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2006 REUNION IN IDAHO

As told in previous newsletters, the 2006 Reunion will be held July 13-15 in Bear Lake, located in the extreme southeastern corner of Idaho, midway between Salt Lake City and Yellowstone.

Reservations can be made at the Canyon Cove Inn and Convention Center in Garden City, Utah. Phone numbers for making reservations are 435-946-3565 or toll free 1-877-232-7525. Rooms can also be reserved online at www.canyoncove.com. Some people have had problems when calling for reservations, so be sure to mention the VVV Association and that a block of rooms have been reserved by Cheri Jex. Information is also on the association website: www.vawterfamily.org.

A full agenda of events planned for the reunion, along with other attractions in the area, can be found in the September newsletter. At this time, we do not have details about room rates and other costs. Anyone wanting that information should contact Cheri Jex. Her e-mail address and phone number are given with the list of officers.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS REGARDING THE GLEBE AND VAUTER'S CHURCH

This message from the Rev. Christopher M. Agnew tells of a non-profit organization being formed to benefit the Glebe. It is hoped our membership will support this effort and assist in securing the structure for future generations to visit and enjoy.

From: Christopher M. Agnew
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2006 12:57 PM
To: Laneil Vawter; Garry B. Vawter
Subject: Greetings from Vauter's Church

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Vauter's Church. We were delighted to have you with us last summer. I am writing to you as the President and Treasurer of the Vauter's Family Association. First of all we at Vauter's Church deeply appreciated the kind support that your organization gave us at the time of your 2005 reunion and the on-going support and love we have received from you over the years.

I am hoping you can clarify something from last summer's reunion. I know that at your reunion in 2005 you took up a collection for the benefit of the old glebe house. There seems to be here a great deal of confusion as to what happened to that collection and how much it amounted. I had thought you had turned it over to the Hundley family who owns the Glebe for the brickwork that needs to be done as you did on previous occasion for the roof. The Hundley family says this is not the case. Can you help me uncover what happened? Was it mistakenly given to the Church without any indication of where it was to go? How much was it?

The glebe is in urgent need of some emergency stabilization of two corners of the brickwork. The Association for the Preservation of Antiquities in Virginia has given a grant of \$700 for this work and I think the amount donated at your reunion should complete the amount need for this work. The same craftsman who did the brick work for the church will begin working on the glebe shortly and this is why we need clarification as soon as possible.

Vauter's Church and the Association for the Preservation of Antiquities in Virginia want to form a new non-profit organization, "The Friends of the Saint Anne Glebe." The Church's participation was approved this past Sunday. The legal work will be handled by the Association for the Preservation of Antiquities in Virginia and will include some sort of easement from the Hundley family. That family of course will also be part of the association and we invite the Vauter's Family Association to join us in this effort as well. We all have an interest in making sure this historic structure is preserved for future generations.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Christopher M. Agnew, Ph. D
Vauter's Episcopal Church

Loretto, Virginia

(Exchange of Letters con't)

Dear Rev. Agnew:

It was so good to receive your email regarding the Glebe. It is exciting to hear of the progress that has been made to form a non-profit organization for the Glebe. During the reunion in Virginia in August, a collection was taken up for the Glebe and the amount collected was \$700. There seemed to be some confusion as to where the money was to be sent and in the changing of the treasurer and the passing of the books the matter was inadvertently delayed. If you would send me the address of the church, I will send the check to you with the designation marked for the Glebe. We would appreciate your getting the money to the proper individual.

Thanks again for the hospitality shown to our group during our visit. We always feel such a warm welcome when we come to the Vawter's Church.

Laneil Vawter, Treasurer, VVV Family Association

**VAUGHTERS CEMETERY
Washington Township, Scioto County, Ohio**

John M. Vaughters... 26 Jan 1846 – 25 Sept 1903.....Enos J. Vaughters... 21 Jan 1870 – 26 Apr 1893
Eliza J. Vaughters14 Feb 1851 – 4 Nov 1913.....Harry G. Vaughters.. 30 Nov 1883 – 6 Dec 1896
Wm. Vaughters.....9 Aug 1817 – 26 July 1880.....Lena F. Vaughters.....6 Feb 1876 – 3 Dec. 1898
Mary, wife [of Wm Vaughters].....1832 – 1881.....John E. Vaughters....10 Oct 1874 – 10 Apr 1898

IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is sent to Eric and Jennifer Taylor of East Point, Georgia, on the stillbirth of their son on March 23, 2006. He was the couple's first child. Eric is the son of Tom and Diana Taylor of North Vernon, Indiana, and the nephew of Bonita Welch.

CONGRATULATIONS

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Julie Snider, daughter of Don and Jean Snider of Hanna City, Illinois, to Tadd Bugos, son of Paul and Connie Bugos of Farmington, Illinois.

Julie is a 2004 graduate of Farmington High School and will graduate from Illinois Central College this spring. She is currently employed in management for Kay Jewelers in Peoria, Illinois. She plans to enroll in the dental hygiene program this fall at Carol Sandburg College in Galesburg.

Tadd is a 1996 graduate of Farmington High School and a graduate of Spoon River College. He is employed by Martin and Bayley.

The couple will be married on June 3, 2006, at Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria. A reception will follow at the Packard Plaza in downtown Peoria. They will reside in Maquon, Illinois.

Tadd attended a VVV reunion for the first time in 1987, when the reunion was held in Columbus, Indiana. He was with his mother, Connie Bugos, and grandparents, the late Harry and Edith Vawter. Connie reports her grandson, Austin, had such a good time in Fredericksburg last July that he can hardly wait for the reunion in Idaho.

ALMOST HEAVEN- A VISIT TO WEST VIRGINIA
Submitted by Ellen Cummings

Part Two

This article is to introduce the membership to West Virginia, where the 2007 reunion will be held. Part One is printed in the December 2005 newsletter.

After a week I told a longtime resident of Charleston that the people I was meeting were kind and easygoing, but something tells me you don't want to get them mad. "You are correct," she said. She was a tall and gallant lady who was a veteran of state politics. She told me of a meeting years ago when she went to a high official with the United Mine Workers to ask him for support as she ran for office. She was a Democrat and supported the UMW but had reservations about large parts of its recent agenda. The UMW official told her, "I know you are better educated than I am, and I am willing to believe you are smarter than I am, but I am not willing to believe that I am wrong about everything and you are right about everything." She said she got to thinking about that and concluded he had a point. He didn't support her. She won anyway.

We went to a little coal-mining town, where we visited what used to be the company store and is now an antique shop. I saw the script with which the operators paid the miners. I thought script was paper money, but it's thin metal ovals like quarters and nickels, with the number of the mine the miner works in stamped through.

At the store the man behind the counter was friendly, intelligent and missing an eye. He had no artificial eye, no eye patch, just a red space where the eye would be. When I asked his name he said, "Jack, but my friends call me One Eye." I nodded.

And there was the New River. They aren't sure why it's called the New, and think Lewis and Clark were surprised to come upon its broad gray power, its falls and whitewater, and called it the New because its existence was news to them. It cuts through the bottom of a great Appalachian gorge. Its beauty is as striking as the Hudson, only with more trees and wilderness and rafts bouncing down the rapids. On River Day once a year the bungee jumpers and parachutists come. The New River is alive.

One night we went to an outdoor restaurant overlooking the gorge and ate pork chops and macaroni mustard chicken, and a waitress told us people are buying up the land nearby and prices are going up.

They're buying up the land in a lot of West Virginia from what I could see, and why wouldn't they, with so much natural beauty and beautiful people? But having just come upon it as an outsider, I don't want more outsiders like me to come. This feeling was echoed by a doctor from India who has worked for many years at a local hospital. He told me the state is changing and about to change more. It used to be a long and dangerous trip to Washington on narrow, winding roads, but now it's all been paved and broadened, and now more people can get in and more people can get out. "It used to be impossible," he said. He both welcomed and mourned this. He is a modern man and appreciated change and the good it can bring, but he didn't want his pocket of authenticity – he's the one who called it "a jewel" – to change.

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY FAMILIES

Complied by the Nacogdoches County, Texas Genealogical Society

James William Vawter

William James, second son of Lorenzo Dow and Elizabeth Dawson Vawter, born Lafayette County, Mississippi, November 1841, came to Texas with his father at age fifteen. Not much is known about him until he enlisted in the Linn Flat, Texas, company of twelve months men for Coast Defense during the Civil War. They left Linn Flat 5th November 1861, which happened to be his 20th birthday. On 26 Jan 1869, William James and Harriett Annie Rogers were married, daughter of August and Harriett Hightower Rogers. They lived on a farm 3 miles northwest of Linn Flat, and there they prospered.

About 1895, William James bought a farm of 138 acres 1 ½ miles east of Cushing, Texas, where he and his son, William James, Jr. operated a General Merchandise business. When William James, Jr. died, his half brother, Julian Dee became partners with his father. When the Vawters came to Cushing they moved into a new home built at the corner of Maple Avenue and Sixth Street. William James also built the second brick building in Cushing when the town moved to the north side of the railroad tracks. He and Harriett Annie had the following children:

Dora Elizabeth (1869-1885) married Jeff Trawich 3 April 1884, issue not known.

Sarah Ann (1871-1920) married Henry Thomas Pitman, 17 Oct 1889.

Issue: Verdie Lafayette, Annie Serena, Mabel, Herbert Burnett, Vernon Elbert, Olind Hall

John R., third child, died young

Elbert (1873-1933) married Minnie Ola Mixon, 19 Nov 1890

Issue: Vera, Jessie, Neal, Ray and Vernon

Elbert married second, Mattie Lenineal Snell

Issue: Elbert, Jr. and a daughter

William James, Jr. (1875-1906) died single

Lorenzo Dow (1876-1968) married Mattie Fenton, 26 Dec 1895

Issue: Clarence, Alma, Herman, Geneva, Alton, Joseph and Opal

Harriett Annie Vawter never lived to see any of her children grown. She died 1879, leaving William James with a family of little ones. On the 24th of February [year not given] he married Caroline C Holbrook whose family had moved here from Mississippi and settled on a farm joining the Vawter farm.

She was the daughter of William Columbus and Louisa Brown Holbrook. Not only did she take on a ready made family, but added three other children to the family:

Julian Dee, b 10 Nov. 1883, married Mattie Buck Gammage, 29 Dec 1906, d. 1922.

Issue: Lamar Gammage, married Margaret Aydelott, 17 July 1941.

Hazel Inez, married Robert Nelson McCandless, 6 June 1931.

Julian Louise, married Cecil Lester Vanover, 28 Dec 1935.

Katherine (1885-1955), married Ben Holmes McLendon, 24 May 1905

Issue:

Thelma, married 1st Thomas Ottis Powell; married 2nd William Neal Shattuck.

Mildred, married Fred Childers, 20 June 1936

Henry Clyde, married Edith McClelland

Mary Catherine, married Ray Holeman Teer

Carrie Josephine, married Chester Frank Jasper

Leola (1887-1939), married 1st Mr. Felts, no issue, 2nd Monroe S. Collins, 24 Jan 1935, no issue.

William James Vawter died 20 Dec 1916, a much loved "Uncle Billy" as he was called. Caroline C. called Carrie, died 15 Jun 1920. Both are buried in the Linn Flat, Texas, Cemetery.

By – Hazel McCandless

‘THE VAWTER FAMILY IN AMERICA’

“The Vawter Family in America” was written by Grace Vawter Bicknell and first printed in 1905 by Hollenbeck Press. In 1969, Edna Reynolds and her sister, Vera Wheatly, had the book reprinted with a supplement update of their line, the O’Conner family. For several years, this reprint edition could be ordered from Edna. With the cooperation of the Reynolds family and a generous interest free loan from a VVV Association member, the remaining books were purchased by the Association in 1994.

However, none of the books are in perfect condition. Many have entire sections out of place or upside down, or have several pages or the index missing. For some, though, it is just a matter of one or two pages missing or having faint print, and those are the books being sold at this time. We send the best available and enclose replacement pages for you to insert.

The book has come under some criticism because of errors, especially in the very early history. We need to remember that this book was compiled in the late 1800s and early 1900s; before most of our modern conveniences. There were no fax or copy machines, computers, e-mail or Internet. On a personal note, discovering the book in our local library as a young child is what sparked an interest in genealogy. I kept the book so long that my parents received a call from the librarian and I had to confess the book could be found stashed away in my closet.

“The Vawter Family in America” reprint is softbound and has 422 pages, including an index. The cost is \$20.00, plus \$5.00 for shipping. Order from: Bonita Welch, 4145 W, Scipio, IN 47273. Checks should be made payable to the VVV Family Association.

2006 VVV REUNION SHIRTS

The 2006 Reunion shirt is a brilliant Jade color and shows the reunion site at Bear Lake on the front. The back has the various spellings of our name as before.

Adult sizes – Tax & Set-up – Number – Total

Small	\$12.00	_____	=	_____
Medium	\$12.00	_____	=	_____
Large	\$12.00	_____	=	_____
XL	\$12.00	_____	=	_____
XXL	\$13.00	_____	=	_____
XXXL	\$13.00	_____	=	_____
Postage	\$3.50	_____	=	_____
(Only if shirts to be shipped)				
Grand Total=_____				

Shirts will be available at the 2006 reunion, but postage must be charged for those to be mailed. Please send the number of each size, and a check for the total order (plus postage if they are to be shipped)

To: Jesse & Laneil Vawter
11506 Sagecountry St
Houston, Tx 77089.....**Deadline: Orders must by postmarked by June 15, 2006**

Your name:_____

Address:_____

City, State, Zip_____

Phone:_____

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GEORGIA VAUGHTERS REUNION

The eighth annual reunion of the Georgia Vaughters (the descendants of George, Lindsey, James and Jane, John and Franky and Joanna, and others) will be on Sunday, June 11, 2006, at Bethel Baptist Church in Dawson County. The schedule is different this year:

- 11:00 a.m. Walk the cemetery and place American flags
on the graves of the 60 Vaughters descendants.
- 11:45 a.m. Pictures
- Noon Covered dish dinner
- 1:00 p.m. Family history, with a different twist.

Please bring your cousins, stories, pictures and favorite covered dish. If more information is needed, contact Jim Vaughters at 303-771-3937.

NEWSPAPER GLEANINGS
Plain Dealer, North Vernon, Indiana
The Republican, North Vernon, Indiana

February 13, 1903

Local News: the remains of Wm. Vawter were taken through here Thursday to Madison, being expressed through from the state of Washington. His two sisters, Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Rokebrank, accompanied the remains from here. It is thought his death was due to heart failure, two other brothers having died with that disease.

(This is William Cornett Vawter, son of William C. and Sydney Willis Vawter. He was born 5 Dec 1866 in Madison, Indiana, and died 4 Feb 1903 in Whatcom, Washington.)

October 2, 1903

Local News: Mrs. Will Vawter of Osawatomie Kans., was called here by the sudden death of her father, Alexander Shepherd.

(She was the wife of William L. Vawter, who was the son of Henry and Jane Leach Vawter.)

October 23, 1903

Local News: James Vawter, who has been studying telegraphy at the Western Union office here for over a year, is now qualified to take a position and Monday was sent to Nebraska (Indiana) to take charge of the night office there for a short time.

November 1903

The remains of Harry Grinstead, who died in the Philippines, arrived here Wednesday evening and were interred at the Vawter Cemetery Thursday afternoon. He died in 1901 of fever on the Island of Marinduke. He was a member of Co. G 2d U.S. Infantry.

January 6, 1904

Married: Homer Bullard and Miss Jessie Holsclaw were married Christmas Eve at the home of the bride's parents in the neighborhood of the White schoolhouse.

(Jesse Holsclaw, a descendant of William and Frances Vawter, was the daughter of Ezra and Mattie Deer Holsclaw.)

February 3, 1904

Deaths: Lewis Wagner was born June 18, 1831, and died Jan. 29, 1904, aged 72 years, 7 months and 11 days. He was born in Jennings county and in this county his life was spent. He was married to Amanda Jones Jan. 1, 1856. To them were born four children, Annie B VanWye, Orlando S. Wagner, an infant son and Ida V. Wagner. He was married to Maggie Vawter Aug. 16, 1866. Two children were born to them, Jesse R., who died in childhood, and Ethel L. Shepherd. Three daughters and one son are still living.

(Margaret B. "Maggie" Vawter, the second wife of Lewis Wagner, was the daughter of Jesse R. and Sarah Parks Vawter)

March 4, 1904

Local News: James Vawter has been holding the keys down at Cold Springs this week for the Western Union.

July 15, 1904

Local News: W. L. Vawter and son, Bert, of Osawatomi, Kan., spent a few hours in our city Sunday with the family of W. M. Mitchell. Will has been visiting the World's Fair and could not go back without a visit to his old home, even it was only a few hours.

August 4, 1904

Local News: We recently received a souvenir postal card from W. L. Vawter and family mailed at Salt Lake City.

January 4, 1906

Local News: James Vawter left Sunday for Indianapolis.

Vernon: Mattie Brown is here from North Vernon visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Vawter.

March 1, 1906

Louis Clyde, son of George and Margaret Vawter, was born May 6, 1886, at Queensville and died Feb. 4, 1906, having lived all his life at that place. He leaves a fond, devoted father and mother, six sisters and one brother to mourn for him.

May 3, 1906

Butlerville: A. M. Vawter of Rexville has purchased the barber shop formerly owned by Mose Ryan and will occupy Mrs. Kendrick's property.

The Republican, Madison, Indiana

July 1, 1830

LAND FOR SALE

The undersigned having become the purchaser of the tract of land known by the name of MOUNT GLAD adjoining the town of Madison, (or nearly so) Indiana, proposes to sell on accommodating terms, tracts of any size from one half to 160 acres, including wood land and stone quarries. The farm would suit any person disposed to attend market with the products of the farm. In point of fertility it is inferior to none in this part of the country. There is on the farm a good well finished BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, A GOOD STONE SPRING HOUSE, a good barn, orchard and a number of never failing springs of water. Persons wishing to purchase will do well to call and examine for themselves.

If the above named tract will not suit, the undersigned has permission to sell the farm on which he now resides. There is on the same a good farm, good fences, a thriving young ORCHARD, A STONE SPRING HOUSE, a number of good springs and stock water. Also, a few other small tracts, one of which has on it a good [__?_] seat/ He will also sell a STEAM SAW AND GRIST MILL, or an interest in the same of one fourth, one third, one half or two thirds. Cash will be given for a few good hands, and a few hundred bushels of corn.

For terms and other particulars apply to the subscriber near Madison, Ia.

T.T. STRIBLING April 17, 1830

Notes: Jesse and Elizabeth Watts Vawter moved to what would become Madison, Indiana, in 1806. Mount Glad was the name given to the home they built. In a statement written May 5, 1835, Jesse tells that "In 1830 we broke up housekeeping and on September tenth my wife died..." T. T. Stribling was Jesse's son-in-law.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S RECORDS
JENNINGS COUNTY, INDIANA**

August 1817: Akillis Vawter be allowed by the treasurer of the county to sell spirituous liquors in Vernon, by retail, one year from this date, provided he pay \$5.00 tax.

November 1818: Akillis Vawter is permitted to keep a tavern in his own house in Vernon for one year, and the following rates and no more allowed: Dinner, 37 ½ cents; supper and breakfast, each 25 cents; lodgings per night, 12 ½ cents; whiskey per half pint, 12 ½ cents; brandy per half pint, 18 cents; wine, rum and French brandy, 50 cents; corn and oats per gallon, 12 ½ cents; stabling and hay per night, 37 ½ cents.

SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO BYLAWS

The Historian/Archivist recommends amending the Association Bylaws by dividing that office into two separate ones: Historian and Archivist. Presentation of the suggested change will be made at the Idaho Reunion, to both the Executive Committee and the general membership.

ANCESTOR OR DESCENDANT?

Submitted by Jim Vaughters

A famous and highly respected judge was asked the secret of his success. He replied: “you will find it in my safe after I die.” That day came, the huge safe was opened, and inside was only a slip of paper that read, “Plaintiff – the one who sues; Defendant – the one who gets sued.”

Then a famous and highly respected admiral was asked the same question, and he gave the same answer. The slip of paper read, “Port – left; Starboard – right.”

Finally, a famous and highly respected genealogist was asked the same question, and gave the same answer. His slip of paper read, “Ancestor came before; Descendant came after.”

**FINALLY – TABITHA !
Submitted by Jim Vaughters**

Around the time of the Revolutionary War, several children of Richard Vawter (1725-1803) and Frances Towles (1730-1811) married, left Virginia, traveled through the Cumberland Gap and settled in Kentucky and Indiana. One of the daughters was Tabitha, who married Adam Rouse. Her descendants have been rather quiet for a couple of hundred years. To our delight, however, Dr. Karen Bowman surfaced at the 2005 reunion in Virginia. She brought notebooks full of the history of her line, along with her husband and children.

When you go through Kansas City, stop and visit this wonderful cousin. Thank you, Karen, and thank you, Tabitha, for producing nice offspring!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the VVV member who was able to purchase two James Whitcomb Riley books that are not only illustrated by Will Vawter but are signed by him, have original sketches and an inscription on the title page. Many members remember the Indiana reunions of 1987 and 1999 when the Brown County Art Gallery in Nashville had a special showing of Will Vawter paintings and drawings for the association.

ELBERT COUNTY HOUSE AND CEMETERY

The huge chunks of granite mark the first Vawter house in Elbert County, Georgia. Swift and Julian Vaughter often told the story of how the original settler John mined and cut the granite on the far hill, sledded it across the valley where the lake formed by Van's Creek is now located, and pulled it up to its present site. On the hill near Harmony Road where it was mined, Julian pointed out a big rock and said that he planned to build a house around it and have the rock in the middle of the living room when he gets married. He was then 80 years old! Before the 2002 reunion, a marker was placed that reads: ORIGINAL VAWTER HOUSE ca. 1805. That was the middle year of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The usual 200 yards from the house is the family cemetery, with an old large cedar tree in the middle. Family members buried there are:

John Vawter ca 1750-1817

Joanna Vernon Vawter ca. 1763-1826, John's second wife. Research from the Vernon and Ward families shows her year of birth.

William Vawter ca. 1780-1828. Son of John and first wife Franky Ward.

Richard Vaughter ca. 1795-1856. Son of John and Joanna.

Linzey Vaughter 1808-1863. Son of John and Joanna.

Mary Polly McMullen Hulme Vaughter 1812-1890. Wife of Linzey.

Jesse Richard Vaughter 1846-1850s. Son of Linzey and Mary. William signed a deed in 1847 in which he gave his property to brothers Jesse Richard and James Benson Gleen. He tore off part of the signature, did not record it, and left it in a desk drawer. It was one of the oldest documents found in Swift and Julian's house. In the 1850 census, J.R. was listed as a 4-year old male.

Other markers with no wording are lying around the edges of the cemetery. As many as three or four more graves could be present. One could be that of Elizabeth, born in about 1800 to John and Joanna. She married Pleasant D. Crump in 1822 and died in 1823 after the birth of their daughter. Another possibility is a woman named L. Vawter, 76 years old in the 1850 census.

With the exception of Jesse Richard, all of Linzey and Mary's children are buried at Harmony Baptist Church. Thus, the first two generations are buried in the family cemetery near their original house.

MINUTES OF ZOAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Zoar Baptist Church is now First Baptist Church of North Vernon, Indiana. William Vawter, son of Jesse, was a constituent member and the first pastor. In the early minutes of the church, we find the following:

November 1863 – "Brother Feagler entered charge against himself for having played a game of checkers and he asked the church to forgive him, which they did." March 1865 - "Brother O. F. Feagler came forward and acknowledged that he had done wrong in not making a more full confession on a charge presented against him on a former occasion which acknowledgment the church accepted."

Ormand Frederick Feagler was the husband of Mary Litchfield Vawter, daughter of William and Frances Vawter.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sylvia Arlene Clevenger Crispin

Sylvia Arlene Clevenger Crispin, 70, made an unscheduled departure at home in Houston under The Houston Hospice care on March 15, 2006. Suki, as she dearly loved to be called, was a victim of Polychondritis, an autoimmune disease which attacks cartilage and in her case, the trachea.

Sylvia was born in Nacogdoches, Texas, on May 7, 1935, and reared in east Texas where she learned at an early age the value of steadfast friendships and the wonder of simple beauty encountered on her walks amid the piney woods. Moving to Houston, she graduated from Milby High School. In the mid fifties, she toiled with the oil and gas industry companies among the then skyscrapers of a growing Houston.

Her big adventure began with the airline industry where her effervescent personality bloomed with each orchid letter received from her passengers. Sylvia proudly served as a United Air Lines flight attendant for 26 years, retiring in 1987, to fully enjoy life with her beloved husband, Andre, and to devote time to a growing number of friends and to appreciate so many of God's other creations: the flora and fauna that have shown their glory this particular week in springtime Houston.

Her affiliations and accomplishments are too numerous to mention and merely pale to the positive impact that she made at any social scene wherever it happened. Special interest was committed to The Crestwood Garden Club and The Consular Ladies Club of Houston. Sylvia was noted for her unbound energy and her determined quest to squeeze so much into one day's activities that airline pilots might say she was firewalling her engines.

Sylvia will be welcomed at the gate by her deceased father, Willie Leo Clevenger. Sylvia is survived by her closest friend and husband, Andre A. Crispin, Chairman and CEO of The Crispin Company and retired Honorary Consul General of Belgium. Her mother, Dorine Vawter Clevenger and brother LTC Gary Lee Clevenger (USAR, ret) join her large circle of friends not only in sorrow, but also thankfulness for having known a true beauty in face and soul.

Next of kin include Andre's children, Drew Crispin and wife, Shawna Flynn of Houston, Mary (Crispin) and Doug Sankey and their children, Will and Elizabeth of London, England; Beverly (Crispin) and Judge Jim Hefferman and their children, Jimmy and Chris of Sandy, Utah; Lisa Crispin and Bob Downing of Denver, Colorado; and Dominique (Crispin) and Fabricio Gaxiola and their children Elisa and Fabricio Jr., of Mexico City. Also in mourning are brother-in-law Dr. John M. Crispin of Nashville, Tennessee, and niece Françoise Crispin of Houston.

The Crispin family, and Sylvia, especially would like to thank Dr. Edward Stool and the staffs at Park Plaza Hospital, The Methodist Hospital, Houston Hospice, and Lakeside Country Club where, in special tribute to a grand and elegant woman, the club flag was lowered to half-mast.

She flew but now she is grounded.

We thank John and Sue Vawter of Nacogdoches, Texas, for sending this obituary of John's cousin. Sylvia attended the 2000 reunion in Hampton, Virginia, with her mother and brother. Sincere sympathy is sent to the family.

SMITH VAWTER

Obituary

Smith Vawter was born in Shelby County, Ky. Nov. 3d, 1806 and died at Vernon, Indiana, Monday morning, April 10th 1882, at 1:30 o'clock.

His father, Col. John Vawter, came to Jennings county in August, 1815, and brought his family to his new home, the present site of Vernon, in the following May. From that time till his death Smith Vawter has lived at Vernon and been a prominent and leading citizen of our county. Of the many well-known names that have given character and form to the early history of Indiana, his will stand conspicuously among the most eminent. As an evidence of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-citizens, and the continued confidence they had in his integrity and ability to manage public affairs, the numerous offices of trust with which he was honored from early manhood down to his declining years shows conclusively, and is a lasting heritage that will keep his memory green through many generations yet unborn.

He was elected County Commissioner in 1838 and served six years. In 1848 he was elected to the State Legislature, and again in 1856. In 1879 he represented Jennings, Jefferson and Scott county, as Joint Representative. In 1881 he represented Jennings alone. He was a member of the Morgan Raid Commission, and was a trustee of the Agricultural School Fund (Purdue University) for nearly five years.

Although never engaged actively in the field during the late war, he labored zealously and indefatigably in holding up the union cause at home, and contributed liberally of his means in providing for the dependent families of the volunteers who were away at the front.

His character as a private citizen was above reproach, always true to his friends and ready to give his

influence on the side of morality, virtue and justice. Schools and churches which he regarded as the great civilizers and adornment of society, constantly received his aid and solicitous care. His private charities were dispensed with an unstinted and ungrudging hand, but quietly and unostentatiously. Few knew of it but the recipients of his bounty.

As a man of business he was clear headed, enterprising and industrious. He had a large brain and courageous spirit and united with these an unbounded trust in himself and unwavering faith in his success. These characteristics are the qualities that make the merchant prince – the millionaire. They are harmoniously united in the person of Col. Vawter, and resulted in the successful accumulation of a competent fortune, and possibly would have ended in colossal wealth but for the generous and liberal ideas which could see something higher and more desirable in life than the mere accumulation of money.

In personal appearance Col. Vawter was manly and dignified, and of imposing and commanding features. His head was large and well proportioned, and set firmly upon broad, square shoulders. He had a large, dark piercing eye, overhung by shaggy eyebrows. His lower face was heavy and prominent, and the general make up of his features gave the idea of great firmness and resolute purpose, such as make the natural leader, and which men of inferior will and of smaller individuality instinctively look up to and follow. He was one of the few men who impress their characters upon the community which constitutes the sphere of their activities, and give tone and force to its people. Such men are moulders of society. They give direction to the currents of human thought and action and shape the settled habits and customs which characterize communities through numberless generations. Viewed

in the light the life and character of Smith Vawter exhibit traits that when characterized as admirable, and as being worthy of imitation, would be giving very moderate expression to the sentiments and feeling of the wide community who knew him intimately, and would come far short of fitly expressing the admiration and esteem of his life-long intimates. It is fitting and eminently appropriate that the lives of our representative men should receive ample notice, and their deed of virtue and heroism receive full recognition at the hand of their survivors. When an old pioneer passes away, it is not only right and proper that we should pause reverently and lovingly to listen to the story of his life, and faithfully gather up and preserve in imperishable records the memories of his deeds, but we owe it to the living that their example might not be lost, and our children thus be incited to imitate their virtues. Hence, it becomes a duty we should not seek to evade, although a sad and tearful duty, to lay aside the busy and engrossing cares of our daily callings, and stand with uncovered heads, and bowed and chastened hearts, in the presence of the sad event that has called our distinguished fellow-citizen from our midst. The places that have known him for the many past years will know him no more forever. Coming generations will hear his name, and read of his deed and will desire to know him - but it will not be given to others to see and know him as we have seen and known him. The comforting thought arises to give courage and hope to the future: his life with that of other men who have left a heritage of good deed and a memory of sweet savor, have indelibly stamped their characters upon our people, and it is a heritage of which none can dispossess us, and which will guide us finally to a career of honor, peace and prosperity.

DR. THOMAS G. VAUGHTERS FAMILY

(Sent to William Snyder Vawter in 1928 by James Sanford Vaughters of Unionville, Missouri)

James Sanford Vaughters father was Dr. Thomas G. Vaughters of Portsmouth, Ohio; came with his parents, three brothers, and one sister from Virginia. His father's name was John. The children's names were Thomas (already mentioned) John Alexander, Richard Marion, William Higinbotham and Mary Ann. William Vaughters married twice and these are his children: John, Mary Margaret, Richard, William now of St. Louis, Ellie June, Carry and George Sherman. John A. Vaughters married and had only two children that I remember altho' I know there were more than that; namely Allen, and Enos Jesthrow. Richard M. Vaughters married and moved to Nebraska and several children died there and I only remember Richard Jr. Mary Ann Vaughters married a man by the name of Mark Landrun and had two children; namely Truman and Sarah. Truman died before he reached manhood, and Sarah married a man by the name of Englis and had a family of girls.

Dr Thomas G Vaughters married Ara Bata Jennings and to this union was born James Sanford Vaughters, Harriet Alice, Florence Flora, Enos Jennings, John Elmer (who died in infancy) and Loulie Kathrine. Harriet Alice married George Wilson and her children's names are Ara, Sanford, and Raymond. Florence Flora married Jackson Lanter and never had any children. Enos Jennings married Anna Rhinehard and they had John, Ernie, Bata, and Kathrine all who are living in Portsmouth today. You will have to write to them for any further information concerning their children. Loulie Kathrine married William Baker and had two children Harold who is married and living in Portsmouth now and a girl who died in infancy. I, James Sanford Vaughters married Mrs. Fannie Brassfield and we only have one child a daughter now 21 years old, Venus Eleanor Vaughters. After I married my wife we moved to Missouri her native state, altho' all my people are still living in Ohio and especially around Portsmouth.

TAZEWELL VAWTER FAMILY

(Sent to William Snyder Vawter in 1928 by Parke Vawter of San Diego, California)

Now lets start with Tazewell Vawter who married Hannah Lockman at Clearspring, Indiana, along about 1838. Tazewell Vawter was Captain of the 67th Indiana Volunteers U.S.A. 1861-1865. LaFayette, his oldest son, was his drummer boy. Then came eight other children- Bowler, Elizabeth – married Wm. Boyatt, pension agent Brownstown, Indiana – Nancy, Mary, Louis T., Luman W., Vincent L. and Hattie – Mrs. Eli Payne, Brownstown, Indiana. Louis T. Vawter was born at Clearspring, Indiana, Sept 21st 1854 – died at Elwood, Indiana, Sept. 29th, 1905. Hannah Lockman Vawter died April 1905.

Tazewell Vawter had a half brother, Thomas Vawter who I understand to be the father of George Vawter of Wichita, Kansas, and who lived in Brookville, Indiana. There were several children who George should tell you about. He also can put you right regarding Thomas Vawter being a half brother to Tazewell.

Louis T. Vawter married Sarah Dawson at Kempton, Indiana, Jan. 22, 1878. There were two children, Freddie (deceased) and pore lil' ol' me. Freddie was born May 26th 1879. I came tearing into this mortal ball of corruption May 11th 1885 at Rockville, Indiana.

THANK YOU FROM THE NEWS EDITOR

In August 1991, I agreed to be the news editor for the association. And now, after nearly 15 years, I have asked the nominating committee to select someone else to fill the position. I want to thank all of those who have helped by contributing material, kept me informed of family news and sent words of encouragement. There were times when the newsletter was a little late because of family or work obligations, and I thank you for understanding.

Early on, I learned that some people don't really care about events of the past and want to know only what is happening with family members now. Others care more about items of a genealogical or historical nature. Because of this, I have tried to make the newsletter interesting for everyone.

Again, "Thank you," and please give the same support to the next news editor that you have given me.

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A special "Thank you" to Bonita, for being our newsletter editor these many years. You kept us up-to-date with current family news and worked in items of historical and genealogical interest. Well done.

Attention all cousins, please start planning to attend the VVV Reunion in 2007.

The reservations must be made by December 31st, 2006.

The location is Blackwater Falls State Park in beautiful West Virginia.

Phone number 304-259-5216 or 1-800-CALL-WVA.

Ellen and Ned Cummings will be our hosts for the 2007 reunion, July 19-21, 2007.

IDAHO VVV REUNION

July 13 - 15

The 2006 VVV Reunion was held in Garden City, Utah at the Canyon Cove Motel.

VVV cousins began arriving at Bear Lake early the week of 10 July 2006 even though our reunion did not begin until Thursday, 13 July 2006. The location was beautiful with the awesome aquamarine waters of the lake.

We had a nice turn-out for the reunion but were missing some familiar faces. Georgene, Norma, Ken, Norma, Jim, Judy, Bonita, Caroline, we hope to see you next year.

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Thursday evening, July 13, 2006 the outgoing President, Garry Vawter, hosted a reception and everyone enjoyed visiting and catching up on all the news from the past year. We were honored to have a special guest, Melinda Eagle Dunford, who came in full tribal regalia costume. Melinda and her children, Shaylee, Jonathan, Kendra, Miranda, April and Austin represented the Shoshone Indian Nation and told us all about their history and customs. The book they helped to write and illustrate is called "*Coyote Steals Fire*".

Friday, July 14th began with our Welcome by Garry Vawter, ringing of the cowbell by Ashley Vawter and invocation by Billy Mack Vawter. After a short program, the group journeyed to the Oregon Trail center in Montpelier. We were shown how to plan for a long, hard trip in a covered wagon, and got to experience a ride in one. Our only genealogy session this year was presented by Greg Gruman and his notes are included at the end of this newsletter. Thank you very much Greg. Great job.

There was a lot to see and do in the Bear Lake area. Many of the cousins took boat rides on Bear Lake or went to the beach. And the enclosed pool at the hotel attracted the young people.

The banquet Saturday night started out with an "ice breaker" game that had everyone guessing. John Homer Vawter gave the invocation and the cousins enjoyed a delicious meal.

The annual Memorial Service was presented by Laneil Vawter with the assistance of Austin Bugos, Arkansas and Brooke Vawter, from Utah. The Reading from Ecclesiasticus was by Fred Wicker. Fred chose this passage, from the Apocrypha, because Rev. Ralph Fall used it at the first VVV reunion in Virginia, in 1980.

80 cousins attended the reunion and special recognition was given to the following:

Youngest - Mark Jason Kelley, Georgia – 4 years old

Oldest - Fred Wicker, Mississippi – 82 years old

Longest Married - Bobbee & Donna Vawter, Delaware – 59 years

Longest Distance Traveled – Ned, Ellen, and Fredrick Cummings – 2200 miles

Ellen Cummings invited us to the 2007 VVV Reunion in West Virginia. Karla Quigley gave the reunion committee report of sites selected for future reunions: 2008 Minnesota, 2009 San Diego, CA. and 2010 back in Virginia near the Vauter Church.

The nominating committee gave their recommendations for new officers, who were then voted in by acclamation.

President – J. W. Vawter, Vice-President – Jordan Johnston

Secretary – Cheryl Kelley, Treasurer – Laneil Vawter, 1st Asst. Treasurer – Karla Quigley

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As a grand finale, the door prizes were distributed and several items were auctioned to raise money for the VVV treasury. Martha Hudson crocheted a lovely afghan made with thread provided by her sister, Judith Crawford. Caroline Vawter brought a beautiful hand-made shawl.

Our outgoing President Garry Vawter thanked everyone for their help and support and officially passed the gavel to our new President J. W. Vawter.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Garry by J. W.

Another great reunion is history and we owe thanks this year to Cheri Jex and her family. As we all know, planning a reunion is a huge job and Cheri did it smoothly, in addition to moving house several times. Laneil expressed our thanks and presented Cheri with a gift.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to John Homer and Sue Vawter of Nacogdoches, Texas, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 19th. They were joined by many family and friends at the Church where they were married August 18th 1956. John and Sue are the parents of four children, J. W. Vawter, the current VVV president, as well as Melinda, Michael and Renae.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Laneil and Jesse Vawter. Rumor has it that they are going on a cruise this month for their 45th wedding anniversary. Bon Voyage!!

IN REMEMBRANCE

May Catherine Jordan Vawter, born March 9, 1922, passed away on July 20, 2006.

May will be remembered as the wife of Glenn Vawter, who was president of the VVV from 1986 to 1988. They were active in the association for many years. Glenn passed away in 1992.

Garlin F. Crouch of Springfield, Ill, formerly of Chatham, died at 10:58 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, at St. John's Hospice, age 89. He was born Nov. 7, 1916, in Chandler, Okla., the son of Arch and Minnie Waters Crouch. He married Elma Matthews on Aug. 17, 1938; she died Dec. 12, 2001. He also was preceded in death by five brothers, Harry, Harold, Cecil, Amos and Clarence, and a sister, Velma Thornton.

Mr. Crouch was a regional superintendent with Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co., retiring in 1977 after 38 years of service. After retirement, he was a realtor with Charles Robbins Realtor. He was a member of Chatham United Methodist Church. He was a former member of Chatham Chummy Chainers Square Dancing Club and Who's Who in Finance and Industry. He loved to play golf.

Surviving are his two daughters, Jolene Matthews of Springfield and Lynette (husband, James) Poschel of St. Louis; three grandchildren, Brent (wife, Lori) Pahde of Jacksonville, Bruce Pahde (companion, Kirsten Giordano) of Lake St. Louis and Karen (husband, John) Torricelli of Springfield; four great-grandchildren, Jacob Pahde, Jenna Cousin, Joshua Pahde and Emily Torricelli; sister, Violet Leach of Tryon, Okla; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and companion, Mary Wall of Springfield.

Visitation was held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at Staab Polk Memorial Home, 201 S. Main Rt. 4, Chatham. Services were held there at 2 p.m. Sunday with the Rev. Merlin Schendel officiating. Burial was in Chatham Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to SIU School of Medicine Alzheimer's Research.

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If you have any information about the following cousins, please let us know:

Julia Branham needs info about the Branham line. Several Branhams married Vawters.

Bob Sommerfeldt is looking for anyone researching the John Gray and Elizabeth (Stewart) Vawter line.

Fred Downs would like to exchange information pertaining to the John Vawter- Frankie Ward line.

Mary Jo would like to hear from descendants of Cyrus Beverly Vawter and Elizabeth Goodwin.

Lisa Vawter would like to hear from anyone who knew her father, Arthur Lee Vawter, Jr.

Don Tucker is looking for descendants of Linzy and Martha Jane Vaughters.

[This information is also posted on the website.]

Vawter Pioneers on the Oregon Trail

Presented by Greg Gruman to the VVV Family Reunion in Bear Lake, Utah.

Philemon Vawter Crawford – Son of James Crawford and Lucy Vawter and grandson of Philemon Vawter. Philemon was a Captain on the Oregon Trail and first crossed with a large party of family and Vawter cousins by ox team in 1851. There were 74 persons in this first party and they were able to get some good land in the Willamette valley.

Philemon led several other parties over the trail to Oregon the largest being 250 persons. Although he doubtless had many adventures, there is not a lot written about his trips, except that on one trip there was a mutiny of sorts and some of the men in the company decided they were going too slow with oxen and left the wagon train and bought some horses and raced off to beat their companions to Oregon. Philemon had advised them that horses were unreliable and would founder on the scanty grazing on the plains and they were mighty remorseful when a few weeks later the wagon train passed them with their horses played out and lame, low on supplies and they were in a sorry state indeed. They had learned the hard way that there were no shortcuts to Oregon. There were many other Vawters with Philemon on that first trip and they settled in and around Linn County Oregon, and the Yakima and Walla Walla Washington area and some went on to California.

Smith William Storey – Son of Thomas Storey and Jane Vawter (Indiana) Crossed the plains on Oregon Trail in early 1840s to Pacific as a teenager. Endured the hardships of being a frontiersman and miner in Oregon and California. After the gold rush in California subsided he moved back to Vernon, Indiana where he was a druggist and President of the First National Bank. Ca: 1833-1903.

Riley Clark Storey – Brother of S.W. above, born 1842. Was a sort of education pioneer. Family said he was of “studious nature” even as a very young child. He left home while still in grade school to follow a teacher he loved to Indianapolis and sold newspapers and took odd jobs to pay for tutoring. He was successful in his studies and was at Franklin College in Indiana when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted and suffered greatly from the privations of war, forced marches, exposure, illness among the troops, and developed life long health problems from this exposure. He finished at Franklin and then went on to Michigan University where he excelled and created the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and was in the “famous class of 69” who were well known in later years for their achievements. He also finished law school back in Indianapolis and began a career in education. He went to Cowley County, Kansas where he was Superintendent of Schools, then to Golden Hill, Nevada, and Gilroy, California in the same capacity. It was a wild and wooly time in the west in those days with gold rushes and boom towns and precious few people appreciated or felt the need for education but Riley started and developed many schools and districts and brought some enlightenment to these burgeoning frontier communities. His health failing in 1899 he went to live with his son who had followed in his fathers footsteps and was a professor at Stanford where he died in 1902.

David Vawter Burns – Son of Maxa Burns and Maria Vawter. A sort of legal pioneer. Studied law and served in the 22nd Indiana regiment in the Civil War where he was wounded twice and also a captive of the rebels. After the war he was elected District Attorney in Indianapolis, then a judge, then became Superior Court Judge and in 1891 was appointed District Court judge in Denver, Colorado. He was married to Eudora Danforth daughter of Albert Joseph and Matilda Haven Sewell Danforth, a well known Indiana Society family and ancestors of VP J. Danforth Quayle.

John Taylor Vawter- Son of William and Frances Vawter- Joined the 1839 land rush to Iowa. Encountered some “Rangers” who were ruffians that had already been in Iowa and wanted to stop all new homesteaders coming in. He had to defend himself and as a result became enmeshed with spurious allegations made against him by the “Rangers” which made him exhaust his savings defending himself in court. He was acquitted on all counts but was left without land or cash. He then heard a German itinerant preacher who was forming a colony which he joined and helped to build up others in Iowa, Oregon, and Missouri. Edward son of J.T. Vawter drove an ox team across the trail to Oregon in 1863 and settled near Portland. He got married first to Barbara Kroher who became ill and died and then to Catherine Gunnerman both of Germany. His children who were fluent in both German and English settled in Newport Washington, and San Dimas, California.

Williamson Dunn Vawter- Son of William and Frances Vawter and nephew of Col. John Vawter of Vernon, Indiana. Worked for many years with his uncle Col. John Vawter in Vernon where he learned many trades including banking, newspaper editing, mercantile, and shipping. Upon reading accounts of California for his newspaper he decided to sell off his interest in Indiana and go west and he arrived in Los Angeles county in 1875 where Pasadena now stands. After surveying the countryside he decided to settle where there was better land and less heat and went twenty miles to what is now Santa Monica. He was a founding father of that town and built the first church, bank, and the core block of the city and the first brick buildings which are still standing today and form the Vawter Historic District in Santa Monica. He married Mary Crowder and his son Edwin James Vawter also had his fathers business acumen and started many businesses including banks, lumber yards, barley mills, mercantile stores, and floriculture. In the flower business he was a true pioneer and his carnation and violet fields were known as one of the wonders of California and visited by thousands of people from around the world. They truly built Santa Monica from their humble beginnings as the “Indiana Colony” into a beautiful and vibrant city and which continues to offer great opportunities and enjoyment to all who visit there. In an odd twist of fate W.D.’s daughter Aramantha Vawter married Septimuis Vater of Liverpool, England which joined the old English Vawter line to our American line clear across the globe and after almost a thousand years.

James Alois Vawter- Son of James Vawter and grandson of Jesse Vawter came to Oregon with P. V. Crawford in 1851 in the original group that settled in Heppner, Oregon and Yakima, Washington. He was a railroad official and Station Agent and went with the first rail lines into Montana and settled there. There were many robberies and Indian troubles with the trains in those early days and he saw many adventures as the rails went into the new territories.

William Vawter – son of D. Jamieson Vawter and Anna Dickinson and grandson of Jesse Vawter was also in original company with P. V. Crawford in 1851. In 1852 there was a gold rush on Queen Charlottes Island in Alaska. William bought a vessel and fitted it out and sailed from Portland with sixty men to seek their fortunes. They anchored at Gold Harbour on the Island but found nothing there then sailed over to mainland Alaska where they were successful in panning some gold but not enough to satisfy the whole group. They encountered some Indians who had some gold but refused to tell them where they got it. So low on supplies they returned to Portland. William served as Postmaster in Walla Walla, Washington from 1877-1881 then moved to San Jacinto, California. William was married to Rachel Robinett and his sons were as adventurous as he was. Edwin Jamieson Vawter, his eldest went to the gold fields in Nome, Alaska, Cassius Lincoln Vawter the next went to join the revolution and died in Mexico, and Jesse Platt Vawter the youngest went with his brother to the Alaska gold rush and returned to live in Los Angeles, California.

Louis Addison Vawter – Grandson of William Vawter, Revolutionary war Colonel and founder of West Virginia. A captain of the 30th Virginia regiment CSA, Louis was captured at the battle of Winchester and held prisoner but traded in a prisoner exchange shortly thereafter. After the war he returned to his father's plantation and ran it for a while then picked up his study of medicine which he had started before the war. Upon finishing medical school he practiced with some famous physicians in Ohio and Indiana and then went west to California and Montana. Seeing the need for medical services and the scarcity of skilled physicians along with the privations and disease outbreaks amongst the people in the west he stayed in Montana and served them for many years.

His wife was from an old Virginia family and his family was very talented and all quite cultured for their time. His son John William (Will) Vawter was an artist and known for his illustrations for books and watercolor paintings. His daughter Clara Peck Vawter was a poet and wrote a book entitled the "Rabbits Ransom".

Cyrus Vawter – Son of Beverly Vawter and Elizabeth Crawford came to Oregon with P. V. Crawford in 1851 and located in the Willamette valley at Boston Mills. He owned a large milling business and several mills in Oregon. He married Sarah Finley and his son William Ira Vawter was President of the Jackson County Bank and served for many years in the State Legislature.

Claud and Mary Vawter – Probably cousins of P. V. Crawford and in the original 1851 company left Oregon in 1859 for the Colorado gold rush, lived in Sunshine, Colorado and were among the first homesteaders in Hygiene, Colorado. Not finding any gold and finding that farming was difficult on the high plains they returned to Oregon after a number of years.

I am sure that there are others of our ancestors that were among the pioneers that we have yet to discover. Wherever they went they built communities, served their fellow citizens, and helped shape the destiny of the west. We should be proud of them and honor their sacrifice and the legacy they left us by following in their footsteps.

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The VVV family voted to support the badly needed restoration of the Glebe in Virginia. This venerable building was the residence of the pastor of the Vauter Episcopal Church in early times.

A tax deductible donation may be made to The Friends of St. Anne's Glebe and sent to our Treasurer, Laneil Vawter. A form for the donation is on the following page.

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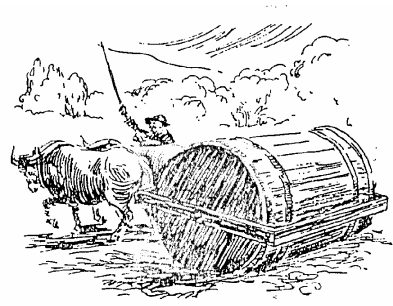
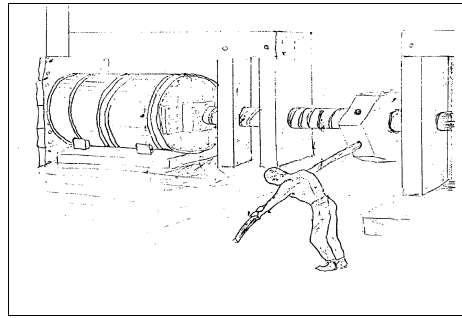


If you haven't paid your dues this year, please send your check to the VVV Treasurer **\$10.00 per year**

A story of Tobacco and Rev. Rose from the book by Rev. Ralph Fall.

Port Royal, was important as a tobacco warehouse center. One of the original trustees of the town was Oliver Towles; his two sisters married into the Richard Vawter and son Russell Vawter's family in later years. Port Royal was about 30 miles downstream from Fredericksburg and was a thriving center of commerce for many years and was considered for the sight of the national capital from 1786-90. Eighteen of its original structures are still used today.

Tobacco was packed into hogsheads by applying pressure with a wooden screw that forced the tobacco through a cask and into the hogshead. The cask had no ends. The hogshead was rolled or pulled by oxen to the waterways. The standardized size was 48 by 30 inches and filled with tobo or other grains weighed between 600 and 900 pounds. Hogsheads of rum contained about 108 gallons when brought back from Barbados. Single dug out canoes were about 16 feet long and could carry 2 or 3 hogsheads. Rev. Rose increased the length to 50 to 60 feet with each canoe 4 to 5 foot wide. He lashed two together and held 8 or 9 hogsheads; a man on the front and back could maneuver them easily. They drew no more than a few inches of water and were quite stable. On the upstream return the two men could pole these light weight conveyances without a problem. This allowed the western and mountain areas to develop more tobacco and increase their financial status. Hogsheads were loaded aboard ships to England where factors (attorneys) helped with the sale and the purchase of necessary items from England and the return trip to the colonies.



The transportation of tobacco

Tobacco was the most important commodity in VA, grown in two grades, sweet-scented, the better variety which was grown in Essex and Oronoco or transfer grade which brought less value mostly grown in Albemarle. Rev. Rose's salary in both counties remained at 16,000 pounds of tobo per year plus "cask" (another 400 pounds to allow for spoilage). In Virginia law no planter could sell tobo until he had paid his year's tithes for church support.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF AN HONORARY VAWTER

Rev. Ralph Emmett Fall

Rev. Ralph Emmett Fall, age 89, passed away September 2, 2006. He was born April 7, 1917 in St. Louis, MO, to Florence Winifred Roath and Charles Emmett Fall. His half brothers, Orsen William Fall and Charles Loren Fall and his half sister, Ruth Aurelius Fall, all preceded him.

At age eleven, his maternal aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gross of Toledo, OH became his guardians. He attended school in San Antonio, TX and Toledo, OH and in 1935 graduated from DeVilbiss High School in Toledo. He grew up attending St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Toledo where he was a paid singer in the Boys Choir until his voice changed. Four years he lettered in tennis at DeVilbiss High School and was tennis champion in Toledo while attending the University of Toledo, where he obtained his BA degree. After graduating from Bexley Hall Theological School in Gambier, OH, Mr. Fall was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church in Gambier, OH in June 1941 and was ordained a Priest at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, OH by Bishop Beverley Tucker in December 1941.

He was first married to Elizabeth Stambaugh, June 30, 1942, who passed away December 26, 1983. Their two children are Mary Druscilla Rose Fall Boswell of Franklin, NH and David Price Brady Fall of Richmond, VA. On December 2, 1986, he married Martha Virginia Rodgers. Together they continued their pursuit of genealogy and traveled extensively in the US and Western Europe. Churches served by Mr. Fall are: Church of Our Savior, Akron, OH, Grace Church, St. Paul's Church, St. Matthew's Church of Cleveland, OH, St. Paul's Church and St. Timothy's Church of Richmond, VA, Christ Church in Alexandria, VA, Pohick Church of Lorton, VA, Vauter's Church of Essex Co. VA, St. Asaph's Church and St. Peter's Church of Caroline Co., VA. While in Richmond, he served as Dean of the Convocation.

