



Biography of William Jefferson Cates

By his GG-Grandson: Barry George
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William J. Cates signature

William Jefferson Cates was born 19-Jun-1821 in Georgia and died 23-Mar-1891 in Blount County, Alabama. He was

buried in the Blount Springs Cemetery, Blount County, Alabama.

His parents were **Charles Jefferson Cates** born about 1791 in Lancaster County, South Carolina, died about 1863 in Alabama and **Sarah Jane Hamrick** born about 1802 in South Carolina and died 6-Mar-1857 in Carroll County, Georgia. They were married 4-Feb-1819 in Lancaster County, South Carolina.

His siblings were **Nicey Elizabeth Cates** (1819-1901), his twin **Charles Columbus Cates** (1821-1899), **John M. Cates** (1823-1893), **Robert Newton Cates** (b.1828), **Warren Dekalb Cates** (b.1834), **Louisa Cates** (b. 1837) and **Amanda "Mandy" Cates** (1840-1858).



John Morgan Cates

His Grandparents were **John Morgan Cates** born 16-Jan-1771 in Caswell County, North Carolina, died 11-Oct-1825 in Carroll County, Georgia and **Mary Hannah Smith** born 14-Dec-1777 in Union County, South Carolina and died about 1844 in Jasper County, Georgia. They were married 29-Nov-1790 in South Carolina. Mary's parents were **Abraham Smith** (1747-1808) and **Mary Molly Jellicoe** (1751-1808).

William's Great-Grandparents were **Richard Mathias Cates** born about 1725 in Sittenbourne Parish, Prince George County, Virginia, died Feb-1794 in Orange County, North Carolina and **Amanda "Milly" Ann Morgan** born about 1731 in Prince George County, Virginia and died in Orange County, North Carolina. They were married 29-Jun-1759 in Prince George County, Virginia.

Milly's Mother was **Ann Spotwood** and her biological Father was a **Manahoac Indian**, her adopted Father was **Charles Morgan**.

His GG-Grandparents were **John Cates** born about 1706 in Virginia, died 6-Jan-1785 in Caswell County, North Carolina and **Margery Lawrence** born about 1706. They were married about 1724.

William's GGG-Grandparents were the immigrants **Robert Ezra Cates** born 21-Aug-1667 in Colleton, Devonshire, England, died before 1828 in Surrey County, Virginia and **Mary "Anna" Ann Randall** born about 1675 in England. They were married about 1693 in Henrico County, Virginia.

William Jefferson Cates served in the 25th Alabama Infantry Company "I" during the Civil War. He enlisted 14-Oct-1861 at Newoka, Alabama. Company I was organized at Oak Level then Calhoun, now Cleburne County and the 25th was organized into a Battalion by W. B. McClellan and mustered in the Confederate States Army by General McClellan at Newoka Campground, ten miles south of the City of Talladega. From Jun-1862 to Oct-1862 he was reported sick at Tyners station, Tennessee. 21-Feb-1863 he was paid \$110.00 for service from 28-Feb to 31-Dec-1862. 10-Mar-1863 he left the hospital in Atlanta, Georgia and next appeared on a muster roll Sep & Oct-1863. From 10-Feb to 31-Mar-1864 he was noted on a Roll of non-commissioned officers and privates employed on extra duty at Sup. Ten., Army of Tennessee with the Nature of service: Teamster. He was also noted on a list of men who returned without arms or with captured arms, with the Withers Division, 1st Brigade as detailed to carry ammunition.

William Jefferson Cates married **Amanda "Mandy" A. Hamrick** 17-Nov-1842 in Carroll County, Georgia. She was born 17-Oct-1825 in Jasper County, Georgia and died after 1880 in Blount County, Alabama. Her parents were **Robert Signor Hamrick** (1800-1858) and **Margaret "Betsy" Elizabeth Smith** (1804-1894), both born in Jasper County, Georgia and died in Cleburne County, Alabama. Mandy's Grandparents were **James "Jim" Hamrick** (1775-1834) and **Margaret Signor** (1775-1818). Her G-Grandparents were Revolutionary War soldier **Benjamin Hamrick** (1739-1839) and Creek Indian **Fannie Burchett** (1750-1829).

