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Once upon a time, as all good stories begin, in Stokes Co., N.C. lived a man named John Vawter. By his first wife, _____, he had three sons, James, Richard and John, Jr. (John Vawter married a second time, moved to Elbert Co, Ga., and had additional children who do not fit into our story at this point.)

The descendants of James Vawter, son of John, lived in Georgia, Texas and Oklahoma, and came to spell their name "Vaughter".

The descendants of Richard Vawter, son of John, lived in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas and continues the "Vawter" spelling.

The descendants of John, Jr., lived in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Oklahoma, spelled their name Vawter, Vaughter, Vauter, Votter, Vatter, Vorters, but eventually settled down to "Vawter",

For 175 years, the families of the three brothers were scattered throughout the southern part of the U.S. A few years back the descendants of James Vaughter began to meet periodically at Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Oklahoma, for family reunions. On July 28-30, 1977, they were joined by descendants of Richard Vawter and John Vawter, Jr. for a get-acquainted "encounter". 55 cousins, in-laws, and guests registered during the 3-day event. Broken down, the figures showed 26 from the tribe of James, 26 from the tribe of John and 3 from the tribe of Richard.

A second reunion was hastily scheduled for noon on Sunday, July 31, in Oklahoma City, for the benefit of cousins unable to make it to Lake Murray. 48 registered this time, composed of the tribes of John and Richard. Also joining the group on Sunday were Mr. & Mrs. Billy Mack Vawter. He, a descendant of Russell Vawter, brother of John, the elder. These latter friendly cousins extended an invitation to join their family reunion held at Sulphur, Okla, in June of each year.

History will record that the Vawter/Vaughter Reunion of July 28-28-31, 1977 was a success. After 175 years, it appears that at least four of the tribes of Vawter will become reunited.

Editor's Note: As a space-saving device, the initials "V/ V" will hereafter designate the names Vawter/Vaughter.

As with any successful project, credit for the V/V Reunion should be given to a number of individuals. Toward this end, the following list of awards and recipients has been prepared.

VISIONARY AWARD – to Paul Vaughter, Sr., whose efforts initiated the family reunion chain-reaction several years back.

KISSIN'COUSINS AWARD - to Hazel Vawter McCandless, whose Vawter Family History proves that they really are.

Y'ALL COME AWARD - to Ora Wicker, whose letter-writing campaign to the tribe of John resulted in a turn-out, exceeding all expectations.

OKLAHOMA OR BUST AWARD - to Emery Mayer, who, when accommodations were not available at the Lodge, purchased a camper in order that his wife, Clarice Vawter Mayer, could be present.

PRECEPTION AWARD - to Bill Vawter, who recognized that name-tags were a necessity and made a special trip to Ardmore to get them.

GOTTA HAVE ROOM AWARD - to Fred Wicker, who arranged for use of the ballroom after the influx of V/V's threatened to paralyze operations at the Lodge.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE AWARD - to Anna Baker, whose home-made cake was hungrily devoured by early arrivals.

LOAVES AND FISHES AWARD - Mary Vaughter Oxford and her cohorts, who stretched a picnic supper planned for 25 Vaughters, and fed 50 ravenous V/V' s.

GENTLEMAN FARMER AWARD - to Dennis Davis, who brought home-grown canteloupes to feed the hungry clan.

SMALL WORLD AWARD - to Ray Murray, who accompanied his wife, LaVerna, to the reunion, and was greeted by his former boss from Tinker AFB, Lt. Co. (ret.) Paul Vaughter.

LOOK-ALIKE AWARD - to Carmen Caldwell, for his amazing resemblance to the Caldwells of Pontotoc, County, Mississippi.

ROUND ABOUT AWARD - TO Paul Vaughter, Jr., who spent 2 years on the faculty at the Univ. of Mississippi, moved to Minnesota, travelled to Oklahoma for the reunion, and finally met the Mississippi Vawters.

OIL ON TROUBLED WATERS AWARD - to the Manager of Lake Murray Lodge, who served complimentary coffee and cokes during the interval when Ora Wicker's lost shoes were being tracked down.

GUNG-HO AWARD - to Geneva Vawter Short and Arlene Vawter Cardwell, who secured a dining room and whipped up a crowd of 48 people for the reunion in Oklahoma City on Sunday, in the space of 24 hours.

CONGENIALITY AWARD - to all V/V's, in-laws, and guests.

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Response to Issue No.1 of the Newsletter has been gratifying. Word has gotten around and 17 new V/V's have been added to the mailing list since the reunion(s) in Oklahoma in July. In order to properly introduce and identify the newcomers, a bit of review is necessary.

Hopefully, you will recall, the brothers, Richard, James, and John, Jr., sons of John Vawter, Sr. by his first marriage, who were in Stokes Co., N.C. and Elbert Co., Ga. ca. 1780-1820; and whose descendants met at Lake Murray in July. From descendants of these three brothers, the following additions to the Newsletter mailing list have been made:

From the tribe of Richard:

- (1) James Lanier (Jim)Vawter, E1 Campo, Texas
- (2) Jesse L. Vawter, Houston, Texas
- (3) Jesse Franklin Vawter, Eagle Lake, Texas
- (4) Mrs. Faye Tennyson Davidson, Bolivar, Tennessee
- (5) Mrs. Elizabeth Ervin, Jackson, Tennessee

From the tribe of James:

- (1) James C. Vaughters, Aurora, Colorado
- (2) Douglas Vaughters, Athens, Georgia

From the tribe of John,Jr.

- (1) Hubert B. Vawter, Little Rock, Arkansas
- (2) Lester Vawter, Little Rock, Arkansas
- (3) Clifton Reid, Iuka, Mississippi
- (4) Mrs. Willard Nixon, Iuka, Mississippi

AT THIS POINT, A BRIEF TIME-OUT WHILE WE ISSUE NEW NUMBERS TO OUR PLAYERS IN ORDER TO CO-ORDINATE WITH THE VAWTER FAMILY HISTORY OF HAZEL McCANDLESS. HEREAFTER JOHN,JR. WILL BE KNOWN AS JOHN IV, AND JOHN, SR. WILL BE KNOWN AS JOHN III. THE NECESSITY FOR THE NUMBERS WILL BECOME APPARENT AS WE TRAVEL BACKWARD INTO TIME.

It is now our pleasure to present the second wife of John III (alias John, Sr), who was Joanna Vernon. By that marriage, there were the following-offspring: William, Richard II, Elizabeth, Nancy, Lindsey, and Russell. Proceeding with the introduction of the new subscribers to the newsletter, from the tribe of Russell., son of John III and Joanna Vernon, we welcome:

- (1) Robert (Bob) Vawter, Tampa, Florida.

Moving backward into time one generation from Elbert Co., Ga., we find that John Vawter III had a brother in Stokes Co., N.C. whose name was Russell. From the tribe of Russell, brother of John III, we acknowledge:

- (1) Billy Mack Vawter who joined the V/V's in Oklahoma City for the second of the reunions. Russell and John III were the sons of Richard Vawter and Frances Towles of Essex, Madison, and Culpeper Co., Va.

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Moving backward into time one additional generation, we note that Richard Vawter (father of Russell and John III) was the son of John Vawter, II, and Margaret Noel1, of Orange, Essex, and Culpeper Co., Va. In addition to Richard, their offspring were: Winifred, Bartholomew, Margaret, Angus, and David. From the tribe of David, brother of Richard and son of John II and Margaret, we welcome:

(1) The Rev. Bruce Vawter, DePaul University, Chicago, Ill.

Four additional V/V's have been welcomed, but not yet positively identified: (1) Vernon Vawter, Rt. 1, Box 335-C, Hot Springs, Ark. 71968, whose forebearers were Roy A., James Harvey, James M. and James M.; and who were in Indiana and Missouri before coming to Arkansas. From the VAWTER FAMILY HISTORY, "David Vawter (son of John II and Margaret Noell) had three sons, Philemon, Jesse, and William, who migrated to North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana". It is documented that Rev. Bruce Vawter is a descendant of the above named Jesse. It is quite likely that Vernon Vawter descends from either Jesse, or one of the other two. Proof of Vernon's line is needed.

Also unidentified are:

(2) Woodford C. Vawter, 207 Virginia, Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

(3) Helen Vawter Carr, 107 N. Springfield, Berryville, Ark. 72616

(4) Mrs. Dave Wells, 1719 So. Tyler, Little Rock, Ark. 72200 brother and sisters, descendants of Dr. Fred Loomis Vawter and Rev. Beverly P. Vawter, of Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana.

ON THE SUBJECT OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS: James Wesley Vawter, of the tribe of John IV, was probably the editor of the WILBURTON GAZETTE in 1899. A family history states that one of his daughters was born in Wilburton in 1899. James Wesley Vawter was a minister and teacher in Oklahoma in Territorial and early statehood days. His biography will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The V/V who was editor of the OKMULGEE DAILY TIMES ca. 1932-35 has not yet been identified.

ON THE SUBJECT OF TWINS: Vernon Vawter reports two sets of twins on his branch of the family; his aunt, Hattie Vawter Herron of Hot Springs, Ark. had twin sons; his aunt, Virgie Vawter Riley of Houston, Texas, had twin grandsons. Paul Vaughter, Jr. reports one set of twins, his great-aunts, Jessie and Bessie, the daughters of Samuel and Sarah Vaughter. Added to the three sets of twins represented at the reunions, this makes a total of six sets in a span of 100 years. It is doubtful twins can be considered a V/V trademark.

ON THE SUBJECT OF LONGEVITY : Our congratulations to Jesse Franklin Vawter, Eagle Lake, Texas, who celebrated his 91st birthday in November. It may well be that longevity is a V/V trademark. We will appreciate having the names of all V/V's who have lived to be 90 or older.

ON THE SUBJECT OF FAMILY REUNION: Inquiries have been made as to date and place for reunion(s) for the summer of 1978. The heads of the clans who formulate such policy will hopefully have announcements ready for publication in the March 1978 issue of the Newsletter.

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"We must think backward if we are to travel forward. Surely the roots of the present lie deep in the past. It is fitting that we should pause once in a while and take an inventory of the distance we have come and how the journey has been made.

A century ago our people were not so careful about preservation and retention upon paper of their achievements. They were more concerned about carving their records upon the land and upon the lives of men and women.. ." (Extract from foreword of INVENTORY OF CHURCH ARCHIVES OF VIRGINIA, Dover Bapt. Assn)

New additions to the list of V/V seeking to establish a link between present and past are:

Arleigh R Kerr.Jr., 3747 Regal Vista Drive., Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91403, whose grandmother was Effie Vawter Kerr. His line traces back to David, son of John II and Margaret (Noell) Vawter, i.e., the line of Rev. Bruce Vawter, mentioned in VVNL # 2. Arleigh joins Jim Vawter of El Campo, Tex. and Bob Vawter of Tampa, Fla. in the effort to trace the family back to the French Valletorts.

Bill Vawter, 4612 Walker Ave., Houston, Tex. 77023; likewise traces back to the Tribe of David (above).

William Thomas Vawter, P.O.Box 261, Mineola, Tex 75773; Tribe of David.

Keith Pike, Box 51, Castiac, Calif. 91310, descendent of Mary Jane Vawter (dau.of John IV) and James Tilford Pike, of Tishomingo Co. Ms.

John H. Pike, Rt. 12, Box 18, Deval St., Houston, Tex. 77040; and

Pat Pike Michel,. 23407 Decker Prairie -Rosehill Rd., Magnolia, Tex. 77355; brother and sister, also, Tribe of John IV.

Joan C. Hudgins, 808 Sharon Cir., Lawrenceburg, Tn. 38464; descendant of Mourning Vawter (dau.of John IV) and James Robinson.

Henry Alexander Vawter, III 217 Mtn. View Blvd., Maryville, Tn. 37801, who traces his line to William Vawter, Jr.and Sr., who migrated to West Virginia Territory; both purportedly fought in Rev. War; William, Sr., a son of Edward Vawter, alleged builder of Vauter (Vawter) Episcopal Church of Essex Co., Va. (More about the Vauter Church later)

E.B. Vaughters. 12015 First Ave. N.W., Seattle, Wash. 98177. His line:

(1) Geo. Elmer Vaughters, (2) Thos. Graham Vaughters, (3) Wm. H. Vaughters, (4) John Vawter; who married Catherine Mas(s)on ca. 1813, Caroline Co., Va. Following the death of her husband, ca. 1829, Catherine Mas(s)on Vawter migrated with her children to.Scito Co, Ohio. No "Vaughters" are shown in early Virginia records; obviously the change in spelling occurred when the family came to Ohio. Help is needed in connecting this family with the proper tribe in Virginia,

Virginia Scholz, 1619 Bluemont Ave.S,W.,Roanoak Va.24015. Her line: (1) Bess Vawter, (2) J.W. Vawter (3) Lemuel Vawter, (4) James Vawter, who married Grace ' All of these in the area of Montgomery or Augusta Co., Va. Help is needed.

James Vaughters, 1872 Valley Blvd., Memphis, Tn. 38106. Dog lovers among the V/V will identify with James, who owns 9 purebred bulldogs and is a regular Judge on the dog show circuit. His line: (1) Tobe Gordon Vaughters, and (2) Tobe Vaughters, Tate Co., Ms. Help.is needed.

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 in 1731, purportedly by Edward Vawter, son of one of the three immigrant brothers. 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. The book sells for \$15.00, plus 90¢ postage-handling, and may be ordered directly from Rev. Ralph E. Fall, Port Royal, Va. 22535. 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.

MISSING LINKS SUPPLIED: Since the last issue, Vernon Vawter, Royal, Ark., has been identified as belonging to the Tribe of Russell, brother of John III, and son of Richard and Frances (Towles) Vawter. (More about Vernon later in connection with the V/V Reunion. Woodford C. Vawter, of Ponca City, Okla, and sisters of Ark., have been identified with the same Tribe of Russell, being descendants of Russell's son, Joseph Early Vawter, and Nancy Smith.

This writer takes no credit for the identification, but is careful to give the praise to Billy Mack Vawter and Hazel Vawter McCandless.

TWINS: Omitted in VVNL # 2 was a 3rd set of twins in the family background of Vernon Vawter, his aunt and uncle, Lillie M. Vawter and Willie James Vawter, b. 1904. E.B. Vaughters of Seattle reports twin grandsons, Ian and Brooks, b. May 30, 1975 to Michael and Suzanne (Vaughters) McClennan.

LONGEVITY: Although many of the V/V have exceeded their allotted threescore and ten years, only three thus far have been clocked at exceeding fourscore and ten:

- (1) Jesse Franklin Vawter, Eagle Lake, Texas, age 91, mentioned in VVNL #2;
- (2) Elizabeth (Betty) Vawter Reid, who died in Oklahoma City in 1972, at 94,
- (3) Emma Vawter Wiley, who died in New Albany, Ms. in 1974, at age 93.

The latter two were sisters, daughters of Wm. Jasper Vawter, Granddaughter of Allegany Vawter; Tribe of John IV.

OKLAHOMA PIONEERS: James Wesley Vawter, Minister, teacher, landowner, and pioneer leader, was born in Tippah Co, Ms. Dec. 26, 1869, oldest child of Wm. Jasper and Rebecca Jane (Sanford) Vawter. He attended public school in Union Co., Ms.; migrated West at an early age to join relatives, and continued his education at Pilot Point, Texas and Grayson College, Whitewright, Texas. In 1894, while employed by the U.S. Government to teach English to the Choctaw Indians near Howe in Eastern Oklahoma Territory, he married Martha McCasson, who was 3/4 Choctaw. Subsequently, he taught school and preached at Damron, Monroe, Wilburton, Franklin, Erin Springs and Lindsay, Okla. While at Wilburton in 1899, he and D.L. Wood began publication of the *WILBURTON GAZETTE*. While at Lindsay, 1906-1908, he was instrumental in building a combination School - Church. After moving his family to Oklahoma City, he and two other ministers, in 1909-1910, are credited with the organization of the town of Bethany, outside of Oklahoma City, which town was named for the Biblical community of Bethany, adjoining the city of Jerusalem. Later moving his family to Bethany, he was instrumental in the organization of Oklahoma Holiness College there, which after 1920, was known as Bethany-Peniel College; providing

V/V REUNION: Confucius might have said, "He who shakes branches of honorable family tree will find large gathering of nuts". Ah, so! accordingly, those of us who have been vigorously shaking the family tree have decreed a "gathering of the nuts" on August 8 & 9, 1978 at Brady Mountain Lodge, Ouachita State Park, Royal, Arkansas. This will be the first nation-wide V/V Reunion. It probably should not be called a reunion since many of us will not have met before. It will be more of a V/V Family Gathering. Perhaps it was phrased correctly the first time.

Housing accommodations available for the Gathering are as follows:

Brady Mtn. Lodge, Royal, Ark. 71968; phone (501) 767-3422; 2-bedroom cabins, 2 double beds in each room; \$14.00 per day per couple; \$2.00 for each additional.

Royal Kitchen Motel, Royal, Ark. 71968; phone (501) 767-5540; rooms \$18.00 a day for two people; \$2.00 for each additional occupant.

Spillway Landing Motel, Mountain Pine, Ark. 71956; phone (501) 767-2997; mobile units with 2 bedrooms, bath and kitchen; \$17.50 per day per couple; \$2.00 for each additional occupant.

All of the facilities require first night's lodging with reservation, all will give refunds if written cancellation is received 2 weeks in advance.

Camping space and electrical hook-ups are available at \$3.00 per night. Swimming, skiing and fishing are available to those interested. Also available are three-hour cruises aboard the OUACHITA LADY @ \$5.00 per person. The open-air pavilion at the Lodge will serve as registration center and general headquarters for the Gathering. A Registration Fee of \$1.00 per adult will be charged. Name tags will be provided. The group will meet together for the evening meals, with some sort of program arranged. Daytime activity will be flexible.

August 8 and 9 will be at peak vacation season. Mark the date now on your calendar; arrange your vacation accordingly; make early reservation for housing.

VERNON VAWTER and wife, TRAUDL, live 2 miles from the Lodge, and have made these arrangements for the V/V. Contact them if, you need help with reservations. Vernon will have camping spaces reserved if he is notified. His address: Rt. 1, Box 335-C, Royal, Ark. 71968; phone (501) 767-9698.

Royal, Arkansas is located on Hwy. 270 approx. 12 miles West of Hot Springs. You will receive tourist information concerning other attractions in the larger Hot Springs area. A special Reunion Issue of VVNL will go out in June with last-minute instructions.

The present V/V Newsletter mailing list contains 95 names and covers 20 states, ranging from East Coast to West Coast, and from Minnesota to Texas.

HE WHO FAILS TO MAKE EARLY RESERVATION MAY FIND
ONLY STANDING ROOM AT HONORABLE FAMILY GATHERING

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BULLETIN:

As VVNL # 4 goes to press, all systems are "go and counting" for the V/V REUNION August 8 and 9. Your editor, along with husband Fred, visited the Vernon Vawters at Royal, Arkansas during Memorial weekend and pronounced Brady Mountain and Lake Ouachita a worthy setting for the first NATIONWIDE VAWTER/VAUGHTER REUNION. Vernon Vawter is hereby dubbed Knight of the First Order for his efforts in making these arrangements for the V/V. More about the reunion later.

FAMILY HISTORY: A word of clarification on the various V/V Family Histories is in order. Most V/V are aware of the VAWTER FAMILY IN AMERICA, by Grace Vawter Bicknell, published originally in 1905; reprinted and updated in 1969 by Edna Wilson Reynolds and Vera Wilson Wheatley. This book begins with the three immigrant brothers, John, Bartholomew, and Angus, who reportedly came to Virginia from Plymouth, England about 1675. It primarily traces the descendants of David Vawter, the Rev. soldier, who was the son of John II. David's descendants migrated to Indiana and points westward.

In THE VAWTER FAMILY, printed in 1977 by Hazel Vawter McCandless, the line of Richard, son of John II, was written into the Vawter scenario. John III and Russell, the sons of Richard, migrated into North Carolina and Georgia, and ultimately their descendants covered the deep South.

Segments of Vawter history have been recorded by the Rutherford, Rucker, Towles and Stepp/Stapp families, as well as in various other historical writings, including the DIARY OF ROBERT ROSE, published by the Rev. Ralph Fall, Rector of Vawter's Church in Port Royal, Va. Some of the written accounts jibe, others serve only to muddy the water. There is a need for a giant computer brain which would digest all of the family histories, along with deed, probate, parish, and census records, and come up with a comprehensive record of the Vawter family. There is also need for a means of curbing inflation, and a cure for the common cold.

NEW ADDITIONS: Like the price of postage stamps, the V/V mailing list continues to increase. As of this writing, the number stands at 120. Since the last issue, the following names have been added:

Charles E. Vawter, 1609 Jackson, Corinth, Ms. 38834, descendant of the Rev. soldiers, William and William, Jr.

Opal Vawter Herndon, 9102 W. 100 Terrace, Overland Park, Kansas 66212; sister of Vernon Vawter, and descendant of Russell I.

Shirley Vawter Bylar, Route 3, Box 148 T, Sweeny, Texas 77480, who

has the distinction of descending from three of the children of John II and Margaret Noell, i.e. David, Richard and Margaret.

You will recall that the early Vawters intermarried to an unbelievable degree, thus enabling Mrs. Byler (and others) to claim multiple Vawter lineage. She reports that her grandfather, John Taylor Vawter, lived to be 92.

Lewis L. Harman, 3406 Bellaire St., Shreveport, La. 71109, whose grandmother, Margaret Vawter, married Robert Rutherford, Jr.

Kenneth Rutherford, P.O. Box 85, Lexington, Mo. 64067, likewise a descendant of Margaret Vawter and Robert Rutherford, Jr.

Erma Vawter Johnson, 301 Plymouth St., Houston, Tex. 77022, descendant of Russell I; double-cousin of Vernon Vawter, with Vawter blood on both her mother and father's side.

Martin Vawter, 813 Lane St., Irving, Tex. 75061, nephew of Vernon, and probably the newest newly-wed on the mailing list. Congratulations are in order.

Brenda Pike Scott, 103 Brewer St., Boonville, Ms. 38829; descendant of John IV, through the marriage of Mary Jane Vawter to James T. Pike.

V. D. Vawter, 1713 Merkley Ave., W. Sacramento, Calif. 95691, nephew of Shirley Byler. Col. (ret'd) Jas. S. Corbitt, 118 Gardner Ave., Martin, Tn., 38237; descendant of Jesse, son of David, the Rev. soldier.

Robert M. "Pete" Vawter, 509 Oaklawn, Milan, Tn. 38358, who has not as yet been located on the family tree. His line: (1) Andrew Minor Vawter; (2) Ambrose Jackson Vawter; (3) Andrew Jackson Vawter; (4) Edward Buchanan Vawter. Edward Buchanan Vaughter and Thomas L. Vaughter came to Carroll Co., Tn. from Va. in 1847; they married sisters, Martha and Agnes McCune. Pete also reports an aunt, Annie Vawter, very much alive at 93.

Nancy Vawter Ritchie, 49 Claremont Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10027; cousin of Henry A. Vawter of Maryville, Tn.; descendant of William Jr. and Sr.

Mrs. Bettie Nash, 2320 Sunny Lane, Killeen, Texas 76541; descendant of William Jr. and Sr.

Mrs. Allie B. Grimes, 802 E. Ida Ave., Opp, Ala. 36467, whose maternal grandmother was Sarah Julia Vawter, descendant of David, the Rev. soldier. Mrs. Grimes reports three sets of twins; her grandmother, Sarah Julia (Vawter) Stetrett had twins; her mother, Mary A. (Sterrett) Marshall had twins; and she has twin daughters, Mary Julia and Martha Anna, born Aug. 31, 1944.

Wallace R. Vawter, Apartado Postal # 94, Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico; his line as set out in the Bicknell book is (1) Everett B. (2) Philamon (3) William (4) Jesse and (5) David, the Rev. soldier. According to the book, William had a twin named James.

The remaining new additions will be presented in the next issue.

E.B. Vaughters of Seattle, mentioned in VVNL #3, has tentatively traced his line from John who married Catherine Masson, to Richard who married Sally Vaughan, to Bartholmew, the son of John II. It is his further opinion that this Bartholomew had a son named David, who was killed in the Rev. War; and that Elizabeth (mentioned in Issue 3, Page 3) was the wife of this David. Thus we would have at least two Davids credited with Rev. service.

Still listed among the unidentified are Virginia Scholz of Roanoke, Va. and James Vaughters of Memphis, Tn., both mentioned in VVNL #3.

In a listing of Early Virginia Quit Rents, appears Bartho "Vanters", Essex Co., Va., 1717. From our enlightened point of view, we have no problem in determining that that this was Bartholomew Vawter, who married Winifred Hodgson, and whose will was probated in Essex Co., 17 Sept. 1717. With early handwriting being so difficult of interpretation, it would be well to take a hard look at any Vanters found in early records.

LATEST FROM CONFUCIUS: "He who troubles graves of honored ancestors will find skeletons". On advice of counsel, your editor declines to elaborate. However, if the descendants of Edward, the builder of Vauter Church, wish to make private contact, a case in point will be forthcoming.

No verification as yet on the Vawter Plantation in Louisiana. Mrs. Willard Nixon of Iuka, Ms. writes that the recipe for molasses cookies has been in her family for generations, and is delicious. Perhaps she will treat us to a batch at the reunion.

Which brings us neatly back to discussion of the-first nationwide V/V Reunion.

Lodging at Brady Mtn. Lodge is nearing capacity. Royal Kitchen Motel, mentioned in VVNL #3, has since gone out of business. Spillway Landing Motel, Mtn. Pine, Ark., still has vacancies; as does Crystal Springs Fishing Village, Royal, Ark., and Ski Motel, Hwy. 270 between Little Rock and Royal. Contact Vernon Vawter if you need assistance with lodging, or if you need camping space reserved.

Royal, Ark. is situated 12 miles West of Hot Springs on Hwy. 270, and consists of two grocery-service stations and a post office. Approximately 1/4 mile past the "downtown" area is a 27 foot sign which reads "Brady Mtn. Lodge - Lake Ouachita". Turn at the sign and follow your nose past the ghost-town of Bear, up the picturesque winding road through Ouachita Nat'l Forest, where mountain streams flow across the pavement, some six miles to the top of Brady Mountain. The Lounge at Brady Mtn. Lodge will serve as Reunion Hdqs. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday August 8. A Registration Fee of \$1.00 per adult will be charged. Name tags will be provided, hopefully color-coded by tribes.

A quick check of Robert's Rules of Order reveals no rules for conducting nationwide family reunions. In the absence of any such rules, the rules of Family Law are hereby adopted. In a well-ordered family, each member shares the responsibility and the work. Accordingly, (1) each V/V is hereby appointed a member of the Welcome Committee; (2) each tribe is assigned the responsibility for one meal.

Beginning with the evening meal on Tuesday, August 8, and continuing through breakfast on Thursday, August 10, all meals will be eaten

together. Weather permitting, they will be served out-of-doors, probably at the open-air pavilion on Brady Mtn., overlooking Lake Ouachita. A nominal price will be charged for each meal, and will be collected at registration. It will be up to the resourcefulness of each clan to determine what is served. One request - keep it simple. The V/V do not live by bread alone, and the ones spotted at last year's reunion had been eating far too much.

KP Schedule and price are as follows:

Tuesday - Evening Meal....Price \$1,00

Hosts: Tribe of Russell I

Tribe of John IV, Eastern branch

Social Committee: Vernon Vawter, Royal, Ark.; Opal Vawter Herndon, Overland Park, Kansas; Helen Carr, Berryville, Ark.; Fred Wicker, Pontotoc, Ms.; Bill Wiley, Nettleton, Ms.; Clarice Vawter Mayer, Hickory Flat, Ms.

