

b. Dick Mavity, born December 18, 1888.

James M. Vawter was married, second, December 11, 1890, to Lura J. Sanderson.

Children:

a. Fred Beverly, born December 28, 1891.

b. Mary Lucile, born August 31, 1895.

James Mavity Vawter is pastor of the Christian Church at Jeffersonville, Indiana

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## LUCINDA (VAWTER) BLAIR

Lucinda, daughter of Beverly and Elizabeth Vawter, was born September 30, 1814, in Jefferson county, Indiana; married to Thomas Blair, a farmer; died August 30, 1845. They had one child, Elizabeth V., who was born July 17, 1845, and after the death of her mother lived with her grandparents, Beverly and Elizabeth Vawter, until her marriage to Milton West, February 2, 1871. She died January 27, 1875, leaving one child, Cora. (See record of Milton West.) Thomas Blair died near Versailles, Indiana, July, 1881.

## 3

## REBECCA VAWTER

Rebecca, daughter of Beverly and Elizabeth (Crawford) Vawter, died as a child.

## 4

## MELINDA VAWTER

Melinda, daughter of Beverly and Elizabeth (Crawford) Vawter, died as a child.

## 5

## PHILEMON VAWTER

Philemon, son of Beverly and Elizabeth (Crawford) Vawter, was born June 22, 1819, near Madison Indiana. He was a

Christian minister. He preached in and about Madison for a while, then moved to Illinois, where he studied and entered upon the practice of law at Springfield. He was a successful lawyer, but concluded to return to the ministry. It was said that Mr. Lincoln met Mrs. Vawter on the street in Springfield and said:

"Do you know what reason your husband had for abandoning the law ? Had he anything like financial reverses?" "Why, no," said Mrs. Vawter, "it was conscience with him; pure conviction of duty."

Philemon Vawter preached for many years in different sections of the country, and finally went to Washington City from Port Gibson, Mississippi. He was visiting in Vienna, Virginia, near Washington, and while there had a fall down a stairway which resulted in his death. He died October 2, 1894.

Philemon Vawter married Martha A. Humphreys, of Woodford county, Kentucky.

Children of Philemon and Martha (Humphreys) Vawter:

- (1) Humphreys Vawter married Miss Carter and went to Oregon; died in Denver in 1887. He had one son, Claude Philemon.
- (2) Hettie Hawes Vawter married Maurice Joyce, of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and had one son, Maurice Humphreys. Mrs Joyce died in St. Louis, Missouri, August, 1885.
- (3) Sarah Beverly Vawter married William H. Harris, of Cleveland, Ohio, and had three children: Edwin Vawter, Beverly Humphreys and Hettie Vawter. Mrs. Harris lives in Washington City.
- (4) Robert Crawford Vawter married Judge William A. Milliken, of Nashville, Tennessee, and has one daughter, Rhoda Jamieson. They live in Washington City.

## 6

## JAMES VAWTER

James, son of Beverly and Elizabeth (Crawford) Vawter, married Mary Elder; died February 27, 1894, at Bogota, Illinois. He had no children. His wife lives at Wakefield, Jasper county, Illinois.

## RICHARD VAWTER

Richard, son of Beverly and Elizabeth (Crawford) Vawter, was born September 22, 1828, near Madison, Indiana; married January 13, 1848, to Maria Lame, who was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, August 25, 1827, and died September 23, 1881.

Children of Richard and Maria (Lame) Vawter:

(1) Jennie Vawter was born near Madison, Indiana; married April 28, 1869, to Dr. Charles H. Wright, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 22, 1839, and died August 26, 1889, in North Madison, Indiana.

Dr. Charles H. Wright graduated from the Ohio Medical College in 1870, and was a practicing physician and surgeon at Madison, Indiana. He served as a Union soldier in the War of the Rebellion, was wounded and in the military hospital for a while. After his recovery, he was connected with the medical department during the remainder of his service, as assistant surgeon.

Jennie (Vawter) Wright was married, November 6, 1900, to Richard Johnson, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, January 12, 1829.

Mr. Johnson left Belfast for New York in 1850; remained in New York City one year, then went to Madison, Indiana, where he has since been identified with many of its large business interests. Mr. Johnson is a banker and a Presbyterian.

(2) Cyrus Philemon Vawter was born February 4, 1852; married in Acton, Indiana, in 1878, to Martha Roush; died April 5, 1881. He was a physician and lived in Acton, Indiana.

(3) Joseph Vawter was born February 12, 1858; died, unmarried, December 18, 1896.

(4) Anna Vawter was born January 7, 1866; married April 1, 1897, to Charles E. Irwin, who was born May 4, 1860, in Monroe township, Jefferson county, Indiana. They live near Madison, Indiana, R. R. No.10.

Children:

- a. Joseph Irwin, born August 21, 1898.
- b. Vawter Oliver Irwin, born February 25, 1905.

Richard Vawter was married, second, October 11, 1897, to Elizabeth A. Irwin, a sister to the husband of his daughter Anna. Elizabeth (Irwin) Vawter was born August 5, 1852. No children.

Richard Vawter and wife live on a farm near Madison, Indiana.

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CYRUS VAWTER

Cyrus, the son of Beverly and Elizabeth (Crawford) Vawter, was born near Madison, Indiana, September 28, 1830; married in Linn county, Oregon, December 10, 1857, to Sarah A. Finley, who was born in Platt county, Missouri, May 18, 1840.

Cyrus Vawter went to Oregon with Philemon Vawter Crawford and family in the year 1851. They went by water to St. Joseph, Missouri, and from there went overland with an ox team. It took them six months to make the trip from Madison to the Willamette Valley in Oregon. Cyrus Vawter located at a place then known as Boston Mills, where he became the owner of large flouring mills. He died in Linn county, Oregon, February 11, 1864, and was buried at Crawfordsville, Oregon. His wife (now Mrs. Sarah A. Ribelin) lives at Halsey, Linn county, Oregon.

Children of Cyrus and Sarah (Finley) Vawter:

- (1) Samantha Vawter, born October 10, 1858; died November 1, 1858.
- (2) William Ira Vawter, born March 24, 1863; married February 10, 1889, to Etta M. Hill, who was born at Silver City, Idaho, January 23, 1869.

W. I. Vawter is president of the Jackson County Bank of Medford, Oregon, and has represented Douglas and Jackson counties in the legislature.

Children of W. I. and Etta (Hill) Vawter:

- a. Vernon Hill Vawter, born in Medford, Oregon, November 13, 1890.
- b. William Ira Vawter, Jr., born in Medford, Oregon, May 21, 1894.

## SAMUEL VAWTER

Samuel, son of Beverly and Elizabeth (Crawford) Vawter, was born near Madison, Indiana, December 24, 1832; married October 16, 1853, to Frances Ames, who was born August 7, 1834, near Madison, Indiana. Samuel Vawter was a miller. He died in Franklin, Indiana, March 15, 1884.

Children of Samuel and Frances (Ames) Vawter:

(1) Nannie Vawter was born December 17, 1856; married June 19, 1878, to Winfield S. Draper, who was born March 25, 1852, near Franklin, Indiana. Mr. Draper is in the grocery business in Franklin. No children.

(2) James L. Vawter was born November 27, 1864; married June 25, 1902, to Ethel Ransdall, who was born May 30, 1881, near Franklin, Indiana.

James Vawter is a traveling salesman for a New York wallpaper company, and lives in Des Moines, Iowa.

(3) Mollie Vawter was born December 5, 1867; married June 4, 1889, to Herbert M. Fisher, who was born July 2, 1867, in Vinton, Iowa. Mr. Fisher is a wholesale and retail dealer in meats and produce, and lives in Franklin, Indiana. One child, Edna, born April 1, 1890.

## JOHN M. VAWTER

John M., son of Beverly and Elizabeth (Crawford) Vawter, was born in Shelby township, Jefferson county, Indiana, February 29, 1836; married, Thursday, April 15, 1869, in Jefferson county, Indiana, to Sarah J. Pardun, daughter of Walter Kanap and Diana Pardun. Sarah (Pardun) Vawter was born April 18, 1847, in Manchester, Dearborn county; Indiana. John M. Vawter is a retired merchant, living in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Children of John M. and Sarah (Pardun) Vawter:

(1) Minnie Bell Vawter was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, April 13, 1870; married June 14, 1894, in Greenwood, Indiana, to Dr. Alfonso R. Harold, who was born October 27, 1867, near Tonganohie, Kansas. Dr. Harold is connected with the Physio-Medical College of Indiana; is a member of the National and State Associations, and was appointed delegate to the American Congress on Tuberculosis at Washington, D. C., in April, 1905. Dr. Harold and wife live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

(2) Walter Wright Vawter was born August 11, 1875, in Ripley county, Indiana; married November 12, 1901, to Annie Myrtle Hawthorn, in Helena, Montana. Annie (Hawthorn) Vawter was born January 7, 1879, at Eugene, Iowa. Walter W. Vawter lives at 2725 Humboldt avenue, South Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is engaged in the lumber business.

## VI

LUCY VAWTER<sup>5</sup>(Philemon<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)

m

JAMES CRAWFORD

(1790 - 1856)

CHILDREN <sup>6</sup>	GRANDCHILDREN <sup>7</sup>	G.GRANDCHILDREN <sup>8</sup>	G.GRANDCHILDREN <sup>9</sup>
	{ (1) Beverly V., d.s.		
	{ (2) Henry Paschal	{ Alice m. Church	
	{ m.	{ Phil. V.	
	{ Elizabeth Finley	{ Richard F.	{ Virginia E.
	{		{ Arthur
	{	{ William V.	{ Janet Content
	{	{ m.	{ J. Spencer
	{	{ Cora Spencer	{ Margaret
	{	{	{ W. Vawter, Jr.
	{	{	{ Jasper V., Jr.
	{	{	{ Cora May
	{		
	{ (3) Jasper Vincent	{ Letitia J.	{ Rae
	{ m.	{ m.	{ Leona Crawford
1. Philemon Vawter	{ Elizabeth N. Dunlap	{ L. G. Atherton	
Crawford	{	{ Maude Maria	
m	{	{ m. Chas. A. Jones	{ Francis Vawter
Letitia S. Smith {	{ Philemon Vawter		
	{	{ Clyde Platt, d.s.	
	{	{ Gertrude	
	{	{ Jasper Garfield	
	{	{ Robert Neal	
	{	{ Otheo Glenn	
	{	{ Jesse Dunlap, d.s.	
	{		{ Ralph
	{ (4) Elvin J.	{ Effie Ellen	{ Orin
	{ m 1st	{ m.	{ Theda
	{ Mary J. Waymire	{ Ed. Fenton	
	{	{ Edwin Manfred	{ George
	{ m. 2d	{ m. Margaret C. Lemon	{ Orville Franklin
	{ Alice Adams	{	{ Elvin John
	{	{ Mary Letitia	{ Alicia
	{	{ m.	{ Clark
	{	{ James W. Kimball	{ Duane
	{	{ Elma May	
	{	{ m. Wm. E. Porth	{ Willma
	{	{ Phil Vawter	
	{	{ Uleric Zwingle	
	{ m. 3d		
	{ Mrs. Anna Mills		

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|                          | { (5) Margaret S.     | { H. D.                |                    |
|                          | { m. 1st              | { O. M.                |                    |
|                          | { William Conover     |                        |                    |
|                          | { m. 2d               | { Zilpha               | { Mable            |
|                          | { H. M. Little        | { m. V. R. Fuller      | { m. Park S. Shoff |
|                          | {                     |                        |                    |
|                          | { (6) Ulric L., d.s.  |                        |                    |
|                          | { (7) Otheo, d.s.     |                        |                    |
|                          | { (8) Goodwin, d.s.   | { John B.              |                    |
|                          | { (9) Mary A.         | { m. Graciell Tabler   |                    |
| 1. Philemon Vawter       | { m.                  | { Hattie M.            |                    |
| Crawford { M. A. Dunlap  | { m. Fred D. Rinehart |                        |                    |
| (continued)              | {                     | { Lottie Zilpha        | { Hattie Laurretta |
|                          | {                     | { m. John A. Shields   | { David Gene       |
|                          | {                     | { George Layton        |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Wm. Philemon         |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Lou Bessie Ella      |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Elvin Crawford       |                    |
|                          | { (10) Zilpha, d.s.   |                        |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Arta Bell            | { Vera Camile      |
|                          | { (11) Louisa Sorrell | { m.                   | { Claud Atherton   |
|                          | { m.                  | { Wilson B. Stennett   |                    |
|                          | { T. A. Lewis         | { Francis Crawford, d. |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Ralph Everett        |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Floyd Lindsay        |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Josie Mary           |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Oran Wright          |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Annie Ethel          |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Lila Catherine       |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Lester Ambrose       |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Eunice Viola         |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Rilla Ainslee        |                    |
|                          | {                     |                        |                    |
|                          | { (12) B. Vawter      | { James Vawter         |                    |
|                          | { m.                  | { Clyde Franklin       |                    |
|                          | { Mary F. Cowgill     | { Lewis Guy            |                    |
| 2. Robert Crawford, d.s. |                       |                        |                    |
| 3. Rebecca Crawford      |                       |                        |                    |
| m. ___Smith              | { Children            |                        |                    |
|                          |                       |                        |                    |
|                          | { (1) A son           |                        |                    |
| 4. Rachel Crawford       | {                     | { Oliver C.            |                    |
| m.                       | {                     | { A daughter           |                    |
| Peter Smith              | { (2) Nira Elizabeth  | { J. Reuben            |                    |
|                          | { m.                  | { Mary Elizabeth       |                    |
|                          | { James Catching      | { m. 1st Chas. Safely  |                    |
|                          | {                     | { m. 2d E. F. Ogden    | { Viola Lucreta    |
|                          | {                     | { Ben H.               |                    |
|                          | {                     | { Jesse Franklin       |                    |



	{	{ John H.
	{ (3) Thos. Benton	{ Nira
	{ m.	{ Thos. B.
4. Rachel Smith	{ Amelia Whitten	{ Geo. L
(continued)	{	{ Viola C.
	{	{ Louisa H.
	{	{ Alfred W.
	{ (4) James Crawford, d.s.	
	{ (5) John Allen	
	{ m. Minnie Martin	
	{ (6) George Robert, d.	
	{ (7) Jesse Vawter	
	{ m. Nellie Whitten	{ Jesse R.
	{ (8) Wm Franklin	
	{ m.	
	{ Emma E. Thomas	{ Anna Rachel

## VI

## LUCY (VAWTER) CRAWFORD

Lucy Vawter, daughter of Philemon and Anna Vawter, was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, in 1792, and died in Bartholomew county, Indiana, about 1832. She was married in 1812 to James Maxwell Crawford (son of James Crawford), who was born in Jared county, Kentucky, March 3, 1790, and died at Hartsville, Indiana, October 13, 1856. James Maxwell Crawford was married, second, to Mrs. Susan Lanning, and third, to Mrs. Frances Wooden.

Children of James and Lucy (Vawter) Crawford were: Ann, who died young, Philemon Vawter, Robert, who died at the age of fourteen, Rebecca, Rachel and five other daughters who died young.

1. Philemon Vawter Crawford, son of James M. and Lucy (Vawter) Crawford, was born near Madison, Indiana, September 24, 1814; married in December, 1833, to Letitia S. Smith, daughter of Henry and Margaret Smith, of Smyrna township, Jefferson county, Indiana.

