**Benjamin Vawter4, (Richard3, Unknown2, Bartholomew1)**

In the Will of his father, Richard, dated 24 Oct 1798, proved 21 Jan 1799 Essex Co. *Item I lend to my three daughters, Margaret, Mary and Frankee Vawter and my son Benjamin Vawter my land and all the remainder of my estate of whatsoever material or kind that I am now possessed with after the above Legasees is taken out and further my Will. Benjamin Vawter to be appointed Executor.*

Published VVV newsletter Fall 1988 page 5. DAR magazine, Aug/Sep 1984 page 470 New ancestor records. Vawter, Benjamin b. ca 1760 d. 9 Mar 1815 m. Susannah.

Much documented information came from Mrs. H. C. Dunlap, 5602 Cedar Croft St., Richmond, VA 23228 dated 30 Jan 1985 to E. B. Vaughters researcher of the VVV association. Another record comes from Corrie B. Schools Rt1, Box 9 Milford, VA 22514 dated 1983 from papers notarized and found along with old letters supporting the claim from a cousin Miss Mary C. Beasley, 34 Holcombe St., Montgomery, Ala. Papers dated from 9 Jul 1940 through 1952. It is quoted in full:

*Benjamin Vawter was a Revolutionary Soldier. He married Susanna Parker. They had four (4) children – Phoebe Vawter, Benjamin Vawter and Silas Parker Vawter and the other child is not known as the name in the Old Family Bible is too faint to tell what it is.*

*Benjamin Vawter, the son of Silas Parker Vawter and Bettie Christian was a Doctor and moved to Philadelphia. He married and had several sons. One of these sons gave me valuable information. Note: Silas Vawter married Bettie Christian and Robert Beasley married Martha Ann Christian. Silas Vawter and his Nephew- Robert Beasley married sisters and daughters of James Christian and Cordelia Watts. Uncle Silas Vawter lived at Bent Creek, Appomatox County, Virginia.*

*In an old paper our Great Great Grandmother [Susanna] gave her son – Silas Vawter a power of attorney and took the power from her nephew- Hay Beasley. This is hard to understand as her daughter married Charles Beasley and Phoebe’s oldest son was Charles Hay Beasley.*

*Uncle Si mentioned several times in old letters to my Grand Father Robert Beasley the name of Thomas H. Beasley, Silas Beasley and Nancy Beasley. Do you know who they are and if they are related?*

*Charles Hay Beasley the son of \_\_\_\_? Married Phebe Vawter, the daughter of Benjamin Vawter and Susanna Parker. They lived in Caroline County, Virginia near Port Royal. They had four sons and three daughters. Charles Hay, the eldest never married; Parker, Robert and Henry Beasley. The three daughters were Sarah, Eliza and Lucy. Parker married first time to Mary Ann Cunningham, who died without children, and the second time married the widow of Jacob Ghent who had three little girls (of a 1st husband). Parker had one child, Mary Beasley by the second marriage.*

*Henry Beasley married a Miss Mary Mitchell/Michell. They had five sons, Charles Hay Beasley, Abner Lee Beasley, Robert Parker Beasley, Edward Beasley and Jim Beasley. There were two daughters, Segia Ann and Ella George. Henry Beasley and family lived in Lynchburg, VA.*

*Lucy died when quite young.*

*Robert Beasley, my Grandfather, married, Martha Ann Christian. They had six children, Charles Hay Beasley, who died in the Confederate Army. Sarah Cordelia, who married Robert Horsely and had a large family and lived in Lynchburg, Va. John James Beasley never married. Bettie married W. T. Robertson of Montgomery, Ala., and died December 1898. Stephan Henry Beasley married Elizabeth Powell and had nine children, four of who are now living.*

*Robert Beasley and his wife, Martha Ann Christian moved from Lynchburg, Va to Montgomery, Ala., in 1853. He died in 1867 and she died in 1885.*

*Phoebe Vawter and Charles Beasley’s two daughters, Eliza and Sarah, each married a Beasley. I hope you can send me some information in regard to these two families.*

Mrs. Dunlap, Richmond VA states her research was added to the above materials and documents the following:

Benjamin Vawter m. Susannah Parker of Essex Co., VA

Children: Agnes, Benjamin, John, Silas P., Phebe, Moses, and Aaron.

Phebe Vawter married (1) Charles Hay Beasley and (2) John Lumpkin and had children: Charles H., Robert, Parker, Sarah [m. John Beasley], Eliza [m. Thomas Henry Beasley], Henry and Lucy.

(GJNote: Agnes is the daughter of the other Benjamin, son of Edward and is found in Edward’s will. The other children mentioned by Mrs. Dunlap are all confirmed as children of this Benjamin)

Benjamin Vawter was b. ca 1744 Essex Co., VA d. ca 1815 at Inventory of Estate Caroline Co., VA

Susannah Parker b. ca 1760 Essex Co., VA bur. 15 Mar 1837 Lynchburg, VA. Died at the home of Silas in Appomatox, VA (15 mi. from Lynchburg, VA)

Children located:

Benjamin: m. Mildred Gutrey 7 Jan 1811 d. 3 May 1830

Phoebe b. ca 1797 will dated 1873 m. Charles Hay Beasley

John b ca 1790-1800 d. ca 1834 buried in Lynchburg, VA wife Mary (nee?)

Aaron: went to KY from quit claim deed (Rev. war land)

Moses: (received Rev. War land, lost for taxes, likely at his death in KY, no more is known)

Silas P. age 53 in 1850 Census Appomattox Co., VA

A letter written 13 Dec 1928 by William Snyder Vawter, 359 Front St., New York City to George H. Vawer, son of Benjamin Silas Vawer, MD, 221 West Cumberland St. Philadelphi, PA stated that Benjamin’s wife was Mary “Polly” Parker. Public records have shown her name as Susannah.

Virginia State Regiment, Rev. War Records:

Private of Capt. John Dudley’s Company 2nd V. S Regt. Dated list: 9 Sep 1778, When enlisted in service: 27 Dec 1776, 3 years service to 27 Dec 1779. Payroll record dated 9 Sep 1778- 6 2/3 dollars due. Next pay roll schedule Jan 1779.

From this record we can determine that there are 2 distinct Benjamin Vawters in service and can sort which is which:

Revolutionary War Records Volume 1, Virginia. Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh Washington D.C. 1936, pub. Lancaster Press, Lancaster PA.  
p. 323 " (20) Virginia Military Land Warrants Virginia Military District of Ohio, Granted for Revolutionary War Services State and Navy Beginning February 14, 1782 ....  
Number Warrantee (A) Person who performed the Service (B) Kind of Service (C) "   
p. 381 " 739 Vawter, Benjamin Vawter, Benjamin State Line "  
p. 387 " (21) Virginia Military Land Warrants Virginia Military District of Ohio, Granted for Rebvolutionary War Services State Continental Line Beginning Aug. 8, 1782....  
Number Warrantees (A -B) Rank & Service (C) "   
p. 516 " 4915 Vawter, Benjamin (James Taylor, assnee. of Jno. Self, rep. ) Soldier 3 years "  
  
Similarly in Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments. Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck. Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore MD, 19-- . p. 545  
Vawter, Benjamin. Va. Private 4 Jun. 1783. 100 acres.   
Vawter, Benjamin Va. Private 9 Aug. 1799. 100 acres.

1. *Revolutionary War Records Volume 1, Virginia.* Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh Washington D.C. 1936, pub. Lancaster Press, Lancaster PA.  
p. 387 " (21) Virginia Military Land Warrants Virginia Military District of Ohio, Granted for Revolutionary War Services State Continental Line Beginning Aug. 8, 1782....  
Number Warrantees (A -B) Rank & Service (C) "   
p. 516 " 4915 Vawter, Benjamin (James Taylor, assnee. of Jno. Self, rep. ) Soldier 3 years "  
2. A military certificate filed with the Virginia Land Office is held by the Library of Virginia and is indexed at < http://198.17.62.51/cgi-bin/drawer/disk19/CC150/V0110?\_ >  
" Vawter Benjamin, pvt. CL LO4915 Box 195, 5 2 items. "  
(JM note: No copies of these documents are displayed on the Library of Virginia's web site.)   
3. *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution 1775-1783.* by John H. Gwathmey, Dietz Press, Richmond VA 1938, p. 793. " Vawler, Benjamin pvt., WD. "

Benjamin Vawter d. ca 1815/16 as proven by the chancery report below. This is found in a letter written by Bransford Vawter, held in the 1930’s by William Snyder Vawter. Dated 1836 he stated that he was a student at the University of VA, he mentions his mother had married a Mr. Nichols (Echols) and that his grandmother was better and was living with them. His mother’s name is found in the following:

*The Lynchburg Virginian* published Monday 8 Aug 1831, found on microfilm #138, Library of VA from the Bernard J. Henley collection. Married - On Thursday last (Aug. 4), by Rev. Robert Ryland, Obadiah Echols of Pittsylvania County, to Mrs. Mildred Vawter of Lynchburg (p. 3, c. 4)

*The Lynchburg Virginian* published Thursday 16 Mar 1837, found on microfilm #138, Library of VA from the Bernard J. Henley collection. Died on Tuesday Evening last, of a painful and protracted illness, Mrs. Susannah Vawter in her 77th year of her age. Member of the Baptist Church. (p. 3, c. 3)

*Behind the Old Brick Wall a Cemetery Story* by Lucy Baber pub. 1968 p. 173 Burials in the main sector of the cemetery - Mrs. Vawter - date of bur. 15 Mar 1837.