Wednesday breakfast, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m....Price \$1.00

Morning Devotion: 7:45 a.m.

Host: Tribe of James, son of John III

Committee: James Vaughters, 1233 Elmira St., Aurora, Col. 80010;

Paul Vaughter, Jr., R. 2, Box 6, Sauk Rapids, Mn. 56379;

Mary Vaughter Oxford, 323 C Street SE, Ardmore, Ok, 73401.

Wednesday lunch, 12:00 - 1:00, Price - \$1.00

Host: Tribe Of John IV, Western branch

Committee: LaVerna Murray, 7616 NW 25 Terr., Bethany, Ok. 73008;

Silas Vawter, 3212 Eastman Dr., Ok. City, Ok. 73112;

Arlene Vawter Cardwell, 202 N. Peach, Midwest City, Ok. 73110

Wednesday Evening Meal, 7:00 p.m Price \$2.00

Hosts: Tribe of Richard II

Tribe of William Jr. & Sr.

Committee: L.G. "Bill" Vawter, 3019 Conway St., Houston,

Tex. 77025; Hazel Vawter McCandless, P.O. Box 366,

Cushing, Tex. 75760; James Lanier Vawter, P.O. Box 665,

E1 Campo, Tex. 77437; Bettie Nash, 2320 Sunny Lane,

Killeen, Tex, 76541; Charles Vawter, 1609 Jackson,

Corinth, Ms. 38834

Thursday, Farewell Breakfast, 7:00 - 8:00..Morning Devotion, 7:45

Hosts: Tribe of David I

Any remnants of tribes, or unidentified tribes.

Committee: Shirley Vawter Byler, R. 1, Box 148 T, Sweeny, Tex. 77480;

James Corbitt, 118 Gardner Ave., Martin, Tn. 38237; Robt. M. "Pete"

Vawter, 509 Oaklawn, Milan, Tn. 38358

Assuming all meals are eaten with the V/V, the cost including registration, will be \$7.00. Please arrange to pay this amount in cash. The caterers and concessionaires will look askance at personal checks from all over the U.S.

Two-hour cruises aboard the Ouachita Lady embark at 2:00 P.M. each day, at the cost of \$3.00. A V/V Special Cruise can be arranged.

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The first Nation-wide Vawter/Vaughter Family Reunion is now history. 99 names were recorded during the 3-day gathering on Brady Mountain, August 8, 9 & 10. Of the total, 65 were blood relatives, 26 were in-laws, and 7 were guests. Also, there was Commodore Vaughters, Airedale, who shared a room with Jim Vaughters, and registered as being from the Tribe of K-9. Credentials on the latter are still being checked.

The V/V came to the mountain partly from family interest and partly from curiosity. There were all ages, all shapes and sizes. They brought food; they talked; they showed pictures; they snapped more pictures; they pulled K.P.; they showed up for breakfast, as well as lunch and dinner; they got acquainted; they liked each other; the weather was perfect. When Ellen Wicker sang "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place" at the close of Devotional Service on the last morning, she echoed the theme of the reunion. It was that kind of an encounter.

In attempting to highlight the reunion, the food must be mentioned. The V/V had been admonished to keep the menus simple. They did not. It was never possible to do justice to all of the goodies at a particular meal. Bread was the only item ever in short supply, which shortage was corrected by the renowned custom of substituting cake. There was no shortage of cake.

Singling out culinary offerings would be a hazardous, as well as near impossible task. Nevertheless, a few must be mentioned.

Who could forget:

Bill Vawter's salad made with vine spinach, kale, and cherry tomatoes, transported via ice chest from his garden in Houston, and tossed with his own special recipe dressing; or The thermal chest of hot buttered corn from the gardens of Patsy Vawter Poole and Charlotte Vawter Tillman of Hot Springs; or

The wine punch, with the main ingredient from the cellar of Bill Wiley, Nettleton, Ms.; or The six pecan pies (I counted them) baked by Clarice Vawter Mayer, Hickory Flat, Ms.; or Vernon Vawter's peanut brittle, of which it is impossible to eat a single piece; or Sorghum Molasses Cookies, famous from the Vawter Plantation in Louisiana, baked by Mrs. Willard Nixon of Iuka, Ms.; or the bushel of peaches provided by Paul and Carolyn Vaughter as an eye-opener at breakfast; or

The watermelons grown and provided by Emery Mayer; or

The casseroles, salads, ham, chicken, barbecue, desserts, ad infinitum.

"He who spends three days at honorable family reunion will gain new connections, but lose waistline".

Wednesday night's open-air "banquet" was climaxed by the presentation of awards:

OLDEST PERSON: The youthful Hattie Vawter Herron, Hot Springs, age 81. The equally youthful Willard Robinson Nixon, Iuka, Ms., also age 81, registered during the reunion, but left prior to the time awards were made.

YOUNGEST PERSON: Wendy Vawter, Brownsville, Tn., age 3 mos., daughter of Robt. L. and Mary Vawter; granddaughter of Robt. M. (Pete) and Norma Vawter of Milan, Tn. Wendy registered by mark (not the first of the V/V ever to do that), and confessed to growing a bit restless during the after-dinner speeches (not the only V/V to do that either). Nevertheless, she reports this is the outstanding honor of her life. According to grandfather Pete, Wendy is the 12th generation of Vawters in the U.S.

TRAVELED GREATEST DISTANCE: In the absence of an atlas, a tie was declared between Ron Vawter of New York City and Dave Vaughter of Sunrise, Florida.

MOST ROUNDABOUT JOURNEY: Wm. Michael Vawter, who with wife Judy, and children, Michele and Chris, were en route from Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Ms. to their new assignment at Brussels, Belgium.

MOST DETERMINED: Hal Vawter of St. Louis, brother of Michael (above), who flew from St. Louis to Little Rock Thursday morning, and was rushed to Brady Mountain by his brother in time for the farewell breakfast.

MOST DELIGHTED: Robt. M. (Pete) Vawter and Brooks Vawter, cousins, who came to the reunion knowing only the name of their g.g. grandfather, but left safe in the Tribe of Edward, Builder of Vauter Church, thanks to the records of Bettie Nash, Killeen, Texas, also a descendant of Edward the Builder. This also takes care of the Virginia roots of Vilas and Elliot Vawter of Memphis, Marvin L. Vawter of Champaign, Ill., and a host of Others. Happiness is finding a new grandfather.

MOST APPRECIATED GUEST: Mrs. Inez Cline, genealogist and writer for the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record, who brought greetings from the local historical society, took pictures for the paper, and presented complimentary copies of the History of Garland County Arkansas.

MOST CONFUSED: Mary Wicker Reese, who called home to touch base with husband Gene, and remind him that she was at Bushy Mountain. (For the benefit of V/V outside the Deep South, Bushy Mountain is the location of Tennessee State Prison) Fortunately, Gene is not easily excited.

MOST OPTIMISTIC: Carolyn (Mrs. Paul) Vaughter and Ebeteen (Mrs. Silas) Vawter, who were overheard making plans to get together with their husbands in Oklahoma City. If memory serves, the last meeting between Paul and Silas was less than harmonious. Perhaps the presence of the ladies will keep down friction this time.

MOST AUTHORITATIVE: Col (ret) James S. Corbitt, who, faced, with the prospect of hosting breakfast with no coffee cups, drove to Hot Springs at daybreak and commandeered the early opening of a store. Col. Corbitt has recommended that at the next reunion one set of eating utensils be issued each V/V at registration.

MOST ARTISTIC: Vernon and Traudl Vawter, who painted the large welcome sign, as well as the family tree with its many branches.

The family tree, incidentally, was transported to Oklahoma for use at next year's reunion by

MOST OBLIGING: Ray Murray, whose van was a life-saver in carting food, chairs and people around the mountain. Along with Vernon Vawter's pickup, the van was a favored vehicle. Before the next reunion, care should be taken to recruit a sufficient number of V/V who own vans and pickups.

MOST NONPLUSED: Wordna Wicker, who following the accolade by Dave Vaughter at the banquet, could think of nothing more profound to say than "aw, shucks". Two months after the fact, and in the privacy of home, let me say to Dave and to the many others who have said kind things about the newsletter that it has been a pleasure to help the V/V discover themselves. In the words of Tom Sawyer, "If you like to do it, it ain't work".

At a business session a steering committee composed of Paul Vaughter, Vernon Vawter, Dave Vaughter, Jim Vaughters, Marvin Vawter, James Corbttt, LaVerna Murray, Bill Vawter, Hazel Mc Candless, Silas Vawter, Shirley Vawter Byler, and Bettie Nash made the following recommendation for the future of the family organization:

1. Beginning Jan. 1, 1979, dues be set at \$5.00 per year, per household, which will include subscription to the newsletter.
2. The newsletter be published 3 times per year.
3. The reunion be held at Murray State Park, Ardmore, Ok. in 1979, tentatively on the last week end in July. Definite announcement to be made via the newsletter in early 1979.
4. The reunion be held in the Hot Springs area in 1980.
5. Possibility of holding the reunion at the Vauter Church in Essex Co., Va. at some future time be given consideration.

The recommendations were presented to the assembled V/V following the banquet, and were duly ratified. In addition, the following slate of officers for the family organization were nominated and elected:

President: James C. Vaughters, 1233 Elmira St., Aurora, Colorado 80010.

Vice President: Marvin D. Vawter, 11205 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, Missouri 64114.

Secretary-Treasurer: Hazel Vawter McCandless, P.O. Box 366, Cushing, Texas 75760.

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By way of introduction to your new officers, the following profiles are given:

JAMES C. VAUGHTERS: Call him Jim; he's under 40; born in Texas; grew up in Georgia; served in U.S. Navy, also aboard aircraft carriers, and as instructor at Lowry AFB, Denver; an attorney in Denver since 1972; married to the former Donna Mosher of Ill.; one son, Jonathan, age 5; hobbies - U.S. Naval Reserve, hunting, Church Choir & genealogy. Tribe of James, son of John III.

MARVIN D. VAWTER: Call him Marv; he's over 40; born in Missouri; served in U.S. Navy, head mechanical engineer with Bendix; married to former Bess Ferro; three daughters, Elizabeth, Katherine and Rozanne; 2 grandchildren; hobbies - grandchildren, genealogy, and do-it-yourself handyman and carpenter. Tribe of William, son of David.

Hazel Vawter McCandless: Call her Hazel unless you are in Mayor's Court in Cushing, in which case call her, "Your Honor"; she is over 40; born in Texas, has her own insurance agency; a widow; has one daughter; a twin brother, L.G. (Bill) Vawter; hobbies - football, genealogy & visiting daughter in Corsicana. Tribe of Richard II, son of John III.

Wordna Wicker: Call her Wordna; she's over 40; born in Mississippi married to Fred Wicker, who has the Vawter blood; two children, Ellen & Roger; hobbies - gardening, bird watching & genealogy. Tribe of John IV, supposed son of John III.

Since the reunion, additional word on the identity of the Vawter Plantation in La. has been forwarded by Mrs. Allie B. Grimes of Opp, Ala. The reference is an excerpt from FERRY ACROSS THE SABINE by Bobby Sterrett, Jefferson, Texas, and mentions that 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, Texas. Surely there are descendants of Lucinda and her large family. We will hope to hear from them.

A new member of the V/V organization is Mrs. Edna W. Reynolds, Butlerville, Ind., co-author of the revised version of the VAWTER FAMILY IN AMERICA, published originally in 1905 by Grace Vawter Bicknell. The Bicknell book has been called the Vawter Bible, and the paperback copy is well worth the price of \$6.00, which includes postage. It may be ordered directly from Mrs. Reynolds.

The second Vawter Bible is the "Diary of Robert Rose" edited by the Rev. Ralph E. Fall, Rector of Vauter Church in Essex Co., Va. It contains many references and explanations of Vawter names, Vauter's Church, and collateral names. It will be remembered that Robert Rose was the Rector of St. Anne's Parish when Vauter's Church was erected in 1731, purportedly by Edward Vawter. The Diary covers a 5-year period and gives an insight into cultural and Church life in colonial Virginia. With the proposed pilgrimage to Vauter Church, this book will be a must in every V/V library. It may be ordered directly from Rev. Ralph E. Fall, Port Royal, Va. 22535. Cost is \$16.00, which includes postage.

AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE: This writer's favorite mother-in-law, Ora Wicker, has offered to compile a photograph album of shots taken at the recent reunion, if the V/V will forward her the negatives of the many pictures taken. She already has about 100 photos from the 1977 reunion. This album will be brought to the next reunion for viewing. Send the negatives to: Ora Wicker, 2088 Courtland Place, Memphis, Tn. 38104.

Subscription fees for the Newsletter may be mailed either to this writer, or to Hazel McCandless. The next issue will be forthcoming in January, 1979.

A word of welcome to our youngest member, Courtney Leigh Vaughter, a blond, blue eyed lass, born July 9, 1978, who came to live with Phil & Peggy Vaughter, Austin, Texas, on Sept. 8, 1978. Our congratulations to the happy parents and to the proud grandparents, Paul & Carolyn Vaughter of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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In keeping with the start of a new year, a State of the Family Message seems to be in order:

The Vawter/Vaughter(s) Family Association has been in existence exactly 18 months, having been organized July 30, 1977 at Lake Murray, Ardmore, Ok. By 55 interested family members, representing 30 different households. An expense offering of \$25.43 was collected for publication of a newsletter, the first issue of which went out in September 1977 to some 50 households in half a dozen states, representing the then-known V/V population.

The results have been phenomenal. Each known V/V knew another one, and the word spread. The second newsletter went out to 72 households, the fourth to 120. Money was never a problem, voluntary contributions kept the newsletter afloat. The family organization became nation-wide before it was a year old, with membership stretching from New York to California and Florida to Minnesota. With the addition of Wallace Vawter in Mexico and Mike Vawter, USAF, Brussels, Belgium, the organization took on an international flavor. This international aspect was intensified by the interest of some of the V/V in tracing the family roots back to the French family of Valletort.

The first nation-wide Vawter/Vaughter(s) Reunion, held at Brady Mtn., Arkansas, August 8-10, 1978, brought 99 souls from 61 households in 12 states. At that gathering officers were elected; family dues were set at \$5.00 per household per year, which includes subscription to the newsletter; the newsletter would publish three times a year; and the 1979 reunion would be held at Ardmore, Ok.

With the payment of dues, the family organization acquired a bank account, the balance on Jan. 1, 1979 being \$420.00. This issue of VVNL will go out to 174 households in 29 states and two foreign countries. A break-down according to states shows the following distribution of V/V families: Texas -31; Okla.-29; Tenn.-21; Miss.-16; Ark.-15; Calif-7; Va.-7; Ariz.-6; Col.-4; Fla.-4; Ill., Ky., N.Y., Wash., 3 each; Ala., La., Neb., N.C., Ore., Wis., 2 each; Ga., Ind., Iowa, Kan., Mass., Minn., Ohio, one each.

Conclusion. The state of the Vawter/Vaughter(s) Family Association is sound.

On a sadder note, we report the death of C.B. Cardwell, 202 N. Peach, Midwest City, Ok. 73110, in December of 1978. C.B. was the husband of Arlene Vawter Cardwell, and both were pleasant participants in the 1977 family gathering. They were prevented from attending the reunion in Arkansas due to C.B.'s physical condition. Our sincere sympathy goes to Arlene and their four daughters.

Congratulations are in order for Dennis & Ruby Davis, Bowie, Tx.; Wallace & Neoma Davis Duckett, Wichita Falls, Tx.; and Iley and Mary Vaughter Oxford, Ardmore, Ok. All celebrated golden wedding anniversaries in 1978. It must run in the family.

Since the reunion in August, Shirley Vawter Byler, Fred Wicker, Keith Pike, Bettie Nash, Hazel McCandless, and Bert Wynn have undergone surgery. All doing well at present.

The Wallace Vawters, Apartado Postal #94, Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico, have extended an invitation for any V/V traveling "south of the border" to look them up. They are hereby advised to keep the roll-away bed dusted. In addition to a propensity toward (1) twins and (2) longevity, the collective V/V all seem to (3) have credit cards, and (4) will travel.

Mrs. Frances Tiller, 309 E. Wellington, Carthage, Tx., a descendant of David and Lucinda Vawter, has sent information that David Vawter did not die in Louisiana (as reported in VVNL #5, P.4), but in Panola Co., Tx., after having made bond for operation of the Ferry across the Sabine River. The Ferry was continued by his widow, Lucinda, after his death. W.T. Vawter, Mineola, Tx. also supplied information on this colorful family.

From Mrs. Tiller also comes word of the publication of the HISTORY OF PANOLA COUNTY TEXAS, available for \$25.00, plus \$1.75 postage (Texas residents add 5% state tax) from Panola County Historical Commission, 322 West Panola, Carthage, Tx. 75633. The book contains many references to Vawters and Vawter-related families.

Reports have come from several sources of the 92nd birthday celebration of Jess Franklin Vawter on Oct. 29, 1978 at Sheridan, Texas. He, along with Miss Annie Vawter, aunt of Pete Vawter, Milan, Tn., are our only known living nonagenarian.

With fraternal pride, we report that our honorary V/V, Rev. Ralph E. Fall, Port Royal, Va. 22535, has been awarded the National Certificate of Commendation by the American Ass'n. for State and Local History for his work on the Diary of Parson Robert Rose. You will recall that Robert Rose was the Rector of St. Anne's Parish when Vauter's Church was erected in 1731. Plans for the V/V pilgrimage to Vauter's Church are underway, and the "Diary of Robert Rose" will provide excellent background for the trip. The book may be ordered from Rev. Ralph E. Fall at a cost of \$16 which includes postage.

A newcomer to our ranks, Louise Vawter Lee, 1412 Beta Ct., W. Palm Beach, Fla. 33406 learned of the family organization through the Rev. Fall on a visit to worship Vauter's Church in the Fall of 1978. Her line is recorded in the Bicknell book and is Philemon, Elliot, Jephtha and Henry Clay.

Another newcomer is Richard Q. Vawter, 1101 Ridge Road, Unit 1109, Arlington, Va. 22202, whose line in the Bicknell book is Jesse, William, John Taylor, Albert C. and Arthur Lee. Richard is employed by General Services Administration in Washington, D.C. In view of the recent adverse publicity regarding employees of GSA; it is a relief to report no immediate need to muster the clan for a Washington march in defense of the family name and/or Richard's neck.

Also joining the ranks recently is Mrs. LoRee Vawter Dennis, 1395 Normandy Rd., Golden, Col. 80401, whose father was John Earl, b. 1892 Kan; g'father, John Dorn b. 1862 Ill; g. g'father Robt. Wash. b. 1832 Ky.; whereupon her line ends abruptly. Help will be appreciated.

Omitted from VVNL No. 5 was mention of the fact that Shirley Vawter Byler and Theodore (Ted) Vawter, brother and sister, had their own reunion at Brady Mtn. in August after a separation of 22 years. Shirley had lead the life of a mother

and Baptist Minister's wife in Texas, while Ted pursued a career on the West Coast, his present address being 8175 Hooker, Westminster, Col. 30030. Ted's Wife, Lydia earned the coveted Bronze Skillet Award at the reunion by the expertise at 6:00 A.M with which she was able to cook quantities of bacon and toast simultaneously, without burning either or losing her cool.

Since the reunion, we have added the names of four kinsmen of Shirley and Ted to the mailing list: Mrs. Mary Ruth Vawter Ritchie, 119 W. Dunedin, Columbus, Ohio 43214; Richard Vawter, 1803 North 1st St., Fremont, Neb. 68025; John E. Vawter, 9920 Emmet, Omaha 68134; Lester E. Vawter, Blanchard, Iowa 51630.

On a trip through North Texas in the fall, Bill Wiley, Nettleton, Ms., turned up Carl Vawter of Van Alstyne, and Larry and Harold Vawter of Southmayde, all in Grayson County. A telephone call to Carl, who is a school superintendent, revealed that this group descend from Russell, brother of John III; both sons of Richard of Stokes Co., N.C. They will join the clan of Bishop Billy Mack in Ok. City; Vernon at Hot Springs; Hal in St. Louis; Woodford in Ponca City, Ok.; and many others already known to us.

Further conversation with Carl revealed a brother, Guy, who manages Furr's Cafeteria: in Denver; and a brother, Virgil, who manages a cafeteria in Colorado Springs. This is the sort of fascinating family data which the traveling V/V will want to commit to memory. It's also the type of information which could result in the choice of the Denver area as the Site for a future V/V Reunion.

On a 22-day ancestor hunt, following the Arkansas reunion, Hazel McCandless and twin, L.G. (Bill) Vawter, turned up info which semi-officially places James C.(Jim) Vaughters, 1872 Valley Blvd., Memphis 38106, and Howard Vaughters, Rt. 8, Box 569-P Paducah, Ky. 42001, in their tribe of Richard II, who died in Lawrence Co., Tn. in 1827. Richard left a large family, including a son, Lorenzo Dow, who is the ancestor of Hazel and Bill; and a son, Asa, who is believed to be the ancestor of Jim and Howard. The line appears to be Asa, Gordon, Gordon E. Tobe, and Tobe. Hazel and Bill are happy to welcome recruits, since their own ranks are relatively slim.

A most pleasant recent addition to our mailing list is Constance Bicknell Will, 84 High Point Drive, Amherst, Mass. 01002, who is the daughter of Grace Vawter Bicknell, author of the beloved VAWTER FAMILY IN AMERICA. Mrs. Will recalls that her mother found comfort in compiling material for the Vawter book at a time when she was also caring for a dying son.

Regarding the Bicknell book, there is a reference on page 386 to Mrs. Egbert Jones of Holly Springs, Ms., who had dual Vawter lineage, as did many of the early V/V. According to the death certificate of Mrs. Egbert Jones, she was born Elizabeth Howard Blanton, 1868, in Farmville (either Prince Edward or Cumberland Co., Va.), the daughter of Leigh Miller Blanton and Clara Lydia McConnell. The present day descendants of Mrs. Jones have never heard the Vawter name mentioned in regard to the family, and to date it has been impossible to make the connection. It is known that Mrs. Jones was well educated and came to Holly Springs, Ms. as a teacher where she married Egbert Jones. She had the distinction of being a civic and cultural leader in North Mississippi at the time the Bicknell book was published. The consensus is that if both Mrs. Jones and Grace Bicknell said there was a connection, then there is a connection. Anyone who can solve this riddle will have the gratitude of Pete Vawter, Milan, Tn.; Betty Nash, Killeen, Tx.; this writer, and many others.

When Winter comes, can Reunion be far behind? To that end the lines have been busy recently between President Jim Vaughters in Colorado; Paul Vaughter in Ok. City; Paul, Jr. in Minnesota; and Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Ok. The reunion has been set for August 3, 4, 5 & 6 at Lake Murray.

Accommodations at the Lake consist of the followings:

Motel rooms at the Lodge: \$24.00 per day per couple; \$2.00 each add. person.

Cabins, with kitchen: \$26.00 per day per couple; add. charge for more people

Cabins, without kitchen:

\$22.00 per day per couple

\$33.00 per day for four

\$41.00 per day for six

Reservations should be made immediately with Lake Murray Lodge, Box 1329, Ardmore, Ok. 73401. The price of one night's lodging will be required with reservation. It is believed that the lodging at Lake Murray will accommodate all of the V/V, provided reservations are made without delay.

Jim Vaughters will be sending out his own personal word to the V/V shortly, along with additional information on the details of the reunion. Watch your mail box for "gems from Jim".

A GENTLE REMINDER: Dues for the Vawter/ Vaughter(s) Family Association were set at \$5.00 per year per household, effective January 1, 1979. Membership in the Association includes subscription to the newsletter.

Here's to 1979,

The Year of the Ram and the Vawter.

He who has not paid Family Dues,

In the very near future, oughter.

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Tis the season of vacations, reunions, flowers, gardens, and food freezers. For these and sundry other reasons, your newsletter is a bit late. Fortunately, President Jim Vaughters was on his toes with his communique regarding the second annual nationwide Vawter/Vaughter(s) Reunion. By way of reminder, the reunion is set for August 3-6, at Lake Murray State Park, Ardmore, Oklahoma. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 3, in the Pioneer Room at the Lodge. A report on the reunion will be given in the September newsletter.

Since January the Family Organization has added 20 names to its roster, with this issue of VVNL going out to 197 families. Among the newcomers are:

Lemuel M. Burrow, D.D.S.(ret'd.) 1807 Memory Lane, Jacksonville, Fla. 32210, whose mother was Una Myrtle Vawter, dau. of Robt. Lemuel Vawter of Carroll Co., Tn. Cousin Lemuel is a kinsman of Robt.(Pete), Brooks, Vilas, and others in the W. Tn. Area
I.M. Vanosdol, R. 2, Shelbyville, Mo., listed in the Bicknell book. He becomes our third registered nonagenarian, being born Feb. 7, 1889.

Robert L. Vawter, Bayview Rd., R. 2, Middletown, Del. 19709, whose line is also listed in Bicknell. His membership enables us to add another state, Delaware, to our coverage.

Mrs. Virginia Vawter Groseclose, 101 Wayne Ave. Apt. 3, Mt. Olive, N.C. 28365, whose name came via Eloise Wicker Knight, a kinswoman in Pinehurst, N.C. Virginia is of the tribe of Henry Vawter of Maryville, Tn. and Charles Vawter of Corinth, Ms. Her "diary" enabled Henry Vawter to complete yet another branch on the family tree - the William Vawters, Sr. & Jr., which he has methodically put together. Joining Virginia were her sisters, Mrs. E.C. Simpson, Clarksville, Tn. and Mrs. Jas. W. Shipley, Harmans, Md., and her brother, Jas. H. Vawter, of Kinsale, Va. Mrs. Shipley's membership adds the state of Maryland to our coverage.

Note: Upon re-reading, it appears that Mrs. E.C. Simpson, Clarksville, Tn. is a sister of Henry Vawter, rather than Virginia Groseclose. Oh, well. All in the family.

James Richard Greene, P.O. Box 973, Cartersville, Ga. 30120, descendant of Delilah Vaughters; of the line of Jim and Doug Vaughters.

Sara A.Hockmuth, 3711 Wright St., Des Moines, Iowa 50316, of the line of Jesse and David Vawter, the Revolutionary Patriots.

Mrs. Helen C. Johnson, 3012 Clairmont Ave., Fullerton, Calif. 92635, cousin of Hazel McCandless and Bill Vawter.

Pauline Morsman, 1209 So. 10th St., Kingfisher, Ok. 73750, line of Margaret Vawter who married Robert Rutherford.

Mattie Smith Edmondson, P.O. Box 12295, Nashville, Tn 37212, whose mother was Virginia America Vawter; grandfather was Jessie Lee Vawter, who settled in Rutherford Co., Tn. ca. 1840. Help is needed on this line.

Swift Vaughter, Rt. 2, Anderson Hwy. Elberton, Ga. 30635, line of James Vawter, son of John III, who died in Elbert Co., Ga. ca. 1817. Line of Jim, Doug and Paul Vaughter(s).

Rev. & Mrs. E.M. Sharp, 3477 Highland Cove, Memphis, Tn. 38111. Mrs. Sharp a Great granddaughter of Nancy Vawter who married John McDougal, III; g.g. Granddaughter of John Vawter, IV, and his first wife, Rhoda McGuire. All of the above in the vicinity of Old Tishomingo Co., Ms. ca. 1836 and thereafter.

