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#### THE NINTH ANNUAL VVV FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

It will take place August 1, 2 & 3 at the Ramada Inn, Tupelo, Mississippi. A brochure and reservation card are enclosed with this newsletter. Alternative lodging is available at the Village Inn Motel, located approx, one block from the Ramada.

Ramada reunion rates: \$35.00 single - #38.00 double - Phone (601)844-4111

Village Inn Motel reunion rates: \$25.00 single - \$28.00 double - Phone (601)842-4903

For the benefit of early arrivals, a registration desk will be open in the Ramada Convention Center between 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, July 31. The Mississippi VVV's will be hosts for the "Early Bird" party in the Convention Center between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. on Thursday night, featuring films of earlier reunions shown by Pete Vawter with his VCR. Others who have film which would be of interest to the group are invited to bring it.

A detailed schedule of activities will be given in the annual President's Letter. Friday there will be the customary group sessions, morning and afternoon, with a late afternoon tour of the City of Tupelo, ending with a Fish Fry at the Tombigbee State Park. Saturday's activities will begin with a group picture at 9:30. Departure for the bus tour will be at 10:30, touring Old Tishomingo County, via the scenic Natchez Trace Parkway. Narrators on each bus will call attention to points of family and historic interest including: Location of tracts of land owned by the early Vawters'; a visit to the ghost town of Jacinto, county seat of Old Tishomingo County, where John Vawter IV was a village Selectman, County Ranger, Merchant, Tavern Keeper, and served on the committee which supervised the building of the Court House. Also, inspection of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, with a picnic lunch at the Visitor's Center. The day will end with a banquet at 7:30 p.m. at the Ramada. The reunion will conclude Sunday with a 9:00 a.m. Memorial Service.

#### COSTS

Fish Fry at Tombigbee State Park: \$3.00 - half-price for school-age children

Bus trip and picnic lunch: \$5.00 - half-price for school-age children

Banquet Saturday night: \$12.00 - half-price for school-age children

Group picture: \$7.00

#### TRANSPORTATION

Recent completion of By-Passes of US Highways 25 & 78 has altered access to the Ramada Inn. Those traveling by car should be alert to signs giving instructions for reaching the motel. For those flying there is Commuter Service to Tupelo: Five flights a day from Memphis on Republic Express, one flight on Air Midwest and from Lexington, KY three flights a day on American with a stop in Nashville. For the benefit of those flying into Tupelo, the Ramada offers limousine service upon request.

## MEMBER PROFILE - PAUL HIRAM VAUGHTER

Our VVVFA began from Paul's reunion of cousins

Paul Hiram Vaughter was born March 13, 1911 in Ada, Oklahoma, the fifth child and third son of Thomas & Minnie Louise (Ray) Vaughter. One of his earliest memories is fording the Red River with a wagon and horses on a trip to Texas. After living in various locations in Oklahoma and Texas, his parents moved to Oklahoma City in 1928, where Paul went to work at Armour & Co. He later spent several months in Cleveland, Ohio, studying meat grading, cutting, and the distribution of meat.

At the outbreak of World War II, Paul was in Washington, D.D., working for the US Navy. By this time, he was married to the former Carolyn Smith and they were the parents of three sons, Paul, Jr., Phillip Roger, and Patton Courtney. He later returned to Oklahoma City where he was employed by Tinker Air Force Base. His early experience in the meat industry served him in good stead at Tinker, where he was in charge of ordering, storing and issuance of meat to the troops, and in training troop members in the proper selection and issuance of supplies.

It was during this time that Paul became deeply interested in the ministry, became an ordained minister, and started a church in Oklahoma City without backing from any other church or convention. This church, Brookwood Baptist, is still in existence. He later preached at Carter Park Baptist Church. However, both preaching and instructing troops caused too much strain on his throat and surgery was necessary. Since he had to support his family, he reluctantly resigned the ministry and continued to work at Tinker Air Force Base.

Subsequently, he was transferred to Richmond, Virginia, from there to Dayton, Ohio, and later to Chateauroux, France, where he supervised industrial property belonging to the United States, but on loan to seven other countries. Though a civilian employee while overseas, he was given the rank and credentials of Colonel for his protection in the event of capture.

Following the overseas assignment, Paul returned with his family to Dayton, Ohio. When his youngest son, Pat, became terminally ill with Hodgkin's Disease, Paul retired and moved the family to Austin, Texas in hopes the warmer climate would be more comfortable to Pat. Following Pat's death, Paul and Carolyn moved to Minnesota near their eldest son. Later they moved to Houston, Texas.

It was while living in Houston around 1972 that Paul became interested in family history and initiated a family reunion with his cousins, most of whom lived in Texas and had known each other since childhood. The reunions were held at Lake Murry, Ordmore, Oklahoma because the cousins, Mary and Iley Oxford lived there and could make the arrangements.