The tax records of Caroline Co.

1787 Benja. Vaughter (see Reuben Pemberton) (no A. Shown)

1788 Benja. Vaughter 80A

1789 Benja. Vaughter 80A

1790 Benja. Vaughter 80A

1791 Benjamin Vaughter 80A

1792 Benjamin Vaughter 80A

1794 Benja. Vaughter(see Reuben Pemberton) 80A

1795 Benjamin Vaughter 85A

1794 Benjamin Vaughter 85A

1797 Benjamin Vawter 85A

1798 Benjamin Vawter 85A

1799 Benjamin Vawter 85A

(later tax records not found)

*VA Genealogist Vol. 26 p. 198,* Please bef. the county court of Caroline 14 Nov 1798 [pp.61-64].

On 18 Nov 1797 William Coast, surviving partner of William Gray & Co. sued out his writ of capias ad respondendum against James Gatewood, executor of Benjamin Gatewood, in a plea of debt for 108.0.0 pounds 3 farthings, damage 50 pounds. ‘proceedings during the year are described.’ Now, jury, Ambrose Pitts, Thomas Hackett, Benjamin Vawter, James Andrews, Edmund Thorpe, John Sale, George Tankersley, Henry Stuart, Edmund Beazeley, James Garnett, Robert Parker and Aaron Estes, do say the defendant doth now owe the debt.

*Caroline Co., VA Chancery Suite Box 14 V-Z, Folder V*

Benjamin Vawter vs. James Garnett.

19 Feb 1800. Sheriff of Powhatah Co., is to summon James Garnett to appear in a Caroline Co., Court.

8 Apr 1800. James Rutherford states that he was employed by Benjamin Vawter in 1796 to work on a corn crop.

14 Oct 1800. Jesse Goulding states that he purchased Indian Corn from James Garnett before Apr 1796.

*Caroline Co., Marriage 1787-1803*

W. Guin Pemberton and Elizabeth Reynolds, dau. of William Reynolds, m. 8 Nov 1803, Sec. And Wit: Thomas Robinson and Benjamin Vawter. Pt. 1, p. 4.

(GJNote: William Reynolds and Wm. G. Pemberton are both found in the 1810 chancery case)

Whether this is William Reynolds noted here is not known.

Heads of Families - Orange County, 1782

Name of Head of Family White Black

Beazley, James, Junr 3 1

Reynolds, William 8 7

William “Bill” Brooks email Wbrooks220@aol.com states:

In 1803, Cornelius Beazley sued his siblings: William, Edmund, Ephriam, Charles, Christopher, Ann, Theodorick and Mildred for his share of their father's estate. Their father was Cornelius Beazley. The record can be found in Caroline County, Chancery Suits, dated 27 Oct 1803, 2 Sep 1806, 10 Dec 1810, and 1 Jul 1822. (some of these suits are shown below)

Whether this is the same Cornelius age 99 is open to question, but the Beazley’s did go to AL and other Vawters are in Marengo county. There can’t be many Cornelius’s born in 1751.

CENSUS YR: 1850 STATE or TERRITORY: AL COUNTY: Marengo REEL NO: M432-10 PAGE NO: 57B REFERENCE: 4 Oct. 1850 Geo. W. Morrisett

32 854 854 Beasley Nancy 75 F VA

33 854 854 Beasley Cornelius 99 M None VA

34 854 854 Beasley Martha 17 F TN

35 854 854 Beasley Edith 15 F TN

36 854 854 Holden John 51 M Carpenter NC

*Circuit Court 1805, Spotsylvania County held at Fredericksburg, VA*. Suit Parker vs. Sale. Plaintiffs Robert Parker and Benjamin Vawter. Defendant William Sale Jr. Places mentioned: Caroline County. Action taken over Slave Jack, property of Robert Parker.

In the book, *Carolina Co., Records* pub. 1987 by William Lindsay Hopkins Richmond, VA is found the abstracts to the above material and more connection to the Beazley family.

2 Sep 1806, p. 5 Beazley, Cornelius vs. William Beazley, et al

Cornelius Beazley vs. Benjamin Vawter, surviving executor of Cornelius Beazley, decd., heirs:

William Beazley, Edmund Beazley, Ephraim Beazley, Charles Beazley, Christopher Beazley, Ann Beazley, Theodorick Beazley and Mildred Beazley. (GJ Note: Benjamin is the brother to Fanny Vawter Beazley)

*Caroline Co., VA Chancery Court Deeds, 1758-1845*, pub. 1990 by T. L. C. Genealogy, Miami Bc, FL, pgs 34-35 & 39.

*Chancery Deed p. 137. 2 Apr 1810 from Edmund Beazley of Co., to Edmund Pendleton of Co., Whereas the said Edmund Beazley owes Benjamin Vawter, exec. of Cornelius Beazley decd, the sum of 85 pounds, being the balance of a judgement obtained againt him in Co., Court, and to the said Benjamin Vawter, in his own right, the sum of $30, and also to William Rennolds and William G. Pemberton the sum of $20 each, and in order to secure the payment thereof, he agrees to convey the following property, that is to say the tract of land where on the said Edmund Beazley now lives containing about 200 acres, 1 horse, 1 desk, 3 feather beds and furniture, 1 walnut table, 1 cupboard, a weaver’s comb, a pair of warping bars and boxes, one chest, a trunk, a case and bottles, 2 spinning wheels, 2 pair of cards, 20 barrels of corn, 11 casks and a gun, 20 stands, 4 setting chairs, a pair of sad irons, a pair of fire irons, a pair of tongs and a shovel, 4 pewter plates, 2 basins, an earthen dish, 3 iron pots, 1 oven, a frying pan, and a looking glass to Edmond Pendleton in trust for that purpose. Now this indenture. Edmund Beazley, for and in consideration of the premises and 6 shillings, grants to Pendleton, the aforesaid property to Pendleton in trust and for the following purposes, that is, that Pendleton shall sell any part of the land to secure payments of 40 pounds with interest to Philip Herishaw any time bef. Dec 25 next. Likewise, Pemberton may sell as much of the estate as needed to raise the sums of 85 pounds, $30 and $40 in case the money due to Henshaw is not paid.*

*Signed Edmund Beazley. Wit: Aaron Estes, Meriday Edwards, D. Estates and Richard Sale, Jr.*

In the book, *Carolina Co., Records* pub. 1987 by William Lindsay Hopkins Richmond, VA is found the abstracts to the above material and more connection to the Beazley family.

10 Dec 1810 Cornelius Beazley vs. Benjamin Vawter, surviving executor of Cornelius Beazley, decd.,

Caroline Co., VA Will Book 19 pp 216-217. This document provides an account of the sale of Vawter’s Personal Property by Sheriff John Scott on 8 Jul 1816.

(GJ Note: The death of Benjamin is found ca 1816 according to this chancery deed. The Beazley’s married the sister and daughter of Benjamin. All the Beazley relationships are not yet known.)

*Caroline Co., VA Chancery Court Deeds, 1758-1845*, pub. 1990 by T. L. C. Genealogy, Miami Bc, FL, pgs 34-35 & 39.