After forty-one years as an active Clergyman, he retired from the Diocese of VA, April 1982. In 2000, Caroline County, VA, Historical Society awarded Mr. Fall the Annual CHS Award for "Researching, Publishing and Preserving the History of Caroline County, VA" He was active in Virginia Landmarks and Virginia Historical Society and his numerous articles appeared in various church and historical publications. He researched and wrote five books and published four: History of Bowling Green, Virginia 1667-1970; Hidden Village of Port Royal, Virginia, 1744-1981; The Diary of Robert Rose, [who was the mid-1700's Colonial Clergyman of Vauter's Church] and People and Post Offices and Communities in Caroline County, Virginia, 1727-1960; all in second printings. He was a member of Caroline County, VA Historical Society; Historic Port Royal, VA and Henry/Clayton Genealogical Society. In Virginia he was a Smithsonian tour guide.

He is survived by his wife and two children and many other relatives, school and church friends. The funeral service for Mr. Fall was Monday, September 4, 2006, at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in McDonough, GA.

*"Ralph was so proud to have connections with the Vawter Family!
May God richly bless you all in our prayer." Peace, Virginia*

For reference

V/V Newsletter March 1978

VAUTERS CHURCH: The Rev. Ralph Fall has been Rector of Vauter's Church in Essex Co., Va. since 1962. His recent book, **THE DIARY OF ROBERT ROSE**, was released in December, 1977. Parson Robert Rose was the Rector of St. Anne's Parish when Vauter's Church was built. The Diary covers a 5-year period, 1746-1751, and gives an insight into cultural and church life in colonial Virginia. It contains many references to Vawters and Vawter-connected families, and will be of both sentimental and historical interest to V/V. The name of the Church, it is said, was misspelled in early records. **Honorary membership in the Order of V/V has been extended Rev. Fall for his 12-year labor in transcribing and annotating this delightfully unique work.**

Newsletter January 1980

Ralph (the honorary Vawter) Fall wears many hats. In addition to his Ministerial duties, he is a noted genealogist, historian, and writer, as evidenced by his book, **THE DIARY OF ROBERT ROSE**, which many of the V/V/V already own, and which is required reading in order to fully appreciate Vauter's Church and its locale. At the reunion, Ralph will don his Tour Guide hat and conduct a walking tour of the historic village of Port Royal; likewise he will lead a motorized tour of the historical points of interest in the surrounding countryside. Under his leadership the ladies of Vauter's Church are making plans to serve at least one meal to the V/V/V on the Church grounds. He has arranged to have one of the homes visited by the Rev. Robert Rose and mentioned in the Diary opened to the V/V/V for an afternoon tea. **The family is fortunate to have such a versatile and capable honorary kinsman.**

In Remembrance - Peggy Grace Vaughter - MRE

Peggy Grace Vaughter

1942 - 2006 Peggy Grace Vaughter Born in Drurnright, Oklahoma on Dec. 28, 1942 Departed on Oct. 5, 2006 and resided in Austin, TX. A Celebration of Life: Sunday Oct. 15, 2006

Wife, Mother, Friend, Public Speaker, Toastmaster President, Calligraphy Guild President, Adult Bible Study Teacher, World Traveler. How do you fill in the dash between 1942-2006?

Peggy was born in a Dr's office in Drurnright, Oklahoma and attended Cushing High School, She loved her summers at Falls Creek Baptist Encampment, and did her undergrad work at Oklahoma Baptist University. Her Masters came from SW Theological Seminary-Fort Worth.

After serving as Youth Director in OK and TX, she became the youth director of Crestview Baptist, Austin, in 1969. A few weeks later, she met Phil, and twelve weeks after they met, they wed.

The pride of their life, Courtney Leigh, came along in 1978, and Peggy left the "working world" to become a full time Mom and Homemaker.

Peggy and Phil helped start Riverbend Church over a quarter century ago and are still deeply committed to its Mission. Peggy taught an adult class for over 22 years and served on the Building Committee and the Pastor Search Committee. Their daughter and her family are third generation Riverbenders.

Peggy endured 35 Annual Vaughter Superbowl parties and enjoyed or hosted 20 Annual Vauter--Vawter-Vaughter Family Reunions, especially the ones held at Vauter Church, VA, built in 1731!

Her time in the backyard, blowing bubbles with 5 year old Reid and 2 year old Aubreigh, was very dear to her. While in the backyard, she would show her grandkids how to encourage a flower to grow or how to feed and water the 25 varieties of birds that dined there.

This past week she saw a gorgeous new yellow butterfly in that backyard and said, "We must find out who this new visitor is".

Peggy was greeted at Heaven's Gate by her parents, Clarence and Orpha Grace, her "other" parents, Reverend Paul and Carolyn Vaughter, and her brother in law, Patton Courtney Vaughter. Her first request was a new singing voice, a big steak and a coke (over ice).

Her special friends-Eleanor, Mac, Vicky, Mark, Pam, Tony, Shirley, Paulette, Kay, Doris, Sharon, Richard, Sally, Jeannie, Patsy, Barbara, her adopted nieces Christina and Casey, the Crestview "girls", her calligraphy friends, her bible study class, and her toastmaster group will all miss her, as well as her family. The Good News is, we'll see her again, The Peggy Vaughter Memorial Fund has been established at Riverbend and the Family requests memorials be directed there. Dr. Dave Haney and Dr. Gordon Smith were immediately with the Family during this time of Loss.

An ending note from your daughter -

Out of all the Mothers in the world I could have had,
God gave me to you. You have been an inspiration to me
unlike any other. You have taught me so much about life,
love and Motherhood. I am so thankful for you and all
the joy you have brought into my life. Not only were you
a great Mom, but you were also the best friend I ever
had. Robbie and I love you so very much Mama, and we
anxiously await the day we get to hug you again.

A Celebration of a Life Well done, will be at 1:00 pm, Sunday, October 15, 2006, after the second Service at Riverbend. As Peggy would say, "Come at 11 am, for some good music, an outstanding Message and Riverbend fellowship.

In Remembrance – Frankie Lee Johnson Jordan

Eagleville Times Tennessee October 1 -15, 2006

Also Serving Arrington, College Grove, Rockvale, Triune & Unionville

Frankie Lee Johnson Jordan of Murfreesboro died Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

She was the daughter of James Vaughter and the late Callie Bell Smith Vaughter and the late Jesse Johson. She was a member of New Life Christian Church.

Survivors include sons Nathaniel (Viola) Jordan Sr. of Eagleville and Anthony C. Jordan of Germany; stepsons Fred L. Jordan of Woodbury, James (Patricia) Jordan of Nashville and Carl Yeargins of Murfreesboro; daughters Marjorie T. Jordan of Murfreesboro, Priscella Jordan of Rockvale and April (Alex) Jordan-Ewing of Rockvale; stepdaughter Katherine (Tony) Fulton of Murfreesboro; brothers William (Margo) Vaughter and Jesse (Emma) Vaughter, both of Murfreesboro; sisters Sarah (James) Harding and Mary (Charley) King, both of Murfreesboro; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

IN REMEMBRANCE - CLEVELAND VAUGHTERS

Long-time Madison resident, Ernest Cleveland Vaughters, died on October 4, 2006, at age 90 in Athens, Georgia. He was born July 12, 1916 in Dawson County, Georgia on the same day his Grandmother Vaughters died. He was the first of three sons born to Hiram Solomon Andrew Jackson Vaughters (1891-1956) and Coie Mae Burt Vaughters (1895-1982). The younger brothers born to the family were Claude Jackson Vaughters (1920-1978) and Charles Carlton Vaughters (1921-2005).

Mr. Vaughters was the 10th generation of Vaughters men in this country, dating back to the 1600's in Virginia. He was the 5th generation of Vaughters in Dawson County, going back to the 1830's, when it was still Lumpkin County. His grandparents were Rev. George Robinson Vaughters (1860-1936), Epsey Catherine Bennett Vaughters (1861-1916), William Benjamin Burt (1860-1945) and Martha Amattie Spriggs Burt (1872-1959), all from prominent families in the Shoal Creek area of Dawson County. He was born only 50 years after the Civil War ended. He was the last living grandson of Rev. G. R. Vaughters.

He grew up on the farm that had been in the family since the 1840's. He attended school at Bolton School and for a short time in Dawsonville. He also attended Bethel Baptist Church, which his great-great-grandparents Vaughters and Burt had established in 1841.

In 1928, the family left about a hundred cousins and moved to a farm east of Madison. Cleveland, age 12, drove one of the T-model trucks while his father drove the other one. Cleveland, Claude, and Carlton attended Madison Grammar School. Cleveland later attended Madison A&M School in the 1930's.

He married Sara Martha Mitchem on August 25, 1934. She was from the Mitchem family that settled in the Fairplay area in northern Morgan County in 1837. They eloped to Dawson County and were married by his Uncle Oscar Vaughters, the County Ordinary, in the old red brick courthouse. The witnesses were two barefooted men in overalls.

Cleveland and Sara made their home east of Madison. A daughter, Patricia Ann, was born in 1935. In 1937, a son, James Cleveland, was born but lived only a day. He was buried in the Mitchem cemetery at Fairplay.

Two of Sara's uncles were farming in the Rio Grande Valley at the southern tip of Texas. The family moved there in 1938 and worked on the farm. Another son, also named James Cleveland, was born there in 1941. Later that year the family moved back to Morgan County.

In 1953 his last child, Paul Douglas Vaughters, was born. Mr. Vaughters was a cotton farmer and dairy farmer during those years. He was also a substitute rural mail carrier. After his father died he carried on an old family tradition that his grandfather and great-grandfather had followed in Dawson County – he took care of his mother in the small house behind his house.

He then became a clerk in the Madison Post Office where he worked until his retirement in 1976. His wife Sara died in 1960 following a long illness. Throughout her sickness he was her mainstay, loving and loyal in the most difficult of times. His steadfastness and many sacrifices for her were inspiring, admirable, and heroic.

In 1961 he married Mrs. Estelle Wheeler Perkins. Their marriage was marked by years of loving fun, devotion to both sets of children and grandchildren, and retirement travel. She died in 1984.

Mr. Vaughters married Mrs. Retha Anderson Crook in 1985. Their home was also one of great love, enjoyment of yet another set of children and grandchildren, and travel. She died in 1997. To have three marriages that good is unheard of, but wonderful.

He was a devout Christian, a long-time member of Madison Baptist Church, and a Deacon Emeritus. He also was a founding member of the Beacon Heights Baptist Church, and then later returned to the Madison Baptist Church. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years.

He was an avid fisherman, coon hunter, deer hunter, and gardener. His long life attests to the saying that used to hang in his house – “Allah does not deduct from the allotted time of man those hours spent fishing.” Much of his conversation in his last years centered on the many wonderful memories and stories of fishing and hunting.

Mr. Vaughters is survived by his three children – Patricia Herndon of Stone Mountain, Jimmy of Englewood, CO. and Doug of Winder; six grandchildren – Beth Herndon of Decatur, Lynn Owen of Tampa, FL, Jonathan Vaughters of Denver, CO, and Paul, David, and Sara Vaughters of Winder; three great-grandchildren – Katie and Hunter Owen of Tampa, FL, and Charlie Vaughters of Denver, CO; eight nephews – James Vaughters of Bostwick, Charles Vaughters of Woodbridge, VA, Bill, Roy, Kenny Vaughters of Buckhead, Joe Preston of Rome, Mike Mitchem of Jonesboro, and Bill Cleveland of Atlanta; five nieces – Claudette Casper of Bethany, Betty Newton of College Park, Kathy Eberle of Vienna, VA, Carol Williams of Charlottesville, VA and Debbie Harris of Memphis, TN; five stepchildren – Vivian Brackett of Duluth, Jean Brogdon of Grayson, Weldon Crook of Madison, Butch Crook of Atlanta, and Avis Mallanik of Buford; step grandchildren – Melanie Casatelli of Alpharetta, Betsy Booth of Allen, TX and many more step grandchildren, step great-grandchildren, and those 100 cousins in Dawson County.

Rev. Jim Ross and Rev. Glenn Herndon conducted the funeral service at Madison Baptist Church on October 7, 2006. A. E. Carter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Deacons of Madison Baptist. Mr. Vaughters was laid to rest in the family plot of Madison City Cemetery, beside his first wife and his parents.

In Remembrance - Sara Jane Kerr

Sent by her daughter, Susan Brown Haas. Members of the VVV Family will remember Sally for her presentation "A Visit With Winifred Hodgson Vawter" (in period costume) at the 1986 VVV reunion.

Sara Jane Kerr (Sally), died peacefully on Tuesday, July 11, 2006. She was born in Henryetta, OK, on October 11, 1921, the daughter of Raymond Kerr and Mary Twibell Palmer Kerr. She moved to Tulsa in 1922 and graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1939. Sally studied Art at the University of Tulsa and was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She married Duncan Brown, on February 2, 1944. Sally raised 4 children. Over the years, she was active in each child's scouting, sports, school, and church youth group activities. After the children were grown, Sally turned her considerable energy to church work. As a life long Episcopalian, she chaired the Diocese of Oklahoma Christian Education Committee, organized and led the Conflict Resolution Team for the Diocese of Oklahoma, and was a member of the National Episcopal Design Team for the Church Teaching series. She enjoyed cooking, traveling, art, architecture, and collecting books and the companionship of her friends and family. Sally is survived by: her daughter, Susan Haas and husband, Doug, their daughters, Sara Haas, Kim Sandru and husband, Jeff, and their child, Joshua of Phoenix, AZ; her son, Stephen Brown and wife, Barbara, their sons, Clint Foy and wife, Viridiana, Mark Foy and wife, Anne-Marie, and Scott Brown of Fayetteville, AR; her son, Jim Brown and wife, Nancy of Birmingham, AL, their daughters, Jennie Wyatt and husband, Brian and their daughter, Helen of Nashville, TN; and Mandy Fox and husband, Steve, and their son, Marshall of Birmingham; and her daughter, Mary O'Meilie and husband, Mike of Cashion, OK, their sons, Chris O'Meilie and wife, Merrilee and their son, Max of Verdigris, OK, Jake O'Meilie and wife Katy of Guthrie, OK. The Family thanks the staff at St. John Hospice for their care and extensive support. Visitation will be held 12 Noon until 6 p.m., Sunday, July 16, 2006 at Fitzgerald's Southwood Colonial Chapel, 3612 E. 91st St. A Service celebrating Sally's life will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, July 17, 2006 at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 5635 E. 71st St. A reception will follow at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Dunstan's Memorial Fund. Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel, 291-3500. Published in the Tulsa World on 7/14/2006

In Remembrance - Jace Alden Vawter

Jace Alden Vawter (Bubba), 9, of Emmett, died Friday, June 2, 2006 due to a farming accident and went to be with the Lord. Jace was born July. 22, 1996, in Emmett, ID. Jace was an energetic, loving little man with a giggle you couldn't live without. There's not much that Bubba wouldn't do for anyone. He was friendly with all. Bubba loved to spend time with his family and friends. He loved to go riding his dirt bike with dad. Jace was always in a tractor with pappa raking hay and helping pappa John on the farm. He also spent a lot of time with mommy on the farm and 4-H. Bubba enjoyed showing his pigs in 4-H, and being with his pig, Bleu, especially when she had her piglets. Bubba was a little comedian, always making people laugh. He mowed lawns with mom, sis, and Uncle Buster. He did a lot of golfing at home in the yard. Jace had many friends. Jace got a scooter from his buddy, Dax which he rode until it fell apart from so much use. Bubba kept the fire going. Jace is survived by his parents, Alden Vawter and Amy Phillips as well as his older sister Jordan Vawter, and step brothers and sister, his stepparents Kevin Phillips and Becky Vawter and Grand parents, John and Karon Kienitz and Kim and Sharon Vawter, also many aunts, uncles and cousins. All of our family and friends would be honored to have everyone who knows our families and Jace to attend Jace's Celebration of Life. This celebration will take place on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 11 a.m. at the Emmett Junior High School on 4th Street. Friends may call Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. and the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett. We will always love and miss Jace. We will never forget his smiling face. We know he's in a better place. A memorial fund has been established at Farmers Merchant Bank 840E/Avalon, Kuna, ID 83634. Published in the Idaho Statesman on 6/6/2006

Does anyone have the connection of J.M.C. Vaughter and the Carrington family? To what family does Mr. Vaughter belong?

Greenbrier Arkansas was incorporated as a town on April 5, 1880, with an estimated population of 300 people. Hardin Township at this time had 886 people and Cadron Township had 2,916 people. Between 1860 and 1880 some of the settlers attracted to this area were J.R. Wilson, Johnnie Love, Bob Lybarger, Jerry Cantrell, J.R. Donnell, J.E. Martin, John Dickens, Sam Cooper, Jackie Glover, J.M.C. Vaughter, and Dr. A. Hinkle.

Leonidas CARRINGTON b. 21 Feb 1834 in Gibson or Henderson CO., TN d. 28 Oct 1901 and is bu. in the Thorn Cemetery near Greenbrier, AR. Leonidas married first in 1856 in TN to Manassa DICKENS and second to Amanda M. WHITE who is also buried in the Thorn Cemetery near Greenbrier, AR.

Notes: Leonidas served in the Third Arkansas Union Cavalry during the Civil War. The third AR Cavalry was organized and mustered in at Little Rock, AR, Feb 1864. Mustered out 20 Aug 1864. Total enlistments 1421.

Obituary: L.M. Carrington Dead - L. M. Carrington died at his home in Greenbrier Monday night of pneumonia. His remains were laid to rest Tuesday at the Thorn Grave yard with Masonic honors. Mr.Carrington was one of the oldest and best citizens of the county. His death is a great loss to his family, the community in which he lived and the entire county. Among those who went out from Conway to attend the funeral were, J. M. C. Vaughter and wife and T. R. Douglass and wife

Understanding British Money

British coinage was not as badly confusing as some people think. Of course, coinage was for about three centuries in the Saxon period the penny. We had no other coinage. The D denoting a penny was from the Denarius of the Roman occupation which they tried to emulate in an attempt to keep the civilization of Rome going.

When the Saxon pennies were weighed it took 240 of them to make a pound in weight, hence our pound sterling.

In the Tudor period the shilling was coined although strangely the amount itself as a twentieth part of a pound was used on paper long before a coin of that value was minted.

That was the bare bones of our numismatic system. All others were merely fractions of those three levels of money, pounds, shillings and pence as we used to call it.

L for pound (Libra, = weighing scales), s for shilling, and d for pence.

Forget about pounds, think of multiples of shillings and pence.

a half-penny coin (1/2d)

a penny coin,(1d)

a three penny coin. (3d)

a six penny coin. (6d)

Next was double the sixpence, in other words, a shilling equal to 12 pence (1s).

There was a 1 shilling coin a two shilling coin a 2 1/2 shilling coin. It was known as a half crown but the crown had disappeared a long time ago. Above that value all were banknotes.

The Chariton Leader, Chariton, Iowa

Thursday, August 8, 1907

WILLIAM HORNER died on Tuesday, at the home of his son in Washington Township, the funeral occurring yesterday afternoon. He was well advanced in years and had been a long sufferer from kidney and kindred troubles. He

was a good man and held the respect of all who knew him. His companion passed to the great beyond last fall.

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'OBITUARY'

WILLIAM M. HORNER was born in Perry County, Ohio, July 25, 1830 and departed this life Aug. 6, 1907, aged 77 years and 12 days. He was married to JANE

FOWLER June 6, 1852, who departed this life Dec. 12, 1906. To this union

were born ten children, all living but two, JAMES WILLIAM who died in

Russell County, Kansas, some years ago, and SAVILLA JANE LEMLEY, who died in

1902. Those living are MARY VAWTER, of Waldo, Kan.; ELIAS D., G.W. and

SARAH PARR, of Lucas County; HENRY C., of Indian Territory; EUGENE W., of

Hoxie, Kan., and JOHN W. and ROBERT P. of Whitepine, Montana.

MR. HORNER was converted in the M.E. Church of which he was a member for 25

years, when he united with the Christian Church. The funeral was conducted

by Rev. D.H. Wood, and interment was made in Russell Cemetery.

### Montana Death Records 1930-1939

**Vawter, John G. – m. age 76, 23 Feb 1936, Hel 337**

The Chariton Leader, Chariton, Iowa

Saturday, March 24, 1877

MR. J.W. VAWTER, of Liberty Township, died of consumption last week. His family have the hearty sympathies of the country.

MR. VAWTER was an honest, upright man.

From Georgene:

This is the son of Hiram Vawter and Polly Good

John Wesley Vawter b. 4 May 1822 Orange/Madison Co., VA d. 15 Mar 1877 near Lucas, IA m. (1) Rachel Ann Kennedy or Kannady d. 6 Aug 1854 bur. Kennady cemetery Grand Co., KY m. (2) 10 Apr 1857 to Emily Jane Wheeler b. 12 Jan 1838 d. 30 Nov 1898. John and Emily are bur. Grimes Cem. near Lucas, IA.

The Chariton Leader, Chariton, Iowa

Saturday, March 15, 1879

We learn from MR. G.W. MCCULLOUGH, that a disastrous prairie fire ran over portions of Liberty Tp. on Wednesday of this week. The fire was set by some unknown person on Indian Creek and there being a strong wind it spread rapidly, destroying over three quarters of a mile of rail fence, and all the prairie hay belonging to MRS. VAWTER, also about 400 rails for A.G. PARR, a half mile string for BENJAMIN CLOUSE, and a lot of fence of MR. PALMER's and MILTON BROWNING's. There is a severe law against firing prairie in this State, and if the perpetrator of this fire should be discovered he will be prosecuted.

Oregon Republican League:

Republican League Register of Oregon,  
The Register Publishing Company, 1896,  
page 275.

VAWTER, WILLIAM I., of Medford, president of the Jackson County Bank, was born in Linn County, March 24, 1863, and graduated from the University of Oregon in 1886. He was principal of the Eugene public schools till 1888, when he established the bank at Medford. He is an earnest Republican, has been a delegate to county and state conventions and league meetings, a member of the congressional and state central committees, and chairman of the county central committee.

-Posted to the Genforum Vawter Family site by  
Tony Larson

## Elusive Ancestor - Poem by Merrell Kenworthy

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.  
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.  
He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.  
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.  
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.  
His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list  
of passengers to U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.  
So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.  
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;  
but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.  
No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.  
To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,  
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES.

## GREAT GIFT IDEA...VVV MEMBERSHIP

**Looking for a quick holiday gift idea for children,  
brothers or sisters, mom or dad, aunts or uncles,  
even grandchildren.**

**Why not a membership in the VVV Association?  
Only \$10 per year and each member receives the  
Association newsletter. Send your money to Laneil  
Vawter, Treasurer and give the gift of family,  
past, present and future.**

Tennessee State Library and Archives,  
Military Records, TN Confederate Pension  
Applications (soldiers and widows)  
NAME: Vaughter, John B.  
WIDOW: Vaughter, Sarah J.  
PENSION #: W4200  
COUNTY: Rutherford  
NAME: Vawter, A.J.  
PENSION #: S7505  
COUNTY: Carroll  
UNIT: 12th Inf.  
NAME: Vawter, Andrew Jackson.  
WIDOW: Vawter, Frances  
PENSION #: W6861  
COUNTY: Gibson  
NAME: Vawter, William H.  
WIDOW: Vawter, Margie  
PENSION #: W1678  
COUNTY: Gibson

Vauter(s), Vawter(s), Vaughter(s) in the  
Civil War

An index of service found by number, no names  
were given in this brief index.

Vauter 12 conf, 11 union

Vauters 2 conf, 2 union

Vawter 46 conf, 24 union

Vawters 4 conf, 8 union

Vaughter 18 conf, 3 union

Vaughters 4 conf, 1 union

Clay Co., TX - History: Byers High  
School Yearbook 1923  
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The following individuals are identified  
in the 1923 Hornet, the first yearbook  
of Byers High School, Byers, TX.  
Class status was listed only for juniors  
and seniors.

Vaughter, Gordon, jr

Vaughter, Hall, sr

## Page-Vawter House, Fayette, West Virginia –From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Page-Vawter House in the town of Ansted in Fayette County, West Virginia was built in 1898 by company carpenters of the Gauley Mountain Coal Company for the family of William Nelson Page, who was company president. The palatial white Victorian mansion is located on a knoll in the middle of town. William and Emma (née Gilham) Page raised their four children there, attended by a staff of 8 servants. According to author and railroad historian H. Reid in his book *The Virginian Railway* (Kalmbach, 1961), it was in this mansion that Page developed the plans for the coal-hauling Virginian Railway, which was financed by industrialist Henry Huddleston Rogers and became the "Richest Little Railroad in the World" after its completion in 1909. The nearby railroad town of Page was named for him. The mansion was later occupied by the family of Dr. Gene Vawter. In the 21st century, it still stands as evidence of the once-thriving coal business. The Page-Vawter mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This could be a stop on your trip to West Virginia next summer. Make your reservations today for a great upcoming reunion July 19-21, 2007.**

Journal of the Senate of the United States of America, 1789-1873  
THURSDAY, January 24, 1850.

Page 106, Mr. Walker, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom the documents relating to the claim of William Vawters were referred, reported the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to: Resolved, That the claim of the legal representatives of William Vawters being, as appears, for half pay, and there being law for the settlement of such claims, the memorial and accompanying documents be referred to the Secretary of the Interior for settlement.

The following letter (sent by email in October 2006) from Ellen is painting a beautiful picture of next summer's VVV reunion. Remember if you don't have your reservations in by December 31, you might not get a room. Of course, we will miss the fall colors, but I bet the green of summer will be a sight to behold.

Hello everyone!

Ned and I are ensconced at Blackwater Falls Lodge in Davis, West Virginia, after a six hour car trip, which was a study in contrasts. The temperature was 70 degrees when we left Virginia Beach at 9:00 this morning and the foliage summer green. When we rolled into the lodge parking lot at 3:30, the temperature was 42 degrees and the fall colors were at peak.

The rounded, heavily forested mountains of West Virginia were an amazing mass of the most vibrant shades of yellow, rust, red, orange, and green. It was absolutely breath taking. The mountain sides appeared to be carpeted in these brilliant colors. I couldn't stop saying, "Look! Look! Look!" like a five-year-old child. Acres and acres and miles and miles of this color extended as far as the eye could see, so brilliant it almost didn't seem real.

I was bundled in all the layers I could find, while Ned still wore flip flops and short sleeves (Hey I'm from the beach!). Well, I'm from the beach, too, but I've got enough sense to cover up when the temperature is in the low 40s.

Along the way, we were treated to the sight of rocky, shallow bottomed mountain streams, sheer rock faces, some covered with moss, sumac, and other colorful vines, and swaying, foot bridges suspended over chasms. We crossed the Eastern Continental Divide, and the south branch of the Potomac River. An abundance of cows, sheep and goats grazed amidst all the color. I hadn't thought about "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" in years, but seeing one of these very large horned animals made me ever so glad I wasn't the troll under the bridge.

This is my 3rd or 4th trip to West Virginia, and still one of my favorite places to "get away." I decided at least ten years ago that this state is one of the best kept secrets in the country. Now I'm not so sure it's a secret any more. There's entirely too much development, and there have been remarkable and disturbing changes since my first trip in the early 1990s.

Ned's and my purpose in making this trip is to plan our family reunion which will take place here in July of 2007. Now, to borrow words from Peggy Noonan, "I'm not sure I want any more outsiders like me coming here," discovering the vast, wild beauty, and contributing to the "improvements" which are all too apparent. Still, one can't stop progress, and I suppose the best course of action is to encourage people to see this amazing state before it suffers any further modernization. We should sleep well tonight. I'll be under all the blankets I can find!

Love, Ellen

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#### Old VVV Family Recipes

This recipe below has floated around the internet for a long time. Does anyone have any "old" family recipes they would like to share. If anyone knows which family Mavis belongs to, please let me know. Georgene

#### GREEN TOMATO RELISH BY MAVIS VAWTER Serving Size : 11 Pints

| Amount | Measure | Ingredient -- Preparation Method    |
|--------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 4      | qt      | Green tomatoes, chopped, - unpeeled |
| 1      | qt      | Onions finely chopped               |
| 2      | c       | Bell pepper, chopped                |
| 1/2    | c       | Hot peppers, chopped                |
| 2 1/2  | c       | White vinegar                       |
| 1/4    | c       | Pickling salt (not iodized)         |
| 1      | t       | Pickling spices                     |
| 4      | c       | White vinegar                       |

After vegetables are chopped, drain off liquid and discard. Combine ingredients in a dutch oven, bring to a boil and boil 20 minutes. Pour into hot sterilized pint jars. Leave 1/2-inch at top of jar. Put on hot lids and rings. Process 10 minutes in boiling water bath.



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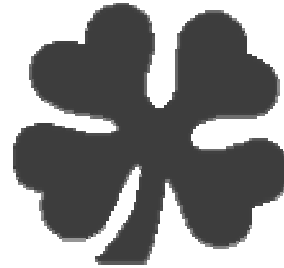
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See page 2 and 3 for complete details of the fun.  
Photo: Ellen checking out our fabulous vacation facility



2007 REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 19

- 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.....Registration
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.....Early Bird Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.....Introduction & Overview of Blackwater Falls Park
- 8:00 p.m.....Site Committee Meeting
- 9:00 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, July 20

- 7:00 a.m.....Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m.....Business Meeting
- 9:30 a.m.....Depart for Belington & Train Ride
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.....1<sup>st</sup> Genealogy Session
- 6:00 p.m.-.....Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.....Music by the Cheat Mountain Corksniffers  
folk music and square dancing.

Saturday, July 21

- 8:00.....Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:30.....2nd Genealogy Session
- 10:30 – Noon .....3rd Genealogy Session

Or... You are free to enjoy the sights and activities available throughout the area.

- 7:00 p.m..... Annual Banquet  
Invocation  
Meal  
Memorial Service  
Love Offering for Vauter’s Church  
**Special Recognition**  
Youngest & Oldest  
Couple Married Longest  
Longest Distance Traveled  
Roll Call of States  
Final Registration Report  
Invitation to 2006 Reunion  
Door Prizes  
Adjournment

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| <p><b>Reunion Meal Plans</b></p> <p>Thursday evening buffet of lasagna, spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage for \$9.95</p> <p>Friday evening will be fried chicken, cole slaw, vegetable, bread, dessert, beverage, for \$11.95.</p> <p>Saturday evening meal will be a three entree buffet with all the trimmings for \$13.95.</p> <p>Children under 12 are charged half price.<br/>Additional information in the June Newsletter</p> |
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Sunday, July 22

- 8:00 a.m.....Brief Service of Worship

Ellen Cummings has booked our association on the Tygart Flyer train for Friday, July 20th. This is for a 4 hour ride, leaving at 11:00 a.m. and returning at 3:00 in the afternoon. The drive from the lodge to Elkins, where the train departs, is approximately 45 minutes. We have reserved two cars for us, which seat 64 and 48. This looks like a fabulous experience. The fee will be \$15.00 per person, very reasonable, and a great buffet lunch at \$9.00.



**The New Tygart Flyer.** Travel in style aboard our premier rail excursion as you are transported deep into West Virginia's wilderness. The trip of 4 hours will feature two steep mountain grades, a unique "S curve" tunnel, several high bridges and many scenic mountain and river valley views.

As you travel onboard our trains, you begin to realize just how "wild" WILD, WONDERFUL WEST VIRGINIA really can be with over 350,000 acres of the Monongahela National Forest adjoining our route. Trips cover the entire length of the upper reaches of the Shaver's Fork River and extend along both forks of the Greenbrier River and a portion of the Tygart Valley River, too. These streams are some of the most isolated, picturesque bodies of water to be found anywhere and include waterfalls and cascades located in deep densely forested canyons, miles from the encroachments of civilization. We invite you to explore the "Wild Heart of West Virginia".



**After Dinner on Friday, July 20, Music and Entertainment and Square Dancing to the music of Cheat Mountain Corksniffers**

Gerry Milnes on fiddle, banjo and guitar; Jesse Milnes on fiddle and guitar; Sam Linkous on upright bass and guitar and Mary Alice Milnes, dance caller.

The Corksniffers play a wide variety of Old-Time music from West Virginia and beyond, from lively fiddle tunes and vocals to beautiful waltzes. They enjoy playing square dances and will have you tapping your toes and swinging your partner.

Gerry is a fulltime folklorist, author and filmmaker. Jesse is a fulltime award winning musician and instrument repairman. Sam has been playing Old-Time music for over 30 years and performed throughout the area. Mary Alice Milnes, a dance caller also teaches traditional dances.

Come one, come all.....A fun time will be had by all during and after our Friday night meal.



## IN REMEMBRANCE

### The Central Virginian July 7, 2006 Robert F. Vawter

Robert Franklin Vawter, 91, of Urbanna, formerly of Richmond, died Thursday, June 29, 2006.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 3 at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa.

He is survived by his daughter, Delores V. Terry of Richmond; a stepdaughter, Blythe Randolph of Atlanta, Georgia; a stepson, Deane Blythe of Troy, Michigan; and a brother, Clifton T. Vawter of Louisa.

He was a World War II United States Army veteran.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Central Middlesex Rescue Squad, Urbanna, VA 23175.

Woodward Funeral Home, Louisa, handled the arrangements

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### The Desert Sun Palm Springs, CA July 15, 2006 Rafaela Vawter

Rafaela Vawter, 60, of Cathedral City died July 5, 2006, in Palm Springs. She was born Dec. 15, 1945, to Rigoberto and Arsilia Pinon in San Juan, Texas. She married Frank Vawter on Feb. 23, 1987, in Cathedral City and was a homemaker. She is survived by two daughters, Laura Perez of Palm Springs and Arsilia Quintero of Cathedral City; three sons, Romeo Rodea of Desert Hot Springs, Gilbert Rodea of Indio and Ruben Rodea of Cathedral City; two sisters, Maria Garcia and Yolanda Aleman of Cathedral City; three brothers, Rigoberto and Manuel Pinon of Cathedral City and Juan Pinon of Palm Desert; and 18 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Vawter. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Wiefels & Son Funeral Directors in Palm Springs. Interment will be in San Juan, Texas, with Wiefels & Son Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

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### McKenzie Banner, McKenzie, TN SHERRY EUGENE "BULL" BULLINGTON 1924-2006

VALE: Sherry Eugene "Bull" Bullington, 81, of Vale died Sunday, October 15 at Life Care Center in Bruceton. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, October 17 at Dilday Funeral Home in Huntingdon with Rev. James Humphreys officiating. Interment followed in Pisgah Cemetery.

He was born September 22, 1924 in Carroll County to the late Paul and Olga Vawter Bullington. He was a member of New Hope Methodist Church, a retired employee at the Milan Arsenal, and a member of VFW Post 4349. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Bullington, and one daughter, Mary Bullington.

Survivors include: one daughter, Lynn Boothe of Huntingdon; three sons, Rodney Bullington of Atwood and Douglas Bullington and Dwight Bullington, both of Bruceton; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

### **Petit Jean County Headlight, Morrilton, AR, Faye S. Vaughter**

Faye Short Vaughter, 57, of Savannah, Ga., wife of Dr. James H. Vaughter died Thursday morning, Aug. 17, 2006, at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

Born in Morrilton, Ark., she was a daughter of the late Alvin Davis Short and Levoria Virginia (Hickman) Short. Faye was an active member of White Bluff United Methodist Church where she taught the senior high Sunday School class and was a member of the Seekers Sunday School Class.

She received her music degree from the University of Central Arkansas with an emphasis on piano. Faye previously served for more than 20 years as the pianist for the Bigelow Baptist Church, and was formerly a music teacher in the public schools in Arkansas, Tennessee and South Carolina.

Surviving are her husband of 14 years, Dr. James H. Vaughter of Savannah, Ga.; two sons, Donald L. Langston, Jr. and his wife, Peggy, of Bigelow, Ark., and Kevin L. Langston and his wife, Misty, of West Fork, Ark.; two brothers, including her twin brother, Ray G. Short and his wife, Libby, of Germantown, Tenn., and Bill A. Short and his wife, Judy, of Dallas, Texas; her brother-in-law, William R Vaughter Jr. of Savannah, Ga.; and six grandchildren, Jordan Langston, Spencer Langston, Madison Leach, Morgan Leach, Graham Langston and Abigail Langston.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Aug. 26, at Griffin Leggett Funeral Home in Conway, Ark.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that those who wish may make memorials to White Bluff United Methodist Church, 11911 White Bluff Road, Savannah, GA 31419.

Gamble Funeral Service, Savannah, is in charge of arrangements.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**The Coloradoan Oct 29, 2006 Fort Collins, CO. Phyllis Elizabeth Vawter Reed**, 90, passed away quietly at her home in Fort Collins on Oct. 12, 2006. Phyllis was the last surviving of six children of Bennie Beverly Vawter and Valera Crawford Vawter. She was born April 22, 1916, in Fowler. She attended public schools there, graduating from Fowler High School in 1934. Piano lessons in early childhood led to a lifelong love of music. As a student, Phyllis was soon in demand to play for meetings and functions of civic groups and service clubs. She enrolled at Colorado State Teachers' College (now University of Northern Colorado), learned to play the organ and obtained a teaching certificate in 1936. After teaching in Otero and Crowley county schools, Phyllis returned to Greeley and completed a bachelor of arts degree in 1942. She then taught first and second grade in Estes Park. There she met her future husband, Edward Reed, then on leave from military service. They married Jan. 2, 1946, after his discharge.

In Estes Park, the family grew from two to four with the births of a son and a daughter. The family moved to the thriving postwar Vet Village complex for G.I. Bill students and their families on Fort Collins' Colorado A & M College campus in 1951. After four years in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Phyllis and family settled permanently in Fort Collins in 1959. Here, Phyllis was a Colorado State University faculty wife until 1972. For 10 years after that, she worked first as the one-woman office staff of the locally based Ecology Consultants Inc., and then as a member of the Fort Collins office of Environmental Research and Technology.

First and foremost, however, Phyllis was a homemaker, a wonderful wife, and a loving caring mother and grandmother. She enjoyed gardening and the outdoors, crocheting and knitting, art and music, reading and genealogical research. Together with her husband, she spent a sabbatical year in Austria and traveled elsewhere in Europe and east Asia. Her life was long, full and happy.

Phyllis was preceded in death by two brothers, Alan and Max Vawter, and three sisters, Lillian Powers, Kathleen Stewart and Virginia Bradt. She is survived by a loving family: her husband of 60 years, Edward; a son, Dale, of Palo Alto, Calif.; a daughter, Jean Hauser, of Phoenix; two grandsons, Brian Hauser, of Dallas, and Geoffrey Hauser, of Phoenix; and a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. A celebration of life is planned for a future date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hospice Service of Larimer County.

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**The Herald-Sun 9 Apr 2006 DURHAM, NC - Mr. Leon Graham**, 78, died April 5, 2006. He served in the U.S. Army. He retired as a brick mason.

He was preceded in death by Eloise "Sweetnin" Joyner. They had four children: Robbin Jones (Leon), Faye Mims Barbee (James), Frank Mims and Rodney Williams.

He was married to Mary Graham and they had eight children: Robert Graham (Denise), Roy Lee, **Eva Vaughters** (Arnold), Leonard Graham, Janett Herring, Tracy Wilson, Stevens Graham, and Deon Johnson. He had four sisters, 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m., Holloway Funeral Home; visitation one hour prior to the funeral.

**The Daily News Journal Murfreesboro, TN, Florence Ella Vaughter Malone**, age 94 of Murfreesboro. died May 29, 2006 at Community Care of Rutherford County. She was the founder and operator of Malone's Residential Care Home.

South Bend Tribune (IN) July 23, 2006

**Marie V. Hawkins**, 97, formerly of Mishawaka, passed away in the early morning hours on Friday, July 21, 2006, in the Lutheran Home and Services of Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Marie was born on December 4, 1908, in Whitthorne, Tennessee, to the late **Horace and Emily (Burrow)Vawter**. In May 1953 she married Russell Hawkins in Milan, Tennessee. He preceded her in death on March 7, 1971. Marie was employed at Robertson's Department Store in South Bend. She retired in 1974 after being employed with Robertson's for 15 years.

Marie is survived by her daughter, Peggy Brown of Arlington Heights, Illinois, along with seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Ann St. John; a grandson, Larry St. John; three sisters and two brothers. Funeral services are to be held in the funeral chapel at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 25th, with Rev. Scott Smith officiating. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Mishawaka.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

*Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville The Times, Gainesville, Ga., July 10, 2006*

Havard B. Harben, 79, of Dawsonville died Sunday, July 9, 2006, at Northside Forsyth Hospital following a brief illness. A lifelong resident of Dawson County, Mr. Harben was a retired employee of Dawson County and was a member of Juno Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, Grady Harben; mother, Ida Reed Harben; and brothers, Herbert H. Harben, Roy D. Harben and Warren G. Harben.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Irene Burt Harben, Dawsonville; children, Stevie and Linda Harben and Vickie and W.C. Quarles, all of Dawsonville; grandson, Shannon Harben, Dawsonville; sisters and brothers-in-law, **Beatrice and George Vaughters** and Aline and Lawton Burt, all of Dawsonville; brothers and sisters-in-law, Clifton and Ruby Harben and Gary and Gail Harben, all of Dawsonville; sisters-in-law, Arlene Swafford, Luna Harben and Maude Harben, all of Dawsonville; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at Juno Baptist Church. The remains will be placed in state at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Tim Bidy and the Rev. Leonard W. Ridings will officiate. Interment will be in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Juno Baptist Church Building Fund, 3185 Elliott Family Parkway, Dawsonville, GA 30534.

*Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville The Times, Gainesville, Ga., Nov. 15, 2006*

Luna V. Harben, 84, of Dawsonville passed away Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at Gold City Convalescent Center following an extended illness. Mrs. Harben was a native and lifelong resident of Dawson County. She was a homemaker and a member of Bethel Baptist Church. Mrs. Harben was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Harben; daughter, Clara Bearden; son, Len Harben; an infant daughter; son-in-law, Dorsey Bearden; her parents, **Homer and Emma Vaughters**; brother and sister-in-law, **Boyd and Wilma Vaughters**; and a brother-in-law, Artis Bruce.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Ruby Jane and Garry Bearden, Dawsonville; son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd and Jan Harben, Dawsonville; sister, Lelia Bruce, Dawsonville; grandchildren, Carrie and Brooke Anderson, Clint and Jamey Bearden, Laura and Bo Cox, Deedra and Chad Cofield, Heather and Drew Allen, Sid Bearden, Samantha and David Crane; great-grandchildren, Grace Anderson, Rob Cox, Chris and Chase Cofield, Andrew and Janna Allen, Jacob Bearden and Leonard Crane. A large number of other relatives also survive.

Funeral services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, from Bethel Baptist Church. The Rev. Harold Evans, the Rev. Leonard W. Ridings and the Rev. Lawton Burt will officiate. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Flowers will be accepted. However, in lieu of flowers those desiring to do so may make contributions to the Bethel Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o **Clayton Vaughters** 3165 Highway 136 West, Dawsonville, GA 30534.

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**The Victoria Advocate, Victoria, TX, Gloria Vawter**

Gloria Vawter age 77 died Tuesday, 7 Feb 2006 El Campo, TX

**The Tuscaloosa News 13 Oct 2006 Willie Lee Vawters**

Moundville, Willie Lee Vawters, age 68, of Moundville, died Oct 11, 2006 at UAB Medical Center in Birmingham Services will be 2 p. m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Moundville, AL

Obituaries - 6/20/2006 By: North County Times and The Californian -

OCEANSIDE - Clara Beatrice Simpson, 87, died of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and heart disease, Friday, June 16, 2006, at the La Costa branch of the San Diego Hospice. Born Nov. 14, 1918, in Galeton, Colo., she lived in Oceanside for 20 years. Mrs. Simpson was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Howard Simpson.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Bert Powell, **Sandy and Jim Vawter**; son and daughter-in-law Steven and Hillary Simpson; son and companion Scott Simpson and Becky Davis; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Saturday, July 1, at her granddaughter, Tamara Tate's home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Habitat for Humanity, 10222 San Diego Mission Road, San Diego, CA 92108. Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills is handling the arrangements.

10/21/2006 The Cleveland, OH newspaper The Morning Journal  
Fred Deering to leave Erie MetroParks board By RICHARD PAYERCHIN , Sandusky Bureau Chief

**HURON TOWNSHIP -- A newcomer will take a seat on Erie MetroParks' board of commissioners at the beginning of 2007, replacing longtime Commissioner Fred Deering.**

Micah Vawters of Perkins Township will take a seat on the three-member board Jan. 1, according to the appointment made by Judge Roger E. Binette of the Erie County Common Pleas Court.

Vawters will take the seat held by Deering, who came to the park board after a decades-long career in other public service posts.

"As a close and personal family friend, I am confident Micah will prove to be a valuable asset to our community by serving on this board," Binette said. "He is a man of character, of integrity and honesty. As a man of faith, he has strong convictions of 'right and wrong,' and lives by those convictions daily. He is a humble man, willing to listen and learn from his fellow citizens. He is not a person who seeks the limelight, but chooses to be a leader by example. He understands the need for parks in our community and the benefits they offer. Yet, he holds a great respect for the property rights of our citizens, ensuring constitutional accountability of our government's actions."

A Medina native, Vawters is an Army Reserve veteran, a 14-year employee with Ford Motor Co. and a member of United Auto Workers Local 2000. A Democrat, Vawters will be the first African-American to serve as a commissioner on the board.

Vawters also is the husband of Binette's judicial administrator and official court reporter, Sherma Vawters, and their family has long enjoyed the using the parks with their two children for exercise, recreation, summer camps, scouting programs and soccer, the judge said.

Georgia Southern University is seeking nominations for the 2007 Golden Award, which honors the state's best composition teacher.

The Marv Vawter Scholarship provides \$1,500 to a student pursuing a career in advertising.

Applications are due by Dec. 15. They are available online at [www.savannahadfed.com](http://www.savannahadfed.com) or through area college financial aid offices. For additional information, please visit [www.savannahadfed.com](http://www.savannahadfed.com) or call (912) 507-7617.

## In Remembrance

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home, Canton, IL

**Donald Irvin Vawter**, December 4, 1938 - October 8, 2006, age 67 of 128 Pecan died Sunday October 8, 2006 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born on December 4, 1938 in Farmington to Harry and Edith (Gilstrap) Vawter. He married Alice Scott on November 3, 1957 in Farmington, she survives.

Also surviving are one son **Randy Lee Vawter** of Canton, one daughter Candy Lynn (Mike) Russell of Canton, one brother **Richard (Pat) Vawter** of Farmington, one sister Connie (Paul) Bugos of Farmington, three grandsons Shawn, Matt, and Phillip Russell all of Canton. Two granddaughters Katie(Tim) Peters of Chillicothe, and Kim Vawter of Canton. Also surviving are one aunt Mary Simpson of Peoria, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was a meat cutter for A&P Grocery in Canton for 18 years, he then worked as a meat merchandiser for several years, and he last worked at Sav-A-Lot grocery store in Pekin. He was a member of the Morning Star Lodge 734 AF & AM in Canton and the First Baptist Church in Canton.

Funeral services were held Thursday at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Canton, Rev. Keith Jones will officiate. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Canton. Memorials may be made to his church or the American Cancer Society, or to his Masonic Lodge.

**Post Independent (Denver) by Donna Gray Post Independent Staff, March 12,2006**

## **If anyone can answer the question " Will history repeat itself?," it's Glen Vawter**

Vawter was at ground zero in western Colorado during the oil shale boom and bust of the 1980s. He's back at it again as a consultant on an oil shale research project in the Piceance Basin.

He will speak about the history and future of oil shale in western Colorado at the Friends of the Library Winter Lecture Series at the Glenwood Springs Library, at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Even before the boom of the 1970s and '80s, when Vawter was an engineer with The Oil Shale Corp., a partner with Exxon in the Colony Oil Shale Project, the rock that burned was known as a precious resource.

Back in the 1920s, when automobiles were taking over mass transportation from the horse, gasoline was a relatively scarce commodity.

Before the big oil fields of Texas and California were discovered, "oil prices skyrocketed," Vawter said, "and that brought prospectors to Colorado."

Oil shale was known to the aboriginal inhabitants of Colorado, who may have used it for medicine, he said. Immigrants from Scotland brought a retort process, which involves heating the rock to release the liquid oil or kerosene, to America.

Before the turn of the century, oil from shale was used in lamps.

In the 1920s, entrepreneurs looking to strike it rich with oil shale set up a demonstration retort in Chicago to lure investors, Vawter said. "It was very promotional. There were a lot of scams."

By the mid-1920s, oil was discovered in quantity. Oil shale prices plummeted and the first bust was on in western Colorado. By World War II, the Navy was concerned about strategic supplies of oil and set aside land in Colorado and Utah as the Naval Oil Shale Reserve, to ensure the country had long-term supply.

The oil shale industry began moving toward commercial production in the 1960s, Vawter said, and that's when he first came into the picture. Even then people were worried about the future of oil especially in relation to OPEC - Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

In 1964, The Oil Shale Corp. was formed and Vawter came on as a petroleum engineer. He worked at Tosco, as the company came to be called, on a prototype retort process which Exxon used in its oil shale production at the Colony Project in Parachute, then called Grand Valley.

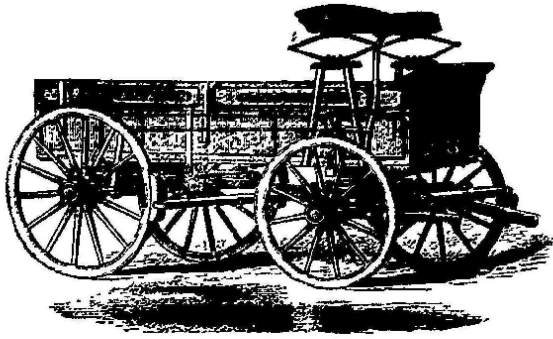
As many feared, OPEC curtailed oil supplies to the United States in 1972. Thus began the rush to find alternative sources of oil.

Coincident to the buildup of the Colony Project, Tosco bought thousands of acres of land on Battlement Mesa for a subdivision to house all the workers who would come into the area when oil shale went to commercial production.

But that development did not play out as expected. Instead, the money for oil shale development dried up, helped along by a then record-breaking downturn in the stock market when the energy for oil shale deflated like a busted balloon. Tosco sold out its 40 percent share in Colony to Exxon, including its interest in Battlement Mesa. Exxon pulled out of Colony and Parachute on May 2, 1982.

Vawter stayed on in oil shale for several years working for Occidental Petroleum at its oil shale project in Utah. In the latest chapter of oil shale development, Vawter is once again at ground zero. Now employed as a consultant to EGL Resources, he is helping the company craft an experimental extraction process for removing oil from shale on a Bureau of Land Management lease in the Piceance Basin.

**WAGONS ! WAGONS ! !**



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VAWTER & CO., AGENTS.**

We have on hand and will be receiving by First Boats via Fort Benton, all Sizes, from a Light Two Horse to a Heavy Freight Wagon All Sizes of the Celebrated **FISH BRO'S** and **BAIN WAGONS**, which we will sell as low as the same are sold at Corinne Also a general assortment of

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**VAWTER & CO.,**  
BROADWAY, HELENA, M. T.

1876.  1876.  
**OVERLAND Freight Line.**

The Helena Independent newspaper 20 October 1875.  
Benton Items.  
Pekins train arrived from Cow Island yesterday, and the remainder of the freight of the Mead and Benton will be in during the coming week. Among the consignments are the following: W. S. Wetzel & Co, Benton 44,320 pounds; C. L. Vawter & Co., Helena, 2 wagons and 2,984 pounds; T. C. Power & Bro., Benton, 3 buggies and 15,667 pounds.....

The Independent Helena , March 10, 1875, advertisement of Vawter & Co., the ad to the left ran for several months in 1875 and 1876.

The Helena Independent 1 Jul 1881. St. Louis Flour, just received one carload Plant's Extra St. Louis Flour. C. L. Vawter, Broadway

John Grey Vawter and sons Cornelius L. , John G. (jr) and Benjamin S. were freighters, grocers and true western pioneers. The whole story of their lives can be found on the [www.vawterfamily.org](http://www.vawterfamily.org) website. John G, son of Philemon, son of David Vawter, also related to Richard Vawter thru wife of David Vawter, Anne. Both David and Richard sons of John, son of Bartholomew Vawter.

The Helena Daily Independent, Sunday, May 29, 1932 by A. Nash, narrated by John G. Vawter, Jr (Excerpted from a larger article, found on the website) The last Journey  
In 1877 Col. Vawter placed an order with the wholesale dealers in St. Louis for a load of groceries to be shipped by boat to Fort Benton. The old "Key West" was loaded, mostly with this order, and started up the Missouri river for Fort Benton, a 3,000 mile journey by the river route. Several days after it started on the trip, Col. Vawter and his son, John, boarded the boat at Yankton, Dakota territory, as it was then known. Fate had decreed that this should be the last trip for the pioneer merchant. The next morning after they started up the river, he complained that a pimple on the back of his neck was causing him trouble, and he requested his son to look at it and see what he could do to help. After inspection the son reported "no pimple there." A day or two later it had developed into a carbuncle of a malignant type. The merchant was suffering much pain, but he refused to land and seek the professional services of an army surgeon at one of the forts along the river. He regarded it as very important that he should go on to Fort Benton. An army surgeon boarded the boat at Fort Sully. He examined Col. Vawter and declared the case fraught with serious danger. He made the declaration that the patient would not reach Fort Benton alive. His advice was to land and seek medical attention at a hospital conveniently located near the Missouri river. Col. Vawter said to his son: "These doctors are trying to make me believe that I am going to die because of this little trouble on the back of my neck, but I am going on to Fort Benton." An army surgeon was secured at Fort Peck to accompany him on the trip to Fort Benton. When the boat reached a point near the mouth of the Musselshell river, the merchant passed peacefully away.

## A FRIEND

Around the corner I have a friend  
In this great city that has no end,  
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,  
And before I know it, a year is gone  
And I never see my old friend's face,  
For life is a swift and terrible race,  
He knows I like him just as well,  
As in the days when I rang his bell,  
And he rang mine.  
If, we were younger then,  
And now we are busy, tired men.  
Tired of playing a foolish game,  
Tired of trying to make a name.  
"Tomorrow" I say, "I will call on Jim"  
"Just to show that I'm thinking of him."  
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,  
And distance between us grows and grows.  
Around the corner - yet miles away,  
"Here's a telegram sir-"  
"Jim died today."  
And that's what we get and deserve  
in the end.  
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

If you love someone, tell them.  
Remember always to say what you mean.  
Never be afraid to express yourself.  
Take this opportunity to tell someone  
what they mean to you.  
Seize the day and have no regrets.  
Most importantly, stay close to your  
friends and family, for they have helped  
make you the person that you are today  
and are what it's all about anyway.



