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REUNION

The seventh annual reunion of the VVV Family Association will be August 3-4-5 at the Fredonia Inn, 200 N. Fredonia Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961- Phone (409) 564-4665. Cut off date for reservations in our block of 50 rooms will be July 21, 1984. When making reservations remember to mention the VVV reunion.

One person \$38.00- Two persons \$45.00- Additional person/rollaway/crib \$6.00 each.
Children under 12 free.

OTHER EXPENSES:

Tour (see below) - approx. \$10.00
Friday night dinner together - 6 to 8 dollars
Saturday night banquet - 9 to 10 dollars
Other meals on your own.

AGENDA

Friday, 8:00 a.m. Officers breakfast meeting.

Registration

Meetings to be announced later.

Friday night dinner.

Saturday 9 a.m. tour with five (5) vans plus cars. Points of interest: Millard Crossing (a village of colonial east Texas homes, churches & businesses), Stephen F. Austin College Campus, The Old Stone Fort, Old University building, Oak Grove Cemetery, and Nacogdoches Lake at around noon where we will have a Kentucky Fried Chicken box lunch with a drink. Then we will head back to the motel. (Price covers lunch, etc.)

Saturday night banquet at which time we will have election of officers.

Speakers will be announced in the Presidents letter to be mailed out later.

Sunday morning Chapel service across the street from the motel.

REUNION (cont.)

Transportation for those arriving at the Houston Intercontinental Airport: There is MR. GO airport shuttle to Nacogdoches (with stops). The cost is \$25.00. It operates Monday thru Friday leaving the airport at 10:30 a.m. - - Ar. 1-00 p.m., Lv. 1:30 p.m. - -Ar. 4:30, Lv. 6:00 - -Ar. 10:00. Reservations are required three hours in advance - call (409)637-6746 or 637-MRGO.

Bill Vawter, 3019 Conway Street, Houston, TX 77025 - Phone (713)665-6608 will see about making arrangements with the airport shuttle for those who will depart on Sunday for the Houston airport. It will leave approx. 11:00 a.m. and arrive in Houston at 2:00. Let Bill know if you want this service because the shuttle ordinarily does not run on Saturday or Sunday.

DEPRESSION IN 30's RICH ONLY IN MEMORIES

From: Col. James V. Vaughter, 4206 Walnut Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608

Taken from: Abilene Reporter-News - Sunday, February 25, 1979
Dr. J. G. Vaughter

J. O. Vaughter worked in his brother's drug store in Byers, Texas. There he heard that dentists received \$5 for pulling teeth. That impressed him as a good way to make money, so he enrolled in the University of Louisville to become a dentist.

Dr. Vaughter launched his career in Rochester in 1931. A dentist had died and his widow offered house and office for \$30 a month rent and his equipment for sale at \$350. The depression hit, but he thought, "surely I can make \$1 a day to pay rent and \$1 a day to live on." It was tougher than he had thought, struggling to meet equipment payments and sleeping on a couch because he had no bed. He hadn't thought of the need of oxygen or acetylene torch to do bridge work and gold inlays. To take care of this he went down to Michael's garage to do his dental castings.

After three years he decided to move to Haskell where he rented an office over the Haskell National Bank. A \$100 gift from his mother helped to make the move and to purchase a bed which he put in his office. That was in 1934 and the depression hadn't eased much. A \$2 check he had given a druggist bounced, and he was down to 25 cents in his pocket when a patient came to him with a toothache and that one was followed by another wanting his teeth cleaned. A flushed Dr. Vaughter rushed to the drug store to make good his check. From then on it was uphill.

In 1937 he built his first home and married the Haskell County home demonstration agent, Peggy Taylor. Now there were scores of patients and Dr. Vaughter recalls one with good humor; his patient had him pull his teeth and then went to another dentist for dentures.