*page 157. 9 Dec 1816 betw. Edmund Pendleton of Co. of the 1st part, William Beazley, adm. de bonis non of Cornelius Beazley decd unadministered by Benjamin Vawter deceased who was the surviving exec. of the said Cornelius Beazley of the 2nd part, and John Turner of the county of the 3rd part.*

*Edmund Beazley indebted to the said Benjamin Vawter, surviving exec. of Cornelius Beazley decd the sum of 85 pounds and also to William Rennolds and William G. Pemberton each the sum of $20, did on 2 Apr 1810 by deed convey to the said Edmund Pendleton amonth other things a tract of land whereon he lived containing about 200A in trust to sell the same for ready monty as should be sufficient to satisfy and pay the debts with interest from the date of the trust deed. Since the death of Benjamin Vawter, the said William Beazley has obtained the adm. of the estate of the said Cornelius Beazley, decd, unadministered by the said Benjamin Vawter and thereby became autorized to receive the money due the estate of Corenlius Beazley.*

*At a sale of land by public auction, adv., John Turner was the highest bidder at 19 shillings an acre and the land was sold to him. Now this indenture, the said Edmund Pendleton, trustee in consideration of $54.32, being the amount of principal and interest of the two debts due to the said Pemberton and Rennolds and in consideration of 116 pounds 19 shillings by the said John Turner to William Beazley, it being the principal and interest due to Corenlius Beazley (estate) testified to the sale.*

*Edmund Pendleton has granted to John Turner, 1401/2 acres, part of the tract of land conveyed in the trust, bounded by William Beazley, Vawter’s line, inc. the dwelling place of Edmund Beazley.*

*Signed Edm. Pendleton, William Beazley, recorded 10 Dec 1816.*

Will Book 19, page 216 Caroline Co., VA. At a court of Monthly session held for Caroline County at the Courthouse of Monday the 8 day of July 1816, this report was returned and is ordered to be Recorded, Test. John L. Pendleton C. C.

An Account of sales of the estate of Benjamin Vawer dec’d. as follows: (Note: all funds are shown as dollars and cents)

Mrs. Beazley: one ax .50, one bed bedstead and cord 10.00, 1 table 1.80, ½ dozen chairs 2.05 total $14.35

Capt. Garnett: 1 dutch over 2.10,

Capt. Daniel: 1 pair of pistole molds .10

Mrs. Welch Senr.: One Horse $10.00

George Chapman: Lot of old books .50, 1 choice Mobley stand 2.50 2 choice Mobiley stand 3.05 total $6.05

Mrs. Vauter: 1 testament .12, 3 pewter plates .75, 1 bed and furniture 6.05, 1 pale .12 1/2, 1 piggin .06 total $7.11

J\_s Vaughn: 1 book 1.05, 1 bible .06, 2 pewter basons 1.81, 1 hand saw $1.60 total $4.52

Thos. Reynolds: one table 1.00, 1 press 9.25 Total $10.25

Major Acree: One pewter dish 1.25, one chest 1.05, one tub .83 Total $3.13

John M. Gray: One gun $10.05

Jas. Clift: To hire of Charles $12.00

Colo. Todd: 1 foot adze .85, 1 auger. 85, 1 pot & hooks 1.36, 1 steer 5.07, pistols & holsters 25.00, 2 bottles 1.35, 1still 27.80, 1 funnel .59, 1 gun 3.05 1 pi55 saw 1.95 Total $69.85

Chas. Beazley: 1 drawing knife .27, 1 tble .25, 1 cask .50, 2 cask .12, 3rd choice of Mobley stands .70 Total $1.84

Jno. P. Walden: 1 candlestick .05, 2 jugs,.35 Total .40

Will Book 19 page 217 Caroline Co., VA. The estate of Benjamin Vauter decd in account with John Scott committee.

To amount of bonds returned $155.13

To comm.. on the amt. Of sales 7.79

To this sum for crying property 2.00

To tax account for 1815 3.12

By Amount of sales $155.63

Due to Reuben Tankersley D. S.

For John Scott $168.04

Caroline Co., to wit: Pursuant to an order of said county court we have this day examed John Scott shff. Of the said county amount of his admr. On the estate of Benjamin Vauter decd and find a balance due said Shff. Of twelve dollars and forty cents. Given under our hands 8 July 1816. Signed Wilson Allen, Armistead Hoomes, Lewis Madison.

At a court of monthly session held for Caroline county at the courthouse 8 July 1816 Teste John Pendleton CCC

*Caroline Co., VA Chancery Court Deeds, 1758-1845*, pub. 1990 by T. L. C. Genealogy, Miami Bc, FL, William Beazley and Mary, et al vs. John Turner’s adm., James Turner, et al.

William Beazley and Mary Beazley his wife, Mary Turner infant heir of John Turner, Jr., dec., by William Beazley her next friend, Daniel Turner and Elizabeth Turner infant children of John Turner, Sr., Evelina Turner, Lydia Turner, Polly Turner, John Turner, Robert Turner and Hezekiah Turner children and heirs of George Turner, dedc., a son of John Turner. (no date)

Court order the division of estate into five equal parts. One fifth to William Beazley in right of his wife, one fifth to the guardian of Mary Turner, Daniel Turner and Elizabeth Turner each and the remaining one fifth to the infant children of George Turner. 13 Dec 1819.

In the book, *Carolina Co., Records* pub. 1987 by William Lindsay Hopkins Richmond, VA is found the abstracts to the above material and more connection to the Beazley family.

1 Jul 1822, Cornelius Beazley vs. William, Edmund, Charles, Christopher, Ann, Theodorick and Mildred Beazley.

(Note: Charles m. Phebe Vawter, dau. of Benjamin)

Wilmer L. Kerns email wlkerns@intr.net has done much to clarify the children of Benjamin Vawter:

1. Benjamin Vawter (Jr.) b. 1787 Caroline Co., VA d. 25 Apr 1830 Lynchburg, VA m. 7 Jan 1811 in Lynchburg to Mildred Gutrey/Gentry. City of Lynchburg Court House, Marriage Record Bk 1 p. 4 Benjamin Vawter and Milley Gutrey, security and wit: Joseph Neeham and Milly Wade..

1820 Campbell Co., VA census page 113

Benjamin Vawter. Males 4 under 10, males 2 age 10-16, 3 age 16-18, 2 age 26-45. Females 1 under 10, 1 age 16-26, 1 age 26-45 and 1 over 45. One male slave, 2 female slaves

1830 Campbell Co., VA census page 340 (next to John Vawter)

One male 10-15, one male 15-20; one female 50-60, one female 60-70

This would be Bransford, Silas, Mildred and Susannah

Chancery Order Book #2:98 City of Lynchburg Circuit Court

29 May 1823 Benjamin Vawter et al vs. Roane file #362 (Reference to a suit in Campbell County, Virginia)

Deed index, City of Lynchburg, VA court house

1825 Vawter, Benjamin & Milly

1827 Vawter, Eliz. F. & Silas

1832 Vawter, Sally & Silas

1839 Vawter, Silas Est. Sarah by Mildred Echols

1834 Vawter, Bransford appears as a trustee

From an obituary of which appeared in *The Richmond Whig* page 2, 3 May 1830, from Virginia State Library, Obituary Notice, p 229, of Vol. XIV No. 4, October 1921, Bulletin. “Suicide… On Sunday morning the 25th inst. Mr. Benjamin Vawter, of this place, terminated his mortal existence by cutting his throat! He was, it seems, at the time of committing the fatal deed in a high state of intoxication.”

*Sources for the children of Benjamin and Mildred come from The Lynchburg Virginian dated 8 Aug 1833 p.3; 3 Jan 1831 p.1; and 22 Nov 1838 p.3 c. 5. Also from Lucy Harrison Miller Baber book Behind the Old Brick Wall, A Cemetery Story (Whittet and Shepperson: Richmond, VA) 1968 p 173.*

City of Lynchburg Hustings Court WB A June 1809-Feb. 1831. p. 353 May 1830….ordered that Samuel Bransford, James Newhall, Albon McDaniel & David G. Murrell or any 3….allot to Mildred Vawter, widow of Benjamin Vawter, dec’d her down in the real estate of sd. Benjamin Vawter, dec’d. Teste E. B. Norvill, DC.

Corporation Court of Lynchburg….18 Oct. 1830…oaths of Albon McDaniel, David G. Murrell & James Newhall before E. Fletcher.

Allotment #1 Mrs. Vawter, #2 Bransford Vawter and #3 Silas Vawter

Rec: 6 Dec 1830 James Benaugh Clerk

p. 384 Inventory & Appraisement of good of B. Vawter, dec’d 21 May 1830

WB B: Feb 1831-Dec 1840

p. 12 Account of Est. of Benjamin Vawter, dec’d by Mildred Vawter, admtrs. (run from 25 April 1830 to 25 Jul 1831; recorded 4 Oct. 1831.) Includes: Cash paid to Silas Vawter….board for Bransford Vawter….

Mildred m. (2) 4 Aug 1831 to Obadiah Echols of Lynchburg, VA.

Lynchburg City Court House Deed Book K:329 Prenuptial agreement & marriage contract between Mildred Vawter and Obediah Echols, 7 Jul 1831.