Letitia (Smith) Crawford was born August 28, 1817; died in Crawfordsville, Oregon, June 13, 1896. Philemon Vawter Crawford died at Eugene, Oregon, February 1, 1901.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF PHILEMON VAWTER CRAWFORD

(Written by himself in 1882)

James Crawford, my grandfather on my father's side, was born in 1759 and reared on or near James River, Virginia, and at the age of sixteen years volunteered in what was known as the Virginia line and served three years in the Revolutionary War. He afterward --date unknown to me --married Rebecca Anderson, and they reared eight children, three sons and five daughters. My father, James Maxwell Crawford, was the third son, and was born March 3, 1790, in Jared county, Kentucky, where my grandfather had removed among the first settlers of that region, and where they had many bloody encounters with the savages, my grandfather having a full share in the troubles.

But to hasten the story: My grandfather again moved, from Jared county, Kentucky, to Jefferson county, Indiana, in March, 1811, when my father was twenty-one years of age, and settled within three miles of where the city of Madison now stands.

My grandfather, Philemon Vawter, was also born in Virginia, and served in the Revolutionary War. He was an orphan boy, married his cousin Anna Vawter, and emigrated to Kentucky in early times and bore a full share in the Indian troubles. They reared ten children\* --five boys and five girls--my mother being the second daughter. They moved from Kentucky to Jefferson county, Indiana, in the year 1810, and settled where a portion of the city of Madison now stands. My father and mother were married early in the year 1812, and reared ten children--eight girls and two boys--the oldest a girl, myself the next. I was born September 24, 1814.

\*Mr. Crawford is mistaken here, as Philemon Vawter, according to his own record, had nine children.

This genealogy is given from memory, but I believe correct so far as given.

My grandfather Crawford and family belonged to the Presbyterian Church, but renounced their creed under the reformation of Barton W. Stone, my father being the only one who did not unite with the Christian Church. Being of an excitable temperament, he finally drifted into the Methodist Church.

My grandfather Vawter was a Baptist preacher, and his family were all members of that order except my mother and two of her brothers, who adopted the early reformation under B. W. Stone. The two brothers, Richard and Beverly, became Christian preachers.

When I advanced far enough in my early education to read, the Bible was our common school book, and in the New Testament I got my first lessons in Christianity, and those early lessons and impressions have shaped my course through life. At the age of fourteen years, already being a firm believer, I concluded that if I ever expected to appear in the likeness of Christ's resurrection I must first appear in the likeness of his death; accordingly I was buried with Christ in baptism and arose to walk in newness of life, which I have aimed to do ever since; but like all other men I have had my share of trials and temptations. I was a member of some three congregations at different times in Jefferson county, Indiana, the most of the time officiating as elder or deacon, and have acted in the capacity of elder for a time in Oregon.

Having a desire to see more of the world than I had seen, and becoming favorably impressed with the descriptions of Oregon. I sold out my little estate in Indiana in the winter of 1850-51, and left Madison on the 28th day of March, 1851, for Oregon. Myself and family, and several other families with whom we traveled, came by water from Madison to St. Joseph, Missouri, where we fitted up teams and started overland for the far west on the first day of May, 1851.

My family at that time consisted of myself, wife and five children - the oldest fourteen, the youngest four years of age. We made the long and tedious journey of twenty-two hundred miles with an ox team in just one hundred and fifty-two days. When

we arrived in Oregon we found the Willamette valley more than we had looked for, and all we could desire, and we are yet, after twenty-nine years residence here, satisfied that there is no more favored spot on the earth.

The generation in which I have lived is one that will form an important chapter in the world's history. The application of steam was in its infancy when I was in mine. Electricity was known to exist, but only as a useless principle in nature. Our harvests were then cut with the simplest hand tools only. Man power then supplied what steam, water and horse power now performs. Monopolies were then almost unknown, now they threaten to rule the nation. Human slavery then shaped and controlled Southern politics. For its final overthrow and the humiliation of its votaries a gigantic rebellion has been inaugurated and conquered at an enormous expense to the nation in blood and treasure. And yet we are a great, free and prosperous nation, notwithstanding the curse of a four years' war and the tyranny of capital. I have witnessed all this during my short space of time here.

I enjoyed the morning of life. I witnessed the gathering storm of rebellion; I have seen it pass over, with all of its terrors, and now in the evening of life all is smooth and calm again. I have realized all I desired with regard to African slavery, and if I could realize as much on the temperance question I would feel ready to depart and go to where my treasure is laid up, with full assurance of my reward.

Children of Philemon Vawter and Letitia (Smith) Crawford were Beverly V., Henry P., Jasper V., Elvin J., Margaret S., Ulric L., Otheo, Goodwin, Mary A., Zilpah B., Lou Serrell and B. Vawter.

(1) Beverly V., son of Phihemon and Letitia (Smith) Crawford, was born in 1835; died in 1838.

(2) Henry Paschal, son of Philemon and Letitia Crawford, was born May 7, 1837, near North Madison, Indiana; married in 1859 to Elizabeth Finley, a sister to the wife of Cyrus Vawter. Henry Vawter is a farmer, living at Lapwai Station, Idaho.

Children are Alice, who married Mr. Church, Philemon V. and Richard F.

(3) Jasper Vincent, born in Jefferson county, Indiana, August 7, 1839; married in Linn county, Oregon, June 11, 1867, to Elizabeth N. Dunlap, who was born in Linn county, Oregon, January 28, 1849. Jasper V. Crawford is pastor of the Christian Church at Heppner, Oregon.

Children of Jasper V. and Elizabeth (Dunlap) Crawford:

a. William Vawter Crawford, born at Crawfordsville, Oregon, March 9, 1868; married Cora B. Spencer of Morrow county, Oregon, December 25, 1890, at Irving, Oregon. They live in Heppner, Oregon.

Children: Virginia E., born in 1892; Arthur, born in 1893; Janet Content, born in 1894; J. Spencer, born in 1896; Margaret, born in 1898; W. Vawter, Jr., born in 1900; Jasper V., Jr., born in 1901; Cora May, born in 1904.

b. Letitia Jane Crawford, born at Crawfordsville, Oregon, November 1, 1869; married at Waitsburg, Washington, June 4, 1891, to Lewis Guild Atherton, who was born October 30, 1863, at Flint, Michigan. They live in Dayton, Washington, and have two children, Rae Margaret, born at Alto, Washington, March 19, 1892, and Leona Crawford, born at Dayton, Washington, January 21, 1894. Lewis G. Atherton is the representative of Balfour, Guthrie & Company, buying and selling grain, fire insurance, etc.

c. Maud Maria Crawford, born in Waitsburg, Washington, November 23, 1873; married to Charles A. Jones at Walla Walla, Washington, August 17, 1891. Their home is in Waitsburg, Washington. They have one child, Francis Vawter Jones, born in 1892. Charles A. Jones was born June 5, 1865, at Shandon, Butler county, Ohio. He is a hardware salesman.

d. Philemon Vawter Crawford, born in Waitsburg, Washington, April 16, 1876; died December 11, 1876.

e. Clyde Platt Crawford, born in Waitsburg, Washington, November 11, 1878; died September 29, 1882.

f. Gertrude Crawford, born in Waitsburg, Washington, September 28, 1880.

- g. Jasper Garfield Crawford, born in Waitsburg, Washington, May 4, 1882.
- h. Robert Neal Crawford, born in Waitsburg, Washington, March 14, 1884.
- i. Otheo Glenn Crawford, born in Waitsburg, Washington, March 19, 1886.
- j. Jesse Dunlap Crawford, born in Waitsburg, Washington, July 2, 1887;

died November 14, 1887.

(4) Elvin J. Crawford, son of Philemon Vawter and Letitia (Smith) Crawford, was born near Madison, Indiana, November 15, 1841; married, first, November 15, 1865, to Mary J. Waymire who was born in Haydenhall, Oregon, and died June 11, 1866. He was married, second, November 16, 1866, to Alice A. Adams, who was born in Galesburg, Illinois, April 1, 1848, and died May 20, 1899. He was married, third, to Mrs. Anna (Adams) Mills, who was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 15, 1853.

Elvin J. Crawford is engaged in the lumber business in Los Angeles, California, and lives at Ocean Park, California.

Children of Elvin J. and Alice (Adams) Crawford:

a. Effie Ellen Crawford, born October 14, 1872; married November 7, 1891, to Edwin Fenton, who was born in 1867.

Children: Ralph, born December 1, 1896; died January 27, 1899; Orin, born May 14, 1894, and Theda, born September 1, 1900. Live in Arlington, Washington.

b. Edwin Manfred Crawford, born March 1, 1875; married December 17, 1890, to Mrs. Margaret (Cartwright) Lemon, who was born May 22, 1863. Live in Springfield, Oregon.

Children: George, born August 29, 1892, and Orville Franklin, born January 8, 1896.

c. Elvin John Crawford, born August 7, 1877. Lives in Eugene, Oregon.

d. Mary Letitia Crawford, born June 1, 1881; married June 16, 1900, to James Widders Kimball, who was born October 13, 1868. They live in Arlington, Washington.

Children: Alicia, born April 8, 1901; Clark, born August 16, 1902, and Duane, born May 5, 1904.

e. Elma May Crawford, born May 6, 1884; married June 11, 1901, to William Emil Porth, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, October 6, 1872. They live in Seattle, Washington.

Children: Willma, born March 11, 1902.

f. Philemon Vawter Crawford, born July 31, 1886. Lives in Eugene, Oregon.

g. Uleric Zwingle Crawford, born November 2, 1892. Lives in Ocean Park, California.

(5) Margaret S., daughter of Philemon Vawter and Letitia (Smith) Crawford, was born February 7, 1843; married to William Conover in 1858. Children were H. D. Conover, Waitsburg, Washington, and O. M. Conover, of Waitsburg.

Margaret Conover married, second, H. M. Little, of Portland, Ohio.

Children: Zilpha B., born May 24, 1853; married in 1869 to Valentine Robert Fuller; died May 23, 1884. Valentine Robert Fuller was born in Louisville, Kentucky, February 14, 1847.

Children: Mabel, daughter of Valentine Robert and Zilpha (Little) Fuller, was born August 14, 1874; married in 1903 to Park Stoffer Shoff, who was born in East Germantown, Wayne county, Indiana, September 26, 1882. They live in Santa Clara, California. Mr. Shoff is in the wholesale and retail tobacco business.

(6) Ulric L., son of Philemon Vawter and Letitia (Smith) Crawford, was born February, 1845; died at Brownsville, Oregon, in 1867.

(7) Otheo, son of Philemon Vawter and Letitia (Smith) Crawford, was born in 1847; died in 1850.

(8) Goodwin, son of Philemon Vawter and Letitia (Smith) Crawford, was born in 1859; died in infancy.

(9) Mary A., daughter of Philemon Vawter and Letitia (Smith) Crawford, was born in 1852; married to M. A. Dunlap; lives in Dayton, Washington.

Children of M. A. and Mary (Crawford) Dunlap:

a. John B. Dunlap, born March 3, 1875; married January 1, 1903, to Graciol Olivia Tabler, who was born near Weiser, Idaho, in 1886. They live near Kahlotus, Franklin county, Washington.

b. Hattie Mabel Dunlap, born February 10, 1877; married December 18, 1902, to Fred D. Rinehart; lives near Alto Station, Columbia county, Washington.

c. Lottie Zilpha Dunlap, born April 14, 1880; married December 10, 1896, to John A. Shields; lives on Snake river, fifteen miles above Pittsburg Landing, Wallowa county, Oregon.

Children: Hattie Lauretta, born April 1, 1898, and David Gene, born April 7, 1900.

d. George Layton Dunlap, born April 8, 1882; lives near Alto Station, Washington.

e. William Philemon Dunlap, born November 2, 1885; lives near Alto Station, Washington.

f. Lou Bessie Ella Dunlap, born February 19, 1890.

g. Elvin Crawford Dunlap, born May 15, 1897.

(10) Zilpha, daughter of Philemon Vawter and Letitia (Smith) Crawford, was born near Crawfordsville, Oregon, in 1885; died August, 1887.

(11) Louisa Serrell, daughter of Philemon Vawter and Letitia (Smith) Crawford, was born August 25, 1858, ten miles east of Brownsville, Linn county, Oregon; married August 21, 1877, at Crawfordsville, Oregon, to Timothy Ambrose Lewis, who was born twelve miles east of Brownsville, Oregon, August 15, 1852. Mr. Lewis is a grain handler and makes a study of the occult sciences, especially psychology and magnetic healing.

Children of Timothy A. and Louisa (Crawford) Lewis:

a. Arta Bell Lewis, born December 14, 1878; married January 20, 1902, to Wilson Blaine Stennett in Eugene, Oregon. They live in Turner, Oregon, where Mr. Stennett is employed in a logging camp.

Children:

(a) Vera Camille Stennett, born January 7, 1903, at Kelso, Washington.

(b) Claud Atherton Stennett, born March 31, 1904.

b. Francis Crawford Lewis, born July 10, 1880; was run over and killed by a railroad train on the night of September 22, 1897, at Pendleton, Oregon. Had learned the shoemaker's trade.



- c. Ralph Everett Lewis, born July 9, 1882; lives at Bend, Crook county, Oregon. Is a shoemaker and also a sign painter.
- d. Floyd Lindsay Lewis, born September 5, 1884. Is an apprentice in the United States navy.
- e. Josie Mary Letitia Lewis, born December 13, 1886.
- f. Oran Wright Lewis, born February 15, 1889.
- g. Annie Ethel Lewis, born August 14, 1890.
- h. Lila Catherine Lewis, born March 12, 1893.
- i. Lester Ambrose Lewis, born August 29, 1895.
- j. Eunice Viola Lewis, born January 27, 1898.
- k. Rilla Ainslee Lewis, born July 7, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis live in Oswego, Oregon.

(12) B. Vawter, son of Philemon Vawter and Letitia (Smith) Crawford, was born near Shedd's Station, Oregon, August 5, 1862; married October 13, 1889, at Mabel, Oregon, to Mary F. Cowgill, who was born in Saunders county, Nebraska, September 17, 1873.

Children:

- a. James Vawter Crawford, born July 31, 1890.
- b. Clyde Franklin, born October 26, 1892.
- c. Lewis Guy, born \_\_ 28, 1894.

B. Vawter Crawford is a carpenter, living at Shedd's Station, Oregon.

2. Rebecca Crawford, daughter of James and Lucy (Vawter) Crawford, married a man by the name of Smith, who was a cousin of Letitia Smith, wife of Philemon Vawter Crawford. They moved to southern Missouri in an early day, living there during and after the war, but all trace of the family has been lost.

3. Rachel Crawford, daughter of James and Lucy (Vawter) Crawford, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, March 4, 1822; married December 5, 1850, to Peter Smith, who was born April 22, 1810, in Greenbrier county, Virginia. They crossed the plains with an ox team in 1851 in company with Philemon Vawter Crawford, Cyrus Vawter, son of Beverly and William Vawter, son of Jamieson of Milton, Kentucky. Peter Smith and wife located near Portland, Oregon, and all of their children were born near Portland.

Peter Smith died June 13, 1889, and Rachel (Crawford) Smith died May 22, 1891.