During the trying years Dr. Vaughter did some continuing dental work for a lady who operated a restaurant, in exchange for meals. She kept an account of all his meals. In 1933 when she moved, she lacked about \$30 of paying in full. After World War II and his tour in the navy he received a call from the lady saying she wanted to settle her account. She brought her ledger to his office and in it she had recorded every dental charge and each meal he had eaten and what he ate. She paid him in full then and there.

The passing years Dr. Vaughter prospered in his practice. In 1951 he bought a two story stucco residence which is still the family home. He built an office on the west of the house. Dr. Vaughter retired in 1977 and indulged in his favorite hobby- golf.

STEAMBOAT CAPTAIN

From Helen K. Vawter, 1904 - 70th Ave. W. #F2, Tacoma, WA 98466

There is in my possession a large cup, saucer, and plate, all of which have pictures of the, "David White", a steamer, and painted on them the words "J. W. Vawter, Master". They were given to my father, James Alois Vawter, the third son and fifth child in the family.

John Watts Vawter, son of, James & Sarah (Watts) Vawter, was born 15 November 1817 (Bicknell 158). He was owner of the steamer "David White" running between Louisville, St. Louis, and New Orleans, and for a time was the captain.

He sold one-fourth interest in the "David White" before it exploded on the lower Mississippi. He suffered a heavy loss and turned to agriculture.

The story in our family is that while the steamer was in New Orleans and ready to go back up the Mississippi, John W. Vawter remember he had left his umbrella in the hotel and while he went back to get it, the boat exploded.

J. D. VAWTER, A HOMESTEADER IN 1885

From: Mrs. Robert F. Dennis, 11954 E. Virginia Drive, Aurora, CO. 80012

Taken from the 1960 special edition of Oakley Graphic in honor of Oakley's 75th birthday and 100th year as the state of Kansas.

The name of VAWTER is associated with the earliest beginnings of Oakley, Kansas. The patriarch of the clan, J. D. VAWTER, plowed the outline of the original city of Oakley in the fall of 1885 with his span of mules.

Young VAWTER, age 22, left Coin, Page Co., Iowa in the spring of 1885 in a covered wagon for the country south of Oberlin, then the seat of the government land office. His final choice of land was 4 ½ miles from Cleveland siding on the Kansas-Pacific railroad, which had only a passing track, pump station, and a water tank. Chuck Vawters became the third generation on this land.

VAWTER had a ringside seat on the frenzied activity of the next two years which saw a railroad siding burgeon into a town. His mules were at the beck and call of almost every construction project. By December 1886 VAWTER felt opulent enough to think of marriage. A school mam he had known in Iowa was teaching near Lenora. VAWTER harnessed up his mules to the covered wagon and showed up in Lenora. There he courted his wife-to-be and married December 23, 1886. The couple honeymooned on a covered wagon tour to Oakley.

Two boys were born to the J.D. Vawter; R.H. in 1890, and J.E. in 1892. Mrs. VAWTER continued as a teacher of rural schools in Thomas Co. VAWTER became a cattleman as well as a farmer. In 1904 he replaced his "soddy" with a frame house. Vawter served as mayor two terms in the late 20's and early 30's. Both were active members in Masonery, the Odd Fellows, and the Presbyterian church.

The children of the R. H. Vawter's: Mrs. Louis Meek, John W. Vawter, and Mrs. Marvin (Emma) Garrett.

The children of J. E. Vawter: Mrs. Theodora (Don) Schuman, Mrs. LoRee (Glen) Dennis, Mrs. Lucene (Robert) Dennis, and Charles D. Vawter.

MEMBER PROFILE

M. GLEN VAWTER, 33 Delaine Dr., Normal, IL. 61761

Born 23 September 1918 in Keysport, Bond Co., IL. He is the son of D. Guy and Myrtle (McCoy) VAWTER, grandson of A. Grant & Sarah (Kinkade) VAWTER, great grandson of James C. & Mary (Elder) VAWTER (p. 331 Bicknell). Married May C. Jordan 3 July 1942 in Ft. Benning GA.