Agreement & Marriage contract betwn Mildred Vawter (1) Obadiah Echols (2) David R. Edley (3)…. Mildred Vawter, widow & relict of Benjamin Vawter, dec’d ….each to retain own rights—Obadiah not to inherit Mildred’s dower if she predecease.

*The Lynchburg Virginian* published Monday 8 Aug 1831, found on microfilm #138, Library of VA from the Bernard J. Henley collection. Married - On Thursday last (Aug. 4), by Rev. Robert Ryland, Obadiah Echols (Nichols) of Pittsylvania County, to Mrs. Mildred Vawter of Lynchburg (p. 3, c. 4)

City of Lynchburg, Hustings Court WB B:239 Will of Obediah Echols, Pittsylvania County…date 6 July 1831, Codicil 7 July 1836, probated 3 Oct 1836. No wife named.

City of Lynchburg, Hustings Court WB B:367 \_\_Sep 1849. Inventory of Est. of Wm. Davis, Senr…includes lot 32’, containing part of Lot #178…Fifth Street… adj. Est. of Silas Vawter, dec’d.

City of Lynchburg, Hustings Court WB C 250 Will of Mildred Echols date 15 Aug 1839 probate 7 Aug 1848. Mentions: nephew Henry Lazenby and Mary Vawter, widow of John Vawter, dec’d. (no relationship given). Wit: J. Wills, Edward Butler, Edward Price. Exr: Samuel Miller. Produced by John Wills and Edward B. Butler.

WB C:198 Relinquished Exrsh’p…Samuel Miller to Henry Lazenby, Esq., principal legatee. 4 Aug, 1848.

*Behind the Old Brick Wall, A cemetery Record*. Compiled by Lcy Baber, Pub. By Lychburg Natl Soc. Of Colonial Dames of America. Whittet & Shepperson: Richmond, VA 1968

p. 173 Burials in the Main Sector of Cemetery 1806-1913

Vawter, Benjamin date of burial 26 Apr 1830

Vawter, Benjamin (journeyman of \_\_\_\_) date of bur. 23 Oct 1827

Vawter, Bransford died 15 Nov 1838

Vawter, Infant date of bur. 31 Dec 1831

Vawter, Infant date of bur. 28 Jan 1834

Vawter, Mrs. Date of bur. 15 Mar 1837

Vawter, Silas date of bur. 1 Aug 1833

1. Silas Vawter b. ca 1811 d. 31 Jul 1833 m. 28 Dec 1830 Lynchburg, VA to Sarah Fear/Farrar by the Rev. Robert Ryland.

From Campbell Chronicles, supplement p. 29. From the *Virginian* 10 Aug 1826 p2 col 5:

Distressing Accident. Last Tuesday, a shocking accident occurred, in this place, near Lynch’s Mill. It appears that two youths, Silas Vawter and Daniel Brown, aged about 13 or 14, had taken a gun with them in the morning for the purpose of hunting. They had seated themselves for a few moments the gun resting on the lap of Vawter, when it was accidentally discharged, and the contests were lodged in the body of young Brown, immediately under the left arm, and resulted in his instant death. A coroner’s inquest was held, and its verdict was in accordance with the universal sentiment, that it was the result of accident. The deceased was a very promising youth, and his sudden and unexpected death has excited but one feeling of regret for his untimely fate, and commiseration for his afflicted relatives.

From the Library of VA, microfilm #138, Bernard J. Henley collection of *The Lynchburg Virginian* (Lynchburg, VA: 1829) published 3 Jan 1831. Married - On Dec 28 (1830) by Robert Ryland, Silas Vawter to Miss Sarah Bear, all of Lynchburg (p,3, c.4). City of Lynchburg, MR p. 37 27 Jan 1830 Silas Vawter (mother Mildred Vawter) and Sarah Fear “of lawful age” (mother Ann Fear), sec. & wit: John Vawter and Wm. F. Johnson.

Deed index Lynchburg, VA court house

1832 Sally & Silas Vawter

1839 Silas Vawter Est. Sarah by Mildred Echols.

Book *Marriages & Deaths from Lynchburg, Virginia Newspapers 1794-1836*, by Lucy Harrison Baber, Louise Ann Blunt, Marian Armistead Lewis Collins. Gen. Pub. Co., Balt: 1980

p. 256 Vawter, Silas d. 31 July 1833 age 22 Lynchburg *Virginian*, 8 Aug 1833. p.3, Col.4

After the death of Silas, Sarah Vawter remarried to Daniel B. Hurley. Lynchburg MR #1 p. 68 1839 Daniel B. Hurley and Sarah Vawter, sec. John Drean and Joseph D. Withers. They moved to and lived in Pittsylvaina County where Daniel worked as a tailor.

b. Benjamin Vawter b. ca 1813 bur. 23 Oct 1827. *Behind the Old Brick Wall, A cemetery Story*, compile by Lucy Harrison Miller Baber. Pub. By Lynchburg Committee of Nation Soc. Of Colonial Dames of America. Whittet & Shepperson: Richmond, VA 1968 p. 173, Burials in the main Sector of Cemetery 1806-1913. Vawter, Benjamin (journeyman of \_\_\_\_) date of bur. 23 Oct 1827.

1. Bransford Vawter b. ca 1815 d. 16 Nov 1838 Lynchburg VA. Behind the Old Brick Wall, A cemetery Story p. 173. Bransford Vawter died 15 Nov 1838.

Deed index, Lynchburg, VA court house

1834 Bransford Vawter appears as a trustee (likely at the death of his brother Silas)

From the Library of VA, microfilm #138, Bernard J. Henley collection of *The Lynchburg Virginian* (Lynchburg, VA: 1829) pub.ished Thursday 22 Nov 1838. Died - On Friday, Nov 16, Bransford Vawter, in his 23d year, a resident of Lynchburg, and a member of the Patrick Henry Society (p.3 c.5)

From *Campbell Chronicles and Family Sketches, Embracing the History of Campbell Co., VA 1782-1926* by R. H. Early. P204. Also *Lynchburg and it’s Neighbors* by Rosa Faulkner Yancey p211-12.

The earliest Lynchburg poet, of who record is found, was Bransford Vawter, son of a tailor who was among the first settlers in the town. Born in 1815/16 he early developed talents of a superior order, and his death of tuberculosis at the age of twenty three was a disappointment to his many friends. He is described as having a graceful, slender figure, dark and very brilliant eyes, and well-cut, intellectual features. He was very popular, and a genial, pleasant companion. Even though so young he was made an officer in a military company called “Invincibles”, and president of the Patrick Henry Debating Society.

His poems were not collected in book form, but he was a contributor to the *“Southern Literary Messenger*”. One of these poems was copied into other magazines and was set to music. It became one of the most popular songs of the day, both in this country and in Europe, where it was translated and sung in many languages. It was said to have been inspired by an unhappy attachment to a Lynchburg lady. The name of the song is “I’d Offer Thee This Hand of Mine”.

From the *William and Mary Quarterly* vol.4, p278. In an article “Descendants of John Cann, President of William & Mary College”, it says “Issue of third son of President Cann married Elizabeth Powell. The fifth child, Emma, died in her youth, unmarried. The old song “I’d Offer Thee This Hand of Mine”, is said to have been written to her by Bransford Vawter of Lynchburg”.

Interestingly, many ladies must have felt the song was for them. In 1927, Martha Rivers Adams a reporter for the Lynchburg News states the following:

Mrs. James A. Scott, who was Ann Norvell Otey, has the original manuscript of the poem “I Offer Thee This Hand of Mine” which was written to her great aunt Ann Norvell although some people claim it was written to a Miss Labby. Mrs. Randolph Harrison (of Lynchburg), has a book which once belonged to Bransford and contains his autograph.

Bransford is buried in the family square in the Old Methodist Graveyard. The lot is enclosed by a brick wall, whitewashed and with lilacs blooming. There are no stones to mark the graves. A later Lynchburg poet memorialized his burial place with the poem “The Grave of Bransford Vawter”. The following poem was written by Mrs. Cornelia J. M. Jordan, first society

editor of Lynchburg; her first work was for the press under a non de plume.

It was a spot he would have loved, by pleasing landscape bounded,

Fair verdant slopes, and distant hills, and blooming fields surrounded;

No fitter couch could loving hands have chosen for this sleeping,

Then here where kindly nature holds his dust in silent keeping.

No sound of earth, no rush of storm, or note of bird may move his;

The mountains fling their shadows broad, the blue skies smile above him;

No restless dreams obtruding come his lonely pillow haunting.