The Kinmundy Express", Kinmundy, Ill

Dec. 12, 1918: - Mrs. Mack HUMPHREY died at her home in Bridgeport on Tuesday following influenza. She is the daughter of J. H. VAWTER of Salem.

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1897 City Directory, Des Moines, IA page 571  
Vawter, Flora K. clk, res 1218 28<sup>th</sup>  
Vawter, Keith (Vawter & Sons), res 1218 28<sup>th</sup>  
Vawter Renn res 1218 28th  
Vawter & Sons (Keith Vawter), book store 1215 25<sup>th</sup>,  
res 1218 28<sup>th</sup>

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Tacoma, Washington 1921 City Directory page 758  
Vauter, Bessie A Sten r. 811 E. 63d  
- Jas A. (Clara K) agt. h. 811 E. 63d  
- Jas A. jr. r. 811 E. 63d

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Vawter, Bross (Alice) gro 6447 S. Puget Sound ave h.  
6402 S. Warner  
- Chas E. clk r. 6402 S. Warner  
- Clarence H. (Lillian) lab h 6014 S. Lawrence  
- Harry L. (Mary) clk h 5607 S. Clement Av

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DuPage County Register (Bensenville, IL) 21 July  
1939. Mrs. Paul E. Vawter will be hostess to friends  
from Evanston and Park Ridge at 1:00 o'clock  
luncheon bridge, tomorrow

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Cook County Herald (Arlington Heights, IL) 17 Jan  
1941. Mrs. Paul Vawter, So. Chestnut ave. was  
hostess Monday to eight guests who enjoyed a bridge

1902 Photograph of Charles E. Vawter, Industrial Educator, Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute later, Virginia State University. Captain Charles E. Vawter was rector of the Board of Visitors from 1902 until his death in 1905. Captain Vawter served in the Confederacy along with 3 of his brothers during the War Between the States.

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New Orleans Passenger Lists, 1820-1945  
Arrival Date: 24 Dec 1912 New Orleans, LA  
Departure from Bocas Del Toro and Colon,  
Panama  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Vawter both age 40 from  
Iowa  
Ship: Atenas

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"If you would not be forgotten,  
As soon as you are dead and rotten,  
Either write things worthy of reading,  
Or do things worthy of writing."  
--Benjamin Franklin, May 1738

**Vaughters Burkhalter, son of Sally Vaughters and Peter Burkhalter,  
grandson of Whorton Vaughters**

Tattnall-Liberty County GaArchives Deed.....Burkhalter, Vaughters - Waters, William August 2, 1850  
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<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/ga/gafiles.htm>

19 acres, originally part of 200 acres granted to William Ellis Written: August 2, 1850  
Recorded: November 7, 1850

Georgia, Tattnall County. This indenture made and entered into this second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty between William Waters of the one part and Vaughters Burkhalter of the other part. Witnesseth that the said William Waters for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars cash to him in hand paid at and before the signing sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold and conveyed unto the said Vaughters Burkhalter his heirs and assigns nineteen acres of land more or less it being a part of a tract of land granted to William Ellis said tract of land containing two hundred acres of land in Liberty County when surveyed but now Tattnall and on the waters of Beards Creek said granted being dated February 13th, 1806 as a plat of the same do represent. To have and to hold said tract or parcel of land unto him the said Vaughters Burkhalter her heirs and assigns together with all and singular the right members and appurtenances belonging thereto to his own use benefit and behalf forever in fee simple and I the said William Waters for myself my heirs and assigns the said bargained premises unto the said Vaughters Burkhalter his heirs and assigns will warrant and forever defend the right and title thereof against themselves from ever laying any manner or claim to the above mentioned premises in witness wharof the said William Waters hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed sealed and delivered in presents of Benj. F. Dowdy, Josiah Grooms Signed William Waters (L.S.) Georgia, Tattnall County

Personally appeared before me Charles Blount one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said county Benj. F. Dowdy and after being duly sworn deposeth and said that he saw William Waters sign seal and deliver the within deed and he also saw Josiah Grooms signs as a witness and the he signed as a witness also.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 18th of Oct. 1850., Charles Blount J.I.C.  
Recorded this 7 November 1850, James B. Smith Clerk

Benj.

**Bridwell Library Manuscript Letters and Documents Collection**

**Ministerial Orders and Ordination Certificates**

Fisher, Fred B., Local Preacher's License, 1902, July 15, Methodist Episcopal Church, North Indiana Annual Conference, Kokomo District, Grace Church Quarterly Conference, signed by H. N. Herrick, President, and Frank M. Vawter, Secretary, at Kokomo, Indiana. ADS

**GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS FROM REPORTED DEATHS**

**THE NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE 1915-1919; 1929** August 9, 1918. JULIA ELLEN JOHNSON daughter of Elliott and Julia Pack Vawter, born Mercer Co., W. Va., April 18, 1846; moved with parents to Monroe Co., W. Va.; married James M. Johnson, Oct. 31, 1867; died Bromhurst, W. Va., May 5, 1918.

*Winfield Courier*, August 21, 1884. (KS) A few of the faithful Democrats met in conclave last Saturday and elected as delegates to the state convention C. G. Thompson, D. Cole, R. Hite, E. Harned, T. McIntire, S. L. Gilbert, and Dr. Jamison Vawter. They meet in Topeka today (Wednesday) to re-nominate G. W. Glick.



US Census (not complete)

Kentucky

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| 1860 | Jeptha Vaughter    | Anderson Co  | page 456 |
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| 1830 | Richard Vanter     | Fayette Co   | page 280 |
| 1840 | Richard Vawter     | Fayette Co   | page 115 |
| 1850 | Sarah Vaughter     | Fayette Co   | page 119 |
| 1830 | Henry Vaughter     | Franklin Co  | page 149 |
| 1840 | H. Vawter          | Franklin Co  | page 299 |
| 1850 | Jephetha D. Vanter | Franklin Co  | page 065 |
| 1820 | Jesse Vaughter     | Jessamine Co | page 074 |
| 1850 | Albert Vaughter    | Kenton Co    | page 201 |
| 1860 | Paschal Vaughter   | Rowan Co     | page 629 |
| 1850 | W. Vaughter        | Trimble Co   | page 40  |
| 1800 | William Vawter     | Woodford Co  |          |
| 1810 | Edmond F. Vawter   | Woodford Co  | page 399 |
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| 1800 | Philemon Vauter    | Boone Co     |          |
| 1830 | Hiram Vawter       | Boone Co     | page 276 |
| 1830 | Joseph E. Vanter   | Monroe Co    | page 396 |
| 1840 | Joseph E. Vauter   | Monroe Co    | page 245 |
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| 1860 | Jeptha Vaughter    | Anderson Co  | page 456 |
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| 1830 | Richard Vanter     | Fayette Co   | page 280 |
| 1840 | Richard Vawter     | Fayette Co   | page 115 |
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| 1810 | Elliott Vanter     | Gallatin Co  | page 194 |
| 1830 | Eliott Vanter      | Todd Co      | page 382 |
| 1830 | Jesse Vawter       | Oldham Co    | page 289 |
| 1830 | William Vawter     | Jennings Co  | page 154 |
| 1840 | Smith Vawter       | Jennings Co  | page 222 |
| 1840 | D. J. Vawter       | Henry Co     | page 295 |
| 1840 | Edmund R. Vawter   | Johnson Co   | page 295 |
| 1850 | Hiram Vanter       | Grant Co     | page 331 |
| 1850 | H. L. Vanter       | Owen Co      | page 191 |

Mississippi

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|------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1840 | A. Vauter        | Tishomingo Co | page 239/29 |
| 1840 | John Vauter      | Tishomingo Co | page 239/29 |
| 1840 | L. D. Vawter     | LaFayette Co  | page 178/18 |
| 1850 | Alonza D. Vawter | LaFayette Co  | page 275    |
| 1840 | Asa S. Vawter    | Monroe C      | opage 065/5 |
| 1870 | W. J. Vawters    | Tippah Co     | page 237    |
| 1850 | Asa S. Vawter    | Lowndes Co    | page 052    |

New York

|      |                 |                |          |
|------|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| 1820 | John Vaughter   | Genesee Co     | page 151 |
| 1820 | Josiah Vaughter | Westchester Co | page 277 |
| 1860 | James Vorter    | Westchester Co | page 451 |

North Carolina

|      |                    |           |              |
|------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1810 | Beverly Vaughter   | Stokes Co | page 093/122 |
| 1800 | John Vawter        | Stokes Co | page 593     |
| 1810 | John Vaughter      | Stokes Co | page 104/138 |
| 1820 | John Vaughter      | Stokes Co | page 373     |
| 1820 | Rusel Vaughter     | Stokes Co | page 373     |
| 1810 | Russell Vaughter   | Stokes Co | page 104/138 |
| 1820 | Shadwell Vaughter  | Stokes Co | page 373     |
| 1820 | Bradford Vaughter  | Stokes Co | page 373     |
| 1830 | Bradford Vaughter  | Stokes Co | page 272     |
| 1840 | Bradford Vaughter  | Stokes Co | page 167     |
| 1840 | Chardwell Vaughter | Stokes Co | page 167     |
| 1840 | George T. Vaughter | Stokes Co | page 167     |
| 1840 | John M. Vaughter   | Stokes Co | page 135     |
| 1810 | Elizabeth Vaughter | Stokes co | page 105     |
| 1850 | John Vaughter      | Surry Co  | page 282     |
| 1860 | John Vaughter      | Surry Co  | page 591     |

Texas

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| 1846 | Lewis Vaughter   | Panola Co      |          |
| 1850 | A. L. Vauter     | Panola Co      | page 174 |
| 1846 | Lucinda Vaughter | Panola Co      |          |
| 1850 | Lucinda Vauter   | Panola Co      | page 174 |
| 1860 | L. D. Vawters    | Nacogdoches Co | page 165 |
| 1880 | Madeson Vorter   | Goliad Co      | page 337 |

Wisconsin

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|------|---------------|---------|----------|
| 1850 | Lester Vorter | Rock Co | page 291 |
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West Virginia

|      |                 |                |          |
|------|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| 1810 | William Vawter  | Monroe Co (VA) | page 5   |
| 1820 | William Vawter  | Monroe Co (VA) | page 186 |
| 1830 | Margarat Vauter | Monroe Co (VA) | page 042 |
| 1840 | Ellitt Vawter   | Monroe Co (VA) | page 181 |
| 1850 | James Vawter    | Monroe Co (VA) | page 373 |
| 1850 | John Vawter     | Monroe Co (VA) | page 393 |
| 1860 | James Vawter    | Monroe Co (VA) | page 101 |

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|------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| 1860 | John H. Vawter   | Monroe Co (VA) | page 105 |
| 1870 | Mary A. Vaughter | Monroe Co      | page 440 |
| 1870 | Julias Vaughter  | Upshur Co      | page 434 |

Pennsylvania

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|------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 1830 | Thadore Vorter | Pike Co   | page 008 |
| 1840 | John Vanter    | Greene Co | page 018 |

Ohio

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|------|-------------------|------------|----------|
| 1840 | Richard Vaughters | Jackson Co | page 044 |
| 1850 | Richard Vaughters | Jackson Co | page 331 |
| 1850 | Henry Vaughters   | Scioto Co  | page 076 |
| 1850 | John Vaughters    | Scioto Co  | page 076 |
| 1850 | Banton S Vawter   | Ross Co    | page 234 |
| 1850 | Milton Vawter     | Ross Co    | page 233 |

Oregon

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|------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| 1860 | Cyrus Vaughters | Linn Co | page 335 |
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South Carolina

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| 1790 | Cornelius Vaughters | Richland Co | page 0089 |
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New Jersey

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| 1870 | John Vawters | Passaic Co | page 456 |
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Missouri

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| 1850 | Henry Vanter   | Callaway Co | page 298 |
| 1850 | William Vanter | Monroe Co   | page 73  |

This is only a sample and is not complete of the U S Census for the Vawter/Vauter/Vaughter family. Many other spellings should not be dismissed as census takers were not always good spellers. Additional census records will continue in another issue.

Send your queries, questions, articles and other news to the editor, we would like to include as many family lines as possible. Family stories, recipes, pictures, events, birth, death and marriage. The newsletter is your bulletin board of information. Looking for someone or something special, send along a note, lots of people are looking for the same ancestors or family members.

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Huntington, West Virginia 1994

Vawter, George W. History of Greenville Community, Monroe County, West Virginia. 1928. (W975.478  
V291h) (excerpted)

The first house in Greenville was built for James Vawtor, uncle of the writer, and stood where Frank Maddy now lives. This home was built by John Houchins in 1844. The next house was a store constructed for the use of my father and uncle, James Vawter, and stood just about on the location of the present J. F. Maddy's store. The third house was the Logan-Shanklin home, in which he kept a hotel. There was a store house built about this date on the corner where R. H. Arnott's store now stands, in which Baldwin Ballard and his brother John carried on a general mercantile business. What is now Greenville was known at that time as Centerville. In the course of a lot sale in the town, John Houchins bought two lots, one opposite the Presbyterian Church, where he constructed a building, in which he ran a carding machine by horse-power. The Methodist Parsonage was built at a very early date. About the same time a dwelling house was put up by Jim Lawrence, in which Dr. Shannon Butt lived. Dr. Butt was the father of Dr. Henry Butt who had for years the largest country practice that any physician ever had in Monroe County. Not far from this time Anderson McNeer put up a tobacco factory, and his brother John a tannery.

The first school in the vicinity of Greenville was taught by William Shanklin to whom reference was made above. It was located in a house about half way between his own and that of John C. Ballard. The first school house in Greenville stood on the point of the ridge, below the Methodist Church. It had but one window, and that a small one containing eight panes of glass, size 8 by 10 inches. The earliest teacher mentioned was Henderson Ellis who certainly was on the job in 1857.

A brief history of Peterstown Community, West Virginia. This is an excerpt of a longer article.

The first home in what is now Peterstown was the Jim Ed. Spangler house, recently destroyed by fire. This house was built here by Christian Peters at some time shortly before the year 1800. Peterstown was laid off into lots and streets in 1801 by Peters and at first contained 18 1/2 acres. It became a town by the Act of the Virginia Legislature January 4, 1804, although at that time there were no more than two houses here. The first trustees or council were William Vaughter, Edward Willis, John McCroskey, Henry McDaniel and Hugh Caperton. Probably none of them lived in Peters town at that time and some of them never lived in the town.

### Black Hawk War ca 1832, western Frontier (IL)

Mary H.6 Vawter, Beverly5, Russell4, Richard3, John2, Barth1

Mary "Polly" H. Vawter b. 14 Dec 1807 d. 3 Aug 1840 McDonough Co., IL

Furnished by Marvin T. Jones, 7890 158<sup>th</sup> Ave., SE Wyndmere, ND 58081, from the book *Some Descendants of Ephraim Pennington, Rowan Co., NC, including those of Pennington Point, McDonough Co., IL* by Marvin T. Jones. Private pub.

Thomas Jefferson Pennington b. 10 Mar 1810 East Fork Ck, Barren Co., KY d. 27 Sep 1875 Industry, McDonough Co., IL. He m. (1) 29 Nov 1827 Monroe Co., KY to Polly Vawter m. (2) 15 Apr 1841, Industry, McDonough Co., IL to Mary Jane Smithers dau. of Thomas Smithers and Nancy Anderson. Thomas was the son of John Stewart Pennington. He was but 17 when he married Polly, soon after marriage they moved to McDonough Co., IL. In 1832, Thomas joined a battalion of men which was raised in the county to serve in the Black Hawk War. They marched to Oquawka and were stationed there for the purpose of guarding the frontier. "They were out eighty-six days, but performed no special service. They drew their rations regularly ate heartily, played euchre, and visited the friendly Indian camps on the opposite side of the river."

## David and Lucinda (Glover) Vawter Old VVV Recipe

David was the 9<sup>th</sup> child of Philemon Vawter (David Vawter and Mary Offitt) and Anne Vawter (Richard Vawter and Frances Towles). David and Richard, sons of John Vawter, son of Bartholomew.

David Vawter b. 21 Jan 1800 in KY d. 13 Jul 1845 m. 23 Apr 1823 to Lucinda Glover (sister of James Glover). Lucinda b. 8 Jul 1805 d. 20 Dec 1857. David traded down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, running to Natchez and New Orleans. In 1832, he built his first steamboat, the Bravo. He later owned a number of steamboats running on the Mississippi and as high up the Red river as they could go. He sold out and moved to Texas in 1844 where he bought a large tract of land. David died one week before his mother's death.

From the book *Romantic Recipes of the Old South*, copy right 1950 by Imperial Sugar Co., Sugar Land, TX comes the following:

The Vawter Plantation in Louisiana was a center of hospitality, as were many of the plantations of the south. Governors, senators, writers and artists were among its guests. All were enthralled by the unusual foods prepared by the wrinkled colored cook. They especially complimented the Sorghum Molasses Cookies and often asked for them on subsequent visits.

### Cookies

|                |                     |                                       |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 cup molasses | 1 cup boiling water | 2 teaspoons salt                      |
| 1 cup sugar    | 1 tablespoon ginger | 6 cups flour (enough for stiff dough) |
| 1 cup butter   | 4 teaspoons soda    |                                       |

Combine molasses, butter and sugar in sauce pan; place over low heat until mixture begins to boil. Add 1 cup boiling water and ginger. Pour into large mixing bowl and stir in 2 teaspoons of soda. (This makes a foamy mixture) Add flour sifted with salt and remaining 2 teaspoons of soda. Mix well. Chill dough and then roll thin and cut into desired shape. Place 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake in moderately hot oven (375) for 10-12 min. Makes 7 dozen, 3 inch cookies.

In the book *Ferry Across The Sabine* by Bobby Sterrett, Jefferson, TX an excerpt mentioning the Vawter family. "Mrs. Lucinda Vawter, a widow with a large family, sold her Louisiana plantation adjoining John Craig in 1845 and purchased the ferry operation on the Sabine River at Grand Bluff, TX."

### Louisiana Census

1840 David Vauters Claiborne Parish page 112

1846 State Census, Panola Co., TX Panola Co., Lucinda Vaughter

#431 Vauter Lucenda 45 F W widow KY REMARKS: Lucenda Glover Vawter w/o David Vawter

Vauter John 21 M W Clerk KY - REMARKS: m Mary Durkee

Vauter David 15 M W IN - REMARKS: M.D. m. Nancy Weir

Vauter Martha 12 F W IN - REMARKS: m J. C. White

Vauter Eugene F. 4 M W TX

A grandson of Lucinda relates this story about the river:

George Lewis Vawter writes to Grace Vawter Bicknell for her book *Vawter Family in America* of 1905. "An account of the family would not 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 more 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 would 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 the contract of sale that 'Aunt Lydie' was never to have to 'wash clothes'."

From the newspaper *Panola Watchman*, Carthage, Texas, April 27 & May 4, 1975

*Perhaps the Grand Bluff Ferry across Sabine River provided a gateway for more settlers to Panola County, and to East Texas in general, than did any other crossing on the river. A busy village grew up in the vicinity of the bridge on the old road to Marshall. Only a few reminders are present now to acquaint the visitor with what once transpired there. It is truly a "ghost town". The original settlement was situated on a high bluff on the west bank of the river and a cemetery was located about one-half mile down river. There are many unidentified graves, at least a hundred. A large mound of crumbling brick vaults near the center of the cemetery is especially interesting. One mound covers six or more graves. In addition, there are two single vaults at the end of the main family mound. Shells cover the tops of a good many graves. Cedar trees still living mark the head and foot of two graves. The cemetery boundaries are not difficult to locate, as the fallen fence is still to be found in sections entirely around the plot. Though the last gravestone date of death is 1898, some mulberry posts are still standing.*



*Above is the marker of the Grand Bluff Cemetery and the grave at the left is thought to be that of David Vawter.*

*Near the river, at the townsite, stands an aged oak with scarred rings where once the ferry's cables were tied. The earliest ferryman at Grand bluff, before Panola County was established was named Brewster and the place was called Brewster's Bluff. No further identification of the man is found. In January 1847, the court granted a ferry license to Lucinda Vawter. Fees were set at the time for all county ferries as follows:*

|                                                 |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>4 or 6 horse wagon</i>                       | <i>50 cents</i>     |
| <i>2 horse wagen or one yoke steers as wagn</i> | <i>37 ½ cents</i>   |
| <i>1 horse carriage</i>                         | <i>25 cents</i>     |
| <i>Footmen</i>                                  | <i>5 cents each</i> |
| <i>Loose cattle and horses</i>                  | <i>5 cents each</i> |
| <i>Hogs</i>                                     | <i>3 cents each</i> |

*When the river was out of banks, double the price was to be paid.*

*Grand Bluff was named a voting box in 1848 and the court cut Mrs. Vawter's fees to only half the usual price. Later that year a citizens petition from Grand Bluff asked the court to rescind the August orders as unfair. The Court studied and revoked the order as unjust and unfair. By 1848 John Vawter was named as election judge. In 1852, Lucinda Vawter was charged \$20 for a ferry license, several times the amount charged any of the ferryman in the county. From this time until bridges were built, Grand Bluff license cost a greater fee than any other in the county, evidently because it was most in demand.*



Virginia Landmarks Register February 19, 1980  
National Register of Historic Places: May 7, 1980.



Vawter Hall (original building shown in 1908 at right) and the old President's House, two of the oldest buildings at Virginia State University, make up the historic core of the oldest state-supported college for blacks in the United States. The school was chartered in 1882 at the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute to fulfill a pledge to the Readjuster party, led by former Confederate general William Mahone, to establish a state institute for higher learning for blacks.

Vawter Hall is named for **Charles Erastus Vawter Sr.**

Vawter served as a member of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College Board of Visitors from 1886 to 1900 and rector of the board from 1889 to 1900.

Vawter led the push to make Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College a true technical school. He personally recruited President John McBryde from the University of South Carolina and used his influence to get the Edison Company to install a power plant on campus. Some even say it was Vawter's idea to add the words "and Polytechnic Institute" to the school's name, which happened in 1896.

**Charles Vawter, Sr**

**Residence hall built:** Vawter hall



was first

Occupied in fall 1962.

**Construction firm:** Carneal & Johnston

**Dedication Date:** May 16, 1966

**Community:** Presidents/Upper Quad

**Type:** Single-sex (male), traditional-style

**Number of residents:** 326

**Staff:** Graduate hall director: 1

Resident advisors: 6

**References:**

"Heroes and Heroines Set in Stone," by Su Clauson-Wickerand

Netta Smith, in the fall 1995 issue of *Virginia Tech Magazine*.

University Archives of Virginia Tech, *Historical Data Book*, Section 6.5.

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"Captain Charles Erastus Vawter, Rector." (t15-061), Digital Library and Archives, University Libraries,

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The year 1895 marked the beginning of the Mathematics Department as a separate department when it was split from the Civil Engineering Department. For several years, the Mathematics Department consisted of a professor, an assistant professor, an instructor, and a couple of assistants. The Acting Professor of Mathematics at this time was David S. Shanks, who was also Commandant of Cadets.



With the arrival of Charles W. Vawter, Jr. (shown at left) in 1898, the Mathematics and Physics Departments merged. This would last until 1904, at which time the Mathematics Department again became a separate department and would remain so up to the present. Vawter's title was Professor of Mathematics and Physics (although he was only Acting Professor his first year). His father was Rector of the Board of Visitors, and also held a degree in mathematics (from the University of Virginia). When the Mathematics and Physics Departments split in 1904, Vawter became Professor of Physics. Actually, at this time, the term department was used to designate a larger unit, much like the modern day designation of a college. In particular, mathematics was part of the Academic Department. However, from 1904 on, mathematics was in its own unit corresponding to the modern-day department. Thus the term Mathematics Department is appropriate.

Burlington Daily Times (Burlington, NC) 21 May 1931

Widely Known Electric Device Inventor Dead - Philadelphia, May 21. Charles Erastus Vawter, widely known inventor of more than 200 radio and electric devices died today of the burns received in an explosion at his laboratory in his home in the Germantown section of the city today. The explosion occurred while Mr. Vawter, a former professor of physics at V. P. I. was experimenting with a high tension ignition system for airplanes on Tuesday. His wife, Mrs. Rachel Vawter was severely burned on the hands when she attempted to extinguish Vawter's clothing by wrapping him in a bed quilt. A member of a family prominent in Virginia educational circles, Mr. Vawter when a young man entered the teaching profession as a member of the faculty of V. P. I. About 10 years ago he retired to devote his time to experimental work in electricity.



This 1908 photograph of Vawter Hall Academic Building, was constructed as the industrial building. Vawter building was also used as the ladies dormitory and the school dairy. Called the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute it was later named Virginia State University. The photo of the original Vawter Hall is in the Special Collection, University Archives, Copyright VSU Library and Media Services.

Charles E. Vawter Sr, son of John Henderson Vawter, son of William Vawter, Jr, son of William Vawter all of Monroe Co., Virginia/West Virginia; William (sr) son of Edward Vawter, son of Bartholomew Vawter of Virginia

Charles Erastus Vawter, Sr. was born 9 Jun 1841 m. 24 Jul 1866 to Virginia Longley of TN. Obituary at the right, from the Washington Post Oct 27, 1905

Children: Mary Longley Vawter m. Harrison Robertson; Josephine Vawter m. Stonewall Tempkins; Charles Erastus Vawter; Lenora Leigh Vawter; James Elliot Vawter; Virginia Longley Vawter and Edmund Longley Vawter.

Vawter, Charles E. Private, Sergeant, Co. D 27 VA Infantry (6 VA Infantry)

Vaughter, Charles E. Captain, Co. D Battalion VA Sharpshooters, Entered Monroe

Guards May 1861, then 27<sup>th</sup> Reg. Stonewall Brigade, appted Capt. Of Sharpshooters in 1862, captured and imprisoned in Ft. Delaware in Mar 1865, released Jun 1865. At the close of the war he returned to Emory & 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 in his alma mater, where he taught till he was made President of the famous Miller Training School in Albemarle Co., in 1878.

Charlottesville, Oct. 27.—Capt. Charles E. Vawter, superintendent of the Miller Manual Labor School and a leading authority on manual training in the South, died from diabetes at 7 o'clock this morning at the superintendent's residence at that institution. Capt. Vawter's health has been delicate for several years. Capt. Vawter was born in Monroe county, now West Virginia, June 9, 1841, the son of John H. Vawter, who represented his county in the Virginia legislature for twenty-four years. He entered Emory and Henry College in 1858. On the beginning of hostilities between the States, Vawter, then twenty years of age, joined the Stonewall Brigade, and from private rose to captain when but little beyond his majority. His career as a soldier ended with imprisonment, from March to June, in 1865, in Fort Delaware. The war ended, Captain Vawter re-entered Emory and Henry College and was graduated the following year (1866), and then matriculated in the University of Virginia for a special course in mathematics. He was professor of this subject in Emory and Henry ten years, and until his election in June, 1878, as superintendent of the just established Manual Labor School, founded on a gift of Samuel Miller which made it the best endowed institution of the kind, privately founded, in the South. For seventeen years he was a member of the board of visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, of Blacksburg. For a time he was rector of the board of visitors of the Virginia Colored and Normal Industrial Institute, of Petersburg, and an active member of the Co-operative Education Commission. He was also a member of the Methodist orphanage board, at Richmond, always a lay delegate to the annual conferences of this church, and was superintendent of Sunday-school work in the county of Albemarle. Capt. Vawter's wife was Miss Virginia Longley, daughter of Prof. Edmund Longley, of Emory and Henry College. She and seven children survive.

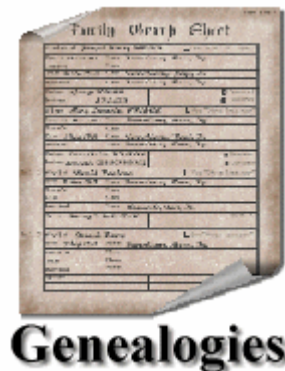


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If you haven't paid your dues this year, please send your check to the VVV Treasurer **\$10.00 per year**

**Colonel Vawter Day Festival, September 15, 2007 Sat 8:00AM-9:00PM**  
Washington St, Morgantown, IN 46160  
(812) 597-5997 www.morgantownindiana.com

Arts and craft vendors, entertainment, music, car show, games, pork chop dinner, period reenactments of 1800s.  
Association Memberships: Indiana State Festival Association  
Handicapped Accessible Yes

Nestled in the picturesque countryside about 12 miles north of Nashville, Morgantown has been a quiet secret. Midway between Indianapolis' suburban sprawl and Brown County's rusticity, Morgantown is a quaint charmer. This small Midwestern farm town, untouched by the chaos of today's fast paced world. Morgantown is packed with a variety of family oriented attractions. Family restaurants still serve true down home cooking to families and they welcome visitors.

See Pages 2 and 3 for complete schedule of activities for the Vawter, Vauter, Vaughter(s) 2007 reunion in West Virginia  
Located at beautiful Blackwater Falls Lodge  
Volunteers are always needed and we invite any members whether your first reunion or if you have attended many to come forward, Norma Wicker would welcome assistance at the registration table. Please contact any officer above or Norma by email or phone.



2007

# Vawter Vauter Vaughter(s)

Family Association Reunion  
Blackwater Falls, West Virginia

## REGISTRATION

Name Of Each

Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Per Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Per Family \_\_\_\_\_ @ 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion Fee Per Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion Fee Per Family \_\_\_\_\_ @ 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Dues for 2007 (if not paid) Includes Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Night Pasta Buffet - Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Night Pasta Buffet - Child \_\_\_\_\_ @ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Train Trip on Flying "W" \_\_\_\_\_ @ 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Buffet Lunch on Train \_\_\_\_\_ @ 9.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Dinner - Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ 12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Dinner - Child \_\_\_\_\_ @ 6.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Banquet - Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ 14.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Banquet - Child \_\_\_\_\_ @ 7.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL**

2007 REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 19

- 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.....Registration
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.....Early Bird Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.....Introduction & Overview of Blackwater Falls Park
- 8:00 p.m.....Site Committee Meeting
- 9:00 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, July 20

- 7:00 a.m.....Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m.....Business Meeting
- 9:30 a.m.....Depart for Belington & Train Ride
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.....1<sup>st</sup> Genealogy Session
- 6:00 p.m.-.....Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.....Music by the Cheat Mountain Corksniffers  
folk music and square dancing.

Saturday, July 21

- 8:00.....Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:30.....2nd Genealogy Session
- 10:30 – Noon .....3rd Genealogy Session

Or... You are free to enjoy the sights and activities available throughout the area.

- 7:00 p.m..... Annual Banquet  
Invocation  
Meal  
Memorial Service  
Offering for Vauter’s Church  
**Special Recognition**  
Youngest & Oldest  
Couple Married Longest  
Longest Distance Traveled  
Roll Call of States  
Final Registration Report  
Invitation to 2008 Reunion  
Door Prizes  
Adjournment

**2007 VVV Reunion Shirts**  
 The 2007 Reunion shirt is light khaki color with navy lettering. The shirt shows the waterfalls at Blackwater Falls State Park and the state of West Virginia on the front. The back has the various spellings of our name as before.

**Choice of sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X large, XX Large & XXX Large**  
**Cost:** \$15.00 picked up at reunion; \$4.50 extra to mail

**Send Check & Order** To: Jesse Vawter, 11506 Sagecountry Dr., Houston, TX 77089

**Order Deadline:** Check and order received by Jesse - June 22, 2007

Sunday, July 22

- 8:00 a.m.....Brief Service of Worship

## In Memoriam

**Richard Jacob Vawter** born Indiana on Oct. 17, 1940, departed on Nov. 21, 2006 resided in Indianapolis, IN.

Richard Jacob Vawter, 66, of Indianapolis, passed away Nov. 21, 2006.

He served his country honorably in the Navy, and was a firefighter with the Fort Harrison Fire Department. He also worked for Stewart Warner.

Richard is survived by his wife Gail Vawter, 3 children, 2 grandchildren, sisters Sharon England and Ruth Dailey; brothers Orville Vawter Jr., John Vawter, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by Elizabeth, Orville Sr., Fred Vawter, and Frank Vawter.

Visitation will be Fri Nov 24th from 9am to Noon, with the funeral at Noon, at Soldier's Memorial Chapel at Fort Harrison, 5626 Lawton Loop East. He will be laid to rest at Marion National Cemetery with military honors.

Graveside services for **Timothy Wright**, 46, of Fort Towson, Okla., were held at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, in Swink Cemetery in Swink, Okla., with Bro. Jim Earnest officiating, under the direction of Miller & Miller Funeral Home of Hugo, Okla. Mr. Wright died Dec. 5, 2006, in Paris.

He was a very dedicated worker for Hobbs Bonded Fiber where he worked as a Supervisor; and he was of the Baptist faith.

Timothy was born June 2, 1960, in Mexia, the son of Sam E. Wright and Johnnie Ree (Cobb) Bennett and lived in the Fort Towson area for one year. He loved bull riding, horses, old cows and playing the guitar. He really loved his mother, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, his Grandparents; W.A. Cobb and Johnnie Lou Cobb, **Ora Lee Vawters** and John Wright.

Survivors include his mother, Johnnie Ree Bennett; three brothers: Terry Wright of Hugo, Okla.; Jackie Wright of Fort Towson, Okla.; and Randy Wright of Jacksonville; and two sisters: Susan Lenamond of Groesbeck and Donna Cameron of New Summerfield.

Dawson County News in January 2007 **Ola V. Swafford**, July 30 1918 - January 3, 2007

Ola V. Swafford, 88, of Dawsonville, GA died Wednesday at Chestatee Regional Hospital following an extended illness. Born in Dawson County to the late **Linzey and Tomie Vaughters**, she was a homemaker and had worked for Elliott Manufacturing Co. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl B. Swafford; sisters, Lula Thompson and Alice Disharoon; brother, Charlie Vaughters; and one grandson.

Survivors include her daughter, Sue Kimberley, Dallas, GA; sisters, Eler Tanner and Flara Waters, both of Dawsonville; one granddaughter, Audrey Matthews, Villa Rica, GA; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

Funeral services are scheduled for 3:30pm Saturday, January 6, 2007, at Bethel Baptist Church. The Rev. Harold Evans, the Rev. Lawton Burt, The Rev. Leonard W. Ridinigs and the Rev. Phillip Burt will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, GA in charge of arrangements.

Ola attended two VVV reunions, one in Texas and one in Georgia. Ola's daughter, Sue Kimberley, has attended several reunions.

**Vawter-Miller, Vernalee "Kathy"** - RACINE - Vernalee 'Kathy' Vawter-Miller, 62, of Racine WI died Thursday October 26, 2006, at her residence. Born on May 20, 1944.

Published in the Racine Journal Times on 10/29/2006.

WCF Courier, the Cedar Valley's paper, AURORA — **Hope Patrice Miculinich**, 32, of Aurora, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Jan. 18.

She was born Jan. 6, 1975, in Oelwein, daughter of Ronald James and Shirley Mae Clark Vawter. She married Jere Douglas Miculinich on Sept. 9, 1995, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oelwein.

Mrs. Miculinich graduated from Oelwein Community High School in 1993. She worked at Bland's Flowers, Independence, and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oelwein.

Survivors include: her husband; two sons, Logan and Cole, both at home; her parents of Hazleton; a sister, Charity (David) Erdelt of Independence; a brother, Ryan (Shelly) Vawter of Hazleton; paternal grandmother, Helen Vawter of Hazleton; maternal stepgrandmother, Bertha Clark of Oelwein; mother- and father-in-law, Jane and John Miculinich of Oelwein; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: paternal grandfather, Gerald W. Vawter; and maternal grandparents, Floyd and Iva Clark.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, both in Oelwein. Public visitation from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Jamison-Schmitz Funeral Home, Oelwein. where there will be a 7:30 p.m. parish Scripture service.

Hope was the best wife, mother, daughter, sister, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law and aunt anyone could wish for. She will be dearly missed.

## In Memoriam

**FOREST KING VAWTER** Forest K. Vawter passed peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by his family on February 9, 2007. Forest was born June 12, 1925 to Harry and Mary Vawter. He was a lifelong resident of Tacoma, attending Visitation Grade School and Lincoln High School before joining the Merchant Marines during WWII, serving in the South Pacific and Alaska. He married Clementine Hoffman (his wife of 59 years) in 1946 and worked for Ma Bell for 37 years. Forest was preceded in death by his father, Harry, his mother Mary and sister, Harriet. He is survived by his wife Clementine and sons Paul Vawter, and John (Pam) Vawter, and daughter, Linda Vawter and 5 grandchildren, Alan Vawter, Jacob Vawter, Isaac Vawter, Jessica (Casey) Neeley, and Zac (Jennifer) Vawter. Mass will be at Church of the Visitation, in Tacoma, at 11:00 am, Saturday the 17th of February. Donations can be made to Visitation school in Forest's name, in lieu of flowers. Arrangements by Piper-Morley-Mellinger Funeral Directors. Published in the News Tribune (Tacoma) on 2/14/2007

**Donald Edward Chastain** went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning, January 2, 2007 after a battle with cancer. Donald was born December 9, 1933 in Stillwater, OK to Daniel Edward Chastain and Mamie Ethel (Waters) Chastain. His parent's bought a farm around Parkland, OK in 1939. He attended school in Parkland and Agra, OK.

July 1954 Donald moved to Tulsa, OK to work for Coca Cola where he was employed for 11 years. On December 17, 1954 Donald was united in marriage to Marquetta Butler of Agra, OK. Donald had also worked for the Fram Corporation for five and a half years, was a house painter for three years, and then was employed by Sun Oil Company for ten years which was the job he retired from in 1983.

Donald is survived by his wife Marquetta of the home, his children Donal Chastain of Broken Arrow, OK, Debbie Lollis and husband Eric of Sperry, OK, Regina Willaby and husband Brian of Springfield MO and Frank Chastain wife Jana of Broken Arrow, OK.

Donald was very proud of his grandchildren and loved to brag to others of their accomplishments. He will be dearly missed by his grandchildren, Michael Willaby and wife Amanda of Springfield, Missouri, Christopher Willaby of Springfield, MO, Tiffany Lollis and Fiancee Larry White of Norman, OK, Evan Lollis of Sperry, OK, Nicole and Joey Green of Broken Arrow, OK, Heather and Kyle Fisher of Broken Arrow, OK. Donald was preceded in death by his parents Daniel and Mamie (Waters) Chastain.

Donald loved to tinker with lawn mowers and constantly repaired them for various friends and his children. He also loved stock car races and together with his best friend Melvin Collins they built and raced a stock car during the 1960's.

The Washington Post, Feb 2007. **Ann O'Rourke Gaskins Sims**, 72, former operations manager for the Georgia Pacific Corp. in Landover, died of congestive heart failure Feb. 17 at the Mariner nursing home in Laurel. She was a Laurel resident. Mrs. Sims worked for the lumber company for 25 years, progressing from a secretary to the first female salesperson and finally to operations manager. She retired in 1992. She was born in West Orange, N.J., married William Harry Gaskins in 1956 and lived in Baltimore, Minneapolis, Houston and Palos Verdes, Calif., over the next decade. In 1967, they settled in Laurel. She was a volunteer for St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville. Her first husband died in 1983. Survivors include her husband of 18 years, Bob Sims of Laurel; three children from her first marriage, William Harry Gaskins, Lori Joan Hicks and **Nancy Jean Vawter**, all of Laurel; a sister; seven granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

### Georgia Vaughters Reunion

**The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Georgia Vaughters Reunion will be  
Sunday, June 10 at the  
Bethel Baptist Church, Dawson County**

The schedule is different this year:

- 11:00 am Visit cemetery and grave of the 60 Vaughters descendants - decorated with American flags
- 12:15 pm Picture on the front of the steps of the church
- 12:30 pm Covered Dish Dinner
- 1:30 pm Family History with each table of descendants introducing themselves and telling stories of their ancestors.

Please bring your cousins, your favorite stories and pictures and your favorite covered dish.

## In Memoriam

The Meridian Star Newspaper. Meridian MS. **Woodrow W. Vawters**

South West Motors employee. Services for Woodrow W. Vawters will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Horem Baptist Church in the Whynot Community with the Rev. John Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Herman Cemetery in York, Ala. Enterprise Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Vawters, 27, of Montgomery, Ala., died Saturday, April 7, 2007, in Montgomery.

Survivors include his mother, Dorothy Henry; step-father, Robert Henry; his father, Woodrow Washington Jr.; four brothers and three sisters.

Thursday, April 12, 2007 Lewiston Tribune, Lewiston, ID

**Myrtle Marguerite Vawter** passed away of natural causes at Wedgwood Terrace in Lewiston, Tuesday, April 10, 2007. She was born in Chinook, Mont., Jan. 17, 1913, to Francis and Ollie Molyneaux.

In 1932, she married George Laughton. In 1935, they had a son, George Laughton Jr. The couple divorced in 1939. In 1974, she married Arthur Vawter. They made their home in Grangeville, but after the death of her husband in 1993 she lived alone until 2004, when she moved to Lewiston.

During the time they lived in Grangeville, they traveled throughout the Northwest to visit with relatives and friends and just to see the scenery.

Myrtle became deaf as an infant and Arthur learned the sign language alphabet so they could communicate. Myrtle attended the State School for the Blind and Deaf at Boulder, Mont., for 11 years. In school she learned sign language but in later life there wasn't many others to speak it with her. Therefore, communication was difficult and sometimes life was lonely.

Survivors are a son, George Laughton and his wife, Louise of Steptoe, Wash.; two granddaughters, Lorraine Brannan of Pullman and Rosa McGuire of Spokane; two great-granddaughters, Pamela Brannan Rogers and Danyle McGuire; and one great-grandson, Shain McGuire. Also there are six step-children, Velda Hogaboam, Melba Ashburn, Glenn Vawter, Ellis Vawter, Erma Hund, and Skip Vawter.

Myrtle was the only girl and the last one to pass away in the Molyneaux family. Her five brothers were Clarence Molyneaux, Alfred Molyneaux, Verlin Molyneaux, Wayne Molyneaux, and Francis Molyneaux.

Even though Myrtle couldn't talk she made many friends with her laughter. The people of Wedgwood Terrace became her friends. Love lives on in little things that stir the heart and mean so much. Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

The Purcell Register, Purcell, OK Funeral services for **Naomi Ruth Henderson**, 76, of Lexington were held April 10, 2007 at Johnson Road Baptist Church with Duane Elmore and Barry Clagg officiating. Interment was at Lexington Cemetery under the direction of Wadley's Funeral Service in Purcell.

Mrs. Henderson died April 7, 2007 at her daughter's home east of Lexington.

She was born Nov. 28, 1930 in Lindsey, the **daughter of Herbert and Vernessa (Vawter) Clagg**. She was reared in the Bryant Community close to Lindsey, attending school in Wayne. She had lived in the McClain/Cleveland area all her life.

Mrs. Henderson was a homemaker and worked at Chickasaw Hills Restaurant as a dishwasher.

She was a member of the Purcell Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Phillip Clagg and Isaac Clagg and two grandsons, Christopher Peltier and Jerry Henderson. Survivors include one son, Randy Henderson; six daughters, Patricia Richardson and her husband, Richard, Teresa Peltier and her husband, Calvin, Debbie Short and her husband, Benny, Marsha Brown and her husband, Donnie, Pam Short and her husband, Larry, and Kathy Weidman and her husband, Mark; one brother, David Clagg; three sisters, Lillian Murray, Anna Baker and Evalena Ballard; 11 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Chad Short, Donnie Brown Jr., Timmy Short, Jason Short, Robbie Short, Jeffrey Weidman, Calin Weidman and Eric Short. Honorary pallbearers were Richard Richardson, Calvin Peltier, Bennie Short, Donnie Brown Sr., Larry Short and Mark Weidman.

The Independent Mail, ANDERSON, SC — **Mr. Robert Jeffrey Vaughter**, age 46, of 1032 West Park Drive, Anderson, SC, died Friday, March 30, 2007 at his residence.

Born in Elberton, GA on October 26, 1960, he was a graduate of Anderson College and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church in Abbeville, SC and attended Good Hope Baptist Church in Iva, SC. Survivors include his mother, Jean Smith Freeman and step father, Thomas Carey Freeman, of Iva; brother, Kent Vaughter and his wife, Susan of Iva; aunt, Joan Smith Roberts of Starr; nephews, Brooks Vaughter and his wife, Cathryn of Starr, Joseph Rhodes and Hunter Vaughter of Iva; nieces, Kasey Vaughter, Madison and Josh Martin all of Boiling Springs; special friends, Ken Atkins and Earline Phillips of Williamston and father, Robert Tate Vaughter of Georgia.

The Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2007 at 3:00 pm at Good Hope Baptist Church in Iva officiated by the Reverend Dr. Robbie Garrett. Interment will follow in Iva City Cemetery.

## In Memoriam

**Robert W. Miller**, 79, of New Haven died Friday, March 2, 2007 at Parkview Hospital. Born in Fort Wayne to Roland and Emma Miller, he was a member of St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven and its Holy Name Society. The U.S. Navy WWII veteran retired in 1982 after 34 years of service with International Harvester. He played on the Decatur Moose softball team that won the National Championship in 1947. He also played baseball with the Decatur Klenks in the Senior Federation League in Fort Wayne. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lucille A. (Gerardot); daughters, Yvonne (Larry) Raudenbush of Decatur, **Cynthia (Michael) Vawter of Fort Wayne**, Annette (Bill) Farr of Monroeville, Lisa (Christopher) Mann of Ossian, Lora (Kent) Witte of Fort Wayne; brothers, Bryce J. (Esther) Miller of Decatur, Kay B. (Marilyn) Miller; sister, Marjorie Furthmiller of New Haven; ten grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial is 11:00 a.m. Monday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven with calling one hour prior. E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Hwy. 930 E., New Haven, IN Burial is in church cemetery.

**MARY H. LOFTON** Jan. 1, 1923 - March 16, 2007. Mary Hazel Parks Lofton, 84, 774 Old Highway 111, died at Wayne Memorial Hospital, surrounded by her family. She was born in Wayne County to the late Elijah and Elizabeth Parks. Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church in Seven Springs with the Elder Anthony Davis Sr. officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

She is survived by a daughter, **Annette Vaughter** and husband, Robert, of Virginia Beach, Va.; sons, Prentice Lofton and wife, Mary, of Newark, N.J., Herbert Lofton Jr. and wife, Sharon, of Virginia Beach, Va., and DeLeak Lofton of Goldsboro; sisters, Bettie Marie Boykin and husband, Monte, of Mount Olive, and Jean P. Whitfield and husband, Lenston, of Goldsboro; brothers, Robert Parks of Seven Springs, Paul Parks of Goldsboro, Bobby Parks and wife, Velma, of Portsmouth, Va., and Ellis Leon Parks of Newark, N.J.; one brother-in-law, King Lofton of Seven Springs; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Lofton Sr.; a son, Curtis Lofton; a daughter, Geraldine Knox; a sister, Pearlie P. Harris; and four brothers, James, John, Thomas and King Parks. Arrangements are with Hamilton Funeral Home, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Published in Obituaries on March 18, 2007 10:18 AM

### **Start Making Plans Today for the 2008 Reunion Red Wing Minnesota, July 17, 18, 19 2008 A beautiful river town on the Mississippi**

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## Youth is served at Breckenridge's The Cellar

**BY BONNIE HOLLADAY**  
**summit daily news**  
October 9, 2006

BRECKENRIDGE - Sitting on the bright couches inside The

Cellar restaurant in Breckenridge before starting what will likely be a 12-hour workday, chef de cuisine Matthew Vawter-Beaird is asked what his forte as a chef is. He chuckles and says:

"That's the most common question chefs get asked - that and what's your favorite dish, but I don't have an answer for either."

However, when asked if there is a culinary process he particularly enjoys doing his answer is braising, a time-consuming method of cooking that uses moist heat.

"So much time and effort goes into it, and when it's done you can taste the time and effort," he explained.

Young Vawter-Beaird, 21, is enthusiastic, yet soft-spoken, and he is reluctant to talk about his accomplishments. However, like a well-braised coq au vin, they speak for themselves.

This fall, Vawter-Beaird, a 2003 Summit High School graduate and alum of the ProStart program, is scheduled to speak at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs in front of the Colorado Restaurant Association on behalf of ProStart, a program that gives high school students an opportunity to learn about the culinary arts. In high school he won Colorado's "Best Teen Chef in America" competition, netting in \$16,000 in scholarships, and was ranked sixth in the national competition. He also studied under Chef David Welch at the Keystone Ranch and attended the Colorado Mountain Culinary Institute. Vawter-Beaird is now the chef de cuisine under Executive Chef Michael Weist at The Cellar in Breckenridge.

In fact, Vawter-Beaird's parents, Jim Beaird and Kathy Vawter-Beaird, said that he has so little time to see them that they often go to eat at The Cellar, not only for the fine food, but also to see their son.

"We have to go visit him at the restaurant if we want to see him. He just turned 21 in August, and we had to go to the restaurant on his birthday to see him," Kathy Vawter-Beaird said.

However, his parents are proud of his work ethic.

"If you talk to anyone that knows Matthew, that's what they will say. He's so dedicated to his work. He even comes in on his days off to do prep work," Jim said.

Vawter-Beaird's dedication impresses John Buchanan, the owner of The Cellar, as well. Buchanan described his work ethic as "off the charts."

"He is a tremendous young man and has a great attitude about not only learning new things, but also taking care of things on a day-to-day basis in a way that you would not expect from somebody so young."

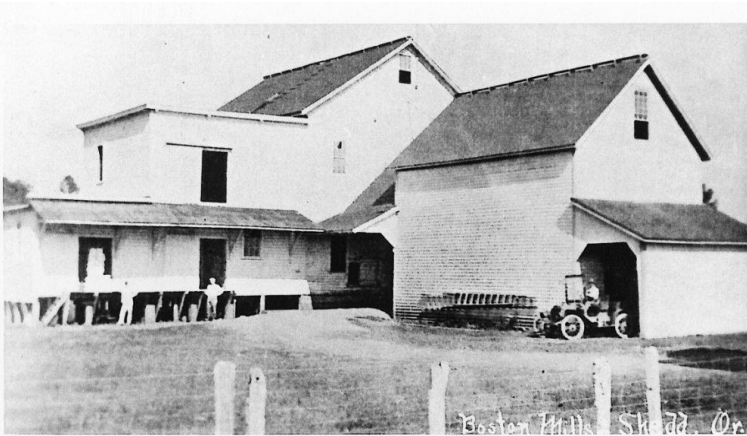


## Boston Mills, Oregon

R. C. Finley selected a "site on the Calapooia just northwest of the butte where Americus Savage lived as a perfect location for intercepting valley traffic headed north to the new Albany mill. . ." In 1858, "Savage agreed to sell some of his land and about 1858 Finley and his partners, Alexander Brandon and P. V. Crawford, began building the mill." On December 1, 1858, Finley purchased the right to build a dam across the Calapooia on the R. M. Elder DLC south of the Savage claim and 'to operate a race on said dam, for milling purposes'.

"Finley obtained Territorial water rights in 1858, one year before Oregon became a state. When the mill at Crawfordsville ceased to operate, in the late 1940s the Boston-Thompson mill became owner of the number one water rights on the Calapooia River." {Shedd by LCHS members Margaret Carey and Patricia Hainline, p 10-11}

Clara Thompson continued, "Americus Savage sold land to P. V. Crawford and R. C. Finley on which was built the 'Boston Mills', still operating there, though now known as 'Thompson's Mill.'



"My father's brother, Uncle Tom Brandon, married a daughter of R. C. Finley, father's mill partner. Her name was Eliza Finley. She still lives at Halsey at a very advanced age. 'Aunt Eliza's' sister, Finley's oldest daughter [Sarah], married Cyrus Vawter who was also a very early miller at the Finley Mill at Crawfordsville. Thus the Finley's became more or less connected by marriage to all of his hired millers. . ." {PS, Vol 4, p 14-15}

The interview with James Vawter Crawford and Mary P. (Cowgill) (Crawford) Coon continued. "Philemon Vawter Crawford finally went into partnership with Richard C. Finley, the pioneer mill builder who established the old flouring mill

a short distance below Crawfordsville in 1858. Together Crawford and Finley promoted the building of a new mill on the Calapooia River a mile or so east of Shedd. That mill they named the 'Boston Mill,' and a town called 'New Boston' sprung up around it. The exact date of the building of the Boston Mill we do not know, but it was sometime in the late 1850's [1858]. It was burned down in 1862, but was rebuilt almost immediately. It is still standing and in use, now owned by the Thompson Brothers. The town of New Boston ceased to exist soon after the coming of the railroad and the establishment of Shedd Station. {Vol 1, p 94-95} [On August 5, 1862, a son, Beverly Vawter Crawford, was born at the Boston Mill . That mill is still operating although it is owned by David and Merlene Babits. The Boston Mill Society has made an offer to purchase the mill for use as an interpretive center for the agriculture, industry and social life of the Willamette Valley.]

Andreas' History of the State of Nebraska, Thayer, County: Churches: *Presbyterian*.--This denomination, by Rev. Mr. Cunningham, was organized in 1875. They hold meetings in the Methodist Church alternate Sabbaths. They have thirty-five members at present. The first pastor was Rev. George Schults, followed by **J. B. Vawter**, who was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Charles Brouillette, in 1882. (GJNote: this is John Beverly Vawter)

### Civil War Military Records for Company A, 13th MS Regiment Surnames L- Y (no Z)

Quinn, David -- Printer at Louisville, MS. Age 27. Enlisted May 1861 at Corinth, MS. Discharged for disability June 6, 1861. Reenlisted Apr 27, 1862 at Marietta, GA. Exchanged from Phillips, GA Legion for R.A. Vauters. Wounded at Charlestown, VA Sept 13, 1862. Furloughed home for 60 days Nov 29, 1862 through Jan 24, 1863. Wounded at Maryland Heights and furloughed home July 2, 1863. Retired July 30, 1864. Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Mississippi --Thirteenth Infantry. U. S. National Archives, Microcopy 269, Roll 210.