About this time, Paul Vaughter Jr. also became interested in family history, and father and son both became aware that they were one of the lost tribes of Vawter who had been left out of Grace Bicknell's history of the Vawter family. The Vaughter reunions at Lake Murray in August grew to be the high point of the year, but Paul, Sr. envisioned the time when distant cousins whose name was spelled Vawter could be drawn into the gatherings. Thus it was that following contact with Bill Vawter of Houston and his twin sister, Hazel McCandless of Cushing, Texas, and their subsequent contact with the Wickers in Mississippi that the first Vaughter/Vawter gathering took place at Lake Murray, Oklahoma in August of 1977. We now boast a membership of 400.

The Ninth Annual Vawter/Vaughter/Vauter Reunion will be dedicated jointly to Ora Wiley Wicker of Tupelo and Paul Hiram Vaughter, Sr., whose interest and vision has contributed to the formation of the family association. Paul Vaughter's dream has become a reality. (See Ora's profile in the last issue of the newsletter)

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GENEALOGY - DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS & ELIZABETH (PITT) VAWTER/ VAUGHTER

I Bartholomew Vawter (ca. 1660-1717) Winifred Hodgson (Hodges)

II Edward Vawter (ca. 1700-1779) Elizabeth Boulware (unproved)

CHILDREN: Samuel, William, THOMAS, Elliott, James, Benjamin, & Margaret (Goodrich)

III THOMAS VAWTER (ca. 1745-1815) Elizabeth (Pitt) dau. of Judge Pitt of Halifax Co.

VA. Thomas was a surveyor of Montgomery CO. and they lived in Cumberland & Buckingham Counties, VA., m. ca. 1765. Buckingham Co. Court House Records destroyed. CHILDREN: ?

IV Edward (ca. 1770-1815) Sarah (Lee), died Buckingham Co., VA CHILDREN:

(1) Wyatt L. m. 26 Aug. 1816, Elizabeth R. Harrison

(2) Edward Buchanan m. Martha McCune. went to Carrol Co., TN ca. 1847

Children: John T., Andrew J., Mary J., James Edward, Sarah E., Lemuel, Eliz.

(3) Thomas Lee m. Agnes H. McCune, also to Carrol Co., TN 1847

CHILDREN: Sarah E., Martha L., Mary Jane, Thomas D., Watt R., William H., Robert G., and Virginia P.

(4) Elizabeth P. m. Anderson Tinsley Blanton

(5) James

(6) Simon

(7) Mary Belle m. 1827, Benjamin Harrison

(8) Sarah Lee m. Royal Wyatt

(9, 10, 11, & 12) possibly 3 sons and one dau. unidentified.

IV Elizabeth (b. ca 1772) married her cousin John Vawter (unproved), lived Charlotte Co.

CHILDREN: 1 male d. young, Belina, Salone, Julia Ann and John R.

IV Lemuel (b. 1775/6) m. 1<sup>st</sup> , OBEDIENCE JACKSON, 5 Jan. 1797, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kesia Gadsey,

1828. Served in war 1812, lived Charlotte Co., VA. Kesia Gadsey had small children and it is not known if these were adopted to the Vawter/Vaughtner name.

CHILDREN:

(1) Elizabeth P. m. 26 Sept. 1815 John W. Thornton

(2) Besta (Frances) m. 14 Nov. 1818 John H. Thackston

(3) Nancy b. 20 May 1806, m. 2 Oct. 1822, William Bailey Harris

(4) Lemuel, Jr. ?

(5) Paschal ?

(6) Merit

(7) Mary Jane, m. 9 April 1845, E. B. Green

IV Martha (Patsy) (b. ca. 1777/8) m. John Faris 20 June 1799. Murdered by slave girl

1821 CHILDREN: Ludwell, Charles, John Jr., Thomas, Elizabeth

IV Samuel, b.1785 (unproved) was single, planter, age 65, 1850 census Charlotte Co., VA

IV LUDWELL VAWTER/ VAUGHTER (ca. 1784-d. aft. 1860)m. 20 Mar. 1809, Frances

Robinson came from Charlotte Co., VA to Wilson CO., TN ca. 1820 spelling name

VAUGHTER Served in war 1812, d. Wilson Co., TN after 1860.

