

What if the Crawford Co., PA History is Incorrect?

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Some researchers might wonder if the Crawford County History from 1899 is incorrect as it relates to the time period that Andrew Bates and Miss Shibondi were married (“the dawn of the century”). Some might also suspect that it may be inaccurate about the place of their marriage. Perhaps it should have said their marriage took place in Fayette County, PA in the 1770’s rather than in a tavern in Crawford County, PA in the dawn of the century. After all, there are errors in County Histories and sometimes they are hard to identify.

We looked at some of the other statements in this sentence to see if there are errors. We received the tax records of Andrew Betts in Shanango Township, Crawford County, PA from 1800 to 1822. Did a “mill,” a “still,” and a “tavern” exist? We found a mill and a still. Here is a recap:

1801, no Andrew but George, Christian and John Bates appear
1802, And Batts, 400 acres, 1 oxen
1803, Andrew Bates, 400 acres, 2 stiles(?), 2 oxen, 1 horse, 1 cow **(copy below)**
1804, Andrew Bates, 400 acres, 2 stills, 1 horse, 1 mare, 4 oxen, 3 cows
1805, Andrew Betts, 400 acres, 1 distillery, 1 horse, 2 oxen, 2 cows **(copy below)**
1806, Andrew Betts, 400 acres, 1 gristmill, distillery, 2 oxen, 1 cow
1807, Andrew Betts, 400 acres, gristmill, distillery, 4 oxen, 2 cows, 1 horse
1809, Andrew Betts, 400 acres, gristmill, distillery, 1 gelding, 3 cows
1810, Andrew Betts, 200 acres, 200 exempt acres, gristmill, distillery, 3 cows, 1 horse **(copy below)**
1811, Andrew Betts, 200 acres, gristmill, distillery, 2 horses, 4 oxen, 2 cows
1812, Andrew Bettz, 200 + 400 acres, gristmill, distillery, 2 horses, 4 oxen, 1 cow
1814, Andrew Betts, 200 acres, gristmill, distillery, 2 horses, 3 cows, 1 steer
1815, Andrew Betts, 200 acres, gristmill, distillery, 3 horses, 3 cows
1816, Andrew Betts, 200 acres, gristmill, 2 horses, 3 cows
1817, Andrero Betts, 75 acres, gristmill, distillery, 1 horse, 3 cows
1819, Andrew Betts, 75 acres, 1 horse, 3 cows
1818, Andrew Betts, 75 acres, 1 horse, 3 cows
1820, Andrew Betts, 100 acres, 2 cows
1821-1822, Andrew no longer appears.

It appears that the tax records confirm existence of a mill and a still in Crawford County after 1800. A tavern could not be found. You could conclude since most other information in this sentence is accurate, then the statement about Miss Shibondi must be accurate, too. You could also conclude that since no tavern was confirmed, then the part about Miss Shibondi could be inaccurate or incomplete.

Please let us know if you find any records that add clues about this or other statements made on this Andrew Bates web page (http://sherbondy.org/index_AndrewBates.htm).

Sherringe Township Duft. 1803

J^r & M^r Marshall — Collect^r W^m Snodgrass

				Bennet Robert			
				400 ^{cs}	200		
A				1 Horse	8		
Horses	200	1	40	2 Cows	30		
				1 Cow	12	250	1 75
	250			Bates Christian			
	30			400 ^{cs}	200		
	36			1 Horse	38		
	24	339	2 37 1/2	1 Cow	12	250	1 75
				Bates Andrew			
	200			400 ^{cs}	200		
	35			2 Hides	70		
	24	259	1 21 1/2	2 Cows	30		
				1 Horse	21		
				1 Cow	12	333	2 33 1/2
	200			Bates George			
	35	235	1 6 1/2	400 ^{cs}	200		
						200	1 10
				Borges Barre			
	250			400 ^{cs}	200		
	30			1 Calf	16		
	24	304	2 12 1/2	2 Cows	24	240	1 68
B							

126 (1) Stenning Township 1805

(Notes) List of property holders

Anderson David 200 ⁰⁰	195			Blair John Single Man	"	"
2 Oxen	75					
3 Cows	127	227	1-132	Boyd Robert Single Man	"	"
Andrews Hugh						
400 ⁰⁰	200			Bennett Robert		
2 Oxen	35			400 ⁰⁰	150	
3 Cows	14	253	1-262	1 Horse	25	
Allen Jonathan				2 Oxen	30	
500 ⁰⁰	150			1 Cow	9	2-14
2 Oxen	30					
3 Cows	27	207	1-36	Bell Julez		
Brooks Mountain				200 ⁰⁰ adjoining Geo		
100 ⁰⁰	350			James David	100	"
2 Oxen	30					
3 Cows	30	410	2-5	Conner Arthur		
Brooks John				450 ⁰⁰	150	
100 ⁰⁰	250	1-25		2 Oxen	30	
				1 Cow	9	180
Brooks William				Clark Sumner		
400 ⁰⁰	200			Single Man	"	"
2 Oxen	30					
1 Cow	9	234	1-197	Conners Allen		
Booth Andrew				50 ⁰⁰	18	
400 ⁰⁰	250			1 Cow	9	27
1 Distillery	50			Clark		
1 Horse	40			200 ⁰⁰ adjoining James		
2 Oxen	35			Mason	100	"
2 Cows	18	273	1-962			
				Cochran James		
				400 ⁰⁰	200	
				2 Horses	60	
				2 Cows	18	276

Andrews Hugh 400 ⁰⁰ 1 mare 2 calves	750 15 14	719	2	34	400 ⁰⁰ 1 mare 1 cow	110 14 6
Brooks Leonard 400 ⁰⁰ 1 horse 2 calves	900 10 16	926	2	75	Blair John 1 horse 2 calves	3 12
Brooks Anna 400 ⁰⁰	900	2	70	Bonnet Robert 400 ⁰⁰ 2 horses 2 calves	500 34 15	
<u>Bills Andrew</u> 500 ⁰⁰ 1. Great mule 1. distillery 2 calves 1 horse	275 14 60 275 24 19	511	1	53	Campbell William 140 ⁰⁰ 1. Great mule 1. cow 50 ⁰⁰	267 8 62
Bills Andrew Junr 400 ⁰⁰	500	1	50	Campbell Nathan 100 ⁰⁰ 1 horse 1 cow	62 19 8	
Boyer Robert 2 calves	155	55		Carnoch Arthur 100 ⁰⁰ 1 horse 1 cow	62 19 8	
Barrackman Samuel 400 ⁰⁰ 1. cow 1. cow 1. yearling oxen	950 30 8 40	308	94	Collins N Isaac 175 ⁰⁰ 1. mare 1. cow	923 20 6	
Blair Hugh 100 ⁰⁰ 1 horse 2 calves 1. mare	187 10 16 8	231	54	Collins Isaac 175 ⁰⁰ 2 horses 2 calves	218 19 16	
Brooks William 400 ⁰⁰	750	2	25	Collins Elijah 400 ⁰⁰ 1 horse 1 cow	500 30 7	