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ANNUAL REUNION - 4-7 AUGUST 1994

As stated in the Spring newsletter, the annual reunion of the VVV Association is to be held this year in Tupelo, Mississippi. Tupelo is an "All American City" in Northeast Mississippi with much to see and do. Many members will remember meeting there in 1986. As in 1986, headquarters for the event is the Ramada Inn, located at 854 North Gloster Street. A brochure shows this to be on Business 45, and is 2 minutes from the Natchez Trace Parkway.

A reservation card is enclosed, or you can call 601-844-4111 or 1-800-272-6232. Be sure to mention the VVV Association to receive the special rate of \$42.00 plus tax. This rate is for any size room.

Registration begins Thursday, August 4, in the Ramada Convention Center at 3:00 p.m., and continues until 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., there is a buffet in Dining Room B of the Ramada main building. From 8:30-10:00 p.m., the Northeast Mississippi VVV's are hosting an Open House in the hospitality suite.

Friday registration begins at 8:00 a.m., and continues until the opening session at 9:30 a.m. Following this, we will leave by car caravan at 11:30 a.m. to travel to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Visitor's Center for lunch and a tour of the facility. We will return to the motel about 3:00 p.m. Friday evening finds us leaving at 5:30 for Tombigbee State Park for a fish fry and county music.

On Saturday, we assemble at 10:00 a.m. for a group picture, and then go by car caravan to The Mall at Barnes Crossing for an "on your own" time of shopping, lunch and entertainment. The mall has five major department stores, over 80 specialty shops, food vendors and restaurants, and a carousel. Other optional tours are available for the day, including Tupelo's renovated Downtown area and Elvis Presley Birthplace and Museum.

Saturday concludes with a banquet at 6:30 p.m., a performance by the VVV Children's Choir, election of officers, roll call

of states, memorial service, and the always popular door prizes.

The 1994 reunion will end on Sunday morning with a Chapel Service.

At this time, we do not have prices for the meals, but we do know there will be special prices for children under the age of 12. Anyone needing more information can call the following:

Lowell and Allison Vaughters 601-842-3081
Fred and Wordna Wicker 601-489-3066
Ken and Norma Wicker 601-844-4960

Be sure to bring family information to share, especially with those who may be attending for the first time.

VVV CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Once again, we will be treated to a performance by the VVV Children's Choir, under the direction of Ellen Cummings. All children are invited to be a part of this group. They will rehearse on Friday and Saturday, and then sing at the banquet on Saturday night. Be sure to bring your children and grandchildren so they can be members of the choir and become involved in the Association. Several hidden talents have surfaced from this group.

DOOR PRIZES

Not many people go home from a VVV reunion without a door prize. That is because our members are so generous, and our gifts are numerous. Several members bring handmade items; others bring something that is significant to their area; still others donate things purchased while on one of the tours. There is always a wide variety of door prizes waiting to be given away.

PREVIOUS REUNIONS

Previous reunions have been held at the following locations. How many have you attended? The first nationwide reunion was 1978.

1977 - Ardmore, Oklahoma	1986 - Tupelo, Mississippi
1978 - Brady Mt., Arkansas	1987 - Columbus, Indiana
1979 - Ardmore, Oklahoma	1988 - Gainsville, Georgia
1980 - Port Royal, Virginia	1989 - Normal, Illinois
1981 - Hot Springs, Arkansas	1990 - Fredricksburg, Virginia
1982 - Madison, Indiana	1991 - St. Louis, Missouri
1983 - Tulsa, Oklahoma	1992 - Nacogdoches, Texas
1984 - Nacogdoches, Texas	1993 - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1985 - Richmond, Virginia	

QUERIES

From: Janice Vawter Cain, 327 E. Fountain Way, Fresno, CA 93704

Does anyone have information on Keith Vawter who organized the Redpath Chautauqua Circuit, a traveling tent show that brought entertainment and news of the world to small towns throughout the Midwest and South? It was at its peak from 1913 through 1918.

From: Corinne Winget, P.O. Box 154, Monroe, UT 84754

Looking for information about Catherine Vawter Adams, the daughter of William Barnes Adams and Martha Larriamore. The parents were married in Stokes Co., Virginia, in 1820. Were any of her ancestors Vawters?

