


Southern Wisconsin Roots in Maps and Pictures

In August, 2018, I had occasion to visit parts of southern WI where Agnes (Moodie) and Charles Bates resided in the latter half of the 19th century. The purpose of this note is to summarize in maps and pictures the places of importance to Charles and Agnes (and some of their ancestors and descendants).

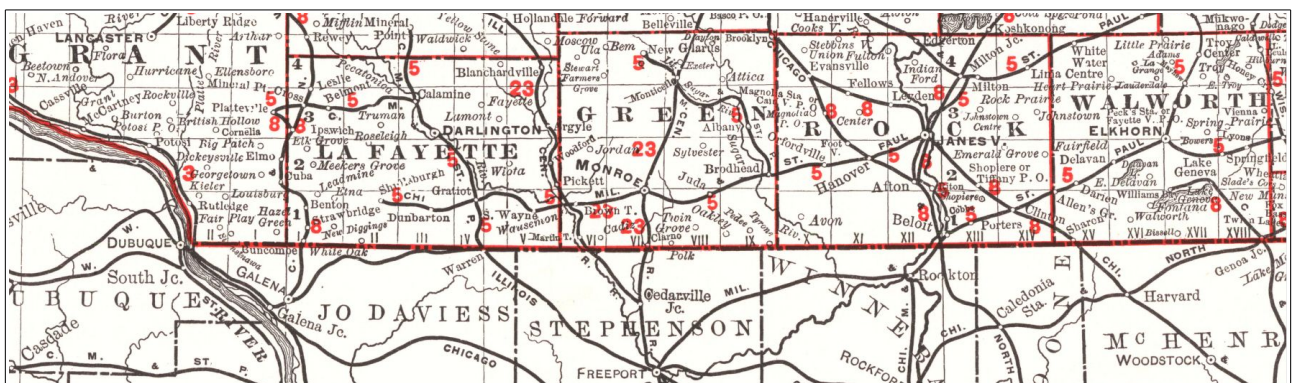
Map images are drawn from the 1896 map made available by the U. of Alabama.

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It is a railroad map and the red numbers indicate the organizations that operated the various railroads.

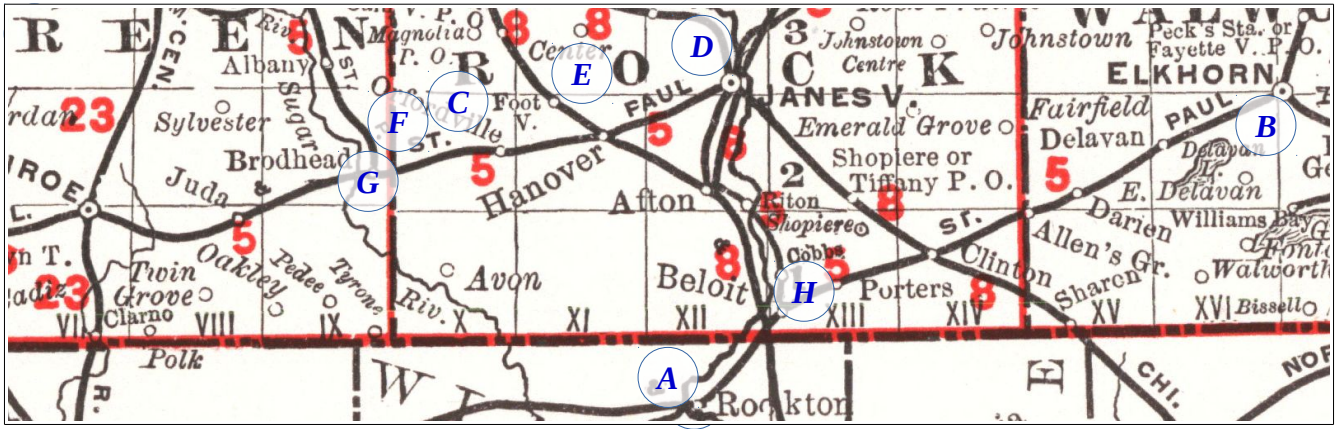


Following is an extract of much of the southern tier of WI counties. This is where most of the “action” took place. Key places are Elkhorn, Janesville, Brodhead, Beloit, Rockton (IL), Jamestown, etc. in Walworth, Rock, Green, and Grant counties.



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Here is another excerpt from the map, zoomed in to include just the locales around Janesville. Locations of specific events are noted and described in the text that follows the map.



- A) The Henry N. Bates farm was near Rockton, IL. This is where Charles' mother, Satina, lived and met and married Jerome Tupper. (Satina was born in PA, and Jerome was born in NY.)
- B) At some point after their marriage in 1849, Satina and Jerome moved to Elkhorn, where Charles was born. (This move must have taken place prior to 1852, since their second child was born in WI.) Charles' birth name was Clarence J. Tupper, and he was born in 1858, the 4th child in the family.
- C) Members of the Moodie family started immigrating from Scotland to Spring Valley, just outside of Brodhead, in the early 1880s. Agnes and her sister arrived in late 1882, and lived with their brother, William, who was the first to immigrate.
- D) Clarence (Charles) and Agnes were married in Rock County in September, 1886. They lived in the same area as Agnes' brother and had the following children: Harry (b.1887), May (b.1888), Frank (b.1891), John (b.1893), Elizabeth (b.1895), Susan (1898), Grace (b.1901).
- E) Harry, my grandfather, was employed at a creamery, probably located near Footville. (It was there or in the general vicinity that he lost his right arm in an accident.)
- F) Charles died in 1900 and is buried in the Scotch Hill cemetery, just outside of Brodhead. Shortly after his death, his last child was born. Her name was Grace, and she was adopted by a local family, but she did not survive many years. She is also buried in the Scotch Hill cemetery, but her marker has been destroyed.
- G) Agnes moved into Brodhead after Charles' death. Their son John died in 1908. (I have never found his grave.) At about this time, the remaining family members (except for May) moved to South Dakota.
- H) May remained in the Beloit area and married Olaf Lund. May is in fact buried in Beloit, and the remains of her sister, Libbie (Bates) Owens, are buried there as well. (Agnes' brother, William, also moved to Beloit and is buried there.)