Mrs. Frederick E. DeMarcus, 2834 Leisure Woods Lane, Decatur, Ga. 30034, whose letter has vanished, thereby preventing report of her line.

The gremlins were busy when VVNL No. 6 went to press, resulting in several bits of misinformation, which we hasten to correct:

- (1) P. 3, paragraph 2. Richard Vawter ,I, never ventured into. N.C. It was his sons John, III, and Russell who were in Stokes Co., N.C.
- (2) P. 3, paragraph 5. Constance Bicknell Will (Mrs. Samuel F.) resides at 721S. Ballantine Rd., Bloomington, Ind. 47401. It is her son who resides at the Amherst, Mass. address.
- (3) P. 3, also para. 5. It was during the terminal illness of a daughter, rather than a son, that Grace Vawter Bicknell compiled the material for her book.

Shirley Vawter Byler has reported that her ancestor, John Taylor Vawter, p. 109 in Bicknell, lived to be 92 years of age. Following in the tradition, Shirley admits to being a youthful 70 - going on 100. Shirley and husband, Roger, have the further distinction of acquiring, both a grandson and a great granddaughter within the past year.

Mentioned on p. 2 of VVNL No. 6 was the line of LoRee Vawter Dennis of Golden, Colo. Not mentioned was the fact that LoRee has a sister, Lucene Vawter Dennis. As the names might suggest, the sisters married brothers. Nothing new about that for the V/V. Due to the combined efforts of Bishop Billy M. Vawter and Shirley Byler, the sisters have been identified as belonging to the line of Russell, son Richard and Frances (Towles) Vawter.

Artistic accomplishments of the V/V have come to light recently from various sources. John William (Will) Vawter, son of Dr. Louis A. and Emma Mary (Dameron) Vawter (tribe of Edward, the Builder) was an artist and illustrator for the books of James Whitcomb Riley. LoRee Vawter Dennis reports that her family has a book entitled "Riley Farm Rhymes" by James Whitcomb Riley, artist pictures by Will Vawter, copyright 1883. Virginia Groseclose wrote that she had owned some of the Riley books, but in her many moves as wife of a Methodist Minister, they had been misplaced.

Bishop Billy M. Vawter reports owning a copy of the book, "The Rabbit's Ransom", a children's book by Clara Peck Vawter, sister of Will Vawter (above). Bishop Vawter also has one of the poems of poet Bransford Vawter of Virginia. Can anyone identify Bransford Vawter?

Mrs. Edna W. Reynolds, co-reviser of the Bicknell book, sends a picture and clipping from The Indianapolis Spotlight, dated Nov. 9, 1978, featuring Ralph Vawter who retired from his occupation as carpenter in 1975, at age 85 and now resides at the Colonial Crest Convalescent Home in Beech Grove, Ind. It was reported in the article that Mr. Vawter had built enough homes that if they were all in an addition of their own, they could be called "Vawter Town". The lineage of Mr. Ralph Vawter is not known. Perhaps someone will send it in.

The puzzle of the Vawter lineage of Mrs. Egbert Jones of Holly Springs, Ms ,(p.386 Bicknell) has been solved by E.B. Vaughters of Seattle; his source, "The Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy" p. 474-5. The line reads thusly: (1) Elizabeth Blanton Jones, (2) Leigh Miller Blanton, (3) Edward Anderson Blanton (4) Elizabeth Pitt Vawter, (5) Edward Vawter, (6) Thomas Vawter, who married Mary Eliz. Pitt, (7) Edward Vawter, builder of Vawter Church. E.B. doubts the accuracy of the statement in Bicknell that Elizabeth Pitt Vawter married her cousin, so the jury is still out on that point. E.B. writes that he has an extensive file on the descendants of Edward, the builder, and will be happy to share. Those needing help should send SASE, along with genealogy leading to inquiry for identification. E.B. is still listed with those who cannot prove Virginia ancestors; his line (1) Geo. E. Vaughters,(2) Thos. Graham Vaughters, (3) Wm. H. Vaughters, (4):John Vawter, who married Catherine Mas(s)on ca. 1813 in Caroline Co., Va. Perhaps we should check out Paul Mason.

Jim Vawter of El Campo, Texas, Bob Vawter of Tampa, Fla, and Arleigh Kerr of Sherman Oaks, Calif. are among those tracing the origin of the family back to the French name of Valetort. We are indebted to Jim Vawter for the following chart showing the various spellings that have been observed generally in each century:

1000 A.D...	De Valle Torta (said, in Latin, to mean "Curved Valley")
1100 " De Valletort, Valetort
1200 " De Vautort, Valletort, Valetort
1300 " De Vauter, Valletort, Vautort, Wantort
1400 " Vautard, Valletort, Vautort
1500 " Vantort, Vawtort, Vautort, Vautard, Vautord
1600 "Vawter, Vauterd, Vaulter, Vauter
1700 " Vawter, Vanter, Vaulter, Vaughter, Vauter
1800 " Vawter(s), Vaughter(s), Vauter, Vorter(s), Vater, Votter

Miscellaneous queries. Can you identify:

- (1) Richard Vawter, age 15, bound to Bernard Noel in Essex Co., Va. 20 March 1718?
- (2) Augustine Vawter, age 11, bound to said Noel on the same date?
- (3) Richard H. Vaughter, who married Eliz. V. Swan, Callaway Co., Mo, 16 Feb. 1848
- (4) Alfred W. Vawter, who bought the book, "An Essay on Man in Four Epistles", by Alexander Pope, and presented it to his friend, W.S. Pepper, in 1827. (Jas. S. Corbitt, discovered the book recently at an antique show in W. Palm Beach.)
- (5) John Wesley Vawter, b. 1812 Va., died 1887 Iowa, married Emily Jane Wheeler 1857; had children: Wm. Franklin, Granville Marshall, Hirm Dans, Jerome Washington, Laura Lutheria, John Wesley, Homer Wriale, and Marion Virgil? (This from Mrs. Virgil D. Vawter of W. Sacramento.)
- (6) Richard Vawter, who married Sally Vaughn, Caroline Co., Va. 12 July 1787?

From Pat Pike Michel of Magnolia, Texas, who submitted a number of miscellaneous bits of V/V info, comes the discovery of yet another way of spelling the family name - "Votaw". How is that for a Deep South spelling!

From the July 25, 1979 issue of the MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR is the notice that Vince Vawter, 253 N. McNeil, Memphis, has been named news editor. Our congratulations to Vince, and to proud father, Vilas. When the nationwide V/V reunion is held in Memphis, coverage should be no problem.

And speaking of reunions, plans are progressing for the 1980 reunion at Vauter's Church, Port Royal, Va. This writer had the pleasure of visiting Vauter's Church, and meeting the Rev. Ralph Fall, while attending a Dalton Family Reunion in Richmond in May. (Sure you remember the Daltons - those high-spirited boys who knocked off a few banks and mail trains in the late 1800's.) Ralph Fall locked up the Communion Silver and ceremonial wine, and allowed four members of the 1979 Dalton Gang to tour the Church. Though a Vawter by marriage, this writer was totally captivated by the setting, and got distinct vibrations to "bring the V/V home in 1980".

Bill Paden, historian and educator from the Village of Paden in Tishomingo Co., Ms.: has called attention to an incident recorded in the book, "Tupelo" by Aughey, a Yankee Minister and p.o.w, during the Civil War. In retaliation for the guerrilla murder of a Union sympathizer in SE Tish. Co., a company of Federal soldiers were sent out to burn Paden's, Vawter's and Robinson's mills along with ten houses. The area thereafter came to be known as Burnt Mills, and ca. 1880 a post office and small settlement bore that name. Around 1900, the railroad came through, missing Burnt Mills by about one mile; the village became extinct and the present village of Paden, located on the railroad, came into being. This writer, and husband Fred, spent a delightful Sunday afternoon in the company of Bill Paden going over the area of the burnt mills.

JOHN VAWTER, IV, landowner, miller, tavern keeper, speculator, was born Jan. 16, 1778 probably in Stokes Co., N.C. Generally he is acknowledged to be the son of John Vawter, III, by his first wife, who may have been Franky Ward, daughter of Jacob Ward, Culpepper Co. Va. Though not named as one of the heirs of John, III, who died in Elbert Co., Ga. in 1817, he was always in close proximity to that family, particularly to Richard Vawter, acknowledged son of John III. John, IV, married first in Elbert Co., Ga. Rhoda McGuire, daughter of Alleganey McGuire, Revolution soldier and pensioner; Rhoda born Nov. 16, 1785. Richard Vawter, his brother/cousin married Cynthia McGuire, sister of Rhoda. Removing to Tn., John (Vaughter) was in Maury Co. in the 1820 Census, living next door to his father-in-law, Alleganey McGuire; his household reflected nine daughters and one son. By family records, Rhoda McGuire Vawter died Aug. 28, 1824, and John married second Elizabeth who removed with him to Lauderdale Co., Ala. ca. 1830, and to Tishomingo Co., Ms. ca. 1836 . According to probate records of Tish. Co., Elizabeth died ca. 1845, leaving two minor daughters, Elizabeth Ann and Harriet. He married third Peachy Hazel Jan. 28, 1849, with whom he was living in Marion Co., Ala. in the 1850 census, his name shown as "John Vorters". He died sometime prior to Oct. 1864, when Peachy Vauters married John Finch in Tish. Co.

Tennessee land and court records spot John IV in Maury, Williamson and Lawrence Co. buying and selling land, operating a mill, paying numerous fines - one for operating a tippling house. In Tishomingo Co., Ms. he was appointed one of a committee of three to oversee building of the Courthouse at Jacinto; served as Ranger for the county for several years; and was licensed to operate the first tavern in Jacinto. In the space of 1837 to 1845, the deed records of Tish. Co. reflect some 90 land transactions involving John Vawter. He often purchased land in the names of his minor children, requiring him to go into Court in order to sell it. In 1845, his land transactions ceased abruptly, with his property falling to trustee sale and tax sale; obviously wiped out by the collapse of the "land bubble", the bank failures, and the ensuing depression of the 1840's. His one piece of property to escape execution had been purchased in the name of his daughter, Eliz. Ann, and was sold by her and her husband, Hopewell Doss, in 1853, the deed being signed in Marion Co., Ala.

John IV had one son , Alleganey, and nine known daughters: Cynthia, Mourning, Nancy, Matilda, Mary Jane, Ellender, Eliz. Ann, Harriet, and Malinda. By census figures he may have had twelve daughters. The male descendants of John Vawter have long since removed from Tishomingo Co., Ms. to Tippah, Union and Benton Co., Ms.; to Ark., Texas and Oklahoma. His daughters married into the Robinson, McDougal, Reid, Pike, Beatty, Gurley and Burt families, many of whom are still in the area of Old Tishomingo County. Personal records of these families, along with official records of Old Tishomingo County, bear their silent reference to John Vawter/Vaughter/Vauter/Vorters. (SOURCES: Records of Elbert Co., Ga.; Maury, Lawrence, & Williamson Co., Tn.; Lauderdale Co., Ala.; Tish. Co., Ms. History of Old Tish. Co.; McQuire Family History by Duard Leon Ray; personal research of Hazel Vawter McCandless, Mary Maud Carter, Pat Pike Michel, Rev. E.M. Sharp, Jas. C. Vaughters, Bill Vawter, & Faye Tennyson Davidson; Family Bibles of Clarice Vawter Mayer, Willard Robinson Nixon, Matilda Vawter Reid)

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A VERY SPECIAL INVITATION The children and grandchildren of Mrs. Ora Wiley Wicker request the honor of your presence at her 80th birthday celebration, September 23 1979, between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M., at her home at 2088 Courtland, Memphis, Tn. 38104. Y'all come.

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The second nationwide *Vawter/Vaughter(s)* Reunion is a pleasant memory. All attention is now focused on the Third Reunion to be held at Vauter's Episcopal Church, Essex Co., Va., June 20-23, 1980. In deference to the spelling of the Church (even acknowledged to be in error since the builder was Edward Vawter) it was decided to add the name Vauter to the family association name. Note the new "logo", which was suggested by Jim Miller, son of Henry and Betsy Miller of Kenedy, Tx., grandson of Secretary Bettie Nash, and husband, Mark. Should all of the spellings, or misspellings, of the family name have been included, it would have taken half a page. These three, with or without the "s" seem to be most common. A rose, by whatever name More about 1980 later.

86 souls were registered at Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Ok., August 3-6. This figure does not include Jim Vaughters' Airedale, Commodore; -or Marjorie Vawter's Pekingese, who was so taken with Commodore she forgot to sign in. Those who had attended the mini-reunion at Lake Murray in 1977; plus the reunion at Brady Mtn., Ark. in 1978, thus entitling them to their 3-year pins were: Paul & Carolyn Vaughter, Silas & Ebeteen Vawter, Ray & LaVerna Murray, and Velma Tidwell, all of Oklahoma; Bill & Sally Vawter, Hazel Vawter McCandless, of Texas; Ora Wiley Wicker of Tn. and Fred & Wordna Wicker, and Mary Wicker Reese of Mississippi.

Those receiving 2-year pins by attending two of the past three were: Ted & Lydia Vawter, Jim Vaughters & Commodore, Colorado; Hubert & LaVada Vawter, Alma Vawter Allen, Helen Vawter Hays, Vernon Vawter, and Mary Wiley Lansdale, Arkansas; Vallie Wiley Cox, Betsy Miller, Jim Miller, Mark & Bettie Nash, Roger & Shirley Byler, Phil & Peggy Vaughter, R.J. Vawter, of Texas; Carmen & Opal Caldwell, Iley & Mary Oxford, J.W. & Anna Baker, Vernessa Vawter Clagg, Ray & Zona Beasley, Ben Parker, John & Geneva Short, Wallace & Naomi Duckett, Lonnie & Peggy Vawter, and Arlene Vawter Cardwell, Billy Mack & Dorothy Vawter, all of Oklahoma; (Col.)Jim & Alliene Corbttt of Tn.; Marvin & Bess Vawter of Missouri; Paul, Jr. & Kay Vaughter of Mn.; and Dave Vaughter, Fla.; Bill & Allene Wiley, Ms.

Rookies trying out for their first time were: Robert & Donna Vawter, Delaware; Beth Vawter Sabel, Oregon; Glenn & Marjorie Vawter, Gilbert & Gordie Spencer, of California, Addie Wiley Morgan of Missouri; Jimmy & Norma Vaughters of Tn.; Louise Vawter Vanover, Courtney Vaughter, of Texas; Mr. & Mrs. David Clagg, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Murray, Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Ballard, Oklahoma.

With the appointment of several key committee, President Jim had decreed a working reunion. The committees, along with members, and recommendations, duly approved by the group in business session, were as follows:

Membership & Newsletter_- Dave Vaughter, Beth Sabel, Carmen Caldwell, Vernon Vawter & Glenn Vawter. Recommendations -

Membership dues to remain at \$5.00 per year, per house-hold, payable in advance for the upcoming year to the Treasurer, Hazel McCandless; honorary membership, with waiver of payment of dues, to be bestowed on any V/V/V 80 years and older, who so notifies the Treasurer. The Newsletter to continue publication of three issues per year, and mailed to all regular and honorary members. Wordna Wicker

to be responsible only for editing the Newsletter, with Beth Sabel handling all matters of printing and circulation. (What kind of hybrid results when Oregon and Mississippi join forces? A redwood covered with magnolia blossoms, or cotton bolls? Curiosity should bring the subscriptions in.) Beth Sabel has also undertaken the task of a nationwide cataloging of the V/V/V by way of telephone directories, this leading up to the publication The Book. More on that committee follows, but one last point on Membership: From its beginning, the object of the family organization was to seek out the V/V/V by whatever spelling, and to that end complimentary copies of the Newsletter have been mailed when a name was submitted. With a mailing list approaching 250, it has become necessary to stop the complimentary copies. In January the Newsletter will be mailed ONLY to those (1) who have paid membership dues during, or since, the August Reunion; or (2) those 80 and above who notify Hazel McCandless they would like to be Honorary Members; or (3) those who have received honorary membership by distinction. It would be gratifying if we could mail 250 Newsletters in January. In all candor, we probably will not.

The Book Committee: Paul Vaughter, Jr., Marv Vawter, Hazel McCandless, Shirley Byler, and Wordna Wicker. Whether to revise and up-date Bicknell, or to start from scratch the Vawter story, is yet to be decided. A comprehensive family history is definitely the offing. Paul Vaughter, Jr., Chm., came away from the reunion with the coveted position of Historian/Archivist. More from Paul when he decides exactly what the terms imply.

Nominating Committee: Pete Vawter, Bettie Nash, Hubert Vawter, Ray Murray, and Jimmy Vaughters. (Note: Pete Vawter was "weatherbound" in Milan, Tn. and Fred Wicker was hastily sworn in to replace him.) The four incumbent officers managed to retain their positions. The committee added the offices of Secretary, Historian/Archivist, and Circulation Editor, all of which should make for a more efficient family organization.

1980 Reunion Committee: Betsy Miller, Ted Vawter, Gordie Spencer, Bill Vawter, and Bob Vawter. This committee is already busily at work mapping out plans for transportation, housing, and meals. The last page of this Newsletter to be filled out and returned to the committee indicating your feelings on these matters.

Upon his return to Colorado following the Reunion, President Jim underwent surgery for a ruptured appendix. After a lengthy convalescence, he is slowly returning to normal. V.P. Marv has assumed leadership of the clan until such time as Jim is fully recovered. Our prayers and best wishes are with you, Jim.

Since the June Newsletter the following deaths have been recorded from the Newsletter mailing list: Miss Hettie Vawter, daughter of Henry A. Vawter, 217 Mtnview Blvd., Maryville, Tn. 37801; Robert S. Vawter, Montcalm, W. Va., brother of Henry Vawter; Mrs. Lucille Vawter Walker, Big Spring, Tx., aunt of Pete Vawter; and Reid Vawter of Louisa Va. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families.

Mrs. Billie Allen Jines, Rt. 2, Box 52, Pea Ridge, Ark. 72751, a newcomer to our ranks from the Tribe of James, son of John III, writes that she has published a book, Tracks of the Allen Family. Her great grandmother, Lucinda Vaughters, married Matthew Allen in 1829 in Franklin Co., Ga. Those of you with Vaughters/Allen connections could scarcely resist this volume which contains 197 pages, and sells for \$10.00 postpaid, and may be ordered directly from the author.

Shirley Byler has a query regarding Martha Flowers, who is somehow connected with Dorothy Brown Thompson, and the Vawters, in literary circles. Can anyone supply any information on how Martha Flowers fits into the family picture?

Ralph Vawter, mentioned in VVNL No. 7, P.2., has been identified by Dorothy Vawter (Mrs Bill Mack) as belonging to the tribe of Jesse, son of David. Mr. Vawter's grandfather, John Allan Vawter, purportedly came to Vernon, Ind. ca. 1833. Our thanks to Dorothy.

Help is needed in identifying the Vawters in Louisa Co., Va. Lindsey Vawter of Trevilians, Va. (Louisa Co.) reports that his grandfather, William T. Vawter, was killed in the Civil War. As so often happens, contact with the paternal line was thereby cut off, and nothing is known of the family history. This family can be spotted as #346, 1860 Census of Louisa Co., P.O. Frederick's Hall. Reid Vawter, who died recently in Louisa, was a nephew of Lindsey Vawter. Clifton Vawter, another nephew, lives in Louisa.

E.B. Vaughters of Seattle has identified Bransford Vawter (VVNL No. 7, P. 2) as being the son of Benjamin Vawter, Campbell Co., Va., grandson of Samuel Vawter, the eldest son of Edward, the builder.

E.B., ever in search of his own identity, now feels that he might possibly claim Richard Vawter who married Sally Vaughn, Caroline Co., Va. 12 July 1787 (VVNL No. 7, p. 3, #6) as the father of his g.g. grandfather John, who married Catherine Masson. This Richard the son of Richard whose will was proved in Essex Co. 21 Jan. 1799. E.B. pleads for help from the V/V/V.

Virginia Scholz, VVNL No. 3, P. 1, has now been placed in the Tribe of Richard (above) through his son, James, also named in his will. Congratulations, Virginia!

While on the subject of Richards. There was a Richard Vawter in Spotsylvania Co., Va. who witnessed mortgage 21 Jan. 1796 between Henry Gatewood and John Lewis. Also Richard head of household in 1810 Census of Spotsylvania Co. Who is this Richard?

The above brain-teaser from E.B., along with a request for a copy of the obituary of Benjamin Vauter which appeared in the Richmond, Va. Constitution or Richmond Daily Whig on p. 2, May 3, 1830.

Since the early days of the family organization, descendants of John Vawter III by his first wife, have been seeking her identity. By way of review, John married second Joanna Vernon, whose estate along with his, is recorded in the early records of Elbert Co., Ga. Back to wife No. 1. As a result of arduous sleuthing on the part of Hazel McCandless, it now appears that she was Franky Ward, daughter of Jacob Ward, whose will naming "my daughter Franky Vawter" was probated in Culpepper Co., Va. 20 June 1791. Franky Ward Vawter died sometime after 31 Mar. 1791 (date the will was written) and before 7 Nov. 1792, when John Vawter signed a deed in behalf of his minor children along with the other heirs of Jacob Ward. Joy would have been complete if the names of Franky's children had been named, but they were not. (Could we have the very first "Franky and Johnny"? Jim Vaughters is going to check this out with Guinness just as soon as he catches up on his work load in the office. We recall that Jim has mentioned the family organization needs an official song. Occasionally things seem to fall into your hands.)

Among the recent newcomers to the family organization are Mrs. Henry D. Felton of Jackson, Tn., and Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Felton, Brownsville, Tn., of the tribe of Edward the builder. These cousins are best known to the Mississippi V/V/V as being of the family of Rocky Felton, ace football player for Ms. State Univ. some years back.

Mrs. Frederick DeMarcus who could not be identified in VVNL No. 7, belongs in the Tribe of Margaret Vawter who married Robert Rutherford. Several from that branch have joined us recently. Kenneth Rutherford, Lexington, Mo. has done a masterful job of compiling the history of that family and related lines, one chapter of which is on the Vawters.

Another newcomer to our ranks is Juanita Sharpe Vawter, age 82, 5614 - 29th Avenue, Hyattsville, Md. 20782, who has lived in the D.C. area for 61 years. Originally from Georgia, she has the distinction of being the first woman from that state to enlist in the U.S. Navy in 1918. She worked for many years at the Library of Congress as a nurse. Her father, Jesse Lee Vawter, was born 1863 in Rutherford Co., Tn., the son of Jesse Richardson Vawter who came to Tn. with his brother, William, prior to 1850. Juanita is a first cousin to Mattie Smith Edmondson (VVNL No. 7, P. 1). Their nieces, Claire Krolick and Shirley Hoggard, have also joined us. (If memory serves, these ladies "cousin" with Dave Vaughter of Miami, who with his sister Juanita Vaughter Anderson, descend from Ludwell Vaughter who was in Wilson Co., Tn. in 1850; none of whom can trace farther back.

A wrap-up of the Reunion at Lake Murray: Mention should have been made in connection with the Nominating Committee that a Board of Directors consisting of Pete Vawter, Shirley Byler, Vernon Vawter, and Dave Vaughter was instituted. To assure continuity, Pete and Shirley were elected to one-year terms, Vernon and Dave to two-year terms.

Further wrapping it up, the Reunion has proved an excellent means of having a reunion within a reunion. Witness Shirley Byler and Ted Vawter, sister and brother, who held their own reunion at Brady Mtn. in 1978 after a separation of 22 years. This year both families were back, and were joined by their niece, Beth Vawter Sabel, whom they had not met before. The brothers, Bob Vawter of Delaware, and Glenn of Calif., arranged to come together with their spouses, to Lake Murray. The descendants of Jas. Wesley Vawter, Asa Vawter, Betty Vawter Reid and Adelia Vawter Parker (VVNL No. 3, P. 3) all of Oklahoma, had their own reunion, and were joined by their cousins, Ora Wiley Wicker, Vallie Wiley Cox, Mary Wiley Lansdale, Addie Wiley Morgan, and Bill Wiley; the latter all descendants of Emma Vawter Wiley. (Of course you remember Bill Wiley who supplies us with his vintage brew guaranteed to prevent common colds, cure snake bite, and ward off evil spirits. Judging from the good health and good cheer at the reunion, it must work.) And finally wrapping it up, There have been those who inquired about the behavior of Paul and Silas at the Reunion. We are happy to report their behavior beyond reproach, and it was decided to make no further mention of the fact that they had "done time" As to the confusion between Paul and Barnabas, that matter was tabled also, at least until such time as Barnabas is present to tell his side of it. It had been intended to likewise table the matter of Edward Vawter having a bastard by Christine Smith in Caroline Co., Va. in 1736 (Parish records Caroline Co.) but Bettie Nash, who with commendable loyalty had refused to believe it, insisted on bringing the case up at the banquet to introduce more evidence. Re-reading of the parish records had revealed Christine Smith, Servant, with Edward Vawter, listed as Master, and Emanuel Penn listed as the father of the bastard, the fine being paid by James Vawter. (Time out for a brief history review. From Colonial Caroline, "Bastards were commonplace in colonial Caroline, although punishment for a white woman free or indentured, who bore an illegitimate child was 5 lashes at the whipping-post, a 50 shilling or 500 lb. of tobacco fine. Few women had the money or tobacco to pay a fine so most of them were whipped". Editor's note: Women's Lib, what took you so long?) So now appears that Edward Vawter had a servant girl who "got in trouble" and to spare her public flogging, her fine was paid by James Vawter. Honest, Bettie, we were not going to say any more about it. After all, Edward did build the Church, and nobody is perfect. However, since you brought the matter up, what about Christine, what happened to her? And the bastard, was it male or female? - What name did it carry? Slaves always carried the name of their master. Did that apply to bastards of servants? And who was James Vawter who paid the fine? Edward had a son named James, but he was not born in 1736. Hmmm. As follow-up, who were Richard and Augustine Vawter, age 15 and 11, who were bound to Bernard Noel in 1718?. Did we ever learn the name of the father of Wharton Vawter, Rev. soldier who received land in Ga. for his service? And what of Cornelius Vawter, who has never shown up on anybody's family chart? And John IV who got no part of John III's estate? Pay your \$5.00 dues and don't miss the next exciting episode of that true-to-life drama "As the Vawters Squirm".

To attend a nationwide family reunion scheduled at a Church bearing the family name is a worthy ambition. When the Church is situated in an area steeped in early history of both the family and the nation, and when the Pastor of the Church offers to host a gathering of the Clan, the ambition almost becomes a reality. But when the Church is located in a completely rural setting, 9 miles from the nearest town, 30 miles from major bus lines, 50 miles from major airlines, and gasoline is a recognized uncertainty, then hope begins to fade. But wait. Betsey Miller and her very able committee have anticipated the problems, and provided solutions.

Bob Vawter of Middletown, Del. 19709 (Box 100 Bayview Rd., phone 302-378-9271) Has made an on-the-scene check on motel facilities since the reunion and recommends Brown Motel, Port Royal Va. as the reunion headquarters. Mr. H.W. Patton, manager of Brown Motel, reports he will have 56 rooms available for the V/V/V, provided reservations are made at least two months in advance. Call Brown's Motel Court No. 2 at 804-742-4101 and make reservation, which will be confirmed upon receipt of one day's lodging. In event of cancellation, money will be refunded if request is made prior to date of reservation. There are 3 smaller motels in Port Royal which can be used for overflow; also Fredericksburg and Tappahannock both have motel facilities. Lodging will not be a problem. Bob Vawter invites the V/V/V to call him if they have problems with reservations.

