantle in 1899. In 1940, their son, Dr Robert Chisholm Fairbairn, brought the collection to Western Australia.

Details of some of the members of the Yates family:

Thomas Legal Yates (1754-1832) entered the Royal Navy in 1761 aged only seven on board *HMS Centaur*. Engaged in the Siege of Havana. Became Purser in 1777. He served on many ships, the *HMS Laton*, *HMS Goliath*, *HMS Berwick* being three of them. An account of his career is given in this collection at Acc no. 3918A/10. His daughter Mary Beckford Yates (1779-1842) married Captain John Bowker RN (1770-1847) in 1801. Her sister Frances Louisa Yates married Reverend William Marchant Bussell who died in 1820. In 1834 she arrived in Western Australia with her daughter Mary to join her sons John, Alfred, Charles and Vernon who arrived in 1830, daughters Elizabeth Capel and Frances Louisa and son Lenox who had arrived in 1833. She died at the Vasse in 1845 aged 63.

Robert Ballard Yates. Entered service in the Royal Navy in July 1790 on board *HMS Canada*. 1793 transferred to *HMS Leviathan*. Attained command of *HMS Variable* and was in active service until the end of the war in 1814. Was wounded three times and lost the use of his right eye. Retired as a Commander at the age of 32 years. Eventually lost the use of his left eye. Died in 1863. He had 11 children, 3 sons and 8 daughters. Sought financial help after he retired as he was unable to find work due to eyesight and only 1 daughter was married and self-supporting.

PRIVATE ARCHIVES MANUSCRIPT NOTE (MN 586; ACC 3918A)

SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
CORRESPONDENCE	MISCELLANEOUS

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	CORRESPONDENCE
3918A/43	[n.d.] A long, private and very pious letter from Ambrose Nicolas Yates to his niece Mrs Mary Bowker, wife of Captain John Bowker, mother of Frances Emily Bowker. All about Fanny (Frances) and her bad behaviour towards her parents, relatives and the servants. Original 3 folios
3918A/44	8 December [18...] To Fanny Bowker from her cousin Fanny B Yates. Note added, signed M A Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/45	2 notes to Francie Bowker from her cousin Kitta (Katherine) Yates, one note incomplete. Original 2 folios
3918A/46	27 April, post 1874 to Francie Bussell from her cousin MA Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/47	[n.d.] To Mrs G Mowbray from her brother RB Yates. (Robert Ballard Yates) Original 1 folio
3918A/48	8 April [after 1874] To 'Dear Arthur' from Frances Yates. Writing to Thomas Arthur Bussell about an application for a place in a home. Original 1 folio
3918A/49	[n.d.] Fragment of a letter to Fanny from A Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/1	19 May 1791 To 'My dear niece' [Mary Beckford Yates] from her uncle AN Yates on the occasion of her 12 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Original 1 folio
3918A/2	20 July 1801 to 'My sweet Fanny' [Frances Louisa Yates who later married Rev William Marchant Bussell] from her sister MB Yates at Prince George. (NT Trans by Margaret Wilson) Note added by Frances Sarah Bussell with reference to Edward Loney Stephens to whom Frances Louisa Yates had previously been engaged. Original 1 folio.
3918A/3	19 September 1801 To Mary B Bowker née Yates) from her father Thomas L Yates. Written from The Strand, London. Original 1 folio
3918A/4	6 October 1804 To Mrs Yates at Soberton from Capel Carter. Original 1 folio
3918A/5	15 February [1809] ?1820 To Mrs Mary B Bowker at Marylands, Plymouth from Francis Beckford Yates. Date query –mention of Mary's son John born 1818. (NT Trans by Margaret Wilson) Original 1 folio
3918A/6	26 July 1812 To his sister Mary Bowker from her brother Lenox Yates on board <i>HMS Menelaus</i> at sea.

	Original 1 folio
3918A/7	14 August 1812 To Thomas L Yates from his son Lenox Yates who was later killed in active service on the <i>HMS Menelaus</i> . Account of activities off Giglia. Original 1 folio
3918A/8	18 August 1816 To William Marchant Bussell from Thomas L Yates on board the <i>Impregnable</i> off Algiers which was engaged in releasing 1200 Christian slaves. Original 1 folio
3918A/9	21 January 1824 To Mary Bowker from her father Thomas L Yates. Writes about conditions in Jamaica. (NT Trans by Margaret Wilson) Original 1 folio
3918A/10	12 May 1826 Official document in which Thomas L Yates appeals for financial help for his retirement. Details of his naval service.
3918A/11	3 July 1826 To Capt J Bowker and his wife Mary from A and RB Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/12	8 October 1826 To Capt J Bowker from MA Yates re the death of her brother's young son. Original 1 folio
3918A/13	12 June 1827 To the Right Honourable Sir George Cockburn KGB, member of the council to His Royal Highness the Lord High Admiral of Great Britain from Thomas L Yates. Thomas is on board the <i>San Joseph</i> recuperating – requests victuals be supplied for him. Original 1 folio
3918A/14	21 March 1828 To Fanny Bowker from ?Yates who is in the Royal Navy. Written from Cold Harbour, Gosport. Original 1 folio
3918A/15	30 April 1828 To His Royal Majesty Prince William Henry, Duke of Clarence, Lord High Admiral. Another identical letter to the one printed in 1826 in which Thomas L Yates appealed for financial help. Original 1 folio
3918A/16	22 June 1830 To Emily Yates (later Huggins) from HS Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/17	2 December 1830 To TL Yates Esq from (??). Original 1 folio
3918A/18	30 December 1830 To Edward Rodon Huggins from his father-in-law Thomas L Yates and other family members. His daughter Emily Pakenam Yates had married Edward earlier in the year. Original 1 folio
3918A/19	30 May 1834 To 'Cousin Mary' (Bowker) from TL Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/20	16 February 1835 To 'My dear Uncle' from TL Yates congratulating his uncle on his appointment to a new ship. Original 1 folio
3918A/21	[6 March 1835]