No river that his childhood loved his requiem now is chanting.

We may not know, we only hear, how much fate denied his,

We only see the mantling sod and daisies white that hide him;

The music of his broken harp floats in the pine trees singing,

And sends its plaintive echoes o’er the grave where he is lying.

Larry Wilcox of LA gives an explanation of the “Invincibles”. It was an all male society, similar to the Woodmans, Redmans and others of the time. It was not a military group but was military in its organizational structure. They had a Commander, Vice Commander, Sergeant at arms, etc. It was a secret society and not much is known of its functions, and quite possibly used hand signals some what like the Masonic order. When it started and disbanded is unknown. Larry also adds that group called the Invincibles organized by the US Army Volunteers in 1835 was a Recruitment of soldiers for Service for the Texas Republic. 13 Regiments were formed from AL, GA, MS, MO, NY, NC and TN. The served under Colonel Fannin’s Texas Division at San Jacinto, TX under Major General Sam Houston in 1836. Perhaps they took their name because some members belonged to this earlier society.

Oct 1998, Lynchburg, VA the following:

Petition of Ms. Barbara A. Brown to designate the building and property known as the Bransford Vawter House at 409 Polk Street as a local Historic District overlay zone (Section 35.1-44. Historic Districts of the Zoning Ordinance). The property was torn down after 2005.

1. Phoebe Vawter m. (1) Charles Haye Beasley of Bowling Green, Caroline Co., VA. Charles d. 1836 and Phoebe m. (2) 3 Oct 1842 to John Lumpkin.

Caroline Co., Order Book 1822-24 pg. 225-26

A Certificate of Privy Examination of Pheby Beazley, wife of Charles Beazley, to a deed from them to Phillip Beazley was this day produced in Court and O. R.

Pge 226. A certificate of Privy Examination of Pheby Beazley, wife of Charles Beazley to a deed from them to Phillip Beazley returned and O. R.

A Certificate of Privy Examination of Pheby Beazley, Wife of Charles Beazley and Nancy Beazley, wife of Washington Beazley, a deed from them to Phillip Beazley returned.

Present Sam’l. C. Dickinson, John Taliaferro, Tho. B. Coleman, Fleming Terrell.

Marriage certificate Caroline Co., VA p., 511, 3 Oct 1842.

Know all men by these presents that we John Lumpkin and Thomas Lumpkin bond for $150 on 3 Oct 1842, the condition of the above bond is such that there be no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage shortly witnessed and solemnized between John Lumpkin and Phebe Beazley. Signed John Lumpkin and Thomas D. Lumpkin

Deed Book 49 p. 25 Campbell Co., VA. Vawter to Beazley dated by John Beazley 15 May 1858, a deed of female Negro Slave.

This deed made the third day of December 1855, between Silas P. Vawter of the County of Appomattox in the State of Virginia the grantor of the first and John Beazley, son of Philip, the trustee of the county of Caroline in the state of aforesaid of the second part and his wife Sarah Beazley and her children that she now has as well as any she may have after and the mother of the said Sarah, Mrs. Phebe Lumpkin of the said County of the state aforesaid of the third part. Witnesseth that for the natural love and affection which the said Silas P. Vawter has and bears toward the parties of the third part, the said Sarah Beazley, being his neice and Mrs. Lumpkin his sister as well as the further consideration of one dollar to the said Vawter in hand paid by the said John Beazley, the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged. Also the said Silas P. Vawter doth hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said John Beazley that the – one Negro named Jane about the age of eighteen years and her child named Jesse with all future increase of the said woman Jane- in trust for the separate use, benefit and support of the said Sarah Beazley and her mother, Mrs. Lumpkin during their life and then to the children of the said Sarah as aforesaid with power of authority to Mrs. Lumpkin to command and control the services of the said slave for a day or more at a time as her necessities may require believing she will not desire the service or benefit of the slave only as stated for a day or so at atime, only when her necessities makes it proper. And to that extent, it is intended to give her power is to so while she lives and at the death of the said Phebe Lumpkin and Sarah Beazley the little service and benefit is to pass to the children of the said Sarah Beazley as aforesaid in trust in the hands of the said John Beazley, son of Philip should he survive, but in no manner or way at any time to be liable for any debt not inserted here by the said Silas P. Vawter from any dislike to or want of confidence in him. Mr. Beazley, not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ far from it, but solely because it is the wish, purpose and intention of the said Silas P. Vawter to give and convey the property to his sister and his niece and her children for their special benefit or support and in such manner that they may not under any circumstances or contingency be deprived of the service and benfit of the woman or her increase. For the shortest period of times and the said Silas P. Vawter for himself and his heirs hereby relases and relinquishes all claim or title to the woman or her increase and will warrant generally the \_\_\_\_\_, in witness whereof the follwing signature and seal. [S] Silas P. Vawter (seal)

Appomatox County, State of Virginia

J. W. West, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the county and state aforewsaid, do certify that Silas P. Vawter, a party to the forgoing writing bearing date of the third of December, 1855, acknowledge the same to be his act and deed and desire me to certify his acknowledgment to the clerk of the county of Caroline in the state aforesaid in order that the said writing might be ther recorded, given under my hand the 10 day of January 1856. Signed J. W. West Justice

Caroline County Court, Feb. 11 1856, this deed of trust and certificate of acknowledgment thereof \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-were this day delivered to me where upon the same are admitted to record Deed book 49 p. 25 R. S. Campbell, Clerk, Caroline Co., VA

Mrs. Jean (Beazley) Guice (Gary R. Guice) email jeanealogy@aol.com is a Beazley descendant. She states her uncle, as a boy over 65 years ago, copied some old notes found in a family trunk, which she now has in her possession. Cornelius Beazley -- In the notes in the trunk is a letter dated “June the 14th 1825 This day received of William A. Beazley administrator of de\_\_\_? of Cornelius Beazley deceased the sum of Ninety four dollars and twenty cents in full of all claims or demands against him for money in hands belonging to Charles Beasley son of Cornelius Beazley or money belonging to the Estate of Cornelius Beazley deceased. Given under my hand, Wm. Reynolds, wit: Matilda S. Beazley”

The following dates and persons are listed on a small hand drawn chart, but what they mean is elusive.

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1842 Charles Allin

1838 Betty

Son of Charles is Charles Haye Beazley.

In the book, *Carolina Co., Records* pub. 1987 by William Lindsay Hopkins Richmond, VA

page. 5 Beazley, Cornelius vs. William Beazley, et al

Cornelius Beazley vs. Benjamin Vawter, surviving executor of Cornelius Beazley, decd., heirs:

William Beazley, Edmund Beazley, Ephraim Beazley, Charles Beazley, Christopher Beazley, Ann Beazley, Theodorick Beazley and Mildred Beazley 2 Sep 1806. (GJ Note:Benjamin is the brother to Fanny (Vawter) Beazley)

*Letter dated 16 Feb 1952 to Mrs. R. L. School, Milford VA.*

*Dear cousin Carrie: I hope this letter will find you well…. I do not remember writing you of the deat of my sister Bessie or my brother Chas. Hay. My brother Walton Beasley and I are all that are left of a family of eight children. I am alone in the old home, except for my renters. To refresh your memory, I am the grand daughter of Robert Beasley brother of Sarah and Eliza, their mother Pheobe Vawter married Charles Hay Beasley. Charles Hay Beasley had a broher Philip. Charles and Pheobe’s daughter Sarah married her 1st cousin John Beasley who was the son of Phillip. As I understand, Sarah and John named the second (child) Chas. Philip for both it’s grand fathers. I learned this from one of Uncle Silas Vawter’s letters written to my grandfather (Robert) in 1848.*

*Chas. Hay Beasley or his brother Philip evidently near the agen of Silas Vawter and his sister Phoeb Vawter – so were too young to have fought in the American Rev.*

*As I have gotten the Rev. War Record of Benj Vawter (father-in-law to Charles Hay Beasley from Washington D. C. I think we should be able to get the War record of the Beasley who fought in the Rev). As for now I can’ learn his name.*

*Will you please talk to allthe Beasley relative and learn if any one can help you get the given name of Chas. & Philip’s father…Also did Chas. & Philip have other brothers by the Beasley name.*

*Alabama is full of people by the name of Beasley but know also nothing of the ancestors. Draw me a diagrm of the Beasley line from your Grand father Philip Beasley (Bro. Of Chas.) I will be most grateful. At any rate you are descended from both Chas & Philip so we will try to learn who their fahter’s names was. One thing sure this 1st Beasley must have come long before the Revolution. I will rest from so many questions. Lots of love Mary Beasley, Montgomery AL*

