

From Mrs Peter Allen. h. b.
Bates spent some of his early
years with the Allens at
Richfield, Ohio learning the
hardware business and living
with them. He always called
them Pa. & Ma. Allen. They
were the parents of Ewing
Wright of Vermilion Ohio and
Whitney J. Cleveland
B. h. B.

After..... return to

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Allen

[Note by Bion
Bates, above]

Elsie
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Wright



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