### **The VVV Reunion to be held in West Virginia, July 2007 salutes the first Vawter family of West Virginia**

William Vawter<sup>3</sup>, (Edward<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>), came to settle in Monroe Co., VA (WV) in it's earliest times. William and his son William (jr) came from Orange Co., VA to settle land in Monroe Co. William Vawter is the only Vawter who served in the French & Indian War of 1758. While William never served in the Revolutionary War, he did supply provisions, which allows for a Rev. War marker on his grave. He received 200 acres of land for his military service in the French & Indian War, which he sold. His land in Monroe Co., VA came from Treasury Warrants. His son, William (jr) actually came first to Monroe county and traveled back and forth to Orange Co., VA, William (sr) finally settling permanently in 1795. A fascinating diary of William and the family Bible records offer a unique glimpse into the founding of early America and the opening of the Western frontier.

William was the son of Edward Vawter and wife Elizabeth Boulware.

He is found receiving a portion of his fathers estate, 5 Dec 1778-16 Aug 1779, Essex Co., VA as follows: *Item: I give and bequeath to my son William Vawter one of said parts together with what he has of my estate in his hands.*

The birth and death dates are found in *The Vawter Family in America* by Grace Vawter Bicknell, Pub Hollenbeck Press, 1905, Indianapolis, IN, as b. 6 May 1735 VA d. 6 Mar 1815 Monroe Co., VA. These birth and death dates seem to be substantiated by Bible information, it is the marriage records that present the biggest question. Marriages of Orange County Virginia 1747-1810, compiled and published by Catherine L. Knorr, 1959, Pine Bluff, AR. p. 92.

" 16 January 1774. William Vawter and Anne Ballard. Found in Deed Book 17. Notation: by banns. Both of St. Thomas' Parish. p. 2 " William (jur) was born 10 years before Williams' marriage to Anne and a first marriage is not yet found. Other children of William and his first wife are not known. Anne was almost 41 years old and no children are known of William and Anne.

William's service in the French and Indian War is found in the Orange County Virginia early records. In 1758 an expedition, the second one, was set on foot for the capture of Fort Duquesne, (the modern Pittsburg, then believed to be in the limits of Augusta County), under General Forbes, a British officer. Washington was commander of the Virginia troops which consisted of two regiments, his own and Col. William Byrd's, about two thousand men in all. A Colonel Bouquet, of Pennsylvania, commanded the advanced division of the army, and Captain Hogg, of Augusta, had a company in Washington's regiment. The fort was finally captured, but the loss in Washington's regiment alone was 6 officers and 62 privates. October. Daniel McClayland, Colonel Byrd's regiment, 1759. William Vawter, sergeant, John Fumes, (Furnace), Hogg's rangers.

William was still in Orange Co in 1781 and shows his patriotism for the Revolutionary War

Book – "Patriots of the Upcountry Orange County, Virginia in the Revolution" by William H. B. Thomas, Orange Co. Bicentennial Commission, 1976.

p. 109 William Vawter for 60 lbs. fodder, 2 bushels corn and 30 diets for the Shenandoah and Frederick volunteers, certified by Capt. William Jennings, Jan. 15, 1781; and 2 bushels corn and ½ bushel potatoes for the Rockingham Militia, certified by Jacob Lincoln QM, Oct. 20 1781.

William was granted land in Monroe Co. under two treasury warrants # 300 and # 2146 issued 15 Mar 1782. Those numbers, but not the dates or the acreages, correspond to Bounty Land Warrants # 300 issued to Capt. Abraham Hite, 2000 acres on 7 Apr. 1783, and # 2146 issued Daniel Donnakin, 100 acres on 18 Dec 1783, respectively. Those warrants were for land in the Military district of Ohio or in Kentucky anyway and not in Virginia at all. Bounty Land was granted outside the present day boundaries of Virginia and West Virginia. This proves that William never received land for service in the Revolutionary War.

Book - *Sims Index to Land Grants In West Virginia* (no author info.) lists several land deeds by William Sr., William Jr and William Jr's children

|                              |       |            |                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| William Vawter (Jr)          | 125 A | Rich Creek | 1795 Book 3 page 302                                                                                                             |
| William Vawter (Sr)          | 378 A | Muddy Run  | 1801 Book 5 page 549                                                                                                             |
| William Vawter (Sr.)(Vawler) | 214 A | Hans Creek | 17 Apr 1805 Book 1 page 93 ,214 acres on the waters of Hans Creek in the Elk Lick Branch adjoining the land of Jeremiah Crawford |

The 1787 Census of Virginia., Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love. Genealogical Books in Print, Springfield, Virginia 1987, p. 651 - Rockingham County Personal Property Tax List 1787 - List " A "

" Vauters, William, self charged with tax, 0 males between 16 -21, 1 black above 16, no blacks under 16, 3 horses, 7 cattle "

Greenbrier County (West) Virginia Records Vol. 2, Larry G. Shuck, Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA 1989. 1796 Greenbrier Co., VA personal property tax list, p. 158, 159.

Mar 26 Vawter William Jr. 1 6 1 1

Jul 6 Vawter William Sr. 1 2 - 1 "

The family still held the original diary in 1920 in West Virginia, its location now is unknown.

From the dairy of William Vawter:

- 1790 Sept 8 Wm. Terrell started for Greenbrier  
Dec. 21 went home.
- 1791 Jan 21 Set in again  
Feb. 16 All settled 1.6.10 (denotes money)  
Nov 21 Had house covered  
Dec 21 Went home  
Dec 22 Set out to see Tom  
Dec 25 Got there
- 1792 Jan 2 Started for home  
Jan 4 Got there  
Jan 29 Got hurt with horse.  
Feb 29 Got steer from Thornhill  
Feb 29 Got hurt with horse  
June 30 Gave in taxable property, Josua, Negro Will, Beasts, Etc.  
Sep. 30 Amer Ballard came to see us. Went away Nov 25.  
Dec 19 Billy started to Georgia
- 1793 Feb 7 Read burial. Thornhill's girl.  
Feb 25 Billy returned from Georgia  
Oct 5 Billy left us to take small pox.
- 1794 Wm. Vawter left Rockingham (Mar.5<sup>th</sup>)pencil note- This is Wm. Sr.  
Mar 17 Reached Monroe County at night, expenses 18s besides liquor  
May 3 We finished planting corn  
May 12 Renewed Cabin  
May 17 Received letter from Billy  
May 19 Moved into new house  
Aug 20 Billy started to Orange  
Sep 12 Billy returned
- 1795 Jan 29 Lucy Ballard married  
Feb 12 Wm. Vawter married  
Apr 3 Moved to Richey's place.  
May 3 Horses went off  
May 9 Joshua returned from hunting horses, got his own.  
May 15 Went after my horse  
May 17 Got him  
May 18 came home  
Aug 11 Went to Roger Kilpatricks  
Sep 13 left home  
Oct 7 Got home, all well
- 1796 Apr 7 Moved to Rich Creek

(Additional diary information will be discussed at the upcoming VVV reunion)

No will has been located on William or Anne. The family Bible records are as follows:

On 7 Mar 1928, a letter was sent to William Snyder Vawter who was researching the Vawter lines. The letter was sent to John E. Vawter (son of Elliott, son of William Boulware Vawter, son of William Vawter) and forwarded to John E.'s son Elliott Vawter. Mr. Elliott Vawter sent the information found in the family Bible's on birth, death and marriage records.

Family Records –Death (this is but a small portion of the records)

Ann Vawter, Mother of Wm. Vawter Jr., died May the 20<sup>th</sup>, 1814.

Wm. Vawter, Jr. died on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 1815.

Family Records – Birth

Wm. Vawter, son of Edward and Elizabeth Vawter, was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1735.

Ann, wife of Wm. Vawter and daughter of Thomas and Sarah Ballard, was born the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, 1733.

The Larew-Vawter Cemetery is located off Hans Creek Road in Monroe Co., VA.

Vawter, William (no marker) 6 May 1735 Essex County, VA d. 6 Mar 1815 Monroe Co., VA, Rev Marker

Vawter, Anne Ballard, his wife, b 23 Oct 1733 Spotsylvania County, VA died 24 May 1814.

## Riverside Cemetery, Byers, Clay County, Texas USA



Interments – 1560

No Stone  
Ada Gordan Vaughter  
Birth 1881  
Death: Jun. 15, 1959  
Inscription: parents  
S H & ??  
Note: wf of Herman Dennis

No Stone  
Herman Dennis Vaughter MD  
Birth 1867  
Death Sep 11, 1940



No stone  
Nina Fern Vaughter  
Birth: Jan 15, 1936  
Death: Jul 12, 1936

Spencer H. Vaughter  
Birth: Feb 20, 1837  
Death: Feb 17, 1924  
Inscription: parents Hiram & Glenn  
Note: Civil War Veteran, C S A

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## Nashville National Cemetery

1420 Gallatin Pike South  
Nashville, Davidson County, USA  
23,074 Interments



Andrew F. Vaughter  
Birth: May 22, 1920  
Death: Jan 31, 1983  
Plot: DD, 211

GJNote: The article below is about Louis Vawter, son of the Monroe County West Virginia Vawters. The early dates and information are full of errors and should not be used as genealogical fact.

Louis A. Vawter History of Montana, by Joaquin Miller, 1894  
USGENWEB Montana Archives May be copied for non-profit purposes.

Dr. Louis A. Vawter, one of the leading physicians of Boulder, was born in West Virginia, October 22, 1840. Edward Vawter, the first of the family in this country, came from England to Virginia in the early part of the seventeenth century. He settled in Essex County where his two sons, Edward and William were born and both served on the Colonial side in the Revolutionary War. William, the grandfather of our subject, secured the appointment of Government Surveyor from the Governor of Virginia, moved to West Virginia in 1791, and pushed as far down as the mouth of the Kanawha River and there met and married Miss Margaret Henderson, a native of Point Pleasant West Virginia and a daughter of James Henderson. After their marriage they located on Hans Creek, Monroe County, that state, where they lived until death, the husband dying at the age of eighty six years and the wife reached the age of ninety years. Six children, three sons and three daughters were born to that union.

The eldest child, Jonah Vawter, the father of our subject, was born at the old homestead in West Virginia in 1800. He inherited his father's estate and continued to reside there until his death in 1878 at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a successful planter and prominent citizen and represented his district several terms in the Legislature. In 1827 he married Miss Clara S. Peck, a native of Giles County, Pennsylvania and they had thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to years of maturity. The mother died in 1882 at the age of seventy-two years. They were worthy members of the Methodist Church for many years. Louis A. Vawter, the third child in order of birth, received his primary education under a private tutor, later attended the Union Academy in Union and then entered the Emery & Henry College, in Washington County, WV graduating from the latter institution in 1854. He was then for a short time engaged in engineering, after which he turned his attention to the study of medicine under Dr. E.W. Peck of Red Sulphur Springs. In 1860 Mr. Vawter received his first course of lectures at Richmond Virginia. At the opening of the late war, in 1861 he entered the Confederate service, as Captain of volunteer infantry, Thirtieth Battalion, was taken 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 home in West Virginia the Doctor had charge of his father's plantation for a time. During the winter of 1867-8 he took a course of lectures at Cincinnati in the Ohio Medical College in the latter year began the practice of his profession at Ballardsville, West Virginia and from that time until 1882 practiced medicine with R.E. Barnett in Hancock County, Indiana. Dr. Barnett died during the latter year and our subject then received the appointment of Physician to the Round Valley Indian Agency in California. He resigned his position there in 1884 and came to Montana where he followed his profession at Radersburg, Jefferson County, until 1893. Since that time he has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Boulder. The Doctor is also interested in mining interests in Montana, but has given his undivided attention to his chosen profession. Dr. Vawter was formerly identified with the Democratic Party but is now decidedly in favor of the free coinage of silver.

### **The Rochester Sentinel, Published in Michigan every Saturday by Bitters and Daniels**

Saturday, August 10, 1878

Rochester has three good flouring mills, and they compose a grinding trio that is hard to beat. There is the EMPIRE, in the central part of town, under the management of Benj. VAWTER... We missed the Fallstafian form of our old-time acquaintance, William WALLACE, from that establishment. The ROCHESTER MILLS, an old land mark of the town, is under the management of JESSE JESSEN & CO.... The mill at the north end of town, with an outrageously long Indian name, is the big dumpling in the pot. This mill is under the management of Messrs, LEITER & HICKMAN.

### **March 17, 1930 Tennessee Republican**

**Pinson-Vawter**

Sunday, Jan. 2: FRED PINSON and MISS EDNA VAWTER drove to the home of Esquire J. B. BOST and were united in marriage. They were accompanied by SIDNEY JONES, MISS GLADYS HALL and MISS PAULINE PINSON, sister of the groom. After the ceremony they drove to the home of the groom where a bountiful dinner was enjoyed. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. VAWTER near Atwood, a graduate of McLemoresville Collegiate Institute, talented young lady. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. PINSON near Atwood, a splendid young man.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U-2007 I. NAME (Print) Elliott Vawter (First) (Middle) (Last)

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1204-11th St Huntington Cabell Va (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS Same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE 9391 5. AGE IN YEARS 39 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Beels Valley Va (Town or county) (State or country)

DATE OF BIRTH Aug 16 1882 (Mo) (Day) (Yr.)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Natalie Vawter 1204 11th St City (Exchange) (Number)

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Barrows & Co Huntington Va (Town) (County) (State)

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1st Nat. Bk. Bldg. Huntington Cabell Va (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE. Elliott Vawter (Registrant's signature)

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over) 16-21630-1

WWII Registration - Elliott Vawter, son of John E. Vawter (son of Elliott, son of William Boulware Vawter, son of William Vawter) Elliott had the original diary of William Vawter and Bible that had all the birth, death and marriage records of the West Virginia Vawter line. He forwarded all this information to William Snyder Vawter in 1928 and is preserved today by the VVV Association. William (sr), son of Edward, son of Bartholomew Vawter of VA

Daily Democratic Times (Lima, OH) 19 May 1885

Natural Gas Explosion

Digging for Water a Hoosier Farmer Released the Pent up Vapor

Brookville, Ind, May 19. Considerable excitement was created by the report that a gas explosion had taken place on the farm of **Joseph M. Vawter**, living about two miles east of here, the particulars of which are as follows:

Several days ago Mr. Vawter finding that his springs were going dry, concluded that he would dig a well, and accordingly set several hands to work to do it, but which, up to the present time, has proved unsuccessful. The hands have now dug a distance of sixty-three feet and have only struck about three inches of water, which is very remarkable, as they are now several feet below the bed of Little Cedar creek.

William Vawter and Charles Holmes got down on their hands and knees to look into the well, when Mr. Vawter struck a match to light a cigar, which fell into the well and in an instant a terrible explosion took place, the flames of which shot up a distance of nearly ten feet, seriously, though it is not thought fatally, wounding Mr. Vawter, his face, arms and hands being frightfully burned, and it is feared that he may lose his eyesight while Mr. Holmes was more fortunate, escaping with only a slight burn on the face and hands.

As this is the first discovery of gas in this county, it has created no little amount of talk, and many of our citizens are in favor of exploring this well to see if a vein can't be struck by which it can be found in paying quantities. Meanwhile people are flocking to and from the well to see and hear the rumbling noise of the gas, which can be heard for quite a distance.



## **FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

### **BYLAWS of the VAWTER, VAUTER, VAUGHTER(s) FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

#### **Article I Name/Meeting**

The name of this Association shall be The Vawter, Vauter, Vaughter(s) Family Association and shall be referred to as The VVV Family Association.

The meetings of the VVV Family Association shall consist of an Annual Meeting and such other meetings as may be approved by the Executive Committee. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the Third Weekend of July. The location of the Annual Meeting will be voted on at the business session. Every fifth year the Association shall return to the state of Virginia. The Annual Meeting shall begin on Friday Morning and conclude at the Saturday evening banquet. The agenda of the Annual Meeting shall include any necessary election of officers and presentation of business matters, supplemented by such other general activities as may be desired by the Executive Committee.

#### **Article II Membership/Dues**

Membership shall be open to all descendants of Bartholomew Vawter and their families as well as any other Vawter, Vauter, Vaughter(s) descendants. Payment of the annual dues shall determine membership. The annual dues per member of the Family Association shall be as determined by the Executive Committee. Additional contributions may be requested according to the financial needs of the Family Association in administering its programs. Membership shall be from January 1 though December 31 of each year. Dues shall be due by December 31 for the following year. Each current member will receive the VVV Family Newsletter as published.

#### **Article III Officers**

The elected officers of the Family Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, two (2) Assistant Treasurers, a Newsletter Editor, an Associate Newsletter Editor, a Historian, and an Archivist. The election of officers shall be held in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Family Association. The terms of office shall begin at the close of the business session in which the officers are elected and shall cover a period of two years. All officers except the President and Vice-President shall be eligible for re-election. Failure to hold the Annual Meeting or any election of officers shall not disorganize the Family Association. In said situation, the current officers shall maintain their positions.

Upon the resignation or other circumstances of the loss of an officer, that vacancy may be filled by the Executive Committee until an election can be held at the next Annual Meeting.

#### **Article IV Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall consist of all current officers and all past Presidents. The Executive Committee shall set up committees and make special assignments as necessary in administering the programs of the Family Association. Committee appointments and special assignments shall be temporary or permanent, but such appointments and assignments shall be considered as fulfilled at the time new elections of officers are held.

#### **Article V Duties**

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee and/or officers to represent the Family Association during the interval between Annual Meetings. The Executive Committee shall fill official vacancies until the next Annual Meeting.

All matters brought before the Executive Committee as authorized in the Amended Bylaws of this Association shall be determined by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee, and in the case of a tie vote, the presiding officer shall have the deciding vote.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the *President* to preside at all meetings of the Family Association, to preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, and to exercise general supervision over the Family Association. It shall be the duty of the President to call special meetings of the Executive Committee as necessary for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Family Association during the period between Annual Meetings. The President may appoint special committees as necessary and shall be an Ex-officio Member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

The President shall appoint the chairman of the Nominating Committee at the Executive Committee meeting for the current year. Up to four (4) additional with a minimum of two (2) members shall be chosen from members present at current meeting with the approval from the president. This committee shall meet at the Annual Meeting and bring their report to the closing meeting for vote of the members present.

The President shall authorize the Treasurer to make payments and distributions which are in furtherance of the objective of this Association.

The President shall submit to the Family Association at the Annual Meeting, a report of all official acts of the Executive Committee, together with any other important information and recommendations.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the *Vice-President* to carry out the policies of the Family Association by developing and administering specific programs as assigned by the President of the Executive Committee. During the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. Upon resignation or demise of the President, the Vice-President shall automatically advance to the position of President. The Executive Committee shall then name a Vice-President who will serve until the next regular Annual Meeting.

At the conclusion of a President's two-year term the Vice-President shall automatically be nominated as the next President.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the *Secretary* to keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Family Association and of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall keep a complete register of the members of this Association, together with their places of residence, and perform such other secretarial duties as the President or Executive Committee may direct. In the absence of the Secretary at an Executive Committee meeting, the President may designate an acting Secretary to function for that meeting.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the *Treasurer* to receive and keep an accurate record of all dues, contributions, and other monies received by and in behalf of the Family Association. If desired by the Executive Committee, the Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Association. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received in the name of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be approved by the Executive Committee. All expenditures and disbursements on behalf of the Association shall be through the Treasurer and only by approval of the President, or the Vice-President in the President's absence.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the two (2) Assistant Treasurers to help the Treasurer in all the duties of that person, to be alternate signatories on all accounts of the Family Association, to audit the records of the Treasurer, to succeed to the office of the Treasurer in the event of resignation or demise of the Treasurer, and to perform such tasks as directed by the President.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the *Newsletter Editor* to publish on a regular basis, as determined by the Executive Committee, a family newsletter and distribute to all current members of the Association to keep them informed of the events and activities of the Association and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee. The Newsletter Editor and the Treasurer shall work together to maintain a current membership list. These newsletters will be sent to genealogical libraries.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the *Associate Newsletter Editor* to help the Newsletter Editor wherever needed in the publishing of the Association Newsletter.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the *Historian* to arrange at least one genealogy session at each Annual Meeting, to research the family history, and to communicate with other persons who research the family history.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the *Archivist* to collect, store, and manage the memorabilia that have been acquired by the Association. The Archivist must keep, inventory and should bring such historical items to the Annual Meetings.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the *Host Chairman* to make all the plans and arrangements and prepare the agenda for the Annual Meeting. These plans should be coordinated with the President for that year.

The position of Host Chairman is a voluntary post which is approved by the members present at the Annual Meeting.

Section 12. All officers and members of committees, whether elected or appointed, shall perform the duty and/or assignments without receiving any monetary remuneration whatsoever, except that the Treasurer shall be authorized and empowered to repay monies actually expended for and in behalf of the Association upon approval of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may accept on behalf of the Association any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes or for a special purpose of the Association.

## Article VI

## Amendments

The Bylaws of the VVV Family Association may be amended, altered or added to by a majority two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting or by absentee ballot, provided that written notice of at least ten days is given to the membership so stating the amendment to be voted upon when voting is necessary by absentee ballot.

1880 US Census Peru, Miami, IN  
Benjamin Vawter age 37 works in I M Co. Factory  
Sarah A. Vawter age 33  
Orion Vawter age 14 call currier in factory  
Alfred H. Vawter age 11 runs elevator in factory  
Edmund R. Vawter age 5

1900 US Census Rochester, Fulton Indiana  
Benjamin Vawter age 56 b. Aug 1843 IN/KY/OH married 36 years occupation Miller  
Sarah Ann wife age 53 b. May 1847 IN/OH/NJ married 36 years 11 children 5 living  
Mary L. dau age 16 b. Feb 1884 IN/IN/IN  
Lovina B. dau age 14 b. Jan 1886 IN/IN/IN

## **Burial: Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester Fulton County, Indiana, USA**

Edward Ramsey Vawter  
Birth: Aug. 14, 1874  
Rochester  
Fulton County  
Indiana, USA  
Death: Jan. 8, 1951  
Rochester  
Fulton County  
Indiana, USA

Edward Vawter was the son of Benjamin and Sarah Vawter.

He was survived by his siblings:  
Mrs. Harley Woodcox (Rochester)  
Mrs. Archie Woodfield (Indianapolis)

He married Minnie D. Hostedler in Chicago, Illinois  
June 06, 1900.

Their children were:  
Mrs. Irving Tarrant (Hinsdale, ILL)  
Mrs. Robert Fisher (Rochester, IN)  
Mrs. Miriam Alexander (preceeded him in death)

He was the member of Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church of Rochester and served faithfully as a Sunday School teacher for 45 years. He was also an official of the administrative council of the church.

He was retired from the Rochester Steam Laundry which he owned and operated for many years.

Alfred (Bert) Vawter  
Birth: Mar. 1, 1868  
Rochester  
Fulton County  
Indiana, USA  
Death: Nov. 9, 1943  
Rochester  
Fulton County  
Indiana, USA

Alfred (Bert) Vawter was the son of Benjamin and Sarah Vawter, and except for a brief period where he lived in Omaha, Nebraska, lived in the Rochester Indiana area all of his life.

He married Laura Ellen Hochstedler on October 24th 1895.

He passed away in his home, and at the time of his death, he was survived by his wife, a daughter, Hope McKelvey; two sisters, Mrs. Harl Woodcox and Mrs. Arthur Woodfield.

A brother, Ed, preceeded him in death.



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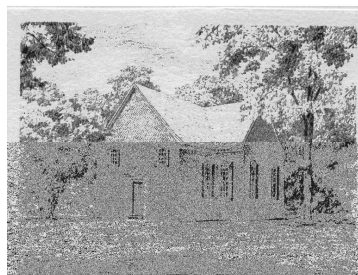
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**Important Notice concerning your Dues.**

Many people continue to receive the newsletter without paying the small dues that we ask to cover printing and distributing expenses. Starting with the first issue to 2008, the newsletter will be distributed only to those family members who have paid during 2007. Please take a moment and check to see if you have paid. If not, send your \$10.00 to Laneil Vawter 11506 Sagecountry Houston, TX 77089. Make checks payable to the VVV Family. Why not send \$10.00 for other members of your family at the same time, your kids, aunts or cousins would love to hear more about our great organization. Don't miss an upcoming issue, packed with lots more information.

**Congratulations to Past President Phil Vaughter**

**He was elected Exalted Ruler (president) of the 116 year old Elks Lodge in Austin, Texas earlier this year. This Fraternal Organization has over 450 Austin members, & does charity work thru youth of the community, & works with Veterans in the area. Phil also attended the national convention this summer and continues to work for the organization and community.**

Complete details of the July Reunion in West Virginia including some great pictures will be forthcoming in the December issue of the VVV Newsletter. If you have any stories or notes of interest concerning the reunion, genealogy or other VVV information you would like to see published, send it along to Georgene Jurgensen, address listed above.

The following article was written by Melba Vawter Ashburn, 3427 Syringa Dr., Lewiston, ID 83501. It was published in the local newspaper. Melba attended the VVV reunion in Colorado and has been an active genealogist and avid supporter of the VVV organization.

### **Feelings After A Stroke, Melba Ashburn**

My life changed forever on January 29, 2005. Now it's two and one half years since I suffered a severe stroke. My family and friends say I look fine, but I don't feel fine. I want to share with you some of my feelings. I was seventy-nine-years old and I was healthy and active. I had a teacher with a master's degree and an author. I entertained with my keyboard many times each month and in addition I read poetry, which was a hobby. I was called the "train lady" and wrote and did programs about the Camas Prairie Railroad. I was president of the Alpha Delta Kappa, (Women Educators Honorary Sorority) and was involved in the Congregational Presbyterian Church, Retired Educators, Retired Rail roaders, line dancing, and much more. In a matter of minutes I had gone from being able to communicate normally to one who was unable to convey even the most basic words. It was a blood clot.

Since the brain damage is in the left cerebral hemisphere that controls speech I have aphasia and also my right side is weak and numb. I have no feeling for hot or cold in my right side. If my shoe falls off my right foot I don't feel it. When I am sewing I can't feel the needle. When I am typing on a computer I constantly must look at the right hand keys. I have read a lot about strokes. I read if my back hurts it may be because of the gait when I walk. My back always hurts. X-rays were taken and I go to a therapist and I have exercises that I do daily.

I am a stroke survivor as I fight for recovery. I pray because I'm not in this alone. Remember the hymn, "Be still, my soul; for God will undertake to guide in future days as in the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;...Be still, my soul; for God is on your side." I am very thankful that I have many people who pray with me and for me. At first, I was angry with God. But I finally came to a point that God allowed the stroke to happen for a reason. Maybe I had the stroke because I needed to slow down.

While I was in the hospital I realized I had difficulty with my vocabulary. I felt my life was over. The doctors said there was so much damage in my brain that I should go to a nursing home. One day the doctor came in and I had written a note to him (because I couldn't say it) "I want to die". He didn't react. Maybe he couldn't read my writing. I felt my life was over and I was devastated and horrified.

Aphasia is a speech-language disorder. I like it when I read, "It must be made clear that the breakdown is in language not intelligence." I had six months of speech therapy from Brandy Sullivan and I made great gains, but I needed more. At that point, however, my daughter, Julie, went with me to the doctor. The doctor told us that I would not get any better. But I needed hope. I believe with determination and practice I am getting better. I remember when I could barely talk, read or write. I not only had speech therapy, but also physical and occupation therapy.

I am still insecure about my speech and fluency. I avoid starting conversations and when I speak there are lots of hesitations. Family and friends need to be patient, because I am trying to find the right words to say. Sometimes I am ignored when I try to talk because I am so slow. During my exercise class I had everyone's attention and I wanted to say "I will demonstrate." They waited, but I couldn't say "demonstrate." There are so many words that I can't say, but I can say 'Tsceminicum.' I belong to the Tsceminicum Club and tsceminicum is an Indian word that means 'where two rivers meet.'

I lost numbers; I couldn't count and still have trouble with it. Daily I practiced writing my zip code, address and phone number. The therapist spent much time in teaching me to write checks and to put the clock hands in the correct position. I had to learn 'five after three' is written '3:05' and 'twenty-five after midnight' is written '12:25.' I learned the difference between the numbers – six, sixteen, sixty, and six hundred.

At first Brandy taught like I was a first grader when the words were one syllable, like comb, fan, rose, and map. Every day she showed pictures and I was graded on how many I could say. I tried to sing the "ABC Song." I still don't know the whole alphabet. My therapist started with simple sentences – 'How are you?' and later 'The store had a sale' and then advanced to 'The family had their pictures taken.' My therapist wrote every name of my family and I worked on that for months.

I go to church every week, but I still can't say "The Lord's Prayer." We sing but I can't keep up and we have the Prayer of Confession and I'm too slow.

The Wall Street Journal published an article "Restoring Lost Speech after a Stroke." The article focused on how people continue to make progress with aphasia for years. That is good news. I believe a group approach in providing speech therapy to stroke survivors would be meaningful. I belong to "Life after Stroke" which is a stroke education group and is sponsored by St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Cooperation with the American Stroke Association. WE support and encourage one another but many stroke survivors don't have aphasia.

I am thankful to my God. I live in my home, drive my car (only in town and during daylight), and I love my friends and family. I organized the Scholarship in memory of my daughter, Diane Wilmonen, it pays \$500.00 annually to a deserving college student from the Congregational Presbyterian Church. Fatigue is with me always. But I play the piano for groups a few times every month, (my keyboard is too heavy to carry), I am trying to learn to read poetry again.

Aphasia is impairment and I need time to communicate. Speaking takes more time and sometimes is extremely difficult. I have problems with my right side, and improve my speech, I practice reading aloud. Some people think that I am a miracle, but the most important thing is THERE IS LIFE AFTER A STROKE!

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Fulton County IN Obits, 1943 The News-Sentinel. Tuesday, November 9, 1943

**Alfred (Bert) VAWTER**, 75, well-known citizen, passed away 7:50 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home, 316 North Main street, this city. Death came in the wake of a stroke which he suffered Monday evening. Mr. Vawter had been in failing health for the past several months but his condition had not been regarded as extremely grave, until he was stricken yesterday.

For over a score or more of years he was employed in the ROCHESTER STEAM LAUNDRY, which was operated by his brother, **Ed VAWTER**. He retired from the business several years ago and was employed by the Erie railroad. Mr. Vawter had a host of friends throughout Rochester and Fulton county.

Alfred, **son of Benjamin and Sarah VAWTER**, was born March 1st, 1868 in Rochester. All of his life was spent in this city with the exception of a few years' residency in Omaha, Neb.

On October 24th, 1895, he was united in marriage with Laura Ellen HOCHSTEDLER. Mr. Vawter was a member of the Masonic Order and the Presbyterian church of this city.

Survivors are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Hope McKELVEY, of South Bend; two sisters, Mrs. Harl WOODCOX, of Rochester; Mrs. Arthur WOODFIELD, of Indianapolis; and a grandson, Robert McKELVEY, of this city.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon, two o'clock at the Foster funeral home. Rev. G. McGEE of the Presbyterian church will be in charge of the rites. The Masonic Order will give its graveside ritual at the I.O.O.F. cemetery where interment will be made. The body will lie in state at the Foster funeral home where friends may pay their respects .

# In Memoriam

**Marcus Dale Vawter** of St. Clair, Missouri, husband of Julie (Poe) Vawter and son of William Oliver and Elsie Alene (Goodman) Vawter, passed away Friday, June 8, 2007 at the age of 51 years.

Marcus was born in July of 1955 at St. Louis, Missouri. He honorably served his country with the U.S. Air force and on August 10, 2002 he was united in marriage to Julie Poe at Sullivan, Missouri. After their marriage the family resided in St. Clair. Marcus was a 31 year employee for Altiva (the former Jefferson-Smurfit) as a maintenance supervisor. He was known as a kind and generous person who had a happy countenance and loved his grandchildren. He was especially fond of four wheeling and water sports particularly jet skiing. Marcus also enjoyed hunting and model airplanes, computer games and traveling. His organizational memberships included Local 5056M Teamsters and True Vine Baptist Church of Sullivan.

Along with his wife Julie, Marcus is survived by; five children, Tabitha Vawter and fiancée Kory Christensen, Stephanie Vawter, Tresa Seals, Shawn and Eric Kelly; six grandchildren, Taylor Michelle, Kamryn Jo, Kaleb Marcus, Kaitlynn Ann, Dominic and Kasondra Seals; five brothers, Lindell Vawter of the state of North Carolina, Harold Vawter of Sullivan, Missouri, Mike Vawter of the state of Florida, Keith Vawter of Rolla, Missouri and Kenny Vawter of Sullivan; one sister, Debbie Anderson of Sullivan; other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 11, 2007 from the First Baptist Church, Villa Ridge, Missouri with Pastor Roger Johnson officiating. Interment was in Liberty Hill Cemetery, Highland, Arkansas. Funeral arrangements were under the care of the Eaton Funeral Home, Sullivan, Missouri.

GALVESTON, TX — **Beverly J. Vawter**, 64, Galveston, died at 3:10 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2007, in her residence.

Born Dec. 21, 1942, in Kokomo, she was the daughter of Robert E. and Agnes L. "Sally" Hicks McBride. She was first married in 1964 to John Williams and in 1974 she was re-married to Farrell Vawter, who preceded in death on Jan. 31, 1996.

She was a retired hairdresser. She owned and operated the Hen House Beauty Shop in Galveston until 1983.

She was a member of the Galveston Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir, Order of the Eastern Star in Galveston and was a Past Rainbow Grand Officer. She was also a member of the Knotty Knitters Club. She was one of the sweetest Christian ladies on Earth, according to her family. Vawter is survived by a daughter, Tracey Sallee, Galveston; three grandsons, Ryan and wife, Alisha, Adam and Tony, all of Galveston; one great grandson, Michael; and a sister-in-law, Sharon Vawter, Debury, Fla. Her parents and husband preceded her in death. Murray-Weaver Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

**Maxine Vawter** By York, NE News-Times Staff

Maxine Vawter, 87, of Oakley, Kan., died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at Logan County Manor in Oakley. She was born Sept. 24, 1919, at Lorraine, Kan., the daughter of Charles D. and Theresa R. Groth Schmidt. She was a homemaker who lived 60 years in the Oakley area. She married John W. Vawter on Dec. 20, 1943, at Mountain Lakes, N.J. She was a member of the United Methodist Church at Oakley, earned a bachelor's degree in music from Kansas State University, worked as a music teacher and a substitute teacher, and was a member of the Homemaker's Club. Survivors include a son, John D. (Lana) Vawter of Wichita, Kan.; daughter, Beverly A. (Dennis) Nelson of Benedict; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Theresa Schmidt; husband, John Vawter who died July 1, 2002; brothers, Oliver and Dallas Schmidt; sisters, Eunice Dean and Edna Janzen. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. Pastor Sheryl Johnson will officiate. Burial will be at the Oakley Cemetery.

Indy Star, Hamilton Co., IN. McLean, Phillip A. September 8, 2007

**Phillip Andrew McLean** 88, longtime Zionsville resident, died September 6, 2007. Mr. McLean was born July 19, 1919 in Marion County. He was a World War II Army Veteran, a retired mechanic from Citizens Gas, and a longtime member Colonial Hills Baptist Church. Mr. McLean is survived by his children, **Katheryn J. Vawter**, Phillip S. McLean, and Charlotte A. Lipe; eight grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Minervia McLean, in 2004. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m., Sunday, September 9, 2007 at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center, Zionsville. A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Monday, September 10, 2007 at the funeral center. Burial with military honors will follow at Zionsville Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Gideons International or Colonial Hills Baptist Church.

Villager Journal Newspaper. **Carl Vawter**, 81, of Ash Flat, Ark., died July 5, 2007, at the Fulton County Hospital in Salem, Ark. He was born July 11, 1925, in King Mills, Ark., the son of the late **James Monroe Vawter** and Georgianna (Miller) Vawter. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II. He worked many years as a farmer. He was a Christian and a member of the Assembly of God Church in Highland. He is survived by: his wife, Jean Vawter; one son, Rene? Vawter of Huntsville, Ala.; two brothers, Leon Vawter of Port Hueneme, Calif., and William Vawter of Sullivan, Mo.; and three grandchildren, Jason, Greg and Stacey. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Eugene Vawer. Funeral services were held July 9 at the Highland Assembly of God Church with Rev. Tim Turner officiating. Burial was in the Liberty Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Tri-County Funeral Home of Highland, Ark.



## **Start Making Plans Today for the 2008 Reunion Red Wing Minnesota, July 17, 18, 19 2008 A beautiful river town on the Mississippi**

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## **In Memoriam**

Gordie Vaughter Spencer, Aunt of Dr. Paul H. Vaughter, Past VVV Historian and Phil Vaughter, Past VVV President.

**Gordie Ramona Vaughter** was born on August 4, 1913 in Ada, OK. She grew up in Oklahoma City and had three brothers and two sisters. She graduated from Central High in Oklahoma City. Having a heart for missions and Africa, she began and finished, the Carver School of Missions in Louisville, KY (now Southern Seminary). Instead of doing missions on foreign soil, she felt called to be the Youth Director of 2 churches, FBC Shawnee, OK and FBC Cushing, OK.

When she was attending a conference in Falls Creek, OK Conference Center, she met Gilbert Spencer, a young preacher from OK. They fell in love and married on Dec. 23, 1946 at FBC Shawnee, OK. After they married, they moved to Kansas City, MO so Gilbert could enroll in Mid Western Seminary. Gordie supported and took an active part in her husband's ministry while he pastored churches in Kansas City, Tulsa, and two churches in Oklahoma City. While in Oklahoma City, Gordie was secretary in the Wesley Hospital School of Nursing.

Feeling God's call to CA, Gilbert and Gordie moved to Moorpark in the early 60's to pastor First Baptist Church there. With the Lord's help, Gilbert started and grew First Baptist church in Simi Valley for 7 years. Other pastorates were in Edgemont near Riverside, Collegedale BC in San Bernardino and several interim pastorates. Not only was Gordie a busy mom and pastor's wife, she also worked as secretary for Riverside Public Schools, California Baptist University, and was a LVN at Parkview Hospital and Riverside Community Hospital. After Gilbert's retirement, Gilbert and Gordie joined Magnolia Ave. Baptist Church. Following Gilbert's death, Gordie lived in Colton with her son David and then moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico in November 2004. She returned to CA in September 2005 and lived at Baswell's Chateau Villa, a retirement home in Redlands. Gordie celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, August 4, and was gifted to be with the Lord at day's end. Gordie is survived by her son David, 2 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 7 nephews and 4 nieces.

James Vaughters, VVV Historian, 5981 S Lima St., Englewood, CO 80111, has added some corrections, updates and additional information on previous VVV newsletter articles. We continue to add to our knowledge and thank everyone who continues to contribute to our family history.

From Jim: Correction to the Newsletter, the information on the picture page of Riverside Cemetery, Byers, Texas got lost in transcription or translation. (Editors note: many items are taken from the internet and should be used only as a guide until more accurate information can be found)

1. Ada Gordan should be Ada Gordon. Parents SH & ?? they are Samuel Hiram and Sarah E. Williams, married 1866 in Franklin County, Georgia. Wife of Herman – should be Hiram Dennis.
2. Herman Dennis Vaughter MD should be Hiram

Samuel Vaughter lived with Hiram, his first born, in the last few years of his life. The only document in the courthouse that mentions Samuel is his death record signed by Hiram Dennis Vaughter.

3. Spencer H. Vaughter should be Samuel
4. Parents Hiram and Glenn should read: Hiram S. Vaughter (1814-1853) and Elizabeth Glenn (1814-1870), Married 1832 Franklin County

At the invitation of Carolyn Chapin, great granddaughter of Samuel, I (Jim) went to Byers and the cemetery. She has all the data on Samuel and all of his kids. Sarah died in Ark. or OK, but Carolyn didn't know where she is buried.

Notes on Samuel: Teacher in Franklin Co., before Civil War. 1<sup>st</sup> St., C. K, Georgia 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, Army of Tennessee Barton's Brigade. Captured at Champion Hill, MS May 16, 1863 as Grant moved toward Vicksburg. POW at Upper Sandusky, OH (on lake Erie) Paroled at Point Lookout, Maryland March 1865. Walked home. Samuel's pension application, Georgia State Archives:

Were you ever captured? "yes"

When? "May 16, 1863"

Where? "Big Black's River"

By whose authority did you surrender? (The question sought the name of his commanding officer)

His answer was "Federal, I reckon"

#### Wily Words

Some of today's most familiar words had different meanings previously, and the change in meaning quite often occurred in words referring to social relationships. For example, the word "cousin" often meant niece or nephew; and the title "Mrs." could show high social status, not necessarily marital status. There are a few other relationship terms that you should look out for:

The terms "niece" and "nephew" spring from Latin words which meant "granddaughter" and "grandson," so you may find them used in that context.

When we use the words "junior" and "senior," we normally think of a father and son relationship. However, in the past, these words were used much more liberally and could refer to an uncle and nephew, or even to two people with the same name who were unrelated.

The words "brother" and "sister" also were used in different ways. Members of the same church often referred to each other as brothers and sisters, and a married couple would refer to their brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law just as brothers and sisters.

If you see "good brother" or "good sister," the creator of the document wasn't playing favorites. It's just another way of saying "brother-in-law" or "sister-in-law." You might also come across "good son" or "good daughter" which are "son-in-law" and "daughter-in-law."

The term "in-law" can also cause problems. In the past, "in-law" relationships could be either step relationships or the regular in-law relationship that we think of today.

An "infant" didn't necessarily refer to a babe-in-arms. In many cases, this meant that the person in question was a person under legal age.

Misunderstanding and misinterpreting these terms can really twist the branches of your family tree, so when you're reading older records it is important to be cautious. When it is possible, verify information with other records. This is the best way to make sure that you have the correct information. In addition, look at the rest of the language in the document. The more arcane terms and spellings you find, the more careful you should be.

I am my own grandpa!

Many many years ago  
When I was twenty three,  
I got married to a widow  
Who was pretty as could be.

This widow had a grown-up daughter  
Who had hair of red.  
My father fell in love with her,  
And soon the two were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law  
And changed my very life.  
My daughter was my mother,  
For she was my father's wife.

To complicate the matters worse,  
Although it brought me joy,  
I soon became the father  
Of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became  
A brother-in-law to dad.  
And so became my uncle,  
Though it made me very sad.

For if he was my uncle,  
Then that also made him brother  
To the widow's grown-up daughter  
Who, of course, was my step-mother.

Father's wife then had a son,  
Who kept them on the run.  
And he became my grandson,  
For he was my daughter's son.

My wife is now my mother's mother  
And it makes me blue.  
Because, although she is my wife,  
She's my grandmother too.

If my wife is my grandmother,  
Then I am her grandchild.  
And every time I think of it,  
It simply drives me wild.

For now I have become  
The strangest case you ever saw.  
As the husband of my grandmother,  
I am my own grandpa!

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JEPHTHA D. VAWTER. In the task of giving credit to the men who made Kansas, it would be difficult to single out one who was more deserving of a place among those makers and builders than the late Jephtha D. Vawter of Shawnee County. He had much to do with the early history of that county, and what he accomplished, the ideals he lived for, and the influences that emanated from his life, are still vital and quickening.

His was a long as well as a useful life. He was born in Todd County, Kentucky, July 18, 1809. By character and early training he was molded after the manner of the pioneers, being courageous, industrious and optimistic.

About 1847 he moved to Tazewell County, Illinois, and from there in the spring of 1868 came to Kansas, establishing a home on the southwest quarter of section 33, which is in the southwest corner of Williamsport Township of Shawnee County. It was in that immediate locality that the rest of his years were spent. Mr. Vawter became an extensive dealer in cattle, and in that capacity his name was not known alone in Shawnee County, but in other counties and in other states. He prospered as a result of good judgment and foresight, and at one time owned many hundreds of acres of Kansas' best land.

He was twice married. His first wife, Sarah M. Foster, bore him thirteen children, and the ten who reached maturity are: John W.; Benjamin F.; Henry C.; Lucinda C., who married Walter Hinman; Louisa E., who married Jesse McColm; Martha C., who married John Simpson; James E.; Harriet E., who married Lewis Mead; Sabrina C., who married Mahlon F. Stout; and William J. The mother of these children died December 18, 1883. For his second wife Mr. Vawter married Louisa K. Miller, by whom he became the father of one son named Clarence D.

For years Jephtha D. Vawter was a prominent and forceful character of his community. While he toiled and prospered he was not forgetful of the duties he owed to his home, the locality in which he lived, his state or his country. He lived to see his children established in homes of their own, happy and respected, and this fact afforded him much contentment when the evening shadows of his life were merging into the darkness of eternal earthly sleep. He was a devout Christian, and politically his actions were in accord with the republican party. At the time of his death on October 13, 1894, Jephtha D. Vawter had rounded out a career of a little more than eighty-five years.

## ADAM AND TABITHA (VAWTER) ROUSE

By Karen Bowman, MD, Leawood, KS

(The editor of this paper would like to correspond with anyone interested in this family. My E-mail address is PBowman@kc.rr.com, I am the great great granddaughter of William Jamison and Julia Magdalene (Straney) Rouse. Karen Bowman) Karen has attended several VVV reunions including the most recent in West Virginia.

Adam Rouse was son of Martin and Frances Rouse. The maiden name of Frances Rouse is unknown. Martin Rouse, whose will was dated July 11, 1802, and probated Jan. 26, 1809, in Madison Co., VA., was the son of John and Mary Rausch. John Rausch was first known in VA. when he patented 610 acres of land on the First Fork of the Rapidan River, Sept. 28, 1728.<sup>1</sup> John Rausch is discussed in "The Germanna Record."<sup>2</sup>

Adam Rouse was born between Dec., 1762 and Mar., 1763 most likely in Madison Vo., VA. according to statements he made.<sup>3 4</sup> He married Tabitha Vawter on Nov. 17, 1795 in Madison Co., VA. The minister was William Carpenter.<sup>5</sup> Tabitha, born in Albemarle Co., VA.,<sup>6</sup> was the daughter of Richard and Frances (Towles) Vawter.<sup>5</sup>

Mabel Blair Rouse, a great granddaughter of Adam Rouse, stated he was an auctioneer.

Adam Rouse served in the American Revolution and applied for a pension. The Va. Revolutionary Pension Applications on July 11, 1832 state: "Madison Co., VA. Adam Rouse of said county, age 69, declares John Breedlove and Henry Towles, both now of Madison Co., were drafted in Aug. or Sept., 1781 to serve two months in the militia. Rouse was drafted at the same time, the only duty he was called upon to perform."<sup>7</sup>

On Mar. 7, 1833 in VA. Revolutionary Pension records, it states: "Adam Rouse, Madison Co., VA., Mar. 7, 1833, age 70, declares he was drafted from Culpeper Co., in 1781. It was the only tour he performed."<sup>4</sup>

In VA. Revolutionary War records, it states: "Adam Rouse, Madison Co., VA., 80 years old was at the siege of York and surrender of Cornwallis and after peace was declared Maj. Welch spent the remainder of his life in the same Co. with him. (Dec. 14, 1843)"<sup>3</sup>

The will of Adam Rouse was probated Jan. 28, 1847 in Madison Co., VA.<sup>8</sup> His will listed two sons, William and Jameson V., and two daughters, Harritt Collins and Alpha Rouse.

Jameson V. Rouse, called "Major" was born in 1806.

He died in 1896, probably in Madison Co., VA. He married, first, May 20, 1833 in Madison Co., VA. to Elizabeth Canady.<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth Canady (also spelled Kennedy) was born in 1801. They had one daughter, Laura, born 1839, who married James Nash.

James Vawter Rouse married a second time to Mary Francis Braussen.

They had three children, Francis Jameson, Edgar Marcellus and Charles William. Francis Jameson, born Aug. 16, 1853, died July 10, 1920, married Areland Lafayette Marsteller. Edgar Marcellus Rouse married Alice

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<sup>1</sup> Spotsylvania County, Va. Grants Book 14, p. 110.

<sup>2</sup> Charles H. Huffman, "The Germanna Record", Number 6, 1965.

<sup>3</sup> Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, Revolutionary War Records, VA., Vol. 1, 1976, p. 576.

<sup>4</sup> VA. Revolutionary Pensions. Vol. 15.

<sup>5</sup> Madison Co., VA. Marriage Records, Vol. 1, p. 246 and 276.

<sup>6</sup> Nancy E. Rouse. John Rouse of VA. and his Descendants, 1717-1980. Whiporwill Publishing Co., 1982, pp. 193-197.

<sup>7</sup> John Frederick Dorman, VA. Revolutionary Pension Applications. Vol. 10, p. 1965, p. 4.

<sup>8</sup> Madison Co., VA., Will book 8, p. 117.



Whitmore. Their children were Mabel Blair, born Nov. 16, 1883; Edgar Hubert, born Mar. 5, 1885; Mary Rosella, born Mar. 4, 1887; Willa Jane; Shirley Jameson, born June 30, 1889 and married Oct. 4, 1911 to William W. Ashby; William Archie, born Aug. 28, 1895; Grace Marguerite, born Apr. 11, 1900 and married Dec. 27, 1919 to Evan Hamilton Ashby, M. D.; and Alice Pauline, born Jan. 4, 1903, and married 1938 to Clyde Delmar Stevens. Edgar Hubert, son of Edgar Marcellus and Alice (Whitmore) Rouse, married Annie E. Button, born 1882, died 1933, and he married a second time to Lillian Biddles Parker on May 19, 1937. The children of Edgar Hubert and Annie E. (Button) Rouse were Hubert Blair, born Oct. 31, 1912 and married to Franchon Remond; and Alice Elizabeth, born Apr. 12, 1918 and married to Jackson Wayland Griffin. The children of Hubert Blair and Franchon (Remond) Rouse were James Blair, born Aug. 12, 1944; and Janet Elizabeth, born Dec. 5, 1946. The children of Jackson Wayland and Alice Elizabeth (Rouse) Griffin were Ann Elizabeth, born June 22, 1937; and Jack Davis Griffen, born Dec. 6, 1949.<sup>6</sup> (Griffin and Griffen were both in the reference)

Alpha Rouse, daughter of Adam and Tabitha (Vawter) Rouse, was born 1798 and married June 3, 1851 to George W. Bickers.<sup>6</sup>

Harriet Rouse, daughter of Adam and Tabitha (Vawter) Rouse, married Dec. 17, 1831 to William Collins.<sup>6</sup>

William V. Rouse, son of Adam and Tabitha (Vawter) Rouse, was born between 1796 and 1800 based on the date of his parent's marriage and the 1840 federal census records of Hardin Co., KY.

His son, Reuben T. Rouse, stated that both of his parents were born in Culpeper Co., VA.

William Rouse married Frances Carver on Oct. 27, 1815 in Madison Co., VA.

The parents of Fannie Carver are unknown. The most likely possible parents located by the editor are Noel Carver and Excey Beck who married Dec. 4, 1797 in Albemarle Co., VA. The children of Noel and Excey (Beck) Carver as listed in the real estate conveyance of Noel Carver in Bedford Co., VA. in 1813 were Fanny, Reuben, Matilda, Tandy, and Lucy.

William V. Rouse was deceased by Dec. 18, 1848 according to Order Book M., page 44, in Hardin Co., KY.

The children of William V. and Fanny (Carver) Rouse were Martha M. born about 1817, and married to Alexander Gilmore on Mar. 25, 1845 in Hardin Co., KY.; Granville V., born about 1819 who married first Nancy T. McHatton on Jan. 19, 1841 in Boone Co., KY, and then Emily McHatton on Apr. 2, 1846 in Boone Co., KY.;

James Albert, born Jan. 5, 1821 and married June 12, 1849 to Elizabeth Ann Harl; Eliza M., born June 15, 1823 and married to William Noel Shaw on Mar. 25, 1839 in Boone Co., KY.; Tabartha, born about 1829 and married Apr. 13, 1857 to James Head;

Mollie, also known as Mary Matilda, born May, 1833 and married Oct. 18, 1857 to James Matthias Gaugh; Omega, born about 1834;

Reuben T., born 1836 and married Sept. 10, 1865 in Daviess Co., KY. to Louisa J. Cosler; and Noah C., born about 1841 and married Feb. 10, 1859 in Meade Co., KY. to Isabella Whaling.

William Jamison Rouse was also a son of William and Frances (Carver) Rouse. He was born June 27, 1825 in Madison Co., VA.

He married Barbara Ann Brown in Hardin Co., KY. on Aug. 10, 1847.

He married her sister, Margaret (Brown) Straney, on Sept. 18, 1862 at the Catholic Church in Hardin Co., KY. The marriage license is located at Meade Co., KY.

Finally, he married the daughter of James H. and Rosella (Brown) Straney. Rosella (Brown) Straney was the sister of Barbara Ann and Margaret Brown. He married Julia Magdalene Straney in Garnettsville, KY. on May 30, 1864.

Chambersville Cemetery  
Historic Marker in Collin  
County, Texas.