As to transportation, L.G. (Bill) Vawter of 3019 Conway St.; Houston, Tx. 77025, has been busy on that score. Obviously those who travel by means of private automobile will have the favored status. For those who will need to fly or travel by public transportation, Bill has been in contact with Harvey Travel Agency of Houston who have these suggestions: (1) Travel by plane or bus to Washington, D.C. (120 miles from Vauter's Church); (2) Meet other V/V/V at a hotel in the vicinity of National Airport (hotel to be designated later); (3) Travel collectively to Port Royal and Vauter's Church via either chartered bus or rented vans and cars (mode of travel dependant on number involved); (4) Spend nights of June 20, 21, & 22 at Port Royal, with each family being responsible for own reservations for lodging; (5) Use bus or rented vans for sight-seeing to and from the reunion, and for local travel around Port Royal and Vauter's Church. Note from Bill: Working through a travel agency can save time, plus make for a smoother trip. There is no charge for the agency's service.

Meals. There are two restaurants at Brown's Motel, and several other eating places at Port Royal. Also, plans call for having at least two meals on the grounds at Vauter's Church. Just like in the Church at home, the ladies at Vauter's are willing to go to a little extra trouble to earn some money for the Church. Under the leadership of Ralph (the honorary Vawter) Fall, plans are underway. Courtesy demands that we let these friends know the maximum number they could be expected to feed, at the earliest possible date.

The Church. Without question, the V/V/V will want to attend a worship service. The Church is small and it is possible that extra seating may have to be provided. Courtesy again demands that Ralph know the maximum number who could be expected to attend.

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- (1) At this time I(we) plan to attend the V/V/V Reunion. Number of persons _____
- (2) We will travel by private automobile. Yes _____ No _____
- (3) would be interested in traveling by plane to Washington. Please send additional information. Yes _____ No _____
- (4) I would be interested in sight-seeing trips, and in guided tours of the Port Royal-Vauter Church area. Yes _____ No _____
- (5) I (my family) will want to be included in all meals served at the Church. Yes _____ No _____
- (6) I (my family) will want to attend worship service at Vauter's Church. Yes _____ No _____
- (7) I (we) would be willing to make a Love Offering to the Church even if we do not attend the Reunion. Amount: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

I understand that at this time, I am not obligated in any way.

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The third nationwide V/V/V Reunion is scheduled for June 20-23 at Vauter's Church, Port Royal, Va. Plans are shaping up with all deliberate speed. An unscientific random poll has projected that 100 of the faithful will make the pilgrimage to the ancestral Church on the banks of the Rappahannock. The same poll projects that those 100 souls will talk incessantly, overeat, kiss cousins, absorb history, and enjoy a totally delightful 3-day period.

W.T. Vawter of Mineola, Tx. has observed that the Church, located on the old Vawter plantation, with its old communion silver made in 1724, and the old Bible printed in 1739, is perhaps the greatest monument to the Vawter family. It has been deemed appropriate that the family association make a love gift to the Church at the time of the reunion in June. Approximately \$400.00 has been pledged to date, and there are doubtless others who will want to have a part. Perhaps some who cannot attend the reunion would like to make a donation. With the help of Rev. Ralph Fall, a suitable item for the Church will be selected and will be inscribed as being a gift from the family association. Checks should be made out to "Vauter's Church" and mailed to L.G. "Bill" Vawter, 3019 Conway St., Houston, Tx. 77025. By way of reminder, any gift to a Church is tax deductible.

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.

An additional reminder that Brown's Motel at Port Royal will serve as headquarters for the reunion, and that reservations should be made immediately. Phone number at the motel (804)742-4101. For those needing camping space for motor homes, Hunters Mill Campground on Route 17 is recommended; phone number (804)443-3252. Bob Vawter of Middleton, Del. 19709, phone (302)378-9271, has invited the V/V/V to call him in case of difficulty with reservations. Refer to page 5 of the September 1979 VVVNL for additional information of reservations and overall plans.

Regarding the September 1979 Newsletter, on page 2 the death of Mrs. Lucille Vawter Walker was erroneously reported. Mrs. Walker is alive and well in Big Spring, Tx. It should have been reported that Miss Annie Vawter, aunt of Pete Vawter of Milan, Tn. had died. The editor apologizes for this error.

Henry A. Vawter of Maryville, Tn. reports the death of his cousin, Nancy Vawter Ritchie, Jan. 19, 1980 in New York City. Mrs. Ritchie had been enthusiastic about the family association and looked forward to attending one of the reunions. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

Henry Vawter (above), W.T. Vawter of Mineola, Tx., Rev. E.M. Sharp of Memphis, and Keith Pike of Castiac, Calif. continue to experience serious health problems. Our best wishes go out to these members of the family organization.

On the brighter side, it is a pleasure to report our president, Jim Vaughters, Aurora Colo., fully recovered from his ruptured appendix, and working hard on the backlog in his law office. A communique from Jim will be forthcoming nearer reunion time.

With pardonable pride, we present the youngest member of the family association, Margaret Gayle Wicker, born December 18, 1979 at Goldsboro, N.C. to Roger and Gayle Wicker. Margaret's arrival promoted your editor and husband Fred to the happy estate of grandparenthood. Margaret has already evidenced an interest in the Vawters and asked to be registered for the reunion in June along with her parents.

On a hasty trip to N.C. to meet the new granddaughter, the Wickers stopped for the night in Augusta, Ga. A cursory check of the telephone directory revealed the name of William Vawter, 213 W. Buena Vista, N. Augusta, S.C. Lateness of the hour prevented contacting this new Vawter, but he will receive a complimentary copy of the newsletter with the hope that he will make his family line known to us.

Since the last newsletter, a number of newcomers have joined our mailing list: Richard Woods Vawter, 211 East 18 St., N.Y., N.Y. 10003, whose name was submitted by Bruce Vawter of Chicago, has sent in his subscription and requested copies of the back issues of VVVNL. His line is Philemon, Jesse, Jamison, as set out in pp. 313-18 of Bicknell. Richard's family has already made reservation's for the reunion. We look forward to meeting them in June.

Rupert E. Pike, 804 E. Church St., Booneville, Ms. 38829, whose line traces from the marriage of Mary Jane Vawter (dau. of John Vawter, IV) to James Tilford Pike. Rupert's daughter, Brenda Pike Scott, was already on our mailing list.

From Manassa, Colorado we have Faye Fitzhugh Bagwell, whose line is David-Philemon-Elliott, as set out on pp. 268-276 of Bicknell. Mrs. Bill Mack Vawter had told Faye about the family organization.

Robert H. Dart, 1512 Capistrano Ave., Glendale, Calif. 91208, is a descendant of Robert Newton Vawter, son of Lorenzo Dow Vawter and Elizabeth Dawson. He grew up in the vicinity of Yuma Valley Arizona, near the Mexican border. His family may be responsible for some of the heretofore unidentified Arizona Vawters who have been turned in to the newsletter.

Anne Rubendall, 158 Nichols Drive, Sycamore, Ill. 60178, requests help with James Vawter, b. 1802 in Va., found in Rockingham County in 1850. She descends from his daughter, Margaret, who married William Monger.

Issue No. 7 of the newsletter, page 3, under miscellaneous queries, was a request for help on the line of John Wesley Vawter, b. 1822 in Va., died 1887 in Iowa. His descendant, Sue Curtis, 6516 Chaffee Rd., # 133, Des Moines, Iowa 50315, continues to face a stone wall. Any help for Sue?

NOTE: Family dues of \$5.00 for 1980 are payable at this time. A number of our group have overlooked this matter.

It is a joy to be able to place lost members of the family with their proper clan. Such was the case with Roberta Vawter Meek, 20025 106th Dr., Sun City, Ariz. 85373, whose oldest known ancestor was Robert Washington Vawter, b. May 4, 1832 in Ky. Our very able Treasurer and Statistician, Hazel McCandless, quickly placed Roberta in the camp of the sisters, Lorene Vawter Dennis and Lucene Vawter Dennis of Colo.

A real brain-teaser arrived in the mail very recently with a letter and check from Joseph H. Chaille, 2100 Sans Souci Blvd., Apt. 1406, N. Miami, Fla. 33181, saying only that Col. James Corbitt had told him about the family organization and the newsletter. A quick check of Bicknell revealed that Ann Stribling, granddaughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Watts) Vawter, married Joseph Chaille May 8, 1839 in Ky., and they had a number of descendants. We welcome a representative from this clan.

Cousin Eloise Wicker Knight of Pinehurst, N.C., who had previously discovered Virginia Vawter Groseclose for us, checked the index of her OMOHUNDRO GENEALOGICAL RECORD and came up these items: (1) Fannie Vawter md. Wm. Hiram Hudson, Sr. (probably ca. 1820), and (2) Malinda Vawter md. Wm. Hudson, Jr. (one of his 3 wives; no approx, date). The families were reportedly in Fluvana Co., Va. in the early 1800's, nothing definite known after that. Bicknell was no help on this puzzle. We welcome help on this one. The descendants of John IV have only a Family Bible reference of Malinda Vawter born Oct. 27, 1812 and would happily consent to the Hudson marriage if only a tiny bit of proof could be offered. You may recall that John IV (VVNL No. 7, p. 4) may have had as many as 12 daughters, many of whom died young.

From our capable Circulation Editor, Beth Vawter Sabel, comes report of the death of Mrs. Frank Vaughter of Hyde Park (Los Angeles), Calif. It has not been determined who this lady was. Almost forgot to mention that the date was Nov. 1979.

The surname "Votaw" has been mentioned several times recently. For those of us who speak "Southern", emphasis on the first syllable produces a name not unlike Vawter. It would be interesting to know the history of the name Votaw.

Census records are invaluable in tracing the paths of ancestors, yet many of the V/V/V must have equated the census taker with the tax collector, and successfully evaded him. Cases in point are:

The family of Asa S. Vawter was in Lowndes Co., Ms. in 1850, and in Tunica Co., Ms. in 1870; cannot be located in 1860. Jimmy Vaughters of Memphis would give a nickel to know the family whereabouts in between.

Anderson B. Reid and wife Matilda (Vawter) patented land in Tishomingo Co., Ms. in 1845 and 1847, Deed Bk. "X", p. 368-9, yet they have yet to be located in the census while Anderson Reid was alive. Matilda can be located in the census in 1870 and 1880. Clifton B. Reid of Iuka, Ms. would also give a nickel to know how this happened.

Hubert Vawter and Alma Vawter Allen of Hot Springs would probably give fifteen cents to know the whereabouts of their ancestor, James Newton Vawter, in 1870 and 1880. Add another fifteen cents from Silas Vawter for the whereabouts of Alleganey Vawter in 1870. James Newton was the son of Alleganey and it is possible they were together; also likely they were in North Texas.

Even with inflation, Keith Pike will pay one dollar to know the whereabouts of John Vawter IV in 1860. John was last spotted in the 1850 census of Marion Co., Ala., age given as 70, along with his third wife, Peachy, age 42.

Mrs. Frances Tiller of Carthage, Tx. (VVNL #6, p.2) writes of her great grandmother, Nancy Reicroft Weir Vawter, who was half Cherokee. The daughter of Caswell Reicroft, she was born 1833 in Tn. and survived the Cherokee's "Trail of Tears" in 1838 from the Smoky Mtns. of Tn. to Indian Territory. Mrs. Tiller would welcome information on the Reicroft (Raycroft) family.

Many of the Vawters have recently received a letter from Beatrice Bayley, Sterling, Pa. offering her book on the "rare and distinct Vawter family" for only \$19.85. Beatrice writes that she is a retired school teacher and lives on a small farm with her husband John; that she is interested in helping families keep their identity. The book offers a nationwide Vawter directory, plus information on how to search for ancestors, the history of heraldry, etc. As commentator Paul Harvey would say, "and now page 2..."

Several weeks ago your editor, whose maiden name was Threadgill, received an identical letter from Beatrice Bayley offering her book on the "rare and distinct Threadgill family". Having been somewhat unwittingly commissioned to write a book on the "rare and distinct Threadgill family" some years ago, and being the custodian of a trunk-load of assorted notes, your editor was overjoyed to learn that someone else was undertaking the task; but deemed it the "cousinly" gesture to call and offer to share with Beatrice any gems she might care to use. The first blow came when the phone was answered by a cool, detached secretary. Somehow it had seemed that Beatrice would answer the phone herself, albeit a bit breathless from running in from the chicken house. The second blow came when said cool secretary could not understand the Threadgill name until it was pronounced and spelled several times; but never mind, maybe her hearing is bad. The crowning blow was that Mrs. Bayley did not accept phone calls and would not be interested in collaborating on any family history - far too busy for that. Page 3.

It would appear that Mrs. Bayley is in the wholesale business of helping rare and distinct families find their identity. If you always wanted a nationwide directory of Vawters who have telephones or utilities (for sending out Christmas cards and invitations to the daughter's wedding), then the book is just what you need. It will be interesting to see how her list compares with the one amassed by Beth Sabel. Meanwhile Paul Vaughter, Jr. and his committee will need to continue with plans for putting together the comprehensive history of the Vawter, Vaughter, Vauter, Votter, Votaw(?) family, and your editor is still searching for someone to put together the rare and distinct Threadgills.

If someone who ordered the Bayley book will report on the number of spellings of the Vawter name mentioned, it will be noted in the next newsletter. The editor has, alas, squandered all her mad money on a phone call to Pennsylvania.

THE REUNION: Reservations should be made immediately with the motel. L.G. "Bill" Vawter should be informed as to the number who will expect to eat meals with the collective group; also, he needs to know if you will be flying to Washington and will want to go on to Port Royal by chartered bus or van.

Remember the donation to the Vauter's Church fund.

"A people which takes no pride in noble achievements of remote ancestors, will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."
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"People who do not pay dues to family organization will shortly be dropped from newsletter mailing list". Vawter



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BULLETIN:

FREDERICKSBURG, VA. (VVVP) - Picturesque Port Royal, Va. is reported bracing itself for an influx June 20-23 which could double the population of this tidewater hamlet. The occasion is the gathering of the Third Annual Reunion of the *Vawter/Vauter/ Vaughter(s)* Family Association, a group which claims descent from Bartholomew Vawter, 17th Century merchant and plantation owner of Essex County.

Jim Vaughters, attorney, of Denver, Colo., President and spokesman of the 250-member group, announced the selection of this meeting place because of its proximity to Vauter's Episcopal Church, 9 miles South of Port Royal on Route 17. The Church, alleged to have been built in 1731 by Edward Vawter, son of Bartholomew Vawter, is said to be situated on part of the old Vawter plantation.

The Rev. Ralph Fall, Pastor of Vauter's Church, expressed delight that the family organization chose to meet in this area. He acknowledged that he had been made an honorary member of the family group, and had been invited to speak at the Friday evening session. The Rev. Fall expects all pews at Vauter's to be filled on Sunday, June 23, when the group comes together for 10:30 Worship Service, during which the Ordinance of Baptism will be administered to young Jim Miller of Kenedy, Tx., a 9th generation descendant of Edward Vawter, the builder.

H.W. Patton, manager of Brown Motel, Port Royal, reports advance reservations for the 3-day event are nearing capacity, with guests expected from Mexico to Oregon and from Minnesota to Florida.

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And that's the way it reads as VVVNL No. 10 goes to press. President Jim Vaughters will mail his own letter out presently which will give the schedule and details of the meetings. It promises to be a memorable occasion.

Mention was made earlier of a love gift to be presented the Church by the family association. Approximately \$600 has been received to date in cash and pledges for this gift, which will be selected by Ted Vawter and Ralph Fall. Announcement will be made in the September newsletter of the total amount received and the gift chosen. Time still remains for other family members to have a part in this gift. At this date, checks should be mailed directly to Rev. Ralph Fall, Port Royal, Va.22535, to assure being included. Your editor suggests that \$1000 would be a respectable gift to the Church which has served to perpetuate the family's identity.

IN MEMORIAM: This issue of the newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Henry Alexander Vawter, III, 217 Mtnview. Blvd., Maryville, Tn. 37801, who died on February 24, 1980. Longtime Vawter researchers are aware of the enthusiasm which Mr. Vawter had for family research. He had compiled a comprehensive history of the line of William Vawter, son of Edward, the builder, and was making plans to attend the reunion at Port Royal in June. This writer became acquainted with Mr. Vawter through telephone and correspondence in the early days of the newsletter. He was generous with his encouragement and with monetary donations in the days before dues were assessed. Our sincere sympathy goes to his widow, Mrs. Margaret Montgomery Vawter, and to their three surviving daughters.

Sympathy is also extended to Sally Vawter (Mrs. L.G. "Bill") in the death of her mother in Houston on March 29, 1980.

Our Vice President, Marvin Vawter, Kansas City, Mo. sends distressing news of the health complications of his wife, Bess, following a heart attack and open heart surgery last Fall. Bess is slowly recovering, but it is doubtful they will be able to attend the reunion in June. Whether or not the VVV can have a reunion without the presence of Marv and Bess remains to be seen. It won't be the same. Our prayers and good wishes go to Bess during her recovery period.

In VVVNL No. 9, p. 3, para. 10, it was advertised that Keith Pike would pay one dollar to know the whereabouts of John Vawter IV in 1860. Like a good sport, Keith has forwarded his earnest money to the Treasurer and is waiting for results. So far, no takers. It is entirely possible John Vawter may have passed into the world beyond by 1860, therefore proof of the whereabouts of his widow, Peachie Vawter, living without him, will entitle the bearer to the prize money. Peachie Vawter remarried in 1866, according to the records of Tish. Co., Ms., so she has to be somewhere in 1860.

Rev. E.M. Sharp of Memphis, one of the VVV in-laws, has astutely located Fredrick Vawter King, Jr. for the newsletter. In correspondence with Mr. King on their Sims line, Bro. Sharp noticed the middle name Vawter; made inquiry, and learned that he descends from James Vawter/Vaughter, Franklin Co., Ga., ca. 1810. Mr. King has already sent his \$5.00 membership dues. A special welcome to Cousin Fredrick, whose address is 3941 Arborway, Charlotte, N.C. 28211.

From P.O. Box 65; Marrowbone, Ky. comes a letter from Mrs. Effie G. Wilson, who would like to correspond with anyone who descends from her ancestor, Joseph Early Vawter, who came to Monroe Co., Ky. ca. 1823.

One of the nicest gestures to reach the editor's desk recently came from Donald D. Ritchie, 49 Claremont Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10027, whose wife, Nancy Vawter Ritchie, died Jan. 19, 1980 (VVVNL No. 9, p. 2, para. 1). Mr. Ritchie offered to the VVV Association a copy of James Whitcomb Riley's Farm Rhymes, illustrated by Will Vawter, 1921 reprint of the 1883 edition; and a metal, enameled sign, Valletort Place, which he had rescued from a rubble of bombed-out Plymouth, England during WW II; stating that he felt they should be in the possession of someone named Vawter. President Jim Vaughters lost no time in contacting Mr. Ritchie and claiming these mementoes for the family association. These items will become the first in the anticipated "Vawter Collection", to be shepherded by Historian/Archivist Paul Vaughter, Jr.

While on the subject of collections, it should be pointed out that the collection of individual VVV family histories, requested by Book Committee Chairman, Shirley Byler, to be mailed to Paul Vaughter, Jr., have failed to materialize during the past year. This due to a breakdown in communication between the members of the Book Committee (VVVNL No. 8, p. 2, para. 2), for which this writer asks forgiveness from Shirley in behalf of all the members of the committee. At the committee meeting in Virginia, strict attention will be paid to commitments, and concrete plans and directives for publication of the new Vawter Family History will appear in the next newsletter.

E.B. Vaughters of Seattle, and President Jim Vaughters of Colorado have reported on finding a Bartholomew Vawter in Craven Co., S.C. in 1762 and 1770; in 1790 Cornelius Vawter was in the Camden District of Richland Co., S.C., with 2 white males 16 and over and 8 females; Cornelius Vawter probably a son of Bartholomew and named for his great grandfather, Cornelius Noell. QUESTION. What became of this branch of the family? Why have they not turned up in the past few years of concentrated search? Do some of the Georgia Vawters designated to John Vawter III of Elbert Co. really belong in the camp of Cornelius? And what about Wharton Vawter, the Rev. soldier? The unanswered questions abound.

The Augusta, Ga. Vawters (VVVNL No. 9, p. 2, para. 5) have been identified by Shirley Hoggard as being of the family of her uncle, William Vawter (1886-1958), roots in Rutherford Co., Tn. This family mentioned in VVVNL No. 8, p. 4, para. 1.

In March 1980, Bonita Welch, R.R. 1, Box 227, Sciopio, Ind. 47273 wrote asking info on the Vawter Reunion. She having learned of the reunion from the Hoosier Journal of Ancestry. A word of thanks to the mysterious person who had the item placed in the Hoosier Journal. A special welcome to Bonita. If she will submit her lineage, it will be published in the next VVVNL.

Sometime ago L.G. (Bill) Vawter, 3019 Conway St., Houston, Tx.77025 received a request for information on John Vawter of Hillsboro, Ill., who married Claudine Christy_Fowler, probably in the early 1900's. They had at least one son, Monroe Vawter. Can this family be identified?

Not to be outdone, Bill's twin sister, Hazel McCandless, presents this query. Who was Richard B. Vawter, who applied for a Confederate pension from Lamar Co., Tx. in 1877? Is he the same Richard B. Vawter shown in 1880 Census of Collins Co., Tx., age 52, b. Va., with wife Martha A., 46, b. Va., and children Wm. W., Eliz. C., Sidneyham, Mary, Martha, and Marcellus, ages from 21 to 10, all born in Tn.?

Also among the unanswered queries is one received by Silas M. Vawter, 3212 Eastman Drive, Ok. City, Ok. 73112 asking for help on Hiram Vawter who brought his family from Va. to Grant Co., Ky. ca. 1834. Known children of Hiram Vawter were: Albert H., b. 1821; John W., b. 1823; Robert W., b. 1835 (25?); Jubel, b. 1837 (27?); and Virginia Madison, b. 1830. Possibly three other daughters.

From Vernon Vawter, Royal, Ark. comes this quote as printed in DEAR ABBY, "Don't go looking for your roots unless you're prepared to dig up a lot of dirt". According to Vernon, when he ventured over on the other side of Brady Mtn. tracing his ancestors, he found quite a lot of dirt.

L.G.(Bill) Vawter of Houston, Tx. has served as general dispatch agent and clearing house for the reunion data and deserves a vote of thanks from the family association. Bill and Sally, along with sisters, Hazel McCandless and Louise Vanover, plan to spend Tues. & Wed. following the reunion in Washington doing some sight-seeing; their reservations are at the Days Inn on S. Bragg St., in Alexandria. The Wickers likewise will be spending a couple of days in Alexandria visiting son Roger, and taking in the sights. If others of the reunion group would care to come along, they will be most welcome. Bill says we can take advantage of Gray Line Tours, or whatever. If enough of the VVV descend en masse on the city, we might provide another one of the sights.

Regarding the article on p. 4 of VVVNL No. 9 on Beatrice Bayley: "Dear Virginia: It true that there is a Santa Claus, and there are rare and distinct families, but there is no Beatrice Bayley. Beatrice Bayley is a fictitious name, a company, just like Sara Lee." (Editor's Notes: No wonder she wouldn't accept my phone call.) At the time your fearless editor wrote the first article, it was as a voice crying in the wilderness yet fully aware of the laws concerning libel. A few days later a Washington Post Service broke the story. Beatrice had made the mistake of mailing one of her wholesale offers to a lawyer in the consumer protection division of the U.S. Postal Service having the rare and distinct name of Ziebarth; likewise to a retired assistant general counsel to the Postal Service by the rare and distinct name of DeLorenzo. The postal service having already gotten numerous complaints about the books, these two gentlemen blew the whistle on the operation. It is not known what the outcome of the probe will be, but it's safe to assume that Beatrice Bayley will not be elected Woman of the Year by the Association of Certified Genealogists.

A final plea for the Vawter Church Fund. Your editor is going to think \$1000 very strongly until reunion time and trust the VVV to respond. Mail checks from this date on to Rev. Ralph Fall, Port Royal, Va. 22535. Few families can boast a 250-year old Church bearing the family name.

Have a pleasant summer.

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It came to pass in those days that a decree went out from the West from Augustus James that in the sixth month the Vawters should Journey to the principality of Essex in the Commonwealth of Virginia to take account unto their ancestors.

And so it was in the sixth month that, by whatever name, those of the house and lineage of Vawter did travel to the Rappahannock, even unto the Church of Vauter in the principality of Essex, there to take account unto their fathers. And they looked upon the Church, and upon the river, and upon the countryside and did ask themselves privily how their fathers could have left these shores and traveled unto Mississippi, and Texas, and Oregon to make other homes for themselves.

And so it was that the local citizenry did marvel at these Vawters who had come from afar. And they did open their homes and their hearts to the Vawters, and did prepare for them a table laden with good things. And lo the Vawters did partake of all that was offered them, yea, even to excess.

And Augustus James decreed an offering to be taken for the Church of Vauter, and when it was counted, lo, the total was more than \$1800.00. And Augustus Ralph, of the Church of Vauter, did thank the Vawters for their generous gift. And Augustus Ralph did tell them many wondrous deeds done of yore by their fathers, and the Vawters smiled one to another for it pleased them to hear these things.

But one day Augustus Ralph did become vexed with the Vawters for they lingered long at the table, and rested long upon their couches, and verily were late at the meeting place. And Augustus Ralph sayeth unto the Vawters that tardiness is an abomination. And the Vawters answered not, for they were sore ashamed.

Then another day did Augustus Ralph linger long at his table and rest long upon his couch, and the Vawters did wait for him, and a young Vawter was sent to fetch him. And when he was come, the Vawters sayeth unto Augustus Ralph, behold thou has been so long with us that thou hast become no better than a Vawter. And Augustus Ralph answered not for he was sore ashamed.

When the days of accounting were at end, the Vawters returned, everyone to his own place, traveling a different way than which they came. Augustus James returned also unto the West, taking with him his young son, Augustus Jonathan. And the Vawters murmured among themselves as to why Augustus Jonathan had come

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to the accounting rather than Canine Commodore (knowing not that Canine Commodore had refused to fly). And the Vawters said one to another that it was good to bring Augustus Jonathan for he is more comely and did not frighten the maids, as did Canine Commodore.

And so it was that 87 souls were accounted at the Church of Vauter in the principality of Essex, in the sixth month.

The V/V/V Reunion of 1980 will be remembered long by all who attended. Missing were the familiar faces of Marv and Bess Vawter; Shirley and Roger Byler; Bettie and Mark Nash; Betsy and Jim Miller; all forced to cancel because of family illness. Missing also were the Paul Vaughters, Jr. & Sr., as well as the Silas Vawters, all away on one of their missionary journeys perhaps. Missing were the Bill Wileys, along with his potables, and the Ray Murrays, along with their handy van. Likewise, a number of others.

