**Benjamin Vawter3 (Edward2, Bartholomew1)**

Benjamin b. 1735 -1765, is the son of Edward Vawter and wife Elizabeth Boulware. The census of Essex Co., VA would indicate he was still alive as late as 1820 and his wife (name unknown) is likely deceased by 1820 but a female age 60-70 is found in 1830 in Orange Co., with son Benjamin. She could be another family member or not counted in 1820.

A strong possibility is that he married this Elizabeth. She is not shown with any other husband and her location in Caroline and notation of husband in the service are strong connections. Also, a daughter is named Elizabeth.

In *Colonial Caroline, A History of Caroline Co., VA* by TE Campbell, Dietz Press, Richmond, VA, p377, 1780 Elizabeth Vaughter received £6 for husband, in service of Armed Forces. The explanation in the book states this was for woman destitute while their husbands were away in service.

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(GJNote: this would likely mean that no male heirs were yet born to Benjamin before Dec 1778.)

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Benjamin Vawter, Soldier inf. ….Appears in a book- “List of state soldiers and seamen who have recorded certificates for balancve of their full pay agreeable to act of assembly passed Nov. session, 1781.

1. By whom drawn…………himself

Time………..4 June 1783

Sum………..56 pounds, 16s. 7d. ……………..Vol 175 p. 91

2. By whom drawn…………Samuel Coleman

Time………..1 Oct 1784

Sum……34 pounds, 1 s…………………Vol 175, p. 91

These military records quite clearly indicate two different Benjamins served in the Revolutionary war. One is this Benjamin and the other is Benjamin4, Richard3, unknown2, Barth1 of Caroline and Lynchburg, VA. They are sorted out this additional records below.

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....
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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. (Benjamin3,Edward2)
Vawter, Benjamin Va. Private 9 Aug. 1799. 100 acres.

Book - *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution 1775-1783* by John H. Gwathmey, The Dietz Press, Richmond, VA 1938

Vawler, Benjamin, Pvt. WD

Vawter, Benjamin, 2 Va, State Reg.

In book *Revolutionary War Records, VA*., Continental Line Warrants, military district Ohio, pg. 516. Warrant #4915 Vawter, Benjamin (James Taylor, assignee. of Jno. Self, rep.) enlisted soldier for 3 years.

*Virginians in the Revolution*, p. 795. Benjamin Vawter served 2 VA., State Reg.

*Virginia County Records* (quarterly magazine) V.6, p57: in the House of Delegates list 1 Jan 1785 of Revolutionary Soldiers entitled to Land Warrants for 3 years service, Private State Line, Benjamin Vawter.

Benjamin3 Vawter had his Commanding Officer and another witness file affadavits with the State of VA concerning his service, so Benjamin could get Bounty Land. This Benjamin Vawter enlisted in February 1777 for a three year tour in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment. He apparently completed his tour of duty and was discharged by his commanding officer. His CO is identified as Thomas Upshaw, Captain 2nd VA regt. Capt. Upshaw filed this affadavit from Essex Co. VA. One Captain Lieut. William Miller of the 1st Regt. Artillery also testified as to Benjamin's service.

The career of Capt. Thomas Upshaw is well documented in Revolutionary War Records, Vol 1. Virginia. by G. M. Brumbaugh, 1937, p. 573. Capt. Upshaw enlisted in January 1777 as an ensign and rose to the rank of Captain by the time of his retirement in Feb. 1780. He later commanded militia troops at the siege of Yorktown. It is said that he was unmarried, but had a mother and two sisters who lived in Essex Co. VA. Capt. Upshaw lived with his mother after he left the service, but moved to Manchester, Chesterfield Co., VA shortly before his death in 1809. Capt. Upshaw's regt. is not identified in Brumbaugh or anywhere else I have seen, but it is stated by the Captain himself as the 2nd VA State Regt. in Benjamin's file.