Children:

(1) A son, stillborn, September, 1851.

(2) Nira Elizabeth Smith, born October 16, 1852; married to James Catching, December 25, 1872.

Children:

a. Oliver C. Catching, born March 3, 1874; died November 20, 1877.

b. A daughter, born March 3, 1878.

c. J. Reuben, born March 18, 1879.

d. Mary Elizabeth, born December 14, 1882; married October 21, 1902, to Charles T. Safely, who died November 11, 1902.

She married, second, Edward F. Ogden, January 7, 1904, and died October 12, 1904, leaving a baby two weeks old, named Viola Lucreta.

e. Ben H., born September 17, 1889.

f. Jesse Franklin, born February 11, 1893.

Mr and Mrs. James Catching live in Ashland, Oregon.

(3) Thomas Benton Smith, son of Peter and Rachel (Crawford) Smith, was born November 17, 1854; married December 25, 1887, to Amelia C. Whitten. They live in Wimer, Jackson county Oregon. Their children are:

John H., Nira E., Thomas B., George L., Viola C., Louisa H. and Alfred W.

(4) James Crawford, son of Peter and Rachel (Crawford) Smith was born August 17, 1856; died August 27, 1856.

(5) John Allen, son of Peter and Rachel (Crawford) Smith, was born July 18, 1857; married in 1896 to Minnie Martin. Lives at Sebastopol, California.

(6) George Robert, son of Peter and Rachel (Crawford) Smith was born April 16, 1859; died November 23, 1882.

(7) Jesse Vawter, son of Peter and Rachel (Crawford) Smith, was born February 10, 1861; married April 12, 1891, to Nellie M. Whitten and died December 29, 1892, leaving a boy, Jesse R., who died when sixteen months old.

(8) William Franklin, son of Peter and Rachel (Crawford) Smith, was born February 5, 1863; married February 5, 1889, to

Emma E. Thomas; died February 25, 1893, leaving a daughter, Anna Rachel, born November 23, 1890, who lives with her mother, Mrs. E. E. Holcomb, of Hillsboro, Oregon.

LETTER FROM RACHEL (CRAWFORD) SMITH TO WILLIAM AND

FRANCES VAWTER, WRITTEN ABOUT 1852

Dear Uncle and Aunt:

I take this opportunity to write you a few lines to acknowledge the reception of your letter, which came last Monday. We had heard of the death of Cousin Mary and Anna, but not of the death of Polly's babe. Cordelia died before we left. I was struck with surprise to hear of father's marriage. He must be in his dotage. He has got a fine woman. What changeable creatures we all are! I was sorry to hear of the house getting burned, but was glad to hear that Ormand's prejudice against Oregon had frozen to death and that he had also an idea of trying to come to this country. I do think that if he and David were here they could live much easier than where they are. I think that I have as great a desire for the welfare and prosperity of my relatives as anybody, but I would advise them unless they can have a good supply of good, strong clothing, a well-built, light two-horse wagon, and at the least calculation, four hundred dollars when landed at St. Joe, not to undertake the journey, unless they come as one family, or unless the prices of provisions and cattle are lower than when we left. But Oregon is ever worth coming to, and if they can not make up an outfit next year, let them not get discouraged.

An old acquaintance of Mr. Smith's who could not live at all below Madison, moved to Missouri, raised his own team and provisions and came through in '47. He is now quite wealthy; so I would advise, if they ever expect to get able to come, to get out of that place and get to some good cattle country, where they may soon raise their own outfit and may be able to come independently.

What have you done with Achilles and Philemon? You spoke of all the rest in your letter. Where is Sarah Jane and Aunt

Nancy? I have not forgotten one of them. Mr. Smith says, consider the interest of your sons and let them come to Oregon, where they can be of a great deal more benefit to themselves and to the community than where they are.

I have not heard preaching since I left Madison. They have preaching at T. Stott's and at T. Denny's and at Portland, but for want of a road I would be too late, as I would have to go so far around. I know of no Baptist Church nearer than Oregon City. There, I have understood, they have a band of musicians (wicked men) hired to sing for the church. If this be the case, I would like to know who expects to stand accountable for the lay members not doing their duty, the choir or their employers?

We are all well at present. Philemon and two of the children have had the ague, but they are well now. They live about ten miles from us.

We learn that it has been somewhat sickly on the road this year, grass being very scarce, though vegetables are good.

I must draw to a close. I hope you will all remember the vow you made me when we took the parting hand. Give my love to all that wish to hear from us.

Write soon.

RACHEL AND PETER SMITH.

To WILLIAM AND FRANCES VAWTER.

' (The above letter was found among the papers of William Vawter after his death.)

VII  
 NANCY VAWTER<sup>5</sup>  
 (Philemon<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
 m  
 ALEXANDER LEWIS

CHILDREN <sup>6</sup>	GRANDCHILDREN <sup>7</sup>	G.GRANDCHILDREN <sup>8</sup>	G.G.GRANDCHILDREN <sup>9</sup>
1. David m.. Ann Grinstead	{ Nine children { (all dead except one		
2. Anna m. Lewis P. Grinstead	{ (1) Marshall { (2) Wm. Wirt { (3) Nancy		
3. Charles m. Charlotte Parks	{ (1) Arletta { m. { W. R. Umensetter { { (2) Maria L. { m. { C. S. Tiffany { (3) Edwin { m. { Effie Buchanan	{ Clara R. { Charles H., d. { Edith A., d.	
4. Martha m. Elias Conger	{ { No children	{ Nina E. { Francis O. { Pauline	

VII

NANCY (VAWTER) LEWIS

Nancy Vawter, daughter of Philemon and Anna Vawter, was born about 1793; was married about 1814, to Alexander Lewis, a widower; died April 2, 1855. Their children were four in number: David, Anna, Charles and Martha.

1. David was born November 9, 1816; was married about 1839, to Ann Grinstead, a sister of Lewis P. Grinstead. They had nine children, two of whom were named Bushrod and Sarah Frances. They lived in Pinon, Lincoln county, Kansas. In a letter dated May 27, 1885, from David Lewis to his cousin

John M. Vawter, in Timpson, Texas, David Lewis says: "I feel the effects of age, having completed my sixty-eighth year on the 9th of November last. My wife, who was seventy years old on the 8th of November, has been my faithful companion for more than forty-five years. Our youngest daughter, the youngest of our children, died last summer, and the next youngest, a son, who is married and lives in the neighborhood, is the only one remaining of our nine children."

2. Anna Lewis married Lewis P. Grinstead; who, after her death, married Rhoda A. Hunter. Anna died about 1850, and Lewis P. Grinstead about 1875. Two of their sons, Marshall and William Wirt were soldiers in the Sixth Indiana Regiment in the Civil War. Both are now dead. Nancy, an only daughter, is still living.

3. Charles Lewis, son of Alexander and Nancy (Vawter) Lewis was born at Vernon, Indiana, November 10, 1821; married March 6, 1845, to Charlotte Parks, the twin sister of Sarah Parks who married Jesse R. Vawter. Charlotte (Parks) Lewis was born at Somerset, Pulaski county, Kentucky, August 31, 1822, and died September 29, 1900. Charles Lewis died September 1, 1865. He was a farmer and a teacher.

Children:

(1) Arletta Lewis, born April 1, 1847; married W. R. Umensetter. They live near North Vernon, Indiana. Their children are: Clara R., Charles H., dead, Edith A., dead.

(2) Maria L. Lewis, born January 31, 1850; married C. S. Tiffany, of North Vernon, Indiana.

(3) Edwin Lewis, born April 18, 1854; married Effie Buchanan. They live at North Vernon, Indiana. Their children are Nina E., Francis O. and Pauline.

4: Martha Lewis married Elias Conger, a deaf mute, a brother of Rhoda A. Conger. She died young and left no children.

## VIII

## ELIZABETH VAWTER

(Philemon, David, John, John)

CHILDREN	GRANDCHILDREN	G.GRANDCHILDREN	G.G.GRANDCHILDREN
1. Nancy Glover m. 1st James Coleman	{ (1) James A. { (2) Lucinda { (3) Thomas		
2nd Thos. Baxter	{ (4) David		
	{ (1) Samuel { m. 1st { Mary F. Ball { { 2d. { Lottie Staples { { (2) Stephen A., d. { (3) John { m. Kate Staples	{ Ida m. __McIntyre, d. { Ira, d. { Samuel, d. { Thomas H., d.  { Ella { Susie  { W. H. { Minnie	
2. Ann Glover m. Thomas West	{ { { (4) Sarah { m. { George Giltner { { { { { (5) Elizabeth, d. { (6) Mollie A. { m. J. F. King	{ { T. H. { Elenorah m. ____ Reed., d. { Florence { William A. { Charles T. { Charlotte { Cordelia { Mea { George  { James B. { Addie A.	
	{ { (1) Catherine { m. { Jacob J. Payne { { {	{ { Sarah Alice { m. { Wm. McDonald { { {	{ Ira William { Myrtle Maud { Elma Pearl { Mamie Catherine { Clarence R. { George E. { Lottie J.
3. Sarah Glover m. Achilles West			

	{ (1) Catherine Payne	{ Edward M.	{ Goldie F., d.
	{ (continued)	{ m.	{ Mary Catherine
	{	{ Maggie J. Palmer	{ Eva Lena
	{	{	{ Frank J.
	{	{	{ Amy May
	{	{	{
	{	{ Lucinda Eveline	{ Alva, d.
	{	{ m.	{ Amy Leo
	{	{ Allen B. Hutsell	{ Tressa May
	{	{	{ Emory Edward
	{	{	{
	{ (2) James L.	{ Nellie May	{ Opal
	{ m.	{ m. Otho G. Wright	{ Robert W.
	{ Aramantha Vawter	{ Sarah Ethel	
	{	{ Charles William	
	{		
	{ (3) Milton S.	{ Cora	{ Esther, d.
	{ m. 1st	{ m. G. W. Vandergrift	{ Ethel, d
3. Sarah G. West	{ Elizabeth Blair		
(continued)	{ m. 2d Mary McFarland	{ No children	
	{ (4) J. Silas		
	{ m. Theresia King	{ Lillian Rose	
	{ (5) Lizzie A.		
	{ m. T. B. Carney	{ Edward	
	{		
	{	{ Elma A. d.	
	{ (6) William M.	{ Charles W.	{ Margaret Marie, d.
	{ m. 1st	{ m. Lala Kuhn	{ Charles H.
	{ Eva Grinstead	{	
	{	{ Dessie	{ Monroe
	{	{ m.	{ Ralph Arvil
	{	{ Corwin Bowling	{ Guy Cecil
	{	{ Sylvia	
	{ m. 2d Martha Mix		
	{ m. 3d Mrs. Martha Clellen		
	{	{ Eldo R.	{ Mary Jessamine
	{	{ m. Grace Millhouse	{ Myron E.
	{	{ Silas W.	
	{ (7) J. Judson	{ Emma L., d.	
	{ m.	{ William H.	
	{ Clara A. Clark	{ Jesse M.	
	{	{ David C.	
	{	{ C. Mable	
	{		



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{	{ Anna May m. Sylvester Adams
{(8) Emma E.	{ Arthur J.
{ m.	{ E. Roy
{ Charles E. Hall	{ Blanche E.

4. Elliott Glover	{ (1) Maggie m. __ Fox
	{ (2) James m. __ Tucker
m. Melita Barnett	{ (3) Indiana m. ___McKey
	{ (4) William
	{ (5) Philemon
	{ (6) Samuel

5. David Glover	
m. Mary F. Hunter	{ (1) Florence m. __ Newell

## VIII

## ELIZABETH (VAWTER) GLOVER

Elizabeth (Betsy) Vawter, daughter of Philemon and Anna Vawter, was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, March 1, 1798; married in Jefferson county, Indiana, June 24, 1813, to James Glover; a Baptist minister, who was born in West Virginia, August 14, 1792. They lived in Jefferson county, Indiana, until the death of James Glover at Marble Hill, Indiana, July 3, 1856. Elizabeth Glover died at Vernon, Indiana, August 6, 1886.

The children of James and Elizabeth (Vawter) Glover were: Nancy, Ann, Sarah, Elliott and David.

## I

## NANCY (GLOVER) BAXTER

Nancy Glover, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Vawter) Glover, was born March 12, 1814; married, first, James Coleman, and after his death, Thomas Baxter. They lived and died at Marble Hill, Indiana.

Children were: James A. Coleman, Lucinda Coleman, Thomas Coleman and David Baxter. All are dead. There was one granddaughter, who went to Tennessee.

## 2

## ANN (GLOVER) WEST

Ann Glover, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Vawter) Glover, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, May 27, 1816; married December 2, 1831, at Marble Hill, Indiana, to Thomas West, a farmer, who was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, November 14, 1809. Thomas West died near Otto, Clark county, Indiana, December 2, 1888, and Ann, his wife, died December 26, 1888, at same place.

Children of Thomas and Ann (Glover) West were Samuel, Stephen, John, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mollie A.

(1) Samuel W. West was born March 6, 1833; married November 19, 1858, to Mary F. Ball. Their children were:

- a. Ida, born June 3, 1860; married a McIntyre; died December 22, 1883.
- b. Ira, born August 1, 1862; died February 20, 1883.
- c. Samuel, born June 16, 1864; died January 26, 1866.
- d. Thomas H., born December 9, 1866; died June 28, 1895.

Samuel W. West was married, second, to Lottie Staples, who was born March 10, 1847. They live at Nabbs, Indiana. Mr. West is crippled by a gunshot wound which he received in the army and is unable to engage in any regular work.

Children of Samuel W. and Lottie (Staples) West:

- a. Ella, born October 10, 1872.
- b. Susie, born January 22, 1874.

(2) Stephen A. West was born November 26, 1834; died February 19, 1835.

(3) John West was born December 7, 1836; married October 3, 1872 to Kate Staples, who was born October 10, 1849. John West died August 18, 1890.

Children:

- a. W. H. West, born July 9, 1873.
- b. Minnie, born September 10, 1876.

(4) Sarah West was born March 31, 1838; married in 1860, near Otto, Indiana, to George Giltner, who was born June 3, 1818, and died February 14, 1900. Sarah Giltner died December 26, 1877.

Children of George and Sarah (West) Giltner:

- a. T. H. Giltner, born May 29, 1861.
- b. Elenorah Giltner, born December 31, 1862; married a Reed; died November 27, 1901.
- c. Florence Giltner, born August 29, 1864.
- d. William A. Giltner, born April 17, 1866.
- e. Charles T. Giltner, born June 18, 1868.
- f. Charlotte Giltner, born May 17, 1870.
- g. Cordelia Giltner, born June 14, 1872.
- h. Mea Giltner, born May 7, 1874.
- i. George Giltner, Jr., born August 21, 1876.

(5) Elizabeth West, born September 11, 1840; died May 26, 1844.

(6) Mollie A. West was born May 12, 1844; married October 17, 1872, to J. F. King, a farmer, who was born September 20, 1846. They live at Marble Hill, Indiana.

Children:

- a. James B. King, born July 20, 1873.
- b. Addie A. King, born February 14, 1875.

## 3

## SARAH (GLOVER) WEST

Sarah Glover, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Vawter) Glover, was born October 29, 1818; married June 7, 1838, in Jefferson county, Indiana, to Achilles West, who was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, February 29, 1816. They moved to Jennings county, Indiana, in 1860, where Sarah West died, January 25, 1891, and Achilles West died September 10, 1892.