New faces were Betty Corbitt Callis and son Stan; Jonathan Vaughters; Esther Barker Vawter and Lorene Graham, more about them later in connection with the newsletter staff; Virginia Vawter Groseclose and brother, Jas. H. Vawter; Roberta Vawter Meek, with husband Louis and son, Jim; Celeste Vawter Fonda with husband Vernon, and daughter, Erika; Tillie Vawter (mother of Celeste) with other daughter, Shelly Vawter Booth and husband, John; and Tillie's son, Ron Vawter, all these of the family of Vernon Vawter; E.B. Vaughters and wife, Adele; Edna Reynolds and husband, Walter, more about Edna later; our honorary Vawter, Ralph Fall; the brothers, Hal, and Jack Chaille; Virginia Scholz, with family Herb, Charlotte and Trey, Barbara and Bob McLelland, Wanda and Bill Chritton; Beverly Vawter Gallegos of N.Y. City; Patricia Vawter Klein of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Roger and Gayle Wicker and Margaret Gayle of Alexandria, Va.; Katherine Klein of Kalamazoo; Clara Vawter James of Media, Pa. with daughter, Ann Raack Dome and husband, Christopher; Rosemary Vawter Raysor, Charles, Chuck and Samantha of Townsend, Del.; Robt. L. Vawter, II, Mary Louise and Robert, III, of Middletown, Del.; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Alexander Vawter of Flint Hill, Va.; John and Mary Winningham, of Chevy Chase, Md.; Helen Dart Johnson and husband, Homer; John and Dorothy Martin and Mary, of Alexandria; Pat Vaughters Herndon, Glenn, Beth and Lynn, enroute to their new home in Tampa, Fla.

The family association groweth.

Business session: Dues to continue at \$5.00 Per year, payable at the close of the reunion. The option of Sustaining Member be accorded those who wish to pay \$15.00 or more per year; names of these to be published once a year. Waiver of payment of dues to those 80 and above, who request same.

Newsletter to publish three times a year, with the continued assistance of Beth Sabel in Portland; and the added assistance of Esther Vawter in Sacramento and Lorene Graham in Westminster, Colo. Esther will provide new ideas and a fresh touch to the newsletter, and Lorene will handle the exchange feature of the newsletter with other family and genealogical publications. Your editor, Wordna, to struggle along as best she can.

REFLECTIONS BY A NON-VAWTER AT THE FAMILY REUNION or AN IN-LAW AMONG THE OUTLAWS by Esther Barker Vawter (Mrs. Virgil D.) in California:

Was this your first VVV Reunion? It was mine. Were you one who had married into the Vawter family? I was. Did you leave your spouse at home while you attended his family reunion? I did. What would it be like to arrive at the VVV Reunion for the first time all by myself? I now know.

In May I embarked on my genealogy dream trip which lasted six weeks and covered six states. It was all planned to end at the VVV Reunion - unless I got cold feet. As I pulled into Brown Motel in the late afternoon, I was warmly greeted by Col. James Corbitt. What luck to meet another non-Vawter first off. Oops! First mistake. Jim Corbitt is not a non-Vawter; Vawter blood has flowed in Corbitt veins for 150 years; 5 pages in Bicknell are devoted to Corbitts. Pardon me!

Notwithstanding my first goof, I managed to locate my sister-in-law, Beth Sabel, and things settled down. I was invited to sit in on a committee meeting and began to feel very much at home. The tours and lectures by Rev. Ralph Fall helped to bring history alive. The tour of the three old homes was a trip back in time. When our guide at Brooke's Bank told of the Yankee gun-boats firing on the stately old mansion during the Civil War, I faked a southern accent and pretended Indiana was located on the Gulf of Mexico. I was learning.

The Vawters took me in, and at the end of three days I felt like one of them. Found myself on the newsletter committee, so will be speaking to you on these pages throughout the year. A big item of business at the reunion was the choice of a place and time for the 1981 reunion. It will be at the Downtowner Motel in Hot Springs, Ark. on August 7, 8, & 9. The phone number for reservations is (501) 624-5521. More detailed information later.

The 1982 Reunion is scheduled to meet in Indiana, at the request of Edna Reynolds, who with her husband Walter, were at Port Royal in June. All who have read the Vawter history by Grace Vawter Bicknell know that Indiana has long been a Vawter stronghold. Edna Reynolds and her cousin, Vera Wheatley, are responsible for the reprint and update of the Bicknell Bible. (VVNL No 5, p. 4)

The Mississippi Vawters have extended an invitation for the reunion in 1983, or 1984, or at such time as the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway is completed. This waterway flows through the part of Old Tishomingo Co., Ms. that was once the domain of John Vawter IV (VVNL No. 7, p. 4) and when completed, will give full access to the old Vawter lands.

Officers: The present slate of officers was retained with the exception of V.P. Marvin Vawter, who asked to be relieved. He was replaced by Robert (Pete) Vawter of Milan, Tn. It was stipulated that effective this year, the office of President and Vice President would be limited to a 2-year term, elected each year.

The Vawter Collection: The book of Farm Rhymes, illustrated by Will Vawter; and the metal sign, Valletort Place, (VVVNL no. 10, p. 2) donated by Donald Ritchie in memory of his wife, Nancy Vawter Ritchie, found their way to the reunion by Pete and Norma Vawter. Added to the collection were a number of old newspaper articles on Will Vawter; a gavel donated by Lemuel Burrow of Jacksonville, Fla.; and the hand-painted cowbell done by Vernon and Traudl Vawter. The most recent addition was a hand-painted commemorative plaque presented the family association by Mrs. Ralph Fall at the reunion in June.

In Requiem: It is with sadness that we report the loss of yet another Vawter researcher. W.T. Vawter, 702 Wigley St., Mineola, Tx. 75773, died September 6, 1980 following a long bout with cancer. The 1980 Reunion at Port Royal was dedicated to Mr. Vawter as a tribute to his work on Vawter research. He sent his own personal message of appreciation to the family association, which was read at the reunion by President Jim Vaughters. The association expresses its sincere sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Ida Vawter, and to their children.

A HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENT: At the reunion it was apparent that Vernon and Celeste (Vawter) Fonda were anticipating an addition to their family. The young man arrived on Oct. 13, 1980, weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. He has been named Vernon Vawter Fonda; for his father (of course) and for his favorite uncle, Vernon Vawter of Royal, Ark. Congratulations to the proud parents; to sister, Erika; and to Grandma Tillie.

ANOTHER HONOR FOR VERNON: While at the reunion in June, back on the home front at Hot Springs, Vernon Vawter and wife, Traudl, were named "Artists of the Month" by the Traditional Art Guild. Traudl, who stayed home to mind the farm, accepted the honor for both of them. The VVV were privileged to see some of this art during the 1978 reunion at Brady Mountain.

LOST: Paul Eugene Vaughter, born Feb. 13, 1926, served in U.S. Navy in WW II, originally from Alamosa Calif. There is no fortune involved, but an old navy friend, Homer F. Swepston, would like to contact him. The request was made by Mr. Swepston's daughter, Debra Kirk, 1743 S 140th East Ave., Tulsa, Ok. 74108.

ANOTHER DAUGHTER FOR JOHN VAWTER: John Vawter IV (VVNL No. 7, p. 4) was known have had a daughter named Malinda from an item in the Family Bible of Mrs. Willard Robinson Nixon of Iuka, Ms. which gave her birth date as Oct. 27, 1812. Nothing more was known about her until very recently when a letter arrived from Granville Allen, 2213 LaSalle Rd., Huntsville, Ala. 35810, claiming to be her great grandson through her marriage to Robert Burr Allen. It's a pleasure to clear up this part of the John Vawter puzzle, and to welcome Cousin Granville to the family.

THIS AND THAT: Many new names have been added to the family association recently and at this point, this writer does not know the exact number. A full report will be given on membership in the next issue. A number of news items have been received which could not be included in this issue. They will be used at a later date. Items for print in the newsletter are always welcome.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE FAMILY ASSOCIATION!

Regarding the offering for Vawter Church (VVVNL No. 10, p. 1 and 4) Your editor challenged the family association to give \$1000 to the Church at the time of the reunion, and resolved to "think \$1000" until reunion time. When the offering was counted, it approximated \$1800. The editor now regrets not having thought \$2000. Perhaps there are those who have not yet made their love gift to the Church which bears the family name. A Christmas gift to the Church at this time would be completely in order.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After 300 years of working, raising families, spreading out all over the country, and being involved in all the historical events of this country, the V/V/V clan finally came home. The Reunion at the Vauter's Church in Essex County, Virginia, in June, 1980, a dream for years, became a reality. The event that occurred is the highlight of the young organization. It will forever be remembered, talked about, and written of as a historic occasion.

The business meeting the first night helped us to focus our efforts and define our purposes. The visit to the church the second afternoon ended with a trip to the land where the first Vawter plantation was, along Blackburn's Creek. What a feeling to stand on the ground that our ancestors broke and farmed long ago! The talk given by Rev. Ralph Fall that night at the church covered some of the history of the church and had a significant surprise - the 1739 Bible and the 1724 communion silver were on display. The third day included tours of the historic town of Port Royal and mansions of Camden, Brooke's Bank and Elmwood. The roundtable that night was a good way to get to know more cousins. The church service on the fourth day was a moving experience, followed by the social hour and the photographs. We had to leave on the fifth day, but it was a wonderful trip in all respects.

Many thanks are in order - to Rev. Fall for his planning and participation, to the members of the church for hosting us, to Betsy Miller and her committee for a year of work, and to the almost hundred members who came.

We had set a goal of \$1,000.00 as a gift to the church. By the time we collected all the checks from the people at the reunion, the members who sent money even though they were not able to attend, and the Association treasury, the total was \$1,740.00. What a wonderful tribute to the important historical and spiritual missions of the church! "Thank you" to the entire membership.

Several significant tangible items became part of our organization. A president's gavel was sent by Dr. Lemuel M. Burrow of Jacksonville, Florida. Now I have both a cowbell and a gavel to call meetings to order! Donald D. Ritchie of New York City sent two priceless items - a street sign marked "Valletort Place" from the bombed-out part of Plymouth, England, and a copy of James Whitcomb Riley's Farm Rhymes, illustrated by Will Vawter. Many thanks to both of you.

We missed some key people who have helped make the organization a going concern but who missed the reunion for health reasons. Betsy Miller, her parents, Mark and Betty Nash, Roger and Shirley Byler, Marv and Bess Vawter, and Paul

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Vaughter (Sr. and Jr.) are invaluable. But we picked up some great additions. The Virginia aristocracy and the Eastern dignity were clearly present in our members from places such as Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York. Thanks to Mary Winningham, Clara James, Betty Gallegos, and a host of other "locals".

The committees did an outstanding job on the work of the Association. The Membership and Newsletter Committee, headed by Beth Sabel, is keeping the mailing list current, as shown by the mailing of this letter. The Book Committee, chaired by E. B. Vaughters, continues to collect information but wants to re-evaluate the possibility of writing a book three years from now. The Nominating Committee, headed by Bob Vawter, railroaded through the same officers, with one exception - Pete is the new Vice-President.

Pete chaired the 1981 Reunion Committee, which chose the weekend of August 7 - 9 in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for this year's meeting. He has already put much work into the planning. Details will be forthcoming shortly.

We have lost an important member recently. W. T. Vawter of Mineola, Texas, to whom we dedicated the 1980 reunion at the church, passed away in the fall. He was a pioneer in the family history long before the organization was even thought of. A person of his calibre simply cannot be replaced.

Finally, one item of genealogy. J. R. Greene, Post Office Box 973, Cartersville, Georgia 30120, has located a copy of the Will of Jane Vaughter. She was the wife of James, who died shortly after the family moved from Franklin County to Cherokee lands in north Georgia in the 1830's. She kept the family together for almost 50 years after that. I will send copies to anyone who asks.

Keep up the good work. Long live V/V/V!

Sincerely,

James C. Vaughters

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This being Issue No. 12 of the Newsletter, a STATE OF THE FAMILY message seems in order.

The Vawter/Vaughter Family Association came into being July 30, 1977 at Lake Murry Lodge, Oklahoma in the presence of 55 beaming family members, and a slightly skeptical hotel staff. The blessed event warranted publicity and your editor, being the only one present with notebook and thereby deemed to be literate, was commissioned to draft an announcement which would go out to the then-known Vawter/Vaughter world. Amid a wave of wild abandon, an offering of \$25.43 was collected to defray the expense. And so it was that the family association and the newsletter were born.

The first newsletter went out to some 50 households in 6 states. The results were phenomenal. Each V/V knew another one, and the word spread. The first nationwide reunion, held at Brady Mountain, Arkansas in August 1978, brought 100 V/V from 12 states. The \$25.43 multiplied itself like the proverbial loaves and fishes, and finances were never a problem. By the date of the second reunion, held at Lake Murry in 1979, the newsletter circulation had reached 174, going into 24 states, Mexico, and Belgium.

For the third reunion, the clan gathered in June 1980 at Vauter's Church, Port Royal, Virginia, the family shrine. In anticipation of this pilgrimage, it was decided to add the spelling "Vauter" to the official name of the family association. This, notwithstanding the fact that the Church, built in 1731 by Edward Vawter, carries its name in error. The newsletter circulation had reached 220 by the 1980 reunion.

As of April, 1981, newsletter circulation (and family membership) had reached 250, extending to 37 states, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Belgium, and Saudi Arabia. Attention is focused on the fourth reunion scheduled for Hot Springs, Arkansas August 7, 8, & 9. The family is looking ahead toward the fifth reunion, scheduled for 1982 in the Vawter stronghold of Indiana. The family now boasts a healthy bank account, as a result of dues of \$5.00 per member levied each year; and there is a long-range plan for up-dating the Vawter family history, published in 1905 by Grace Vawter Bicknell.

DIAGNOSIS: The state of the family is sound.

1981 Reunion: Reservations should be made immediately at the Downtowner Motor Inn, 135 Central Ave., Hot Springs, Ark. for August 7, 8 & 9. Collect calls for reservations will be accepted. Call (501)624-5521. Tourist information will be mailed shortly, courtesy of the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, with the assistance of Alma Vawter Allen and Roy Hays in hand-addressing 250 postage labels.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY: Sandra V. Robinson, Rt. I, Box 132, Atwood, Tn. 38220, kinswoman of Vice President Robert (Pete) Vawter, Milan, Tn.

James Richard Greene, P.O. Box 973, Cartersville, Ga. 30120, descendant of James and Jane Vaughters. He has recently provided the family association with a copy of the Will of Jane Vaughters, written in Lumpkin Co., Ga. in 1857, and probated in Dawson Co., Ga.(created from Lumpkin Co.) in 1884. The will gives a fascinating account of that family's history.

Mrs. Robert R. Moore, 211E. Third St., Keene, Tx. 76059, whose husband's great grandfather was Richard David Mullins, who married Sarah E. Vaughter 11 Oct.,1855; Sarah's sister, Mary Jane, married John D. Leach, who is also related to Mr. Moore. The mystery is compounded by the marriage of Oscar Lee Vawter to Willie Annie Brooks, yet another kinswoman of Mr. Moore. All of these from the area of Carroll Co., Tn. Help will be appreciated in spotting these three on the family tree.

Mr. & Mrs. Orman Baker, 1111 Misty Glen Lane, Dallas, Tx, 75232, whose lineage was not supplied the editor. Proper identification will be given later.

Mr. & Mrs. John C. Carmack, 400 North Oak, Ponca City, Okla. 74601; he descending from the marriage of Matilda Vawter to Anderson B. Reid 24 Feb. 1840 in Tishomingo Co., Ms. (Further reference to this family in VVVL No. 9, P. 3)

Jerry D. Young 14560 Mondoubleau Lane, Florissant, Mo. 63034, who claims near Vawter kinship. He descends from the marriage of Memory F. Mabry to Sarah Anna Mitchell of Franklin Co., Ga.; Memory Mabry having been first married to Lucinda Vaughters, daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth (Glenn) Vaughters. Jerry will be happy to supply information on the descendants of Lucinda Vaughters Mabry to anyone interested in that line.

From James C. Read, Pres. Harp & Thistle, Ltd., Post Office Box 2072, Warner Robbins, Ga. 31099 comes the word that a number of Vawters are named in his LOVING FAMILY IN AMERICA, which sells for \$33.00, postage included. He is currently putting together a COMPENDIUM OF FAMILY NAMES, which will cover the origin and derivations of American family names. The Compendium will sell for \$36.50, on advance orders. Mr. Read is still scratching his head as to the name "Votaw", and whether or not it is a derivative of Vawter. We await his verdict. Mr. Read also mentioned his Bourland Awards for the best family history published since July 1, 1978; \$500.00, first prize; \$200.00, second prize. Those interested should send SASE to Mr. Read for full details.

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The 1980 Christmas mail contained a handmade card from Wm. S. Vawter, Donna and Rafie, P.O. Box 10527, Riyadh, Saudi, Arabia. The editor's first knowledge that the newsletter coverage extended into Asia. The envelope netted a handsome stamp for the editor's collection - one of the bonuses of the newsletter.

WITH PARDONABLE PRIDE: Alma Vawter Allen of Hot Springs has forwarded a photo and clipping of her son, Ron Johnston, who won last season's Dramalogue Critics Award in Theatre for his "Merton of the Movies" performance. This clipping will take its place in the Vawter scrapbook being compiled by Ora Wicker. LIKEWISE, a photostatic copy of the Herbert Gordon May Award awarded to Bruce Vawter in November, 1980 by the Society of Biblical Literature for his outstanding contributions to the field of Biblical Studies through the editing of periodicals.

Tennessee Bible Records by Acklen, p. 256, lists the following from the Family Bible of Miss Fannie Blackman Batey, Rutherford Co.: Jackson Woods Smith, b. Feb. 5, 1848; died Feb. 17, 1906; married Mary Watkins Vawter. Thomas Everett Smith, b. Feb. 20, 1856, married Jennie Vawter. On p. 248 of the same volume, the identical information is listed again, except that the women's names are shown "Vorters". Identification of these names will be appreciated.

LOST AND FOUND In VVVNL no. 10, p. 3, para. 5 is found a query on John Vawter of Hillsboro, Ill., who married Claudine Fowler and had a son named Monroe Vawter. This family is listed on page 376 of the Vawter History by Grace Bicknell. It is continually amazing to witness the thoroughness of the Bicknell book, done in the days before microfilm and photocopies. It will be a challenge to the Family Association to seek to do as well when the Vawter Supplement is published.

Lest we give too much attention to South and Midwest, our West Coast correspondent and Associate Editor, Esther Vawter, has provided some gleanings from the History of Oregon, Vol. III, 1922, by Carey; and from the Medford, Oregon Mail Tribune, December 10, 1967, to-wit:

WILLIAM IRA VAWTER (1863-1916), son of Cyrus and Sarah A. (Finley) Vawter, (Bicknell p. 333) was born in Linn Co., Oregon, and married Etta M. Hill Feb. 10, 1889. A graduate of the University of Oregon, he taught school in Eugene, Oregon for a time. Later being admitted to the Bar, he moved to Medford in Jackson Co. where he practiced law and established the first bank in the county. He was Chairman of the County Republican Committee; a member of the school board; a one-term Mayor of Medford; served three terms in the Oregon Legislature; and served as Chairman of the Oregon-California Land Grant Commission. At the time of his death in 1916, he was being mentioned as a candidate for Congress. He was the father of two sons, William Ira Vawter, Jr. and Vernon Hill Vawter.

VERNON HILL VAWTER, son of Wm. Ira Vawter and Etta Hill, was born Nov. 13, 1890 in Medford, Oregon. After graduation from the University of Oregon, he became cashier and chief executive of the Jackson County Bank of Medford, of which his father was founder and president. He served on the public library board; was president of the Chamber of Commerce; Treasurer of the Elks Club of Medford; treasurer of the Big Bend Milling Company; and was on the committee for improving Crater Lake and Crater Lake National Park. He was the youngest member to serve on the Board of Regents of the State University. Though a member of the Republican Party, he steadily declined to become a candidate for office. In 1915, he was married to Miss Aletha Emerick of Boise, Idaho.

THE VAWTER MANSION OF MEDFORD, OREGON, built in 1905 by Wm. Ira Vawter was three stories, with a full basement; an outstanding example of Greek Revival Architecture, located on the corner of Holly and Main Streets. Following Mr. Vawter's death in 1916, Mrs. Vawter deemed it prudent to give up the mansion, and rented it to the Rogue Valley University Club of which her husband was a charter member. During the days of prohibition, the club offered benevolent shelter to ranchers and prominent men of the city. In 1933, the dwelling was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. I. Vawter, Jr., and operated for a time as the Colonial Club, where private dinner parties were held. Following this brief endeavor, the mansion was to become an apartment house, divided into four spacious apartments, until fire damaged the third floor in 1935. In 1941 the house was purchased from the heirs,

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and, in the interest of progress, slowly inched eight blocks to the corner of Holly and 8th Streets by horse and donkey; the move requiring some four weeks and being the subject of a daily commentary in the Mail Tribune. Following the move, the house was used as a dwelling until 1966, after which it was sold to new owners, and afterwards remained vacant. It has since been razed."

Our thanks to Esther Vawter for providing us with this insight into this branch of the Vawter family, plus the account of the Vawter mansion. If you felt a twinge of sorrow at the ignominious decline and death of the mansion, you are not alone. A photostatic copy of the feature section of the Medford Mail Tribune, December 10, 1967, showing pictures of the mansion, has been provided by the Southern Oregon Historical Society. It will be added to the collection of Vawter memorabilia.

The Canadian Connection: E.B. Vaughters has provided us with a copy of a page from the Toronto phone directory showing the names "Vater(s)", "Vautier" and "Vautour" as coming closest to the common VVV spellings. E.B. promises that his daughter, a Toronto attorney, will endeavor to determine if these are branches of the same family tree as our own.

Winding Down: Laboring late over the typewriter, your scribe lapsed into a reverie and envisioned a Utopia inhabited with a super race; all possessed of qualities rendering them both ethereal and yet earthy. There was evidenced;

- the VISION of Paul Vaughter, Sr.;
- the AFFABILITY of Pete Vawter;
- the DEDICATION of Bill Vawter and Hazel NcCandless;
- the ENTHUSIASM of Jimmy Corbitt;
- the I.Q. of Marv Vawter and Paul Vaughter, Jr.
- the COMPETENCE of Beth Sabel;
- the TENACITY of Shirley Byler;
- the SAVOIR-FAIRE of Dave Vaughter;
- the SMILE of Ted Vawter;
- the CHARM of Clara James;
- the ENERGY of Edna Reynolds;
- the SOPHISTICATION of Beverly Callegos;
- the EFFERVESCENCE of Betsy Miller;
- the GENTILITY of Hal and Jack Chaille;
- the VERSATILITY of Vernon Vawter;
- the READY WIT of Phil Vaughter;
- the STEEL-TRAP MIND of E.B. Vaughters;
- and the CALM ASSURANCE of our President, Jim Vaughters.

Alas, the dream faded, and there was no Utopia and no super race. But wait! There will be the VVV Reunion at Hot Springs in August.

Join me there.



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As a public service, the following hints are offered for V/V/V planning to attend the Fourth Annual Reunion, Hot Springs, Arkansas, August 7, 8 & 9, Downtowner Motel:

- August 1: Get suitcases from attic, dust and leave open for easy access; shop for tooth paste, shoe polish, alkalizer, tums, and film for camera.
- August 2: Attend Church, being sure to give two weeks' tithe to make up for being out on August 9. Shake hands with Minister and tell him of plans, being sure to mention strong affinity for Vawters and the Clergy thru the years; also mention that a religious service is traditionally held at reunion on Sunday morning.
- August 3: Decide on clothes to take; lay out for orderly packing at later date. Load camera.
- August 4: Reconsider clothing; make substitutions; lay out for orderly packing later. Go to bank for spending money; remember to allow \$1.00 extra for reunion registration fee; allow another \$5.00 for the Grayline Tour over Sugar Loaf Mountain via Black Snake Road, ending with a sip of the renowned mineral water.
- August 5: Reevaluate wardrobe; make changes; plan for leisurely packing later in day. Ask neighbors to pick up newspapers; check on fresh water for birds. Spend evening re-reading old VVV Newsletters; looking at reunion snapshots; putting family groups, names and faces together.
- August 6: Toss clothes in suitcase. Adjust thermostat. Leave for reunion. Relax. Enjoy.

Recent phone conversations with president Jim Vaughters, and V.P. Pete Vawter, indicate plans shaping up for the reunion. The Downtowner in Hot Springs reports reservations filling up. President Jim will send out his Reunion Schedule shortly.

Further on President Jim: He has just moved the family into their dream home. Note new address above. While on the subject, retrieve VVVNL #12 and correct address given there. That error due to the failure of your editors to correctly decipher presidential handwriting.

Presidential Look-alikes: Have you noticed the uncanny resemblance between President Jim and ABC News Commentator, Ted Koppel?

Query: Several VVV have been interested to know how many of the family association belong to MENSA. If those qualifying will modestly identify themselves, the total will be published in the next newsletter. If you have to ask for a clarification, forget it!

For your academic information, Beth Sabel has compiled a list of VVV Association members, according to state:

Alabama	2	Maine	-	Oregon	7
Alaska	-	Maryland	4	Pennsylvania	2
Arizona	14	Mass.	1	Rhode Island	-
Calif.	15	Michigan	3	S.C.	1
Colorado	7	Minn.	2	South Dakota	-
Conn.	1	Miss.	16	Tennessee	30
Delaware	2	Missouri	9	Texas	37
D.C.	-	Montana	1	Utah	-
Florida	10	Nebraska	2	Vermont	-
Georgia	10	Nevada	-	Virginia	14
Hawaii	1	New Hamp.	-	Washington	3
Idaho	-	N.J.	-	W. Virginia	2
Illinois	3	N.M.	1	Wisconsin	3
Indiana	4	N.Y.	8	Wyoming	-
Iowa	3	N.C.	4	England	1
Kansas	1	N.D.	-	Belgium	1
Kentucky	3	Ohio	4	Mexico	1
Louisiana	2	Oklahoma	34	Saudi Arabia	1

Of the 250-odd members, 5 families use the spelling "Vaughter"; 7, "Vaughters"; 70, "Vawter". Only the Church uses the spelling "Vauter".

FROM THE MAIL BAG:

A gracious letter from Mrs. Constance Bicknell Will, daughter of Grace Vawter Bicknell, contained kind words regarding the family organization; a check for her membership dues; and an offer for the Book Committee to examine her late mother's notes, at such time as publication becomes imminent.

A note from Hazel McCandless identifies Mrs. Orman Baker (VVVNL No. 12, P.2) as a descendant of Lindsey Vaughter, son of James. Likewise, the cousins of Mrs. Baker: Mrs. Jesse (Edna) Keen, 13235 NE 26th, Choctaw, Ok. 73020, and Betty Ann Dyer, 2515 Ridgcrest, Choctaw, Ok.

Hazel also introduces a cousin from the line of Richard II, son of John, Elbert Co., Ga.: Mrs. Jo Jasper, 3836 Kimball Ridge, Dallas, Tx. 75233.

A recent letter from Pat Morrissett Fowler, 29131 Florence, Garden City, Mich. 48135, included her lineage sheet, which can be identified on page 228 of the Bicknell book.

Florence Cupp Goodson, 4313 Ansley Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31904, identifies her line as Lindsey Vaughter, son of James, through the marriage of Winna Juliann Vaughter to Henry Alfred Waters. Same as Juanita Baker, Edna Keen, and Betty Ann Dyer (above).

OF VALLETORTS AND HERALDRY: The letter in point came to your editor third or fourth hand, and purports to have been written by a professor of History at the University of Durham, at the behest of a friend of someone interested in the interpretation of the *Valletort-Vautort-Vautier-Vawter* Coat of Arms. (Note the

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editor's strict attention to confidentiality of sources, as well as to accountability.) At this point your editor suggests pulling out the Bicknell Book for a look at the coat of arms; and now the quote: "Usually the (black) border indicates bastardy, or at best descent from a lesser branch of the family". A further note that the editor does not make the news, but merely reports it.