(The home of Mary Beasley is now in the Montgomery Historical Preservation area)

1850 US Census Caroline Co., VA

John Lumpkin age 62

Phebe Lumpkin age 50

Louisa Lumpkin age 16

1860 US Census Buckingham Co., VA

John Beazley age 37

Sarah A. Beazley age 34 (daughter of Phebe Vawter Beazley Lumpkin)

Lucy T. Beazley age 8

Wm. D. Beazley age 5

1870 US Census Bowling Green, Caroline Co., VA

John Beazley age 54

Sallie Beazley age 46

Lucy A. Beazley age 18

Susan V. Beazley age 16

John H. Beazley age 13

Phebe Lumpkin age 86

Polly Beazley age 59

Joseph R. Beazley age 21

Matilda Beazley age 21

Parker S. Beazley age 5 months

Jess Helm age 15 black laborer

Children:

a. Charles Haye Beasley (Jr.)

b. Parker Beasley

c. Henry Beasley, went to AL but returned to Lynchburg, VA and opened a shoe factory.

d. Robert Beasley m. 25 Mar 1833 Martha Ann Christian b. 1805 Amherst Co., VA d. 1895, a sister of Elizabeth Farrar Christian (wife of Silas Parker Vawter). He moved to Bent Creek, Appomattox Co., VA where he ran a mercantile store and inn. The 1850 census for Appomattox Co. shows 5 children.

1d. Charles H. Beasley age 15

2d. Sarah Beasley age 13

3d. John J. Beasley age 9

4d Stephen H. Beasley age 6

5d Bettie Beasley age 4.

1. Cordelia Beasley m. Robert Horsley and had 13 children. Mary Jackson and Nancy/ Yancy with Pinky Wallace, I am sorry but I don’t know the name of Aunt Cordelia’s children, they live in Lynchburg, VA.
2. Chas. Hay Beasley d. in 1865
3. John James Beasley died in 1888 unmarried
4. Stephen Henry Beasley married Catherine Elizabeth Powell on 19 Nov 1868 Montgomery, AL
   1. Jno. Robert Beasley m. Lucile Lyons – No children
   2. Carrie Arnold Beasley m. Thom. Wilkes Coleman – Had children
   3. Frances Beasley m. Gene Turner Jr.
   4. Alfred Beasley m. Miriam Hazenby
   5. Catherine Elizabeth m. Walter Wade Robinson
   6. Thomas Beasley m. Minne Allen
   7. Stephen Beasley m. Mary Ettie Randolph
   8. John Robert Beasley died at the age of 16
   9. James Woodrow Beasley m. Victoria Williams – died early
   10. Chas. Hamilton Beasley died age 6
   11. Mary Cordelia Beasley m. Leslie Tucker
   12. Walton Michel Beasley m. J. Louise Johnston – 2 children (this the grandparents of Robbin Guy email 5guys @adelphia.net)
5. Bettie Thorton Beasley, youngest of Robert & Martha Ann Beasley’s family married William T. Robertson. No known children.

(above submitted on a separate sheet by Mary Beasley, letter writer dated 1952, Montogomery AL)

e. Sarah Beasley m. John Beasley.

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One son known Joseph Beasley who also had a son Brumfield Beasley. Source: Sharon Irish email sirish@erols.com.

Deed book 45 page 137, Caroline Co., VA

In consideration of the sum of one dollar to us severally, in hand paid, by Brumfield Beazley of the county of Caroline, we, whose names are hereto subscribed, and sales set have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Brumfield, his heirs and assigns our undivided right, title and intereste in and to the land of which our late ancestor Benjamin Vawter died seized situate lying and being in the said county of Caroline- Consisting of our undivided shares in the lot of land allotted to Susanna Vawter, widow of said Benjamin, as dower, consisting of a House and lot on the east side of Baylors Mill pond, and a tract of [\_\_] acres, lying in the fork of said Mill pond, also our shares in the 2 lots of land allotted in the division of said Benjamin’s lands, to his two sons Aaron and Moses (both of whom, are supposed to be dead, intestate, unmarried and without issue) and also our right title and interest, in a certain tract of 50 acres of land conveyed to said Benjamin, by a certain Edmond Beazley and Martha his wife by deed dated 3 December 1812 and of record in the Clerks Office of said county court to have and to hold our said undivided rights, title and interest severally and respectively whether acquired by descent, devise or purchase in and to the before mentioned lots or parcels of land, with all and every right and priviledge appurtenant, or in any wise belonging thereto, to him and the said Brumfield Beazley, his heirs and assigns and to his and their proper use and behoof for ever – In witness where of we have hereto set our hands and affixed our Seals this 22 nd day of February 1846.

Signed: Silas P. Vawter, Robert Beazley, Henry S. Beazley, Lucy A. Beazley, R. V. Beazley, Silas Beazley, C. A. Beazley, Mortimore Jones, Susan Jones, William Coleman, Sarah Coleman, Mary Atkinson, W. V. Beazley.

Witness Peter Toombs, John R. Johnes, Charles Johnes and Ale Fleet as to Wm. Coleman & wife, Sarah Coleman

Witness A. L. Beazley and John Frawner as to W. V. Beazley

Buckingham County, to wit,

We William Walton and Clifford Cabell, Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid do hereby certify that Silas Vawter, Robert Beazley, Henry S. Beazley & Lucy Beazley party’s to a certain deed bearing date of February 1845 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowleged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Caroline in order that the deed may be recorded given under our hand and seald 31 March 1845.

Recorded in Caroline Co., VA 2 Jun 1846.

City of Richmond, to wit:

We James Evans and Wm. Allison Justices of the peace in the city to hereby certify that R. V. Beazley, Silas Beazley and C. A. Beazley party’s to a certain deed bearing date 22 Feb 1845 and herto annexed personally appeared befoe us in our city afoaresaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and certify the said to Clerk of County Court of Caroline. Given on this 17 day of August 1846.

Recorded in Caroline Co., 31 Aug 1846.

In the Clerks office of Caroline County Court August 13, 1855. This deed was this day proved before me in my office as to W. V. Beazley by oaths of A. L. Beazley and John Frawner and admitted to be him. Signed Geo. K. Taylor C. C.

f. Eliza F. Beasley Death Certificate Caroline Co., VA, Eliza F. Beazley white female, age 54 b. Caroline Co. d. Nov 1873 Caroline of Bronchitis, parents (unreadable) and Phebe Beazley. Husband Thom. H. Beazley informant

g. Lucy Ann Beasley b. 1825 d. 15 Aug 1850. The Richmond Whig newspaper (Pub. Fri, 30 Aug 1850) reported that Lucy Ann Beasley d. 15 Aug 1850 age 25 at the home of her Uncle Silas P. Vawter. It has been reported that several members of the Beasley family later migrated to Montgomery, AL.

In a letter dated 22 Sep 1927 to William Snyder Vawter, some information on this line. From Mary Jackson Horsley (Mrs. Lewis B. Rapp) the following:

*“Uncle” Silas P. Vawter m. Betsy Beasley a sister of my grandfather Bob Beasley. Betsy is my great aunt and had 2 children Mary Jane who married John W. Walton of Appomattox and one son Benjamin Vauter. A granddaughter of Silas is Mary J. Abbett of Bent Creek, Appomattox, Co., VA who could provide more information. She is a cousin of my mother Cordelia Beasley who married Robert Horsley. Mr. Bransford Vawter a brother of “Uncle” Silas never married and wrote a song for a girl in town. I do not know who the other brother Benjamin Vauter married, I think he never married.”*

(GJ Note: Actually Betsy Christian was a sister of Mrs. Robert Beasley and not a sister of Robert “Bob” Beasley, William Snyder Vawter has letter from Silas P. then a lawyer to Robert Beasley (his brother in law) who eventually migrated from Bent Creek to Montgomery, AL)

(GJ Note: Frankee Vawter, sister of Benjamin4, married Adam Beasley and is related)

3. Silas Parker Vawter b. 1797 d. 21 Mar 1865 Bent Creek Appomattox Co., VA. His will dated 8 Apr 1859 record 6 Apr 1865 Appomattox County Court House, VA m. 19 Jan 1824 Nelson Co., VA to Elizabeth Farrar Christian b. 9 Oct 1796 d. 26 May 1858/9, parents George Christian and Elvira Watts.

Silas was not married in the 1820 census of Buckingham Co., VA page 38, VA M33 roll, shown as 1 male age 16-26.

Silas P. married (1) to Martha Phelps prob. dau. of Richard Phelps seen in the deed below. Martha died ca 1825/26. Also, Mary Jane daughter of Silas married into the Walton family.

