

9th February 1885

Letter addressed to :-

ARTHUR HYATT
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STATE of NEW YORK
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Esteemed Friend, Arthur Hyatt,

Your very welcome letter of the 29th ult. has just been received. My home is in a pleasant little village 37 miles from New York. My profession is that of Law as you will observe on the outside of envelope.

In my boyhood days I had listened to a great deal said about our family of HYATTS and their ancestors, but no father back than my Great-grandfather NATHAN owning and residing on a farm in DUTCHESS COUNTY in this State. After reaching manhood my curiosity began to be aroused as to my Hyatt ancestry, the origin of the name etc. Considerable inquiry and investigation has been made by me with this object in view during the past three years.

I find that one THOMAS HYATT came from England to America in 1641 and settled in Stamford, Connecticut, about 18 miles from where I am now writing.

Also that one CHARLES HYATT came over with Leonard Calvert's Colony in 1634 and settled in the now State of Maryland. They were nearly all Roman Catholics and men of fortune and respectability.

Then again I find that one JOHN HYATT came over here from England somewhere about 1780 and settled in New York City. He was a Farmer and Dairyman.

And one WILLIAM HYATT son of ROBERT HYATT of Painswick, England came to Canada in 1842 and settled there. His son JOSEPH CHARLES HYATT is now living at Renfrew, Ontario, Canada.

I have yet to hear of a Hyatt who is or ever was a Criminal or a pauper. What is their Coat-of-Arms at present in England ?

I send you herewith a photograph of my father taken he was about 60 years old. He is now 84 and is living here with me. He is in good health, both mind and body, is 6 feet in stature. Always has been a farmer. His mother's maiden name was Zilpha (?) Purdy. He is a direct descendant of the said THOMAS HYATT through son Caleb and Caleb's son Nathan and Nathan's son [Nathan and Nathan's son] Elijah.

Did you ever here that the Hyatts originally came from Wales ? DEVONSHIRE is not far from Wales, and then the expedition of Calvert with which CHARLES HYATT came to America started from the Isle of Wight not far from Devonshire. This was November 22nd 1633. I would very much like to have a photograph card of your Great-grandfather Hyatt of whom you speak as being a most important dissenting minister. Also of the Rev. JOHN HYATT and of yourself.

* WESLEYAN ? Is Rev. JOHN HYATT preacher of Tottenham Court Road Chapel etc. now living ? If so please give me his address.

I have often thought that I would like to look over the Record of Wills in Doctors Commons, London and find what names of Hyett and Hyatt are there and what is said about them. Would it be any particular trouble or expense for you to look over those records and take a copy of what is there said about the Hyatts ?

Do you know of any other Hyatts besides your own family ancestors and if so kindly give me their PO address. The Hyatts of this country are nearly all large of stature, light complexion. If religious, are Protestants, are long-lived, take to the profession of Law more than any other profession. Take the Hyatts in England. What are their peculiarities, general appearance, stature, complexion etc. etc.

Have any of the Hyatts ever spelled their name HIATT or HYETT or HOYATT ?

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