William and **Amanda** had eleven children, six boys and five girls. They were **Mary Elizabeth Cates** (b.1844, died young), **Mary Cates** (1847-1881), **Robert "Billy" W. Cates** (b.1848), **Amanda Elizabeth Cates** (1850-1858), **Balousovia "Balsora" Cuma Cates** (1852-1930), **Sarah Frances Cates** (b. 1854), **Charlie Jackson Cates** (1856-1929), **Warren DeKalb Cates** (1859-1929), **William**

Lumas Cates (1862-1934), John Thomas Marion Cates (1866-1930) and George W Cates (1872-1929).

- **Mary Elizabeth Cates** was born 23-Feb-1844 in Carroll Co., GA. She died young, before the 1850 Carroll Co., GA census. Another daughter, Mary was listed in that census, age 4.
- **Mary Cates** was born about 1846 in Carroll Co., GA died about 1881 in Alabama, she is buried in Randolph Co., AL. She married 1865 to **Francis "Frank" Foster** (b. about 1840). Children: **Francis M Foster, Edward "Edy" Foster, Noah W Foster, Mary Foster, Harriett "Hattie" Foster, Corabell Foster.**
- **Robert "Billy" W. Cates** was born about 1848 in Carroll Co. GA.
- **Amanda Elizabeth Cates** was born 20-Oct-1850 in Carroll Co. GA and died before 1859.
- **George W. Cates** was born 28-Nov-1872 and died Dec-1929 in Blount Co., AL. George's Family - Spouse: **Lillie Abel** (Married 5-Apr-1904) Children: **Claude Cates.**
- **John Thomas Marion Cates** was born 2-Jul-1866 and died 22-Aug-1930 in Jefferson Co., AL.

John's Marriage #1

Spouse: **Minnie Estes** (Divorced)

Children: **Lewis "Loni" Woodson Cates, Beatrice Cates.**

John's Marriage #2

Spouse: **Harriett Eleanor Chapman** (Married 6-Jul-1905)

Children: **Edith Earl Cates, Marion Elanor Cates, Eula Gene Cates, Edwin Jackson Cates, Roy Bruce Cates, Nola Ruth Cates.**

- **William Lumas Cates** was born 4-Jun-1862 in GA or Blount Co., AL and died 9-Dec-1934. He is buried in Stewart's Chapel Methodist Cemetery, Blount Co, AL (AKA Peep Crack Cemetery).

William's Family - Spouse: **Julia Ann**

Thomas (Married 4-Feb-1876) Children:

Allie Mae Cates, William "Bill" Burton

Cates, Lucille Cates, Gerthie D Cates,

Daisy Cumi Cates, Cora Ethel Cates, Luma

Cates, J Frank Cates, James Paul Cates, Margaret Irene Cates, Ollie Grady Thomas Cates

- **Balousoria "Balsora" Cuma Cates** was born 10-May-1852 in AL and died 12-Dec-1930 in AL; she is buried in the Sulphur Springs Baptist Cemetery, Blount Co., AL. Balzora's Family - Spouse: **William**



William Lumas Cates Family



Country Boy Eddie

Vande Minter Burns (Married 1873 in Warrior, Jefferson Co. AL.)
 Children: **Mary Jane Burns, Lafayette A Burns, Robert "Bob" Newton Burns, Charles "Charlie" Alford Burns, Nancy "Mary" Ann Burns, Minnie B Burns, William "Willie" Wesley Burns, Cordelia D Burns, Lucy A Burns, Lilly Pearl Burns, Henry Lewis Burns.** She was the Grandmother of **Gordon Edwards Burns, "Country Boy Eddie"** son of Henry Lewis Burns.