In the 1783 Census of Essex VA (Capt.) Thomas Upshaw is listed immediately below one Tamzen Upshaw, who likely is his mother, and immediately above William Vawter, brother of Benjamin3 Edward2 Barth1 Vawter. This means less than you might think, since the list for that district was alphabetised. The Upshaws and William Vawter were in District no. 6. - Benjamin3 Edw2 was in District 5. In any case the Essex Co. Benjamin Vawter, that is to say, Benj3 Edw2 is strongly suggested by these circumstances to be the one who served with Capt. Upshaw in the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia State Line. By a process of elimination it appears Benjamin4 Richard3 Unk2 served in an unknown Regiment of the Continental line. Both completed 3 years as privates and obtained 100 acres of Bounty Land by Warrant.

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1. Bounty Land Warrant files from Library of Virginia, copied by Joe McKee3-11-2000:
*Page 1 is a typewritten file card.*Vawter, Benj. Soldier - Army.
Cert. (1) Capt. Lieut. - W. Miller
2) Capt. Lieut. - Thos. Upshaw
*Page 2 is a copy of the affidavits of Capt.’s Miller and Upshaw.*“ This may certify that Benjamin Vawter Enlisted with Capt. u-th -- sometime in febry 1777 for the term of three years in the State Service given under my hand this 2nd. of June 1783 Wm. Miller Capt. Lt. First Regt. Artillry.
I do certify that Benjamin Vawter enlisted himself as soldier in the service of this State under Edward u-th-- as above did faithfully tell Legally discharged by the commanding officer
Thos. Upshaw Capt. 2nd. Virga Essex June 2, 1783 A copy Lt. Shackelford CBA. ”

A military certificate filed with the Virginia Land Office is held by the Library of Virginia and is indexed.
" Vawter Benjamin, pvt. VL LO739 Box 195,4 1 item. "

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First Census of the United States Heads of Families, Virginia 1783, Essex County, District No. 5, list of William Doane: Benjamin Vawters, 5 white

Essex County, Records of the State Enumeration 1782 to 1785,

District Six 1783. William Vawter, 6 White people.

1810 VA Census p. 1320 print version (AIS, R. V. Jackson & G. R. Teeples Editors), Essex Co. Vanter, Benjamin Essex Co. VA p. 166, 00001 - 00001 - 30
One male and one female over 45, plus 3 male slaves.

1820 Census Essex VA M33, roll 137, p. 41A. Benjamin Vawter 200011 - 200010
Numbers mean: Under10, 10-16, 16-18, 18-26, 26-45, over 45, so this family is:

2 males under 10, one male 26-45, one male over 45; 2 females under 10, 1 female 26-45.

(GJNote: since all the other children are found in Orange Co., this may be Agnes who is unaccounted for. Perhaps she stayed in Essex)

Mutual Assurance Policies issued in Caroline Co., VA.

23 Sep 1813. George W. Graves of Poplar Valley insures his house on his lands between Benjamin Vawter, George Chapman and Baylor.

This is likely the “other “ Benjamin Vawter and not this Benjamin

Supplement to the 1810 Census of Virginia. Netti Schreiner-Yantis, Springfield, VA 1971. p. 0-6.
1810 personal property tax list Orange Co., VA., May 16
Vaughter, William 1 [tithe] 1[slave] 1 [horse]
Vaughter, Benjamin 1 [tithe] 0 [slave] 1 [horse] "

Children of Benjamin Vawter known:

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The following is listed for further research:

1810 US Census Caroline Co., VA John Self

1 male 16 to 25, 1 male over 45, 1 female over 45, 2 slaves

1820 US Census Caroline Co., VA John Self

1 male over 45, 1 female over 45, 2 slaves

1840 US Census Caroline Co., VA John Self

Male 1 under 5, 1 age 5-9, 1 age 20-29

Female 1 age 5-9, 2 age 10-14, 1 age 30-39

1850 US Census Caroline Co., VA family #1035

John Self age 45 farmer value $800

Mary Self age 50

Mary Self age 15

Wm. J. Self age 13

Mark Boulware age 7

1850 US Census Caroline Co., VA Family #1036

Wm. Self male age 24 farmer

Sarah Self age 25

James Carter age 18 mulatto, laborer

1850 US Census Caroline Co., VA Family# 1037

Job Self age 23 farmer

Eliza Self age 25

Sarah J. age 1

1860 US Census Caroline Co., VA #823

John Self age 56

Mary Self age 62

Paul Self age 21

Susan Self age 24

Mark Boulware age 15