Campbell Co., VA , Book 1, pg 167 -Vawter, Silas P. Phelps, Martha 25 Dec 1820

Buckingham County Virginia Records. Land Tax Summaries and Implied Deeds 1815-1840, Volume 2. by Roger G. Ward. Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA. 1994. p. 367.

\_\_\_\_\_, VAUTER and RAWLINS: 1820-renter in Duiguidsville. VAUTER, RAWLINGS, and CABELLOC: 1821 - renter in Duiguidsville.  
SILAS P. 1822 to 1840. Bought: 1822 - lot in Duiguidsville from Littleberry Patteson. 1828 36 and 1/2 AC on Bent Creek (20W) from James Govan. Sold: 1825 - 110 AC of Richard Phelps estate to Wm. Walton. 1831 - Silas T. Vaughter sold 128 AC on Naked Mountain (24SW) to Peter and Thomas Nowlin.

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1827 Eliz. F. Vawter and Silas Vawter

Chancery Order Book #12:373 Circuit Court

15 Nov 1900. Esaa W. Walker &c against Henry F. Bocock Trustee &c and Silas P. Vawter’s Exors &c against Isaac W. Walter &c file #2221.

*Hanover Co., Chancery Wills & Notes* by Wm. Cocke, III pub. 1940 p 126-127. Will of James Spears of Buckingham Co. Will dated 24 Aug 1829, codicil 20 Aug 1831, probated 13 May 1833. Wit: Silas P. Vawter, Wilson Hix, John Johnson, Jr. Executors Richard Clarke and James Farriss, who denounced the office. James M. Spiller a grandson appted. Administrator.

1840 Census Buckingham Co., VA Family #388 Silas P. Vauter

Appomattox County Virginia Tax List 1845. Only Extant Record for the first year of the county. Privately printed 1975.

p. 11 Vawter, Silas P. 36 A., Bent Creek 20 W 1.28

Note: this land tax record indicates the 36 acres were 29 miles west of the courthouse.

From, Wilmer L. Kerns email wlkerns@intr.net comes research on this line.

From hand written notes of William Snyder Vawter during the 1920’s comes the birth and death of Silas and Elizabeth and this notation. Silas Parker is buried on a hill overlooking Cove Farm. The river was too high to permit burying him beside his wife in Nelson Co. He was a tailor and was bound as a boy to Ambrose Page of Lynchburg. He was a partner in several companies in the Bent Creek area and served as an attorney and justice for Appomattox County. His medical society stated that his medical practice was “allopath.”

Children of Silas P. and Martha (Phelps) Vawter

a. Martha Susan Vawter b. 11 Jan 1825 (1826 on stone) Bent Creek, VA d. young

Children of Silas P. and Elizabeth Farrar (Christian) Vawter:

b. Mary Jane Vawter b. 9 Oct 1827 Bent Creek VA d. 24 Jun 1888 Nelson, VA

m. 2 Apr 1844 Bent Creek, VA to John William Walton b. 30 May 1821 Appomattox, VA d. 3 Jul 1889 Bent Creek, VA. John’s parents are Thomas William Walton and Elizabeth Chick. From family notes: Mary Jane is buried beside her father at Cover Farm, Bent Creek, VA. She died at the home of her dau., Anne Elizabeth (Walton) Mitchell. Mary Jane was handsome and educated at Hollins College.

John W. Walton’s obituary. *John William Walton, son of William and Elizabeth (Chick) Walton was born on Wednesday, the 30th of May, 1821, at 11 o’clock in the morning, and died on July 3, 1889, in Appomattox County. John W. married Mary Jane Vawter, daughter of Silas P. and Elizabeth Farrar (Christian) Vawter, on April 2, 1844, at Bent Creek in Old Buckingham County. Mary Jane was born in Nelson County on Oct. 9, 1827 and died June 26, 1888, at the home of her daughter, Annie Eliza (Walton) Mitchell, at Bent Creek, Appomattox County. Mary Jane attended Hollins College. She was buried next to her father at the Cove farm at Bent Creek.*

John W. inherited land and assets from his father in 1851, but by 1858 John W. had lost his personal property, including 13 slaves, a merchant mill, a country store, a large warehouse, a lumber mill, cooper’s shop and mules, oxen, horses and wagons.

Three auction announcements appeared in the *Lynchburg Virginian* Mar 19, 1858 announcing the auction of personal property from the plantation house, including kitchen wares and utensils. Silas P. Vawter, James Chick Walton, and Samuel D. McDearmon were business partners of John W. Walton. The 1860 census listed John as a tenant farmer. By 1870, he had regained most of the family farm, listed as $8000 in value. John W. also served as deputy sheriff for Buckingham County.

Children of John W. and Mary Jane (Vawter) Walton were:

1. Elizabeth “Bettie” Christian Walton b. 22 Jun 1845 d. 5 Aug 1916 m. George P. Dallas Abbitt (1844-1883), son of Benjamin and Mary S. (Patterson) Abbitt Jr. One child: Mary Elizabeth Abbitt b. 9 Dec 1882 d. 12 Jul 1955 “Liz” lived with relatives and never married. The family is buried at Red Oak Baptist Church near Appomattox, VA.

2. Annie Eliza Walton b. 31 Oct 1847 d. 12 Apr 1912 m. Col. George W. Mitchell on 30 Oct 1883. George W. d. 27 Mar 1893. She was his second wife and they had no children. Lived at Buffalo Ridge Springs near Gladstone, Nelson Co., VA

3. Eugene Adolphus Walton b. 16 Aug 1850 d. 19 Dec 1921. He married Nannie Katherine Jones.

1900 US Census Appomattox Co., VA #22

E. A. Walton age 49 b. Aug 1850 VA

Nannie wife age 38 b. Jan 1862 VA

Wm. J. son age 14 b. Jul 1885 VA

Dallas M. son age 13 b. Feb 1887 VA

Mary age 11 b. Feb 1889 VA

Walker S. son age 8 b. Jul 1891

Lelia M. dau age 6 b. Apr 1894 VA

Bessie V. dau age 3 b. Oct 1896 VA

Nannie E. dau age 10 mo. Jul 1899

Bettie C. Abbitt sister age 53 widow b. Jun 1846 VA

Annie Mitchell sister age 51 widow b. Oct 1848 VA

Mary E. Abbitt niece age 18 b. Dec 1881 VA

B. S. Vawter uncle age 68 b. Aug 1831 VA

4. Martha Susan Walton b. Apr 1852 d. of Whooping cough 20 Jun 1859 proven by an Appomattox Co., death record at the VA State Library. Bur. At Cove Farm

Wilbur Kerns writes that his wife, Shirley’s father, Walker Scott Walton b. 1896 was born and raised on the Cove farm which once belonged to Silas P. Vawter. Today in Appomattox but prior to 1845 was Buckingham Co., VA.

c. Benjamin Silas Vawter b. 28 Aug 1831 Bent Creek, VA d. 5 Jan 1910 Washington, DC m. Sarah Watts, daughter of Edmund Watt and Lucy Davis. Benjamin Silas Vawter was a doctor and was educated at the Univ. of VA and in Philadelphia. He was listed as a physician and dentist in the Chataigne’s Virginia Gazetteer and Business Directory for Appomattox County, Virginia, 1888-1889, with practice in Bent Creek.

Inventory of the Austin-Twyman Papers, 1765-1939, held by Swem Library at the College of William and Mary, item: Folder #44 Letters to Iverson L.Twyman (1810-1864) Year 1854 Benjamin S. Vawter (his medical studies at University of Virginia).

Unknown to most people in his county, Dr. Vawter had a romantic relationship with and eventually married Sarah “Sally” Watts. Sarah was b. May 1857 in Appomattox County, was a Negro who was 26 years younger than he. Sarah’s family lived next door to Dr. Vawter and may have had slave status prior to emacipation in 1866. Sarah gave birth to their first child when she was only 17 years old. The child was named Edmund Silas Watts for both male grandparents. Sarah was given a job with a family on the other side on the James River in Nelson Co.

1870 Census Appomattox Co., VA Stonewall Dist. P.81 #8

Edmund Watts, Black, a cripple b. ca 1804

Lucy, wife, b. ca 1824 black

Sarah age 13 occupation Cook. black

1880 Census Nelson Co., VA Lovingston Dist. Page 21 #204

Sarah Watts widow occupation Lady’s maid black

Edmund Silas age 6 mulatto

Lucy Elizabeth age 5 mulatto

1880 Census Appromattox Co., VA Stonewall Dist. Page 404A

Benj. S. Vawter male age 48 b. VA physician

Benjamin listed as a single male.