From: Korbi Lyn Roberts, 5621 Rappahannock Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462-6117 and Roxanne Mann, 4955 S Co. Rd. 675 W, Coatesville, IN 46121-9348.

Both of these have just begun to research the line of Uriah Branham m. Alcey Davis. Uriah Branham was born 1 Feb 1805, the son of John and Frances Vawter Branham.

Response from Eloise Wicker Knight to an earlier query:

Married, January 6, 1835, in Stokes Co., Reuben T. Vawter and Harriet M. Transu, of Waughtown. (From Marriages & Deaths in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Newspapers.)

GLEANINGS

Contributed by Mary Winningham, Chevy Chase, Maryland

DAR LIBRARY:

Charlotte Co., VA, Revolutionary War Pensioners
Merit G. Vaughter, minor of Lemuel Vawter, deceased

Church & Family Cemetery, Rockingham Co., VA Methodist Cemetery
Mt. Crawford Cemetery (three cemeteries together)
Annie E. Vawter 10 Sept 1870 - 14 Nov 1957
Fuller R. Vawter 25 Feb 1869 - 18 Aug 1938
Boyd O. Vawter, son of F. & A. Vawter
28 Oct 1896 - 1 Oct 1913

The Kentucky Genealogist, Jan - Mar 1962, V.4; No. 1
I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Trimble Co., KY
William H. Vawter 1 Aug 1822 - 11 Oct 1896
Mrs. Mary O. Vawter, wife 1 Apr 1825 - 28 Feb 1907
Henry P. Vawter, son 31 July 1849 - 15 June 1900

1850 GEORGIA FEDERAL CENSUS

Roll M432-76 Lumpkin County Robinson's District 5 Dec 1850

Page 68	Linsey Vaughtor	age 29 male	Farmer	800	
	Jane "	age 56 female			*
	Eliza "	age 18 female			
	William "	age 40 male	Farmer	insane	*

Roll M432-70 Franklin County District 32 27 Sep 1850

Page 274	Hiram Vaughter	age 38 male	Farmer 3000	b. GA
	Elizabeth "	age 38 female		b. GA
	Catharine "	age 17 female		b. GA
	Samuel H. "	age 13 male		b. GA **
	Frances "	age 11 female		b. GA **
	Hiram "	age 9 male		b. GA **
	Elizabeth "	age 7 female		b. GA **
	Julia A. "	age 5 female		b. GA
	Lucinda "	age 3 female		b. GA
	James "	age 1 male		b. GA
	Bethel Guest	age 36 male	Farmer	b. GA
	Willis Ayers	age 45 male	Farmer	b. GA

Roll M432-68 Elbert County Elbert District 10 Aug 1850

Page 376	[L? S?] Vautor	age 42 male	Farmer 800	b. GA *
	M. "	age 38 female		b. GA *
	J.B. "	age 6 male		b. GA
	R.J. "	age 4 male		b. GA
	F.C. "	age 1 female		b. GA

Roll M432-68 Elbert County Elbert District 21 Aug 1850

Page 390	T. Adams	age 57 male	Farmer	b. VA
	E. "	age 40 female		b. GA *
	T.F. "	age 5 male		b. GA
	L. "	age 3 male		b. GA
	R. Vautor	age 50 male	Farmer 2000	b. NC *

* Unable to read or write ** Attended school within the year

Please remember this is one person's interpretation of unfamiliar handwriting.
Any corrections are welcomed.

*****RENEWAL FORM*****

If a renewal form is enclosed, you need to pay dues to be assured of continuing to receive the newsletter.

NEWS FROM ESTHER VAWTER

Former VVV news editor Esther Vawter has sold her home in West Sacramento and moved to Fresno. Her new address is:
540 South Peach, #226, Fresno, CA 93727. Because of moving from a seven-room house into two rooms, Esther found it necessary to dispose of many possessions. She has donated much of her Vawter material to the Association. Thank you, Esther!

WORDNA WICKER

Wordna Wicker, who with husband, Fred, and other family members is hosting this year's reunion, will have surgery on June 13 for a pulmonary lymphoma. She is having the surgery done in Tupelo, and expects to be able to participate in the reunion.