Their children were Catherine, James, Milton S., J. Silas, Lizzie A., William M., J. Judson, Emma E., and Charles J.

(1) Catherine West, daughter of Achilles and Sarah West, was born February 4, 1841, in Jefferson county, Indiana; married in Jefferson county, Indiana, by her grandfather, James Glover, March 13, 1856, to Jacob J. Payne, who was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, November 20, 1831. Catherine West Payne died in Jefferson county, Indiana, April 23, 1863.

Children:

a. Sarah Alice Payne was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, December 24, 1857; married April 20, 1877, to William E. McDonald, who was born December 15, 1854, and died January 2, 1898, in Jefferson county, Indiana. Mrs. Alice McDonald lives at Hanover, Indiana.

Children:

- (a) Ira William McDonald, born in Jefferson county, Indiana, October 2, \_\_\_\_
- (b) Myrtie Maud McDonald, born in Clark county, Indiana, February 17, 1880.

(c) Elma Pearl McDonald, born in Jefferson county, Indiana, January 15, 1882.

(d) Mamie Catherine McDonald, born in Jefferson county, Indiana, September 13, 1885.

(e) Clarence R. McDonald, born in Clark county, Indiana, May 20, 1888.

(f) George E. McDonald, born in Jefferson county, Indiana, September 5, 1891.

(g) Lottie J. McDonald, born in Jefferson county, Indiana, December 9, 1897.

b. Edward Melton Payne was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, June 10, 1860; married November 14, 1886, to Maggie J. Palmer, who was born in Trimble county, Kentucky, April 14, 1866. Edward Payne is a farmer, living near Nabbs, Indiana.

Children:

(a) Goldie F. Payne, born November 18, 1887; died March 20, 1891.

(b) Mary Catherine Payne, born November 3, 1889.

(c) Eva Lena Payne, born September 29, 1891.

(d) Frank J. Payne, born September 29, 1893.

(e) Amy May Payne, born January 14, 1901. (All born in Clark county, Indiana.)

c. Lucinda Eveline Payne was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, November 4, 1862; married January 31, 1883, to Allen Blooford Hutsell, a farmer, who was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, December 3, 1860. They live at Hanover, Indiana.

Children:

(a) Alva Hutsell, born December 19, 1883; died January 4, 1884.

(b) Amy Leo Hutsell, born July 16, 1885.

(c) Tressa May Hutsell, born December 24, 1891.

(d) Emory Edward Hutsell, born July 20, 1895. (All born in Clark county, Indiana.)

(2) James L. West, son of Achilles and Sarah (Glover) West, was born March 23, 1843; married February 1, 1876, to Aramantha M. Vawter; died February 7, 1891. (For children see record of Aramantha (Vawter) West.)

(3) Milton S. West, son of Achilles and Sarah (Glover) West, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, April 20, 1846; married February 2, 1871, to Elizabeth V. Blair, daughter of Thomas and Lucinda (Vawter) Blair, who was born July 17, 1845, and died January 27, 1875.

Children:

a. Cora West was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, September 25, 1872; married December 18, 1895, to G. W. Vandergrift, who was born May 29, 1872. They live in Anderson, Indiana. Mr. Vandergrift is a fireman and stationary engineer.

Children:

(a) Esther Vandergrift, born May 14, 1897; died April 29, 1902.

(b) Ethel Vandergrift, born February 19, 1903; died August 11, 1903.

Milton S. West was married, second, May 6, 1896, to Mary McFarland, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, who died November 19, 1900. Milton West was engaged in the mercantile business until the death of his second wife.

Since that time he has retired from business and is living with his daughter in Anderson, Indiana.

(4) J. Silas West, son of Achilles and Sarah (Glover) West, was born April 18, 1850; married August 4, 1874, to Theresia King, who was born September 8, 1851, in Belleview, Jefferson county, Indiana. They had one child, Lillian Rose, who was born January 23, 1876, near Vernon, Indiana. J. Silas West died July 29, 1897, at Ezra, Jennings county, Indiana. Mrs. Theresia West and daughter live near Madison, Indiana, R. R. No. 5.

(5) Lizzie A. West, daughter of Achilles and Sarah (Glover) West, was born December 21, 1853; married T. B. Carney in Vernon, Indiana, March 16, 1871; died near Butlerville, Indiana, February 26, 1877. They had one child, Edward, who was born April 13, 1872.

(6) William M. West, son of Achilles and Sarah (Glover) West, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, April 10, 1855; married, first, March 4, 1875, to Eva Grinstead, who was born in Jennings county, Indiana, November 26, 1854, and died April 1, 1886.

Children:

- a. Elma A. West, born March, 1876; died May, 1881.
- b. Charles W. West, born March 30, 1878; married June 19, 1901, to Lala Kuhn, who was born January 20, 1880. Charles W. West is a street-car motorman, living at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Children:

- (a) Margaret Marie, born February 19, 1902; died July 27, 1902.
- (b) Charles H., born March 10, 1905.
- c. Dessie West, born July 11, 1880; married November, 1897, to Corwin Bowling, a farmer, living near Veedersburg, Indiana.

Children:

- (a) Monroe Bowling, born February, 1899.
- (b) Ralph Arvil Bowling, born March 14, 1901.
- (c) Guy Cecil Bowling, born October, 1903.
- d. Sylvia A. West, born March 1, 1886. Since the death of her mother she has made her home with her aunt, Mrs. J. Silas West, who lives near Madison, Indiana.

William West was married, second, November, 1886, to Martha I. Mix, who was born November 16, 1854; died March, 1891. No children.

William West married, third, Mrs. Martha (Hosea) Clellen, who was born in Washington county, Indiana, November 15, 1851. William West is a carpenter. He lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.

(7) J. Judson West, son of Achilles and Sarah (Glover) West, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, February 17, 1858; married December 11, 1878, to Clara A. Clark, who was born in Jennings county, Indiana, July 26, 1859. J. Judson West is a contractor for railroad work, cross ties, bridge timbers, etc. He lives in Anderson, Indiana.

Children:

- a. Eldo R. West, born in Jennings county, Indiana, September 27, 1879; married September 4, 1901, to Grace A. Millhouse, who was born in Jennings county, Indiana, October 28, 1883.

Eldo R. West is teaching school. He lives near Butlerville, Indiana.

Children:

(a) Mary Jessamine West, born in Jennings county, Indiana, July 18, 1902.

(b) Myron E. West, born in Jennings county, Indiana, November 30, 1903.

b. Silas W. West was born in Jennings county, Indiana, February 27, 1882.

He lives in Covington, Ky., where he is employed as foreman of construction work.

c. Emma L West was born in Jennings county, Indiana, February 4, 1884; died February 17, 1884.

d. William H. West was born in Jennings county, Indiana, March 4, 1886.

Lives in Foster, Indiana, where he is employed by his father.

e. Jesse M. West was born in Jennings county, Indiana, September 21, 1888.

f. David C. West was born in Fountain county, Indiana, August 19, 1894.

g. C. Mabel West was born in Jennings county, Indiana, July 9, 1900.

(8) Emma E. West, daughter of Achilles and Sarah (Glover) West, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, July 26, 1860; married to Charles E. Hall, who was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, June 20, 1847.

Children:

a. Anna May Hall, born in Jennings county, Indiana, June 11, 1882; married February 2, 1902, to Sylvester Adams, who was born May 10, 1881.

b. Arthur J. Hall, born in Jennings county, Indiana, July 26, 1888.

c. E. Roy Hall, born November 16, 1894, in Jennings county, Indiana.

d. Blanche E. Hall, born March 26, 1897, in Jennings county, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall live in Anderson, Ind., where Mr. Hall and



son Arthur and Sylvester Adams are employed by the American Steel and Wire Company.

(9) Charles J. West, son of Achilles and Sarah (Glover) West, born August 13, 1863; died May 14, 1865.

4

ELLIOTT V. GLOVER

Elliott V. Glover, son of James and Elizabeth (Vawter) Glover, was born July 17, 1820; married Melita Barnett at Marble Hill, Indiana. Both died in Madison, Indiana.

Children: Maggie, who married a Fox; James, who married a Tucker; Indiana, who married a McKey; William; Philemon; Samuel. Their location is unknown.

5

DAVID J. GLOVER

David J. Glover, son of James and Elizabeth (Vawter) Glover, was born February 14, 1838; married September 12, 1861, to Mary E. Hunter at North Vernon, Indiana; died February 6, 1863. His widow went west, and her location is unknown. A daughter, Florence, married a Newell. She was at Seattle, Washington, in 1900.

## IX

DAVID VAWTER<sup>5</sup>  
 (Philemon<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
 (1800 - 1845)

m.

LUCINDA GLOVER  
 (1805 - 1857)

CHILDREN<sup>6</sup>GRANDCHILDREN<sup>7</sup>G.GRANDCHILDREN<sup>8</sup>G.G.GRANDCHILDREN<sup>9</sup>

		{	{ Julia Ferrel
		{ Mary Alphene	{ Hennie De
	{	{ m.	{ Esther Lee
	{	{ Edward Marshall	{ Mattie B.
	{ (1) Sarah Julia	{	
	{ m.	{	{ Donie Dowel
	{ Major D. Sterrett	{ Mattie E.	{ Robert Ashby
	{	{ m.	{ Andrew L.
1. Alexander Lewis	{	{ Seaborn Bell	{ Major T.
Vawter	{	{	{ Junior B.
m.	{	{	{ Allie
Martha Weir	{	{ Robert Alphonso	
	{	{ m.	{ Etta Roberta
	{	{ Etta Davis	{ Mead Dowel
	{	{ Carrie Belle	
	{	{ Davie Lewis	
	{ (2) A. Lewis, Jr. d.		
2. Amanda M. Vawter	{ (1) Henry		
m.	{ (2) Emma		
Francisco Lewis	{ (3) Sarah		
	{ (4) Mary Ida		
	{ (5) Annie L.		
	{ (1) Edwin	{ Sears	
	{ m.	{ Ned	
	{ Vesta Sears	{ Eugene	
	{		
	{	{ May	
	{	{ Alexander J.	
	{ (2) Thomas M.	{ Luna K.	
	{ m.	{ Lewis Orin	
	{ Nolie Carter	{ Octavia J.	
3. John M. Vawter	{	{ Carter	
m.	{	{ D. Lee	
Mary Durkee	{	{ Wesson	
	{		
	{	{ John Francis	
	{ (3) Mary Luna	{ Lucy Octavia	
	{ m.	{ Mary Elizabeth	
	{ Lemuel M. Vickers	{ Gladys Lee, d.	
	{	{ Thomas Edwin	
	{	{ Wm. Ernest	

	{	{	Ettie Eugenia
	{	{	Walter Lewis
	{	{	David Wyatt, d.
	{ (4) <b>George Lewis</b>	{	Matie Octavia
	{ m.	{	Junie Magnolia
	{ <b>Ettie Dickerson</b>	{	John Ferris
	{	{	Charlotte Rebecca **
	{	{	<b>Frances Edwin</b> **
3. <b>John M. Vawter</b>	{		
(continued)	{ (5) Frances Louisa	{	John Vawter
	{ m.	{	Julian Bennett
	{ J. R. Noble		
	{		
	{ (6) Ella Octavia		
	{ m.		
	{ A. S. Victory		
	{		
	{ (7) Katie King		
4. Louisa Vawter	{		
m.	{ (1) One child, d.		
Edward Fink	{		
5. David M. Vawter	{ (1) Martha Lucinda	{	David Vawter, d.
m.	{ m. J. W. Cooke		
Nancy Raycroft			
6. Martha Vawter	{ Four children		
m.			
J. C. White			

\*\* Added by Patricia Vawter Renton. These two children were not born when this book was printed.

## IX DAVID VAWTER

David Vawter, the youngest son of Philemon and Anna Vawter, was born in Kentucky, January 21, 1800; married April 23, 1823, to Lucinda Glover, the sister of James Glover, who married David's sister Elizabeth.

David Vawter traded down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, running to Natchez and New Orleans. In 1832 he built his first steamboat, the "Bravo." It ran between Natchitoches, Louisiana, on the Red river, and Natchez or New Orleans, as the freight paid best; but gradually Natchez was left out. He afterwards owned a number of steamboats running on the Mississippi and as high up the Red river as they could go. When he gave up the steamboat business he sold his Red river home and removed to Texas in May, 1844, where he bought a large tract of land.

David Vawter died July 13, 1845. Lucinda (Glover) Vawter was born July 8, 1805, and died December 20, 1857.

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## ALEXANDER LEWIS VAWTER

Alexander Lewis Vawter, the son of David and Lucinda (Glover) Vawter, was born January 24, 1824, in New York; he was married in 1848 to Martha Weir, who was born in Mississippi, February 14, 1827, and died in Rusk county, Texas, September 5, 1860.

A. Lewis Vawter was engaged in the mercantile business. He died in Grand Bluff, Texas, January 31, 1856.

Children of A. Lewis and Martha (Weir) Vawter were: Sarah Julia and A. Lewis, Jr.

(1) Sarah Julia Vawter was born in Grand Bluff, Texas, May 26, 1850; married January 19, 1870, to Dr. Major Dowel Sterrett. They live in Beckville, Texas. Dr. Sterrett was born June 27, 1840, in Columbiana, Alabama.

Children of Dr. M.D. and Sarah Julia (Vawter) Sterrett:

a. Mary Alphene Sterrett, born October 27, 1870, at Grand Bluff, Texas; married 1891 to Edward Marshall, of Texarkana, Texas.

Children:

- (a) Julia Ferrell Marshall, born October 1, 1892.
- (b) Hennie De Marshall, born October 16, 1896.
- (c) Esther Lee Marshall, born August 10, 1898.
- (d) Mattie B. Marshall, born July 24, 1902.

b. Mattie E. Sterrett, born February 21, 1872, at Grand Bluff, Texas; married July 14, 1892, to Seaborn Bell, a merchant of Tenaha, Texas.

Children:

- (a) Donie Dowel Bell, born March 13, 1893, at Beckville, Texas.
- (b) Robert Ashby Bell, born September 30, 1895, at Beckville, Texas.
- (c) Andrew L. Bell, born October 19, 1897, at Tenaha, Texas.
- (d) Major T. Bell, born October 29, 1899, at Tenaha, Texas.

- (e) Junior B. Bell, born June 27, 1901, at Tenaha, Texas.
- (f) Allie Bell, born April 16, 1904, at Tenaha, Texas.
- c. Robert Alphonzo Sterrett was born October 26, 1876, at Grand Bluff, Texas; married in 1900 to Etta Davis, of Jefferson, Texas. Robert A. Sterrett is a physician, living at Boxwood, Texas
  - Children:
    - (a) Etta Roberta Sterrett, born November 5, 1902, at Jefferson, Texas.
    - (b) Mead Dowel Sterrett, born June 3, 1904, at Jefferson, Texas.
  - d. Carrie Belle Sterrett, born October 4, 1885, at Mahan, Texas. Is now a student in the senior class of the Girls' Industrial College of Art at Denton, Texas.
  - e. Davie Lewise Sterrett, born February 22, 1892, at Beckville, Texas.
    - (2) A. Lewis Vawter, Jr, was born August 16, 1856; died February 14, 1863.