- **Sarah Frances Cates** was born 12-Apr-1854 and died after 1900. Sarah's Family - Spouse: **Isaac D Burns** (b. abt. 1851, d. bef. 1900), (Married 28-Dec-1873 in Jefferson Co., AL) Children: **William "Billy" A Burns, Amanda "Mandy" M Burns, David L Burns, Jeremiah "Jerry" Burns, Margaret Burns, Olive "Ollie" Burns, Warren D Burns, Mary Burns, Mytie L Burns, Alfred R Burns, Emma Burns.**

- **Charlie J. Cates** was born 10-Feb-1856 in AL and died 8-Jan-1929 in Blount Co., AL. He was buried in the Sulfur Springs Cemetery in Blount Springs, AL. Charlie's Family - Spouse: **Ellen Thomas** (1869-1963) (Married 25-Dec-1884 in Blount Co., AL) Children: **Elijah Lee Cates, Walter J Cates, Viola Cates, Lonnie Cates, James Oscar Cates, Myrtie Cates, Flora A Cates, Lillie M Cates, Minnie L Cates, Charlie Edna Cates.**



Charlie J. Cates Family

- **Warren DeKalb Cates** was born 29-Sep-1859 in Alabama and died 28-Sep-1929 in Herrin, Williamson County, Illinois. He died from Dilation of the heart and was buried in the City Cemetery, Herrin, Illinois. He married 3-May-1883 in Etowah County, Alabama to **Sarah "Sallie" Griffin** (1863-1898). Sallie was born in Alabama and died in Etowah County, Alabama, buried in Attalla, Etowah County, Alabama. Her parents were **Green Griffin** (1812-1880) born in Pendleton Dist, Pickens County, South Carolina, died in Attalla, Etowah County, Alabama and **Tabitha L. King** (b. 1819) born in South Carolina and died in Alabama. Her Grandparents were **Henry Griffin** (1773-1845) and **Elizabeth Trotter** (b.1774). Her G-Grandparents were **William S. Griffin** (1740-1800) and **Elizabeth Stroud** (1750-1829).

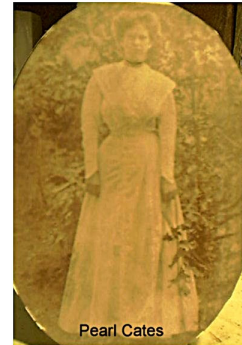
Warren and Sallie had six children. They were:

1. **Preston Miles Cates** was born on 11 Jul 1885. He died on 19 Oct 1918.
2. **Pearl Cates** was born on 24 Feb 1887. She died on 14 Nov 1965.
3. **Charles William Cates** was born on 20 May 1888. He died on 7 Jul 1970.
4. **Jasper Jefferson "Jepp" Cates** was born on 24 Oct 1890. He died on 6 Sep 1968.

5. **Sollis "Sull" Lawrence Cates** was born on 20 Oct 1893. He died on 11 Oct 1973.
6. **Myrtle Rene Cates** was born on 29 Sep 1897. She died on 19 Jan 1948.

1. **Preston Miles Cates** was born on 11 Jul 1885 in AL. He died on 19 Oct 1918 in Shelby Co., AL and is buried in the Antioch cemetery, Shelby County, AL. He married **Katherine Sims** born about 1896, buried in the Masacadonia cemetery, Shelby County, AL. His WWI draft card in 1917 states: Living Rt. 1 Maylene, Shelby Co., AL. married to Katherine, working as Fire Boss for the Pratt mining Co. Described as tall, medium build with dark blue eyes and black hair. Their son was **Tommie Cates** born about 1914 in AL.

