

## Jeannette Austin

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**From:** Bradley White [bradcope@roadrunner.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 12:27 AM  
**To:** jeannette@georgiapioneers.com  
**Subject:** Monroe County GA Batemans, Pyes, and Chambliss Families

Dear Mrs. Austin,

I hope you are still at this address. I ran across something recently that you had printed in one of your books about the Chambliss family of Georgia. I would very much like to find a copy of that book, as parts of it pertain to me. Please let me explain:

My ancestor was William Jason Bateman, who was born in 1833 in Monroe County, GA, and died in 1891 in Hopkins County, TX. He married Eliza Ann Formby, daughter of Fountain Formby.

William Jason's parents were Daniel Claiborn Bateman and Mary Ann McNatt, daughter of Robert McNatt of Putnam County, GA. By May 1847, William Jason and his five brothers and sisters were orphans (I don't know what happened to their parents), and were all living with various families throughout Monroe and Putnam counties. William Jason lived with the John Pye family in Monroe Co., while his older brother Robert lived with the John S. Chambliss family in Monroe. Their brother Jesse lived with the William H. Chambliss family, also in Monroe. (I believe William Chambliss was married to Martha Pye.) The Bateman brothers' sister Martha Elizabeth went to live with their grandfather, Robert McNatt, in Putnam County. She later married Irby Howard. Their sister Rebecca Frances (Fanny) lived with H. M. Edwards (not sure what county or his relationship to her -- this is from the Robert McNatt estate records). She later married Jesse Griffin. Another sister, Catharine, married Charles A. Beasley about 1855. They lived in Bibb County.

I believe that in your book there is an extract of a letter from a Mrs. Woodall who quotes a letter written in 1894 by John Pye, the same John Pye who was my ancestor's guardian. In it, he mentions Robert McNatt and his sister-in-law, Ann Stockdale Pye, wife of Henry Pye. Anyway, this is the first time I have ever had a clue as to Robert's wife's maiden name, so needless to say I was very excited when I read it. I have always wondered why these children were sent to live with the Pye and Chambliss families, and this letter made it all make sense.

Is this book still available? I would love to have a copy to learn more about these people who were such a part of the lives of my Bateman and McNatt ancestors so long ago.

Sincerely,

Brad White in California