DESCENDANTS:

V (1) David Robinson (1810-1893) m. 22 Jan, 1834 Elizabeth M, Laswell (1814-1896)

Buried Hurricane cemetery Wilson Co., TN. CHILDREN:

A. Thomas Houston (1834-1916)m. Nancy Evaline Nelson (1836-1915)

(a) Mary Buckingham (1860 - 1919) m. Joseph Franklin Burk

B. William G. (Bill)-(1836-1895) m. 1<sup>st</sup> Frances Sims ca. 1852

Was in the Civil War m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hattie Harriet Sims 1 Jan. 1889

CHILDREN

by Frances- Wm. George, Pleasant, John, and Mary

CHILDREN by Hattie - James Ewell, m. Letha Stanley

C. John B. (1839-1911) m. Sarah J. Evans (1849-1912) Served in Civil War

(a) Charley (1870-1875) Run over by a team of oxen

(b) Luther Martin (1873-1948) m. Susan Ann Chase Vaughtner 29. Apr.1899

1.Mattie Brown (1900-1975) m. Edwin Brown, Beadle St. 15 Mar. 1926

- John B. Vaughter  
Cont.
2. ANABEL b. 1901,m. Robert Ernest Dunaway (1867-1975)
  3. John Carney (1903-1948)m. Nelle Murrell Drennan
  4. David Dayton, b. 1906, m. (1)Phillis Julene Pigg (2)Edna Head
  5. Ernest Baxter, b. 6 June 1909, m. Gertie McKee
  6. NELLIE SUE, b. 1914, m. William T. McDaniel
  7. Mildred Martin (1912-1979) m. Roy Garner
- (c) Marcus Adolphus (1882-1930) m. Mary M. Hall 28 Aug. 1910
- D. George T. (1842-1873) m. Martha Nelson
- E. David Robinson (Rob) (1846-1897) m. Eldora Nash 15 Dec. 1869  
CHILDREN: Willie Alice, George D., and Dora
- F. Frances b.1948 m. Hiram Bennett, Nov. 12, 1871 moved to TX, had large fam.
- G. Martha Ann Chase (1851-1917) m. William (Willie) Evans 1919  
CHILDREN: George, Thomas, and Horace
- H. Adelia (1854-1888) m. David Jerome Barber 12 Nov. 1874, CHILDREN: Lille, Harris Jerome, Willie, Clara Alice, Thomas, John Marcus, Eliz., Adelia, Nannie May, Claude Alexander, James Lofton, Ofa Inez, Ora Belle, Posey Eugene, Mattie B., Addie Marie, Ira Franklin, and Oscar William.
- I. Dartheulia, b. 5 May 1856, m. Rice Harrison 19 Aug. 1874, Went to TX-Lg. fam.
- J. James K. Polk (1859-1929) m. Meldora Burke  
CHILDREN: Alphus Murray, Ida, Vera
- V (2) Thomas (1813-1893) m. 8 April 1841, Susan Bond, Wilson Co., TN
- A. Martha, b. 1843, m. Henry Houston Edwards, 27 Aug. 1859
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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) Willie m. Jessie Mankin | (f) John - died young       |
| (b) Mattie m. Lex Yearwood  | (g) Rebecca m. Gus Williams |
| (c) Mary m. Thomas Hopkins  | (h) Lavada                  |
| (d) 'Bob' m. Frances Oliver | (i) George m. Laura Dunn    |
| (e) Lucy m. Bob Patterson   |                             |
- B. David Crockett Vaughter (1844-1923) m. Tennessee Brown Alsop 9 March 1875
- (a) Susan Chase Vaughter (1875-1950) m. Luther Martin Vaughter  
(See – John B./Sarah J. Evans V - C. - (b) over
- (b) Nelson Alsop (1877-1959) m. Beulah Boatwright (Texas) 26 March 1917  
CHIIDREN: 1. Mace  
2. DAVID C. VAUGHTER- Retired Air Line Pilot, Sunrise, FL  
3. Juanita
- (c) David Clark
- (d) Thomas Houston (1879-1954) m. Fruzie Anna Wrather - CHILDREN:
- |                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Maggie Brown Vaughter | 6. Eugene Vaughter |
| 2. Elese                 | " 7. Mary "        |
| 3. David                 | " 8. Janie "       |
| 4. Carl                  | " 9. Ruth "        |
| 5. Andrew                | "                  |
- (e) William Hershell (1881-1955) m. Monnie Wade (N. Mexico)
- (f) Sallie Green Vaughter (1883-1946) m. Robert L. Blythe - CHILDREN:  
1922 Walter F. Blythe  
1923 John W. "  
1924 Matie B. "
- (g) Mary Grace Vaughter (1888-1964) m. Dallas E. Gannon – CHILDREN:
- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. Hershell Gannon | 5. Gladys Gannon |
| 2. Fannie "        | 6. Jack "        |
| 3. Tennie Brown "  | 7. Fred "        |
| 4. Lela "          | 8. Blanche "     |
- (h) John Richmond Vaughter (1891-1971) m. Irene Foster 16 Sept. 1915
1. Elsie Lou Vaughter m. Roy Robinson
  2. James Richmond Vaughter m. Penny Morris

This family of descendants of Ludwell/Frances (Robinson) Vawter/Vaughter have been holding family reunions the 2nd Sunday of July in Murfreesboro, TN for 54 years. E. B. Vaughters, 12015 1st Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98177

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#### NEWEST VAWTER BOOK

This 539 page book compiled by Shirley (Vawter) Byler is divided into two sections and has an index. After 30 years of research it is finished and can be ordered.

