**Benjamin Vawter2, (Bartholomew1)**

Benjamin was b. ca 1708, Essex Co., VA the son of Bartholomew Vawter. Benjamin married ca 1729-30 as his son Augustine was born at this date. He may have had other children but the deed of 1746 shows Augustine age 17 as an orphan. Augustine would have been the oldest and if other children were alive they probably would have been mentioned at that time. Benjamin was deceased by May 1836, his wife’s name is unknown and she was decd by 1746.

The Library of Virginia, microfilm #42, part of index to Essex Co., wills and administrations 1692-1800, Benjamin Vawter, Wills No. 6 - 1735-1743, p. 14-15 Adms. Bond received 18 May 1836, p. 36-37 Inv. & appr. Rec. 19 Oct 1736.

In the will of his father Bartholomew, the following: *Item I give and bequeath to my two youngest sons Benjamin Vawter and Edward Vawter all my personal Estate both within doors and without, to be equally divided between them when they reach to age twenty one years receive his part and peacably enjoy the same.*

*Essex Co Deed Book 17, pp 106-108*. 18 Jun 1722. Indenture between Henry Long Jur of King George Co. and John Long of Essex for 30 pound sterl. Henry Long grant to John Long the tract of land which Henry Long bought of Thomas Ayres as expressed in deed from Andrews to Ayres & Ayres to Henry Long being 50 acres. Wit: Saml Bizwell, Benja. Vawter, John Vawter. Signed Henry Long Junr.

*Essex Co Order Book 1723-1725 p. 90* Court 17 Mar 1723. On hearing of the petition of James Boulware, Mark Boulware, Benja. Boulware, Wm. Vawter, John Willard, Edwd. Clark, Benja. Vawter, Daniel Neele, Jr. (Noel) & Wm. Beasley for a Rolling Road down to John Vawter’s Rolling House. It is ordered that John Hawkins, Thomas Ramsey & Robert Parker or any two of them view & lay off the most convenient road to ye sd Rolling House and it is ordered that the Surveyors of the Highways in who precincts part of ye sd Road shall happen to be do clear the same part & keep it in order according to Law.

(GJNote: This is interesting as it gives many of the land owners in the area and the “rolling road” was the means to “roll” the tobacco casks down to the warehouse to be loaded on the ships.)

*Essex Co. Order Book 1723- 1725*, p. 174, Court 18 Jun 1724, The suit Brot: by Benja. Vawter agt. Josiah Ship is dismist. (Josiah would be a cousin through John Hodgson, bro. of Winifred Hodgson, mother of Benja.)

*Essex Co. Order Book 1725-1729 Part 1*

p. 160 15 Aug 1727 One ye petition of Frederick Coghill & Thomas Ship agt James Blassingham and Wm. Thomas. Benjamin Vawter being return’d security for ye appearance of ye sd James, who now failing to appear, order is granted sd. Plt. Agt sd James Blassingham and Benjamin Vawter his security. Benjamin Vawter shall appear due at next court unless sd Deft. Then appears and answers sd. Action.

*Essex Co. Order Book 1725-1729 Part I*

Court proceeds for the county Levy, 21 Sep 1727

Pay to Robert Parker and Edward Vawter tobacco tellers, 1210 lbs. of tobo

Pay to David Vawter and Benjamin Vawter tobacco tellers, 910 lbs. of tobo

*Essex County Order Book 1725-1729 Part II*

P. 259a, 17 Sep 1728. In the action up on the case brot by Thomas Waring Gent., Sheriff of Essex county agst John Retterford Jr. the Special Bail surrendered the body of the dft into the custody of the sheriff and ordered that he remain in Custody till he finds special bail. The trial is referred to next Court. Then Simon Miller and Benjamin Vawter came into court and entered themselves as Special Bail for the deft.

On 15 Jun 1732, Edmund Bagg paid 1,080 pounds of tobo to Benjamin Vawter, sub-sheriff and collector for St. Anne’s Parish. This was for 15 parish tithables at 72 pounds of tobacco per “poll”. Vawter received 105 pounds for his fee.

*Essex Co. Deed Book 1728-1733*

p. 342, 21 Sep 1732. Know all men by these presents that I, Edward Roycroft of Ann Arundl. Co. in the province of Maryland do constitute Colo. William Beverley of Essex my attorney impowering him to sue and recover of James Stuart alias Booth the sum of 17 pounds 17 shillings and 5 pence current money he owes me. Wit: Benja. Vawter and Mark Weeks Signed Edward Toycroft.