CONGRATULATIONS

J.C. and Rita Godman, of Booneville, Mississippi, celebrated their 50th Anniversary on 22 May 1994.

Roger and Shirley Byler, of Sweeny, Texas, celebrated their 60th Anniversary on 29 May 1994.

Beth Pike Mathis, of Booneville, Mississippi, age 55 and a grandmother, recently graduated from Northeast Mississippi Community College with a degree in early childhood development.

Jessica Rose Taylor, daughter of Tom and Diana Taylor of Nairobi, Kenya, graduated from the International School of Kenya 3 June 1994. She will return to the States in July to attend Georgetown College in Kentucky.

Anne Vawter, daughter of A. Thomas Vawter of Union Springs, NY and the late Catherine Bloom Vawter, is engaged to be married in October. Anne, a graduate of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, and St. Louis University, lives in Poughkeepsie, NY, and works as a staff nurse at a nearby hospital.

Roger Wicker has survived the first hurdle in his quest to become a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. The first primary was held on June 7 in Mississippi. Roger led a six-man slate, defeating the nearest opponent by 2000 votes. The second primary is June 28.

VVV Association president Bill M. Vawter and Virginia Whitaker will be married on 12 July 1994 at the Dallas Temple.

Be sure to send news of your family for the newsletter.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Raymond Larson, 77, Phoenix, Arizona, died 15 May 1994 in Phoenix. Burial was in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Sibley, Illinois. He was a farmer in the Sibley, Gibson City and Cooksville, Illinois, area before retiring in 1987 and moving to Phoenix.

Survivors include his wife Hazel Scholl Larson; a son, Michael Ray Larson, of Springfield, Illinois; and two grandsons, Joshua Michael and Joseph Andrew Lawson. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Laverne Vawter, who died 2 Nov 1968.

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Sarah Louise Vawter Lee, 84, East Peoria, Illinois, formerly of Tremont, Illinois, died 7 May 1994 in East Peoria. Burial was in the Vawter Cemetery, rural Tremont. She was born 12 Dec 1909 in Tremont, the daughter of Lewis and Adah Wilson Vawter.

Survivors include three sons, David Vawter Lee of Tremont; Harold H. Lee and Peter C. Lee, both of the Denver area; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She married Harold R. Lee on 2 June 1934 in Denver, and he preceded her in death on 20 November 1985.

This Vawter Cemetery is located on a farm that has been in the family for several generations. The farm is now the home of David Vawter Lee and his family. Those who attended the 1989 reunion in Normal, Illinois, will remember going there on Friday evening for a cook-out and tour.

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Eva Louise Young Fry, 76, died April 1993 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born 23 November 1916 in Lampasas, Texas, the daughter of James Edwin and Willie Elizabeth Bigham Young. She was a graduate of the University of Texas and received a master's degree in special education from Hardin Simmons University. She was married to Leo M. Fry.

Survivors include a son, L. Mark Fry of E1 Paso; a sister, Alice Glenn Ricks of Brady, Texas; a niece, Elizabeth Ricks Langston of Kerrville, Texas; and nephews, William Robert Ricks of Carrollton, Texas, and James G. Ricks of Dallas. She was preceded in death by children, John Ed Fry and Betty Lee Fry.

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Willie Elizabeth (Betty) Sallas, 74, died 5 March 1993 in Lampasas, Texas. She was born in Lampasas 1 December 1918, the daughter of James Edwin and Willie Elizabeth Bigham Young. She attended the University of Texas and graduated from Jackson Business School. She was married to W. Porter Sallas.

Survivors include a daughter-in law, Connie Sallas of Burnet, Texas; a sister, Alice Glenn Ricks of Brady, Texas; a niece, Elizabeth Ricks Langston of Kerrville, Texas; and nephews, James G. Ricks of Dallas, William Robert Ricks of Carrollton, and L. Mark Fry of E1 Paso. A son, Joe Porter Sallas, preceded her in death.

These sisters, Eva Louise Fry, Betty Sallas, and Alice Glenn Ricks, are descendants of William Boulware and Margaret Henderson Vawter.

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