Chambersville Cemetery  
Collin County, Texas,  
USA

Also Called Wilson  
Cemetery

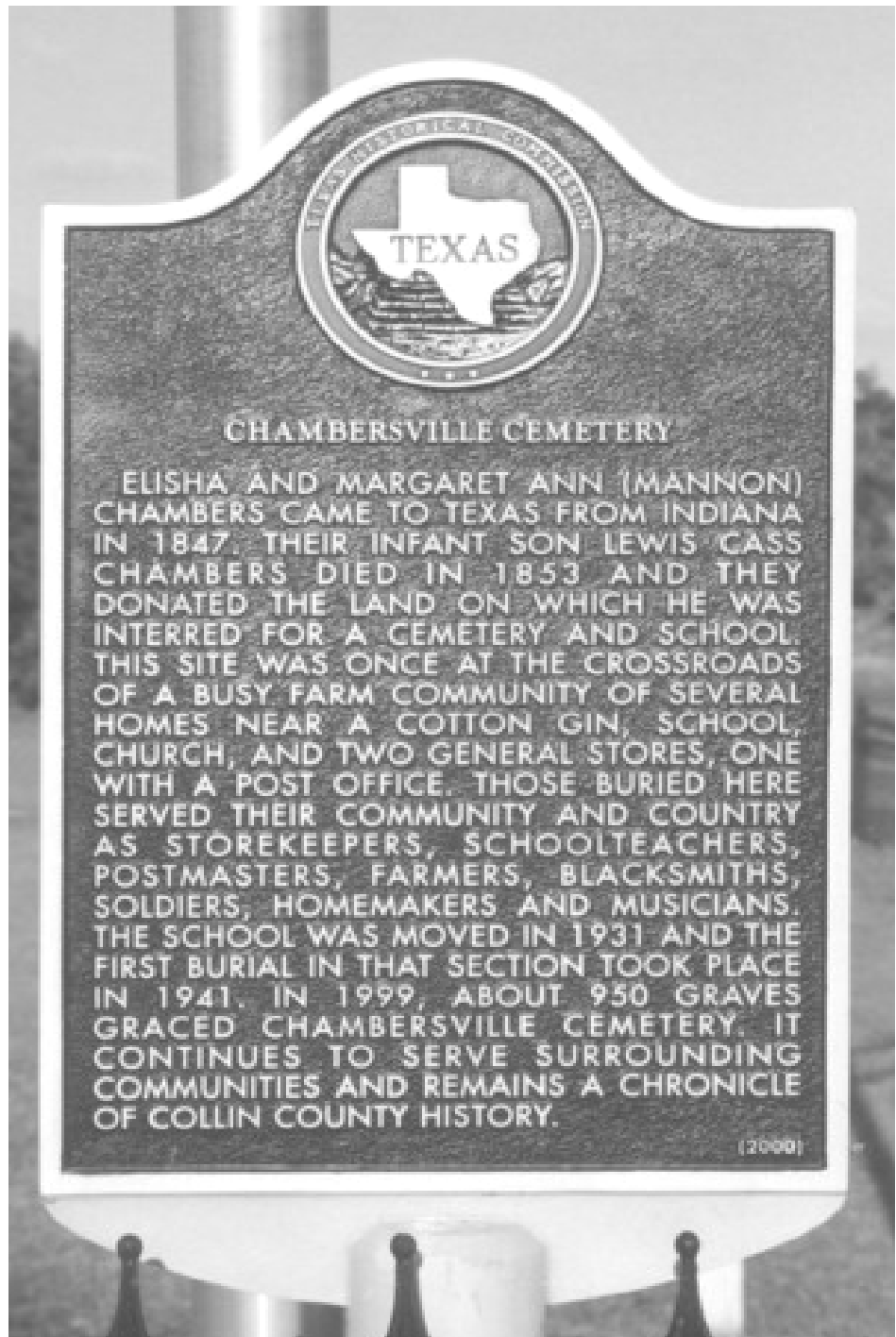
Martha Vauter  
b. Mary 4, 1833  
d. Jul 31, 1887

R. B. Vauter  
b. Nov 23, 1829  
d. Sep 29, 1913

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**Richard B.5, Benjamin4,  
William3, Unknown2,  
Bartholomew1 Vawter**

Benjamin Vawter d. 1860 m. 24  
Jan 1822 to Elizabeth Bell.  
Children: Lucinda, Permelia,  
Amanda, none of these woman  
married. All lived to ages 50 to  
70 years and are buried on  
family farm cemetery in VA.  
Two sons, Richard who went to  
TN and William Calvin Vawter  
from VA.



Richard B. Vauter. When he was grown he left Virginia and located in Tennessee where he married. From Sandy Campbell, researcher of Richard email Vger53@aol.com, comes this:  
Richard B. Vauter b. 1829 VA d. 29 Sep 1913 Bowie, TX m. 7 Dec 1854 Madison Co., TN to Martha Ann Gregory. Enlisted Civil War with 12<sup>th</sup> TN Cavalry CSA (poss. Co. I) with other men from Haywood Co., TN. Richard was in Bowie Texas, visiting his daughter and was walking to the store to buy some tobacco. He was crossing the tracks when he was struck by a train and killed. It is thought he never heard it coming as he had become hard of hearing in later years.

**VAWTER, MN;** a small village of the Soo Line in section 6 of Bellevue, was platted in the summer of 1908. It had a post office, 1922-40. Located west of Hwy 10 in Morrison County, Minnesota, about 95 miles north and west of Minneapolis.



This county, established February 25, 1856, was named in honor of William and Allan Morrison. The older of these brothers, William, was born in Montreal, March 7, 1785, and died on Morrison's Island, near Sorel, Canada, August 7, 1866. He entered the service of the XY Fur Company in 1802, coming to Grand Portage, Leech Lake, and the headwaters of Crow Wing River. From 1805 to 1816 he was engaged there for a new company formed by the coalition of the XY and North West Companies. Later, through ten years, he was in the service of the American Fur Company, under John Jacob Astor, and established a series of trading posts on or near the northern boundary of Minnesota from Grand Portage west to Lake of the Woods. In 1826 he retired, and afterward lived in Canada. During his journeys as a fur trader he explored a large region of northern Minnesota.

Block house at Fort Ripley. 1895

By Mary Warner Copyright 2001, Morrison County Historical Society Two towns that have disappeared from the Morrison County landscape are Dixville and Vawter. The town of Vawter was founded in 1908 in northern Bellevue Township. The Minneapolis and Saulte Ste. Marie Railroad (Soo Line) had the town platted as it put in lines from Duluth to western Minnesota. The Soo Line apparently ran through John Schmolke's property and he supposedly gave the town its name by commenting that there was "vater" everywhere. The truth of this legend is unknown, but the town grew to include a grain elevator, several stores, the Vawter Community Church, and a school. A postal drop was established in the community in 1922. Farmers near the town used Vawter to ship their goods via the railroad to markets in Duluth. By the 1940s, this shipping service and the post office were discontinued and the town disappeared.

Vawter still shows up on current plat maps, so my husband and I took a drive to go find signs of the village. When we got to the spot, all we saw were a number of private homes, one of which had some suspicious-looking, grass-covered humps of dirt. There is no visible evidence of Vawter left. Will Dixville and Vawter eventually become like the legendary Atlantis? Only time will tell.

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**Minnesota pioneer sketches**, from the personal recollections and observations of a pioneer resident, by Frank G. O'Brien. Illustrated. Minneapolis, Minn., H.H.S. Rowell, 1904

Summary - At the age of twelve, Frank G. O'Brien (1843-1920) moved from Maine to Minnesota with his father and siblings, settling in Anoka County in 1855. Minnesota Pioneer Sketches is a collection of newspaper feature articles written by O'Brien that are here published in book form.

**THEN AND NOW (excerpted)**

Up the hill, corner of Second street, was the home of Ed Lippincott, the popular blacksmith and city marshal; between second and University of the left was the little white schoolhouse of Mrs. Butterfield, from whose window peered the face of the tiny maiden who in time became my wife. At the right there was naught but scrub oak. On the corner of University avenue was the little story-and-a-half house of Sam L. Vawter, the druggist; directly opposite was the then mansion of a house with a whole block of city property surrounding it, the home of Dr. S. H. Chute.

The history of the City of Saint Paul pub. 1869, page 434.

Died, January 15, Samuel L. Vawter, a prominent merchant.

Minneapolis, Minnesota 1909 City Directory page 1603

Vawter, Walter W. lumber 110 Lumber Exch r. 121 Elmwood pl

The Helena Independent 24 Jun 1881 Mr. Ben S. Vawter arrived from Chicago by Wednesday's coach. He is a brother of C. L. Vawter.

1890-92 Duluth, Minnesota Directory

1890, 1891 Benjamin S. Vawter

506 Clough Ave, Superior, MN

Occupation: Bill poster

John G. (jr), another brother, was in Minnesota and North Dakota during this time. His daughter, Elizabeth was born in Minnesota in 1886 and Lillian in North Dakota 1888. John (jr) also worked at a bank during this time in North Dakota. Benjamin likely was still single at this time.

**Food Rationing** was introduced at the start of World War II to make sure everyone got a fair share of available food. Food Imports stopped and a variety of fruits and vegetables were not available. Meat, butter, eggs and sugar were also in short supply and recipe books were published that used alternative ingredients in place of these. Carrots and Potatoes were used in cake making and so were leftovers. Bins were provided so that scraps of food could be collected and used to feed farm animals

**Back in 1946, just after the Second World War there were still many food shortages.**

People were only allowed so much of some particularly scarce foods. Food had to be shared out as equally as possible the way this was done was through a system called rationing. Every member of every family would have had a ration book and it gave precise details of the amounts of certain types of food that you were allowed during one week.

Some of the amounts were:

**Bacon and ham:** 4oz (100g)

**Meat:** To the value of 1s.2d (6p today).Sausages were not rationed but difficult to obtain; offal was originally unrationed but sometimes formed part of the meat ration.

**Cheese:** 2oz(50g) sometimes it went up to 4oz (100g) and even up to 8oz (225g).

**Margarine:** 4oz (100g)

**Butter:** 2oz (50g).

**Milk:** 3 pints(1800ml) occasionally dropping to 2 pints (1200ml). Household milk (skimmed or dried) was available : 1 packet per four weeks.

**Sugar:** 8oz (225g).

**Jam:** 1lb (450g) every two months.

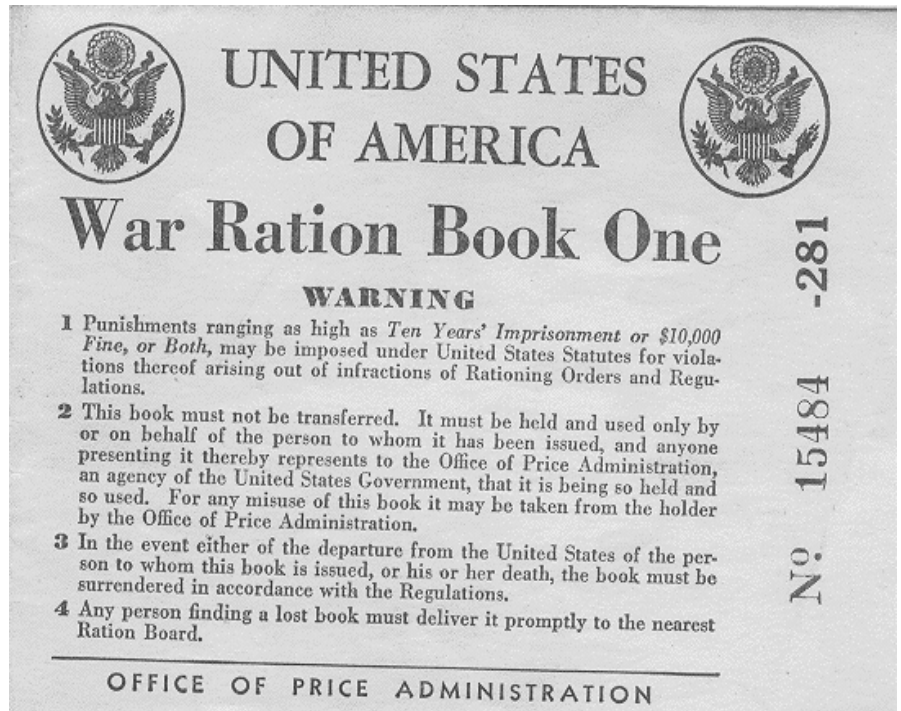
**Tea:**2oz (50g).

**Eggs:** 1fresh egg a week if available but often only one every two weeks. Dried eggs 1 packet every four weeks.

**Sweets:** 12oz (350g) every four weeks

**Can you imagine living for a week on these amounts of food?**

The National Milk Scheme was set up in 1940 to ensure that pregnant women and children under 5 received a pint of milk a day. It was available free or at cheaper prices, depending on your income. The scheme was widened to include more people as milk production was increased. In times of milk shortages, dried milk powder known as Household Milk was available as a substitute.



Cover of War Ration Book One from World War II (image enlarged)

**Below is a sample of recipes created by innovative cooks during rationing.**

### Fried Rolled Oats and Bacon

Place leftover rolled oats in a greased mold. When cold, slice 1/2-inch thick. Dredge in flour and dip in beaten egg which has been thinned with 1 tablespoon water. Fry 6 slices of bacon until crisp, remove from fat and drain. Fry oatmeal slices in all the bacon fat until brown on both sides. Serve with bacon slices.

WAR CAKE (This recipe uses WWII ration ingredients.)

1 large box of raisins (with seeds or seeded)  
3 cups of water  
1 cup of shortening  
1 tsp salt  
1 Tbsp. of baking soda  
1 Tbsp. of all spice  
1 Tbsp. nutmeg  
4 full cups and 2 scant cups of flour

#### THE FROSTING:

2 cups sugar  
1/8 tsp. cornstarch  
1/4 tsp salt  
3 Tbsp. cocoa (rounded)  
Just enough Half & Half cream  
1 patty butter  
1/2 tsp vanilla

THE CAKE: Simmer 1 large box of raisins in 2 cups of water, for 15 minutes. Remove from stove top and add 1 cup shortening, add salt, baking soda, 1 cup of cold water, all spice, & nutmeg. Add flour and mix together well. Bake at 350 degrees until done. Let cake cool before making frosting.

THE FROSTING: Mix above frosting ingredients except Half & Half, butter & vanilla, together. Then, add just enough Half & Half to make frosting sloppy. Cook frosting to soft ball stage. Add butter and vanilla, let cool than beat to spreading consistency.

TREASURED TRADITION: Sarah Glesner says her great grandmother created this recipe for Northland Cookies during WWII rationing, when butter was unavailable. Sarah and her family enjoy these cookies with coffee before and after meals during the holidays each year. (GJNote: my grandmother, Martha Dunn, daughter in law of Ada Vawter Dunn, made this cookie every week when we came to Sunday dinner, we called them "Grandma Cookies")

Northland Cookies Makes approximately 8 dozen

6 T shortening  
1/2 t salt  
1 c packed brown sugar  
1/2 t cinnamon  
1 3/4 c sifted flour  
1/4 c cold water  
1 t baking soda  
1/4 c blanched almonds, cut fine

Cream shortening. Add sugar gradually, then cream thoroughly. Sift flour, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon and stir into creamed mixture, alternating with water. (Sarah's great grandmother recommended always starting and ending with the flour mixture.) Blend in finely cut almonds.

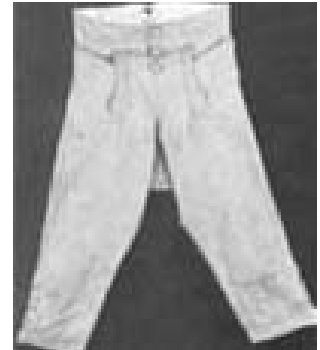
Make two small rolls out of the dough. Wrap in wax paper and chill overnight. (To avoid the dough drying out, be sure to wrap it tightly.)

The next day, cut rolls into very fine slices and remove from wax paper immediately. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake about 6 minutes at 400 degrees.

Bartholomew Vawter's inventory of estate from 1717 Essex County Virginia, contained a large amount of fabrics. Many plantations stock piled fabric for family and servants. These would have been imported from England. The definition of some of the fabrics is interesting. An ell was approximately 1.25 yards by measure.

Portion of the inventory of Bartholomew Vawter

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 3 ¾ yds of Kersey                 | 0.07.0 |
| 4 felt hats                       | 0.08.0 |
| 11 ½ ys of kersey                 | 1.07.6 |
| 3 ½ yds of penestone              | 0.10.0 |
| 5 yds of pladd                    | 0.08.6 |
| 5 ¼ yds scotch searge             | 0.06.6 |
| 2 ½ yds of shalleene, 8 ¾ stuf    | 0.07.6 |
| 14 yds of damask                  | 0.14.0 |
| 6 ¼ yds scotch cloth              | 0.05.6 |
| 4 ¼ yds of irish lining (linen)   | 0.04.3 |
| 1 diaper table cloth              | 0.03.0 |
| 4 yds of irish lining (linen)     | 0.03.4 |
| 10 ¾ yds English lining           | 0.04.5 |
| 35 yds Lancaster lining           | 1.15.0 |
| 20 ydsof white ozenbrigs          | 0.13.4 |
| 12 ells of dowlas                 | 0.15.0 |
| 17 yds of scotch lining           | 0.14.2 |
| 16 ½ yds of irish lining (linen)  | 0.16.0 |
| 25 yards of ditto                 | 1.02.0 |
| 20 ½ yds of sheeting lining       | 1.10.0 |
| 21 ¾ yds of brown sheeting lining | 1.02.0 |
| 7 ½ ells of brown ozenbrigs       | 1.05.0 |
| 12 ¼ yds of fine check            | 1.18.0 |
| 7 ½ yds of corse ditto check      | 0.08.6 |
| 4 yds of beco lining              | 0.02.4 |
| 17 yds of white demety            | 0.17.6 |
| 6 ½ yds of bed tick               | 0.08.0 |
| 6 ½ yds of boulster ditto         | 0.05.0 |



Cloth was often named after the place that was first known for making it or that specialized in especially fine products of a particular type. We have several examples in the list. Worsted, which was a common fabric in early America, is a cloth made of long-stapled wool combed straight and smooth before spinning, first known as cloth of Worthstede. Kersey, another common fabric often used for stockings, is a coarse woolen cloth with a woven pattern that may have originated in Kersey, Suffolk.

Oszenberg has its origins began in Osnabruck, Germany, date uncertain, for which the fabric was named. It was a coarse, strong, plain-weave tow linen often left in its natural color. Fabric might have been similar to or a type of canvas, dowlas or sackcloth, all coarse linens used for cloak bags and cases and clothing for lower classes in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Today's name and spelling is due to the English corruption of Osnaburg but in former days

it was also spelled Osenbreges, Ossenbrydge, Ostenbriges, Ozenbridg[e], Osburow, Osenbrigs, Oz- Osnabrigs -brug, Ozenbrigs, Ossenburgs and Osnaburgh.

Kersey is said to be named for a village in England where from the 11th to 15th century a large woolen trade thrived. Originally it was a coarse, narrow, twill woven woolen cloth. A heavy, compact goods fulling to conceal the threads and finished with a short nap. Kersey was used for military clothing throughout Europe and North America. By the time of the American Civil War it had been standard fabric for army trousers and greatcoats since early in the century. Both 54 and 27 inch wide kerseys were listed by the Quartermaster for army use.

Manchester is woolen cloth from Manchester, England. Holland is a fine linen originally imported to England from Holland; later the name applied to any fine linen.

Stamell is a good quality worsted or linsey woolsey, generally red. The word derives from the red stamin dye. Frieze refers to a napped or piled woolen cloth, originally Irish.

Shag was a thick-piled cloth with a nap, generally of worsted, often used for linings. Its opposite might be stuff, which is also a worsted, but distinguished from other woolen clothes by the absence of any nap or pile.

Diaper has nothing to do with babies. It is a linen cloth patterned by opposite reflections from its surface.

Then we come to the great mystery. What is inkle? The Cunnington's dictionary came to the rescue. It is a kind of linen tape, sometimes white but usually colored, used as a cheap binding by the lower classes.

Bluefield Daily Telegraph (Bluefield, WV) 11 Mar 1905

Death Claims Miss Patsy Kean

The death occurred at 9:30 last night, at the home of her cousin, W. A. Vawter, on Lee street. Miss Patsy Kean, whose desperate illness has been noted in these columns. Her mother and two brothers were with her when the end came. Miss Kean who was only fifteen years of age, was a student at Graham College, and it was just three weeks ago last night when she first became sick.....physicians pronounced her illness typhoid fever.

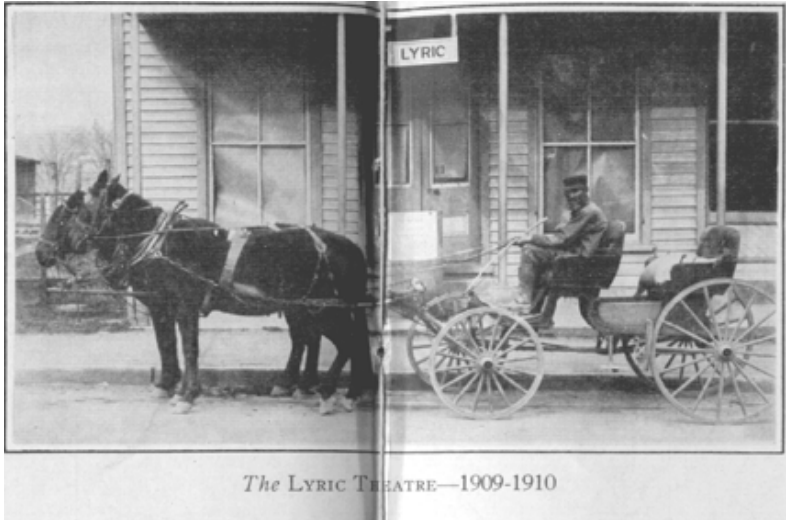
The Burlington Weekly Hawkeye (21 Sep 1882)

Iowa Christian Convention

Resolutions committee, J. B. Vawter, S. Ely and H. A. Kerr

Evangelizing, J. H. Painter, A. J. Garrison and J. B. Vawer, state Evangelists, made each an extensive and interesting report of successful work. S. Ely supplemented their reports by a verbal statement of his evangelistic statement of a general character, resulting in some two hundred new accessions.

Reports of state evangelists show that there are over one hundred regular Christian ministers in Iowa, membership in the state over twenty thousand, several new houses of worship built during the year, with other encouraging signs of success.



## The Lyric Theatre: A Look

### Back at the Beginnings

### History and Early Homes of the Lyric



The original Lyric Theatre in Blacksburg, VA was opened September 7, 1909, by S. R. Minter, former head of the electric service department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and R. R. Moyer, a student at V. P. I. The theatre was at that time in the building opposite the old military laboratory on a site later occupied first by a boarding house and restaurant and then by G. W. Hills & Store on Main Street.

The Lyric was bought in January, 1910 by R. A. Payne, and moved to the building later occupied by the G. C. Department store. This building was eventually brick-veneered. In June, 1910, Mr. Payne sold the theatre to C. E. Vawter, a member of the V. P. I. faculty. Mr. Vawter sold the theatre to Argabrite Brothers in 1913; they in turn sold it to J. A. Karnes and J. B. Fogleman, former treasurer of the college, in 1915.

Julia Ann Vaughter, parentage unknown. Julia married Terry Utley Wade son of Vincent Anderson Wade and Phoebe Utley. They married 7 Oct 1880 Rockwall, Rockwall Co., TX. One child known Lola Mae Wade b. 21 Aug 1887.

Wilson County News - Thursday, May 22, 1941. Funeral services for John Nelson VAUGHTER, 73, were conducted at the Hurricane Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. OWEN, pastor. Mr. VAUGHTER died in a local hospital Saturday morning after a brief illness. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lilly VAUGHTER; one son, Roy Wilson VAUGHTER; and 4 nephews. Burial was in Hurricane Cemetery with Ligon & Son in charge.

Allen Cemetery, Lexington, Lauderdale County, AL  
Melinda (Vaughter) Allen, wife of Robert Allen

Newport News Public Library, Newport, VA Times Herald  
Vawter, Edmund Longly, d. 11 Sep 1912





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### Important Notice Concerning Your Dues.

It's holiday time and now would be the best time to spend \$20, \$30 even \$50 and buy VVV newsletter and dues for the upcoming year. Children, cousins, parents even friends would love to know more about our great organization. Send your check for \$10 per subscription and dues to Laneil Vawter 11506 Sagecountry, Houston, TX 77089. Make check payable to the VVV family.

If you are receiving the newsletter and have not paid during 2007, this will be the last newsletter you will receive. Don't miss out on the current news, obituaries, upcoming reunions and family history. It's only \$10. Envelopes are enclosed in the newsletter to help remind you of unpaid dues. Don't set it aside, mail today. The VVV continues to expand and grow and everyone is an important part.

Does anyone have any information on this publication by Grace Vawter Bicknell? It would be very interesting to have a copy for our organization. Is anyone aware of any other publications by Grace? If anyone is in Washington DC perhaps they can put this on the list to try and locate.

Bicknell, Grace Vawter. The Inhabited Alleys of Washington, D.C. Committee on Housing, Woman's Welfare Department, 1912

# Black Water Falls State Park, Davis, WV, Reunion 2007.

July 19, 20 and 21 we came together for the annual VVV reunion. With more than 100 in attendance from across the US, we converged on West Virginia. Hosted superbly by Ned and Ellen Cummings and a host of volunteers, this was one of the most beautiful and cool Julys for everyone in attendance. Genealogy, good friends and loads of good food, plus a train ride thru the fantastic WV countryside were just a small part of 3 fun filled days. Pictures from top to bottom, left to right. 1. Beautiful Blackwater Falls Lodge. 2. Opening ceremony and information on the park. 3. Genealogy session, showing the original quilt from the revised version of the 1905 Bicknell Book, the Vawter Family in America. 4. One of the many falls and beautiful scenery. 5. Cheat Mountain Corksniffers old time music and entertainment 6. Let the dancing begin.



More Pictures 7. The dancing lasted into the night. 8. Even sore feet didn't slow us down. 9 The New Tygert Flyer, 4 hours of WV beauty. 10. The conductors, all aboard. 11. Train travel was fun. 12. A happy group of VVV travelers.



Picture 13. Wind power a part of our future. 14. Thankfully that was not our train track 15 and 16. Beautiful Blackwater Falls 17. Saturday Night Banquet with President J. W. Vawter presiding. 18. VVV Memorial Service honoring 34 family members



Jeanette Vawter, who resides at 3737 W. 116<sup>th</sup> St, Zionsville, In 46077 recently sent some poetry of her late husband Dewey Vawter. She says "I know he wouldn't mind sharing them from his published and copy wried poem book". Here are the 3 she sent along, all by Dewey Vawter.

#### Just a kid

I'm just a normal kind of kid, Like many kids my age. So why does everyone I know Measure me with a strickter gauge? I have the same desires and hopes As everyone today, So please do not disown me, if I should slip or go astray. Sometimes I slip and stumble, And fall flat upon my face. The only thing that saved my hide, Was God's own gentle grace. I don't live up to my potential; I'm falling short right now. Perhaps I could do better If you would show me how. I've a lot of growing up to do, And that's really hard you see. I need a lot of help with this, Why not share your life with me? You're older and much wiser, I'm sure that this is true. But what good is all that wisdom, If you keep if all for you?

#### Criticize

Who among us has great wisdom, who among us stands so tall? That they can say to our Lord Jesus, "Thank you, Lord, I know it all?"

Who among us is so mighty, that he or she can stand alone? Who among us is so holy, that they can cast the first death stone?

Do we know what God is doing, when our brother tries and tries? Are we so righteous that we can see through The Masters holy eyes?

Why find fault with what others do and criticize their mistakes? Jump in and lend a hand and build them up for goodness sakes.

Do we say to our brother, "You have an eye splinter so it seems?" And wonder why your vision is blurred, when in your eyes there are some beams.

What makes us so perfect, have we God's wisdom deep inside? Or do we find fault with other, just to boost our foolish pride?

Better ponder what you're going to say; don't speak an idle word. For when it comes from your lips, it is forever heard.

Put your brother on your back, and carry him if you must. God has given you His love to spread; this is a sacred trust.

Be careful how you judge me, or you may find to your dismay. That how you judge me now, is how you'll be judged that day.

#### Bloodthirsty Barbara

Early in the morning while you are still in bed, You think you hear the breakfast cart, But it's a nurse instead. You hear, "Good morning, Mr. Patient, I'm sure that you won't mind, I need a little blood, just a gallon will do fine."

It's Bloodthirsty Barbara; she's part of the staff, She makes you want to run and hide, But instead you start to laugh.

A tray full of needles, cotton balls and duct tape; You lay there and tremble, For you know there's no escape. She wears a big smile and turns on the charm, As she tightens the tourniquet, Around your good arm.

Your veins turn to jelly; they all run and hide, But you keep on grinning; You must save your pride.

She prods you and pokes you, Until your arm turns deep red, Then she replies, "I'm sorry sir, I'm at the wrong bed."

# Christmas Customs

By Emma L. Powers

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CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

Christmas in colonial Virginia was very different from our twentieth-century celebration. Eighteenth-century customs don't take long to recount: church, dinner, dancing, some evergreens, visiting--and more and better of these very same for those who could afford more.

Our present Christmas customs derive from a wide array of inspirations, nearly as various and numerous as the immigrants who settled this vast country. Most of the ways Americans celebrate the midwinter holiday came about in the nineteenth century, but we're extraordinarily attached to our traditions and feel sure that they must be very old and supremely significant. What follows is a capsule history of some of our most loved Christmas customs.

**Christmas, a children's holiday?** No eighteenth-century sources highlight the importance of children at Christmastime--or of Christmas to children in particular. For instance, Philip Vickers Fithian's December 18, 1773, diary entry about exciting holiday events mentions: "the *Balls*, the *Fox-hunts*, the fine *entertainments*. . ." None was meant for kids, and the youngsters were cordially not invited to attend. Sally Cary Fairfax was old enough to keep a journal and old enough to attend a ball at Christmas 1771, so she was not one of the "tiny tots with their eyes all aglow." The emphasis on Christmas as a magical time for children came about in the nineteenth century. We must thank the Dutch and Germans in particular for centering Christmas in the home and within the family circle.

**Gift giving.** Williamsburg shopkeepers of the eighteenth century placed ads noting items appropriate as holiday gifts, but New Year's was as likely a time as December 25 for bestowing gifts. Cash tips, little books, and sweets in small quantities were given by masters or parents to dependents, whether slaves, servants, apprentices, or children. It seems to have worked in only one direction: children and others did not exchange gifts.

**Christmas cards.** Printers have been cashing in on Christmas since the eighteenth century--at least in London and other large cities. Schoolboys (only the young males) filled in with their best penmanship pages pre-printed with special holiday borders. "Christmas pieces" they were called. But the Christmas card *per se* was a nineteenth-century English invention.

**Garlands and greens.** Decorations for the midwinter holidays consisted of whatever natural materials looked attractive at the bleakest time of year--evergreens, berries, forced blossoms--and the necessary candles and fires. No early Virginia sources tell us how, or even *if*, colonists decorated their homes for

the holidays, so we must rely on eighteenth-century English prints. Of the precious few--only half a dozen--that show interior Christmas decorations, a large cluster of mistletoe is always the major feature for obvious reasons. Otherwise, plain sprigs of holly or bay fill vases and other containers of all sorts or stand flat against windowpanes.

**Christmas trees.** The first written reference to a Christmas tree dates from the seventeenth century when a candle-lighted tree astonished residents of Strasbourg. By the nineteenth century a few of the "German toys" appeared in London. But these foreign oddities were not yet accepted. When a print of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's very domestic circle around a decorated tree at Windsor Castle appeared in the *Illustrated London News* in 1848, the custom truly caught on.

At about the same time, Charles Minnegerode, a German professor at the College of William and Mary, trimmed a small evergreen to delight the children at the St. George Tucker House. Martha Vandergrift, aged 95, recalled the grand occasion, and her story appeared in the *Richmond News Leader* on December 25, 1928. Presumably Mrs. Vandergrift remembered the tree and who decorated it more clearly than she did the date. The newspaper gave 1845 as the time, three years after Minnegerode's arrival in Williamsburg. Perhaps the first Christmas tree cheered the Tucker household as early as 1842.

**Christmas foods and beverages.** Everyone wants more and better things to eat and drink for a celebration. Finances nearly always control the possibilities. In eighteenth-century Virginia, of course, the rich had more on the table at Christmas and on any other day, too, but even the gentry faced limits in winter. December was the right time for slaughtering, so fresh meat of all sorts they had, as well as some seafood. Preserving fruits and vegetables was problematic for a December holiday. Then as now, beef, goose, ham, and turkey counted as holiday favorites; some households also insisted on fish, oysters, mincemeat pies, and brandied peaches. No one dish epitomized the Christmas feast in colonial Virginia.

Wines, brandy, rum punches, and other alcoholic beverages went plentifully around the table on December 25 in well-to-do households. Others had less because they could afford less. Slave owners gave out portions of rum and other liquors to their workers at Christmastime to keep slaves at the home quarter during their few days off work. People with a quantity of alcohol in them were more likely to stay close to home than to run away or travel long distances to visit family.

**Length of the Christmas season.** Eighteenth-century Anglicans prepared to celebrate the Nativity during Advent, a penitential season in the church's calendar. December 25, not a movable feast, began a festive season of considerable duration. The twelve days of Christmas lasted until January 6, also called Twelfth Day or Epiphany. Colonial Virginians thought Twelfth Night a good occasion for balls, parties, and weddings. There seems to have been no special notice of New Year's Eve in colonial days. Celebrants in the eighteenth century saw Christmas Day itself as only the first day of festivities. Probably because customs then were fewer and preparations simpler, colonial Virginians looked to the twelve days beyond December 25 as a way to extend and more fully savor the most joyful season of the year.

## CHRISTMAS TIME.

*Arkansas City Traveler*, December 15, 1880

The names of the various committees having in charge the Christmas tree festivities to be held at the Presbyterian church, were handed in last week, but were unavoidably crowded out, and are presented in this issue, as follows.

Committee on Procuring Tree: Messrs. John Walker, M. B. Vawter, S. B. Reed, A. Gardner, R. Hutchison, C. L. Swarts.

Committee on Receiving Presents: Misses Clara Finley, Alma Dixon, Kate Hawkins, May Roland, May Benedict, Lizzie Guthrie, Mary Thomas, and Messrs. F. W. Farrar, C. M. Swarts, Dr. Vawter, Robert Maxwell.

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### The Winning Ticket

An Article From the Lafayette Daily Courier

Thursday, October 11, 1888

The Courier is privileged to present its readers today with the portraits and brief biographical sketches of the gentlemen who have been selected by the Republicans of Tippecanoe County as candidates for the several local offices to be filled at the election to be held on the 6th day of November next.....The ticket offered by the Republicans, individually and collectively, is a good one, and a full vote will elect each and every one of them by a handsome majority.



EVERETT B. VAWTER - Candidate for Surveyor, was born in Jennings County, Indiana, August 23, 1859, and with his parents removed to Lafayette in 1864, and has resided here since. His father, P. C. Vawter, was a practical surveyor and civil engineer, and young Vawter devoted all his time out of school hours to learning his profession, and under the careful guidance of his father, at the age of nineteen, had grown to be a practical surveyor and civil engineer. In 1882 the senior Vawter was defeated by S. K. Richards for surveyor, and young Vawter was thrown temporarily out of employment. He turned his attention to contracting for the next two years, not giving up the idea of pursuing his chosen profession. He was associated with J. W. Newton, a prominent contractor, and in this business acquired a knowledge of the cost of labor and material that was of great practical value in this branch of the engineering profession. In the summer of 1884 the Republicans in need of a candidate, (his father having been appointed the city engineer of Lafayette), young Vawter was nominated as against worthy

competition, Thomas Cory, and pitted against his father's old opponent, S. K. Richards. In this campaign, as well as in 1886 (at which time he was nominated by acclamation), he was elected by handsome majorities, the last time over 1,100. During the time he has been in office he has shown his high ability for the discharge of its duties. He is withal a clever, genial and accommodating gentleman. Mr. Vawter is unmarried, and the *Courier* wants to say to the young ladies if they allow him to slip through their hands they will miss a prize in the matrimonial lottery.





# A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER

Menu from *Godey's Lady's Book*, December 1890

Prepare an authentic Victorian Christmas dinner from oysters to pate, from turkey to quail, with punch, fancy cakes and coffee.

Raw Oysters  
Bouillon  
Fried smelts.....Sauce tartare  
Potatoes a la Maitre d' Hotel  
Sweetbread Pates.....Peas  
Roast Turkey.....Cranberry Sauce  
Roman Punch  
Quail with Truffles.....Rice Croquettes  
Parisian Salad  
Crackers and Cheese  
Nesselrode Pudding.....Fancy Cakes  
Fruit.....Coffee

## All I Want For Christmas

Dear Santa:  
Don't bring me new dishes;  
I don't need a new kind of game.  
Genealogists have peculiar wishes:  
For Christmas I just want a surname  
A new washing machine would be  
But it isn't the desire of my life.  
I've just found an ancestor's birth  
Now I need the name of his wife.  
My heart doesn't yearn for a ring  
that would put a real diamond to shame.  
What I want is a much cheaper thing:  
Please give me Martha's last name.  
To see my heart singing with joy,  
Don't bring me a red leather suitcase.  
Bring me a genealogist's toy:  
A surname, with dates and a place.



## Celebrating a Colonial Christmas at Vauter's Church in Essex County Virginia

Christmas Day was just the beginning of the celebration of the Yuletide for the Vawter family in Colonial Virginia.

John, Edward, Augustine, Richard, William, David, Benjamin and Margaret would have continued the traditions their parents Bartholomew and Winifred Hodgson Vawter started at the church they helped to found and build.

Virginians continued their holiday observances -- both reverent and merry -- throughout the Twelve Days of Christmas and even on to Candlemas on February 2. Most were Anglicans, members of the Established Church in Virginia, and their observances followed the church calendar: December 26 was St. Stephen's Day; December 27 was Saint John the Evangelist Day; December 28 was Holy Innocents Day; January 6 was Twelfth Day or Epiphany.



On Christmas Eve, colonial Virginians decorated their churches with green boughs and hung garlands of holly, pine, ivy, magnolia, and mistletoe from the church roof, walls, pillars, galleries, pews and pulpits. They also decorated their homes with evergreens, symbols of eternal life. Pomander balls made with cloves and oranges brought scents of the season. Both houses and churches were strewn with lavender, rosemary, and bay.

Fruits decorated the dining table in pyramid form. They were too precious to be used in wreaths and garlands as we do today.

The Virginians carried on the customs of Medieval England, including the bringing in and burning of a huge Yule Log, usually of oak. Originally a Norse custom, it was said to bring good luck to the house in the coming year. They also continued the custom of hanging mistletoe kissing balls.

Christmas Day morning began with gunfire as every man fired his musket to announce the start of the holiday. Folks would also set off strings of firecrackers and bang on pots and pans -- anything for noise.

However, to the inhabitants of the various colonies, there were differences of opinion on how to celebrate -- or not celebrate -- Christmas.

Any celebration of Christmas was outlawed in most of New England until early in the 19th century. Massachusetts forbade "the observance of any such day as Christmas or the like..." Connecticut banned the reading of the Book of Common Prayer, the keeping of Christmas and saints' days, the making of mince pies, the playing of cards, or performing on any musical instruments. Colonial Virginians did just the opposite -- and more.

"Nothing is now to be heard of in conversation, but the balls, the Fox-hunts, the fine entertainments, and the good fellowship, which are to be exhibited at the approaching Christmas," wrote Philip Fithian on December 18, 1773. He was a young divinity student from Princeton University, tutor to the children of wealthy planter Robert Carter, who lit his great hall with hundreds of candles.

Christmas carols were in the air. They sang many of the same ones we sing today: Joy to the World, The Snow Lay on the Ground, The First Noel, God Rest You Merry Gentlemen, The Holly and the Ivy, I Saw Three Ships, Lully Lullay (The Coventry Carol).

In the early 1770s, the Reverend James Marye, Jr., rector of St. George's Parish in Fredericksburg from 1768 to 1780, composed a Christmas hymn for metrical singing:

Assist Me, Muse divine! To sing the Morn  
On which the Saviour of Mankind was born  
But oh! What Numbers to the Theme can rise?  
Unless kind Angels aid me from the skies?  
Methinks I see the tuneful Host descend  
And with Officious Joy the scene attend.  
Hark, by their hymns directed on the Road,  
The gladsome Shepherds find the nascent God!  
And view the Infant conscious of his Birth,  
Smiling bespeak Salvation to the Earth!



As Christmas neared, plantation kitchens were a hive of activity. In 1746, a London magazine reported: "All over the Colony, an universal Hospitality reigns, with full tables and open doors."

Family, friends and even strangers would come and sometimes stay for weeks. Guests needed no invitations. It was Southern hospitality at its finest.

Parties sometimes began before breakfast. Dancers seemed never to tire. Philip Fithian entered the Carter ballroom and admired the minuets and country dances which had begun at breakfast and continued until 2 p.m. After dinner, the dancing started up again until it was too dark to dance.

On Christmas Day the "groaning board" in wealthy households would offer beef, goose, ham, turkey, fish, oysters, mincemeat pies, brandied peaches, fruit cakes and plum puddings. There were often a dozen kinds of desserts.

Drink was usually strong and included egg nog, the traditional English wassail bowl, a punch of spiced wine or ale with apples. Port and Madiera were favorite wines. George Washington, whose Christmas toast was "All our friends," had his own recipe for egg nog. It was a potent libation.

Presents were usually quite modest: a kiss and a small toy for children and simple best wishes for friends. However, newly-married George Washington had other ideas. In 1759, he made this Christmas list for his two stepchildren: "A bird on Bellows, A Cuckoo, A turnabout parrot, A Grocers Shop, An Aviary, A Prussian Dragoon, A Man Smoakg, 6 Small Books for Children, 1 Fash. dres Baby & other toys."

Feasting and merrymaking continued throughout the season. Sally Fairfax wrote in 1771: "On Thursday, the 26 of decem. Mama made 6 mince pies, & 7 custards, 13 tarts, 1 chicking pye and 4 pudings for the ball."

Twelfth Night, January 6, was "the traditional last fling of the Christmas season," as described in the book, Christmas in Colonial and Early America. It was also a traditional time for weddings: George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married on Twelfth Night of 1759 at her home near Williamsburg.

## Colonial Style Bed Linens

While we all know about blankets few of us have ever heard of a bed rug or 'rugg'. Yet bed rugs were widely used in the 1600s. In his dictionary written of 1755 Samuel Johnson defined bed ruggs as "*course, nappy coverlets used for mean beds*". These rugs are believed to have been knotted shag although we cannot be sure, as there are no surviving examples of these early bed rugs. These bed rugs were manufactured in England using lesser grade wool. By the mid 1700s bed rugs appear to have been owned by rich and poor alike.

Part of the Inventory of the Estate of Bartholomew Vawter 1717 Essex Co., VA,  
John Vawter, executor.

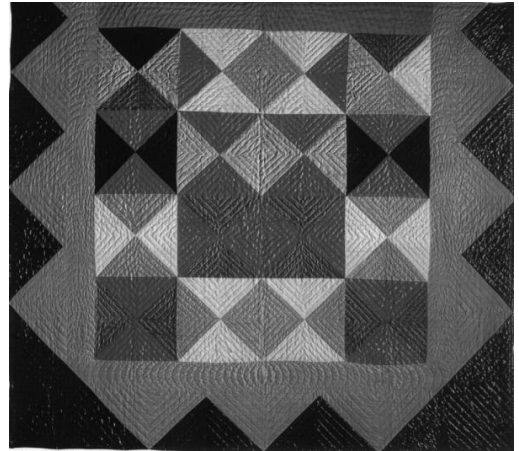
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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 feather-bed and 2 boulders, Rugg, Blankers, sheets and beedstead                         | 5.00.0 |
| 1 old featherbed and flat boulder, rug, sheets, blanket<br>and old featherbed and bedstead | 3.00.0 |
| 5 old rugs & 5 old blankets & an old bolster                                               | 1.00.0 |

18 July 1727 Will of John Ellitts of the County of Essex and Parish of St. Mary's, being grown old, dated 15 Jan. 1725. . . .To my son John a feather bed bought of John Vawter and the green rugg and blanketts and bolster and pillows and a pair of sheets and his choice of my two guns .....

One wonders if there was variety in quality or if old bed rugs were simply passed on to those in need. Most of what we know has been found through early records of ownership and words on a list don't tell the whole story.

Quite a different type of bed rug began to appear in the late 1700s and continued to be made into the 1800s. A few examples of these hand made rugs can be found in museums today. The transition between the manufactured bed rugs and the decorative hand worked rugs is uncertain but one possibility might be found in the patriotism of many women preceding and during the Revolutionary war. These women were determined to put their hands to work making their own products rather than buy anything imported from England.



Textile researcher Lynne Bassett explains that hand made bed rugs were done with needle and yarn usually on a wool backing. Many were embroidered with a running stitch left loopy on the top. The tufts could be cut giving a shaggy appearance. Others were flat-embroidered in a variety of darning stitches. She points out, "*The definitive characteristic, though, seems to be that they were completely covered with stitching of some sort, either in a solid color, or worked in a decorative pattern.*"

Sketch of the Original Stone Church, St. Charles, IL by Mr. Jack Vawter, Christmas, 1973



If any V/V/V family members have information about Jack Vawter please send into the newsletter or website. We would like to know if he has other artwork to share with the association.

Obituaries of Historical Newspapers

New York, New York, 1916

Mrs. Charlotte Hobart Vawter of Indianapolis, Ind. Said to be a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, died on Sunday at a hospital in Easton, Md.

New York, New York, 1931

William D. Allen

Chicago, Oct 11 William D. Allen, 75, Evanston manufacturer, died suddenly last night. He was born Oct. 12, 1855 in Hartford, Conn., graduated from Yale University in 1878 and came here two years later, founding the W. D. Allen Manufacturing Company, a general mill supply house. His widow, a daughter Mrs. Harry Vawter of Scarsdale, N. Y. and two grandchildren survive him

Washington, District of Columbia, 1906

Weaver – On Wednesday, Feb 21, 1906 at 12 pm at the residence of her daughter, 1459 Pierce place northwest, Fannie Muse Weaver, beloved wife of George O. Weaver and devoted mother of Lindsay, Lida, Lockwood, Oscar, Mabel Weaver and Mrs. Sara Vawter. Funeral Sunday Feb 25, at 10m from Nineteenth Street Baptist Church. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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Resolved, that the senate is ready to proceed to the election of an assessor, under the act to provide for the production, sale and distribution of salt, and that nominations have been made for that office only for the southwestern section of the state. The names of gentlemen in nomination are *Arthur C. Cummings* of Abingdon, and *Elliott Vawter* of Mercer. Mr. RICHARDSON nominated *Elliott Vawter* of Mercer.

*Elliott Vawter* received . . . . . 33

The joint order of the day for the election of five assessors, under the act entitled an act for the production, sale and distribution of salt in this commonwealth, was taken up. Mr. RICHARDSON withdrew the name of *Elliott Vawter*.

## VVV Family Reunion, Red Wing, Minnesota, July 16, 17, 18, 2008

The Reunion headquarters and hotel is the historic and fabulous St. James Hotel. Reservations call 1-800-252-1875, cost is \$99 per night.

The St. James has been a prominent institution in Red Wing since the town was the world's largest wheat shipping port and Minnesota's most important site for commerce and travel. The St. James opened on Thanksgiving Day in 1875 with one of the most elegant parties the region had ever seen.



### Lake Pepin Paddleboat Port of Lake City, MN

Friday July 18, 2008 Cost \$15 per person "Pearl of the Lake" is a



modern day replica of the grand riverboats that traveled on the Mississippi River in the 1800's. True to tradition, her only means of propulsion is the twin paddlewheels in the stern. Her name emphasizes the historic significance shared by paddlewheel boats and the freshwater pearl industry on the upper Mississippi River. The mussels that produce fresh water pearls are very sensitive to pollution and an important indicator of water clarity. It is our mission to help educate people about the history and environmental factors that impact our great River. The Pearl has a fully enclosed lower deck with air conditioning, and an open upper deck that seats 52.

Seating for 115 people total. Full bar and snacks available on all cruises.

The Red Wing Visitors and Convention Bureau is headquartered at the historic train depot at Levee Park.

[Red Wing Shoe Company](#) is synonymous with the town of Red Wing; the Red Wing Shoe store is located in the Riverfront Centre, across from the St. James Hotel. Visit Red Wing Shoe Store today and check out their new line of casual footwear.





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#### Additional Family Activities -

The City of Red Wing is proud of the **Colvill Aquatic Center**. The beautiful new facility opened in 2000. The facility is an outdoor facility that sits next to the Mississippi River in Colvill Park. The pool has two water slides, a zero-depth entry, an interactive play area in the water for the young kids, and a diving board. In addition, there is a sand play area for the younger crowd, lounge chairs and large umbrellas and a concession stand. open daily, cost \$6,50 per person

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#### Red Wing Pottery

For more information call (651) 388-3562 or (800) 228-0174

1920 West Main Street (Just off Hwy 61), Red Wing, MN 55066

[www.redwingpottery.com](http://www.redwingpottery.com)

Ranked in the top ten of Minnesota's shopping destinations, The Red Wing Pottery, the original company, is still alive and well today. We have been in business since the 1870's, making us one of Minnesota's oldest businesses. This third generation family business continues to be Red Wing's favorite tourist destination. Watch potters at work in our pottery studio, making pottery at the wheel in the same style that it was made in the late 1800's. Shop our large selection of dinnerware (including fiesta ware), pottery and gifts throughout our large retail store. Enjoy our Smokey Row Bakery and Café for breakfast and lunch.

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Our tropical-theme 250-room hotel has a fabulous year-round swimming pool and hot tubs set in a lush rainforest environment.

Should you prefer the water, our marina offers 137 transient slips with bathroom, shower, gas and laundry facilities, plus water and electric hookups.

Park while you play on The Island in our 95-pad RV park complete with all the hookups.

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Located one hour north of Red Wing Minnesota, one day is not enough for this attraction, besides 250 stores, untold restaurants and IMAX theatre, the following is a small example. An indoor roller coaster can't be missed. Great for young and old alike.

#### Underwater Adventures Aquarium

Voted "World's Best Shark Encounter" by Discovery.com! Touch real sharks and stingrays at Minnesota's largest aquarium!

#### NASCAR Silicon Motor Speedway

The roar of 700 horse power engines and 195 mile per hour speeds are all part of this electrifying, high-tech indoor stock car racing competition.

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This enormous four-story LEGO showplace entertains guests of all ages and contains LEGO bricks to play with, models to look at, and sets to buy.

#### The Park at MOA™

The Park at MOA in Mall of America is the nation's largest indoor family theme park with more than 30 rides and seven acres of fun.

Amish Acres, Historic Farm and Heritage Resort, Nappanee, Indiana  
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places  
A relocated hand hewn barn built by John T. Vawter in 1874 near Lake Wawasee, IN  
is used as the main restaurant.



### The Restaurant Barn at Amish Acres Home of the Award Winning Threshers Dinner

For over three decades Amish Acres family style restaurant has been serving the same menu amid the beams of the old barn restaurant.

Perhaps this recipe was made by the family of John T. Vawter, as it is a favorite in many

areas of the Midwest. As the very earliest settlers came across America, they brought with them the staples of their diet - long-lasting nonperishables that would survive a long trip. These staples were flour, brown sugar, molasses, lard, salt, and spices. Arriving in the new land, they had to live pretty much on what they had brought with them until the next growing season. The women, being master of the art of "making do," concocted a pie from the limited selection that could be found in the larder. This resourcefulness led to the creation of shoofly pie.

### Amish Acres Famous Shoo Fly Pie

1 unbaked 9" [pie crust](#)

#### Crumb Topping:

1 C flour  
1/2 C light [brown sugar](#)  
1 tsp. [cinnamon](#)  
1/2 tsp. [nutmeg](#)  
1/3 C [butter](#)

Serves 6-8 whipped [cream](#) for topping

#### Liquid Bottom

1 C boiling water  
1/2 C light [molasses](#)  
1/2 C dark [corn syrup](#)  
1 tsp. [baking soda](#)  
1 [egg](#), beaten



**note:** You can make this pie using a full cup of molasses instead of the molasses/corn syrup mixture, but I find the flavor to be a little stronger than my liking, which is why I recommend the mixture. Preheat oven to 325° F. Mix the crumb topping ingredients together with a pastry blender until well mixed and mixture resemble fine crumbs. Set aside. Crumb topping is a bit of misnomer as the crumbs will be absorbed into the liquid bottom layer, but we'll get to this later.

Mix molasses and corn syrup, add boiling water and stir to mix. Add baking soda and beaten egg and mix well. Spoon into an unbaked piecrust. Spoon the crumb mixture over the top of the pie. Place the pie on a baking sheet covered in aluminum foil, (trust me, if the pie shell overflows you don't want burning sugar syrup all over your oven) and bake for about 40 minutes or until pie is medium set and dark brown. Serve warm or chilled, top with whipped cream.





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**Start Making Plans Today for the 2008 Reunion  
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**A beautiful river town on the Mississippi**

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Sightseeing tentative plans:

Steam twin paddlewheel boat tour of on the "Pearl of the Lake". Air conditioned lower deck, open upper deck. VVV group fun for only \$10 per person plus lunch on Friday July 18.

Tour the Red Wing Pottery Company. The original pottery company is still in operation and ranks as one of the top 10 Minnesota shopping destinations. Watch potters at work and enjoy breakfast or lunch at the facility.

Welch Mill Canoeing and Tubing fun on the river. Short or all day trips. Family entertainment for young and old.

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Roger F. Wicker (born July 5, 1951) is an American politician. He is a member of the Republican Party in the United States Senate.

Wicker previously served in the United States House of Representatives, representing Mississippi's 1st congressional district, which includes much of the northern portion of the state including Columbus, Oxford, Southaven, and Tupelo.

Wicker was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and political science and a law degree from the University of Mississippi where he was a brother of Sigma Nu. Wicker practiced law for several years before entering politics.



### **United States Senate**

At a press conference on December 31, 2007, Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour appointed Wicker to fill the Senate seat vacated by Trent Lott on December 18, 2007. He was sworn in by the clerk of the U.S. Senate just prior to that news conference.

Wicker is running for the remainder of Lott's term in the November special election. Wicker's resignation from the House will also trigger a special election to fill his House seat.

Wicker and his wife Gayle have three children: Margaret, a Capitol Hill staffer in Washington, D.C.; Caroline, an alumna of Ole Miss, who also currently works in D.C.; and McDaniel, an upperclassman at Ole Miss. The Wickers reside in Tupelo, where he is a deacon at First Baptist Church.

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An additional note from VVV Historian, James Vaughters.

### **“Congratulations, Cousin Roger”**

Mississippi has chosen a VVV as its newest US Senator, Roger Wicker, son of Judge Fred Wicker and the late Wordna Wicker. He was selected to fill the seat vacated by Trent Lott.

Roger and his wife Gayle have attended many reunions, beginning with the one in Virginia in 1980. Hopefully his new title will not prevent him from attending more.

He has been active in many facets of American Life that deal with U. S. History, including that of being a board member of the Civil War Preservation Trust.