Children: Shirley K. Beasley, Farmer City, IL., Rev. Wayne G. (Baptist) Portage, WI., Bruce G. Webster Grove, MO., Roger G. Bloomington, IL., Rev. Gary G. (Baptist) Decatur, AL. There are 12 grandchildren.

He has worked in construction as a carpenter, carpenter forman, Superintendent, Contractor & Architects Inspector for 35 years before forced retirement because of an auto accident in 1979. He is a WWII Army Veteran, member of DAV and Masons.

Tipton County, Indiana- by Steven

6-128	16 Oct. 1885	BACK, Margaret	VAWTER, George W.
8-161	12 May 1895	RUSSELL, Nellie E.	VAWTER, John T.
5-40	24 Jan. 1878	DAWSON, Sarah E.	VAWTER, Lewis T.
5-62	15 May 1878	McSHANE, Sarah E.	VAWTER, Samuel M.
8-4	28 Oct. 1893	MAGGART, Nota V.	VAWTER, William
5-78	11 Sept. 1878	VANBRIGGLE, Azalia	VAWTER, William W.
6-4	27 Jan. 1884	TICHENOR, Jonathan	VAWTER, Emma C.
5-407	5 Apr. 1882	RADLIFF, Silas G.	VAWTER, Emma S.
8-442	1 Jan. 1898	JONES, William F.	VAWTER, Ida B.
5-355	30 Oct. 1881	WRIGHT, John	VAWTER, Lizzie
10-160	8 Sept. 1903	EUDALY, William	VAWTER, Luella
4-294	24 Dec. 1874	WRIGHT, Henry	VAWTER, Mary A.
7-269	9 Oct. 1891	MAGGART, James	VAWTER, Nora
7-161	27 Sept. 1890	SCOTT, Wesley W.	VAWTER, Nora A.
7-465	2 Sept. 1893	OVERHOLSER, William	VAWTER, Rene Maria
4-321	24 Apr. 1875	KESSLER, Jacob	VAWTER, Rosalie
7-462	13 Aug. 1893	DUNN, John	VAWTERS, Ada
5-519	5 Aug. 1883	ARBUCKLE, Joseph A.	VAWTERS, Sarah

NEW MEMBERS

Joe Moore Nash, 4603 Huisache, Bellaire, TX. 77401

Jack L. Vawter, Jr., 902 Imperial, Denton, TX. 76201 (Line: UNKNOWN, Wesley Rhodes Vawter, Jack L. Vawter, Sr., Jack L. Vawter, Jr.

Mrs. Ann Martin Harpole, 3689 Peakwood Dr., Roanoke, VA. 24014 (Line- Bartholomew, John, Edward, Samuel, Drucilla (Vawter) Martin, Wm (Capt. Billy) Martin.

Wells Vaughters, 1339 - 10th St. S.E., Salem, Ohio 44460 (Descends from S.S. English & Thomas G. Vaughters.

Ray B. Vaughters, 3453 Knollwood Dr. N.W., Atlanta, GA. 30305 (Descends from S.S. English & Thomas G. Vaughters). See article in last issue (Spring - p. 15) and see editors corrections under announcements in this issue.

BETH, wife of RALPH E. FALL passed away in December of 1983. Her tombstone has been placed at her grave in VAUTER'S Churchyard in Essex Co., VA. Ralph Fall was the pastor of VAUTER'S Church at the time of our 1980 reunion in VA. At that time he was taken in as an honorary member in the VVVFA.

JESSAMYN WEST- North Vernon Born Author Dies at 81

Excerpts from the newspapers: North Vernon Sun, The Republic (Columbus, IN.) and the Indianapolis Star. From Bonita Welch & Joyce Bowman (cousin of Editor).