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## AMANDA (VAWTER) LEWIS

Amanda Melvina Vawter, daughter of David and Lucinda (Glover) Vawter, was born February 24, 1826; married August 14, 1845, at Grand Bluff, Texas, to Francisco Lewis, who was born May 5, 1822, in Franklin City, Alabama. Francisco Lewis was a merchant for the greater portion of his life,

Children of Francisco and Amanda (Vawter) Lewis:

- (1) Henry F. Lewis was born October 31, 1846, at Grand Bluff, Panola county, Texas. Lives at Shreveport, Louisiana.
- (2) Emma Lewis was born October 15, 1848, at Grand Bluff, Texas; married, first, December 24, 1868, to G. W. Jones.

Children:

- a. Merrill Jones, born October 10, 1869.
- b. Mary Jones, born July 29, 1872.
- c. Emma Jones, born March 15, 1875.
- d. Lizzie Jones, born February 10, 1878.

e. Mabel Jones, born April 28, 1883.

f. Harry Jones, born September 27, 1886.

Emma (Lewis) Jones was married, second, October 15, 1890, to J. P. Elder, who is proprietor of the East Texas Nursery, Marshall, Texas.

(3) Sarah E. Lewis was born January 21, 1851.

(4) Mary Ida Lewis was born May 22, 1853, at Grand Bluff, Texas; married March 5, 1874, to A. H. Waugh. They had one child, Henry Waugh, born January 29, 1875.

Ida (Lewis) Waugh was married, second, February, 1882, to James McCann.

a. James W. McCann, born August 29, 1883.

b. Ethel P. McCann, born January 11, 1886.

(5) Annie L. Lewis, born August 31, 1855.

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JOHN M. VAWTER

John M. Vawter son of David and Lucinda (Glover) Vawter was born March 25, 1828; married November 23, 1850, to Mary G. Durkee (daughter of William L. and Marian (Weir) Durkee), who was born August 10, 1836. J. M. Vawter and family lived at Grand Bluff, Panola county, Texas, for many years after his marriage in the old home of his father, which was burned in 1865. While he lived in the Bandera Mountains, forty miles west of San Antonio, he, for years, amid drought and Mormon opposition and persecution, carried on a Sabbath-school, which was at times the only religious service held in that part of the country.

George Lewis Vawter, a son, says that he does not think an account of their family would be complete without the mention of "Uncle Allen," the old negro slave, who ran the Grand Bluff ferry boat for fifteen years as a slave and many years as a free man. On account of debt, his father and mother and himself were afraid of being sold apart, and so his mother sent him to Lewis Vawter to see if he wouldn't buy them for the David Vawter estate.

This he did, and thus "Uncle Allen," "Aunt Lydie" and "Uncle Dick" came into the family. "They helped in the

care of my mother's family," said G. L. Vawter, "but it was in the contract of sale that 'Aunt Lydie' was never to have to 'wash clothes.'"

John M. Vawter has been a merchant and a farmer. He is now retired, and he and his wife live in Timpson, Texas.

John M. Vawter and wife had twelve children. Those living are:

(1) Edwin Vawter was born at Grand Bluff, Texas, May 7, 1855, married March, 1883, to Vesta Sears, who was born August 29, 1848, in Marshall, Texas. Lives in Marshall, Texas.

Children:

- a. Sears, born May 15, 1884, in Marshall, Texas.
- b. Edwin, born August 1, 1887, in Harrison county, Texas.
- c. Eugene, born October 18, 1892, in Harrison county, Texas.

(2) Thomas M., son of John M. and Mary (Durkee) Vawter, was born at Grand Bluff, Panola county, Texas, May 8, 1857; married March 13, 1881, in Rusk county, Texas, to Nolie Carter who was born February 4, 1857. Thomas M. Vawter is a farmer, living near Marshall, Texas.

Children:

a. John Thomas Vawter was born in Rusk county, Texas, April 18, 1882. He is a railroad fireman.

b. May Vawter, born in Panola, Texas, January 28, 1884; graduated at Baylor College, Belltown, Texas, in June, 1905.

c. Alexander J. Vawter, born in Bandera county, Texas, January 18, 1886. Is bookkeeper for a newspaper company in Marshall, Texas.

d. Luna K. Vawter, born in Bandera county, Texas, August 29, 1887; is at school at Timpson, Texas.

e. Lewis Orin Vawter, born in Bandera county, Texas, August 21, 1889.

f. Octavia J. Vawter, born in Bandera county, Texas, March 29, 1891.

g. Carter Vawter, born in Hall county, Texas, August 13, 1893.

h. D. Lee Vawter, born May 23, 1900, in Harrison county, Texas.

i. Wesson Vawter, born near Marshall, Texas, February 13, 1904; died March 13, 1904.

(3) Mary Luna Vawter, daughter of John M. and Mary (Durkee) Vawter, was born at Grand Bluff, Panola county, Texas, July 13, 1859; attended the Masonic Female Institute at Marshall, Texas; married at Grand Bluff, Texas, December 12, 1883, to Lemuel M. Vickers, of Hughes' Springs, Texas, who was born in Alabama, March 4, 1851. They live in Hunt county, Texas; four miles south of Greenville.

Children:

- a. John Francis Vickers, born at Hughes' Springs, February 17, 1886.
- b. Lucy Octavia Vickers, born at Hughes' Springs, May 4, 1888.
- c. Mary Elizabeth Vickers, born at Hughes' Springs, February 24, 1891
- d. Gladys Lee Vickers, born at Hughes' Springs, August 3, 1893; died at Neola, Hunt county, Texas, November 21, 1899.
- e. Thomas Edwin Vickers, born at Neola, Texas, June 27, 1896.
- f. William Ernest Vickers, born at Neola, Texas, November 24, 1901.

(4) George Lewis Vawter, son of John M. and Mary (Durkee) Vawter, was born November 22, 1862, at Grand Bluff, Panola county, Texas, in the old homestead of his grandfather, David Vawter. He was married at Pipecreek, Texas, May 25, 1892, to Junie Ettie Dickerson (daughter of Wyatt and Rebecca (Poyner) Dickerson), who was born, near Tecumseh, Johnson county, Nebraska, March 8, 1870. George Lewis Vawter was a bridge builder by trade, but while in California in 1888 his arm was broken and he has been unable to follow the bridge business. At Pipecreek he is postmaster, merchant, farmer and ranchman, and is much interested in the question of storm-water irrigation for the part of Texas where he lives.

Children:

- a. Ettie Eugenia Vawter, born April 25, 1893.
- b. Walter Lewis Vawter, born September 27, 1895.



- c. David Wyatt Vawter, born December 1, 1896; died August 26, 1899.
- d. Matie Octavia Vawter, born September 6, 1898.
- e. Junie Magnolia Vawter, born September 19, 1900.
- f. John Ferris Vawter, born March 7, 1904.
- g. Charlotte Rebecca Vawter, born March 11, 1907 (added by P. Renton)
- h. Frances Edwin Vawter, born March 30, 1909 “ “ “**

(5) Frances Louisa Vawter, daughter of John M. and Mary (Durkee) Vawter, was born in Marshall, Texas, January 7, 1867; married January 20, 1890, to John B. Noble, who was born February 7, 1863, and died December 10, 1898. Mrs. Noble and children live at Timpson, Texas.

Children:

- a. John Vawter Noble, born October 5, 1891.
- b. Julian Bennett Noble, born January 30, 1896.

(6) Ella Octavia Vawter, daughter of John M. and Mary (Durkee) Vawter, was born May 31, 1872; married September 9, 1903, to A. S. Victory, a log contractor for a lumber company, who was born February 14, 1868.

(7) Katie King Vawter, daughter of John M. and Mary (Durkee) Vawter, was born May 15, 1877.

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LOUISA (VAWTER) FINK

Louisa Vawter, daughter of David and Lucinda (Glover) Vawter was born February 9, 1830; married in 1845 to Edward Fink. They had one child who died in 1863. Both Edward Fink and Louisa, his wife, are dead.

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DAVID M. VAWTER

David M. Vawter, son of David and Lucinda (Glover) Vawter, was born in Madison, Indiana, January 17, 1833; married July 25, 1858, to Nancy Raycroft, who was born in Tennessee, January 12, 1837. David M. Vawter was a physician.

## Children:

(1) Martha Lucinda (called "Chic"), married January 6, 1897, to J. W. Cooke, of Pembroke, Kentucky.

## Children:

a. David Vawter Cooke, born October 16, 1897; died December 22, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cooke live at Carthage, Texas \*\* where Mr. Cooke is cashier of the First National Bank.

\*\* This was typed Carthage, "Missouri" on the original and corrected by hand.

## MARTHA (VAWTER) WHITE

Martha Vawter, daughter of David and Lucinda (Glover) Vawter, was born September 16, 1836; married December, 1852, to J. C. White. They lived in Austin, Texas. They have four children.

## RUSSELL VAWTER

(1755 --- )

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## MARY SPARKS

(1757 --- )

CHILDREN	GRANDCHILDREN	G.GRANDCHILDREN	G.G. GRANDCHILDREN
1. John Vawter	{ (1) James M. { (2) John Russell		
2. Elizabeth Vawter	{ (1) John		
3. Beverly Vawter	{ (2) Allan { (3) William		
4. Infant, d.			
5. Nancy Vawter		{ Geo. W.	
6. Bradford Vawter		{ John M. { { (1) Geo. T. { m. { Charlotte Vogler { { { { { Rosalie { m. R. A. Gordon { Emma S. { m. ___ Ratcliffe	{ Frank { Fred Mc. { Charles A. { Harold H. { Isaac { Homer G.
7. Chadwell Vawter m. Susan Taylor	{ (2) Pauline { (3) Beverly S. { (4) William { (5) Matilda { (6) Sophronia { (7) Josiah	{ John	
8. Joseph Early Vawter m. 1st Polly Larimore	{ (1) Washington R. { (2) Thomas S. { m. { Nancy Chapman { { (3) Edith P. { (4) Patsy A. { (5) Joseph M. { m. Mary L. Furgeson { { {	{ Martha, d. { William M. { m. Nancy J. Burk { Trueman C. m. Myrta Bourne { George Early { Ray Partee { m. Rose Smith { Anna Mae	{ Ida m. Eugene Smith { (Jennievee) { Emma E. m. Chas. Baxter { (Clara Ermine, d. { Mildred May, d. { Dow Vawter) { John Wm. { m. Claudine C. Fowler { (Ara Bertie, { Maud Illinois, Earl V. ) { Clare

## THE VAWTER FAMILY IN AMERICA

	{ (6) Nancy A.		{ William J.
		{ Joseph T.	{ Dora B.
		{ m. Bedie Dewbre	{ Maude, d.
		{	{ Evie L.
		{	{ Annie
	{ (7) James J.	{ Allen V., d.	
	{ m.	{ Mary J.	{ Ibba B.
	{ Susan Hollandsworth	{ m. James Hagan	{ Virgil Vawter
8. Joseph Early Vawter	{	{	
(continued)	{	{ Amanda S.	{ Ingram
	{	{ m.	{ Electa, d.
	{	{ Joseph M. Sympson	{ Jennievue
	{	{	
	{	{ Nancy W., d.	{ Ada S.
	{	{	{ Dewey S.
	{	{ Mintie B.	{ Eva A.
	{	{ m.	{ Nellie
	{	{ Benjamin Hardin	{ Ray
	{	{	{ Irene
	{	{	
	{	{ Julia A.	{ Earl
	{	{ m. Ansel S. Palmore	{ May
	{	{	{ Trueman
	{	{	{ Kate
	{ (8) William DeWitt	{ Frank B.	
	{ (9) Katy A.		
	{ (10) Amanda J.		
	{ (11) Sallie K.		
	{ (12) Allen Vault	{ Joseph Thomas, d.	
	{ m.	{ Margaret E.	
	{ Elizabeth Sinclair	{ m. W. A. Reynolds	
	{	{ Walter Allen	
	{	{ Josephine Allen	{ Margaret Berneice
	{	{ m. O. L. Settle	
	{	{ Allene	
	{ (13) Mary P.		
			{ Frederick Clyde
		{ Leona, d.	{ Melissa Iola
	{ (14) John E.	{	{ Clinton Culbertson
	{	{ Nancy Adalaide	{ Bertha
	{	{ m.	{ Burleson Beverly
	{	{ Peyton Lacy Cook	{ Mary
2nd. Nancy Smith	{	{	{ Leyton Leroy

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2nd. Nancy Smith	{ (15) Josephus R. { m. { Mary Williams { { { { { { { { { (16) Beverly P. { m. Maria L. Graves	{Margaret, d. { Leighton, d. { Bennie B. { m. { Valera A. Crawford { Minnie, d. { Edgar S. { m. { Melissa E. Crawford { Melissa H. { m. Robert John Briggs  { Alice, d. { Frederick D.	{ Edgar Allen { Lillian { Thelma { Clifford { Violo { Edgar Crawford { Addie { Roberta Beverly { Victoria Mary & Infant, d.
9. Polly Vawter			
10. Peachy Vawter			
11. Infant, d.			

## RUSSELL VAWTER

Russell Vawter was born June 22, 1755, and lived in Culpeper, county, Virginia. It is not known who was the father of Russell, but he was probably a son of a brother of David, the son of John. David Vawter was born in 1720, and one of his sons, Jesse, was born in the same year as Russell. It is reasonably certain that they were closely related, as they both lived in the same county in Virginia and the same family names run through both families--such names as Elliott and Beverly.

Jesse Vawter, the son of David, in his account of the journey westward, speaks of one Joseph Early. One of Russell Vawter's children is named Joseph Early, probably for this same man.

Russell Vawter was married to Mary Sparks, who was born September 17, 1757.

Children:

I John Vawter, born April 22, 1778; lived in North Carolina had two sons, James M. and John Russell. Both moved to southern Indiana about 1838. James then moved to Tipton county in about 1848, and John Russell to Switzerland county. James died about 1872, and John Russell about 1843.

II Elizabeth Vawter, born April 23, 1780.

III Beverly Vawter, born September 22, 1782; came from Virginia and settled at Marrow Bone, Cumberland county, Kentucky sold out about 1836 and went to Macomb, Illinois. Three of his sons were John, Allan and William. Allan died November 4, 1904

IV Infant, died.

V Nancy Vawter, born March 19, 1786.

VI Bradford Vawter, born July 26, 1788.

VII Chadwell Vawter, born September 14, 1790.

VIII Joseph Early Vawter, born February 19, 1793.

IX Polly Vawter, born August 20, 1796.

X Peachy Vawter, born August 30, 1798; died 1804.

XI Infant, stillborn..

VII Chadwell Vawter married Susan Taylor; after nearly

all of his children were born he moved to Stokes, now Forsyth county, North Carolina.

Children:

1. George T. Vawter, born September 10, 1817; moved with his parents to North Carolina when about fifteen years old; moved to Indiana in 1851; married Charlotte C. Vogler; died in 1894. Charlotte (Vogler) Vawter died in 1892.

Children:

(1) George W. Vawter, born November, 1840. Is now dead, but has a family living in Indiana.

(2) John M. Vawter, born January 28, 1844. Is dead, but has a family living in Indiana.

(3) Samuel M. Vawter, born in North Carolina, October 29, 1847; married Sarah E. McShane. Has been living in Jeffersonville, Indiana, but is at present in Atlanta, Georgia.

