



Clan YATES

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| ARMS | For Yeats of County Donegal: Black and silver three gates counterchanged. |
| CREST | Not available |
| MOTTO | None |

YATES, Yeats, Yeatts, Yetts. Of local origin from one or more small places of the name meaning, “at the gate,” from Old English *geat*, Middle English, *yate*. “A final *s* is not uncommon in surnames derived from topographical features, and may be either the plural formation of genitive case ending, but it is not possible to say which from inspection,” or, again, it may be “a meaningless excrescence, the addition of a terminal sibilant being not uncommon with uncultured people” according to Ewen. Adam del Yate was juror on an inquisition held at Lochmagen in 1347. John Yet held a land in Arbroath in 1425, Johannes zett, capellanus de Vasthall, died 1479, William Yet appears as church elder for Fortrie in 1607, and Agnas Yatts is recorded in the parish of Falkirk in 1681. An ancient family in Teviotdale were the Yetts of Yetton. John Yetts, wright in Edinburgh, 1722. Yeatt 1688.

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