2. **Pearl Cates** was born on 24 Feb 1887 in AL. She died on 14 Nov 1965 in AL. She was buried in the Hickman Cemetery, Tuscaloosa, County, AL. She was a wonderful caring Christian lady who grew up in hard times but raised a large family with tender loving care. Pearl's Family Spouse: **James Frank Harmon** (Married 18-May-1911 in Bamford, Shelby County, AL) Children: **Hubert Johnson, Grady J. Johnson, Stella Mae Harmon, Martha Blanche Harmon, Royce Harmon, Joyce Harmon, Mary "Beth" Elizabeth Ann Harmon, Jeppy "J.C." Charles Harmon, Eula Marie Harmon, Warren Calvin Harmon.**



Pearl Cates

3. **Charles William Cates** was born on 20 May 1888 in AL. He died on 7 Jul 1970 in Pacoima, Los Angeles, California. He was buried in the Glen Haven Memorial Park, San Fernando, California. Charles was Army officer in WWI. Charles's Family - Spouse: **Lola B Rush** (Married 1920) Children: **Joanne L Cates** and **Veronica Jean Cates.**



4. **Jasper Jefferson "Jepp" Cates** was born on 24 Oct 1890 in Attalla, AL. He died on 6 Sep 1968 in Illinois. He was buried in Buckner, IL in the Herrin city cemetery. Jepp served in the US Army during WWI. His draft card indicated: In 1917: living in Marvel, AL. Working as a Brattice man for the Roden Coal Co. and single, signed his name Jeff Cates. Described as tall, slender build with blue eyes and brown hair.



Occupation: Miner. He married **Effie Fairburn**, born 6-Jun-1904, died 6-Apr-1979, she was buried in West Frankfort, IL.

5. **Sollis "Sull" Lawrence Cates** was born on 20 Oct 1893 in Attala, Etowah Co., AL. He died on 11 Oct 1973 in IL. He was buried in the Acacia Park Cemetery near Garden City, IL. Sull's Family - Spouse: **Lillian "Lil" A. Rush** (1900-1976), (Married 31-Jan-1916). Children: **Alice Eileen Cates** (1916-1999), Alice married 20-Jul-1941 to **Harold Dean Stutsman** (1920-2002). Their daughter is **Carol Stutsman LeFevre**.



6. **Myrtle Rene Cates** was born on 29 Sep 1897 in Attalla, Etowah County, Alabama and died 19 Jan 1948 in Jefferson County, Alabama. She is buried in the Presbyterian Church cemetery, Greenpond, Bibb County, Alabama.



She married (1) **Junie "Snake" Obadiah Darden** son of **William Richard Darden** and **Martha "Mattie" J. Caudle** on 21 Jun 1917. The marriage ended in divorce. Junie was born on 28 Jun 1891 and died on 7 Nov 1954.

Junie and Myrtle had one son:



Junior "Jud" George

Gerald Vance June Darden AKA Junior "Jud" George was born 16-Apr-1918 in Marvel, Bibb County, Alabama. He died 14-Aug-1977. Jud was raised by Lathem and Myrtle and assumed the George surname. He married 8-Jun-1946 in Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama to **Marjorie Jean Bush** (b. 15-Jan-1924), She was the daughter of **Richard "Buss" Franklin Bush** born 3-Feb-1882, die 21-Sep-1957 and **Maude Lavada Richey** born 8-Oct-1888 and died 16-Mar-1952.

Jud and Jean had the following six children:

- **Gerald "Jerry" Wayne George**
- **Barry Hubert George**
- **Roger Keith George**
- **Vicki Paulette George**
- **Charles Dale George**
- **Ginger Yvonne George**

Myrtle married (2) **Lathem Paris George** son of **John Robert George** and **Katherine "Katie" Ukresis Russell** in 1921. Lathem was born on 16 May 1898. He died on 19 Nov 1979.

Lathem and Myrtle had the following children:

- i. **LP "Bud" George** was born on 18 Nov 1922.
- ii. **Mary "Ruth" Kate George** was born on 1 Feb 1925. She died on 4 Nov 2001.

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