19 Sep 1732. Mark Weeks and Benjamin Vawter admitted to record as wit: of the power of attorney.

*Virginia County Court Records, Abstract of Land Trails in Essex Co., VA 1711- 1741*. By Ruth & Sam Saparacio, The Antient Press, McLean, VA Copyright 1992.

3 May 1733. Benja: Vawter, Sub Sheriff delivered a writ to John Merritt, tenant in possession in the ejectment filed by Alexander Day.

*Essex Co. Deed Book 20,* 17 Jul 1733 - 20 Feb 1738

pp1-5 Indenture 20 Jun 1733 bet. James Booth and Wm. Beverley. Booth sells 1923 acres in St. Ann’s containing 1886 acres. Part of a patent of William Bendry bounded by Covington, Winslow, Major Waring, Ralph Warren (Bagge’s) Creek , 37 acres at Brices Run and the Main Road to John Smith. Wit: Ro. Brooke, Wm. Gray, D. Gaines, Benja: Vawter, Richd Farril, Tobias Ingram. Recorded on the 17 Jul 1733 by James Booth attny to William Beverley

(GJNote: Tobias Ingram is the son in law of Wm. Gray, who is related to the Boulware family. This would lead us to believe Benja Vawter is also connected to these families as he is seen often with them)

pp 73-76 Indenture 18 Mar 1733 betwin Daniel Noell and Bernard Noell son of Daniell both of Essex for love and good will grant 100 acres part of land of Daniel Nowell to corner of Cornelias Noells land to Mr. Thomas Ramsey Wit: Natl. Fogg, B. Vawter, Wm. Boulware.

*Essex County Deed Book 1728-1733* p. 437-441 26 & 27 June 1733. Benja. Vawter wit to the transfer deed from James Booth to Francis Covington of Essex.

Spotsylvania County Deed book C 1736-1772. 23 Feb 1733. Exchange of land in Essex Co. by Tobias Ingram and Robert Brooke. The sd. 400 a. granted sd. Robert Brooke by pat. June 20, 1733. Wit: B. Vawter, Wm. Balware, Henry Motley dated 2 Jul 1734.

This deed is seen published:

*Spotsylvania County Records 1721-1800, transcription of original files by William Armstrong Crozier, Baltimore, Southern Book Co. 1955*

Robert Brook, St. Marks Parish, Spotsylvania Co bought 400 A land for Tobias Ingram St. Ann’s Parish, Essex County, dated 2 July 1734. Witt: B. Vawter, Wm Bolware, Henry Motley

The book, *Virginia Wills and Administrations 1632-1800 an index*, compiled by Clayton Torrence pub. 1972, Gen. Pub. Co., gives a list of the wills or inventories of many early Vawters.

Essex Angus 1785 w. Bartholomew 1717 w. Benj. 1736 i.

Essex Co. wills No.6, 1735-1743. Pages 16-37 Inventory of Benjamin Vawter recorded 19 Oct 1736

Children known:

+1. Augustine Vawter b. ca 1728/29 Essex Co., VA. Benjamin would have been 20-22 at his birth and died by 1736, so there could be more children. The indenture does not show any other orphans and would indicate Benjamin’s wife is deceased.

*Essex Co. Deed 1745-1749* p. 29 This indenture made this 15th day of April in year of our Lord 1746 six witnesses, Thomas Waring, Benjamin Winslow, Wm. Roane, Wm. Daingerfield, Frances Waring & Samuel Hipkins, Gent. Justices of the peace of the county of Essex do by these presents bind Augustine Vawters of the Parish of St. Anns, son of Benjamin Vawters in the county of Essex deceased, an orphan of the age of seventeen years, as an Apprentice to Adam Linsley of the county of Caroline, Mill Wright, with him to dwell and serve during the full time and term of 4 years to commence from the day of the date hereof. Adam shall do his utmost endeavour to teach and instruct said Augustine the art and trade of Mill Wright and House Carpenter provide sufficeint cloathing meat drink washing and Lodging. Augustine and Adam doth bind himself his heirs firmly in the penal sum of twenty pounds sterling money of Great Britain. Signed Adam Lindsey & Augustine Vawter. Record 15 Apr 1746.