Children:

- a. S. Frank, born April 2, 1879. Lives in Tipton, Indiana.
- b. Fred Mc., born May 19, 1880. Lives in Tipton, Indiana.
- c. Charles A., born July 26, 1882.
- d. Harold H., born December 1, 1884.
- e. Isaac, born March 6, 1891; died.
- f. Homer G., born May 21, 1895.

(4) Rosalie A. Vawter, born December 3, 1849; married R. A. Gordon. Lives in Indiana.

(5) Emma S., born August 30, 1851; married \_\_\_ Ratcliffe. Lives in Indiana.

2. Pauline Vawter, born in 1819.

3. Beverly S., born in 1821; moved from North Carolina to Illinois in 1852; afterward to Kansas.

4. William Vawter, born in 1823; moved from North Carolina to Illinois in 1852; died in 1859. Had a son John.

5. Matilda Vawter, born in 1826.

6. Sophronia Vawter, born in 1829.

7. Josiah Vawter, born in 1832; died in Confederate army.

VIII Joseph Early Vawter, the son of Russell and Mary (Sparks) Vawter, was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, in 1793. He went from Virginia, by way of North Carolina, to

Monroe county, Kentucky, where he settled in about 1823, and where three of his children are living to-day. Joseph Early Vawter was a miller, farmer and teacher. He wrote an almanac (which was never published). He made a bench which he carried to school for his pupils to sit on and then carried it home each night for his children to sit on at the table. The bench is still in the family, and the old house stands to-day just as it was built by Joseph Early Vawter. He died in 1861.

Joseph Early Vawter was married September 15, 1812, to Polly Larimore, who was born February 1, 1795, and died November 8, 1838.

Children:

1. Washington R. Vawter, born July 29, 1813. Was a physician.
2. Thomas S. Vawter, born August 17, 1815.
3. Edith P. Vawter, born November 9, 1817.
4. Patsy A. Vawter, born March 19, 1820.
5. Joseph M. Vawter, born September 8, 1822.
6. Nancy A. Vawter, born January 2, 1825.
7. James J. Vawter, born January 4, 1827.
8. William D. Vawter, born March 9, 1829.
9. Katy A. Vawter, born March 5, 1831.
10. Amanda J. Vawter, born April 13, 1833.
11. Sallie K. Vawter, born January 11, 1835.
12. Allen V. Vawter, twin, born July 18, 1837.
13. Mary P. Vawter, twin, born July 18, 1837.

Joseph Early Vawter married, second, Nancy Smith, who died in 1878.

Children:

14. John E. Vawter, born July 18, 1840.
15. Josephus R. Vawter, born January 9, 1842.
16. Beverly P. Vawter, born October 3, 1844.

Thomas S. Vawter, son of Joseph Early and Polly (Larimore) Vawter, was born August 17, 1815; married Nancy A.



Chapman, who was born February 9, 1820; died December 30, 1873. Thomas S. Vawter died in 1854 near Hillsboro, Illinois.

Children:

- (1) Martha, who died in 1861.
- (2) William M., born in Monroe county, Kentucky, November 27, 1842; married January 10, 1864, to Nancy Jane Burk, who was born at Walshville, Illinois, June 12, 1846. W. M. Vawter had a 'bus line and carried mail in Hillsboro, Illinois, but is now retired.

Children of William and Nancy (Burk) Vawter:

- a. Ida M. Vawter, born December 4, 1864; married August 17, 1886, to Eugene Smith, who was born in Bond county, Illinois, October 9, 1859. They live in Hillsboro, Illinois, and have one child, Jennieue Eugenia, born February 3, 1888.
- b. Emma E. Vawter, born August 22, 1867; married April 26, 1887, to Charles Baxter, who was born at Walshville, Illinois, August 11, 1861. They live in Hillsboro, Illinois, where Mr. Baxter deals in coal and owns the transfer line.

Children:

- (a) Clara Ermine, born July 24, 1893; died September 29, 1893.
- (b) Mildred May, born August 25, 1896; died November 15, 1896.
- (c) Dow Vawter, born January 16, 1898.
- c. John William Vawter, born January 22, 1870; married at Arkansas Pass, Texas, October 7, 1897, to Claudine C. Fowler, who was born in Smithfield, Missouri, January 17, 1875. They live in Hillsboro, Illinois, where J. W. Vawter is engaged in the transfer business. They have one child, Monroe Fowler, who was born December 18, 1899.
- d. Ara Bertie Vawter, born October 17, 1872; died.
- e. Maud Illinois Vawter, born April 3, 1873; died.
- f. Earl V. Vawter, born September 24, 1879.

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Joseph Monroe Vawter, son of Joseph Early and Polly (Larimore) Vawter, was born September 8, 1822; married Mary Louise Furgeson, who was born in Virginia in 1844. Joseph M. Vawter was a farmer, a stock-breeder, a hotel-keeper; operated livery stable, 'bus line, canal boats, and was commissioner of Franklin county, Indiana, for six years. Lived in Brookville; died in 1903.

## Children:

(1) Trueman Carpenter, born in 1875; married Myrta Bourne in 1897. No children. Trueman C. Vawter is commercial salesman of vehicles, Brookville, Indiana.

(2) George Early, born in 1877. Is a lawyer and manager of Central Business College of Sedalia, Missouri.

(3) Ray Partee, born in 1879; married Rose Smith in 1902. They have one child, Clare, who was born in 1904. Ray P. Vawter is a farmer, living near Brookville, Indiana.

(4) Anna Mae, born in 1884. Is a teacher in the public schools of Brookville, Indiana.

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James J. Vawter, son of Joseph Early and Polly (Larimore) Vawter, was born January 4, 1827; married Susan Hollandsworth, who was born April 11, 1832, at Marrow Bone, Kentucky. J. J. Vawter is engaged in the mercantile business in Persimon, Kentucky.

## Children:

(1) Joseph T. Vawter, son of James J. and Susan (Hollandsworth) Vawter, was born March 10, 1852; married Bedie Dewbre, who was born at Marrow Bone, Kentucky. J. T. Vawter lives near Persimon, Kentucky, where he is engaged in farming.

## Children :

- a. William J. Vawter, born October 19, 1873.
- b. Dora B. Vawter, born November 18, 1877.
- c. Maude Vawter, born May 15, 1880; died August 14, 1889.

d. Evie L. Vawter, born August 25, 1883.

c. Annie Vawter, born April 13, 1887.

(2) Allen V. Vawter, born April 27, 1855; died May 18, 1882.

(3) Mary J. Vawter, born July 3, 1858; married James Hagan.

Their children are Ibba B. and Virgil Vawter.

(4) Amanda S. Vawter, born May 8, 1862; married Joseph M.

Sympson. Their children are Ingram, Electa, who died young, and Jenievee.

(5) Nancy W. Vawter, born June 16, 1865; died February 8, 1866.

(6) Mintie B. Vawter, born June 4, 1867; married Benjamin G. Hardin.

Their children are Ada S., Dewey S., Eva A., Nellie, Ray and Irene.

(7) Julia A. Vawter, born December 23, 1871; married Ansel S. Palmore.

Their children are Earl, Mae, Trueman and Kate.

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William DeWitt Vawter, son of Joseph Early and Polly (Larimore) Vawter, was born in Monroe county, Kentucky, in 1829; went to Macomb, Illinois, in 1851, and to Kansas in 1869. Lives in Burlington, Kansas. Has a son, Frank B. Vawter, a druggist, living in Randolph, Kansas.

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Allen Vaul Vawter, son of Joseph Early and Polly (Larimore) Vawter, was born in Monroe county, Kentucky, July 18, 1837. He was a twin. He was a farmer, left Kentucky and moved near Columbia, Missouri, where he was killed May 12, 1888. He was married to Elizabeth Sinclair, who was born in Providence, Missouri, in 1855 and died February 25, 1894.

Children:

(1) Joseph Thomas Vawter, who died at about two years of age.

(2) Margaret E. Vawter, born September 24, 1880; married

June 8, 1903, to W. A. Reynolds, who was born February 10, 1877. They live in Eldon, Miller county, Missouri, where Mr. Reynolds is in the grocery business.

(3) Walter Allen Vawter, born December 24, 1882, near Columbia, Missouri. Lives in Lamar, Barton county, Missouri.

(4) Josephine Allen, born September 30, 1884; near Columbia, Missouri; married April 7, 1903, to O. L. Settle, who was born October 31, 1884. They live in Lamar, Missouri, where O. L. Settle has a meat market.

Children:

a. Margaret Berneice Settle, born February 18, 1905.

(5) Allene Vawter, born January 30, 1889; near Columbia, Missouri. Lives in Lamar, Missouri.

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Josephus R. Vawter, son of Joseph Early and Nancy (Smith) Vawter, was born in Monroe county, Kentucky, January 9, 1842; married May 26, 1867, to Mary J. Williams, who was born April 4, 1849, in Monroe county, Kentucky. Josephus R. Vawter was a farmer and lived in Monroe county, Kentucky. He died May 3, 1882.

Children:

(1) Leona Vawter, born March 23, 1868; died May 1, 1897.

(2) Nancy Adalaide Vawter, was born April 5, 1869, in Monroe county, Kentucky; married January 19, 1888, to Peyton Lacy Cook, a farmer, who was born in Alabama, April 12, 1861. They live in Cordell, Oklahoma Territory.

Children:

a. Frederick Clyde Cook, born December 22, 1888; died December 27, 1889.

b. Melissa Iola Cook, born January 28, 1891.

c. Clinton Culberson Cook, born January 29, 1893.

d. Bertha Cook, born February 13, 1895.

e. Burleson Beverly Cook, born April 29, 1896.

f. Mary Cook, born January 6, 1900.

g. Leyton Leroy Cook, born March 5, 1902.

h. William Peyton Cook, born September 11, 1904.

(3) Margaret Vawter, born October 12, 1870; died November, 1870.

(4) Leighton Vawter, born July 21, 1872; died July, 1873.

(5) Bennie B. Vawter, born in Monroe county, Kentucky, August 21, 1874; married December 25, 1895, to Valera A. Crawford, who was born in Tennessee, June 3, 1878. B. B. Vawter has been a rural mail carrier, but is at present employed as a salesman in a dry-goods store. He lives in Cordell, Oklahoma Territory.

Children:

a. Edgar Allen Vawter, born March 19, 1898.

b. Lillian, born June 16, 1900.

c. Thelma, born March 22, 1902; died June 27, 1903.

d. Clifford, born January 22, 1904.

(6) Minnie Vawter was born August 21, 1874; died November 12, 1875. Bennie B. and Minnie Vawter were twins.

(7) Edgar S. Vawter was born in Monroe county, Kentucky, December 22, 1876; married October 15, 1899, to Melissa E. Crawford, who was born February 6, 1882, in Johnson county, Texas. Edgar S. Vawter is a farmer, living near Rocky, Oklahoma Territory.

Children:

a. Violo Vawter, born November 24, 1900.

b. Edgar Crawford Vawter, born August 10, 1902.

c. Addie Vawter, born August 27, 1904.

(8) Melissa H. Vawter was born in Monroe county, Kentucky, January 4, 1879; married September 25, 1898, in Tarrant county, Texas, to Robert John Briggs, who was born in Canada, March 14, 1871. They live in Dalhart, Texas, where Mr. Briggs is a painter and paper-hanger.

Children:

Roberta Beverly Briggs, born June 11, 1899 in Tarrant county, Texas.

Victoria Mary Briggs, born September 23, 1901, in Tarrant county, Texas.

(9) Infant, born and died February, 1880.

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Beverly P. Vawter, son of Joseph Early and Nancy (Smith) Vawter, was born October 3, 1844; married to Maria L. Graves at Scottsville, Illinois, November 17, 1867; lives at Modesto, Illinois.

Maria (Graves) Vawter died March 10, 1904.

Children:

- a. Alice, born in 1878; died in infancy.
- b. Frederick D., born in 1880. Is a physician at Gessie, Indiana.

## EDWARD VAWTER

Edward Vawter, the son of John, Bartholomew or Angus Vawter (it is not certain which), settled in Essex county, Virginia, where his two sons, Edward and William, were born. There was also a son Thomas.

Edward Vawter, the first, built a church in Essex county in 1731, which is still standing and in use. It is called "Vauter's Church." An account of it taken from "Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia," by W. Meade, is as follows:

"Upon a branch of Blackburn's Creek called Church Swamp stands Vauter's Church, built, as indicated by a date inscribed upon its walls, in 1731. This church is in a good state of preservation. Mrs. Lewis, who is descended from the Pendletons and Gaines of Culpeper, the Vauters of Essex and the Ruckers, says: 'There were two churches, the brick and the South Church, which was about sixteen miles distant and four miles below the present site of the Madison court-house. It was a frame building and stood on the land of Richard Vauter. Both buildings were old at the commencement of the Revolutionary War. The Episcopal families around these churches were the Ruckers, the Barbours, Beales, Keastleys, Lewis and Vauters.'"

William, son of Edward the first, was born May 6, 1735. He was married to Anne Ballard. He and his brother Edward both served in the Revolutionary War. He was a large landowner in Greenbrier county, Virginia. He died March 6, 1815. Anne (Ballard) Vawter, his wife, was born October 23, 1733; died May 24, 1814.

William Vawter, son of William and Anne (Ballard) Vawter, was born May 26, 1765. He was in the Revolutionary War and in the battle of Yorktown. He secured the appointment of government surveyor from the governor of Virginia; moved to West Virginia in 1791, and married February 12, 1795, Margaret, the daughter of John and Anne (Givens) Henderson, of Point

Pleasant, West Virginia. They located on Hans Creek, Monroe county, West Virginia. William Vawter died November 15, 1822. Margaret, his wife, was born February 12, 1771, and died September 8, 1853.

Children of William and Margaret (Henderson) Vawter:

1. Elizabeth, born January 28, 1798; married Robert Young, of Monroe county.
2. John Henderson, born January 23, 1800; died June 8, 1877.
3. Anne, born March 18, 1802; married Lorenzo Dow Cook; moved to Indiana.
4. Jean or Jennie, born June 14, 1805; married Andrew Shanklin; moved to Indiana.
5. Mary or Polly, born September 8, 1808; married Moses Kerr; moved to Indiana; died November 23, 1887.
6. Elliott, born, March 9, 1812; married Julia Pack.

2. John Henderson Vawter, son of William and Margaret (Henderson) Vawter, was born in Monroe county, West Virginia, January 23, 1800. He inherited his father's estate and continued to reside there until his death. He was a successful planter and a civil engineer of considerable ability, locating nearly all of the Middle Tennessee Railroad. He was for a long time surveyor of Monroe county, and before the war he represented that county in the Virginia Assembly for nearly twenty years. From the summer of 1862 till the close of the war, he was a captain on the staff of General John Echols, C. S. A. He had four sons in the Confederate army. They were Dr. Louis A., captain of Company C, Sharpshooters, Thirtieth Virginia. William entered Company D, Twenty-seventh Regiment, Stonewall Brigade, in August, 1862; wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, and promoted to commissary department, with rank of captain. James E., entered Twelfth Mississippi Regiment in 1861, elected captain of Company I in May, 1862; shot five times at Frazier's Farm and died July 2, 1862. Charles E., entered Monroe Guards in May, 1861, then into the Twenty-seventh Regiment, Stonewall Brigade; appointed captain of a company of sharpshooters in



1862; captured and imprisoned in Fort Delaware in March, 1865; released in June, 1865. John Henderson Vawter married, first, Adaline Dunlap, January 22, 1828; she died November 8, 1828, at the birth of her first child, who also died a year later. June 17, 1833, he married, second, Clara S. Peck, of Giles county.