Mary Jessamyn West was born in 1902 near North Vernon, the daughter of Eldo Roy and Grace (Milhous) West (P.360 Bicknell). The family moved to southern California seven years later. She lived in Yorba Linda, graduated from Fullerton, Calif. High School in 1919 and from Whitter College in 1923 with a degree in English. She was married to Harry Maxwell McPherson the same year.

While doing undergraduate work at the University of California, Miss West was stricken with T. B. and was hospitalized in a sanatorium. She used her writing as therapy in her 15 year battle against the disease.

Jessamyn West was a petite, auburn-haired freckled woman, humble about her own talent but quick to praise a fledgling writer. She was a passionate, perceptive, and religious woman whose essence crept into each characterization. She lived and wrote about a simple life, far from the whirlwind publicity tours that accompanied each new book. The Indiana that she wrote about was from tales her mother and grandmother told her of farm life among Indiana Quakers.

"The Friendly Persuasion", published in 1945 was a group of short stories about a Quaker family living on the border between the North and the South in the civil War. The bestseller was her first book and was later made into a movie starring Gary Cooper and Anthony Perkins and was nominated for an Academy Award. Novels by Miss West numbered 17 plus a number of short story collections.

Miss West was a frequent visitor to Jennings in her home state. She was one of four outstanding Hoosiers to be honored at the 1977 Indiana Arts Awards and was inducted in 1980 into the Indiana Academy, which honors Hoosiers for their contributions to the cultural, educational, civic, and social life of the state.

Death took place on February 22, 1984. Survivors include her husband, Harry Maxwell McPherson, a retired school superintendent in Napa, California and a daughter, Mrs. Alan Cash of Rodeo, California.

Lineage: Philemon & Anna VAWTER, dau. Elizabeth m. James Glover, Achilles & Sarah (Glover) West, J. Judson West & Clara A. Clark, Eldo R. West & Grace A. Milhouse, Mary Jessamyn West) McPherson (pgs. 354-360 Bicknell).

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$5.00 PER YEAR - DUE AND PAYABLE IN AUGUST TO VVVF ASSOCIATION Mail to: Hazel McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, TX 75760

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger & Shirley (Vawter) Byler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 29.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rasdall of Indianapolis, IN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 6. Mrs. Rasdall is the former Catherine VAWTER.

Work is progressing on the VVV - Vital - Vittles (VVV cookbook) with recipes from our membership. Plans are to have them completed and on sale at the reunion.

At the last reunion it was suggested that those who work in Arts & Crafts bring a piece of their work for a door prize and also bring some for display.

You will find a genealogy chart with this issue. If you have not filled one out, please do so and either bring it to the reunion or mail it to HISTORIAN/ ARCHIVIST - Jim Vaughters, 5981 S. Lima Street, Englewood, CO. 80111.

Remember the VVVFA dues become due and payable in August. Please send to Treasurer, Hazel McCandless. (See front page for address.)

From Janis Lee, Rt. #1, Tremont, IL. 61568

Janis appreciates all the letters since the notice of her writing a book, "Descendants of Jephtha D. Vawter" in the last issue. She says she has many references of Jephtha keeping a diary plus one she has for 1863-64. She would like to know if anyone has any of the other diaries. Any anecdotes about Jephtha would be appreciated.

CORRECTION- In the last issue (Spring) on page 15 is the article, General Store in E. B. Vaughters Family for 75 Years (1875-1950). Please make the following corrections: In the first paragraph of the story it should end: "which he named S. S. English Store & Post Office".

Also, the last paragraph should end, "he took over his father-in-law's store, S. S. English Store & Post Office".

CORRECTION - On page 16 under "New Members" the line of Arthur Lee Vawter, Jr. should read: grandfather was Albert C. VAWTER, s/o John T. VAWTER & Nancy Smith Poston Philliper (the second wife), s/o Wm & Frances VAWTER.

Robert M. (Pete) & Norma VAWTER are the proud grandparents of Emily Jean DeFur.

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