A note from Donald Ritchie, husband of the late Nancy Vawter Ritchie (VVVNL No. 10, P. 2) included a check for his family membership dues, plus that of his daughter, Mrs. Alice Vawter Ritchie Joy, 74 Cedar St. Derby; England. It is a pleasure to welcome Alice to the family and thereby add an English address to our mailing list, giving us even more international status.

Mr. Ritchie mentioned that his wife's sister, Margaret Vawter Bailey, 419 Gornto Lake Rd., Brandon, Fl. 33511, is an artist, and does oil paintings of the Vauter Church in Virginia. Anyone who might be interested in owning such a painting should contact Mrs. Bailey.

Shirley Vawter Byler reports that her niece, Lucille Ritchie Keir, has recently completed a textbook on Parliamentary Law to be used in the schools of Ohio, and is the subject of a biographical record in the Twelfth Edition of "Who's Who of American Women". Lucille plans to be at Hot Springs and bring her mother, Mary Ruth Vawter Ritchie, who is Shirley's look-alike stster.

Shirley also reports on a recent missions trip which husband, Roger Byler, made to Sao Paulo, Brazil with some 25 other workers. Perhaps Roger will tell us of some of his experiences while at the reunion.

Mrs. Erma Vawter, 6909 S, Miller, Oklahoma City, 73159 favored us with an invitation to that family's reunion in Sulphur, Ok. on June 20-21. Timing did not permit the Mississippi Vawters to attend, but perhaps one year we can make it. If Bishop Billy Mack Vawter will provide us with a resume of that reunion, we will use it in the next VVVNL.

A recent newcomer is Larry F. Wilcox, 9147 Tracy Ave., Baton Rouge, La. 70814, who shares the Vawter-Vanosdol line, as given in Bicknell. Larry is an Arkansas native and plans to be at the reunion.

Bonita Taylor Welch, R.R.1, Box 227, Scipio, Ind. 47273 has submitted lineage charts showing her triple Vawter descent from (1) Jesse, son of David; (2) Philemon, son of David; and (3) Anna, dau. of Richard Vawter and Frances Towles. This interesting line, also shared by Shirley Byler, Ted Vawter, Beth Sabel, and others, bears testimony to the fact that the Vawters have always liked one another. Bonita is interested in proof of the Revolutionary War service of Philemon Vawter. Maybe Shirley can be of help.

ANOTHER VAWTER NEWSLETTER: From Bonita Welch also came word of a Vawter quarterly, published by Willard C. (Bill) Grant, 36244 Canyon Drive, Westland, Mich. 48185.

A Sunday afternoon phone call resulted in a pleasant conversation with Cousin Bill, who admitted that he had published a newsletter primarily for the descendants of William and Mary Ravenell Vawter (P. 319, Bicknell) since early 1978. The editors readily agreed to an exchange, and Bill has already forwarded several back issues which will be on display at the Reunion. Makes one wonder if there might still be other Vawter life floating around out there somewhere.

A VAWTER DISCREPANCY: A couple of readers have commented on a possible mix-up in the lines of Juanita Sharpe Vawter (VVVNL No. 8, P. 4) and Mattie Smith Edmondson (VVVNL No. 7, P. 1). When lineage is given in paragraph form, it is sometimes difficult to keep generations straight. If these ladies, or some of their kin, will provide us charts on these families, we will attempt to get the record clear for posterity.

Mary Watkins Vawter, who md. Jackson Woods Smith, and Jennie Vawter, who md. Thos. Everett Smith, (VVVNL No. 12, P. 3) may well fall within the genealogy of the aforementioned families. There is a need for those who have such information to share it, so that when the Vawter Supplement is compiled it will be as complete as is possible.

Regarding Sarah E., Mary Jane, and Oscar Lee Vaughters, Carroll Co., Tn. (VVVNL No. 12, P. 2), could we have some assistance from V.P. Pete Vawter, or some of his kinsmen?

Your editor and E.B. Vaughters of Seattle have, for a couple of years, endeavored to untangle the lineage of Mrs. Egbert Jones, Holly Springs, Ms. (Bicknell, P.386). Documentation has proven that the relationship, as stated, could not possibly be true. However, your editor has maintained that a woman of Mrs. Jones' stature, i.e., DAR, Garden Clubs, Civic work, was not mistaken about her Vawter grandparents. E.B. has now located proof in new material in the Compendium by Vicus that Edward Vawter (son of Thos.), married Sarah Lee, dau. of Joseph Lee and Anne Noel. If Anne Noel was related to Margaret Noel, wife of John Vawter, then we could squeeze out a little kinship. Is there a Noel authority in the house?

If there were more researchers like E.B. Vaughters, there would be fewer Vawter mysteries. Which brings us to the next CLASS ASSIGNMENT FOR THE ASSOCIATION, to-wit: On page 402 of Bicknell is a list entitled "Other Vawters", which Grace Bicknell had located, but could not include in the book because of lack-of proper identification. In this enlightened year of 1981, some 76 years after the Bicknell book was copyrighted, it should be possible to spot these Vawters on the family tree. There are 13 items (oops) on this list, and they may be referred to consecutively by number in sending in your answers. Results will be given in the next VVVNL. Class dismissed.

Y'ALL COME! The descendants of John Vawter IV cordially invite you to a Wine and Cheese Party Friday night, August 7, at the Downtowner - room number will be announced later. The wine will be provided courtesy of the cellar of Bill Wiley, Nettleton, Ms. Ginger ale will also be available. This is the only invitation you will receive. John Vawter would have wanted you to come.

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July 24, 1981

REUNION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our fourth annual nationwide reunion is ready to happen! We are returning to the area of the first one in 1978 -- Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Downtowner Motor Inn is brave enough to handle the crowd this year. The address is 135 Central Avenue, Telephone (501) 624-5521.

Vernon and Pete have done a tremendous job of planning the meeting. There is no substitute for having a local person make the arrangements. Now you know why Vernon was on the reunion committee for this year!

The three days of August 7, 8 and 9 should be enough for us to get our business done, do some sightseeing, and catch up on the visiting. I think there will be some serious genealogy work this year. Perhaps some of the nagging questions of the past few years can be answered if we really put our minds to it.

The schedule will be as follows:

Friday, August 7:

7:30 a.m. Breakfast meeting of officers, Dining room

10.00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Registration, Pay for Friday and Saturday dinners, \$1.00 registration fee, and \$5.00 dues. Mezzanine.

6.00 p.m. Dinner, Dining room

7.00 p.m. Meeting, Crown Room (second floor).

Speaker - Billy Jines, author of "Tracks of the Allen Family". If you live in Arkansas and don't know the Allens, it's time you met them.
Report of Membership and Newsletter Committee.

Saturday, August 8:

Mid-morning Shirley Byler would like to lead a discussion concerning John (Bartholomew, Angus, and who knows what else). Bring your thinking caps and research notes. Crown Room.

Saturday, August 8 (continued):

6:00 p.m. Dinner, Dining room

7:00 p.m. Meeting, Crown Room

V/V/V Roundtable. The traditional highlight of every reunion.

Report of Nominating Committee.

Sunday, August 9:

9:00 a.m. Devotional, Rev. Roger Byler, Crown Room

10:00 a.m. Meeting, Crown Room.

Speaker - Larry Wilcox, on the Indiana/Missouri Vawters

Report of 1982 Reunion Committee

Noon Adjourn

(Note: The Downtowner is unable to cater either breakfast or lunch on Sunday. We can meet either in their dining room or another restaurant nearby, however. We will check on this when we arrive.)

Here is the appointment of committees:

Membership and Newsletter - Beth Sabel, Wordna Wicker, Esther Vawter, Lorene Graham, Dave Vawter and Bill Vawter.

Nominating Committee - Ted Vawter, Paul Vaughter, Jr., Betsy Miller, James L. Vaughters, and Ellen Wicker.

1982 Reunion Committee - Edna Reynolds, Pete Vawter, Jimmie Corbitt, Shirley Byler and Ron Vawter.

This year's reunion seems to be a good time to stand back, take stock of the heritage of our family and our country, and appreciate what we have accomplished and what we stand for. We have come a long way as an organization in our few years. Let's keep moving forward. Long live V/V/V.

Sincerely,

JAMES C. VAUGHTERS

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NEWSLETTER

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The V/V/V's have done it again. At Hot Springs in August, they pulled off the 4th spectacular nationwide reunion in as many years, polling a record crowd of 120, from 18 states. Over 50 were attending the reunion for their first time; among these were Frances Guynes of El Paso, Tx. and Helen Vawter Agnew, of Monroe, La., both of whom joined the family association in its early stage and finally got to a reunion. Then there were others like Larry Wilcox of Baton Rouge, and B. Van Osdel-Schneider of Wichita, Kan., who only learned of the organization very recently and came out of curiosity.

One of the highlights was a trip back to Brady Mountain Lodge for lunch on Saturday, affording an opportunity to reminisce on the 1978 Reunion and to revisit the habitat of Vernon and Traudl Vawter. Vernon had done a number of sketches of Vawter's Church, Port Royal, Va., which were eagerly snatched up.

Billie Allen Jines (VVVNL #8, p.2) presented an informative review of her book, Tracks of the Allen Family, relating to the descendants of Lucinda Vaughters, who married Matthew Allen. Likewise, Larry Wilcox related some of the experiences of John Taylor Vawter during the 18-year period he was a member of the German commune in Missouri (Bicknell, pp.109-111). Roger Byler spoke briefly on his missions trip to Sao Paulo, Brazil. And so the programs went - each unique and enjoyable.

"The Vawter Round-Table" an innovation by President Jim some three years ago when a speaker failed to show, has since become the most anticipated feature of the reunion. With a moderator in charge, each person is asked to give a one-minute statement on what it means to be a Vawter and/or a member of the family association. The sentiments expressed run the gamut of tears to laughter, and provide a delightful entertainment session.

Roger and Shirley Vawter Byler conducted a thought-provoking session on the contradictions surrounding the early Virginia history of the Vawters. Frances Guynes shared some of her family notes at this meeting. It was partially due to the cloud which covers the early Vawters that lead the Book Committee in 1980 to postpone publication plans for a period of three years. More about this matter on another page.

Business Session: At the Saturday night business meeting, during which Lucille Ritchie Keir(who recently completed a textbook on Parliamentary Law; VVVNL No. 13, P. 3) was observed quietly cracking her knuckles, the following items were nonetheless transacted: (1) present slate of officers retained for another year; (2) dues to remain at \$5.00 per year; 1982 dues payable at this time; (3) newsletter to publish twice a year, supplemented by a Presidential communique twice a year; (4) 1982 reunion to be held in Indiana in August; and (5) a nationwide V/V/V directory headed toward publication.

Further regarding 1982 Reunion: The reunion is scheduled for August 6-7-8 at Clifty Falls State Park near Madison, Indiana, in Jefferson County . Edna Reynolds, our on-the-scene reunion coordinator, lives in the adjoining county of Jennings, near North Vernon; her address is Four Oaks, Butlerville; Ind. 47223. Edna writes that their home is located in Campbell Township and is part of the farm owned by William A. Vawter (p. 128 Bicknell) 1868-1890. Other Indiana counties are just as rich in Vawter lore, but in the interest of practicality reunion emphasis will be limited to Jefferson and Jennings. Information regarding reservations will be given in the Spring issue of the newsletter. Now is the time to pull out the atlas and become more familiar with the territory of Southeast Indiana.

Further regarding the V/V/V Directory: This project has been on the drawing board for a couple of years. When completed it will give a nationwide listing of the V/V/V Family Association, as well the names of others whose names have been obtained from telephone directories. This listing will be arranged by city and state, and will give telephone number and address. The committee requests assistance in determining telephone numbers for some 150 names. These names are enclosed with your newsletter. If you can supply any of the missing telephone numbers, please take a moment and send them to Circulation Editor, Beth Sabel. This list will be invaluable to the Book Committee as publication time approaches; likewise to the traveling Vawters, who will want to keep one copy in the glove compartment at all times.

Further on the early Vawters: That there were Vawters in Virginia as early as 1676 seems a certainty. Who and how many there were is a matter that has never been resolved. The names of John and Bartholomew are found in many early records of Essex and Rappahannock Counties, over a considerable span of time. It needs to be determined if only one John Vawter was responsible for all of the entries, or if there might have been John the father, John the son, or John the cousin (ditto for Bartholomew). This mystery can only be resolved by careful study of these early documents for dates, family connections, and landmarks hidden in the body of the instrument. Shirley Byler reports that there is a General Index to Wills & Deeds of Essex & Rappahannock; pp. 421, 422, Virginia State Library. Copies of these actual documents need to be ordered and digested by some of the family researchers.

The editor would note that in the past 18 months, the Family Association has lost two of its most dedicated researchers: Henry Alexander Vawter, III, Maryville Tn. (VVVNL No. 10, P. 2) and W.T. Vawter; Mineola, Tx. (VVVNL No. 11, P. 4) There is need for new serious researchers to take up the slack. It would be well for Shirley Byler to coordinate this project. Those who would be willing to devote some time and energy may contact Shirley for a definite assignment. (Her address: Route 1, Box 319, Sweeny, Tx. 77480)

Further on MENSA (VVVNL No.13, P.1) A half-dozen or so modestly acknowledged membership in MENSA. About as many thought they had contributed earlier in the year but failed to keep receipts. A few thought the President should eliminate it entirely in the interest of government economy. Some felt it was responsible for the Polish Solidarity crisis. It seems safe to assume that in the near future, MENSA will not become synonymous with the the VVV Family Association.

One additional word before moving along. MENSA stock must have dropped a couple of points recently, when in the Rockwell Series, James Garner gave as his excuse for speeding the fact that he was rushing to a MENSA meeting. All kidding aside. To those of you who are members, the rest of us are just jealous. Congratulations.

Regarding the Arkansas Vawters: Yes, Virginia. There are Vawters in Arkansas and they do pay dues into the Family Association. There are 15 of them (VVVNL No. 13, P. 2) and they were all cross when they were not listed in the last newsletter. They are: Alma Vawter Allen, Elva Dean Donathan, Helen Vawter Hayes, Hattie Vawter Herron, Elsie Hunter, Gladys Roberts, Charlotte Tillman, and Hubert B. Vawter, all of Hot Springs; Harvey & Euna Belle Allen, of Lowell; Helen V. Carr, of Berryville; Mrs. Billie Jines, of Pea Ridge; Jayne C. Ladd, of Tiller; Mary Lansdale, of Fordyce; Vernon Vawter of Royal; and Wm. Oliver Vawter of Hardy. Your editors had felt they were ripe for MENSA until this slip-up occurred. Now it's back to the foot of the class.

Of Valletorts and Heraldry (VVVNL No. 13, P. 2) Your editor has been chided for the use of the term "bastard" regarding the black border (the bar sinister) which encompasses the Valletort seal. It was noted that the European monarchs, with their affinity for paramours, produced countless off-spring identified by historians as "natural children". In the editor's native South, such are often known as "outside children" or "woods colts". Your sweet lovable editor has no wish to offend anyone and in the future a blank space will be left and the reader may insert any term he or she may choose. One parting remark on the matter: After four years of association with the V/V/V, the editor feels the family is sufficiently sophisticated to know that a rose, by whatever name

Of the Caste System Within the VVV Family Association: As membership increased, the actual printing and mailing of the newsletter became a full-time job, and so it was that Beth Sabel came aboard as Circulation Editor. Wordna Wicker continues to put together the newsletter (with assistance from Esther Vawter), mailing a copy to Beth for mass printing and distribution. The editors work very closely with Treasurer, Hazel McCandless in an effort to keep abreast of the ever-increasing family population. In this day of 20¢ postage stamps, a review of the duties of the officer is perhaps in order. The slate of officers is, of course, listed on the front page of the newsletter. It would be extremely helpful if you will send to:

President Jim: items of official business, i.e., the amount of the bequest in your will to the family association; your Offer to host the reunion in your city in 1983.
V.P. Pete: inquiries and suggestions for the reunion in Indiana in August.

Secretary Bettie: questions regarding minutes of reunions.

Treasurer Hazel: dues of \$5.00; unless you paid at Hot Springs at the Reunion, this means you.

Editors Wordna and Esther: items for the newsletter; suggestions. PLEASE!

Circulation Editor Beth: Changes in address; notice of missed issues; requests for back issues.

Exchange Editor Lorene: names of family organizations or genealogical publications that would be interested in the VVVNL.

An innovation for the newsletter: At the reunion in August, newcomer B. Van Osdol-Schneider volunteered to do typing for the newsletter and has since accepted the responsibility of preparing an alphabetical surname index for the back issues of the newsletter. The index for the issues in 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981 (you did keep all of them, didn't you?) will be included with the spring newsletter. Thereafter, the index will probably be printed once a year. This is a much needed feature and will increase the helpfulness of the newsletter.

From the other Vawter newsletter: Cousin Bill Grant (VAVNL No. 13, P. 3) continues to supply us with his Vawter Quarterly. The 40-odd members of his mailing list will all receive complimentary copies of this issue of the VAVNL. Some of these cousins have already made plans for attending the reunion in Indiana in August.

Another family reunion: Bishop Billy Mack Vawter has sent an account of the reunion of the descendants of James B. Vawter and Fannie Warren Grissom held at Sulphur, Okla. June 19-21. 62 family members were registered at this gathering, which has been held annually for the past 20 years.

From Honorary Vawter, Ralph Fall: Word of his retirement from the active ministry as of Easter; April 11; 1982, after 40 years of service, half of which was spent at Vawter's Church; Port Royal, Va. The VAV who attended the reunion at Vawter's Church in 1980 carry with them a warm feeling for Ralph in his participation in that reunion. Ralph states that some copies of THE DIARY OF ROBERT ROSE are still available (VAVNL No. 3; P.2; No. 4, P.1; No. 5; P.4, etc.) at the price of \$15.00, postage-free to Vawter descendants; further, that for each book sold to a Vawter descendant, he will donate \$1.00 to the Family Association.

From Kansas City; Missouri: Elsom and Opal (Vawter) Herndon have forwarded the name of Dr. Frank M. Vaughters, 2727 Main, K.C., Mo. 64108, who is interested in knowing more about the family association. Cousin Frank will receive a complimentary copy of this issue.

Other newcomers: Florence Beeman, 433 Margaret St., North Vernon, Ind. 47272; Edwina June Geyer, Irongate Apts. #8, 101 E. &th, Seymour, Ind. 47274; and Judy Atkinson, P.O. Box 16132, Houston, Tx. 77022, the latter stating that she is a descendant of James M. and Sarah (Underwood) Vawter.

Of the Burns connection: Those in the family with a Burns line will be interested to know of the existence of the Burns Family Organization and the publication of a family newsletter by Dr. J.V. Burns, 346 Merrimon Ave., Ashville, N.C. 28801.

A final word on the reunion: Mark the dates August 6-7-8 on your calendar and plan to gather at Clifty Falls State Park on the beautiful Ohio River. Edna Reynolds has promised an attendance of over 200. The skeptics say it won't happen, but the skeptics say reindeer can't fly; and the editor just spotted eight of them gliding past the window pulling a sleigh.

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The house lights are dimmed; a hush falls on the crowd; the maestro lifts his baton; and the orchestra breaks into the haunting strains of "BACK HOME AGAIN IN INDIANA". That, my friends, will be the scenario on August 6, when the Vawters come home to Madison, Indiana.

Cousin Edna Reynolds, local coordinator, has rendered yeoman service in making arrangements for the 3-day event. Lines have been busy between Indiana and Tennessee as details were worked out with V.P. Pete Vawter of Milan, Tn. and his cohort, Jimmy Corbttt, of Martin, Tn. The Fifth Annual Reunion of the V/V/V Family Association promises to be a winner. Details on reservations, along with a tentative program schedule, will be given on page 4.

In Memoriam: In the past year, death has claimed four members of the family association. They were:

Brooks Vawter, Atwood, Tn., May 25, 1981. He and his wife, and their daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Parrent, will be remembered from the 1978 Reunion at Brady Mountain, Ark. Theodora Vawter Schuman, Oakley, Kansas, October 25, 1981. She and her sisters, Lucene Vawter Dennis and LoRee Vawter Dennis, joined the family association in 1979. Harry C. Vawter, January 8, 1982; brother of Circulation Editor, Beth Sabel, and brother-in-law of Associate Editor, Esther Vawter.

Helen Vawter Hays, Little Rock, Ark, March 7, 1982. She and her husband, Roy, along with sister, Alma Vawter Allen, and brothers, Lester and Hubert, have attended several reunions.

In behalf of the Family Association, the Newsletter extends sincere sympathy to the families of these deceased members. Three obituaries have been received for Vawters whom we cannot identify, but for whom nonetheless we feel family identification. The Newsletter extends sympathy to the families of these three:

Mrs. Nell H. Vawter, Decatur, Ga., July 1, 1981; survivors: Mrs. Donna Childers of Lilburn, Dennis Vawter of Dacula, Gene Vawter of Decatur, and Douglas Vawter of Stone Mountain. Mrs. Rena A. Vawter, Johnson Co., Ind., Aug. 9, 1981, age 85, widow of Frank Vawter; Fred Vawter, Louisville, Ky., Feb. 1, 1982, age 90; native of Kansas. Raleigh Jackson Vaughter, Little Rock, 61; survivors, Wife; son, Paul R., Alexandria, La.; daughters, Stella Christman & Tena Sue Powell, Little Rock.

Of Past Assignments: In VVVNL No. 13, page 4, the Editor challenged the Family Association to identify the 13 Vawters listed on page 402 of the Bicknell book, they being Vawters she had located but could not identify. Alas, only E.B. Vaughters responded. E.B. identifies nos. 3, 4 & 5 as grandsons of Beverly Vawter, son of Russell, as given on page 373 of Bicknell. Nos. 10 & 11, he suspects are descendants of William, brother of Jesse and Philemon, who died in Boone Co., Ky. in 1823. No. 13 could be correct as stated by Bicknell, or could have come from the marriage of one of the daughters of William (above) with one of the sons of the Nancy Vawter-Elijah Wilhoit marriage. More work and more family participation is clearly needed. The assignment is continued.

Of the Making of Books: There is no end, said the Preacher long ago, and lo, it continues to be true. Kinswoman Carolyn Vaughter of Oklahoma City, locally known for some years as a literary critic and short story writer, has published her first novel, "West Wind Wild", a story of the Oklahoma frontier in the late 19th century. In the early days of the newsletter, the editor might have said, "Oh, course you remember Carolyn Vaughter. She's the husband of Paul, of early Paul and Silas fame". That sort of statement can no longer be made. In fact, it is safe to speculate that future historians in writing of Carolyn Vaughter, the author, will note that she probably married a man named Paul since she named her oldest son Paul, Jr. In commenting on the book, Carolyn says that Paul helped her with some of the language in the book. (That accounts for some of those words. We never thought for a moment Carolyn knew words like that.) This editor suspects that Carolyn used her writers' license and dipped into early Vawter history for names of some of her characters. Your editor, however, is no snitch, and you will have to read the book in order to know if your ancestor's name was used. The book sells for \$2.98 in paperback, published by Avon, and hopefully is available in bookstores throughout the U.S. If not found in your area - complain.

And then, our honorary Vawter, Ralph E. Fall, has written his second book entitled "Hidden Village - The Story of Port Royal, Virginia". All of the VVV who attended the Reunion in Virginia in 1980 hold fond memories of Ralph for his efforts in making history come alive in the area of Port Royal and Vauter's Church. After 40 years of service at Vauter's Church, Ralph has now retired and is making his home in Richmond. His new book is hard cover; 400 pages; 60 photographs; indexed; contains town plat, and sells for \$20.00 postpaid. It may be ordered directly from The Rev. Ralph E. Fall, 7308 Three Chopt Road, Richmond; Va. 23229.

Then, there is the Nationwide VVV Directory, containing names, addresses and telephone numbers of all the members of the Family Association, as well as other VVV who have been spotted in telephone directories throughout the U.S. VVVNL No. 14, page 2, made mention of this and asked for help in securing telephone numbers of 200-odd names included with the newsletter. (Beth Sabel appreciates the response of readers in sending her the desired information.) Unfortunately, some of the VVV failed to read carefully, and panicked when their names were not on the December list, fearing expulsion from the association for non-payment of dues, or conduct unbecoming a family member. Relax. All names not on the December list are already on the computer. Those on the list are the ones who should panic. They are the ones who will have no handy reference for places of sanctuary in event of massive evacuation following nuclear attack. This directory should be available by early 1983.

More on books: In going through family papers of a deceased aunt, E.B. Vaughters has turned up two letters from Wm. S. Vawter, New York City, dated March, 1928, which indicate the said Vawter was in the process of publishing a sequel to the Bicknell book. One of the letters was a form letter which stated that the book would contain more names, and much additional historical information not available when Mrs. Bicknell wrote her book. This is a fascinating discovery. Did Wm. S. Vawter ever publish his book? If so, how may we obtain a copy? If not, what happened to the material he must have collected? This material would be invaluable to the book committee in moving toward publication of the proposed Vawter family history. We need help on this dilemma.

One final word on books: The form letter (above mentioned) promised additional information of Thomas Vautor, the musician; Bransford Vawter, the poet; and Will Vawter, the illustrator. Bransford Vawter has been identified as being the son of Benjamin, of Campbell Co., Va. (VVVNL #8, p.3). Bishop Billy Mack Vawter reports that he has a copy of one of the poems of Bransford Vawter. Will Vawter has been identified as the son of Dr. Louis A. and Emma Mary (Dameron) Vawter (VVVNL # 7, p. 2). Your editor knows nothing of Thomas Vautor, the musician. Could we have help in identifying him?

Of wedding bells: Your editor and husband, Fred, announce the marriage of their daughter, Ellen, to Edwin Francis (Ned) Cummings, Jr. on February 27, 1982 in Alexandria, Va. The young couple are making their home in Washington, D.C., and expect to attend the Indiana reunion. Ned is not sure if he has ever seen a real live Vawter. The reunion will solve that problem.

Of Valletorts and Heraldry: A relative newcomer to the family association, Gary E. Vawter, 5513 Jester Dr., Garland, Tx.75042 would like to correspond with those interested in serious research of the family heraldry.

Of the White House Conference on Aging: The VVV, as well as the City of Houston, were amply represented in December by kinsman, L.G. (Bill) Vawter, at the President's Conference. Unfortunately, Bill has to show his driver's license in order to attend an AARP meeting. If more Americans had the Vawter capacity for growing old gracefully, we could all join with the poet when he said, "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be"

Of Votaws and Vautaws: We have previously commented on the phonetic similarity of these names to Vawter, and wondered if they belonged to the tribe. Esther Vawter has picked up the names of Jacob and Jane Votaw (bro. & sister) in her mother's Quaker records, late 1800's, in Hampshire and Monongalia Co., Va. (the part that became W. Va.); also in Indiana Quaker records. Pete Vawter picked up the Vautaw surname in the Indianapolis phone book.

Of the early Vawters in Virginia: The better heads have been at work on this chapter of the family history since the Hot Springs Reunion last August.(VVVNL #14, pp. 1 & 2) A progress report is anticipated at the Indiana reunion. Larry Wilcox, who spoke on John Taylor Vawter and his experience in the German commune at the Hot Springs Reunion, has located the name of John Vaulter on a passenger list in 1656, as published by Wm. Filley and Mary K. Mayer. Hmmm. This is 30 years earlier than the date given by Bicknell. Hmmm.