Roger is a descendant of the colorful John Vawter (1778-1865), who was born during the Revolutionary War and died during the Civil War. He lived in North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama.

John married 4 times, had one son Allegany and 9 daughters, and is often mentioned at reunions as being famous for running a tipling house.

## Georgia - Vaughters Reunion - June 8, 2008

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia Vaughters Reunion will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at Bethel Baptist Church, 2 miles northeast of Dawsonville, GA on Highway 136. Charles Burt hosted the first one in 1999, 65 years after the big 74<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Rev. George R. Vaughters. It has been called various reunions over the years – descendants of James and Jane, Dawson County Vaughters, and Georgia Vaughters.

Schedule: 11:30 am Tour the cemetery, with 60 graves of Jane and her descendants  
12:15 pm Pictures on the church steps  
12:30 Covered dish dinner  
1:30 Story telling – of fathers this time. We have had grandfathers, great gf, great great, etc. etc.

Bring your favorite dish, photographs and stories. Contact Jim Vaughters Phone 303 771-3937

### **How Janice Rosenthal of Wilmette, IL, came into possession of the Bible of John C. Vawter:**

*In December of 2008 a man living in Denver, Colorado, was walking down the street and saw this Bible in a trash heap. He picked it up and sent it to his sister-in-law, who lived in Chicago, as a gag Christmas present. This woman worked with Janice Rosenthal's husband for many years and had heard of Janice's interest in genealogical research. Janice invited this woman to a dinner party Friday night, February 1, 2008, and she brought the Bible with her to Janice's home, and she asked Janice what she should do with it. Janice researched (on-line) all day Saturday Feb 2nd, and came up with the info below--which led Janice to Georgene Jurgensen, genealogist for the Vawter Family Association.*

### **FAMILY BIBLE OF JOHN C. & LUCINDA (JANES) VAWTER** New York: American Bible Society 1874

Marriages: John C. Vawter & Lucinda Janes was married Nov the 12 1840

Wm. A. Vawter & Mary E. Lyons was Married Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 188[0]?

*[The next four birth entries were recorded on the "Marriages" page]*

*[different hand]* John Lemuel Vawter was born July [2?] 1882

*[different hand? – different ink]* H.F. Homes Fredric Vawter Was born March 25 1884

*[again, in pencil]:* Homes Fredric Vawter was borned march 25 1884

*[different ink]* Charles Scott Vawter was born April 24th 1891

Births*[All births were written in same ink, same hand (matching the handwriting of the marriage of John & Lucinda above), except last entry was in different ink or pencil]*

John C. Vawter Born July the 28 1817

Lucinda Vawter Born Feb the 14 1818

*[11 children of John C. & Lucinda (Janes) Vawter]:*

Elizabeth A. Vawter Aug the 9 1841

Francis M. Vawter Dec the 3 1842

Nancy A. Vawter May the 22 1846

Cristifer [sic] C. Vawter March the 3 1848

Mary Jane Vawter July the 23 1849

Winifred S. Vawter Jan the 12 1851

Jesse T. Vawter Jan the 23 1853

Sarah E. Vawter May the 22 1854

Emma E. Vawter April the 15 1856

Wm. A. Vawter April the 6 1858

Susan C. Vawter June the 4 1861

*[John C.'s daughter-in-law, wife of his son William A.]:*

Mary Ellen Vawter was born May 17th 1863

*[Vawter is crossed out, and "Lyons" is written in below "Vawter"]*

Deaths: Jesse T. Vawter Died May the 11 1855

John C. Vawter October 14th 1881 *[date is very faint]*

Little Holmes F. Vawter Died June the 19 1886 (**prob s/o Wm. A. & Mary Ellen (Lyons) Vawter**)

John L. Vawter Died March 23 1890 (**prob s/o Wm. A. & Mary Ellen (Lyons) Vawter**)

**NOTE: It appears that Wm. A. & had only one surviving child: Charles Scott Vawter b. 1891.**

If you know of a direct descendant of this family line, please contact me, Georgene Jurgensen. John C. was the son of Beverly Vawter, son of Russell Vawter (brother of John Vawter of Elbert Co., GA), son of Richard, son of John Vawter of Virginia. Georgene is direct descendant from John's brother. I will have the Bible to show at the VVV Reunion in Red Wing, MN in July.

## In Memoriam

**VAWTER, JOHN S. "JAKE" (CANDYMAN), JR.**, age 80, of Morris, AL, passed away October 24, 2007. He is retired from Hays Aircraft. He is survived by his wife, Mary Frances Posey Vawter; sons, Mike (Ginny) DuBose and Dennis (Judy) DuBose; daughters, Pam (Mike) Blaylock, Rhonda (Jim) Freeman and Sylvia (Ken) Sullins; brother, Don Vawter; grandchildren, Carrie, Jennifer, Stacy, Katti, Jerred, Erik, Kyle, Tyler, Alyx, Ryan, Tracie, Erin, Jessica, Jennifer and Kevin; and 13 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Saturday from 12 to 2 at Roebuck Chapel. Funeral service will be Saturday, October 27, 2007 at 2:00 pm at Roebuck Chapel with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery. G.T. Robertson officiating. Ridout's Roebuck Chapel directing.

Three Rivers Publishing, Written by Rob Viehman Wednesday, 17 October 2007

**William Oliver Vawter** of Sullivan Missouri was born on Monday, April 16, 1923 in Kings Mill, Arkansas to James Monroe Vawter and Georgianna Miller Vawter. He passed away in his home on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at the age of 84 years, 5 months and 23 days. Bill married Elsie Alene Goodman on September 19, 1942 in Hardy, Arkansas and to this union seven children were born. Before retirement, Bill worked as a carpenter in commercial construction and was a member of the Carpenters Local Union. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, Bourbon, Missouri where he was active in soul winning. He also enjoyed playing the guitar, violin, mandolin, banjo and singing. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Carl, infant Harland and Eugene (Velma) Vawter; son, Mark Vawter; half-sister, Naomi Vawter and brother-in-law, Marlton Snow.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years of the home; children, Lindell (Bonnie) Vawter of Charlotte, North Carolina, Harold Vawter of Sullivan, Missouri, Michael (Judy) Vawter of Satellite Beach, Florida, Keith (Debbie) Vawter of Belle, Missouri, Debbie (Jimmy) Anderson of Stanton, Missouri, Kenny (Paula) Vawter of Sullivan, Missouri; daughter-in-law, Julie Vawter of St. Clair, Missouri; brother, Leon (Edith) Vawter of California; sisters-in-law, Jean Vawter of Highland, Arkansas, Ola Snow of Lonedell, Missouri; and brother-in-law, Stanley (Kay) Goodman of Cedar Hill, Missouri; 16 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Burial was at the Liberty Hill Cemetery, Hardy, Arkansas with sons and grandsons as pallbearers. All arrangements were under the direction of the Hutson Funeral Home, Cuba, Missouri.

**Nancy Parrack**, 52, of Saint Marys, KS, passed away Sun., Sept. 30, 2007 in Stormont-Villa Healthcare, Topeka, KS. She was born July 15, 1955, in Vancouver, WA, daughter of the late Raymond Peterson and Violet Abbott Peterson. Surviving are her husband, Richard Parrack of Saint Maries, KS; sons: Richard (Mindy) Parrack of Topeka, KS, and Joseph (Kelli) Pine of Maple Hills, KS; daughters: Nancy (Brian) Vawter of Topeka, KS, Sherri Parrack of Saint Maries, KS, and Elizabeth Pine of Saint Maries, KS; brothers: William Peterson of Camas, WA, and Donald (Debbie) Peterson of Edmund, OK; sisters: Lori (Joseph Lindquist) Peterson of Vancouver, WA, and Patricia (Don) Frey of La Pine, OR; and eleven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, and one brother, Randy Peterson. Services will be held at Hedges-Scott Funeral Home, Macks Creek, MO, Sat., Oct. 6, 2007, at 1:00pm. Interment will follow in the Macks Creek Cemetery. Friends will be received 7-9pm, Friday, October 5, 2007. Contributions may be made to the American Heart or American Diabetes Association.

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The Vindicator, Youngstown, OH, James J. Moody, 76

AUSTINTOWN – A funeral service will be held at noon Wednesday at Lane Funeral Home, Austintown Chapel for **James J. Moody** who passed away Saturday afternoon at Forum Health Northside Medical Center.

James was born March 8, 1931 in Weirton, W.VA., a son of the late James J. and Nellie (Vawter) Moody Sr.

He was a member of the Lake Milton Presbyterian Church, and an avid hunter and fisherman, who enjoyed frequent trips to Alaska and the Yukon.

His wife, the former Virginia Swartzfeger, whom he married September 23, 1949, passed away September 3, 2005.

James is survived by two daughters, Janet (Thomas) Diglaw of Austintown, and Debi (Dave) Richter of Newton Falls; four grandchildren: Jamison Diglaw, Tammy (Tom) Miller, Larissa (Ande) McElrath, and Erica (Matt) Kiraly; and a great grandson: Andrew McElrath.

## In Memoriam

God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst **David "Popcorn" Lee Vaughter**, Sr. on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at Salem Veteran's Hospital. He was born February 24, 1945 in Newport News, VA to the late James Vaughter and Lottie Jackson Vaughter. David was married to Barbara Thomas Vaughter. David attended Amherst County Public Schools and was then drafted in the Vietnam War where he served his country in the United States Army. In addition to his devoted wife, Barbara, and loving mother, Lottie, he leaves to cherish his memory one daughter, Evette Vaughter Anderson (Michael) and one son, David Lee Vaughter Jr. (Lynette) both of Charlotte, NC; one foster son, James "Jay" Randolph Vaughter III of Madison Heights, VA; three brothers, James "Duke" and Frank, of Madison Heights, VA, and Haywood (Virginia) of Baltimore, MD; one grandson, JaQuan Haskins of Concord, VA; three brother-in-laws, Steven Thomas (Brenda) and James Thomas (Cheryl), both of Madison Heights, VA, and Delmar Thomas (Deborah) of Amherst, VA; one sister-in-law, Brittany Thomas of Madison Heights, VA and a host of other relatives and friends. A funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m., Saturday, November 10, 2007, at Scott Zion Baptist Church with Reverend Gary Lee officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery. The family is receiving friends 1 hour prior to the service at the church. The cortege will assemble at the church. Military Rites will be provided by American Legion Post 16. Condolences can be emailed to [comfuneral@aol.com](mailto:comfuneral@aol.com). Community Funeral Home directing. Published in The News & Advance from 11/8/2007 - 11/10/2007.

Spokane native, **Donald G. Vawter**, 87, died January 9, 2008 in Twin Falls, Idaho. Donald was born on May 19, 1920 in Spokane, Washington, the son of Edgar and Lina (Jimeson) Vawter. He grew up in Spokane where he was graduated from Lewis and Clark High School. He enlisted in the Coast Guard during World War II and attended the Coast Guard Academy. He served on both coasts, the North Pacific, the Caribbean and on convoy duty in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Following the war, he attended Washington State College, where he met and married Margaret Schroeder on May 5, 1950. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. In 1954, he returned to civilian life, but continued in the Coast Guard Reserve, retiring as a Commander. He worked in personnel management and related fields in the aerospace industry in the Seattle area and later at Biles Coleman in Omak, Washington. He was a member of various professional and civic organizations, including the Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Association, Washington Association of Businessmen, Governor's Services Council, Governor's Planning Advisory Council, PENTAD, North Okanogan County Economic Development, the Red Cross, the Omak and Tonasket Chambers of Commerce, and Habitat for Humanity. He was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Penticton, BC.

He enjoyed fly fishing, pheasant hunting with his long time friends, swimming, diving, and small town living. He was an exceptional grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret; two daughters, Charlotte (Bill) Eberlein of Twin Falls and Sara Cavitt of Lancaster, Kentucky; three grandchildren, Bill, Chris, and Sara; and one brother, Robert (Jean) Vawter of Spokane, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Vernon Kenneth Vawter. A private family service was held in Twin Falls. Memorials may be made to North Okanogan Habitat for Humanity.

January 28, 2008. **Atwood, Evelyn Williamson**, 79, retired MAAP employee, died Saturday at NHC Healthcare. Services will be at 2 pm Tuesday at Bodkin Funeral Home with burial in Howse Cemetery. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Atwood, and a 50 year member of the Milan chapter of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Williamson, the wife of Radie Williamson; a son, Jackie Trawick of Atwood, a daughter, Nancy Trawick Fountain of Milan, a step-daughter, Panda Williamson of Norwalk, CA; four grandsons, Lee Trawick, David Fountain, Joseph Fountain and James Fountain and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Joe Trawick. Memorials may be sent to the Howse Cemetery Fund. Evelyn Vawter Trawick Williamson was a member of the VVV Association. Her father was Brooks Vawter and her mother was Mary Vawter. She was a cousin of Robert "Pete" M. Vawter.

## Hiram Wilhoit

Hiram Wilhoit b. 22 Jan 1798 Madison Co., VA d. 18 Aug 1876. Married (1) Mary Hobson Mosby and m. (2) Sophia Thornton. Sophia was the granddaughter of Thomas Coleman and Susanna Strother Hawkins (widow of Capt. Moses Hawkins). They had several children of whom one was Judge James T. Wilhoit, early postmaster of Versailles, KY. Hiram as the eldest son cared for the other children when his father died at an early age. Hiram's parents were Elijah and Nancy (Vawter) Wilhoit.

History of Kentucky, the Blue Grass State, Volume III, Illustrated, The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, Chicago - Louisville, 1928

### *Judge James T. Wilhoit*

*Important offices were filled by Judge James T. Wilhoit, whose spirit was of that vital and forceful nature which finds its highest expression in public service, and an unblemished record won for him the unqualified respect and confidence of the citizens of Versailles. He was known and honored throughout Woodford county and his demise on the 18th of June, 1923, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.*

*Judge Wilhoit was born January 10, 1853, on a farm near Mortonville, Kentucky, and was a son of Hiram and Sophia (Thornton) Wilhoit, the latter of whom was related to General Zachary Taylor through the Strother family. The paternal grandparents, Elijah and Nancy (Vawter) Wilhoit, settled on a farm near Mortonville in 1814 and the former died in 1815, while his widow passed away several years later at Jacksonville, Illinois. When seventeen years of age Hiram Wilhoit took charge of the homestead, which he subsequently sold to a son, and purchased a tract of land on the Kentucky river. There he followed the occupation of farming and also operated a sawmill, converting the logs that came down the river into commercial lumber. He built up a large industry, which he continued until after the Civil war, and then sold the business. He was a democrat of the Jackson type and served as a magistrate under the old constitution. He filled the office for many years and died at the age of seventy-nine. His commission was preserved by the subject of this sketch, who was also the possessor of other interesting documents, dating back for a century or more. One was a letter written by his grandfather in 1812 and he also had an old account book that belonged to Richard Vawter, the father of his grandmother, Nancy Vawter. In this book mention is made of transactions between Richard Vawter and Henry Field, Jr., of Madison county, Virginia, during the year 1792. It also refers to a stock of rum or brandy and a large yardage of "nigger cotton."*

*James T. Wilhoit was reared on the river farm and attended the public schools of that locality. At the age of nineteen he entered Kentucky University at Lexington but soon afterward returned to the homestead and followed agricultural pursuits until appointed deputy sheriff under Robert H. Stout. Mr. Wilhoit was elected sheriff January 1, 1898, and was the first incumbent of the office under the new constitution, serving for one term. When Judge Stout was called to the state bench Mr. Wilhoit was chosen by Governor Beckham as his successor in the office of county judge and filled out the unexpired term. He was then elected for the regular term of four years and his just and impartial administration of the law won for him high commendation. On May 16, 1914, he was appointed postmaster of Versailles and acted in that capacity until 1922, discharging his duties with characteristic efficiency and fidelity. The business of the office was greatly increased during that period, requiring the services of three clerks and six rural delivery carriers. He was a good citizen, a devoted husband and father and a loyal, steadfast friend, always following the course dictated by conscience and honor.*

*In 1874 Judge Wilhoit married Miss Alice Bohon, a native of Missouri and a daughter of George and Susan (Gray) Bohon. She was a child when her father died and her mother returned to Kentucky soon afterward. To Judge and Mrs. Wilhoit were born six children. John T., the youngest, was in the employ of the Standard Oil Company at Henderson, Kentucky, and died September 12, 1925. The others are: Martha, the wife of Wallace Johnson, who is engaged in farming in Woodford county; Hiram, who acts as cashier of the Woodford Bank & Trust Company; James C., who is a well known attorney of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Sophia, the wife of Victor Bradley, a successful lawyer, practicing at Versailles; and George B., a clerk in the local postoffice.*

*Note: Judge Wilhoit was related to both Wilhoit and the Strother families of Carter Co., Ky.*

## John Vawter's Ordinary in Essex County Virginia Ordinary: An Odd Name for A Tavern?



A modern traveler is unlikely to look for an “ordinary” when it’s time to find a place to eat and spend the night. But in the 17th and 18th centuries, “ordinary” was used to refer to a tavern meal regularly offered to the public at a fixed price. By extension, the term was also applied to the inn or tavern itself. The term was used less frequently by the early 1800s, and American travelers began using the French word “hotel” when asking for the nearest place to get a bed for the night.

By the late seventeenth century, most Virginia homes stocked wine and spirits in variety and in quantities exceeded only by such self-produced potatoes as pear wine and hard apple cider. A 1686 inventory of William Fauntleroy’s cellar in up-country Rappahannock County listed ninety gallons of rum, twenty-five gallons of lime juice, and twenty dozen bottles of wine.

John Vawter operated an Ordinary in Essex Co., VA on the original property he inherited of Bartholomew Vawter. The Ordinary was operated by family members at least through the Revolutionary War. The newspaper article from 1773 indicates it was still in operation likely by David Vawter, brother of John.

1710 – In Virginia there was no charge to any traveler for their hospitality and overnight stay. Tobacco was a commodity and used as a means of exchange. The Virginia magistrates limited the number of ordinaries to one at the court house and one at the wharf of each county. They were usually limited to selling beer and cider. 1720 – The Virginia ordinaries had abundant supplies of liquor. They also had imported Malaga, Canary, and Madera wines.

Essex Co Deed Book 18, John Vawter

p.125                    22 Sep 1725        Jacob Laton & John Vawter obtained a license to keep an Ordinary at Laton’s house at Southern’s Ferry, provide good wholesom & Cleanly lodging and diet for Travelers and Stableage & fodder and provender or pasturage and provender as the Season require for horses for one year. Shall not suffer any unlawfull gameing nor on the Sabbath day suffer any person to tipple or Drink more than is necessary or this be void.

p.246-247            17 Jan 1726/27    John Vawter & Jeremiah Biswell obtained a license to keep an ordinary at the house of John Vawter, John doth constantly find and provide in his Ordinary good wholesome & Cleanly lodging and diet for travellers and Stableage or pasturage depending on season for horses and during term of one year shall not suffer or permit any unlawfull Gameing in his house nor on the Sabath day suffer any to tiple or drink more than is necessary or this be void.



p. 263                    20 Jun 1727        John Wrideings, William Gray & John Vawter obtained a lycence to keep an Ordinary at the house of John Wrideings and that John constantly find & provide in his Ordinary good wholesom & cleanly lodging & diett for traveler and Stableage fodder and provender as the season shall require for their horses for one year and shall not suffer any unlawfull gameing in his house nor on the Sabath suffer any to tipple more than is necessary or this be void.

Shown at the left is a typical baker’s oven, used at Ordinaries and large plantations.

Colonial American tavern (publik house, ordinary) prices were set by law. Food was generally included with the price of room. Urban taverns offered a wider range of services, including both public and private dining facilities. These establishments offered meals to the general public. Menus were nonexistent; prices were fixed.

William Byrd of Westover plantation wrote that at Caroline Courthouse, “Colonel Armistead and Colonel Will Beverly have each of ’em erected an ordinary well supplied with wine and other polite liquors,” and “besides these, there is a rum ordinary for persons of more vulgar taste.” Not much later, planter Robert Beverly said, “Their richer sort generally brew their small beer with Malt, which they have from England. . . . the poorer sort brew their Beer with Molasses and Bran. Their strong drink is Madeira Wine.”

During the Revolutionary war, inflation was rampant. Ordinary and Tavern owners had limited supplies and money was not standardized from area to area. This is but a small portion, but interesting in it shows the inflation of food and lodging during the war and the hardships endured in Virginia.

MARCH, 1781. Ordinary rates: dinner, \$25; breakfast, \$20; corn per gallon, \$10.



Green Dragon Tavern.

AUGUST, 1781 Ordinary rates: dinner, \$50; breakfast, \$40; corn per gallon, \$50; hay or fodder per night, \$50.

AUGUST, 1783 Ordinary rates: "hott diet," 21 cents; cold diet, 17 cents; lodging, 8 cents; corn or oats per gallon, or pasturage one night, 8 cents; ats per sheaf, 6 cents; "tody made of Rum with Loaf Shugar," per quart, 25 cents; the same with brown sugar, 17 cents; whiskey per gallon, \$1.33; apple brandy, 83 cents; peach brandy, \$1.67.

MAY 1786 Ordinary rates: warm diet, 41 cents; cold diet, 33 cents; lodging, 10 cents; good cider per gallon, 67 cents; country-made beer, 10 cents; good "Shampaign," \$4.

NOVEMBER, 1786 12 people were fined for selling liquor without a license. JANUARY, 1793 Ordinary rates: sleeping in feather bed, 8 cents; in chaff bed, 5 cents.

One activity that certainly occurred in every colonial tavern was toasting.

"To the King's Health!" probably being the most common. Here we present a small collection of old toasts that our ancestors may well have uttered.

Here's to our ancestors! Without them where would we be? - Flagon and Trencher Traditional Toast

Good company, good wine, good welcome, make good people. - Shakespeare

Better to pay the tavern keeper than the druggist. - Spanish proverb

Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. - Benjamin Franklin

Revolutionary Toast: To the militia: Invincible in peace; invisible in war.

Americans of that period loved song and dance, and taverns were important in eighteenth-century public life. Nothing in twenty-first century America is comparable. Taverns of the 1700s were partially museums, gentlemen's clubs, circuses, schools, and business offices. They were the grandfather of the nineteenth-century saloon, and the great-grandfather of the modern American nightclub.

Gambling was widespread. Patrons could participate in raffles, and card and dice games, and bet on cockfights and horse races.

Historical evidence shows that dancing and singing were integral to tavern life in British North America. Trained musicians did play at inns, and patrons did sing to entertain themselves. What they performed is less well known. Historical records don't say much about specific selections. There was not a class of tunes specifically known as tavern music. Although somewhat altered in content and meaning, well-known surviving songs include "Three Blind Mice," "Pop Goes the Weasel," "The Bear Went over the Mountain," "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," and, of course, "Yankee Doodle."

By the eighteenth century, traditional songs had been passed orally from generation to generation.

Children often learned these songs from parents and grandparents, and, as adults, taught them to their children. Although the origin and creators were largely unknown, traditional songs survived for decades and sometimes for centuries.



At left: Kilmarnock VA, first known as Steptoe's Ordinary when it was settled in 1719. This would have been similar to the house that was John Vawter's ordinary.

Though the oral transmission of these songs was a powerful force in the 1700s, there also was interest in preserving them in written form.

Individuals collected them and published anthologies of traditional music. Thomas Jefferson shelved some of these works in his music library. Music for drinking songs, country dances, and English, Scottish, and Irish airs rested near works by Vivaldi, Handel, and Haydn. Jefferson also liked playing fiddle tunes heard at local gatherings according to

### Typical Ordinary Foods

#### Side Dishes

Kale & Onions  
Pickled Cucumbers  
Pickled Onions  
Boiled Potatoes  
Fried Potatoes

#### Entree

Onion Pie  
Egg Pie  
Johnny Cakes  
Slapjacks  
Mush (Grits)  
Pea Soup

#### Dessert

Apple Pie  
Dumplings



historian Gilbert Chase in *America's Music: From the Pilgrims to the Present*.

Particularly popular in Virginia in the 1750s and later was Scottish music, Turner said. Scottish music was in vogue in London during the period. Virginians who wanted to keep up with current English fashion eagerly embraced these tunes. In his later years, George Washington developed a fondness for these songs and encouraged his granddaughters to perform them for him. Scottish music also was enjoyed by the many Scots who settled and worked in Virginia.

In eighteenth-century America, taverns were also called inns, ordinaries, and public houses. Found in rural and urban areas, they primarily provided overnight lodging for travelers. Owners usually served alcoholic beverages and sometimes meals. Colonial governments heavily regulated inn operations, but quality varied greatly.



At Right: Virginia, Tappahannock, Scots Arms Tavern, c. 1680, the oldest building in town, has been owned continuously by the Derieux family for more than a century. It is now a private residence. At Left: actual 1700's Windsor chair used in many ordinaries.



Metheglin was one of the favorite drinks of the American colonies. It was a favorite of Kentucky for over a hundred years. In Virginia, large plantations of honey locust trees were planted for the sweet beans. The beans were ground and mixed with honey, and fermented.

Rum Punch was quite popular throughout New England and Virginia. It was made with oranges, lemons, limes, and pineapples, and a dash of rum. Sister Brandish of Harvard College baked homemade bread, and brewed her own beer. Good stuff!!!! Many colonial taverns had their own specialty small beers. The residents brewed sassafras, birch, and spruce beers. They boiled roots and herbs with pumpkins and apple parings, and added sweeteners, such as maple syrup and molasses.



*Not all was hard work and religious causes in the early colonies; rogues, harlots and others also sought their fortunes in the new lands. Punishment was harsh and swift but the right to have your day in court was already laying the foundation for the country. Here is but a small glimpse of the other side of life in Colonial Virginia.*

*Essex Co Order Book 1716-1723 Part II, 18 Nov 1718, Nathaniel Fogg being brought before this Court for picking a Travelling mans Pocket, the Court on hearing of ye Evidences are of opinion sd Fogg is guilty of ye fact & also that he be ought to be punished here for sd Crime. It is therefore ordered ye Sheriff give sd Fogg on his bare back twenty one lashes well laid on at ye Publick Whipping Post of this County then to be discharged.*

*From the Essex County Deed Book 18 p. 265-267, 21 Jun 1727.*

*To the Worshipful Court, Nathaniel Fogg humbly showeth. The court on 18 Nov 1718 had accused Nathaniel Fogg for picking a travelling mans pockett. In 1718, came and called to provide testimony was one Dennis Canaday "a man of very Evill Character" who swear he did see between Fogg's fingers a milled shilling and the petitioner (Fogg) now should suffer corporall punishment which accordinly he was accused with out being admitted to plead or provide for his innocency. Now Fogg states he is a man of "unblameable character" who is now ready to prove his innocence. (GJNote: 9 years after the fact seems a long time to get a court case resolved even by today's standards.)*

*So, John Smith came to the court and stated what he saw: That he was at the Ordinary at the Old Court House when John Hutchison was there drinking and continued for a space of 2 days after which Nathaniel Fogg came and together went to drinking with Hutchison and after Fogg had been there some time asked Hutchison if he would play at cards for a half a pint of Rumm and after Fogg won the Rum they went on to play for money and then they went to quarrelling and the said Hutchinson knocked down Fogg and he (John Smith) parted them and carried off Fogg into another House. Then Francis Coughland came in and asked what was the matter about and he told Coughland that Huchison and Fogg had been quarrelling & fighting and that Fogg had pick'd his pockett. Coughland and Smith now proceeded to investigate and when Fogg returned they searched him to see if he had Hutchinson's money but they could find nothing but the money Fogg had borrowed from John Smith that morning. Then John Smith said that Hutchison had ripped the sole of his shoe and took out some money and pretended that Fogg had stole it from his pockett.*

*Next to court came Thomas Davis and he being sworn says that he heard some time later Nathaniel Fogg had been accused for a supposed Robbery. The accuser John Hutchinson was at the house of Peter Dudley and being asked if he was the same man who accused Fogg he said he was. Mr. Davis asked how poor Fogg did and the Rogue (Hutchinson) said he did accuse Fogg wrongfully and then he departed from the area and had money for himself and Natl Fogg has suffered enough.*

Vaulter's Ordinary, Essex Co., VA, Dated 19 Aug 1773

Williamsburg, VA, publisher Purdie & Dixon, page 2 Col. 2 . By This time it is likely that David Vawter, son of Bartholomew was running the Ordinary. John Vawter was deceased and the only 2 sons in Essex were Angus and David. David was a merchant and businessman so was most likely to be running the tavern, or at least his family members. David served as a guard in the Revolutionary War and was active in the area. (Note the letters that look like "f" are pronounced "s")

WESTMORELAND, August 9, 1773.

**ON Friday, the 6th Instant, escaped from**

Vaulter's Ordinary, in Essex County, near Micon's, through the Connivance of *Cornelius Slavin* and his Wife, in whose Custody they were (for being handcuffed they could not have made their Escape if they had not been let loose on Purpose) two Runaway white Servant Men, whom *Simmons Ewrit* was bringing from *New London*, in *Bedford County*, to their Master, *Richard Lee*, in *Westmoreland County*, namely, **WILLIAM WALKER**, alias **SMITH**, a Convict, and by Trade a Gardener; he is slim made, has white Teeth, which he shows when he speaks or laughs, short straight black Hair, blue Eyes, thin Visage, a coarſe Voice and a Cough, and has a remarkable Swing in his Walk.—**THOMAS PUTTREL**, an indented Servant, by Trade a Butcher, and understands Gardening and Farming; he is a truncky well made Man, round faced, with a fair Complexion, Hazel Eyes, brown Hair, which curls in his Neck, white Teeth, which he shows when he speaks or grins, and talks quick. He had a Butcher's Steel with him. The above Servants are meanly clothed, unless they have a Wallet of *Ewrit's* Clothes with them, which was in *Slavin's* Custody, is miſſing, and contained two Pair of Leather and Nankin Breeches, a Nankin Jacket, two Pair of white Thread and one Pair of black Worſted Stockings, a Glaſs Pocket Bottle, a white Hickory Stick, with a Dagger in it and a Powder Ferret to it. When *Ewrit* called at *Slavin's* in the Evening, in Order to induce him to ſtay all Night, *Slavin* told him the Smallpox and Flux were at *Leeds* and *Hobb's Hole*, and in almost every Houſe on the Road between his Ordinary and thoſe Places; and the next Morning he would not get his Horſe for him, which obliging him to go after the Horſe himſelf, in his Abſence the Servants were allowed to make their Escape. *Ewrit* alſo ſays *Slavin* called the Servants Fools for attempting to make their Escape by Land, and told them they ſhould have gone off by Water to *Norfolk*, which makes it probable they will attempt to paſs for Sailors. I will give a Reward of **FIVE POUNDS** for each of them, if they are ſecured in any Jail ſo that I get them, or are delivered to me in *Westmoreland County*.

RICHARD LEE.

WILLIAMSBURG, August 12, 1773.

**RUN away from the Subscriber, on Sunday**

the 8th Instant, during divine Service, an Apprentice Boy named *William Bolton*; he is nineteen Years old, about five Feet ſix Inches high, clumsy made, with a very fair Countenance, light coloured Hair rather curly, has loſt his upper ſore Teeth, and is very apt to ſwear and lie. He had on and took with him a Pompadour Coat and Jacket, and an old white Cloth Jacket, a Pair of Osnabrug Trousers, one Osnabrug and one Linen Shirt, his Stockings and Shoes were old. He ran away once before, when a Handful of Shavings were offered as a Reward for any Perſon who would apprehend him. All Perſons are forbid to harbour or employ him.

JAMES GARDNER, Carpenter.

P. S. If *Charles Winſſie Chandler* will return, in four Weeks from the Date of this Advertiser, he ſhall be rewarded with

quett they will call on us, in Order to ſettle and pay off their Accounts, between this and the 10th of *October* next. All who fail to do ſo may depend on being ſued immediately after that Time.

JOHN VALENTINE,  
GABRIEL GALT.

**SUPPOSED to be taken through Miſtake,**

from Mr. *John New's*, on the laſt Court Day at *Glouceſter*, a new Set of SINGLE CAAISE HARNESS mounted and ſtudded with Braſs. Any Perſon having the ſame, I ſhall be obliged to him to ſend it to Mr. *John New's*, when the old one left inſtead of the other will be returned.

(11)

JON. PUNDERSON.

**AT Leeds Town, on the 1ſt Day of next**

*September* (the Day of the Races) will be offered for Sale, for ready Money or Bills on *London*, an exceeding valuable and HIGH BLOODED MARE imported from *London*, for private Uſe, about five Years ago, together with four of her Deſcendants by *Fearnaught*, *Partner*, and *Nabob*. Alſo a NEGRO COACHMAN about 27 Years of Age, who has been uſed to the Stable and Carriage from his Infancy, is complete in Size for Box and Poſſibility, and is remarkably healthy and ſober.

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NORTH CAROLINA, HALIFAX County, ſc.

**EGBERT HAYWOOD, Juſtice of the**

Peace for the County aforeſaid, to all Sheriffs, Mayors, Conſtables, and Headdoroughts, within his Majesty's Province of *North Carolina*, greeting: Whereas *Littlebury Weſt*, of *Cheſterfield County*, in the Colony of *Virginia*, was lately a Priſoner in the Cuſtody of *Lacey Simmons*, Conſtable, being charged of extorting from one *Iſaac Taylor*, of this County, ten Half Johanneses, three Doubloons, and eight or ten Guineas, whereof he is convicted, as this Day appears to me; and for as much as it has been duly proved before me that the aforeſaid *Littlebury Weſt* has eſcaped, and is gone at large, therefore, in his Majesty's Name, I command you, and every of you, in your reſpective Towns, Counties, Cities, and Precincts, to ſeize and retake the ſaid *Littlebury Weſt*, and him ſafely to convey to the publick Jail, and deliver to the Keeper thereof, together with this Warrant: And I charge and command you the Sheriff, or Keeper of the ſaid Priſon, to receive into your Jail and Cuſtody the Body of the ſaid *Littlebury Weſt*, and him there ſafely to keep until he ſhall be diſcharged by due Courſe of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, this 22d Day of *July*, 1773.

(11)

E. HAYWOOD.

PORTSMOUTH, August 10, 1773.

**I INTEND for Scotland in a few Weeks.**

(11)

DAVID MELDRUM.

YORK TOWN, August 11, 1773.

1771-WILL- JOSEPH NOEL Essex Co., VA "Balance of estate to be divided among all children:

Tabatha, Anne, Easter, Rose & Molley [Polly]. Negro Sam to be sold if necessary to pay debts. Exec: Wife Mary Noell, Reuben Noell, Richard Noell, Caleb Noell.

Signed, Joseph Noell. Witt: Wm Cavanaugh, Leonard Andrews, Angus Vawter, Boulware Vawter. "Proved 15 Apr 1771 by Angus Vawter and rec Further proved 17 June 1771 by Richard Noel, one of the executors, and ordered to probate.

Georgene's Note: The newspaper article at the left is extremely difficult to read, but I thought most interesting in its original form. I have rewritten the text on Vaulter's Ordinary which is the large article on the left hand side. It reads:

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**Rose Myers Vawter, photo**  
**Mark Spaulding Studios, Madison, IND**

1930 US Census Osgood, Ripley IN #226/230  
Bernard Vawter head age 55 b. IN  
Rose wife age 54 b. In  
James F. Gilbert roomer age 38 b. Ky

1920 US Census Osgood, Ripley, IN #287  
Brainard Vawters age 45 b. IN  
Rose wife age 45 b. IN

## Bartholomew Vawter, Wine Maker of South Carolina, son of John Vawter, grandson of Bartholomew Vawter

The lawmakers adhered to the policy of favoring domestic viticulture. Wine made in the Colony from native grapes had been sent to England, where "the best palates well approved of it." It was then the general impression that if the planters continued to "prosecute the propagation of vineyards as industriously as they had begun it," The proprietors of the Colony had sent to the planters choice European grape vines for transplantation, and encouraged wine making in many ways. The only impediment in the way of a rapid



development of viticulture appeared at that time to consist in the want of skilled vintners. Indeed, as late as 1779 Alexander Hewitt, in his history of the Colony, expressed the belief, that he wrote, "European grapes, have been transplanted, and several attempts made to raise wine; but so overshadowed are the vines planted in the woods, and so foggy is the season of the year when they ripen, that they seldom come to maturity. But as excellent grapes have been raised in gardens where they are exposed to the sun, we are apt to believe that proper methods have not been taken for encouraging that branch of agriculture, considering its great importance in a national view."

No methods whatever could have made viticulture a favored occupation, so long as cheap rum monopolized the drink market. Indeed, after the rum habit was once firmly established, it would have been somewhat difficult, even under the most favorable conditions, to introduce either brewing or wine making, because, owing to the change in the taste of drinkers, there would have been no demand for either beer or wine. If during the first century, or even half century, rum had been as difficult to obtain and consequently as expensive as European spirits, the colonists would in all probability have brought viticulture or brewing to that stage of development which would have answered the domestic demand. We have it on the authority of a contemporaneous writer, that as early as 1680, Mr. Lynch, "an ingenious planter," had raised "barley of which he intended to make malt for brewing English beer and ale." He had all the necessary utensils for that purpose, and would probably have succeeded himself and found successful imitators, if it had not been for the rapid development of the rum traffic.

Bartholomew Vawter, grandson of Bartholomew Vawter inherited the original Essex Co., VA lands and sold the Vawter estate to James Garnett. The claim that Mrs. Garnett made that the Vawter's Church was on her land and therefore under her protection is based on this land purchase. It pinpoints exactly where Bartholomew and Winifred lived. John, son of Bartholomew 1<sup>st</sup>, inherited as the oldest son and John passed this land on to his oldest son Bartholomew. Bartholomew 3<sup>rd</sup> generation, sold his final land holdings in Virginia in 1758 to his brother David Vawter. David sold this land and the original lands of the Vawter family ceased to exist.

Bartholomew Vawter went to South Carolina about 1760 and is listed as a Vintner. He would have continued the trading business that his father and grandfather had long begun. He very likely traveled to Jamestown and up the Rappahannock as his plantation was on the Santee River. Travel and trade would also have included Barbadoes and England.

*Essex County Deeds 1745-1749* (On margin Orig. Deed delivd. To Bartho: Vawter 3 Mar 1750)  
pp. 387-390.

This indenture made 18 Nov 1749, between John Vawter of Essex and Bartholomew Vawter eldest son of said John Vawter. Witnesseth that John Vawter in consideration of love and good will doth bear toward his loving son Bartholomew for the sum of 5 shillings give and confirm a tract of land lying in St. Anns Parish in Essex at the head of Blackburn's Creek, containing 150 acres together

will all profitts, quitrents excepted. Signed Jno: Vawter. Wit: Robert Harbin, Thomas Tiller, Willo: Pugh, Winifred Vawter, Saml. Browne, Angus Vawter. On 21 Nov 1749 the deed was delivered by the oath of Thomas Tiller, Willoughby Pugh and Winifred Vawter. Test John Lee, Cclerk.  
*Essex County Deeds 1749-1752*. pp 294-298.

(On margin: Original delivered to Capt. Jas: Garnett Decr. 6th 1752, 26th Geo:2d)

this indenture made the Twentieth day of janry in year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Fifty two between Bartholomew Vawter of County of Essex, Planter, of one part and James Garnett of same County of other part. Witnesseth that Bartholomew Vawter in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and Forty one pounds current money of Virginia in hand well and truly paid by James Garnett, by these presents doth release and sell unto James Garnett his heirs all that parcell of land which Bartholomew Vawter (Grand Father to the said Bartholomew Vawter party to these presents) purchased from John Hawkins deced. containing by estimation One hundred and fifty acres more or less lying on the head of Blackburns Creek and on the Long Bridge Swamp and joyning to the land which John Vawter deced purchased of Buckingham Brown deced. & on the Land which the said James Garnett purchased of Thos: and Young Hawkins, Together with all houses barnes stables orchards gardens marshes swamps profits & appurtenances to the same belonging; To have and to hold the parcel of land & premises unto James Garnett his heirs and James Garnett his heirs paying the rents and services which hereafter become due unto our Sovereign Lord the King only excepted & foreprized: In witness whereof the party first above named to this Indenture his hand and seal hath set the day and year above written. Signed and Sealed in presence of Robert Smith, John Jones, Muscoe Garnett, Angus Vawter, Signed Bartholomew Vawter.

The next deed shows exactly where Bartholomew lived in SC where the Santee and Congaree merge at Columbia, SC. A dam, in 1997, called Saluda is located just west of Columbia. The Santee river flows to the Atlantic and empties about 30 miles or so north of Charlestown. It also branches off straight to Charlestown and would make ship travel back to Virginia fairly easy.

Book A-4 pp. 348-355. 17 & 18 July 1765 L&R

Bartholomew Vawter, vintner, & Ann his wife, to Peter Hay, planter, both of The Congarees, for 1000 pounds currency, 2 tracts on NE side of Santee (Congaree) River, in Craven Co.; (note Craven county covered half the state at that date) 100 a. bounding NE on vacant land; SE on John Pearson; SW on vacant land & John Fairchild; NW on John Fairchild; also 100 a. bounding NW on a vacant land; SW on vacant land. Whereas on 4 July 1749 Gov. James Glen granted said 200 a. to John Fairchild; which by L&R dated 3 & 4 July 1750 Fairchild sold to John Pearson; who by L&R dated 2 & 3 Feb 1761 sold to Bartholomew Vawter; & whereas on 5 Sept. 1750 Gov. James Glen granted said 100 a. to John Fairchild; who by L&R dated 6&7 Nov 1753 sold to Philip Raiford; who by L&R dated 24 & 25 Sept. 1760 sold to Bartholomew Vawter; now Vawter sells both tracts to Hay. Wit: John Thomas, Sr., Benjamin Bell (a Quaker), Daniel Dwight. Before Philip Pearson, J. P. on 2 Oct 1770. Recorded 12 Jan 1773 by William Rugeley, Henry Rugeley, Register.

(Note: there is a Peter Hay found in Isle of Wright Co., VA in 1748 but not known if this is a connection.)

Book S-3 pp. 65-70 28 & 29 Sept 1761 L&R. Edward Hollis, cooper, to William Howell, planter, Vawter & John Taylor; SE on John Taylor & Raiford's Creek; SW on Raiford's Creek; NW on John Fairchild, Esq. & Raiford's Lake or Creek. Whereas on 1 Jan. 1745 Gov. James Glen granted Solomon McGraw 200 a. on N side Santee (Congaree) River, opposite Saxegotha

Township, bounding NW on Philip Raiford, Jr. (now Bartholomew Vawter) & on John Fairchild; NE on John Pearson (formerly said Vawter);.....(more legal not important).

Book- *Abstracts Of the Wills of State of SC 1760-1784*. by Caroline T. Moore, p. 157.

Will book SS 1771-1774. Peter Hay, Craven County. Wife: Elizabeth, residue of estate. Sons and Daus in law [step-children?]: (children of Gilbert Gibson). Mentions: land I purchased of Bartholomew Vawter to be sold; to Bartholomew Vawter, land where he now lives. Exors: wife; David Hay; Bartholomew Vawter. Wit: Joel Threewits, Jemina Threewits, Richard Strother. Dated 28 Jun 1767 probate 1 May 1771. R: nd. p. 21.

## WWII Registration Cards State of Virginia

Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897

Clifton Henry Vawter age 53 b. 24 Jun 1888 Louisa, Louisa, VA

Contact: Mrs. C. H. Vawter, Louisa, VA

Employment: Self employed

David Daggett Vawter age 60 b. 8 Mar 1882 Appomatox, VA

Contact: Mrs. Sarah L. Vawter

Employment: 117 French, Wilmington, New Castle Del.

Elliott Vawter age 59 b. 16 Aug 1882, Bells Valley, VA

Contact: Mrs. Natalie Vawter

Employment: Barrows & Co Huntington, WV

Ernest Linwood Vawter age 48 b. 14 Jun 1894 Louisa, VA

Contact: Mrs. Virginia R. Vawter, Trevilians, VA

Employment: None listed

Eugene Raymond Vawter age 48 b. 18 Dec 1893 Ansted, WV

Contact: Charles E. Vawter, brother

Employment: Board of Ed Fayetteville, WV

Henry Alexander Vawter age 61 b. 21 Oct 1880 Alleghany Co., VA

Contact: Mrs. Rose Vawter North Tazwell, VA

Employment: US Gov, Fort Belvoir

James Gilchrest Vawter age 54 2 Feb 1888 Essex, VA

Contact: Mr. P. A. Hott Henrico, VA

Employment: P. A. Hott

James Henry Vawter age 56 b. 28 Feb 1886 Monroe Co., WV

Contact: Mrs. William F. Vawter, Vienna, VA

Employment: Public Bldg Admin, Washington, DC

James Samuel Vawter age 64 b. 23 Feb 1878 Hematite, VA

Contact: Mrs. James S. Vawter

Employment: Gen AO, US Gov.

Robert Gwinn Vawter age 46 b. 9 May 1895 Greenville, Monroe, WV

Contact: Mrs. R. G. Vawter

Employment: Chesapeake and Ohio RR

Tom Henry Vawter age 51 b. 5 Jul 1890 Appomatox Co., VA (black)

Contact: Lucy Johnson

Employment: self employed could not read or write

## Colonial Beer, Ale and Mead

Used as a daily drink as water was many times contaminated, these drinks were used by men, women and children. Alcoholic “medicines” were used to treat a variety of ailments and were “cures” for all kinds of daily problems. These 3 recipes would have been used by the Vawter families in early Colonial Virginia and stills were usually the first thing built as families headed west. The alcohol levels were mild and the distilling process killed off germs and helped with sanitation problems. Jamaican Rum was imported and widely available to all of the Colonial areas.

### George Washington's Recipe for Beer

George Washington was a devout beer lover. In particular, he was fond of the dark, English-style brew known as *porter*, and always demanded that an ample supply of it be kept on hand at Mount Vernon, his Virginia estate. However, it was not porter, but rather “small beer,” for which Washington once recorded an early recipe. Preserved in the manuscript collections of the New York Public Library is a notebook kept by Washington, which includes the following hand-written recipe.

#### **"To Make Small Beer**

**Take a large Sifter [Sifter] full of Bran Hops to your Taste. -- Boil these 3 hours then strain out 30 Gall[ons] into a cooler put in 3 Gall[ons] Molasses while the Beer is Scalding hot or rather draw the Molasses into the cooler & St[r]ain the Beer on it while boiling Hot. let this stand till it is little more than Blood warm then put in a quart of Yea[s]t if the Weather is very Cold cover it over with a Blank[et] & let it Work in the Cooler 24 hours then put it into the Cask -- leave the bung open till it is almost don[e] Working -- Bottle it that day Week it was Brewed."**

### Colonial Ale Jan, 2003 by Dan Mauer

Using a handwritten recipe unearthed at an eighteenth-century Virginia plantation in Henrico County, a home brewer and archaeologist recreated Mrs. Cary's Good Ale, a homemade, all-malt beer from a colonial kitchen.

#### Mrs. Cary's Good Ale

Take 3 Bushels malt 1/2 high & 1/2 Pail dryâd let your water boil then & put into your Mashing tubb, When the Steem is gone off, so as you may see your face; then put your malt, & after mashing it well then cover it with a blanket, Let it stand 2 hours, then draw it off Slow, then boil it three or four hours, till the hops curdles. When boiled Enough, cool a little, & work that with your yest, & so put the rest of your wort in as it cools, which must be let in small Tubs, let it work till your yest begins to curdle then turn it up & stop your Barrel when it has done working; Note to Every Bushels malt a Quarter of pound of hops.

Until fairly modern times (about the 16th Century) mead was the alcoholic drink of choice and not, as most people assume, wine or beer. The term, honeymoon, comes from this period when it was the custom to have a 30 day celebration period after a wedding. During this time mead was drunk in copious amounts.

#### OLD WORLD MEDIEVAL MEAD (HONEY WINE)

1 gallon of water, 4 cups of honey, 3 chopped nutmegs, pulp of 1 large or 2 small lemons.

Boil water, honey, and nutmegs for 30 minutes or until white froth ceases to rise. Skim off froth as it boils.

Allow to

cool for 24 hours. Squeeze out the juice of 1 large lemon, then add the remainder of the lemon. Stir mixture for 2 minutes. Strain and pour into quart bottles with screw on type caps. Place on snugly but not too tightly. Keep in a cool place where it won't do any damage if the caps pop off from the expanding liquids and gasses. Allow to stand for about a month. If you open the bottles daily and release the pressure, you shouldn't have any trouble with the caps popping off.

Nutmeg is the most widely used spice or flavoring agent in mead. Spicing it is largely a matter of choice though. Some people use ginger while others use cinnamon. Some even use combinations of spices and flavors. Spices and flavors I've heard of being used are mint, vanilla, eggs, lemon, anise, brandy, clove, allspice, and some very peculiar combinations which I won't bother to list. All I can say is, there's no accounting for taste sometimes.

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Dinner for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Nights will be the usual great buffet food of past years. Final prices and registration will be posted in the June newsletter. The Paddleboat ride will be \$10 per person plus lunch and will be included in the June VVV Newsletter. Commemorative T Shirt information will be in the June Registration information.

Volunteers are needed for the registration tables, the food lines, cars to the paddleboat and lots of other events. Please contact any officer or Ellen Cummings at email [ellenwickerc@aol.com](mailto:ellenwickerc@aol.com) or phone (757) 464-2963

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**This is your last chance to Make Reservations, Call today (800) 252-1875**  
**Red Wing Minnesota Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,**  
**July 16, 17, and 18, 2008**

**A beautiful river town on the Mississippi**

Steam twin paddlewheel boat tour of on the "Pearl of the Lake". Air conditioned lower deck, open upper deck. VVV group fun for only \$10 per person plus lunch on Friday July 18.

Tour the Red Wing Pottery Company. The original pottery company is still in operation and ranks as one of the top 10 Minnesota shopping destinations. Watch potters at work and enjoy breakfast or lunch at the facility.

Welch Mill Canoeing and Tubing fun on the river. Family entertainment for young and old.

Mall of America, only one hour away by car.

The Park at MOA™ The Park at MOA in Mall of America is the nation's largest indoor family theme park with more than 30 rides and seven acres of fun.

We understand that higher gas prices, higher food prices and higher travel prices are causing the VVV Family group to look at fewer reservations this year. If you have not set any summer plans, now is the time to see a beautiful part of the country and enjoy family and "cousins" from all across this country. We have kept registration and food costs as low as possible. Ellen Cummings has worked tirelessly to see we have the lower costs possible. You won't take a less expensive vacation than the one we have planned. Call a fellow VVV member and "car pool" for a few days of fun on the beautiful Mississippi River Town of Red Wing, MN and enjoy the fun. Call in your registration today if you haven't already.

2008

# Vawter Vauter Vaughter(s)

Family Association Reunion  
Red Wing, Minnesota

## REGISTRATION

Name Of Each

Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Per Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Per Family \_\_\_\_\_ @ 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion Fee Per Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues for 2008 (if not paid) Includes Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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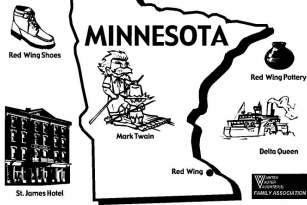
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### Vawter-Vauter-Vaughters Family Reunion



Red Wing, Minnesota  
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The 2008 Reunion shirt is a royal blue with lime green lettering. The shirt front shows the state of Minnesota with Red Wing marked. Also on the front are icons for Red Wing Shoes, Red Wing Pottery, Mark Twain, Delta Queen, St. James Hotel, and the VVV logo. The back has the various spellings of our name as before.

**Choice of sizes:** Small, Medium, Large, XLarge, XXLarge and XXXLarge

**Cost:** \$16.00 picked up at reunion; \$4.50 extra to mail

**Send Check & Order To:** Jesse Vawter, 11506 Sagecountry Dr., Houston, TX 77089

**Order Deadline:** Check and order received by **June 20, 2008**

The VVV Association is pleased to have “Mark Twain” on our Paddle Boat cruise, Friday July 18. The cost was contributed by Phil Vaughtner and Fred Wicker. Be sure to thank them when you join your family “cousins” on this unique experience.



The writings, lectures and after dinner speeches which made Mark Twain beloved around the world, have come alive again to be experienced by audiences young and old through the performances of actor/writer and Twain scholar Michael Bateson.

Tailoring Mark Twain’s own words to meet the unique needs and subject requested in a wide variety of settings, Michael creates an authentic, unique and accurate Twain experience with every performance. Southern Buffet

## Lots of Food, Food, Food and Lots of Family Fun

Wednesday Night buffet: Mexican Entrees: Spanish Rice, Black Beans, and Make Your Own Taco. Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Milk

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Friday Lunch on the Paddle Boat. Sandwich of croissant/bread, ham, turkey, or roast beef, coleslaw, Cookie, and can of soda or water.

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 Adjournment

# In Memoriam

Alamogordo, NM. **Margaret Vaughter Dougharty**, 82, of Alamogordo, died Monday, March, 3, 2008, at home, surrounded by family. She was born on August 2, 1925 in Clovis, New Mexico, the fourth daughter of **Bill and Bonnie Vaughter**, who preceded her in death, along with her sisters, Rhea Vaughter Cottle of Clovis and Marion Vaughter Moore of Abilene, Texas. She was a graduate of Clovis High School and Hardin Simmons University, where she met her husband of 58 years, Bernard W. Dougharty, who died in 2004. For 53 years they served in Southern Baptist churches and associations throughout New Mexico (Rosedale, Springer, Anthony, Santa Fe, and Alamogordo). She was known and loved as a mother, grandmother, aunt, teacher, mentor, volunteer, neighbor, and dear friend. Survivors include her sister, Aline Boney of Clovis; four children, Philip W. Dougharty of Buffalo, New York, Bonnie L. Dougharty of Yukon, Oklahoma, J. Daniel Dougharty and his wife Chris of Espanola, New Mexico, and W. Houston Dougharty and his wife Kimberly P. of Grinnell, Iowa; grandchildren Kristina P. Dougharty of Albuquerque, Kayla McDuffie of Espanola, and Allie G. Dougharty, and Fen Wright Dougharty of Grinnell; and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Alamogordo, 13<sup>th</sup> St. & Michigan Ave., with the Reverend Francis L. Wilson, Dr. Bill Campbell, and the Reverend Bart Montgomery officiating. Interment will follow in Monte Vista Cemetery in Alamogordo. Pallbearers will be her children, and the honorary pallbearers will be the men of the Adult Five Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church of Alamogordo. Special thanks to the many church friends, neighbors, caregivers, doctors, nurses, and others who have been so kind to Margaret and her family.