	To Emily Huggins from RB (Robert Ballard) Yates. Unidentified bereavement. Original 1 folio (Damaged)
3918A/22	12 May 1835 To 'My Dearest Mary' from her cousin Mary Jane Yates. Mary Bussell, later Mary Yates Taylor, went to the Swan River Colony in 1834 with her mother Mrs Frances Louisa Bussell. Original 1 folio
3918A/23	30 May 1835 To Capel Carter from Mary Jane Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/24	2 June 1835 To Capel Carter from her cousin TL Yates. How imprudent our Swan (River) friends are! Original 1 folio
3918A/25	31 July 1835 To Capel Carter from MA Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/26	[c.1837] To Fanny Bowker from RB Yates and others. Mentions the death of "our beloved Capel". (NT Part Trans by Margaret Wilson) Original 1 folio (Letter very badly damaged)
3918A/27	24 April 1840 To "Fanny" from RB Yates regarding the death of William Marchant Bussell (1807 – 1840). Mention of Caroline (nee Alder) as widow suggests that William was brother to the Bussell brothers and sisters to emigrated to Swan River from 1830-1834. Original 1 folio
3918A/28	[postmarked 1841] To Fanny Bowker from HS Yates at Henlow, Biggleswade, Herts. (NT Trans by Margaret Wilson) Original 2 folios
3918A/29	30 August 1841 To Fanny Bowker from HS and MA Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/30	2 August 1844 To Robert Ballard Yates, Commander RN on behalf of the citizens of the town of Gosport and the parish of Alverstoke for his term as Magistrate. A copy of a letter, signed Robert Cruikshank and the Valediction signed by the citizens. Original 2 folios
3918A/31	[c. July 1845] To Mr Bowker from DD Yates. Mentions the death of Mrs Huggins (nee Yates) who died 24 July 1845. Original 1 folio
3918A/32	10 March 1848 To Thomas Arthur Bussell from his cousin Frances Beckford Yates, congratulating Thomas on the birth of his daughter Frances (Francie) Sarah. Original 1 folio
3918A/33	February 1861 To General Tremanham from RB Yates recommending Thomas Arthur Bussell's application for the office of cashier in the South African Bank in the Cape. Original 1 folio
3918A/34	[28 February 1867] To TL Yates from Captain CM Schomberg (later Admiral). Original 1 folio
3918A/35	16 May 1870 To Francie Bussell, daughter of Frances Emily Cotton Bussell from her cousin

	Katherine (Kitta) E Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/36	December 1871 Part of a letter to Francis Bussell from Kitta Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/37	30 October 1872 To Francie Bussell from Kitta Yates. Family news, death of a Mrs Stuart. Original 2 folios
3918A/38	April 1873 To Francie Bussell from Kitta Yates. Family news. Original 2 folios
3918A/39	28 July [1873] To Francie Bussell from Kitta Yates telling her about a teaching post which she has decided to refuse. Original 1 folio
3918A/40	31 December 1873 To Francie Bussell from Kitta Yates. Original 1 folio
3918A/41	23 April 1874 To Francie Bussell from Capel G Yates. Mentions Francie's mother being very ill. She died very soon after. Original 1 folio
3918A/42	6 May 1874 To Francie Bussell from Capel Yates sympathising with her on the death of her mother Frances Emily Cotton Bowker. Original 1 folio
	MISCELLANEOUS
3918A/51	[n.d.] re: a tablet to be erected in Kingston Church, Jamaica to be memory of Thomas Legal Yates and his service to the people of Kingston. Among other things he was Major General of the Militia, Member of the Assembly for St Andrew and a Merchant of the city. Original 1 folio
3918A/52	[n.d.] An account of the life of Robert Ballard Yates written in Frances Emily Cotton Bowker's handwriting. Original 1 folio
3918A/50	19 January 1824 TL Yates, senior, in account with TL Yates, Junior (a nephew of the former). Account of payments and receipts re the West India property left between TL Yates and M Bowker by Mrs Mary Yates senior of Jamaica. Original 1 folio

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