Of carrying on the work: A letter from Mrs. Margaret Vawter of Maryville, Tn. tells of answering the letters which still arrive addressed to her late husband, Henry Alexander Vawter, III, asking for family information. She also reports the death of her brother-in-law, Emory C. Simpson, who was married to Margaret Jewel Vawter. They lived in Clarksville, Tn.

Of the Vawter Quarterly, Westland, Michigan: Fellow editor, Bill Grant, called to confirm the dates on the Indiana Reunion. Promises to have approx. 30 of his tribe present. Likewise Arthur and Clara Kolschowsky, Hinsdale, Ill. rang up to say hello and get reunion info. Clearly the newsletter should have been in the mail weeks ago.

Of persistent perseverance: For several years, E.B. Vaughters has felt his g.g.g. gr. father was Richard Vawter, who married Sally Vaughn in Caroline Co., Va., July 12, 1787. Following a series of unbelievable break-throughs, he located handwritten notes to substantiate his belief. The problem now? Who made the notes and where is the documentation? E.B. would appreciate assistance.

Of new members: Mary Amos, 301 Caravan Trail, #173, Jacksonville, Fl. 32216, a descendant of Lucinda Vawter, who md. John W. Holmes (Bicknell p. 293), writes that she is 33, deaf, and confined to a wheelchair; enjoys genealogy by correspondence; would like to hear from Holmes and Gray researchers, as well as Vawters. Carolyn Cameron, niece of Paul Vaughter, Sr., address Rt. 2, Bx. 127D, Cleveland, Tx., is another newcomer. Likewise, David L. Vawter, Rt. 4, Bx.431, North Vernon Ind. 47265. Rose S. Monroe, P.O. Box 23447, Louisville, Ky. 40223, and Maureen E. White, 5102 N. 65th Ave., Glendale, Az. 85301, need information on Drucilla Vawter, who md. Thomas Martin ca. 1800, Cumberland Co., Va. Others are Helen K. Vawter, 1904-70th Ave.W, #F2, Tacoma, Wa. 98466; Robt. D. Vawter, 3419 N. Bancroft, Indianapolis, Ind. 46218; M&M Geo. D. Thompson, 10308 Durham Dr., Ok. Cty., Ok. 73132; Martha E. Compton, 4921 Callahan St., Ind., Ind.46239. Still others who will have to be welcomed at a later date.

OF THE REUNION: Reservations should be made immediately with Clifty Inn Motor Lodge, Clifty Falls State Park, Madison; Ind. 47250, telephone (812)265-4135). Double rooms will run approximately \$25.00 per day for two people; rooms with private balcony overlooking the Ohio River are slightly higher. Deposit of one night's lodging is required. Early registration will begin on Thursday night, Aug. 5; registration will continue on Friday a.m., with a morning session slated for 10:30. Friday afternoon calls for a chartered, bus tour of historic Madison; dinner at Clifty Inn, followed by a speaker from Ind. Hist. Society. Saturday includes a chartered tour of Jennings Co., with stops at cemeteries, Churches, and points of Vawter interest. Saturday night dinner at Clifty Inn, followed by the Vawter Round Table, clearly the highlight of every reunion. If one is dieting, it is permissible to miss dinner, but do not miss the Round Table

More detailed information will be included in President Jim's reunion communiqué. Edna and Walter Reynolds, Rt. 1, Butlerville, Ind., near Vernon, have agreed to answer any questions concerning accomodations, or directions for getting about.

Make reservations now, and then come back home to Indiana August 6, 7 and 8.

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FAMILY ASSOCIATION

July 26, 1982

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At last year's reunion Annie Stovall referred to her only living aunt, Aunt Coie. That aunt was Coie Mae Burt of Dawson County, Georgia. Billie Allen Jines later spoke of the maternal side of the Allen family, the Vaughter line from Georgia. In her research she ran across Mrs. Hiram Solomon Andrew Jackson Vaughters, who moved from Dawson County to Madison, Georgia years ago. I will never forget the surprise and pride that I felt when I realized who it was they were talking about.

She was my last living grandparent. Throughout my life she and I often spent many hours, even days, talking about "the good old days and old timey folks". More than anyone else she instilled in me an appreciation of my ancestry. She was delighted when I became a member of the Vawter/Vauter/Vaughter(s) Family Association.

On February 20 she suffered a stroke and on March 10 she passed away. I was fortunate enough to have a few days between those dates to talk with her. Conversation was easy because we had so many memories to share. Since this is my last year as president I want to exercise a little prerogative and dedicate this year's reunion to the memory of one of our strongest supporters, "Mama Vaughters". She loved us all.

Edna Reynolds, Pete Vawter, and Jimmie Corbitt have done all the work in preparing for the reunion. They have done a beautiful job and deserve our thanks and appreciation. Headquarters is old Vawter stomping grounds on the Ohio River. Clifty Inn at Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, Indiana, is still taking reservations. The telephone number is (812) 265-4135.

The planned events are enough to make Angus, Bartholomew, David, Jesse, and John stand up and cheer:

Thursday, August 5- Early arrivals

Friday, August 6-

8:00 A.M. Breakfast meeting of officers

9:00A.M.- 10:00 A.M. Registration. \$1.00 registration fee, \$5.00 annual dues.

10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. Welcome

Report of officers

Speaker- Marv Vawter

12 noon Lunch, Clifty Inn. Order from the menu.

1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. Bus tour of historic Madison

7:00 P.M. Dinner, Clifty Inn. \$6.25.
speaker- Willard Heiss, of the Indiana
Historical Society

Saturday, August 7-

9:00 A.M. Bus tour of Jennings County

9:15 A.M. Wirt Church and cemetery

10:00 A.M. Vawter Cemetery in Selmeir Forest

10:45 A.M. North Vernon Baptist Church

11:30 A.M. Lunch in Muscatatuck Park, served by senior
citizens club. \$3.00.

1:30 P.M. Slide show by Bonnie Wilson, tour guide. Vernon Baptist
Church. -

2:30 P.M. Tour of Vernon, browse around town

4:30 P.M. Buses return to Clifty Inn

7:00 P.M. Dinner, Clifty Inn. \$6.25.
Report of Nominating Committee
Meeting or Roundtable

Sunday, August 8-

9:00 A.M. Special worship service; Madison Baptist Church celebrating its
175th anniversary where Jesse Vawter attended

10:30 A.M. Report of 1983 Reunion Committee

12 noon Check-out time at Clifty Inn (unless you plan to stay that
night, as I do)

1:30 P.M. Auto caravan to William Vawter homestead and home of Walter
and Edna Reynolds, Campbell Township, Jennings County

We will be busy walking the ground our ancestors walked and hearing about them. The Indiana people are excited about our arrival and eager to show us around. The history of our family is the history of this country, and Indiana is one of the principal places where that history was made. That branch of the family produced Grace Vawter Bicknell's book, The Vawter Family in America, which speaks for itself.

We have a proud heritage to carry on. We have much to be thankful for, much to talk about, and much to look forward to. And I will have a couple of surprise guests to introduce.

Long live V/V/V

Sincerely
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This issue is an introduction to your new newsletter editor (see new officers listed above). This is a new job to me and I ask for your help. I am susceptible to errors in spelling, writing grammatically, and will from time to time have omissions, but will do my best for you. I am open to suggestions. While at the reunion I personally asked several to contribute and be on the look-out for any VVV news. I am now asking all of you to try and contribute something to the newsletter this year. If all of you will help me fill the newsletter, I will prepare four copies a year; Fall in September, Winter in December, Spring in March, and Summer in June. It is only through the newsletter that we have contact with you and each other. This is very important to keep our clan together and growing.

This issue will be devoted mainly to the Fifth Annual National Reunion using excerpts from the newspaper and data from Mrs. Joe Welch (Bonita), along with announcements and items of news. I hope you who attended won't begrudge the space given to the reunion, because I want all those who weren't there to share it with us.

For those interested in figures, we registered 127 from 22 states plus Mexico and a guest exchange student from Bogota, Columbia. You will find enclosed a list of those who registered along with the addresses of those who gave them. For those who could not attend, you missed so much. I feel it was the best reunion yet. We all want to give Walter and Edna Reynolds a big "Thank You" for the two years of planning and work that went into making this reunion the success it was.

After the welcome by our out-going president, Jim Vaughters, Marvin Vawter spoke on "The Lost William...", brother of Jesse. We will have excerpts from his paper at a later date.

In the afternoon two bus loads of Vawters made a bus tour through historic Madison making stops to go thru the Lanier Home, Scofield House and the First Baptist Church founded by Jesse Vawter. A point of interest was the site of the Jesse Vawter home which had been torn down. We appreciated the picture of his beautiful home on the front of our reunion programs.

Those of you who are interested in genealogy missed the treat of hearing Willard Heiss. Thank you, Jim Corbitt, for your selection. For those of you who are not acquainted with him, here is a partial list of his accomplishments:

1. – Certified and accredited genealogist.
2. – Fellow, American society of Genealogists & National Genealogy Society.
3. – Employed by City of Indianapolis, IN as administrator Records and Microfilm division.
4. – Member of Society of American Archivists, American Micrographics Assoc., and numerous genealogy and historical societies.
5. – Presently edits Genealogy, publication of Indiana Historical Society.
6. – Compiled six volumes of abstracts of the minutes of the Society of Friends of Indiana. (Quakers).
7. – Lectures widely – such as World Conference on Records at Salt Lake, Bi-centennial Genealogy Conference, Stanford and Brigham Young Universities.
8. – Teaches Genealogy at IU – PU Indianapolis, Indiana.

Williard Heiss spoke on “BAPTIST, Their Records and Family History” and I will quote excerpts from his paper:

The Vawter Family in America is a unique book because it is based on first hand accounts. Out of some 40,000 published genealogical works it ranks among the first 100.

One of the earliest churches on the frontier, as people moved West, was the Baptist. The first in the N.W. Territory was the Columbia Baptist Church in Cincinnati in 1790. The Cincinnati Historical Society has some of those early records.

Being individualists and having congregational government brought about many divisions. As they moved West individualism intensified and at that time there were 30 varieties. At the turn of the century in Western Hendricks County there was a group of two or three churches known as Twenty Gallon Baptist Church. They could drink no more than 20 gallons a year. More than knowing a person was a Baptist, you had to know what kind of Baptist. Most of the Vawter forebears were Baptist, and many of them were preachers.

The first place to look for records is in the congregation. But, as in many other denominations, they were kept by people whose homes burned, who moved to Oregon, or who took them to the dump when the attic was cleaned out.

To initiate a search in Indiana check the following:

- 1 – Check the State Historical Society. They have copies of some Baptist records; Bethlehem, Big Cedar Grove, and Lost River among others.
- 2 – Check the State Library for records.
- 3 – Check the State Archives.

Institutions where you might find records:

- 1 – Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana has Indiana material.
- 2 – American Baptist Historical Society in Rochester, N.Y.
- 3 – Historical Commission of Southern Baptists in Nashville.

Last, look in the denomination periodicals for obituaries.

Starting out Saturday morning at nine we began our bus tour with two buses, several cars, and a camper. The first stop was at the Wirt Baptist Church and cemetery to visit the grave of Jesse Vawter. From there we made our way to North Vernon and were made welcome by a large portable electric sign saying, "Welcome Vawter Descendants", located at Horstman's Standard Station. Mrs. Horstman is genealogy librarian at the library and was interested in the Vawter reunion.

In preparation for the tour to Vawter-Summerfield Cemetery in Silmeir Forest, the Boy Scouts mowed the cemetery, State Foresters spread gravel on road entrance, and Bonita Welch distributed an index of the marked graves, prepared by her and her sons Darren and Alan. Some walked further and saw the site and remains of the William Vawter homestead.

A sign at the entrance of Muscatatuck Park welcomed the VVV's to the generous dinner prepared by the Smiling Seniors Club. One of two special events took place at this time; one that thrills all genealogists. Joe Vawter, age 14, son of Mr. & Mrs Delbert Vawter of N. Vernon, came out to the park to wait for the VVV's. After introductions he said, "I'm a Vawter too". He knew little about his roots because his father and uncles were orphans. He said, "I never knew my grandpa Vawter". He was made welcome and invited to dinner at Clifty Park. The story did not end there. Joe showed up at dinner with his parents and two brothers, where they were introduced to everyone. Some of the serious genealogists took names, dates, address, and promised to help search their roots. After dinner the family was presented with a framed sketch of the Vawter Church in Virginia by Vernon Vawter, artist.

After leaving the park the buses divided taking turns visiting the church at Vernon for a slide presentation while the other bus load toured the cemetery. The second special event took place at the cemetery. Each grave of a Vawter or relative was marked with a pennant by Caretaker Leitha Cartwright. For years Robert Vawter of Delaware had searched for the location of the graves of his g-grandparents, Jesse R. & Sarah Vawter, and he found them. What a thrill! Bonnie Wilson of Vernon gave the slide presentation about Vernon which included pictures of John Vawter, founder, and son of Jesse. It was largely because of his influence that the county seat was located in Vernon.

After dinner the nominating committee gave their report and the election was held. Because of the larger attendance this year, the traditional Round-Table was conducted in a different manner. On a blackboard was listed the names, William-Jesse-Philemon, Edward (the builder of the Vawter Church in VA), and Russell of VA. The family branches from children of the above names were called to the front. Each introduced themselves, gave family lineage, and in that way all those new to the VVV reunion were helped to see where they fit into the clan.

On Sunday morning we went in a caravan of cars to the First Baptist Church of Madison for a service planned specially for the VVV's. The choir sang and the minister chose the same text used by Jesse Vawter in his first sermon. The offering given by the VVV's (around eighty dollars) was added to their choir robe fund.

In the afternoon a caravan of fifteen cars made their way to the Four Oaks home of Walter & Edna Reynolds for an open house reception. Opportunity was given for us to visit the William A. Vawter homestead nearby. It was a pleasure to meet all the family of Walter and Edna Reynolds.

Congratulations:

Our new Secretary, Beth Howard, was married after the reunion on August 14. We wish to welcome her husband, Joe A. Melton, to the VVV clan.

Bill & Adell Grant of Westland, MI celebrated their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on August 16.

Thru Jim Corbitt, we are happy to announce the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Dyer (Julia Vawter) of Kentucky, taking place August 28.

Announcements:

Please fill out the enclosed lineage form and mail to our new Archivist, Jim Vaughters. For address see list of officers on page 1. Will you please write something on the back about your family history, points of interest, and accomplishments in your family.

We will be publishing our VVV directory this year which is a list of all the VVV names, addresses and phone numbers we have been able to find. So far we have over 1200. Those who are members of the VVV Family Association will have the letter "M" after their name.

The cut-off date for additions or corrections to the directory is October 15, 1982. We are giving a special pre-printing price of \$5.50 with cut-off date of October 15, 1982. After that date the price will be \$6.50. Mail to treasurer, Hazel McCandless and specify on check: Directory.

Those of you who haven't paid your membership dues of \$5.00, which helps to pay for the newsletter, please mail to the treasurer, Hazel McCandless and specify on your check: Dues.

We will have available copies of the N. Vernon newspaper with pictures and write-up about the VVV Reunion. You may purchase a copy for 50c which covers mailing. Pay and order your copy from Circulation Editor: Beth Sabel (See front page for address).

Would you like to have a copy of The Vawter Family in America? Edna Reynolds has had a reprint made. Cost - \$6.00 includes postage. Order from: Mrs. Walter Reynolds, R.R. #1, Butlerville, IN 47223.

Would you like research done in Jennings County, copies of courthouse records, pictures taken of tombstones, etc? Just let Mrs. Joe Welch (Bonita) know. Her county library has census reports for Jennings County 1820-1900, also for many other counties. R. R. #1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273.

I have had word from Beth Sabel that her uncle, Ted Vawter of Colorado, is well, but is troubled with his back and knees. As some of you know, he wasn't feeling well after the all day bus tour Saturday.

Please feel free to send me announcements and congratulations to include in our newsletter. I would also appreciate hearing from any of you VVV's who are doing VVV research. I would like to know the information or document you have found and what it means to your research, either new data or verifying old data. Also please send along some queries. If you can think of any stories or happenings you have heard about a cousin, aunt, uncle, grandma, or grandpa, please send it to me. I would like to head these stories with the title of "Reminiscing".

Esther M. Vawter

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Marcela Peralta, Bogota, Columbia (an exchange student)



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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This issue is an introduction to the 1982-83 officers using the form I'll call "Profile". I will also have a "Profile" of members from time to time.

PRESIDENT: Robert M. Vawter - Call him "Pete"

Over 40 - Born in TN - Served in the U.S. Marine Corp. during WW II - Is an accountant - married to the former Norma Lowery of Milan, TN - Two children: Bobby Vawter & Barbara V. De Fur - One grandchild, Wendy Vawter. Hobbies: Fishing & Genealogy. Descend from Thomas the son of Edward the church builder.

VICE PRESIDENT: Robert L. Vawter - Call him "Bobbee"

Over 40 - Born in Howard Co., MD the sixth of seven children. Lived and married Donna Bacon in CA - Works for Getty Oil Co. - Has been in Refinery Petrochemicals Environmental Operations Design & Supervision since 1961 - Has four children - Does some farming grain, beef cattle and horses - Hobbies: antiques, ham radio, and jumping horses. Descends from Jesse Vawter, William, Jesse R., John S., John B.

SECRETARY: Frances Elizabeth (Byler) Melton - Call her "Beth" or "Liz"

Over 40 - Born in Ft. Worth, TX - Has six children - She is 5'4", blonde with hazel eyes - Worked for H&R Block, then her own bookkeeping service in Houston, TX - Moved to Dallas where youngest son began to study law. She merged her business with Joe Melton becoming partners in their "Accounting & Tax Practice." Writes a monthly newsletter for an accountants tax group. Descends from John I, John II, David, Jesse & Philemon, William, John T., Albert C.

TREASURER: Hazel Vawter McCandless

Over 40 - Born in TX - Is a widow - has her own insurance agency in Cushing, TX where she is mayor. Has one daughter and a twin brother, Bill Vawter of Houston. Hobbies: Genealogy and football. Descends from Richard Vawter II son of John III.

HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST: James C. Vaughters - Call him "Jim"

Over 40 - Born in TX, Grew up in GA - Has a music and law degree - Was a naval intelligence officer for seven years - Is now a trial lawyer in Denver, CO - Married to Donna Mosher of IL - Has one son, Jonathan who can qualify for NSSAR on both sides - Hobbies: Hunting, genealogy, church choir. Descends from John III, James, Linzy, George, Hiram Solomon Andrew Jackson, Ernest Cleveland.



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NEWS EDITOR: Esther M. (Barker) Vawter

Over 40 - Born in Morton, WA - Married to Virgil D. Vawter - three children -Dale, Lynette, Brian - two grandchildren - Arron & Nicholas Allen, Worked for the State of California as a clerk - 5' 4" - pepper gray hair, blue gray eyes.

Active in church - Hobbies: Genealogy, travel, gardening, reading. Husband descends from John I, John II, David, Jesse & Philemon, William, John T., Albert C., Vernon D.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR: - A. Lucille Keir (She has been ill plus illness in the family)

CIRCULATION EDITOR: Frances Elizabeth (Vawter) Sabel- Call her "Beth"

Over 40 - Born Fruita, CO- Is first daughter and fourth child of Vernon Day & Renabelle (Cope) Vawter -Has one child, a son and a grand daughter. The past 18 years has been in the housekeeping Dept. of the Oregon Medical School -Hobbies: Crocheting and sewing - Descends from John I, John II, David, Jesse & Philemon, William, John T., Albert C. Vernon D.

EXCHANGE EDITOR: - Lorene Grippa

HISTORY OF OUR VVVFA & REUNION

John Vawter III of Stokes Co., NC and first wife had three sons: James, Richard and John, Jr.

The descendants of James lived in GA, TX, OK, and began to spell their name Vaughter.

The descendants of Richard lived in GA, TN, AL, MS, TX and continued the Vawter spelling.

The descendants of John, Jr. lived in GA, TN, AL, MS, OK used various spellings, but settled with Vawter.

Sometime before the 1970's the descendants of James Vaughter met every odd-numbered year and called themselves "The Vaughter Cousins Reunion" and meeting at Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, OK.

In 1977 they were joined by the descendants of Richard and John, Jr. The descendants of the second wife of John Vawter, Sr. (III) joined in along with the descendants of Russell, brother of John, Sr. (III).

The following year the descendants of John II and his son David along with the descendants of Edward the builder met with them, thus began the nationwide VVV Family Association. (If anyone can give me additional information and/or corrections on the above, it would be appreciated) The first newsletter was printed Sept. 1977 and went out to 55 households. The 1978 reunion met at Brady Mountain, AR - 1979 at Lake Murray, OK - 1980 at Port Royal, VA (to visit the Vauter Church) - 1981 at Hot Springs, AR and our last one at Clifty Falls near Maddison, IN.

OTHER VAWTER REUNIONS

The descendants of William & Mary Vawter have a reunion and have formed "The Vawter - Ravenal Family Association,". They have a newsletter "Vawter Quarterly" published by Willard C. (Bill) Grant, 36244 Canyon Dr., Westland, MI 48185 which was first published in 1978.

From George E. Dunn, 1937 Cardinal Lane, Huron, S.D. 57350 who descends from Russell Vawter, Chadwell, George Taylor, George W. and Ada A. Vawter his grandmother.

"Descendants of the Russell branch started a reunion 46 years ago (1936) in IN. My first attendance was in 1939 with my parents. My next was in 1941 at Royal Center, IN with 60 present. We sang songs and put on entertainment from young and old alike. In 1982 I, my wife and daughter, Georgene Jurgensen, attended the 46th reunion in Frankfort, IN.

The descendants of James B. Vawter & Fannie Warren Grisson have met for the past 21 years. Information taken from the VVVNL, No. 14, page 4 from Bishop Billy Mack Vawter.

The descendants of Ludwell (line of Edward the Builder) have had an annual reunion in the vicinity of Murphreesboro, TN for 50 years. David Vaughtner, air line pilot, is a member of this group.

I would appreciate more information on the two above reunions. If anyone has knowledge of other Vawter reunions, please pass it on to me.

We encourage all VVV branches to have their own reunions; but ask them to encourage their members to become a part of the nationwide VVV Family Association. Membership is \$5.00.

NEW MEMBERS

Sent to me by Hazel McCandless - Treasurer

From the reunion:

Robert Brown - 550 Northern Rd., Apt. #201, S. Daytona, FL 32014
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Arthur & Clara Kolschowsky - 1140 Old Mill Rd., Hinsdale, IL 60521
Delbert & Linda Vawter - 415 Shadeeland Ext., N. Vernon, IN 47265
Anthony Brown - Beltown Apt. #391-3B, Directory Dr., Columbus, OH 43213
Karen Mendenhall - Rt, 2, Box 2591-6, Delta, OH 43515
Amos & Willa Crouch - 301 N, Iowa, Chandler, OK 74834

After the reunion:

Lillian Corner - Rt 2, Dupont, IN 47231
Paul W. Wooden (Edyth) P. O. Box 278, Westport, IN 47283
Mrs Robert R. Moore (Mildred) 211 E. Third St., Keene, TX 76059
James W. Vawter - 63 Delaware Rd., Kenmore, N.Y. 14217

Sent by Wordna:

Randall E. & Mary Engleman - 1506 Star Haven Dr., New Albany, IN 47150
Russell K. & Jacqueline Vawter - 917 Norton Ave., Louisville, KY 40213 (parents of Mary Engleman) Both descend from John I, John II, David, Jesse, James, Milton, Frank, Rhyoden, Russell K. Vawter.

Sent to me before reunion:

Mrs. Addison J. Parry (Mary) 5000 N. Pennsylvania St. #3, Indianapolis, IN 46205
Col James Vaughtner (ret.) 4206 Walnut Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608
Hiram D. Vaughtner - 4901 Andrews Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106 (Brother of Col.

James V.)

(If there are any new members who have not been listed, please write and tell me. Also, tell me your line of descent and something about yourself)

Late Additions:

James A. Vawter - 4525 S.W. Director St. Seattle, WA 98136
Richard & Natalie Howard - 1312 Harvard, Houston, TX 77008
Beverly Howard, 2617 Greenland, Mesquite, TX 75150
Randy Howard - 58 N. Ellswood Apt. 3, San Mateo, CA 94401
Brian & Carla Conrad-Vawter - 250 Touchstone Pl. #79, W. Sacramento, CA
95691 (Son of Esther & Virgil Vawter of W. Sacramento, CA)

MEMBER "PROFILE"

Paul E. Vawter, Sr. - 3801 Mission Hills Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062

Born 6 March 1908 near Madison, IN where my father, Clarence, (Bicknell p. 168) was the Methodist minister. (Although he was baptized and raised in the Baptist Church) He was a circuit rider and met my mother at one of his churches. A list of places I've lived looks like a railroad timetable.

At age 18 both my mother & father were killed by a train hitting their car leaving three other children ages 5, 13 & 14. We didn't want to be separated, so we all kept house and went to school.

In 1929 I eloped and married Betty Ferguson. We have a son, Paul Edward, Jr. who married Harriet Jane Harper and have two grandchildren. I am 6' 4" tall and now have white hair. I have the characteristics of the typical male Vawter - handsome, debonair, highly intelligent, and extremely modest!

I retired from Illinois Bell Telephone after 43 years in various management positions. Favorite pastimes - Watching all sports & playing bridge. Favorite foods - Meat, potatoes and gooseberry pie (can't find gooseberries anymore).

Line of descent: John I, John II, David, Jesse, William, Jesse R., Jesse Philemon, Clarence M. & me, Paul Edward, Sr.

"REMINISING" by Paul E. Vawter, Sr.

I recall my first year in kindergarten. I observed that kids who brought apples to the teacher received profuse thanks of appreciation. I wanted attention too and decided if one apple was effective, two (or more) would really set me apart. One day, armed with four apples I decided to really get attention. I gave my teacher one apple and got the usual thanks. Later, I gave another, then another, and finally my fourth which I had intended to keep for myself. Remember, other kids were donating also. Imagine the line-up of apples on that teacher's desk. Come recess, I was hungry and those apples looked very inviting. So, when the teacher was distracted, I sneaked one of the apples back. I hoped she didn't notice and it certainly relived my hunger.

REUNION REFLECTIONS

Vice President - Bobbee Vawter on finding the graves of his g-grandparents. "surprised - happy - sad - grateful - proud"

Bonita Welch - R. R. #1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273

I had corresponded with Shirley Byler so much that I felt I already knew her. What a pleasure it was to meet her in person. She introduced me to Robert Vawter, (Bobbee) of DE, who like me, is a descendant of Jesse R., the son of William & Frances. What a thrill to be able to show him a picture of his g-g-grandmother Sarah Parks Vawter, the wife of Jesse R. On Friday I met another descendant of Jesse R. - Sara Hockmuth. She had a picture of my g-grandmother, Elizabeth Vawter Clark.

IN MEMORIAM:

We express sympathy to the wife and family of RHOYDEN F. VAWTER, SR. He had planned to attend the reunion, but illness prevented. He died 27 August. His son, Russell K. Vawter & family, and cousin Paul Wooden and wife did attend the reunion.

He was a native of N. Madison and had retired as the principal stockholder & cashier of the former N. Madison State Bank. He was a 50-year member of the Madison Masonic Lodge. He was an Army veteran of World War I.

Neal Vawter of Perry, OK died 15 July 1982. He was a first cousin to Hazel McCandless.