The Norman Transcript, Norman, OK - Services for **Joe Don Vawter**, 75, will be 1 p.m. today at the Alameda Church of Christ. Mr. Vawter was born to Oscar Lee and Roxie Ann (Williams) Vawter on Feb. 21, 1933. in Sherman, Texas. He died Sunday, March 2, at Norman Regional Hospital. Mr. Vawter was preceded in death by his parents and wife Peggy. Those who survive him include sons Don (Donna) Vawter and Joseph Vawter; daughters Judy (Danny) Powell and LeeAnn (Ray) Idell; brothers Billy (Virginia) Vawter and James (Mary) Vawter; sister-in-law Erme Vawter; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

**Mrs. Virginia Vawter Guldenschuh** passed away on Saturday, February 16, 2008. She is survived by her husband Ralph. Mrs. Guldenschuh was last known to be living in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Mrs. Guldenschuh attended Sacred Heart High School. The family will receive friends from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at the Eternal Hills Funeral Home, 3594 Stone Mountain Highway, Snellville, Georgia. A Rosary will follow from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. A memorial Mass will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22nd at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia in Mrs. Guldenschuh's memory. Immediately following the service the family will host a memorial dinner at Always Fresh Neighborhood Market located at 5385 Five Forks Trickum Road in Stone Mountain, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in memory of Virginia Vawter Guldenschuh to the American Cancer Society, 6500 Sugarloaf Parkway, Suite 260, Duluth, Georgia 30097 or the American Hospice Foundation, 2120 L. Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20037.

Jeff County News, KS. **William Louis Vawter Sr.**, 78, Meriden, died March 18, 2008, at his residence. He was born April 6, 1929, in Meriden, the son of Alfred Zane and Ethel Barney Vawter. He was a 1948 graduate of Auburn High School, Auburn, and served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. He moved back to his home place in the Meriden area in 1961. He married Agonia Koci. They were divorced. They had two children, Ron Vawter, Topeka, and Marvin Vawter, Fort Worth, Texas. He married Emma Lou Carpenter 1955. They had three children, William L. Vawter Jr. Derby, Shirley Vawter, Milledgeville, Ga., and Sherrie Lynne Leiker, Topeka. He also leaves nine grandchildren and one great-grandson. Mr. Vawter worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. for five years and retired from the 7UP Bottling Plant in Topeka after 33 years. He delivered the Topeka Capital Journal in the Meriden area for 10 years. He served as a charter member and past president of the Topeka SunRise Optimist Club for 19 years. He was a cub master and leader of the Meriden Cub Scouts for four years and served on the Fairview Election Board for over 15 years. He was a charter and life member of the VFW Post 10815 and served as chaplain at Meriden. He was a member of the Moose Lodge No. 555 of Topeka since 1967 and a member of the American Legion Post 400, Topeka, since 1974. Funeral services were March 21 at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, Topeka. Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery with military honors provided by American Legion Post 400. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Thelma Vawter Vinson** - MEDINA, TN- Funeral services for Mrs. Thelma Vawter Vinson, 91, will be held at 2:00 P. M. Friday March 7, 2008 from the chapel of Replogle-Lawrence Funeral Home with Rev. George McMinn officiating. Burial will follow in Gibson County Memory Gardens. Mrs. Vinson died Wednesday March 5, 2008 at her home. She was born in Carroll County, TN the daughter of the late Talmadge and Gretta Bogle Vawter and was educated in the county schools. Mrs. Vinson, a longtime resident of Medina was a member of First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray C. Vinson on November 11, 1991 and a son, Robert Vinson of Arizona. She leaves seven children, Thelma Alford and husband, Millard of Gibson, TN, Mary Czernik of Medina, Dorothy Lenckus of Illinois, Mildred Boyce of Ohio, Billy Vinson of Humboldt, Dewayne Vinson and wife, Faye and Wanda Foster all of Medina; twenty six grandchildren; fifty six great-grandchildren; seventeen great-great grandchildren; nieces; nephews; family and friends Pallbearers to serve are Marvin Vinson, Charles Vinson, Ben Vinson, James Bland, Charles Foster and Anthony Alford. Visitation with the family will be from 5:00 P. M. until 8:00 P. M. today at the funeral home. Replogle-Lawrence Funeral Home Medina, TN. This obituary was published in the Jackson Sun on Mar 6, 2008.

**SARAH MARGARET "SALLY" AYDELOTT VAWTER**, 101, of Houston, Texas, was called to her Lord and Savior on March 27, 2008. Sally was preceded in death by her **Husband L.G. "Bill" Vawter** and Brother Commander William L. Aydelott. Born on February 20th, 1907, she was born into, as she called, a "Family on the Move"; and living in several cities throughout Tennessee before her family settled roots in New Orleans at the age of 14. She had a remarkable memory recalling fond memories from her early childhood to her latter years. From her years in Tennessee, she experienced the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights in the South) in Memphis, oil lamps, outhouses for bath-rooms, days when phone operators could locate anyone in town, and when old fashion drug stores had soda fountains. As a young girl, she remembered riding horses on bareback, fishing for crawfish in ponds, selling lemonade under a tree, and having snowball wars with neighborhood kids. Sally was a dedicated and devout Christian; she had a big heart and a loving spirit. During World War I, her caring soul offered her support to our soldiers by knitting wash cloths, selling Liberty Bonds, and included them in her prayers to even giving a young man who enlisted her Sunday School Bible for protection. The birth of her brother William in 1919 made a deep impression on her life. Later in life, he became a Commander in the U.S. Naval Air Corps having flown F6F3 Hellcats to Helicopters; and once met Winston Churchill during World War II. After moving to New Orleans, she graduated high school and entered into Newcomb College of Tulane, School of Business. Unfortunately, her time in college was cut short due to her father's ailing health and the Depression of 1929. She began her professional career in banking, which afforded her the opportunity to see the world. She often told stories of the time she and a girlfriend took several cruises to Cuba. But, it was a vacation to the Texas Hill Country in the summer of her early thirties that would change her life forever. It was at a Dude Ranch in the town of Bandera, Texas where she met the love of her life and future husband, Bill Vawter, who was also vacationing there from Houston. The couple married shortly thereafter and Sally later moved to Houston to embark on their long journey together. They established their roots and built a thriving insurance business. Sally's office and secretarial skills played a major role in its success. They were active members at their Church and throughout the community with civic activities; and shared a love for dance and travel. They became members of a Ballroom Dance Club, which led to Bill winning awards for his dancing abilities; and of course Sally by his side in her beautiful gowns. Their retirement came in 1987 when they moved into Bayou Manor Retirement Community; a place where they would later celebrate their 50th Anniversary. As they established throughout their life, they remained active in their retirement community. Sally was a longtime member of the Eastern Star, DAR, and Bethany United Methodist Church. Sally is survived by her nieces Sharon Fender of Asheville, North Carolina; Candice and Mark Smothers of Sevierville, Tennessee; Bobbie Jean and Bill Young of Corsicana; and her nephews Julian "JC" and Betty Vanover of Houston; Van and Joan Vanover of Sour Lake; Gerry and Camille Vanover of Austin; Paul and Lisa Vanover of Indiana; and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews. She will be Remembered and Loved by All that she touched in Life. Her warm and dear smile with eyes full of love and compassion will truly be missed. Sally will forever be a source of Life, Love, and Strength. The Family would like to thank all who knew her, loved her, and prayed for her; and thank the staff at Bayou Manor for their loving support and compassion; and SamaritanCare Hospice for providing comfort and peace in Sally's final days. And would like to send a special thank you to Shelley Vanover, R.N., her great niece, for her tremendous love and dedication when Sally needed her most; and special thanks to Van and Joan Vanover for always being loyal and steadfast by her side; and one she could always depend on. The family held a private graveside service on Monday, the 31st of March, 2008 at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home in Houston, TX. The Memorial Service will be conducted at 2 pm on Sunday, the 6th of April, at Bayou Manor Retirement Community, 4141 S. Braeswood in Houston. Published in the Houston Chronicle on 4/2/2008.

**Vernon R. Vawter** of Hot Springs, Arkansas a long time member and contributor to the VVV Family Association passed away March 26, 2008. He was born on October 20, 1923. If any family member has an obituary, please send to the newsletter to be published in the next edition.

### Notes, News and Comments.

Note from **Ruby Andersen**, I'm a distant cousin in CA (descendent of Lucy Vawter). I recently discovered the VVV family website. It's great! Patricia Renton sent me the December newsletter. I'm including a check for \$20.00 and request a year's subscription for myself and my mother. Ruby Andersen, Lucille Anderson, 207 N. Main, N. Salt Lake, UT 84054. Thanks for your part in expanding family ties! God Bless You!

Note from **Maureen Neal**, Dear Laneil, Enclosed is my \$10 for membership dues for the VVV Family Assoc. I have emailed my family tree to the email address provided. I am very excited about finding this website and a large group of my family. To assist with placing me, here are my basics: Maureen Collins Neal, daughter of Gwendolyn Vawter Collins daughter of Irvin John (or John Irvin) Vawter, son of Everett E. Vawter, son of John S. Vawter, son of Jesse R. Vawter, son of David Vawter, son of John Vawter, son of Bartholomew. Thanks again and I look forward to hearing from everyone and anyone. Your cousin, Maureen Neal

From **WH Dougharty**, Vice President, Grinnell College. Our mother loved the VVV newsletter. The most recent version arrived last Monday, the day she died. Please send the newsletter to her daughter (my sister): Bonnie Dougharty.

My name is **Patti Darnell** and I am a member of the VVV Association. I live near Dallas and tonight we are having some nasty weather moving in. So I shut down my computer and grabbed the VVV newsletter that came in today's mail and went to bed to read. I got to page 3 and that's when I almost had a heart attack! I am a direct descendent of John C. Vawter and I can't believe his Bible has had such a journey - and survived the "trip"- and found it's way into the hands of the Society!! God still works in mysterious ways doesn't He! John C. Vawter is my 3rd great- grandfather through his oldest child Elizabeth A. who married John A. Miller. Their daughter Alice A. married John Dyer. They had a son Jesse Dyer who married Beda Mae Siebman. Their daughter Lovene was my mother who passed away in 2003.

When I saw the info about the Bible I jumped out of bed and turned my computer back on (surely lightening won't strike now!) so that I could e-mail you (Georgene). I am so thrilled that the Bible has been rescued and thanks so much for putting the info in the newsletter. Thank you, Patti

Phone call from **William L. Clark**, NC. Just moved and wanted to make sure I did not miss a single copy of the newsletter. I have enjoyed reading the history, got a chuckle about the recipe for George Washington's beer. Lots of interesting things that makes our family so great. Thanks.

Hi cousins: A new member of the VVV Association is looking for someone to contact concerning Wanda Gould. Wanda was the daughter of **Everett E Vawter**. I finally found her in the 1930 census in Macon, MO. She was born about 1922. I did not have her listed in Everett's family. Wanda was listed as a new member of the VVV in 1983. Address St. Louis Missouri. She attended reunions in 1984, 1985, 1989 and 1991. Does anyone remember her, or know who would be close kin? Thanks Patricia Renton (email & address on page 1)

## Mary Howey Muray Vawter 1871 - 1950

A landscape painter, Mary Vawter was the first wife of painter Will Vawter. She studied in Baltimore and at the Art Students League. She was an accomplished poet and a great fan of poet James Riley whom she came to Indiana to meet and hopefully marry. But instead she married his friend, Will Vawter in 1906, and the couple moved to Brown County, Indiana and renovated a farm which they both tended. However, they divorced in 1923.

She exhibited at the Hoosier Salon and at the J.P. Speed Museum.



## John William Vawter - Will Vawter 1871-1941

Over 12 book references, 116 auction records, exhibited in the Brown County Art Gallery & Museum, Indiana  
A landscape painter known for his loose, Impressionist style, Will Vawter was raised in Greenfield, Indiana and began his career as an illustrator. His first assignments were for James Whitcomb Riley, a successful poet who was also a resident of Greenfield.

Vawter and his wife of two years moved to Brown County, Indiana in 1908, and for the next fifteen years, he worked on magazine illustration assignments. In 1923, he divorced and moved into a small apartment in downtown Nashville, from where he became more involved in oil painting. In 1925, he exhibited and won the prize for best winter scene at the first Hoosier Salon exhibit. He also exhibited at the Brown County Art Gallery Association.





## David Vawter, son of Bartholomew Vawter and Winifred Hodgson

David is the son of Bartholomew Vawter and Winifred Hodgson and probably born bef 1699. By the deed below it would seem David Vawter died single as his inheritance reverted back to John Vawter. John sold this land in 1735 so his death occurred prior to this date and he is shown alive as late as Sep 1727.

In the will of his father Bartholomew 16 Sep 1717 - 17 Sep 1717, Essex Co., VA, he was given part of the Hodgson lands near William, his brother. *Item to my son David Vawter the other half part of my land in the forrest that is next to Daniel Nowell to him and his heirs forever.* He was not yet 21 at the time of the will but was noted as follows in the will: *Item I will that my son David Vawter be of age for to act and do for himself after my decease.*

Essex Co. Deed 17 Jul 1721. Buckenham Browne of St. Ann's Parish, Essex Co., to Richard Long of St. Mary's parish in said county for 70 pounds sterling. 297 acres 20 pole in St. Ann's Parish on the head of Blackburn's Creek... on a run side that falleth into Blackburn's Creek and near a path that leadeth from the church to Job Spearman's called Spearman's church path it being the most southwest corner tree to John Vawter's land which be bought of the abovesaid Brown... to Mr. John Hawkins' patten as also to a patten granted to Thomas Page, dec., known by the name of the 3000 (Acre) patten... land of Mr. Robert Payne... Job Spearman's land...containing all the land Buckenham Browne doth hold on the south side of the abovesaid swamp. Wit: John Vawter, David Vawter, Thos. (T) Burk. 18 Jul 1721. Acknowledged by Buckenm Browne. Elizabeth wife of said Buckenham relinquished her right of dower.

*Essex Co. Deed Book 20, 20 May 1735 - 20 Feb 1738.*

Pp6-10, This indenture made 19 & 20 May 1735 between John Vawter of the Parish of St. Ann in the County of Essex gent. of one part and Patrick Donoho of the same parish & County Witnesseth that the sd John Vawter for the sum Six thousand pounds of Lawfull Tobacco and Cask containing the same doth hereby confirm unto the sd Patrick Donoho in his actual possession being of the parcell of land hereafter mentioned by virtue of Indenture of Bargain and Sale and Statute for transferring uses into possession all that tract of land Swamp and Marsh containing One Hundred and fifty acres (150) being in the aforesd Parish & County it being the half part of a tract of land formerly belonging to Bartholomew Vawter (late of the aforesd County decd) and by him in his Last Will and Testament bequeathed unto his Son David Vawter and by the death of the Sd David Vawter it be-came the possession of John Vawter party to these presents the sd One hundred and fifty acres bounded by the lands of Hugh Carey, James Bouleware, James Landrum Junr. and Cornelius Noell and including the plantation whereon Wm. Short now dwells... In present of Thos. Hawkins, Jerome Armer, John Bates, signed John Vawter. At court held Essex Couty 20 day of May 1735 Margaret said wife of John freely relinquished her dower and convey land to sd Patrick is recorded.

## Switzerland County Biographies

*History of Switzerland County, Indiana 1885.*  
Chicago: Weakley, Harraman & Co., Publishers, 1885.

**WILLIAM H. VAWTER**, farmer, Posey Township, son of William Vawter, was born in Jefferson County, Ind., in 1832. He grew to maturity in his native county (to sixteen years of age), engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in 1848 came to this county and located in York Township where he remained one year, then removed to Posey where he has ever since resided. December 9, 1860, he married Margaret GARMORE, daughter of Jacob Garmore, and by this wife has five children, all living: William, Benjamin, Jacob, Stephen and Fannie. William was married, in September, 1882 to Dillie SHAFFER, daughter of C.B. Shaffer, and they have one child, Bertha. In his early years, Mr. Vawter was employed as farm hand at wages for about three years, and then purchased a team and farmed rented land till the fall of 1863, when he purchased eighty-seven acres of his present farm, to which he has added till he now owns 118 acres. He has succeeded fairly, and by industry, economy and good business management has gained a competency very creditable to his energy. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity; does a general farming business, keeping what stock the farm will support. He made his first trip to New Orleans in boating produce in 1855, and since that has made two others, one in 1858 and the last in 1878. Aside from this he has engaged entirely in the pursuit of agriculture.

A letter written at the end of the Civil War by a friend of Lemuel Vawter shows the frustration of continuing the fighting. A portion of the letter containing Lem Vawters name is shown at the right.

That same January (1865) the prisoner exchange cartel that had been suspended in 1863 was once again functioning, and prisoners could realistically look forward to their release. On returning south in March, John and Thomas Read met in Richmond at the home of their cousin, William H. Read, before proceeding to the Valley. The final wartime letter in the correspondence, dated [26 March](#), suggests that Thomas Read planned to rejoin the army — despite the apparent entreaties of his close friend Lemuel Vawter to "throw off the yoke".

Waynesboro, March 26th/65

Dear Father & Mother,

I send you a few lines by W. Arnold to let you know that I am again in Dixie, & at Mr. White's, I got here last night, & found them all well; my health is very good at present, though I suffered some before leaving Pt. Lookout with Rheumatism, but since getting out of prison, breathing the pure air, & getting more to eat, I have picked up, & feel as well as ever. I landed at Richmond on the 18th, & staid at Cous. William's, & at Camp Lee till Tuesday evening when I left on the cars for Lynchburg; from there I came to Amherst C. H. from which place we had to walk some forty miles to Mr. White's. Cous. William treat us very kindly. Forgot to say that I fell in with Bro. John there, but he left a day before me, I suppose he is at home by this time; he had been at Cous. W's a week already & was anxious to get home, but I couldn't get off in time to come with him. W. Arnold came all the way from Richmond with me & I would like to go on to N.M. with him, but Mattie has stopped me & I cant say how soon I shall be able to come to see you. I want to see you before my furlough is out if nothing happens to the contrary. Love to all, I will let Mattie finish.

Your affect. Son, T.G. Read

Dear Mother

Griffin is at home, once more, it seemed to me sometimes that he was never to get here, but our Heavenly Father has preserved him & brought him back safely. I've been looking for him at any hour for the last month. It seems a strange Providence that he & John should meet in Richmond. I hope John is at home by this time. Tell him to look at "Martha" a good while & then come & see the rest of us. I wrote to you & Mary Kagey just before the Yanks came up. I had not heard from Betty for two or three weeks until Saturday, I heard that Lije was better. Griffin & I will go down to see him after he gets rested. I've had no horse to ride or I would have gone down before now. The Yanks got our best horse, he was a first rate one. They did not get here. Tell Henry that a Mr. Grove from Edinburg was here last week; told me to give his love to Henry's family when I wrote. Tell Aunt Ann I wish she could see **the letter Griffin got from Lem Vawter He wanted G. to "throw off the yoke."** I suppose he wanted another deserter to join his crowd. Tell Aunt Ann please to write to me. You & she and John must come up & see us. Tell father I would be glad to see him. Sister Lucy has a young son.

Your devoted  
Mattie

Cous. William & wife send you their best respects.

According to the *Official Records* the worst month at Point Lookout was February 1865, when 223 prisoners died (out of a population of over 12,000, the largest in the system). The worst month at Rock Island was January 1865, with 108 deaths among 6634 prisoners.

Thomas G. Read died on 3 January 1895 in the Richmond, Virginia Soldiers Home. John Henry Read was still living in New Market, Shenandoah County, in 1908.

Letter March 26, 1865  
Waynesboro, Augusta County,  
Virginia Thomas Griffin Read [with  
postscript of Martha White Read]

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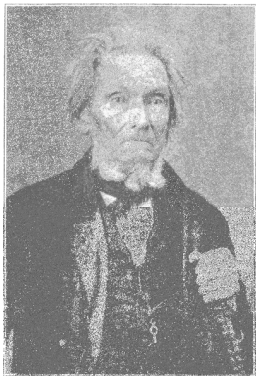
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Jesse Vawter some of his family in pictures, this is found on the Arleigh Kerr website  
<http://www.users.qwest.net/~arleighkerr/vawter.htm>

Born in 1755, died in 1838. He married Elizabeth Watts (daughter of John and Sarah Watts). During the Revolutionary War, Jesse served in Capt John Camp's Company, First Virginia Regulars under Col. George Gibson. Jesse and Elizabeth had nine children: John, William, James (b. 1783), Frances, Mary, Sarah, Julia, Achilles, and Ann. Jesse gravesite is shown.



**Born:** Dec 2, 1755 in Virginia  
**Died:** March 20, 1838  
**Buried:** Wirt Cemetery, on SR 7, just north of Madison Indiana



JAMES VAWTER

James Vawter Born in 1783, died in 1872. He married Sarah Watts (b. 1796) and had at least one son, James S. Vawter (b. 1831).

James S. Vawter  
May 9, 1831 to Aug. 5, 1881



Married Pheba Almeda Rawlings (Rollins) in 1864 and had two daughters, Effie (b. 1872) and Ada. James lived most of his life in Jefferson and Johnson Counties, Indiana.

He was a grocer and postmaster.

Pheba died 7-13-1887

Effie Almeda Vawter Kerr  
Aug. 10, 1872 to Feb. 26, 1921

Born in North Madison, IN, died in Billings, MT. Married [George Scott Kerr](#) and had three children, Stanley Ingomar Lycurgus Kerr, Arleigh Robert Kerr, and Reese Vawter Kerr.



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## Mobridge, SD police history, including John G. Vawter, Jr.

Mobridge was not much different in law enforcement problems from any other frontier settlement when the town sprang up around 1906. And its marshals and constables, who enforced the early-day laws, gradually evolved into today's police force.

Bert Dekker was one of the earliest known peace officers in Mobridge, teamed up with A. E. Flick, who was a justice of the peace. The first person ever arrested in the new town in 1907 was a cowboy who rode his horse into one of the four "blind pigs" (a term used in the early 1900s for a bar or lounge) that were operating in Mobridge before the sale of liquor became legal.

The cowpoke was fined five dollars, with Dekker, the arresting officer, and Flick, the J.P., splitting the fine, as was customary in frontier towns. That partnership between law and order, typified by the justice and the cop, helped maintain decorum in a community which tended toward disregard for the law.

Each blind pig had an orchestra playing every night, including Sundays, while most of them had gambling halls in the rear - with dice, roulette, poker and Black Jack tables. On pay days, the town swarmed with workers out to live it up and those were the only days when the lone policeman would be busy.

*"Burglars battered up the door of Comstock's warehouse last evening in an attempt to gain entrance, but failed," reported the Mobridge News on July 29, 1910. "If such things are going to become common, someone will have to begin to agitate things so we will have a night police."*

Whether or not this comment served as the impetus, a "night watchman" empowered with police functions thereupon went on duty.



"Revenuers" - Mobridge-style - are these representatives of law and order, around 1917. The kegs seen in the foreground of the picture to the left had been seized as evidence in an illegal liquor trafficking deal, and their contents poured off forthwith. The only upshot of that deed was that the case was thrown out of court for *lack of evidence*. Seen in the photo, left to right, are Chief of Police Dan House, Captain Guy P. Squires, Chaplin of Camp Pontis (and guiding light behind the establishment of the "Mobridge Purity League"), Judge J. G. Vawter, and Police & Fire Commissioner Orson Clark.

## John Vawter of Henry County, Tennessee, Law Marshal

*Arkansas City Republican*, July 5, 1884. Among the telegraphic reports will be seen the shooting of John Vawter by a desperado. The gentleman is a brother to our fellow townsmen, J. and M. B. Vawter. [TELEGRAPHIC: PAGE ONE.] Monday intelligence reached Louisville, Kentucky, of a shooting and fatal wounding of John Vawter, town marshal at Turner Station, Henry County, Kentucky, at that place Saturday by a desperado named Lucien Evans. An old grudge was the cause of the shooting. A warrant was sworn out for Evans arrest, but he surrounded himself with eight desperate companions, who leveled guns at the officers and defied them, and finally forced them to leave. Vawter is Evans fifth victim.

*Arkansas City Republican*, July 5, 1884. The latest reports from the Dr. Vawters' brother contain the cheering intelligence that he is rapidly recovering.

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Henry County, KY - Newspapers: Carrollton Democrat, Miscellaneous  
November 14, 1885 Page 5 Column 2  
John Vawter Killed Lucian Evans.

On Tuesday, at Turners Station Lucian Evans was shot and killed by John Vawter. Of course, Evans was a bad man, in a certain sense, but he has a large number of influential friends, embracing some of the best citizens of the county. It will be remembered that when they had a difficulty over a year ago these same friends were severe against Vawter, asserting that he was the worst man of the two. Evans was harmless when sober. Vawter has many friends. The only particulars we have of the killing is the following dispatch to the Courier-Journal of Friday: "News reached this place by telephone this morning that a shooting affair had taken place at Turner's Station, in Henry County, in which Lucian Evans was shot and instantly killed by John Vawter. A little over a year ago Evans and Vawter had a difficulty at a hotel at Turner's Station, in which Vawter was cut and shot by Evans, who was afterward tried in Circuit Court and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year. Evans at that time made a threat that he would kill John Vawter as soon as his term expired. He was released only a short time since, and when he met Vawter, who was accompanied by his little child, he (Evans) drew his revolver and fired two shots at Vawter without effect. Whereupon Vawter drew his revolver and fired, and the ball taking effect in the region of Evans' heart, killing him instantly. No examining trial has been held as yet.

November 24, 1885, Page 1 Column 2 After the shooting of Lucien Evans last week J. W. Vawter surrendered at once to the officers. His examining trial was held Saturday, and as the killing was clearly in self-defense he was acquitted.

The Wellsboro Agitator (Wellsboro, PA) 17 Nov 1885

He did Not Keep His Oath

A year ago Luther Evans and John Vaughter, of Kentucky, quarreled, and the latter was seriously shot and cut by Evans, who was sent to the penitentiary for one year. Evans swore that he would kill Vaughter when he obtained his freedom, and meeting him last Thursday at Turner's Station, Ky., he fired twice at him. Vaughter was not injured, but returned the fire, killing Evans instantly.

Grandfather of John was Jesse Vawter b. 16 Aug 1784 Holston river near where three states, VA, NC and TN now join. d. ca 1832 Oldham Co., KY m. 29 Jan 1807 Franklin Co., KY to Frances Ann Watts. They lived in Oldham Co., KY. Marriage Record: found in the *KY Registor State Historical Society* publication Jan 1915 p. 85. 1807 Jesse Vawter & Fanny Watts consent John Watts father, Bondsman D. T. Elliston, Franklin Co., KY

Father of John was John F. Vawter m. 25 May 1840 Mary E. Nichols. John lived in Milton, KY. Marriage record of Henry Co., KY shows Mary E. Nicholas. Children MB Vawter, John Vawter (marshall), Wallace Vawter, Mary Vawter, Frances (Fanny) Vawter, Harriet Vawter, Mildred (Milly) Vawter, Jamison (James) Vawter and Drucilla Vawter.

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| 32 |     |     | Harriet Vawter  | 13 | F |                     |
| 33 |     |     | Mildred Vawter  | 11 | F |                     |
| 34 |     |     | Mary Vawter     | 8  | F |                     |
| 35 |     |     | James Vawter    | 5  | M |                     |
| 36 |     |     | Dousilla Vawter | 2  | F |                     |

John Vawter, Trimble Co KY 1860 US census, shows John as a young man with his family. He has left the family in 1870 and not located in the census. By 1880 he is in Henry Co., KY shown as a marshal of the law.

1870 US Census, Palmyra, Trimble, KY #70/70

John Vawter age 49 Widow woolcarder

Harriet age 21

Mildred age 19

Mary age 17

Wallace age 14 or 16 attending school

Druzilla age 11

1880 Census Henry Co., KY, Turner's Station

John Vawters age 36 occ. Marshall b. KY fb. KY mb. KY

Robbin wife age 33 b. KY fb. KY mb. KY

Hattie Minor niece age 16 b. KY

Susie Minor niece age 7 b. Ky

Susie Smith servant age 20

Notty Johnson boarder age 43

1910 US Census, Campbellsburg, Henry Co., KY

John W. Vawter age 65 b. KY

Robbie M. Vawter age 62 b. KY

Julian Flemming age 16 nephew b. KY

1920 US Federal Census, Campbellsburg, Henry Co., KY

John W. Vawter age 75 b. KY

Robbie M. Vawter age 71 b. KY

Kentucky Death Index, 1911-2000

John W. Vawter d. 11 May 1930 Jefferson, Ky age 86 vol. 25 cert# 1222

## John Grey Vawter Home in Winterset Iowa, location of the famed “Bridges of Madison County”

Winterset Madisonian newspaper (Winterset, IA) 18 Jul 1956  
Stone Houses Span Years to Early Days,  
Pre civil war architecture lives in these old structures



From the standpoint of impressiveness of appearance, the large stone house on the east side of First street, two blocks south of the square is one of the most outstanding old residences in Winterset.

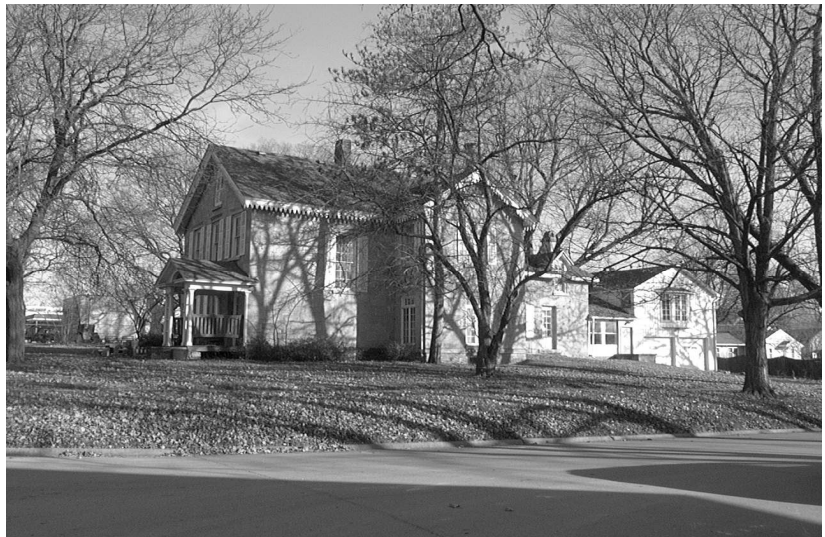
It was built by J. G. Vawter, probably before the Civil war, and later sold in 1869 to W. W. McKnight, a banker.

Later it was sold to the J. M. Robbins family and after their death became the property of their youngest daughter...

In 1987 the home of John Grey and Elizabeth S. Vawter located at 223 S. First St. Winterset, Madison Co., IA was placed on the national register of historic places.

Register #87001692. Architect Caleb Clark, part of Legacy in Stone: The settlement Era of Madison County, Iowa Territory.

John Grey is the son of Elliot Vawter, son of Philemon Vawter, son of David Vawter.



1860 Federal Census Madison County, Iowa  
JG Vawter age 40 b. KY lived city of Winterset  
Elizabeth age 35 b. Scotland  
CL Vawter age 8 b. Illinois (Cornelius Lansing)  
JG Vawter age 1 b. Iowa (John Grey, jr.)  
Two more children were born to the family, Anna Elizabeth b. 31 Jan 1864 Denver, Colorado  
and Benjamin Stewart Vawter b. ca 1866 IL. 3 additional children did not live to maturity.





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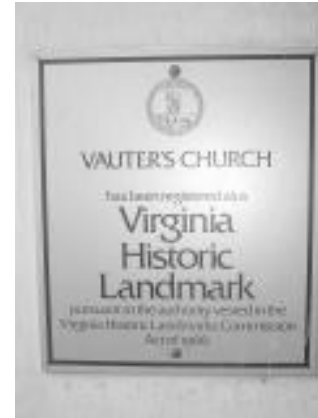
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**Colonel Vawter Day Festival**

**September 13, 2008 and September 19, 2009  
Morgantown, Indiana**

This event is held the third Saturday of September every year in honor of one of Morgantown's most successful merchants in the 1800's. Activities include: vendors, food, pork chop dinner, live music, entertainment, games, car show and fireworks.

Hours: 9:00 am – fireworks at dusk, free admission, free parking  
Contact info: Audrey Lasiter; [amiller122@hotmail.com](mailto:amiller122@hotmail.com); 812.597.4551

Nestled in the picturesque countryside about 12 miles north of Nashville, Morgantown has been a quiet secret. Midway between Indianapolis' suburban sprawl and Brown County's rusticity, Morgantown is a quaint charmer. This small Midwestern farm town, untouched by the chaos of today's fast paced world. Morgantown is packed with a variety of family oriented attractions. Family restaurants still serve true down home cooking to families and they welcome visitors.

## In Memoriam

**Gary Vawter**, a loving and devoted father, son, and brother, went to eternal peace Tuesday, July 8, 2008. He was born in San Antonio, TX on March 11, 1953 to the proud parents of Glenn and Vera Vawter. After graduating from Pasadena High School in 1971, Gary joined the U.S. Air Force and served his country for four years. After fulfilling his obligations of service, he graduated from Texas A&M University in 1979 with a degree in building construction. He then was accepted as a candidate in the Air Force Officer Training School. Following his father's footsteps, Gary made a career of the military serving for approximately 23 years. During those years he traveled the world and was stationed in many locations such as Japan, Europe, Hawaii, the island of Okinawa, the Azores and many more locations across this great country. He was well respected by his peers in his field of expertise, from his position at the Pentagon to his position in NATO at Shape in Belgium. After retirement from the Air Force with a rank of Lieutenant Colonel, he worked in the field of construction before moving on to a position as project manager at the Architect of the U.S. Capital in Washington D.C. for several years. To Gary, family was the center of his world. He was the orchestrator, conductor and motivator for all family games and activities, even the silly ones. He insisted that all joined in to play whether you liked them or not. He was the one who created the palate and from that palate painted memories upon the canvas of life. Family traditions and memories were what life was all about for him, that connection and that bond was paramount. He lived life to the fullest and will be deeply missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his mother Vera Vawter; the loves of his life his children James, Kristopher and Samantha Vawter and Linda; sisters; Tammy Hye-Knudsen (husband Carl) and Glenna Bettis (husband Skipper); brother David Vawter; nieces and nephews Morgan Miller, Evan Hye-Knudsen, Cassie Bettis, and Colby Bettis, as well as countless cousins who he considered brothers and sisters as well as many loyal friends. Gary is preceded in death by his father Glenn Vawter and niece baby Hayley Miller. Gary's final wish was that he be brought home to Texas to rest. A gathering and visitation will be held Tuesday, July 15, 2008, from 5 to 8pm at Fairmont Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 6777 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, TX 77505. A celebration of Gary's life will be held Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at 10am at First Baptist Church of Pasadena, 7500 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, TX 77505. Dr. Jon Redmond will be officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Cemetery. Many lives were richly blessed by knowing Gary and his memory shall remain in their hearts forever.

**Cathy (KK) Vawter**, 57, Topeka passed away July 20, 2008. Cathy was born April 6, 1951 in Leavenworth KS the daughter of Bernard and Monace (Hakes) Mader. She graduated from Mayetta High School and attended Washburn University. Cathy married Larry Vawter December 18, 1982 in Holton KS. Cathy worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield for 17 years; she retired in September of 2007. Cathy was very involved in Scouting and active in her church activities. She loved her grandchildren. She was a creative scrap booker and talented seamstress. Survivors include her husband, Larry Vawter, who lost his best friend and wife; children, Jason Hamilton (Kristen), Jennifer Anderson (Steve), all of Frisco TX, Jamie Hamilton (Kelley), Silver Lake, Larry Vawter, II (Tracey) Hawaii, Charles Vawter (Catalina), Topeka, Joe Vawter (Kathleen), Topeka;

14 grandchildren; sister, Jackie Hays (Bob), Topeka, brothers Mike Mader (Kathy), Centennial CO and Andy Mader, Topeka, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Karen Hill and brother-in-law, Bob Hill. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday, July 25, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th St, Topeka KS 66617. Cathy donated her body to the University of Kansas Medical Center and Northwestern University for ALS (Lou Gehrig) research, private interment will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Hospice Care, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka KS 66606 and ALS Foundation, 6950 Squibb Rd., Suite 210, Mission KS 66202. Online condolences may be sent to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

**George W. Vaughters**, March 14, 1924 – March 8, 2008, 83, of Dawsonville died Saturday March 8, 2008 at his residence following a period of declining health. A lifelong resident of Dawson County, Mr. Vaughters retired as a Road Construction Supervisor with Georgia Craft after 32 years of service. He was a member and deacon of Juno Baptist Church and was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. George R. and Minnie McClure Vaughters and several sisters and brothers. Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Beatrice H. Vaughters, Dawsonville; children, Donald Vaughters, Epworth, Becky and Wayne McCord, Dawsonville, Randall and Ann Vaughters, Villa Rica, Cindy and Mike Ensley, Epworth; daughter in law, Jeanette Vaughters, Dawsonville; sister, Iva Bannister, Ball Ground; brother, Lloyd "Flem" Vaughters, Dawsonville; special caregiver, Kim Hamby, 10 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and a number of other relatives. Funeral services will be held Monday March 10, 2008 at 2 o'clock at Juno Baptist Church. Rev. Dennis Bottoms, Rev. Tim Bidy and Rev. Harold Evans will officiate. Interment in the church cemetery. Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, GA.

**Vernon Ray Vawter**, born October, 20, 1923, in Hot Springs, AR, died on March 26, 2008. He was the son of Roy A. Vawter and Viola Riley Vawter, also of Hot Springs. He was retired and a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII, serving in the South Pacific and European Theater. He was also a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a life-long member of DAV, an artist, and charter member of the Southern Artist Association of Hot Springs. He also served as president and was a charter member of a traditional Artist Guild. He was a charter member of the Edelweiss German-American club of Hot Springs and served many years as president. He was a member of First Lutheran Church of Hot Springs, AR. He was predeceased by his parents, two daughters, Viola Louise Vawter and Verna Lee Miller, two brothers Ruel J. and Elton L. Vawter, and one sister, Opal Herndon. He is survived by his wife, Edeltraud (Trudy) Borde Vawter of Hot Springs, his daughter, Vicki Lynne Vawter of Lake Geneva, WI, eight grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Tilli Vawter, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held in the Chapel at Gross Funeral Home on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 11:00 am with the Reverend Jon Beyer officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, March 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Gross Funeral Home. Entombment will be in the mausoleum at Crestview Cemetery. Honorary Pallbearers are members of the Edelweiss German-American Club of Hot Springs, Dr. Bimlender Sharma, and the staff of St. Joseph's Cardiology Care Clinic. Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the First Lutheran Church of Hot Springs.

This is just a small sample of pictures of the 2008 reunion. Check out more pictures and highlights at the Vawter Family website. The address is [vawterfamily.org](http://vawterfamily.org), also check out the family tree and other pictures from past reunions. If you have any additional pictures or information on the 2008 reunion send them to the Newsletter.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

REGISTERED AT 2008 REUNION – Red Wing, Minnesota

Jordan Johnston.....Arizona  
Kaitlin Johnston

Patricia Renton.....Texas  
Phil Vaughter  
J W Vawter  
Di Vawter  
John H Vawter  
Sue Vawter  
Jesse Vawter  
Laneil Vawter

Fred Wicker.....Mississippi  
Ken Wicker  
Norma Wicker  
Ellen Cummings.....Virginia  
Ned Cummings

Garry Vawter.....California  
Dale Vawter  
Donna Vawter  
Phyllis Vawter  
Ashley Vawter

Robert Vawter.....Delaware  
Donna Vawter  
2 guests

Ralphe Vawter.....Florida  
Caroline Vawter  
Barry Guinagh  
Rebecca Guinagh

Maxine Joling.....Wisconsin  
Judith Aue  
Priscilla Aue  
Peter Joling  
Jordan Joling  
Sarah Peterson  
Patricia Cook.....Michigan

Erma Vawter.....Oklahoma  
Melinda Powell  
Shirley Troyer  
Sharon Coursey

Zoe Vaughter.....Minnesota  
Andrew Hatori  
Alex Hatori

Shirley Beasley.....Illinois  
Gerald Beasley

Connie Bugos.....Illinois  
Paul Bugos  
Brad Bugos  
Dylan Bugos  
Tyler Bugos

Chad Bugos .....Arkansas  
Brooke Bugos  
Austin Bugos

Bruce Vawter.....Missouri  
Linda Vawter  
Jason Vawter  
Kelly Day

Georgene Jurgensen.....Missouri  
Halle Downing.....Kansas  
Ethan Downing .....Kansas  
Alicia Jurgensen.....Wisconsin

Patricia Vawter Klein.....Michigan  
Dorothy Vawter.....New York

**The 2008 VVV Reunion was held at Red Wing, MN, July 16, 17, 18.**

Over 60 people were in attendance and the reunion located at the historic St. James Hotel. Highlights included the tour of the historic Sheldon Theater and the Paddle Wheel Boat Ride on the “Pearl of the Lake”. On board was a Mark Twain impersonator for storytelling. Entertainment included VVV junior members who led us in song and flute, piano and violin solos, they were a special treat.

The banquet on Friday night was the highlight of the event.

Shirley Beasley did the memorial service at the banquet.

Jordan Johnston had a power point demo. of the San Diego 2009 upcoming reunion location, showing points of interest.

Donna and Robert Vawter were longest married.

Caroline Vawter was the oldest and Brooke Bugos the youngest.

Sarah Peterson (piano) and Jason Vawter (violin) both played for us.

Bruce and Linda gave out the door prizes and Ken and Norma did the auction. Over \$700 was raised for the event.



A special thank you to outgoing President J. W. Vawter. His service of 2 years has been great. New President, Jordan Johnston gives a small token of appreciation at the Friday Night banquet.

**Major Lee Vawter (M L)** was the son of Alfred F. Vawter of Missouri. He and family traveled to Texas where his father and brother were druggists. The adventurous M L left home during WWI and traveled by ship to California to seek his fortune. He was rewarded with land, sun and opportunity in the rapidly expanding Los Angeles area.

1910 US Census Victoria Ward 3, Victoria, TX  
Alfred F. Vawter age 68 b. MO fb VA mb. VA Druggist  
Emma G. Vawter age 59 b. MO fb. MO mb. MO  
Alfred F. Vawter jr. age 26 b. MO shoe store salesman  
Frances L. Vawter age 25 b. MO druggist  
Major L. Vawter age 19 b. MO bookkeeper lumber yard

California Passenger and Crew Lists 1893-1957, ML Vawter arrival date 12 Dec 1918 age 28 b. Missouri, USA  
Ship Enterprise, San Francisco, CA

WWI Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918 Major Lee Vawter, born 18 Aug 1890 Missouri, residence Los Angeles CA

1930 US Census Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
M. L. Vawter age 37 b. MO Property Value \$10,000  
Ruby Vawter age 27 b. CA married 7 years

Arcadia Tribune (Arcadia, CA) 22 Apr 1932 Arcadia Gains Another House  
Florence Avenue Residence Will Be Fine Addition When Constructed  
Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Vawter of Los Angeles will be the next property owner residents of the city of Arcadia. A permit for \$4500 was taken out Saturday from the office of Building Inspector Glen B. Watson for a residence at 2131 Florence avenue.

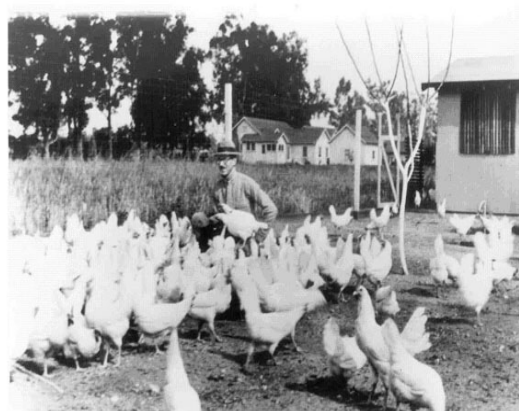
Cartwright and Huffman, Limited, of Los Angeles, are to be the builders of the frame and stucco dwelling, which will be two stories, contain six rooms and two baths.

A fireplace will be a feature of the house, which will have hardwood floors, while the roof will be tile. As soon as it is completed Mr. and Mrs. Vawter will move into their new home in Arcadia.

### **Arcadia's Chicken Ranches**

Long-time Arcadia poultry man Roy H. Pike on his chicken ranch on West Lemon Avenue, circa 1928. Before Arcadia became the community of homes, it was known for its large chicken ranches.

In support of World War I in 1918, the United States Department of Agriculture encouraged every family in the Arcadia-Monrovia-Duarte area to keep six hens and to eat white meat so that red meats could be sent abroad to our soldiers. Patriotic Arcadians complied and poultry raising became a way of life here throughout the 1920s to the mid-1940s. After World War II, ranchers abandoned their coops when they learned they could make more money by turning their land into subdivisions and housing. By January 1, 1961, large-scale poultry farming had been outlawed in the city of Arcadia.



Arcadia Tribune,(Arcadia, CA) 24 Feb 1933  
Thieves Get Fifty Chickens in Raid

M. L. Vawter, Florence Ave Rancher, Victim of Night. Fifty Rhode Island Red chickens were stolen from the ranch of M. L. Vawter, 2431 Florence avenue, last Friday, by thieves believed to be members of a gang that have been making raids on chicken ranches in the Arcadia area for some time.

Using wire cutters or pliers, the thieves went through the fence around the chicken house, and evidently transported their loot secretly to a truck parked nearby. Captain Grady Pardue investigator with Deputy Sheriff Collins of the sheriff's office farm theft detail, found some evidence that may lead to a conviction, it further clues are uncovered.

Arcadia Tribune (Arcadia, CA) 25 Aug 1933

Burglary Nets Thief Only Four Cold Bottles

Four bottles of beer was all that a burglar got Wednesday when he invaded the home of M. L. Vawter, 2431 Florence avenue, according to police reports.

Entrance was made through a French door on the side of the house, evidently, but nothing but the beer was missing when police and Vawter went over the house.



New York Passenger Lists 1820-1957 (1951)

Major L. Lee b. ca 1891 age 61 departure port Southampton, England, Ship name Mauretania

Port of arrival New York, New York

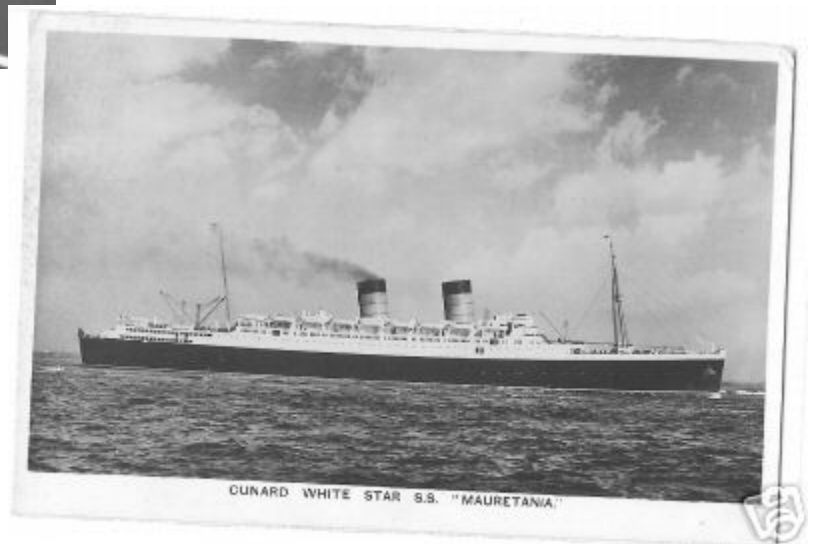
Nativity: Missouri

Ruby E. Vawter age 50 b. CA

Address: 1722 Burtonway, Bakersfield, CA

5 pieces of luggage

Shown at left the first class dining room, below a photo from 1950.



After World War II, The *Mauretania* was given a complete overhaul and was returned to commercial service in 1947, making her first post-war crossing on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The two first roundtrips were from Liverpool to New York, and the ships route was then changed to Southampton-New York instead.

Observers with a keen eye could see that the *Mauretania* was more or less a smaller replica of the second *Queen*. It was not only her two-funnel exterior that made them alike, it was also the late Art Deco-style interiors that brought them together. The *Mauretania* was often rightfully called the *Queen Elizabeth's* 'first cousin'.

The two *Queens* (Mary and Elizabeth) maintained Cunard White Star's transatlantic express service, with the *Mauretania* operating as a relief ship, making transatlantic crossing when she was needed. Otherwise she sailed every three weeks calling at Southampton, Le Havre, Cobh and New York. Beginning in 1947, the *Mauretania* was also used as a part-time cruise ship in the winter season, making voyages to the West Indies and the Caribbean. Such 'dollar-earning cruises' became an important part in rebuilding the British economy.

California Death Index 1940-1997

Major Lee Vawter Male b. 18 Aug 1890 Missouri d. 26 Jul 1958 Los Angeles, CA

Mother's maiden name Major, Fathers name Vawter

Social Security Death Index

Ruby Vawter b. 6 May 1902, died Dec 1976 CA, last address 91011 LaCanada Flintridge, Los Angeles

Los Angeles County Biographies  
William D. Vawter and sons  
William S. Vawter and Edwin James Vawter

An Illustrated History of Los Angeles County, California – Chicago, The Lewis Publishing Company, 1889

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Transcribed by Kathy Sedler

**W. D. VAWTER** is a native of Indiana, and was born in Jefferson County in 1815, son of William and Frances Vawter. His mother's maiden name was also Vawter; she was a native of Virginia. His father claimed to be a native of Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina; because he was born where these States corner. He moved first to Jefferson County, Indiana, and later to Jennings County, where he was a successful farmer until his death.

The subject of this sketch was married in 1834 to Miss Mary Crowder, of Maryland, by whom he had six children, whose names are as follows: Mary E., wife of Ward Leavitt, of Santa Monica; May, who married Dr. Harwood, with whom she went to Australia and there died in the city of Sidney; Jennie C.; Mattie, wife of S. Vawter, editor and proprietor of the Daily Call, La Fayette, Indiana; W. S. Vawter, manager of the Santa Monica Lumber and Mill Company; E. J. Vawter, cashier of the First National Bank, Santa Monica. In 1852 Mr. Vawter married Charlotte A. Knowlton, a native of Massachusetts. From this union two children have been born: Miss Emma, and C. K. Vawter, who died in Santa Monica. The subject of this sketch came to Los Angeles County in 1875, and was one of the original members of the Indiana Colony. This colony bought land where Pasadena now stands. His original purchase was sixty acres in Pasadena. This was divided into lots and sold. He subsequently purchased sixty acres. Mr. Vawter and his sons bought 100 acres of the Lucas Ranch, south of Santa Monica, and they have recently sold fifty acres of it at \$1,000 per acre. He owns valuable lots and property in the "city by the sea," where he resides. On first coming here he engaged in the mercantile business, owning all of the original stock. In 1887 a company was organized for carrying on the lumber and milling business, of which his son, W. S. Vawter, is manager. Mr. Vawter has been a very successful man. His life has been one of great activity. He is now in his seventy-fourth year, and he is always actively and profitably engaged. As a citizen he is highly respected. Politically he is a Republican, having voted for William H. Harrison in 1836. For a number of years he served as postmaster at Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana.



W. D. VAWTER.

Vawter Historic District Development in Santa Monica CA - The Third Street Neighborhood Historic District. The Third Street Neighborhood Historic District possesses aesthetic significance to Santa Monica in that the area displays a high percentage of original, turn of the century, structures, a consistency in building type, primarily the California bungalow.



The Third Street Neighborhood Historic District possesses historical economic significance to Santa Monica in that the Vawter family, leading developers of the Neighborhood, were also influential in the economic success of Ocean Park through the founding and operation of Ocean Park's first bank and through the ownership and operation of one of Ocean Park's earliest businesses and tourist attractions, the Ocean Park Floral Company. In addition, the development of piers, bathhouses and hotels stimulated growth in the Ocean Park area by providing jobs and attracting both residents and visitors to Ocean Park and to the Third Street Neighborhood.

1885 picture at right is Third Street between Utah and Oregon.

The Third Street Neighborhood Historic District possesses historic significance to Santa Monica in that the neighborhood is associated with many prominent early City residents, including the Vawter, Hostetter and Archer families, and Abbot Kinney. The Vawters subdivided the District into residential lots, and also assisted in the establishment of Ocean Park's first water company and Santa Monica's first regular transportation service to Ocean Park. Moses Hostetter and his son William were both Neighborhood residents (2601 Second Street and 237 Beach Street, respectively). Moses Hostetter was a member of the Santa Monica Board of Trustees between 1896 and 1900, serving as chairman of the police, fire, and light committees. Alvin Archer constructed the American Colonial Revival home at 245 Hill Street and was also a founder of Ocean Park's first volunteer fire brigade. His wife, Louetta, was Ocean Park's first postwoman. Abbot Kinney, before developing "Venice of America," owned property on the west side of Second Street in the District, and also gave Ocean Park its name, naming the area after the eucalyptus groves planted by the Vawters near South Santa Monica Beach.



(Prior code § 9630; added by Ord. No. 1535CCS, adopted 8/7/90; amended by Ord. No. 1590CCS § 1, adopted 7/23/91)



Ocean Park Beach 1900

*Sixty years in Southern California, 1853-1913*, containing the reminiscences of Harris Newmark.

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Another pioneer Santa Monica family was that of William D. Vawter who, with his sons, W. S. and E. J., originally members of the Indiana Colony at Pasadena, removed to the beach in 1875.

My relations with these gentlemen were quite intimate when they conducted a general merchandise business, that being but one of their numerous enterprises. Of late years, W. S. Vawter has twice been Postmaster at Santa Monica.