Section II pgs. 234-522 deals with the early Virginia families connected to Vawter such as: Noel, Page, Gibs, Stokley, Vallott, Towles, Rucker, Hodgson, etc.

From there is branches off taking in Jesse Vawter & Elizabeth Watts, Philemon Vawter & Anna Vawter, Elijah Poston & Susanna Barker, down to Wm. Vawter & Frances Vawter and on down to John Taylor Vawter & Nancy Smith Poston who begin Section II.

Section I deals with the descendants of Albert Vawter, son of John Taylor Vawter.

This book has been placed in the Library of Congress, DAR Library and the Indiana State Library whose librarian wrote, "This is an outstanding work of genealogy - We are delighted to add it to our collection. It will be reviewed in The Hoosier Genealogist.

You can order it from Mrs. Shirley Byler, Rt. #1, Box 319, Sweeny, TX 77480. The price is \$40.00 plus \$2.50 for postage & packaging. If you desire a fancy grained buckrum binding (limited number), add an additional \$5.00.

#### TEXAS HISTORICAL LANDMARK

The Texas Historical Commission early this year officially designated "Whitefield" as a Texas Historical Landmark. This elegant old home is located at 306 S. Bois d'Arc in Forney, Texas, which is 20 miles east of Dallas. "Whitefields" is the first residential structure in Forney to be so recognized.

"Whitefields" was built in 1910 by Dick P. & Nancy Pickard Moore. They were the uncle & aunt of Cornelia Vawter Nash who descends from: Bartholomew, Edward, Thomas, Lemuel, Nancy Vawter Harris, Francis Ann Harris Pickard, Cornelia Francis Pickard Moore, Jessie Ann Moore Davis, and Cornelia Alice Davis Nash.

Cornelia Nash spent most of her childhood in her grandparents home and spent many happy hours next door at "Whitefields". Cornelia Francis Pickard Moore & Nancy Harris Pickard Moore were sisters as well as neighbors.

From: Cornelia Nash, 807 D. 12th, Longview, TX 75602 - Written by Associate Editor, Sally Brown, 3016 S. Madison, Tulsa, OK 74114.

#### MEMORIAL

Ralph Vawter, 96, a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, IN died 5 May 1986. He was a retired, self employed contractor and civil engineer.

He is survived by sisters; Martha Fisgel, Frances Boltz, and Catherine Rasdall; brothers; George and Scott Vawter.

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#### GLEANINGS

From. Thomas L. Riley, 2527 Cox Mill Rd., Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Found: In Sebree Studies. Lineage of Charles Jenkins Sebree (1854-1913) and Collateral Lines Traced to Colonial Virginia by Willa I. Guss 1984

pgs. 50-51, Sarah (Sally) Barnett Watts, dau. of Fanny Sebree & John Watts, was b. 26 Oct. 1796, d. 1879, m. 1816 James Vawter, son of Jesse Vawter (1755-1838) and Elizabeth Watts (1762-1830).

#### CHILDREN:

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. John W. Vawter | 7. James S. Vawter |
| 2. Jesse H. "     | 8. Newton W. "     |
| 3. Frances "      | 9. Fanny S. "      |
| 4. Johnson "      | 10. Susan E. "     |
| 5. William C. "   | 11. Thomas S. "    |
| 6. Milton S."     |                    |

A sister of Sarah Watts: Frances Ann Watts m. Jesse Vawter, son of Philemon & Ann Vawter.

From: Mary Winningham. 4701 Willard Ave., Apt. 312, Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
(Found in The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 27, #3 1983 - On page 206 - British Mercantile Claims 1775-1803).

David Vauter, Orange County. Died at the Albemarle Barracks during the war, worth nothing at all. He lived near to William Lucas of Orange and his widow lived near him several years after the death of her husband in great distress.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert (Pete) & Norma Jean Vawter of Milan, TN are the proud grandparents of two new grandchildren.

1. Katelyn Paige Vawter, b. 2 Sept. 1985 to Robert L. (Bobby) & Janet Vawter and sister Wendy of Memphis, TN.
2. James Dennis De Fur, Jr, b. 13 April 1986 to Jim & Barbara De Fur and sister Emily of Jackson, TN.

From the Beths Melton and Sabel - "We wish to thank everyone who sent in names and addresses and corrections for the new directory.

The relatives and descendants of D.C. & Tennessee Brown Alsup Vaughter will hold their 55th family reunion the second Sunday in July in Murfreesboro, TN.

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