Children of John Henderson and Clara (Peck) Vawter:

- (1) John William, born September 30, 1834; married Elizabeth Dew Kean.
- (2) Elizabeth Mary, born January 2, 1836.
- (3) Margaret Anne, born July 1, 1837, died single, 1885.
- (4) Louis Addison, born October 22, 1838; died January 5, 1900.
- (5) James Elliott, born March 1, 1840; died single, 1862.
- (6) Charles E., born June 9, 1841.
- (7) Allen Henderson, born January 8, 1843; died single.
- (8) Matilda Ellen, born March 16, 1844; married William Farnier.
- (9) Sarah Josephine, born July 10, 1847; married Frank Peck Sweeny; died.
- (10) Joseph Snyder, born July 17, 1849; died single, 1863.
- (11) Clara Virginia, born August 23, 1851; married Lewis Peck; died.
- (12) Henry Alexander, born April 23, 1853; married Nettie Baber.
- (13) George W., born April 5, 1855; married Eliza L. Gwinn.

(4) Louis Addison Vawter received his primary education under a tutor, later attending the Union Academy, and then entering the Emory and Henry College in Washington county, West Virginia, graduating at the latter institution in 1854, after which he studied medicine. At the opening of the Civil War, he entered the Confederate service as captain of volunteer infantry, Thirtieth Battalion; was taken a prisoner at the battle of Winchester, September 19, 1864, and held at Fort Delaware until in

July, 1865, when he was set at liberty. Returning to his father's home in West Virginia, he had charge of the plantation there for a time. During the winter of 1867-68, he took a course of lectures at Cincinnati in the Ohio Medical College, and in the latter year began the practice of his profession at Ballardsville, West Virginia. He moved to Indiana and practiced medicine with R. E. Barnett in Hancock county, Indiana, until 1882. He then received an appointment as physician to the Round Valley Indian Agency in California. He resigned his position there in 1884 and went to Radersburg, Montana, where he remained until 1893. After that he practiced his profession in Boulder, Montana. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was identified with the Democratic party. Louis A. Vawter married, first, Mary Adair, of Red Sulphur Springs. She died and he was married January 16, 1867, to Emma M. Damson, who was born in Alleghany county, Virginia, December 14, 1838.

Children of Louis and Emma (Damson) Vawter:

- a. Mary Allen Vawter, born in Virginia, November 14, 1868; died in Greenfield, Indiana, January 20, 1895.
- b. John William Vawter, born in Virginia, April 13, 1871. Is an illustrator of ability. Is very well known through his illustrations of James Whitcomb Riley's books.
- c. Clara Peck Vawter, born in Virginia, September 25, 1873. Had published one book, the Rabbit's Ransom, and some other short stories and poems. Was a fine judge of literature and seemed to have a brilliant future opening before her, when she died in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 12, 1900.
- d. Charles Elliott Vawter, born in Greenfield, Indiana, June 4, 1882.

(6) Charles Erastus Vawter, son of John Henderson and Clara (Peck) Vawter, at the close of the war returned to Emory and Henry from which he was graduated in 1866. He then taught in Chattanooga till 1868, when he entered the University of Virginia for a special course in mathematics. In the same year he was elected professor of mathematics at his alma mater, where he taught until he was made president of the famous Miller

Manual Training School in Albemarle county, in 1878. He married, July 24, 1866, Virginia Longley, of Tennessee.

Children of Charles E. and Virginia (Longley) Vawter:

- a. Mary Longley, who married Harrison Robertson of Danville.
- b. Josephine, who married Stonewall Tompkins, a member of the Miller School faculty.
- c. Charles K, Jr., a graduate of the University of Virginia and professor of mathematics and physics at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.
- d. Lenora Leigh.
- e. James Elliot.
- f. Virginia Longley.
- g. Edmund Longley.

For the above account of the descendents of Edward Vawter credit is here given in part to a book on the "Ancestry and Descendants of Lieutenant John Henderson," by Joseph Lyon Miller, Ashland, Kentucky, and to the "History of Montana," by Joaquin Miller.

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Thomas Vawter, son of Edward, the first, was born in 1750. He had a son, Edward, born in 1775. This son Edward had a daughter Elizabeth, who married her cousin Thomas Vawter. Thomas and Elizabeth Vawter were the ancestors of Mrs. Egbert Jones, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

It might perhaps be interesting to know something of Madison, the conditions of the surrounding country amid the customs at the time the Vawters first came to Indiana. The history of all the Vawters descended from Jesse and many of those descended from Philemon has, in the past, if not now, been intimately connected with the history of Madison itself. In a Madison paper there appeared many years ago a series of interviews with the early pioneers of Jefferson county. One of these is with James Burns, the father of Maxa Burns, who married Maria Vawter. This article is here given as it was written:

#### JAMES BURNS

"James Burns, one of the oldest and most intelligent of our early settlers, is living on Second street, in the extreme western part of Madison. He is the father of ex-Mayor Miles S. Burns. Mr. Burns was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, near Alexandria, in 1786. He moved to Kentucky, traveling in a wagon, in the year 1794. Mason and Bracken counties were his stopping places until 1806, when, accompanied by a young wife he had lately married, he removed again into Ohio. In December, 1806, Burns entered Fort Washington for the first time. The fort and surrounding village had not yet received its present name --Cincinnati. The tract of land back from the river was called Hobson's Choice, the rest, facing the river, Fort Washington. The houses were few and scattered here and there in the woods and clearings. Mr. Burns rented a farm and lived upon it. He was enrolled in the militia and saw extensive service against the Ohio Indians. When Aaron Burr came west and fled southward for New Orleans, Burns was among the militia who kept guard along the river at Cincinnati to intercept and capture him. The wily

Burr, however, evaded the authorities and passed south without detection. Burns came to Madison in 1814, the Indians being then at war with the settlers. James Hartsock, John Burns and James Burns together purchased a boat at Cincinnati in which to bring themselves, their families and household possessions to Madison. The boat was about one hundred feet long and roofed over. Three days were occupied in floating down to Madison. 'We landed,' says Mr. Burns, 'opposite the big frame house that old John McIntire put up. It is the same house that John Marsh now lives in, though it has been remodeled several times. Main street at that time -1814- was the only street in the town. Main Cross was laid out only a little way down toward Mulberry. A person had to drive around logs and trees to go anywhere. The timber was cut down to make a show but was not cut up or hauled away. There were eight or ten families in the town, not more. The bottom was almost entirely covered with woods, only a little spot cleared for houses. Burnett's public house stood on Main Cross, close to where the old Indiana Bank is now. On Main street, was John Booth's tavern, a hewed log house on the east side of Main, below our court-house. A man named Wilson had a cabinet shop near the tavern. Colonel Paul lived in a brick house near the river bank, the only brick house in the town then. Three or four lawyers were boarding with him, William Hendricks, Cristopher Harrison, the government surveyor, and others. Soon after I came, Harrison was elected to congress. This was before he was married. Basil Bentley, the first sheriff of this county, also boarded with Colonel Paul. I took dinner shortly after I came to town with Colonel Paul and saw them all. Old Wagner, Ike Wagner's father, had a blacksmith shop between Main and Mulberry, on High street. John McIntire kept a dry-goods store in his big frame house. Colonel Paul had a mill back and above the present burying ground on Crooked Creek. The mill was up and had just got to grinding corn when I came. It was run by water power. Dawson Blackmore lived on the corner of Walnut and High, in a one-story hewed log house. He had three sons and two daughters. Dawson Blackmore, Jr., was the first white male child born in Madison.

Betty Strickhand, a daughter of Judge Strickland, who lived beyond Blackmore's on Walnut street, was the first girl baby born about here. The Vawters were here and a few others besides, when our party landed.

"As we went up town from the boat we found everybody sitting around watching for Indians, afraid to go out of the house almost. A man named Jim Moore invited us to his house to stay a few days, and we went. After taking our families to Moore's, Hansock and myself took our guns and went to Wirt, then a fort or blockhouse. We passed the blockhouse at old James Edwards' mill on Clifty Creek. When we got out to the other blockhouse on Harbert's Creek the people ran out and closed the gate, thinking we were Indians. They made us stand off and hello a good deal before they let us in. After the gate was opened they stood staring and gaping to see whether we were all right or not. I examined the land I had bought that day and the next morning we got horses and returned to Madison. I then hired a team and hauled out two or three loads of furniture and things. Next we sold the boat to John and Jim Cowden. Our three families moved out to Harbert's blockhouse together. The first night we camped by a big log on old Jesse Vawter's place. We slept on the ground before a log fire near the blockhouse.

"We located on Harbert's Creek, on the site of the village of Wirt, six miles from Madison. Five families were living in the blockhouse at this time; our party adding three more. William Harbert, the first settler, after whom the creek took its name, who went out and built a cabin in 1811, before the war began, was there with his family. Daniel Hickman, John Brock, Samuel Chasteen, William West and their families were the others. We all lived in the blockhouse and were in continual fear of the Indians. Every night we kept guard, and Judge Dunn passed once or twice every week with his rangers. The Indians came in sight frequently, threatening us. Several persons that had wandered off in the woods hunting disappeared and were never afterwards heard of, no doubt having been murdered or carried away by the Indians. The blockhouse stood about fifteen rods east of my late

residence at Wirt. The site of the fort is now a part of the farm of Hiram Francisco.

"The blockhouse was a square inclosing about one-half an acre. In each of the four corners were log houses built unusually strong. The upper part hung over on the outside to prevent the Indians climbing up on the roof, and all the sides were pierced with port-holes. There were other houses close up to the picket walls, which served to strengthen the pickets. The picket was a fence of high, heavy posts driven into the ground and sharpened on the ends. There was a gate on the north side of the fort, and one on the east. Inside the fort was a hollow square, all the houses being close up to the walls. The families that lived there had built cabins on their land when they first made the settlement, all of them from a half-mile to three or four miles distant from Harbert's. When the Indians came they were afraid to be separated so far from each other, so the blockhouse was built. The location was a first rate one. It was on the high bank just south of the creek. The land on the east and west sides sloped down a little lower than where the fort was. A fine large spring was near the fort, too.

"In those days we all dressed in buckskin breeches and hunting shirts. We never went out without our guns ready for an encounter with the Indians or wild animals. The woods were so full of game that the rangers shot all they had to eat. If they didn't shoot the game they had to go without. This country belonged to old Captain White-Eyes and his brood. White-Eyes pretended to be a big chief and friendly to the whites, but there was no dependence in him. He was a bold-looking jockey, rather sassy, about thirty years old and not short of six feet in height. He wore the Indian garb - breech clout, leggins and moccasins, with a blanket thrown over his shoulders. His leggins were of dark blue or black woolen cloth, pretty fine, too. Indians were particular about cloth, they knew what was good and wouldn't buy it if it wasn't. His hair was long and black and had buzzard's quills stuck around in it. He always carried a gun and a tomahawk. His tomahawk was made with a pipe in the pole. He was the biggest Indian in his tribe, the Pottawattomies. The tribe came from

out on the Wabash. There were well onto a hundred with White- Eyes.

"These Indians had a camp on Marble Creek, close to Hillis' blockhouse. It was in Lancaster township on Stout's farm. The camp was on a little knoll. All about it the bark was pulled off the trees and set on end for shelter. Trees were peeled as high as they could reach and for a good bit around, as they had about fifteen wigwams. Indians wouldn't go into a house and sit down in a chair to eat from a table--they'd get down on their knees around the table and take things off the plates with their hands. They mostly ate meat. I've seen Indians eating meat off one end of a chunk and a dog biting and chewing at the other. They thought as much of their dogs as they did of themselves. In the logs and stumps about the camp you'd see little holes hollowed out where they put their corn and pounded it with their tomahawks. They had a good many ponies which they used in packing their things from place to place. Every man carried his rifle and hunting gear. Old White-Eyes rode generally. The squaws wrapped a lot of stuff, sometimes a bushel or two of corn, in a blanket and swung it on their backs having the ends tied and pressing against their foreheads. The Indians were accustomed to come here to trade and never got away without being pretty well melted with liquor. They always had a jug.

"The Indians were good marksmen. They shot with rifle and bow and arrow. One time, when thirty or forty of White-Eyes' men were passing through my place I coaxed one of them into my stable to see a bay mare the Indians had stolen once. The mare hated the sight of an Indian. She'd begin to plunge and kick the moment she saw one. Before he got fairly in the stable the mare squealed and kicked at him. The Indian broke and ran, saying, "She's no good horse, no good horse."

"Madison was owned originally by Paul, Burnet, Davis and Lyon. Burnet lived in Cincinnati, Davis someplace in Ohio, and Lyon at Eagle Hollow. Davis and Burnet came in after the first sale of lots by Paul and Lyon in 1811. Jefferson county extended to the Indian country and was called Jackson's purchase. The first steamboat that passed this point was the Robert Fulton. I think



she passed here in 1815 or 1816. The first boat I was ever on was the Hibernia. I went to Cincinnati on her from this place in 1817 or 1818. The boat was not running regularly between any points.

"Wirt was laid out by Colonel Arion, James Vawter and myself. I proposed Wyandotte as the name of the place. Colonel Arion suggested Wirt, after William Wirt, of Virginia, and so it got that name. The Baptists (Iron Jackets) organized a church at Wirt in February, 1818. The meeting was held in the log school-house. The members were William West and wife, William Harbert and wife, John Burns and wife, James Burns and wife, Robert Harbert, a single man, a young woman named Rebecca Marshall, John Stevens, Wilson Moncrief, Abner Moncrief, James Harbert, Thomas Glover and Rachel Johnson. Daniel Stogsdill, the preacher, was from Pulaski county, Kentucky. Church was held in the school-house for nine years. Then a little brick house was built. The present church is almost exactly on the same site as the first one, just a small distance east of the old one. The first baptism recorded by the church was in June, 1825. The first school-house was built pretty near the present church. It was started in 1819. The teacher was a Scotchman named Carmichael, who boarded at my house. The first mill-dam ever built on Big Creek was made by James Hayes. It was in Lancaster township, and is now the property of John B. Craft. It was formerly owned by Horace Byfield. The dam is there yet. I had my wheat and corn ground there for three or four years."

Among the early settlers of Madison, Indiana, were Robert Cotton, one of the first officers of Jefferson county, Howard Watts, a leading doctor, Shadrick Wilber, a merchant, John H. Wagner, a blacksmith, William Watlington, a farmer and Philemon Vawter, who came to Madison in 1808.

#### JOHN H. WAGONER

"John H. Wagner and family, consisting of three sons, Samuel, Lewis and George, and four daughters, Jane, Betsy, Katy and

Phoebe, disembarked from a flatboat on the first day of May, 1808, at a point on the Ohio river where the town of Madison was afterwards located. At this date not a cabin of any kind was built in the bottoms at this place, excepting one which was built and occupied by a man by the name of Booth. This was in the upper portion of the bottom, where Isom Ross afterward located and operated his tan-yard.

