

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

## Sherbondy Family Association

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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](http://sherbondy.org/index_AndrewBates.htm)).

# Sherringe Township Duft. 1803

J<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Marshall — Collect<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Snodgrass

				Bennet Robert			
				400 <sup>cs</sup>	200		
A				1 Horse	8		
Horses	200	1	40	2 Cows	30		
				1 Cow	12	250	1 75
	250			Bates Christian			
	30			400 <sup>cs</sup>	200		
	36			1 Horse	38		
	24	339	2 37 1/2	1 Cow	12	250	1 75
				Bates Andrew			
	200			400 <sup>cs</sup>	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 <sup>cs</sup>	200		
						200	1 10
				Borges Barre			
	250			400 <sup>cs</sup>	200		
	30			1 Calf	16		
	24	304	2 12 1/2	2 Cows	24	240	1 68

Bates Andrew

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# Stembridge Township 1805

Anderson David

200<sup>00</sup> 195  
2 Oxen 75  
3 Cows 127 227

Blain John  
Single Man

Boyd Robert  
Single Man

Andrews Hugh

400<sup>00</sup> 200  
2 Oxen 35  
3 Cows 14 253

Bennett Robert

400<sup>00</sup> 150  
1 Horse 25  
2 Oxen 30  
1 Cow 9 214

Allen Jonathan

500<sup>00</sup> 150  
2 Oxen 30  
3 Cows 27 207

Cott Selvy

200<sup>00</sup> adjoining Geo }  
James David } 100

Brooks Mountain

600<sup>00</sup> 350  
2 Oxen 30  
3 Cows 30 410

Conner Arthur

450<sup>00</sup> 150  
2 Oxen 30  
1 Cow 9 189

Brooks John

500<sup>00</sup> 250

Clark Sumner  
Single Man

Brooks William

400<sup>00</sup> 200  
2 Oxen 30  
1 Cow 9 234

Conners Allen

50<sup>00</sup> 18  
1 Cow 9 27

Peter Andrew

400<sup>00</sup> 250  
1 Distillery 50  
1 Horse 40  
2 Oxen 35  
2 Cows 18 273

Clark  
200<sup>00</sup> adjoining James }  
Mason } 100

Cochran James

400<sup>00</sup> 200  
2 Horses 60  
2 Cows 18 276

Andrews Hugh 400 <sup>00</sup> 1 mare 2 calves	750 15 14	719	2	34	400 <sup>00</sup> 1 mare 1 cow	14
Brooks Leonard 400 <sup>00</sup> 1 horse 2 calves	900 10 16	926	2	75	Blair John 1 horse 2 calves	10
Brooks Anna 400 <sup>00</sup>	900	2	70	Bonnet Robert 400 <sup>00</sup> 2 horses 2 calves	500 34 15	
<u>Bills Andrew</u> 500 <sup>00</sup> 1. Great mule 1. distillery 2 calves 1 horse	275 14 60 275 24 19	511	1	53	Campbell William 140 <sup>00</sup> 1. Great mule 1. cow 50 <sup>00</sup>	267 8 62
Bills Andrew Junr 400 <sup>00</sup>	500	1	50	Campbell Nathan 100 <sup>00</sup> 1 horse 1 cow	62 19 8	
Boyer Robert 250 <sup>00</sup>	155	55		Carnoch Arthur 100 <sup>00</sup> 1 horse 1 cow	62 19 8	
Barrackman Samuel 400 <sup>00</sup> 1. cow 1. cow 1. yearling oxen	950 30 8 40	308	94	Collins N Isaac 175 <sup>00</sup> 1. mare 1. cow	928 20 6	
Blair Hugh 100 <sup>00</sup> 1 horse 2 calves 1. mare	187 10 16 8	231	54	Collins Isaac 175 <sup>00</sup> 2 horses 2 calves	218 19 16	
Brooks William 400 <sup>00</sup>	750	2	25	Collins Elijah 400 <sup>00</sup> 1 horse 1 cow	500 30 7	