Ocean Park, California "One of the oldest sections of Santa Monica, Ocean Park had its beginning in 1893 when the Santa Fe Railroad constructed a passenger station and baggage room at what is now the intersection of Hill Street and Neilson Way and planted a few trees and grass on nearby plot of ground that was then called Ocean Park. The name clung and eventually was extended to the entire area. The original station was razed in 1920. There is some evidence that the trees had been planted before 1893 by either W.S. Vawter or E.J. Vawter, who wished to improve their real estate tract. Ocean Park, comprising the area south of Pico and west of Lincoln, is rich in notable sites.

### Santa Monica's third street history

The Third Street Historic District was officially designated in 1990 and is Santa Monica's first historic district. Architecturally, the buildings chronicle the evolution of design from the Victorian era through the revival styles of the 1920s and 1930s. Ocean Park, formerly called South Santa Monica, was originally settled by the Vawter family in 1884. The Vawters subdivided their property and established South Santa Monica's first bank, the first water company, a carnation farm, the first Presbyterian church, and a horse car line connecting it to the rest of Santa Monica. Not long after, The Crystal Springs Bathhouse and Plunge was built--the first South Santa Monica beach attraction. Visionary developer Abbot Kinney helped turn South Santa Monica into a beach resort later called Ocean Park. Soon, year-round residents began to populate the area.

1880 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA #393/464

W. D. Vawter age 64 Merchant IN

Charlotte age 60 wife Mass

Jane age 38 dau. IN

Emma age 26 dau IN

E. J. Clarke age 26 visitor IN

E. J. Vawter age 31 druggist IN

Laura age 29 wife IN

1880 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA #501

W. S. Vawter age 34 Clerk IN/IN/IN

Sarah Vawter age 28 IN/IN/IN

Mary Vawter age 19 IN/IN/IN

1900 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA #363

William S. Vawter age 55 b. Apt 1845 married 32 years IN/IN/IN

Sarah M. wife age 47 b. Aug 1852 married 32 years IN/IN/IN 2 children one living

John R. Moore son in law age 34 b. Aug 1865 married 6 years WA/OH/VA

Mary C. daughter age 30 b. Nov 1869 married six years No children IN/IN/IN

#364 (next door)

Edwin J. Vawter age 51 b. Apr 1848 married 12 years IN/IN/IN

Belle wife age 43 b. Apr 1856 married 12 years NY/Scot/NY No children

Obituary notices - Los Angeles, CA 1893 - Death Record

Vawter – In Santa Monica, December 27, Charlotte A. Vawter, wife of W. D. Vawter aged 74 years. Funeral from the family residence, at 10:30 am Friday, December 29, 1893. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

The Mountain Democrat (Placerville, CA) 28 Jan 1893

Senator John P. Jones of Nevada and other capitalists have purchased the controlling interest in the First National Bank of Santa Monica, they having purchased the stock heretofore owned by W. D. Vawter, W. S. Vawter and E. J. Vawter. This will cause a complete change in the directory of the institution.

Los Angeles, CA 1894 - Death Record.

Vawter – At Santa Monica, July 10, 1894, W. D. Vawter aged 79 years. Funeral from the family residence Thursday July 12, 1894 at 10:30 am. Friends invited without further notice.

The Arizona Republican, 3 Nov 1895

E. J. Vawter, the well-known banker and capitalist of Santa Monica, is in the city and will remain for a few days, with a view to investment. He is under the chaperonage of his old friend, Hon. W. T. Smith, and will there fore not go far astray.

The Arizona Republican, 9 Nov 1895

E. J. Vawter, the Santa Monica Banker, was so much pleased with the valley that he returned yesterday accompanied by his brother, W. S. Vawter, and the two will remain several days investigating the resources of the country. They have ample capital and are likely to become heavy investors.

The Arizona Republican, 12 Nov 1895

E. J. and W. S. Vawter, bankers and capitalists of Santa Monica, Cal., left last night over the Southern Pacific on their return, after spending several days in looking over the valley. They are so pleased with what they have noted that they will shortly return and will in all likelihood here locate.

California State Roster, 1899 Gov. & Military Records

E. J. Vawter, res: Santa Monica, Los Angeles Co.

William Vawter res: San Jacinto, Riverside Co.

1899 Los Angeles, CA (newspaper)

Edwin James Vawter, Jr. a native of Indiana, aged 27 years, and a resident of Santa Monica, and Bessie Melvina Channell, a native of Kansas, aged 25 years, and a resident of Los Angeles.

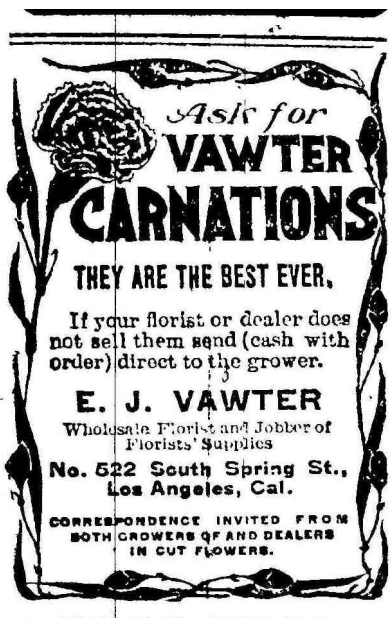
The Arizona Republican (Phoenix, AZ) 17 Jan 1904

The Security Savings Bank having acquired all of the stock of the Main Street Savings Bank, the two banks have been united and consolidated and the Main Street Savings Bank, on January 11, 1904, moved to the quarters of the Security Savings Bank, on the NE corner of Main and Second Streets.

Depositors of the Main Street Savings Bank are respectfully requested to present their pass books at the Security Savings Bank, where Mr. T. L. Duque and Mr. E. J. Vawter, jr will be present to facilitate the transfer of accounts.

The consolidation of the two banks is confidently believed to be to the mutual convenience and interest of stockholders and depositors. The Security Savings Bank is the largest bank of Southern California with resources of \$6,100,000.

Vawter Carnation Advertising from The Arizona Republican 21 Jan 1904



Tournament of roses parade and Vawter Flowers.

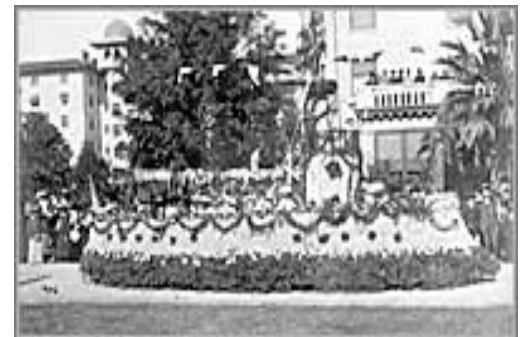
The year was 1890, the 1st Tournament of Roses was founded by members of Pasadena's Valley Hunt Club. The members were former residents of the East Coast and Midwest and were eager to exhibit their new home's mild winter weather.

...And that is the humble beginnings of the Tournament of Roses. Neighbors proud of their new surroundings, wanted to display they're Californian cooperative spirit with a festival parade of flower-decorated horses and buggies and an afternoon of public games.

1901 was the first year that motorized vehicles were allowed as float entries. Back then motorized vehicles seemed nothing more than a luxury toy like item for those who could afford it. Since there was little enthusiasm for the autos, they were forced to appear at the rear of the Parade so as not to scare the horses.



1905 First Rose Queen, Hallie Woods, reigns over New Year's Day festivities. Miss Woods, chosen by her classmates at Pasadena High School, made her own gown and helped decorate the float upon which she rode. Parade held on Jan. 2.



The era of spectacular floats began in 1908 with a 41-foot whale that spouted carnation scented perfume 25 feet in the air; an 86-foot orange; and a 35-foot airship.

Oxnard Courier (Oxnard, CA) 25 Sep 1908

Local Bankers are members of Association

They form part of State Clearing House Organization

Representatives of the various banks comprised in the fifth district of the State Clearinghouse Association met Saturday.....included C. J. Vawter, jr, Ocean Park (GJNote: this is E. J. Vawter, jr)

Oxnard Courier (Oxnard, CA) 25 Dec 1908

Those who were in the city yesterday attending the meeting were: (among others) E. J. Vawter, Oceanside

California State Roster, 1909 Gov & Military Records

E. J. Vawter, res: Ocean Park, Los Angeles Co.

E. J. Vawter, Jr. res: Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.

John T. Vawter, architect, southern dist. Los Angeles Co.

US Census 1900 Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA #148

Mary E. Leavitt head age 63 b. Oct 1836 widow 2 children 1 living IN/IN/MD (sister of Jennie and Emma)

Florence M. Leavitt dau. age 34 b. Aug 1865 IN/NY/IN single

#149 next door

Jennie C. Vawter head age 60 b. Apr 1840 IN/IN/MD single

Emma K. Vawter sister age 46 b. Aug 1853 IN/IN/MD single

1910 US Census Santa Monica Ward 5, Los Angeles, CA #350

William S. Vawter age 57 married 43 years IN/IN/MD

Sarah M. wife age 57 married 43 years IN/IN/IN 2 children 1 living

Minnie L. Pack servant age 32 CA/CT/WS

Everett P. Vawter cousin age 16 single IN/IN/IN

James H. Vawter cousin age 11 single CA/IN/IN

1910 US Census Santa Monica Ward, Los Angeles, CA

Edwin J. Vawter, Jr. age 38 married 11 yr IN/IN/IN

Bessie Vawer age 35 married 11 yr 2 children 2 living KS/ Canada/Canada

Marjorie D. Vawter age 7 CA/IN/KS

Edwina H. Vawter age 2 CA/IN/KS (GJNote: she is also shown as Helen E.)

Kate Duff age 50 widow 3 children none living b. Ireland servant

Mabel G. Channell age 32 Sister in law single b. KS/Canada/Canada

1920 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA # 529

Sarah Vawter head age 66 widow IN/IN/IN

Minnie Post housekeeper age 42 single CA/CT/WS

James Vawter cousin age 21 single CA/IN/IN

New York Passenger Lists 1820-1957

Bessie Vawter age 48 b. 29 Jan 1878 KS

Marjorie Vawter dau. age 22 b. 12 Mar 1904 Ocean Park, CA

Edwina Vawter dau age 18 b. 12 May 1908 Ocean Park, CA

Address: 3115 Fourth St., Ocean Park, CA

Departure: Cherbourg, France

Arrival: 10 Mar 1926 New York, NY

Ship Adania

Los Angeles, CA 1929 - Death Record

Vawter. In Santa Monica Sarah M. Vawter aged 77 years, beloved mother of Mrs. John Rigdon Moore and Mrs. Mary Etta Hilty; cousin of James H. Vawter. Services Wednesday at 2 pm from residence, 1304 Second street, Santa Monica. Todd & Lealie, directors. (GJNote: Mary Hilty seems to be Mary E. Leavitt sister in law)

1920 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA #262

Mary E. Leavitt age 83 head widow IN/IN/MD

Florence M. Leavitt daughter age 54 single IN/NY/IN

Nellie Vawter cousin age 23 single CA/IN/IN

#262 next door

Jane Cravens Vawter head age 79 single IN/IN/MD

Emma K. Vawter sister age 66 single IN/IN/MD

Nellie is found in the 1900 US Census Bakersfield, Kern, CA

Sherman Vawter head age 35 b. Jan 1865 married 12 years IN/IN/IN

Emma J. wife age 29 b. Dec 1870 married 12 years IN/OH/IN 5 children 3 living

Everett son age 6 b. Sep 1893 CA/IN/IN

Nellie dau. age 3 b. Jul 1896 CA/IN/IN

1930 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA

Everett F. Vawter head age 36 b. CA

Agnes R. wife age 40 b. CA

William E. Vawter son age 4 yr 9 mo b. CA

James H. brother age 31 single b. CA

Minnie L. Post age 51 servant

1930 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA

Bessie C. Vawter head age 56 RE Value \$25,000 widow married 25 yar b. KS/Can/Can

Helen E. Vawter age 22 dau single b. CA/IN/KS

1930 Los Angeles, CA (newspaper)Dealey – Vawter

Samuel D. Dealey, 23; Helen E. Vawter, 23.

Bessie Vawter age 62 b. ca 1874

Arrival 2 May 1935 Los Angeles, CA

Departure Honolulu, HI

Ship Lurline

Arrival 6 Jun 1936 Los Angeles, CA

Departure Honolulu, HI

Ship Lurline

Historical Newspapers Los Angeles, CA 1938

Vater, Mrs. Aramantha C. Vawter Vater, beloved mother of A. Eugenie Vater of 826 Fifth Street, Santa Monica; sister of Emma K. Vawter of Santa Monica and aunt of Mrs. John Regdon Moore of Los Angeles. Services Tuesday 2 pm at the chapel of Todd & Leslie, Santa Monica.

Vater Funeral Will Be Today

Santa Monica, Feb 28. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 pm tomorrow at the chapel of Todd and Leslie for Mrs. Armantha C. Vawter Vater 96 years of age, daughter of one of Santa Monica's pioneer families. She died Saturday at her home, 826 Fifth Street.

She had been active in club, social and church work until declining health forced her to retire from active life about five years ago.

California Death Index, 1940-1997

Bessie Vawter b. 29 Jan 1874 KS

d. 13 Jun 1945 Los Angeles, CA

Mother's maiden name: Thompson father's surname Channell

Emma Knowlton Vawter mother's maiden name Knowlton

b. 21 Aug 1853 IN d. 1 Jun 1943 Los Angeles, CA

Agnes R. Vawter b. 19 Dec 1889 CA

d. 15 Mar 1972 Los Angeles, CA

James Henry Vawter b. 19 Oct 1898

d. 11 Jun 1956 Los Angeles, CA mother's maiden name May

Everett F. Vawter b. 8 Sep 1893 CA

d. 5 Jan 1970 Los Angeles, CA

## FOR FACTORY SITE

Oakland may have one of the largest office supply and furniture factories in the country, if arrangements being made by William C. Vawter, head of the Baker-Vawter Office Supply Company, of Benton Harbor, Mich., are carried out. Vawter has been in Oakland for several days past, looking into local factory sites, and is also considering other sites about the bay. He left today to inspect properties in Richmond and other cities and will return to the Hotel Oakland, where he is making his headquarters, at the end of the week.

Vawter says that Eastern firms doing a heavy business on the coast must in many cases establish branches here rather than ship goods during the present car shortage and high freight rates.

Los Angeles CA City Directories, 1888-90

1888 William C. Vawter, 82 S. Los Angeles, Los Angeles

Business: Thomas M. Joseph

Occupation: horse shoer

1890 William C. Vawter, 724 S. Main, Los Angeles

Occupation: Black smith

Historical Newspaper 1921

William Vawter

The body of William Vawter a member of the Baker-Vawter company, office equipment manufacturers of Benton harbor, Mich., who died Sunday at a private hospital here, was sent to Benton Harbor by H. M. Patterson and son. He was spending the winter in Atlanta. He is survived by his widow; one daughter, Miss C. Vawter of St. Joseph, Mich.; two sons, George H. and William A. Vawter, jr. of Benton Harbor; one sister, Mrs. Ernest P. Bicknell, of Washington, DC and one brother Frank M. Vawter of Toronto, Canada.

Los Angeles, CA 1931

**Vawter, Minnie L. Vawter**, October 6, loving wife of **Alfred T. Vawter**; loving mother of Ernest, Robert and Walter Vawter, Mrs. Robert Oles and Mrs. Alfred Du Fault. Funeral services Thursday, October 8, 10:30 am at Bede A. Johnson's mortuary, 3827 Whittier Boulevard

Woman Asks Mate Be Declared Dead

San Francisco, Feb 26, Mrs. Florence B. Vawter, mother of four children and wife of Henry Francis Vawter, missing San Francisco patrolman, who disappeared August 18, 1922, today petitioned a superior court to declare him legally dead. She did this so that she may collect \$2400 insurance from the Widows and orphans Benefit association of the police department.

Vawter left home in 1922 to walk his beat. He has not been seen by friends or relatives since. After a man has been missing seven years the law presumes him dead.

Oakland Tribune (Oakland  
17 Oct 1933 (article)

Oakland Tribune  
(Oakland,CA)  
20 Oct 1933

S. F. Judge Frees Man  
"Legally Dead"  
San Francisco, Oct 20.  
Since no complaint was  
filed against him and  
there was no proof to  
show that he was guilty  
of conspiracy, Henry F.  
Vawter, former San  
Francisco policeman,  
was freed here yesterday  
by Municipal Judge  
Sylvain Lazarus.  
Vawter disappeared  
fourteen years ago  
following his dismissal  
from the police force,  
and seven years ago his  
wife, mother of four  
children, had him declared  
legally dead and collected  
\$2400 from the Widow's  
and Orphans' Association  
pension fund. He re-  
appeared here recently.  
Members of the association  
said they would take no  
action.

# LEGALLY DEAD MAN'S WIDOW TO KEEP STATUS

## Wife and Four Children Say There Will Be No Resur- rection of Enoch Arden

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 17 —  
There is to be no resurrection for  
the legally dead Henry Vawter, as  
far as his wife and four children  
are concerned.

For 11 years Mrs. Florence Vaw-  
ter thought her husband to be dead,  
and mourned for him. Today after  
discovering that he had merely  
been staying away from home all  
that time, she declared her inten-  
tion of keeping the status of widow,  
which the law gave her four years  
ago.

But the police department faced  
about the \$2400 that was paid to  
Mrs. Vawter out of the Widows' and  
Orphans' Pension Fund after the  
courts, in 1929, had declared her  
husband, a former police officer, to  
be legally dead.

### BELIEVED HER RIGHT

It was generally believed that the  
action of the court had given Mrs.  
Vawter a legal right to the money,  
regardless of the fact that her hus-  
band has now been discovered to  
have been alive all the time.

Vawter's existence was discov-  
ered accidentally yesterday, when  
Policeman John Houlihan went to  
investigate complaints that a man  
named Frank Smith was running a  
"necktie racket." He took Smith to  
the Hall of Justice for questioning,  
and there Lieutenant James Malloy  
saw him and rubbed his eyes

### DENIES IDENTITY

"Hello, Henry," he said.

Smith shook his head "Frank's  
the name," he said

Malloy went and got Patrolman  
William Boyle, secretary of the Po-  
lice Widows and Orphans Fund  
"Ever see this man?" he asked  
Boyle

"Sure," said Boyle "I paid his  
widow \$2400 out of the fund after  
he was declared legally dead four  
years ago. It's Henry Vawter."

"Sure you're Henry Vawter," said  
Malloy. "Don't you remember—you  
were in the department three years,  
and I was your sergeant!"

Still Smith shook his head. They  
searched him and found a news-  
paper clipping four years old tell-  
ing how Mrs. Vawter had had him  
declared legally dead after he had  
been missing seven years, so that  
she could collect her widow's  
money from the fund. Still he de-  
nied it. They sent for Mrs Vawter,  
and she came and identified him as  
her husband.

Not till then did he give in and  
admit his identity. He said he had  
spent 10 years in Sacramento re-  
turning to San Francisco a year  
ago.

### WIFE TURNS AWAY

Mrs Vawter turned away from  
him, refusing even to tell him how  
"George" was. George is one of  
their four sons, and was sick at the  
time the father disappeared. Mrs  
Vawter said today that she had  
been left with the care of the four  
children, and had had to accept  
county aid for a number of years

"They're all fine and strong now  
—no thanks to their father," she said  
today. "None of us want him back"

The police are holding Vawter on  
a "\$1000 vag" charge, pending the  
possible filing of charges in the  
"necktie racket" affair

(CA)

further

## Sgt John B. Vawter

Birth: 1839

Death: 1897

First Sergeant, Company C, 4th Regiment,  
Kentucky Mounted Infantry, Grand Army of the  
Republic, Civil War. Wife, Flora Keith, 1851-1933.

Burial:

Oak Ridge Cemetery

West Liberty

Muscatine County

Iowa, USA

No other Vawter's listed in this cemetery



## Mississippi Land Patents Database: Alcorn County - Surname M-Z

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These land records represent the transfer of public lands to private ownership. In most cases they represent purchase of the land by individuals from the United States Government. Others are the result of homesteading, Indian cessions or treaties, or bounty lands given to military veterans.

This database of more than 225,000 records can be browsed and is based on the original raw database of the General Land Office, a precursor to the Bureau of Land Management.

The BLM is in the process of scanning and putting on-line all of these records for you to see and print out for your own use. <http://www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov> The database this introduction is appended to may contain errors the BLM has corrected as they double checked every record while scanning the documents. Once you have found an entry of interest in this database, be sure to double check it against the BLM web site.

The county designation in this database represents what county the land is in today, not what county it was at the time the individual took possession of the land, as county boundaries have changed many times over the years. You can view current county maps at the Mississippi Department of Transportation web site:

<http://www.gomdot.com/divisions/intermodalplanning/resources.aspx?div=onlinemaps>

| NAME            | MI SECTION | TOWNSHIP | RANGE | MERIDIAN  | TOTAL_ACRE | SIGN_DATE  |
|-----------------|------------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|------------|
| VAWTER JOHN     | 35         | 3S       | 8E    | CHICKASAW | 160        | 1843/06/15 |
| VAWTER ALLEGANY | 1          | 4S       | 8E    | CHICKASAW | 160.59     | 1843/11/28 |
| VAWTER JOHN     | 26         | 3S       | 8E    | CHICKASAW | 159.92     | 1843/06/15 |
| VAWTER JOHN     | 35         | 3S       | 8E    | CHICKASAW | 147.81     | 1843/06/15 |





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Dedicated to finding Vauter(s), Vawter(s), Vaughter(s)

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Upcoming Reunions: 2009 San Diego,  
2010 Richmond VA including a trip to Vauter's Church, VA ,  
2011 Land Between The Lakes, KY

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**If you haven't paid your dues this year, you will find an envelope enclosed.  
Please send your check to the VVV Treasurer Laneil Vawter. Only.....\$10.00 per year  
And you may also pay for a gift membership.**

**If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please let us know.**

The 2009 VVV Reunion will be held in San Diego, California in July. The date is pending because of the hotel rates. A much better rate is available Tuesday thru Thursday. This is a popular tourist area and there are no bargains!! The reunion is in the planning stage at this time, but the most likely location is the Handlery Hotel and Resort. They will provide a hospitality suite which we hope will be large enough for meetings. There is a restaurant and also larger meetings rooms if we need them.

“Just minutes from Sea World, the Zoo, Old Town, museums, beaches, world-class shopping, downtown and the Convention Center, The Handlery Hotel & Resort is perfectly located for experiencing all San Diego has to offer.”

The Handlery website is [handlery.com](http://handlery.com). On the **VVV website** you will find more information about the general area. It is a great place for a vacation and seeing your extended family too.

The last page of this newsletter is a form for your family line. **If we are missing any information**, especially from 1960 back, please fill out this form and send it in. We are still trying to update and correct our family tree. If it is easier to email it, that is fine too. And if you have any questions, please let us know.

## In Remembrance

The Advocate, Louisiana. **Wenonah Wilson 'Nonie' Vawter**,. A homemaker and a resident of Fort Worth, Texas, she died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008. Nonie was 81, born July 17, 1927, in Baton Rouge. Memorial service at Thompson's, Harveson and Cole Funeral Home, Fort Worth, on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. Private burial at a later date. Survived by her husband of 60 years, **Jack. L. Vawter**; four daughters, Ann Haynes, Sue Huffman, Jane Ethridge, and Mary Ownby and husband Terry; two sons, Jack L. Vawter Jr., and Scott Vawter and wife Glynell; sister, Regina "Jeanie" Hall, Baton Rouge; brother, Mike Wilson, Baton Rouge; 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Pearl LeBoeuf Wilson; sister, Pearl Wilson Book; and brother, Bobby Wilson. She graduated from Baton Rouge High School and attended LSU.

Lebanon Democrat, Lebanon TN

Virginia Ingram Williams. Services for Mrs. Williams will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Ligon and Bobo Funeral Home with Rev. Billy Trice officiating. Interment will be in the Woodlawn Memorial Park in Nashville. Visitation will be 9 a.m. Tuesday until service time.

Mrs. Williams, 93, of the Norene Community, died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008 at Quality Care Nursing Home. Born in Rutherford County, she was a homemaker and a member of the Fall Creek Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, **Homer and Ida Vaughter Ingram**; her husbands, Aubrey Howse and Marvin Williams; three brothers, Jack, Dude and Howard Ingram; two sisters, Elsie Barrett and Margaret Floyd. Survivors include a sister, Francis Davis of Murfreesboro; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Daily Democrat, Woodland, CA. On Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, the precious earthly life of **Jacqueline (Reimer) Vaughters** gently and peacefully ended here. Her soul was rescued from a body racked by the terrible tortures of unrelenting cancer and she was spirited away to the loving presence of her Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jacque was born on Oct. 25, 1941, to Henry J. and Marion J. Reimer. She spent most of her childhood and teen years on a small farm just north of Zamora with her parents and four younger brothers, Jim, Jon, Thomas and Jerry. She was preceded in death by her mother, father and brother, Jon, and is survived by her husband of 48 years, **Larry Vaughters**; son, Lance Vaughters his wife Sigrid and their children Lydia, Lucia, Lucas, Seth, Shem and Saije; as well as by daughter and husband, Tobia and Paul Sanders. She is also survived by many nephews, nieces, and cousins. Jacque drank deeply and zestfully of the life God gave her, compassionately loving and helping people in need wherever she could and fearlessly championing for the rights of many who were being exploited, hurt and in need of protection. She was an excellent Christian counselor and encourager. Our lives have been greatly influenced by our dearly beloved Jacque and our hearts will treasure the memories of you, Jacque, til we too are freed from this life! Jacque was a longtime historian and typist at The Daily Democrat, where she prepared daily columns covering local history. She also wrote stories about local families, and events from Yolo County's past, as well as did copywriting, including obituaries. A viewing for Jacque is scheduled at McNary's Funeral Chapel, 458 College St., in Woodland, from noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14. A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Woodland Cemetery on West Street. McNary's is assisting the family with arrangements.

Submitted by Bonita Welch. **Tatum Warren Thomas Magner**, son of Jason Daryl and Summer Beree Taylor Magner of North Vernon, Ind., was stillborn at 1:58 p.m. Friday, September 12, 2008, at Schneck Medical Center in Seymour, Ind.

A graveside service was conducted Tuesday, September 16, at Vernon Cemetery with the Rev. Richard L. Burcham officiating. Tatum's father was pallbearer. Tatum's cousins, John Williams, C. J. Taylor and Shea Lilian Taylor, placed roses on the casket and presented roses to his parents. A white dove was released as "Come to Jesus" was played. Surviving with his parents are grandparents, Tom and Diana Taylor of North Vernon, Christina Pate of North Vernon and Joseph Magner of Silver Spring, Maryland; and great-grandparents, Norma Martin of North Vernon, Everett and Carol Pate of North Vernon and Margaret Magner of Silver Spring.

He was preceded in death by great-grandparents, Roy and Hilda Clarkson Taylor, William and Audrey Hall Brown and Warren Magner. Tatum's mother, Summer, is the niece of association member and former newsletter editor, Bonita Welch, and attended the 1995 reunion in Ashland, Virginia. She had just returned to the States from Nairobi, Kenya, having graduated from high school at the International School of Kenya, where her father was superintendent. Summer graduated from Ohio University in 2001 with a degree in Spanish. She is employed in human resources and as a Spanish interpreter.

To Patricia Renton From Zoe Vaughter at [zoev@aol.com](mailto:zoev@aol.com)

Dear Patricia,

Hi, hope all is well!! It's cousins Zoe, Alex and Andy!

You are probably not aware that my son Alex needs a kidney transplant soon and I am planning on donating one of my kidneys for him. My church, St Martin's by-the-Lake, Wayzata, MN, is doing fundraising and would like the names and contact information of all my relatives. I have my near relatives but am wondering if there is a list of the Vaughter, Vaughters, Vawter relatives that they could use to make a phone call, send an email or regular mail to ask for any support in this effort. It will be a one time request and no one will be 'harassed". There are several women from the church who are coordinating this and they asked me to get a list of names of everyone that might like to make a tax-deductible contribution through St Martin's Church and support us through the transplant process and recovery.

Please feel free to spread the word. The relatives can email me directly but we will also be putting Alex Hatori (my son) on the [www.Caringbridge.com](http://www.Caringbridge.com) website as soon as we are able. Alex and I are going to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester at the end of the week for his initial work up. We will keep people posted through the Caringbridge website as we move forward.

Thanks Patricia for your help with this!!

Love, Cousins Zoe Vaughter, Alex and Andy Hatori Minnesota

Zoe and family joined other VVV members at the recent Red Wing, MN reunion. Any information can be requested thru the website or email.

## **Mt. Woodson Castle History**

The land upon which the Mt. Woodson Castle stands is notable as part of the original 320-acre homestead of Dr. Marshall Clay Woodson. A surgeon in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, Dr. Woodson settled the property in 1875. After achieving local prominence, Mt. Woodson was named in his honor. Designed by John Vawter and Emmor B. Weaver, the Mt. Woodson Castle masterfully combines English cottage and French castle influences with virtues indigenous to early Southern California.

In 1909, a renowned and eccentric Southern California couturier named Amy Strong purchased the Woodson estate. Over the next several years, Strong devoted herself to the design and construction of her dream home. Strong, who created dress designs for some of the nation's wealthiest women, traveled frequently to Europe to purchase fabrics and handmade laces. It was during these trips that she was inspired by English cottage architecture, the castles of France and the windmills of the Netherlands, all of which heavily influenced the design of her home.

Construction on Strong's home began in 1916 and was completed five years later at the total cost of \$50,000. This 12,000-square-foot, 27 room architectural treasure embodies the California Craftsman and Mission Revival movements prevalent at the end of the 19th century. The spectacular result was unlike anything local residents had seen before. It quickly became known as the Amy Strong "Castle," not only for its sheer size, but for its meticulous attention to detail and luxuries that included hot circulating water, a telephone, a Dutch oven and electricity.



## Journal of San Diego History

<http://www.sandiegohistory.org/journal/82summer/strong.htm>

... talents of her architects, Emmor Brooke Weaver and John Terrell Vawter and the philosophy of the Craftsman Movement. The ideals emphasized harmony between the individual and the environment, the intensive involvement of the artist with their materials, and the blending of the primitive...

... Strong hired Weaver and Vawter. They pitched tents on the site for their own accommodations, drew renderings and blueprints and molded ideas into structural realities. For unknown reasons, actual construction did not begin until 1916...

... Strong, with the architectural genius of Emmor Weaver and John Vawter, and the physical labor of local Ramona workmen, constructed in the rural backcountry of San Diego, a home that epitomized the ideals and attitudes of the Craftsman Movement. It stands today...

... Two years later, Weaver and John Vawter drew the plans for Amy Strong's Ramona home. David Gebhard and Robert Winter eds. A Guide to Architecture in Los Angeles and Southern California (Santa Barbara: Peregrine Smith...

... Weaver and Vawter had been classmates at the University of Illinois School of Architecture, Weaver graduating in 1903 and Vawter the following year. Told to move to a warmer climate, Weaver arrived in San Diego...

... Vawter, after leaving school studied in Paris and traveled throughout Europe recording architectural scenes in drawings, etchings and water colors. The two formed a brief partnership in San Diego (prior to 1910...

... Weaver's talents of combining rustic elements was complemented by John Vawter's knowledge of European architectural elements. Vawter's style was, like Weaver's, "refreshing and personal," Andersen, California Design, p. 137.

... Since Vawter's stay in San Diego was brief, he is recognized as a Los Angeles area architect. This acreage had originally been settled by Marshall Clay Woodson, a Kentucky doctor,...

## National Registry of Historic Places, designed by John Terrell Vawter

Considered an architectural treasure, the historic "Amy Strong Estate" is the center-piece of the resort site. The 12,000 square foot stone mansion, known as "The Mt. Woodson Castle", was completed in 1921. It is highly regarded for its eclectic blend of Early California Arts and Crafts exterior and interior design elements, as evidenced by its inclusion on The National Registry of Historic Places. The conceptual site plans that have been approved contemplate incorporating the Historic Estate into a "boutique" resort consisting of casitas, suites and rooms with supporting spa and fine restaurant facilities.

An 'Adaptive Reuse Study' has been completed confirming the feasibility of the proposed commercial adaptation. The improvements fully utilize this facility and its unique potential, while maintaining its historic ambience and charm.



The Mt. Woodson Resort is within a 375-acre gated, master planned community, recognized by The National Association of Homebuilders as the "Best In The Nation - Project of the Year" in 1993.

## Food Timeline--historic American Christmas dinner menus

The following menus, both authentic and extrapolated, represent a progression of Anglo-American Christmas dinners.



### 17TH CENTURY ENGLAND

Cookbooks at this time were written by and for the wealthy. The following menu reflects what an English nobleman might have served his guests at Christmas. Some early American settlers might have considered these foods "traditional" holiday fare, even though they probably set a simpler table. Note: the Pilgrims in 17th century Plimoth, as true with many early New England settlers, did not celebrate Christmas at this time.

[1685]

"A Bill of Fare for Christmas Day, and how to set the Meat in Order.: Oysters. 1. A collar of brawn. 2. Stewed Broth of Mutton marrow bones. 3. A grand Sallet. 4. A pottage of caponets. 5. A breast of veal in stoffado. 6. A boild partridge. 7. A chine of beef, or surloin roast. 8. Minced pies. 9. A Jegote of mutton with anchove sauce. 10. A made dish of sweet-bread. 11. A swan roast. 12. A pasty of venison. 13. A kid with a pudding in his belly. 14. A steak pie. 15. A hanch of venison roasted. 16. A turkey roast and stuck with cloves. 17. A made dish of chickens in puff paste. 18. Two bran geese roasted, one larded. 19. Two large capons, one larded. 20. A Custard.

"The second course for the same Mess. Oranges and Lemons. 1. A Young lamb or kid. 2. Two couple of rabbits, two larded. 3. A pig souc't with tongues. 4. Three ducks, one larded. 5. Three pheasants, 1 larded. 6. A Swan Pye. 7. Three brace of partridge, three larded. 8. Made dish in puff paste. 9. Bolonia sausages, and anChoves, mushrooms, and Cavieate, and pickled oysters in a dish. 10. Six teels, three larded. 11. A Gammon of Westphalia Bacon. 12. Ten plovers, five larded. 13. A quince Pye, or warden pye. 14. Six woodcocks, 3 larded. 15. A standing Tart in puff-paste, preserved fruits, Pippins &c. 16. A dish of Larks. 17. Six dried neats tongues. 18. Sturgeon. 19. Powdered Geese. Jellies."

---The Accomplisht Cook, Robert May, facsimile 1685 edition [Prospect Books:Devon] 2000 (pages unnumbered)

### 1700-1839--COLONIAL & EARLY AMERICA

Most late 18th and early 19th century cookbooks do not contain menus or "bills of fare," except, perhaps by season. What we know about Christmas dinners in this period is gleaned primarily from journals, letters, household inventories, and other primary sources. Most of the following menus are drawn by culinary historians and gifted chefs who have endeavored to replicate authentic period meals. Many contain modernized recipes.

[1769]

Christmas Brunch: Holiday Egg Nog, Virginia Ham, Beaten Biscuits, Corn Pudding, Chicken and Oyster Pie, Pumpkin Chips, Cucumber Pickle, Claret, Mincemeat Pie, Filbert Pudding, Honey Flummery, Plum Pudding, Madeira, Coffee, Walnuts."

---The Thirteen Colonies Cookbook, Mary Donovan et al [Montclair Historical Society: Montclair NJ] (p. 185)

[1770s]

Christmas Day: Wassail, Cheese Wafers, Williamsburg Inn Chilled Crab Gumbo, Roast Young Tom Turkey, Fresh Mushroom Dressing, King's Arms Tavern Creamed Celery with Pecans, Heart of Lettuce, Russian Dressing, Eggnog Pie and/or Ambrosia, Mince Pie with Rum Butter Sauce."

---The Williamsburg Cookbook, Traditional and Contemporary Recipes Initially Compiled and Adapted by Letha Booth and the Staff of Colonial Williamsburg with Commentary by Joan Parry Dutton, updated and enlarged [Colonial Williamsburg Foundation:Williamsburg VA] 1975 (p. 15)

[NOTE: Christmas in Colonial Virginia, Colonial Williamsburg]

[1770s]

Holiday menu at City Tavern, Philadelphia: Colonial inspired modern menu

[1790s]

"Christmas Dinner at Mount Vernon: An Onion Soup Call'd the King's Soup, Oysters on the Half Shell, Broiled Salt Roe Hering, Boiled Rockfish, Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Mutton Chops, Roast Suckling Pig, Roast Turkey with Chestnut Stuffing, Round of Cold Boiled Beef with Horse-radish Sauce, Cold Baked Virginia Ham, Lima Beans, Baked Acorn Squash, Baked Celery with Slivered Almonds, Hominy Pudding, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Cantaloupe Pickle, Spiced Peaches in Brandy, Spiced Cranberries, Mincemeat Pie, Apple Pie, Cherry Pie, Chess Tarts, Blancmange, Plums in Wine Jelly, Snowballs, Indian Pudding, Great Cake, Ice Cream, Plum Pudding, Fruits, Nuts, Raisins, Port, Madeira."

---The American Heritage Cookbook and Illustrated History of American Eating & Drinking, American Heritage Magazine [American Heritage Publishing Co.:New York] 1964 (p. 420)

[1847]

"To Arrange a Christmas Dinner. Place a high pyramid of evergreens (made as before directed) in the centre of the table. Let a roasted turkey of uncommon size occupy the middle or centre of one side of the table, on one end let there be a cold boiled ham, and at the other, fricasseed chicken or a roast pig; with the turkey serve mashed potatoes and turnips, boiled onions and dressed celery, or other salad with apple sauce--near the ham place fried or mashed potatoes and pickles or mangoes: and with the pig or fricassee, the same as with the turkey; large pitchers of sweet cider (or where that is not desired, ice water) should be placed diagonally opposite each other, on two corners of the table; boiled turkey with oyster sauce may occupy the place of the fricassee, or instead, a fine oyster pie. For dessert, there should be only two very large and ornamental mince pies, one sufficiently large that each of the company may be helped from it, in token of common interest, is desirable. Ice creams and jellies and jams and ripe fruits and nuts, with sweet cider and syrup water of different sorts, or wines, complete the dessert. Biscuit and jelly sandwich may be served at dessert, or paste puffs and charlotte de russe or blancmange with strands of jelly."

---Mrs. Crowen's American Lady's Cookery Book, Mrs. T. J. Crowen [Dick & Fitzgerald:New York] 1847 (p. 404-5)

SILAS STRIBLING, son of Thomas and Sarah (Vawter) STRIBLING, was born September 7, 1823; married Sarah A. Keith, December 28, 1845, in Paris Crossing, Indiana. He learned the tanning business, then for twenty years repaired watches and clocks, and for a while took pictures, keeping the farm going all the time. He wrote much poetry which was greatly appreciated by his friends and neighbors. His wife, Sarah Keith, was the daughter of James and Lucy KEITH. The Keiths originally came from Carolina to Kentucky, and then James came to Indiana. Although they had no children of their own, Silas Stribling and his wife reared Lydia CONGDON, Silas CONGDON, Lottie YAUGER, who married G. W. DODD, and Floyd HILLERMAN, and they kept for several years, Roy SMITH and James KEITH. The Vawter family in America, p. 233

## Memories of the Life of Irvin J. Vawter By Maureen Neal

It was a cold February day. The drive to my apartment from my parents was drab and mundane. I was looking forward to a warm bath and snuggling in to watch a movie. My roommate was in her room reading when I arrived home, so I prepared for my bath. As the phone rang I felt both irritated and anxious at the same time. It was my mother. Her usual upbeat, cheerful voice sounded much different than it did 2 hours ago. Her father, my grandfather, had been in a car accident. He was not hurt in the accident but while waiting for the police he suffered a major heart attack and died. I stood there stunned, then told her I would be right home and hung up.

Driving home my mind was not on the road, rather in a kind of auto-pilot since I had driven this route too many times. My mind drifted to my grandfather. Irvin Vawter, a man that in my eyes was bigger than life. Irvin was a “make it happen” type of guy. He knew what he was doing no matter what obstacles got in the way. And everyone who knew him was going to miss him immensely.

Irvin was an oil man. It was in his blood. It started when he was a youth, merely 16 yrs old. (These of course are stories I was told when I was young. How accurate they are I am uncertain, but some have been documented in newspaper articles.) He worked in gas stations, which back in those days were also the mechanics garage. Eventually he owned his own station in St. Louis City on North Broadway. Owning his own station put him in close contact with people in the oil business. The story goes that he soon left his station and became a “wildcatter”. Wildcat is defined in the dictionary as “an oil well drilled in an area not previously known to have oil”. So he was a person that would study the geology of land to determine if there was the possibility of oil under the surface and then proceed to drill in those areas. Sometimes they found oil, other times they did not.

I was born in Albany Kentucky. Their home in Albany is where my first memories of my grandfather start. Although I was born there, we did not live there. We called St. Louis home. Summers in Albany were always different but in a good way. There were the summers they took us to Gatlinburg Tennessee, summers spent at the local country club swimming our days away, or just playing around in the backyard. There was always something to do. I loved the house in Albany. My father told me it originally was a small cabin and that he and my grandfather slowly added on the remainder of the house. It had a central corridor with an east and west wing, what today would be called a rambling ranch. And sidewalks, there were plenty of sidewalks plus porches at every door. That was another summer activity I participated in, though not voluntarily. Each summer my sister and I were given the “privilege” of painting all the sidewalks and porches a bright red. I hated the job, especially as I got older, but in the end it was always worth it because our reward for doing it was our pick of activity before it was time to go home.

My mother’s parents divorced before I was born, both remarrying. My step-grandmother (which I called grandma Ethel) was not a cook. My grandfather used to joke that the only time she actually cooked breakfast was when we were there. I remember waking up every morning to the aroma of breakfast cooking. I would wander into the kitchen and grandpa would be sitting in his recliner in the kitchen working a crossword puzzle watching grandma cook.

They settled in Albany because of oil. I have located records to show that they explored different places, from Oklahoma to Ohio but found their biggest “wells” in Kentucky. After World War II, my parents lived in Albany with them. My father worked in the oil fields with my grandfather. This was all before I was born. Sometime in the 1950’s my parents moved back to St. Louis.

The kitchen was the heart of their home. Everything happened there. I remember when I was little my grandfather used to tease me. He had lost a thumb and part of his index finger in an accident many years ago on an oil field. He used to tell me if I didn’t do what I was told by my parents that I would loose my fingers too, because that was what happened to him! When he started listening, his fingers quit falling off!

In the early 1970’s my grandparents sold the house in Albany. I cried and still get sad thinking about it today. But, they had “bigger and better” things going on in Tennessee. Wildcatting in Oneida and living in the local motel was taking a lot out of them so they decided it was best to permanently move there.

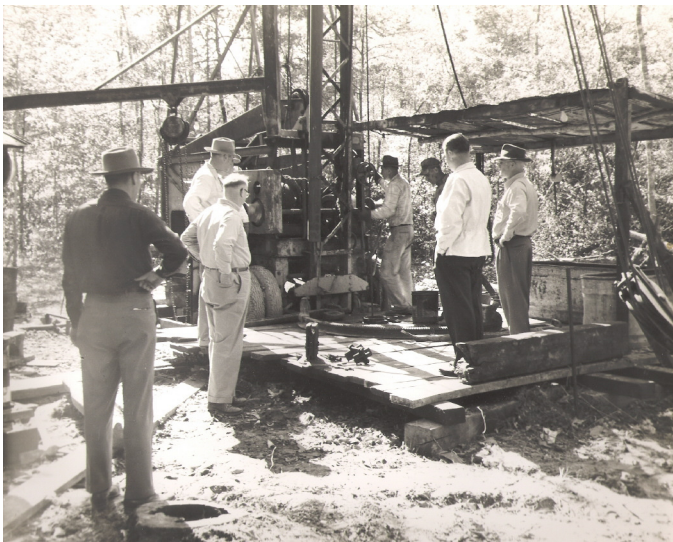
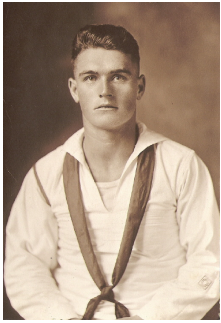
For a child, the summers in Oneida were ok but nothing could beat Albany. My grandfather was one of three men who discovered the “West Oneida” fields, which I believe are still working to this day. He set up an office just outside Oneida and was a very prominent man in this city.

Still thinking of him, I arrived home to find my mother a mess. We packed quickly and headed out to Oneida. Driving was the only option because there were no airports close to Oneida. The drive took 13 hours. It was a very long trip.



Since the death of my grandmother Ethel in 2000, I have inherited all the family records, which are newspaper articles, ledgers, pictures and mineral deeds.

Irvin John Vawter  
dob: 1/10/1898 Nowata, Oklahoma dod: 2/7/1978 Oneida, Tennessee  
interned: Albany Cemetery, Albany Kentucky  
Mother: Mahala A. Sanders Father: Everett E. Vawter  
Grandmother: Elizabeth Grinstead Grandfather: John S. Vawter  
Great Grandmother: Sarah Parks Great Grandfather: Jesse R. Vawter



**Top Clockwise:**

1. Irvin J. Vawter, Navy – WWI
2. Irvin J. & Ethel A. Cunningham Vawter, undated photo
3. Irvin J. Vawter & Gwendolyn L. Vawter Collins (my mother, his daughter) at 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, one month before Irvin's death
4. Irvin J. Vawter, left, & friend, Navy – WWI
5. Irvin J. Vawter (middle) with partners at oil well in Kentucky
6. Site of an oil drill, Irvin J Vawter on left, Harry T. Collins (my father) 2nd on left
7. Oil Well Drilling Rig, Kentucky. Irvin J. Vawter on right.

## John Vawter and Janet Coleman Married in a Kansas Blizzard

"Holding Down" a Northwest Kansas Claim, 1885-1888

Edited by Kenneth Wiggins Porter

Autumn, 1956 (Vol. 22, No. 3), pages 220 to 235; (excerpted)

Since mother and I were alone on the claim I have greater reason to remember the blizzard of 1887-1888 than the more important storm of the winter of 1885-1886. A cloud came up suddenly out of the northwest, resembling an immense windrow of tumbleweeds of unbelievable size and extent, rolling over and over with tremendous rapidity. As the cloud rolled the colors changed -- white, blue, green, black. The cows and calf were safe enough in the sod-barn, but the half-grown hogs had little protection -- only a pen of four-inch unplanned boards with a shelter of weeds, long grass, fodder, and such material over one corner. Mother hit on the plan of pulling our tent over the pen and fastening it under the corners so that it couldn't blow away. Anyone who has ever tried to control that much muslin in the gale of a blizzard knows we had a real job on our hands. We finally succeeded, but not before it had once gotten away from us and had engulfed both mother and the pigs. After the feat had been accomplished this episode was pretty funny, but had the hogs been full-grown it might have been tragic.

The storm lasted the remainder of the afternoon, all night, and until evening of the next day, when we were able to get out and tend the stock -- milking, drawing and carrying water to the cows and hogs, cutting hay from the stack and bringing in shocks of fodder for the cows, feeding the pigs and chickens. We frosted our fingers, but considered that of little consequence. [19]

One of our neighbor girls, Janet Coleman, was married in the winter of 1887-1888 to John Vawter. The Coleman house, always neatly kept, was made as attractive as possible and a very nice wedding supper was served to about two dozen guests; I distinctly remember the delicious watermelon preserves. The couple settled on a claim near Oakley and by hard work, keen management, and good luck made quite a financial success. The minister who performed the ceremony had been brought a distance of 20 or 25 miles, probably from Fremont. [20]

He and his wife stayed all night with us and I was fascinated by his method of conducting family worship, which we never omitted. He stood in front of the stove and repeated from memory the 22nd chapter of Revelation, beginning "And he showed me a pure river of water of life clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb," clear through the 21 verses without hesitating, concluding with a uniquely worded prayer. This preacher was the widely known Uncle Jack Langley, for many years a circuit rider in western Kansas, whom we were to meet in his own congregation in Fremont in the summer of 1889.

19. *Ibid.*, pp. 228-230, describes the blizzard of January 12, 1888, although, rather curiously, no mention is made of the historically far more important blizzards of 1886 and 1887 which virtually destroyed the Plains cattle industry.

20. Fremont, in west central Graham county, is now Morland. It was organized in 1886 and named for the famous explorer, general, and first Republican presidential candidate, but when the railroad came several years later it was renamed for a railroad official. -- *Kansas: A Guide to the Sunflower State*, pp. 332, 333.

1880 US Census Washington, Page, IA #128

Robert W. Vawter age 47 farmer KY

Mary M. age 43 wife IA

Alonzo age 21 farm laborer b. IL

John age 17 son IL

Granville age 15 son IL

Hiram E. age 8 son IL

William S. age 7 son IL

Birdie P. age 3 dau IL

1900 US Census Randall, Thomas, KS

John H. Vawter age 34 b. Sep 1862 IL/KY/IA married 13 years

Janet Vawter age 32 b. Jan 1868 IL/OH/PA married 13 years 2 children 2 living

Robert H. Vawter age 9 son b. Jul 1890 KS/IL/IL

John E. Vawter age 8 b. May 1892 KS/IL/IL

1910 US Census Randall, Thomas, KS  
John D. Vawter age 47 married 23 years IL/KY/IA  
Janet Vawter age 42 married 23 years IL/OH/PA 2 child 2 living  
Robert H. Vawter age 19 KS/IL/IL  
John E. Vawter age 17 KS/IL/IL

1920 US Census Oakley, Logan, KS #19  
John Vawter head age 57 b. IL  
Janet Vawter age 52 b. IL

1930 US Census Oakley, Logan, KS #272  
John B. Vawter age 67 value of prop \$4000 age 24 at marriage b. IL  
Janet Vawter wife age 62 age 19 at marriage b. IL

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## Rogers - American Civil War



[Cleveland C. Rogers](#) was born on May 5, 1844 in Jefferson County. He was the son of Charles M. Rogers and Elizabeth **Wise** (whose father was Mathew Wise). He was a great grandson of Jesse **Vawter**. Cleveland served in the Jefferson County Militia in 1862. He enlisted in the 13th Indiana Cavalry as a private, in February of 1864. He was discharged at the end of the war as a sergeant. While serving with Company C near Huntsville, Alabama, Cleveland contracted malaria and dysentery, which virtually incapacitated him until his death in 1912, near Yakima, Washington. He married Louisa J. **Taylor**, daughter of Thomas S. Taylor, a blacksmith near Madison, on November 8, 1868. The couple moved to Columbia, Indiana. They had eight children. Louisa and Cleveland are buried in a local cemetery at Zillah, Washington.

The inscription on the photograph was apparently written by my grandfather, who married Cleveland's grand-daughter. It reads "Cleveland C. Rogers in the war of 1863."

[Courtesy of Mark Danielson.](#)

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The Arizona Republican, 12 Ap 1907

The territorial board of pharmacy yesterday closed a two days' session, the following were examined as licentiates: including others, Frank Vawter.

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Charleston Mail (Charleston, WV) 18 Dec 1915

Vawter Buys Goods

Captain J. E. Vawter, of Ansted, Fayette county, was in the city the first of the week. He is the buyer for the Ansted store of the Gauley Mountain Coal Co.

## Thomas M. Vawter born Jefferson Co., IN died Los Angeles, CA

The Van Nuys News (Van Nuys, CA) 11 Nov 1948

Members of the Northridge Community Methodist Church (pictured below), armed with paint brushes, scrub brushes, brooms, dust pans and hammers, will gather at the church Saturday to put finished touches on the new addition..... There were jobs for everybody, including 85 year old Thomas Vawter, 18608 Chase St., who cleaned windows.

1870 US Census Madison, Jefferson, IN

James M. Vawter age 82

Eliza age 76

John age 36

Lydia age 30

William 11

Alice age 9

James age 7

Thomas age 5

Laura age 3

All b. IN



1900 US Census Madison, Jefferson, IN

Thomas M. Vawter b. May 1864 age 36 married 10y b. IN

Fannie M. wife b. Nov 1864 age 35 b. IN

1910 US Census Wickenburg, Maricopa, Arizona

Thomas M. Vawter age 44 b. IN fb. IN mb. IN

Fannie M. age 43 b. IN fb. IN mb. IN

1920 US Census Los Angeles, dist 61 Los Angeles, CA

Thomas M. Vawter age 54 b. IN

Tanni M Vawter age 54 b. IN

California death index 1940-1997 Thomas Vawter b. 22 May 1864 IN d. 13 Aug 1959 Los Angeles, CA

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Washington District of Columbus, 1906

Staunton, April 6, Miss Jennie V. Keyser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keyser, was married to James W. Vawter Wednesday evening at the manse of the Second Presbyterian Church by Rev. Dr. W. N. Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Vawter will make their future home here, where Mr. Vawter is engaged in business.

Washington District of Columbus, 1908

Radford, Jan 3 – Miss Bessie, the daughter of J. W. Vawter, of Stauton, was married Monday evening to Emmet Roberts, a young business man of East Radford. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. W. Wosencraft, of the Presbyterian church, at the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. Signey Wilson, with who she has been staying in Columbus, Ohio.

Washington, District of Columbia, 1910

Fredericksburg, April 30, Clifton Vawter and Miss Isa Massie, of Louisa county, were married Thursday at Gold Mine Church, the Rev. C. C. Davis officiating.

Washington District of Columbia, 1918, Special to the Washington Post

Miss Vawter to Marry Lieut. Bell

Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 6 Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall Tompkins, of New York City, formerly of Crozet, this county announces the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Vawter to Cecil Paul Bell, lieutenant in the United States reserve corps.

Information on your VAWTER-VAUTER-VAUGHTER(S) line:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(ladies show maiden name)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FATHER OR MOTHER (VAWTER LINE)

\_\_\_\_\_

(ladies show maiden name)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GRANDPARENT (VAWTER LINE)

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(ladies show maiden name)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GREAT-GRANDPARENT (VAWTER LINE)

\_\_\_\_\_

(ladies show maiden name)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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