"J. H. Wagner came from Pennsylvania, and was of the old German stock of that state. He was a blacksmith by trade and brought a portion of his tools with him. After transferring his tools and what few household effects there were to the second bottom, the camp was located at a point on the bluff near where John T. Schofield's residence now stands--the northwest corner of Jefferson and High streets.

"The smoke from the camp-fire attracted the attention of Jesse Vawter, who had landed at this place some two years before, but had located on top of the hill near where the Michigan roads now runs. When Mr. Vawter saw the smoke curling up through the tree tops from the camp in the bottom below he at once set out to visit the camp and learn who the new settlers were. In those days neighbors were so few and far between that it was a genuine pleasure to look into the face of a stranger, if a white man, whether he was traveling through the country or seeking a home. Mr. Vawter gave Mr. Wagner and his family a hearty welcome, and when he saw the blacksmith tools he was rejoiced to know that they were to have a blacksmith among them, for in those days the settlers were in greater need of the handiwork of this trade than that of any other one occupation. After assisting in raising their tent and in making things as comfortable as was possible under the surrounding conditions, Mr. Vawter departed for his home on the hill top, but not before giving Mr. Wagner to understand that he would be glad to assist him in any way he could in starting his new home.

"In a short time Mr. Wagner had a log house built on the site of his camp and a blacksmith shop nearby. After a time his house served as a tavern or stopping place for the travelers to and from Kentucky and the settlements back from the river.

These two buildings were the first erected in what was afterwards the old town of Madison.”

#### WILLIAM WATLINGTON

"In the early part of the year 1814 William Watlington, of Bridgetown, New Jersey, landed at a point on the Ohio River where Madison now is. At that time it was an almost unbroken forest, as only two or three log houses were to be found in the bottom, the early settlers having located on the hill-tops and high rolling lands back from the river.

"William Watlington entered one hundred and sixty acres from the government, five miles north of the river on an Indian trail leading from the river to Graham Creek. The Graham Road was afterwards located along this trail. During the summer Mr. Watlington built two log cabins on his claim. One of the cabins he fitted up for himself, the other being built for John Bramwell and his family, whom he had employed to care for his cows and other property while he should be away. In the fall of the same year he returned to New Jersey, and the following spring, 1815, with his wife he again returned to Indiana. During the summer of 1815 he made a trip by flatboat to New Orleans. He returned, chiefly on foot, and contracted a fever, dying shortly after reaching his home in Indiana, on October 15, 1815."

#### JOHN SMOCK

"John Smock, in talking of the early times, said: 'For a few years after coming to Indiana the early settlers had to go to Kentucky for provisions or to Work's mill in Clark county, near Charlestown. It was not long until Mr. Edwards built a mill on Clifty Creek, just above where the road now crosses the creek.

"The first fruit trees were brought to the neighborhood of Madison by Samuel Smock and Peter Veneleane. The first mill was a hand-mill. The neighbors would come there with their corn and would take turns in grinding it. The sheep were penned every night to keep them from the wolves. To exterminate the

wolves the settlers built pens to trap them. The pens were built of logs, generally split logs. The top was so heavy a wolf could not raise it. It was constructed with a trigger to which a piece of meat was fastened. The trigger was attached to a pole which held the lid or top of the pen up. When the wolf got into the pen and pulled the meat the trap fell and Mr. Wolf was caught and killed, and \$2 received for his scalp, which was the legal price for both ears.

“The people were more social then than they are now. The men frequently went ten or twelve miles to help one another raise cabins. The young women would go to visit at each other's houses in numbers. It made no difference if it happened to be wash-day. They all helped, and merriment and work went on together.

“The grass, generally called broom sage, is a native of North Carolina. It was brought to Madison by a family by the name of White. They thought that they were going to a new country--a wilderness where they could get nothing to sweep with, so the woman tied a few bunches carefully together and brought them along. That carried the seed here. The farmers know to their sorrow how it will spread.”

#### ANDREW DINWIDDIE

"Andrew Dinwiddie said that his father came to Jefferson county first in 1807, but, because the Indians proved so troublesome, he returned to Kentucky at the end of a year. He came back to Hanover township in 1809. He said: 'Father settled one mile northwest of Hanover. The settlers in the vicinity met one day and built a fort on his place for protection against the Indians. Below this fort an old weaver by the name of West had put up a small cabin. He provided a way of escape from the Indians, in case they attacked him suddenly at night or surprised him during the day and got between his cabin and the fort. Underneath his puncheon floor he dug a hole and excavated the earth for some distance making a tunnel through which he could crawl to a bushy place in the woods near by. Coming out of

this tunnel unobserved by his enemies, an escape to the fort would not have been difficult.

"After the Pigeon Roost massacre we had no further trouble with hostile Indians. The friendly ones, however, were continually prowling around doing all the mischief in their power. The Indians frequently cut across our land when out hunting. One day a party of eight or ten came along, and all were drunk but one. Old White-Eyes was with them. They had not gone far before I heard a crash, and looking around I saw that one Indian had fallen off his horse and was sprawling on the ground with his five or six guns scattered about him. The sober one of the party spent some time trying to get him mounted, but before his task was accomplished quite a crowd of spectators had assembled who enjoyed the fun very much.

"Shortly after this old White-Eyes entered a house and found a woman making soap. By threatening her, he compelled her to drink a half-pint of strong lye and then left. Her husband returned in a few moments and gave her an emetic which relieved her sufferings. Then the husband gathered together two or three men and went in search of the Indian intending to kill him, but failed to find him. Shortly afterwards, White-Eyes turned up in Scott county, to the terror of all the inhabitants. Old Doctor Hicks, thinking to rid them of him, gave him poison in whisky, but gave him too much, and, instead of having the desired effect, it acted as an emetic. White-Eyes did not appreciate such hospitality and left for parts unknown.' "

#### THOMAS ROSEBERRY

"Thomas Roseberry, of Graham township, said: 'When my father built a double-hewed log house in 1812 it was necessary to go as far as the Ohio River to obtain help to raise it. The settlers were three days getting it up and drank fifteen gallons of whisky while at it. Without the whisky they could not have raised it at all. The old house is standing yet (about 1850), with all the port-holes through which watch was kept, oftentimes night and day. My brothers Thomas, John and George would stand

sentry alternately. George was the youngest and would say: "Oh, I'm so tired. I don't think any 'Injuns' will come to-night." When the Pigeon Roost massacre occurred the settlers were terror-stricken and went to the blockhouse on the farm of George Campbell. During these alarming times the farmers guarded the women with guns in hand while the cows were being milked. Guns were also carried on plows while plowing the ground. Old White-Eyes visited our folks sometimes, after the massacre, and pretended to be friendly. He always had an aversion to white babies, and he said that all those whose heads were not shaped to suit him ought to be tomahawked."

#### HIRAM PRATHER

"Colonel Hiram Prather, of Jennings county, in speaking of the Indians, said: 'The Indians were encamped on the south fork of the Muscukutuck Creek; their camps extending several miles up the creek. They were under the direct control of Captains White-Eyes and Big-John. Bill Kilbuck seemed to be their chief. He was half white, could read and write, and was the son of old Kilbuck, who was killed by Captain Collins near the Pigeon Roost Settlement the evening before the massacre. These Indians were Delawares and Potawattomies. In the spring of 1817 they left their camp and by hundreds passed our cabin going west. They used to trade with our folks, selling baskets, dressed skins, bead work, etc.'"

#### JAMES E. LEWIS

"James E. Lewis said: 'The old market-house in Madison was built by setting four posts with a fork in the upper end and poles laid in them. It was then covered with clapboards, with logs to hold them on. The house used as a court-house stood where V. Firth's house now stands. The court was held in the upper room. The stairs was on the outside. The jail was hard to beat. It was a house with a house built on the outside so close that nothing

could be moved, as the outside held everything in its place. David Kent was jailor.

"It was hard to make change in these times, as money was scarce. The old Spanish dollar was universally used. Half-dollars and twenty-five-cent pieces, bits and fips (twelve and one-half and six and one-quarter cents). Ten-cent pieces passed for twelve and one-half or eight for a dollar. In 1831 or 1832, when Mr. Jesse Whitehead opened store, he used to bring out a keg full of ten and five cent pieces and make change for any one wanting it. He gave eight dimes and sixteen five cent pieces for a dollar. The pieces were soon called Jesse and half Jesse. Before this time they used to cut the money to make change. This cut money was called sharpshins.

"It is not to be wondered at if many of our citizens have little learning. In the early days many had to go to school two and three miles, and all the way through the woods, with blazes on the trees to prevent them from getting lost. Such school-houses as we had! One log was left out to light the house, and this in cold weather, too, for we had to work in the summer.

"Whenever there was a night meeting it was held at early candle lighting. At the appointed time the heads of each family would take one or two candles in their hands; some would bring lanterns. If many came the house would be well lighted, and if few came they would have poor lights.

"About this time John Brown and C. B. Lewis went down to the mouth of Crooked Creek to fish. A strange-looking craft soon rounded the point. They immediately concluded it was the Indians, and they dropped everything and ran through the woods and into the town and reported the Indians coming. The citizens went armed to the river and saw the first steamboat that came and landed at Madison.

"The country around Madison was settled before the town itself. The name of Madison was at first Wakefield. Jefferson county and Scott county were formed from Clark county, and were one for some time. Jefferson county was named for Jefferson, then President, and Madison was named for President Madison in 1809 or 1810.

The town of Madison was bought at the sale at Jeffersonville where the land-office was located, in 1809, by John Paul, Jonathan Lyon and Lewis Davis, at \$6.16 per acre. These were the original proprietors who laid out the town and made the first sale of lots in February, 1810. Colonel John Vawter was present.

The first newspaper published in Madison was the *Western Eagle* published by Seth M. Leavenworth and Wm. Hendricks. Colonel John Vawter told me that this paper was published in his kitchen.

"In 1825 or 1826 David McClure, Sr., lived in what was then called Dorsey's tavern, just west of the First National Bank. He had just gotten two or more cords of wood about five feet long. This was the length in those days, and when cut in two was the proper length for the fire-place. On Christmas eve the stars were bright at ten o'clock, when Samuel David, Jr., Marsh McClure, Jim Collins and Napoleon Collins (afterwards captain in the United States Navy) and Dick Canby (afterwards General Canby) took this wood and built a fence across Main Cross street. The next morning the snow was about a foot deep, and David McClure and his two brothers had to take down the fence and pile up the wood for a Christmas morning frolic. I don't believe David, Sr., has ever forgiven me to this day for that morning's work."

"At the time when our forefathers first settled in Madison the navigation of the river was of the simplest kind. There were no steamboats then. Broadhorns could float down, but to go up stream the keel-boat was used---a craft something similar to the present canal-boat, but very rude; the guards were about a foot wide and had cleets nailed on the floor. Two or three men on each side with long poles would push it against the current with their shoulders. When the water was deep or rapid the men looked as though they were all lying down. Six miles was considered a good day's run.

"After selecting a site, the first thing for the early settler to do was to erect a log cabin in which to live. The cabin of that day was built as follows: The logs were small and as nearly of a size as possible. Clapboards filled the spaces between the logs



and were held in place by wooden pins driven in auger holes in the logs. The floors were of heavy puncheons; the roof of clapboards secured by poles laid across them; the hinges and catches of the door were of wood. In many of them not a nail was used. The bedsteads were made by inserting poles in auger holes in the walls at the proper distance for length and breadth, the other ends of the poles being secured to a corner post. Upon this frame was placed a layer of poles covered with deer skins, and over this a tick filled with leaves." Perhaps, many of the women brought with them, as did Elizabeth Vawter, their own feather beds from Virginia or Kentucky.

"After the erection of the cabin, the forest trees had to be removed to make room for a patch of corn and potatoes. All the neighbors helped each other in building, clearing and log rolling. One of the old settlers said that he once hired a man for three months and only had his labor four weeks. Two-thirds of the time he was working on the neighbors' farms.

"The main dependence for clothing," said an early settler of Jennings county, "was a flax lint manufactured into cloth and worn by both men and women. Boots and shoes were costly articles and only enjoyed to any extent by the most favored settlers. Moccasins were the most popular covering for the foot. They were made principally from the deer skin tanned in a wooden trough. The skins of the deer were also used for pants. Hats were made from wool and fur and worn for many years.

"Wild game was abundant, especially wild turkeys. One man caught twelve in traps during a single night. "He said: 'We used the deer, bear and turkey for meat. We had more meat than bread, corn-bread and Johnny-cake being all we got generally. We kept a little white flour for company, and were always glad when any came, because then we had biscuits. Venison was not considered such a luxury then. A fine fat buck brought only \$1.50. Corn was made into meal by pounding it.'

"Vension hams dried, bear bacon and coon skins, with other peltries, were the trading stock of the times and legal tender for ordinary debts and marriage licenses. Our trading was done at Madison. We carried our flour on pack horses, making the trip

from Vernon to Madison and back in three days, staying one night at Grandfather Vawter's and the other at John Badger's on Cap Creek. The first barrel of salt was hauled on a one-horse sled and sold to Samuel Campbell, Joseph Pool and Mr. Prather for \$22 in silver.

"We sold corn for twelve and a half cents a bushel, oats for ten cents, potatoes were ten to fifteen cents a bushel, pork a dollar and a half to a dollar seventy-five a barrel, chickens fifty to seventy-five cents a dozen, turkeys ten to twenty-five cents each, milch cows seven dollars. The first market for wheat opened at thirty-seven and a half cents, and remained at that figure for two or three years.

"We paid six bits a pound for coffee, which we only used on Sunday, and six bits a yard for steam-mill cotton goods for shirts. Men in those days worked from sun up to sun down for three bits a day; cleared land in the gum woods for eight dollars an acre; split rails for twenty-five cents per hundred, and reaped wheat for fifty cents a day."

"In 1828 there wasn't such a thing known as a cast stove, and there were no cook stoves until about 1835 or 1836. In 1825 there were no wood saws. The wood was chopped with an ax. Such things as matches were unknown until about 1835, and then they were of the rudest kind. A vial with some kind of preparation in it was necessary, and a stick with sulphur on the end, which, when put into this vial, would ignite. At last, some man invented our present match. At first one had to have a piece of sand paper, and when the matches were rubbed on this paper they would light. These were called 'Locofoco matches.'"

## OTHER VAWTERS

Robert Vawter, Coin, Page county, Iowa.

Dr. Vawter, Wellington, Kansas:

L. E. Vawter (son of Allan), Macomb, Ill.

Dr. G. A. Vawter (son of Allan), Cambridge, Illinois.

Dr. H. M. Vawter (son of Allan), Knoxville, Iowa.

Captain Tazewell Vawter, died soon after the Civil War and left a son at Elwood, Indiana.

Samuel T. Vawter, Francesville, Pulaski county, Indiana.

Two Vawter brothers at Burleson, Burleson county, Texas.

Vawters at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Miss Sallie Vawter, Graffenburg, Kentucky.

Miss Lida Vawter, Graffenburg, Kentucky.

Mrs. Mary A. Denham, Forktown, Kentucky, granddaughter of Joseph Early Vawter.

Judge James T. Wilhoit, of Versailles, Woodford county, Kentucky, is a descendant of Richard Vawter, of Madison county, Virginia, who was probably the son of John the second (see pages 6 and 7).

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