Some pictures that illustrate various of the places named above follow.

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Harry Bates was employed at the Roach Seeber Creamery. There were multiple locations for this company, but I suspect that the Footville location is where Harry worked. Here is a picture of the creamery around 1900. Harry is standing next to a wagon in the lower right side of the picture.



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The next picture is an enlargement that shows Harry.



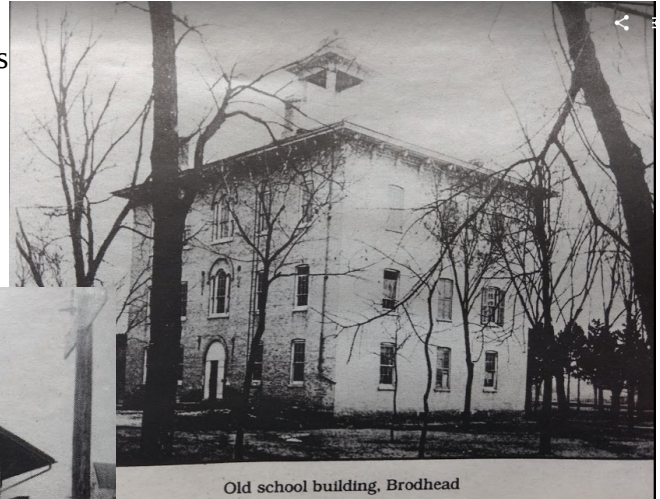
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Here are a couple of pictures from the Scotch Hill Cemetery (near Brodhead) that show the marker for Charles' grave.



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Here are some pictures to illustrate what Brodhead, WI, was like in the early 20th century, when the Bates family lived there.



Old school building, Brodhead



Brodhead, 1912

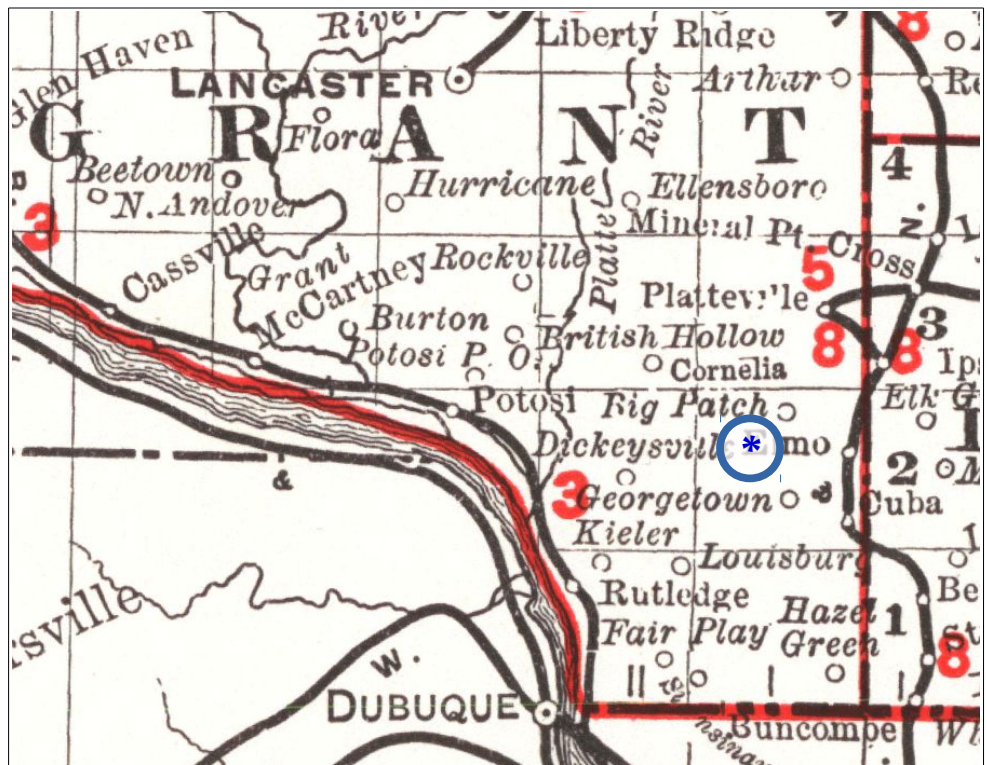
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Charles' birth family (Jerome and Satina (Bates) Tupper) moved to SW Wisconsin some time between 1860 and 1870. Jerome served in the Union Army during part of this time. (WI 4th Cavalry)

It is not clear what caused Charles/Clarence to be in the vicinity of Brodhead when Agnes and her family arrived. However, it may be that the Tupper family "dissolved" around 1880 due to the poor health of Jerome, who later spent time in a VA hospital. Satina also shows up with a daughter in IA in 1885. This is all speculation, however, until some sense can be made of the census information that exists for the 1880s.

The Tupper farm in 1870 was near Jamestown, WI, which is in the southern part of Grant County, near Big Patch as far as I can tell. From there, Charles' sisters married and relocated across Iowa.

His sisters' married names were Mary Burns, Ellen Ward, Clara Cole, and Ada Williams.



Jerome died in Grant Co. in 1899, but I have never located his grave.

Satina died in 1900 in SD, where she was living with her daughter, Ada, near Sioux Falls. I have recently located her grave in the Bethel Cemetery in Minnehaha Co., SD.