In 1890, Dr. Vawter moved Sarah and the family to Washington DC where their marriage could be done legally

The 1900 US Census for Washington, D. C., taken on June 12, 1900, E. D. 50, Sheet No. 17, page 68A:

Sarah Vawter head black age 43 b. May 1857 married 27 yrs. (1873) VA 8 children 5 living

Edmond S. Vawter son black age 24 b. Aug 1875 VA

Anna M. Vawter dau black age 22 b. Mar 1876 VA

George K. Vawter son black age 19 b. Jul 1880 VA

David D. Vawter son black age 18 b. Mar 1882 VA

Enock M. Vawter son black age 12 b. Apr 1888 VA

Violet Carter age 35 single female black b. Aug 1864 DC roomer

1900 US Census Appomattox Co., VA #22

E. A. Walton age 49 b. Aug 1850 VA

Nannie wife age 38 b. Jan 1862 VA

Wm. J. son age 14 b. Jul 1885 VA

Dallas M. son age 13 b. Feb 1887 VA

Mary age 11 b. Feb 1889 VA

Walker S. son age 8 b. Jul 1891

Lelia M. dau age 6 b. Apr 1894 VA

Bessie V. dau age 3 b. Oct 1896 VA

Nannie E. dau age 10 mo. Jul 1899

Bettie C. Abbitt sister age 53 widow b. Jun 1846 VA

Annie Mitchell sister age 51 widow b. Oct 1848 VA

Mary E. Abbitt niece age 18 b. Dec 1881 VA

B. S. Vawter uncle age 68 b. Aug 1831 VA

Sarah Vawter, born in May 1857 in VA, which corresponds with the 1857 date on the 1870 Census for Appomattox County, occupation “lady’s maid.” The AMA stated that his practice was “allopath” and that he died on Jan. 5, 1910 in Wash. DC. Sarah told the 1900 census taker that she had been married for 27 years, which would have been in 1873 (son Edmund S. was born in 1875); that she had eight children of whom five were living in 1900, as follows (all born in VA):

1. Edmund S. Vawter b. Aug. 1875, son
2. Anna M. Vawter b. March 1878, daughter
3. George H. Vawter b. July 1880, son
4. David D. Vawter b. March 1882, son (on the 1920 census for Wash. DC, David was a jeweler, and married to Sarah L. of the West Indies.)
5. Enock M. Vawter b. April 1888, son “in school.”

In 1920 Sarah Vawter is shown with her 6 children and Dr. Vawter is not listed. Sarah then moved her and the six children to Pierce Place in Northwest Washington, DC.

1c. Edmund Silas Vawter b. Aug 1874, Nelson Co., VA. Shown on the 1880 Census Nelson Co., VA as Edmund Watts, named changed on the 1900 Washington DC census. He was living in Philadelphia in the 1910 census and with wife Millie were classified as black. They were married in 1906 and had no children. Edmund was a waiter. 1910 US Census 36th Ward Philadelphia, p.25A Sheet 11A Family #232.

2c. Lucy Elizabeth Vawter b. 14 Sep 1875 d. July 1878 Nelson Co., VA

3c. Alice Louis Vawter b. 17 Nov 1876 d. Jul 1878 Nelson Co., VA

4c. Annie Mitchell Vawter b. 15 Mar 1878, Bent Creek, VA . The 1880 Nelson Co., census states her name as Annie Marie Watts.

5c. George Henderson Vawter b. 16 Jul 1880. George m. Amelia H. Greeen b. 1899 in MS, who may have been his second wife. George visited his Walton relatives in 1928 in Appomattox Co., when he wrote a letter containing information on the Negro (mulatto) Vawters and their Walton Cousins. Likely his was the time in which he was corresponding with William Snyder Vawter as several letters are known. His address was 311 Cumberland St. Philadelphia, PA. in 1930 census for Philadelphia he was listed as a “clothes dyer” and his race was Negro. No children were shown in the household.

6c. David Doggett Vawter b. 19 Mar 1882 Nelson Co., VA in the 1910 Census for Washington DC, E. D. 147 Seet 5B line 66, his occupation was jeweler. She wife was named Sarah Louisa, b. in the West Indies. They married in 1905 but were childless in 1910. Both were classified as mulattos. David Vawter b. 8 Mar 1882 d. Sep 1967 Wilmington, New Castle, Delaware, 19801, found in the social security death index.

7c. Abraham Benjamin Vawter b. 27 Jun 1884 d. 25 Jun 1893 Washington, DC 8c. Enoch Marvin Vawter b. 5 Apr 1888. The 1900 Census shows him as a student in school.

WWI Draft Registration, Washington DC. Enoch Marvin Vawter race: negro, born Lynchburg, VA on 5 Apr 1888. Occupation: Barber, employed by Briggs and King, Washington DC, listed as conscientious scruples. Offers support to a minor child under 12 and mother, marriage status as single.

1930 Census Philadelphia, PA

Edward S. Vanta (Vawter) age 55 negro

Saah (Sarah) mother age 71 negro

David D. brother age 48 negro

Sarh W. sister in law age 47 negro

Enoch M. brother age 41 negro

4. John Vawter b. 1795 d. 1834 Lynchburg, VA

Book *Campbell County VA Chronicle* by R. H. Early pub. 1927, pages 279-280.

Lynchburg Companies in the War of 1812.

Captain James Dunnington’s company of Virginia Militia, stationed at Camp Holly, first under Major Armistead, then under Colonel John H. Cocke from March 22nd, to August 22nd, 1813: Includes John Vawter.

1830 US Census Lynchburg, Lynchburg, VA

John Vietor 2 males under 10, 1 male 10-15, 3 males 16-25, 2 males 26-44

Females 1 16-25, 5 slaves male age 14-25, 1 female slave over 45

Total 9 white, 6 black

Lynchburg, Virginia. Veteran’s Buried in the Old city Cemetery, Outside the Confederate Section. This register includes every man buried or scattered within the Old City Cemetery, but outside the Confederate Section, who fought in a military conflict, served in the Armed Forces in a time of peace, or both.

John Vawter 1795?– 1834 War of 1812, Private, Capt. James Dunnington’s Company of Virginia Militia

City of Lynchburg, Hustings Court WB C 250 Will of Mildred Echols date 15 Aug 1839 probate 7 Aug 1848. Mentions: nephew Henry Lazenby and Mary Vawter, widow of John Vawter, dec’d. (no relationship given). Wit: J. Wills, Edward Butler, Edward Price. Exr: Samuel Miller. Produced by John Wills and Edward B. Butler.

1850 Census Orange Co., VA M432, roll 967, p. 222A, en. 17 Aug. 1850,  
family and dwelling 94/95  
no township listed  
Daniel G. Reynolds 48 M millwright [Real Est.] $2000 Va.  
Peggy Reynolds 62 F Va. (b. ca 1788)

Mary C. Clarke 25 F Va.  
William G. Reynolds age 20 millwright b. VA  
Richard Clarke 30 M millwright Va.  
Mary Vawter 45 F Va. (b. ca 1805)  
Francis Vawter 43 F Va. (b. ca 1807)

Whether this is Mary below is open to question. Age varies slightly, Polly is the nickname usually used for the name Mary.

1880 US census Orange, VA

Lawson Shaw age 35 b. VA

Jane wife age 36 b. VA

Betty dau. age 11 b. VA

Mary dau. age 9 b. VA

Henry son age 6 b. VA

Van Kennedy stepson age 21 b. VA

William Kennedy stepson age 18 b. VA

Nannie Kennedy step dau. age 16 b. VA

Polly Vawter relationship other female age 83 b. VA father b. VA mother b. VA

6. Moses Vawter Moses and Aaron went to KY and divided the 100A of land given to Benjamin Vawter, their father, for service in the Revolutionary War. Moses likely died in Clark County (formed in 1793) out of Bourbon County (formed 1786) out of Fayette County (formed 1780). On 26 May 1798 there was a notice of lands of approx. 109 acres in Clark County, KY sold to satisfy back taxes and named Benjamin Vawter, warrant land.

+7. Aaron Vawter. An extensive account of Aaron is found under a separate heading Aaron Vawter5 (Benjamin4, Richard3, unknown2, Bartholomew1) He and brother Moses went to KY to divide the land of Benjamin for Rev. War service.

8. Frances Vawter. Shown in the 1850 census, she is likely an unmarried daughter but no proof is found.   
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1860 US Census Orange Co., VA

William G. Reynolds age 31

Levan M. Reynolds age 27

Elbridge M. age 6

William C. age 5

Molly L. age 3

Robt A. age 1