We report the death of Mrs. Margaret Montgomery Vawter of TN, the wife of Henry Alexander Vawter III whose death was reported in #10 page 2, P 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reunion in 1983 will be August 5-6-7 at the Ramada Inn, 4528 E. Skelly Dr. Tulsa, OK 74135 - Phone (918) 496-9666. Advanced reservations, double \$34 - \$37.00. More detailed information will be given in the next issue - March 1983.

The VVV Directory, a nationwide listing of members of the VVVFA plus all others of the VVV name collected from telephone directories, is being printed. To order, write to Hazel McCandless and enclose \$6.50.

Kinswoman, Carolyn Vaughter of OK, has published a historical novel West Wind Wild. The story begins with the Oklahoma Land Run. A copy (pocket book) can be ordered from Bill Vawter, 3019 Conway St., Houston, TX 77025 with a check for \$4.00 and made out to Carolyn Vaughter.

If you are interested in either of the two books by Ralph E. Fall The Diary of Robert Rose - \$15.00 and Hidden Village-The Story of Port Royal, Virginia - \$20.00. Both tell much about the Vawter Church. You may order from The Rev. Ralph E. Fall, 7308 Three Chopt Rd., Richmond, VA 23229.

Roger & Shirley Byler of TX have purchased a computer. Quote from Shirley, "It is about the most fun we have ever had". The Computer is a CBM Commodore - model 8032. The Printer is a CBM Commodore - model 8300P. The Disk Drive is a CBM Commodore - model 4040. Congratulations! I know you will have much enjoyment and satisfaction in its use.

Sent to me by Vice President "Bobbee" Vawter of DE - Dale I. Vawter of Claremont, CA was re elected for a second term to the position of Recording Corresponding Secretary of International Union of Operating Engineers Local 12 in August at Los Angeles. This covers Southern California and Arizona.

Beth (Byler) Melton keeps busy these days. Besides preparing for the printing of our VVV Directory, she writes a monthly newsletter for the tax group of which she and husband and Joe are members. She and Joe made all the arrangements for their convention in September.

Sally Poland of Madison, IN reports she is going to help young Joe Vawter and his parents (of N. Vernon) to trace their roots. A big "thank you" for your help Sally. Keep us posted on your progress. Story of Joe #16 pg. 3, P 3.

Susan E. Curtis writes to express a big "thank you" to E.B. Vaughters of Seattle for his help in connecting her people to the Vawter line as follows: Bartholomew, Edward, Thomas, Edward, Hiram, John Wesley, Jerome Washington. (I came across a Vawter branch living in Canada in 1968 which led me to Susan. I could not help her at that time to connect to any of the Vawter branches in Bicknell. At that time I did not know the Vaughter(s) branch was connected to the Vawter clan.) Good work E.B.

President, "Pete" Vawter writes that the night of September 12 they had a flash flood which flooded his office (accountant) with 30 inches of water. Ever since he has been trying to get equipment, records and supplies dried out. Quote, "Boy that was some experience. All bad."

From Bonita Welch, R R 1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273 - Our Heritage, Inc. the Jennings County, Indiana, Historical Society would like to contact whoever now has the picture of John Vawter that at one time was on loan to the Heritage Museum at Vernon. The Society wants to have a copy made of the picture. The picture was taken back 12-14 years ago. If you know anything about it contact Bonita.

From Ted Vawter, 8175 Hooker, Westminster, CO 80030 of the nominating committee asks that if there is anyone interested in working and helping in the VVFA to please write to him and let him know what you can do.

Frank & Florence Fitzgerald celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 9, 1982.

Paul E. Vawter & wife Lillian Elizabeth (Betty) celebrated their 53rd Sept. 3, 1982

From Hazel McCandless - Treasurer - I would like to have the addresses of the following: Vernessa Glagg, Bill M. Vawter, William D. Vawter, Diana V. Steinfelt, Leary E. Parrott, Jack H. Stoltz, N.L. & Marianna Vawter.

QUERIES

Mrs. Joe Nash - 807 S. 12th, Longview, TX 75602 -Who were the parents of Nancy Vawter b. 20 May 1806, d. 26 Feb. 1876 m. William Bailey Harris?

Mrs. Robert R. Moore (Mildred) 211 E. Third St., Keene, TX 76059 -Who was this Vaughter buried in the Lone Oak Cemetery in Lewisburg, Marshall Co., TN - Edmund J. Vaughter - TN- SM2- US Navy- WW II - Dec. 13, 1923 - Sept. 26, 1950?

Nona Thompson - 10308 Durham, Oklahoma City, OK 73132 - She was given the family group sheet of Wm Vauter b. 1804, VA m. Mitilda Carter, by Rowena Matthews. She said her grandfather told her the name was originally VAUTER, but when Jesse started to school the teacher spelled it VAWTER like the others in the neighborhood. Grandpa said his mother Susan Vauter Flint said they were not related to the Vawter. Also I can't find them in the Vawter book by Bicknell. Their children were all born in Jefferson & Jennings Co. IN- Martha Ann, Mary Jane, John W. Vauter, Henry Vauter, Wm H. Vauter, Nancy, Jessie Vauter, Susan, Benjamin & Edmond (last two died young). Can you help clear up this puzzle? Does this family belong to our bunch?

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For those interested, Beth Sabel, our Circulation Editor, has an offer for you. She has two aerial pictures of Trematon Castle which was at one time held by the Valletorts. The pictures are approximately 3 X 5, one a black and white, and the other, which was taken from a higher altitude, is in color. The cost of the black and white are two for \$1.00, the color \$1.00 each. You may order and make payment to Beth Sabel. Note address above.

Dorothy Vawter (sister of Beth Sabel) made a trip to Trematon Castle in England in 1981. Previous to the trip she had correspondence with Lady Caradon who with her husband were tenants of the Castle. Their twenty year lease, which expired in June of 1981, was with the real estate manager of the Duke of Cornwall, Prince of Wales.

Lady Caradon sent the two aerial pictures with the following comments: The ancient round building is the old Keep. It and surrounding walls were built by Robert de Mortaigne, half-brother of William the Conqueror, around 1030. The Georgian House was built by an admiral, with permission of the crown, in 1805. It later reverted to the Duke of Cornwall, Prince of Wales to who the entire complex still belongs and has belonged since the days of the Black Prince. (Ed. The Black Prince was the eldest son of King Edward III)

Short History of Trematon Castle
Reference: Castles by Charles W. C. Oman – page 107

Trematon castle was a primitive Norman stronghold placed on top of a steep hill which lies behind Saltash. It was of the simple “motte and bailey” type and while it was a baronial castle it was improved, but under “Duchy of Cornwall” administration it was allowed to fall into decay.

Trematon was originally founded by the first Earl of Cornwall, Robert of Mortain and in the twelfth century held by the Valletorts, one of the few original baronial families of Cornwall. Count Robert established the motte and outer bailey and the Valletorts rebuilt the outer enceinte, the keep-tower on the mound, and the gate house.

VALLETORT - VAWTER

From James L. Vawter, P. O. Box 665, E1 Campo, TX 77237

The name Valletort is very confusing. It certainly is not Anglo-Saxon, and even though it may appear to be Spanish or Italian, it is neither. The name began with the estate in Maine, France named Vautorte, which in Latin meant "Curved Valley". In later times when the name was mentioned in charters, (always in Latin) it was spelled Valle Torta (J. H. Round's Feudal England). This latinization of Vautorte was then sort of Anglicized into Valletort, then to Vaytort, and Vautard, and finally Vawter. The following exactly quoted and spelled paragraph furnishes some of the most important bits of evidence that Vawter is the successor name to Valletort. From: "The Transactions of Devonshire Association" by R N Worth, Vol. 28, page 722-23 on the article ; Tything of Compton Gilford".

'Early in the fourteenth century it was proposed that the king should grant a charter to the growing town of Plymouth. The manor of Sutton had however long passed from the hands of royalty to the Valletorts, and by them a considerable portion had been given to the priory of Plympton. Hence the one original Sutton became divided into the town of Sutton Prior, the Hamlet of Sutton Vawter, and the tything of Sutton Raf, the last two belonging each to a Valletort. Prior and Valletorts successfully opposed the issue of a charter then; and when a century later a kindred attempt was made the townsfolk were told in the first place to compound with the lords having franchises. This in the course of time they did, and so in 1439 the Borough of Plymouth was formed by act of parliament out of the town of Sutton Prior, the tything of Sutton Raf, parcel of the hamlet of Sutton Vawter, and "A sertayne of the tithynge of Compton". The whole of the original Sutton was included, the portion left out being called the Vawters, now occupying that part of Stonehouse at the western end of the north road, at Eldad".

Another paragraph which is exactly quoted and spelled, and from the same source Vol. 74, page 212, "The obsolete Plymouth manors of Sutton Pyll".

"A rough record Book of manor courts, 2 of Edward VI to 2 Philip & Mary, manor of Sutton Vawter among others. After various changes in ownership it came into the hands of old William Hawkins, 34 Henry VIII, and both John and Richard Hawkins held the manor.

EARLY VIRGINIA ANCESTORS

The following is an excerpt from the article "I Descend from some of the Planters of Old Rappahannock, VA", by W.T. Vawter (Bicknell p. 255) Vol. 5, #2, June 1974 issue of The Northeast Texas Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Blackburn's Creek, Occupatia, and Cockleshell Creek flow into the south side of the Rappahannock River. Along these creeks in old Rappahannock Co., VA., and what is now Essex Co., VA., were the plantations of BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER, WILLIAM HODGSON, THOMAS PAGE, CORNELIUS NOELL, and PETER RUCKER. On down the Rappahannock River, in Middlesex Co., VA. were the plantations of CLAUDE VALLOTT and STOKELEY TOWLES.

Three brothers, JOHN, BARTHOLOMEW, and ANGUS VAWTER came to Northumberland Co. VA. about 1675, as indentured servants of Thomas Opie; they were accused of hog stealing 16 Oct. 1676, and JOHN VAWTER was punished for killing a neighbor's hog as a result of this accusation.

BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER, son of JOHN VAWTER, the Immigrant, lived on Blackburn's Creek, married 1696, WINIFRED HODGSON, daughter of WILLIAM HODGSON, a merchant and planter who lived on Cockleshell Creek.

THOMAS PAGE married ELIZABETH ALLEN, emigrated from England to VA in 1652, and had plantations on Cockleshell and Blackburn's Creeks; their daughter ELIZABETH PAGE married CORNELIUS NOELL, the Immigrant, b. 1614 in Holland, came to VA. as an indentured servant, and was a wealthy planter at the time of his death in 1699.

DANIEL NOELL, son of CORNELIUS & ELIZABETH, patented 200 acres of land, 1711, in St. Anne's Parish, Essex Co., VA. on which he lived. He also owned land in Orange Co. VA., for about 1730, at his death, his daughter, MARGARET NOELL, the wife of JOHN VAWTER II, inherited 130 acres of land in Orange County.

PETER RUCKER, a Huguenot of German descent, born in Alsace, France, came to VA. in 1690, with his wife, ELIZABETH FIELDING, who was English, from Liverpool, England, settled on Occupatia Creek. In 1704 he was naturalized by the VA Assembly.

EPHRAIM RUCKER, son of PETER & ELIZABETH, lived his entire life (1712-1796) in VA., was a Lt. Col. in the Revolution. He became a prominent planter of Madison Co., married in 1734, MARGARET VAWTER, daughter of JOHN II & MARGARET.

CLAUDE VALLOTT (Alias CLAUDE CHAMPAGNE), a French Huguenot immigrant and planter, married ANN JENKINSON of Cumberland, England, lived in Middlesex Co., 1683-1693, near the Rappahannock River, made a deposition in 1684 that he was 35 years old, and cleared off the land in Christ's Church Parish for the first free school in 1690.

STOKELEY TOWLES, son of HENRY TOWLES and ANN STOKELEY, born 1687, married 1708, ANN VALLOTT, born 1693, daughter of CLAUDE & ANN lived in Middlesex Co., early 1700's and owned plantations on both sides of the Rappahannock River.

HENRY TOWLES, the immigrant from Liverpool, England came to Accomac Co., in 1652 when he was 12 years old, at one time owned Chinoteague Island, and later traded this land for a plantation in Middlesex Co. ANN STOKELEY was the daughter of JOHN & ELIZABETH, Immigrants from England to Accomac Co. in the year 1649.

RICHARD VAWTER & DAVID VAWTER were sons of JOHN II & MARGARET NOELL. RICHARD married FRANCES TOWLES, dau. of STOKLEY & ANN VALLOTT and was a planter of Madison Co. 1740-1803. DAVID married 1750 MARY RUCKER, dau. of EPHRAIM & MARGARET VAWTER, born in 1735, and owned land adjoining the Old Orange County Courthouse.

PHILEMON, son of DAVID & MARY RUCKER, married in 1779, ANN his first cousin, dau. of RICHARD & FRANCES TOWLES. Although raised an EPISCOPALIN, PHILEMON became a Primitive Baptist Preacher.

MEMBER "PROFILE"

Frances (Hull) Hargrave Tiller, 309 E. Wellington, Cartage, TX 75633

I am four feet, ten inches, hazel eyes, auburn hair now turned white. Have sung alto in Baptist Church choir since 1955. Was formerly a professional photographer. Have one son, Charles Melvin Hargrave, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. My ancestor is David M. Vawter (Bicknell p. 369) who married Nancy (Reicroft) Weir. Nancy is one-half Cherokee Indian and made the 1,200 mile "Trail of Tears" trek when she was age five.

A LOST CEMETERY

From Don Austin and Frances Tiller of Carthage, TX

Old Grand Bluff Cemetery, on a quiet bluff just above the Sabine River, on the northern edge of Panola Co., TX was considered a lost cemetery. Now the Panola Co. Heritage Society & Historical Commission are laying preliminary plans to rescue it. The driving force in beginning the restoration has been Don Austin, a local surveyor and member of the Heritage Society who listed it in his book, "42 Lost Cemeteries".

Dr. David M. Vawter is buried in this cemetery in a concrete and brick vault with name inscribed in the cement on the tomb. Frances Tiller has helped with positive identification and making repairs to it. Adjacent to the Vawter tomb is a mound of brick which is believed to be the tomb of David & Lucinda (Glover) Vawter, parents of Dr. David Vawter. Also buried there is Sarah Julia (Vawter) Sterrett.

Austin was becoming discouraged about finding volunteers to clear the underbrush and fallen rotting trees from 50 years of neglect, until a group of Boy Scouts turned out in force to begin the job of clearing. Since this was publicized more area citizens have taken an interest in the project.

There is a logging road leading to the cemetery which they hope to improve, and put up a sign for the cemetery on the Farm-to-market road. There is much more than clearing underbrush needed for complete restoration, such as fencing, repair of markers, etc.

Any VVV's interested in helping the descendants of Philemon Vawter and his youngest son David, with this restoration project can send a tax deductible donation to: Panola County Historical Commission, % Mrs. Leila B. LaGrone, 512 Stadium St. Carthage, TX 75633.

"Happy Reminiscing"

From Florence V. Fitzgerald. Rt. 2, Box 139, Elmore City, OK 73035

Mother, father, Lillian, Zona, Si, and myself went from Bethany, OK. to Hickory Flat, MS, in the late 20's, to visit our father's mother. Our grandmother was a very small woman; she used a child's toy broom to sweep her house.

One day grandmother offered to make some ginger cookies if one of us (kids) would beat the gingerroot to powder, make the fire (in a wood stove), cut the cookies, and watch them cook. Of course, we all promised. She made the dough and we did the rest. The stove was so hot we raised all the windows and opened the doors, but we ended up with the most delicious cookies I ever ate. Grandpa, grandma, mother, and dad sat on the front porch while we baked the cookies. I can still remember how hot we got cooking those cookies. (Florence is a descendant of John IV and a cousin of Fred Wicker).

MEMORIAL

From Mrs. Lucille Keir, 119 W. Dunedin Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43214

Reporting with sadness the death of Ruth Vawter Ritchie, November 22, 1982, born July 14, 1900 (Bicknell p. 118). She lived with her daughter Lucille and husband Willard who brought her to the reunions. In Hot Springs, AR she saw her brother Ted and sister Shirley Byler for the first time in 30 years and saw them again at the Ind. reunion. She leaves brothers Ted and Marion, and sister Shirley, daughter, Lucille Keir, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

From Stella Ann (Vaughter) Christman, 302 Ethel Dr., Bryant, AR 72022

Zephyr Jackson Eddington died Saturday, January 1, 1983 at the age of 87 years. She was born June 10, 1895 in Jonesboro, AR. the dau. of Joe & Mary Elizabeth (Turner) Jackson. Zephyr was the first wife of Paul McGuire Vaughter (1895-1951), and they had two children who lived: Raleigh Jackson Vaughter & James LeRoy. She is survived by seven grandchildren and at least six great grandchildren.

The line of Paul McGuire Vaughter is: Bartholomew, John, Richard, John, James, Hiram, James, Samuel Paul, Paul M., and Raleigh Jackson Vaughter.

From VVV President "Pete" Vawter

Reporting the death of Lemuel Burrow the later part of 1982 at the age of 91. Lemuel joined the VVVFA in 1979 (Issue #7 p. 1). The gavel used by our president was donated by him in 1980 (Issue #11 p. 3).

NEW MEMBERS

Emolone V. Cooper, 1004 Winding Road, College Station, TX 77840
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Dottie E. Reneau, 3715 "C" Charles Conrad, San Antonio, TX 78219
Vesta M. Bowman, Rt. #2, Box 45, Woodville, TX 75979
Marcella M. Rubis, 1336 Emporia St., Aurora, CO 80010
Mrs. Abraham (Elizabeth A.) Smith 620 West Magnolia, Stockton, CA 95203
Mrs. A. L. Keck, 14015 Nimitz, Houston, TX 77015 (sister of "B" Van Osdal-Schneider)
George Van Osdol, P. O. Box 443, 1501 S. Walnut, Pauls Valley, OK 73075 (her brother)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next reunion will be August 5-6-7 at the Ramada Inn, 4528 E. Skelly Drive, Tulsa, OK 74135 - Phone (918)496-9666. Rooms have two double beds, cost \$37.00 for one to four people. Make reservations early with Ramada Inn – VVV Reunion.

Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Vawter, R. R. #6, Shelbyville, IN, who were married September 18, 1932, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Florence Fitzgerald was 80 years young February 21, 1983 (See her Reminising, p. 4)

In the 1983 Volume "The Society of Distinguished American High School Students", the following students were listed:

Vauter, Cassandra LeLane (Christian School of Springfield, MO)

Vawter, Robert Daniel, Jr. (Magnolia Heights School, Senatobia, MS)

Conway, Joseph Cinyard (Bradley High School of Cleveland, TN)

(Joseph above is the grandson of Mrs. Grady Grimes, Dothan, AL)

Bill Vawter of Houston, TX gave a copy of The Vawter Family in America to his library and received a beautiful thank-you letter. If your library has a genealogy section, and does not have a copy, I urge all who can to donate a copy to your library.

A reprint of The Vawter Family in America by Bicknell may be purchased from: Mrs. Walter Reynolds, R. R. #1, Butlerville, IN 47223, for \$6.00.

B. Van Osdol-Scheider, 4029-1 Memory Lane, Wichita, KS 62212 suggested we hear from all those who have an original copy of The Vawter Family in America by Grace Vawter Bicknell.

Beth Sabel, Circulation Editor, would like everyone who is interested to bring their VVV Directory to the reunion and she will have a meeting to give you corrections and the computer number assigned to each name.

The VVV Directory, of almost 1,200 VVV's may be purchased through the treasurer, Hazel McCandless, for \$6.50.

GENEALOGY COURTESY

When writing anyone to ask for genealogy information, include a SASE (self-addressed-stamped-envelope). When you receive the information, write a thank-you letter.

If you receive a request with a SASE, answer as soon as possible. If you have no information, write and say so.

When writing to a foreign country, instead of a SASE, send an international postal coupon. When sending payment to a foreign country use an international Money Order from your bank.

Membership dues of \$5.00 are due August at the time of the reunion. Some of you have not renewed your membership and are in jeopardy of being dropped from the mailing list. If you have not renewed your membership, please make use of coupon below.

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$5.00 PER YEAR - MAIL TO THE TREASURER

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(Give your VVV line on back) PHONE _____

From the Editor: I would like to have all news for the next issue to me by May 1. I am particularly interested in Oklahoma VVV news. Keep sending me your queries, profiles, reminiscing stories, and announcements. I would appreciate receiving any genealogical information you think would be of interest.

QUERIES

Rena Jacobsen, Rt. #2, Box 157-A, Orfino, ID 83544 - Who were the parents of Lucy Vawter who married James Maxwell Crawford in 1812? (Ed. She saw our VVV Family Association listed in the May-June 1982 issue of The Genealogical Helper.)

Marcella M. Rubis, 1336 Emporia St., Aurora, CO 80010 - Who were the parents of John Wesley Vawter (m. Emily Jane Wheeler) born May 4, 1822 VA?

Elizabeth A. Smith, 630 W. Magnolia, Stockton, CA 95203 - Who were the parents of Nancy A. Vawter (m. Jackson E. McCeele). According to the 1880 Census she lived with her husband and family in Lick Mountain Township, Conway County, AR and her age was 34. My mother was born Christmas day in 1882 and her mother died shortly after her birth. According to the Census Nancy was born in IL and mother & father were born in KY.

Stella (Vaughter) Christman, 302 Ethel Dr., Bryant, AR 72022 - The children of James LeRoy Vaughter have not been notified of their grandmothers death (page 4) and I have not been able to locate any of them. I would appreciate the assistance of the VVV Family Association in notifying my cousins. (Listed below)

Pauletta J. (Vaughter) Hill of Oklahoma City- two children, Cindy & Bobby.
Ella Mae (Vaughter) Thomas of Oklahoma City - believed to have one child.
J. W. & Bobby Vaughter - location and children unknown.

Bill Vawter, 3019 Conway, Houston, TX 77025 - Who was Whorten (Whatten) Vawter that first lived in Stokes County, N.C. and later in Screven County, GA? Who was Richard Johnston Vawter who witnesses the Wharton Vawter Deed in 1804 in Screven County, GA at the time that Wharton sold some property?

Helen MacPherson., 8574 Calais Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828 - Who were the parents of Elizabeth Vater, born 6 June 1818, Cerne Abbas, Dorsetshire, England, died 8 August 1852, Marshall, IL. married Isaac Groves, born 28 January 1823, Cerne Abbas, Dorsetshire, England, died 12 December 1906, Champaign, IL. In the book "The Biographical Record of Champaign, Illinois" by S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago, IL 1900 her husband, Rev. Isaac Groves refers to his marriage to Elizabeth Vawter. In England it was spelled "Vawter" and pronounced as in "father". But in the U. S. it was spelled Vater and pronounced as in "ate".

If you haven't sent a Family Information Sheet to Historian/Archivist, Jim Vaughters, please fill out the enclosed data sheet and mail in. When and if your ancestor connects to one in Bicknell's book, give name and page number. Thereafter, if you wish, you need only list the names for each generation and end with the name of your first ancestor, whether it is Bartholomew or John I.

MILYNDA ANNETTE GUINN and four co-authors have been asked by the Dept. of Communication at the University of Oklahoma to submit a research paper to the Memphis State Undergraduate Honors Conference May 4. The paper is entitled, "Gender Interaction Between Speaker and Listener: A Study of Listening Comprehension and Speaker Effectiveness."

Miss Guinn will receive her B. A. degree in Communications May 14, 1983 from the University of Oklahoma and plans to pursue a Masters degree in Speech Pathology. Milynda is the daughter of George & Marcia Guinn of Norman, Oklahoma descending from John IV thru James Wesley Vawter and grand-daughter of Florence Fitzgerald and Silas Vawter, etc.

OKLAHOMA PIONEERS

(Excerpts from story by Wordna Wicker, former editor - Issue #3 - 1978)

JAMES WESLEY VAWTER, minister, teacher, landowner, and pioneer leader was born in Tippah Co., MS., December 26, 1869, the oldest child of Wm Jasper and Rebecca Jane (Sanford) Vawter, descending from John IV. He attended public school in Union Co., MS; migrated West at an early age to join relatives, and continued his education at Pilot Point, TX and Grayson College at Whiteright, TX. In 1849, while employed by the U. S. Government to teach English to the Choctaw Indians, he married Martha McCasson who was 3/4 Choctaw. Subsequently, he taught school and preached at Damron, Wilburton, Franklin, Eri Springs, Monroe and Lindsay, Oklahoma as a Methodist circuit rider.

While at Wilburton in 1899, he and D. L. Wood began publication of the WILBURTON GAZETTE. While at Lindsay, 1906-1908, he was instrumental in building a combination School-Church. In 1908 when the state was one year old he moved with his family to Oklahoma City at which time he joined the Church of the Nazarene. In 1909-1910 he and two other ministers are credited with the organization of the town of Bethany, outside of Oklahoma City. His was the second dwelling built when he moved there with his family in 1911.

While in Bethany, he and two fellow ministers founded the Oklahoma Holiness College, later called Bethany-Peniel College. While in Bethany he was a merchant and landowner providing monetary as well as moral support to the college for the balance of his life. In 1927 he became Bethany's City Clerk and served in that capacity until his accidental death December 14, 1933 as a result of a car-streetcar accident. He was buried in Bethany Cemetery.

From Dr. L. Paul Gresham of Bethany Nazarene College Archives: Both Oklahoma Holiness College and Bethany-Peniel College were institutions of the Church of the Nazarene. In 1955 the name was changed to Bethany Nazarene College. Rev. James W. Vawter served as President of the Board of Trustees of O.H.C. and lived across the street from the college. Dr. Gresham said he remembered when Rev. Vawter was killed.

Surviving him at his death were his widow, Martha, and the following children: Eula; Eunice; Ethel; Florence; Alice and Beatrice, twins; Albert and Elbert, twins; Zona; Silas; and Lillian. Two brothers and three sisters followed Rev. Vawter to the Oklahoma Territory. His brother Hubert and sister Emma (Vawter) Wiley returned to MS. His brother Asa, and sisters, Betty (Vawter) Reid, and Adelia (Vawter) Parker, lived out their lives in Oklahoma.

William Clayton Vaughters, P. O. Box 484, Citrus Heights, CA 95611 - He was born in 1915 in Davenport, Iowa; reared in Portland, OR., married Frances La Verne Boyd. After graduation from Pasadena Nazarene College served as a pastor.

In 1945 he and family went to Guatemala as missionaries where they served for ten years. Following this term of service he was appointed president of the Spanish American Seminary in San Antonio, Texas and served in this capacity for twenty years. In 1964 the honorary D. D. degree was conferred upon him. He retired in 1980, but still accepts speaking engagements and serves as interim pastor in surrounding churches.

His lineage is: Bartholomew, Benjamin, Richard, Richard, John, William H., William M., Warren, William Clayton Vaughters.

REMINISING

From Ted Vawter, 8175 Hooker, Westminster, CO 80030 - Grandma & Grandpa Churchwell (mother's parents) lived in Shelby Co., MO and at this time the land was unsettled and there were a lot of wild turkeys.

Come Thanksgiving time Grandpa and the boys decided they'd go turkey hunting. They left two muzzle loading guns at the house all loaded. After they had been gone about three hours, grandma (who was just a little thing weighing about 98 pounds) heard a gobble, gobble, gobble. She looked out the window and saw around 40 wild turkeys coming down toward the barn. She kept quiet, watched them go into the barn; then she grabbed both guns and ran to the fence where she could steady the gun on a fence post.

When those turkeys came out of the barn she pulled the trigger and got two big Toms. She fixed them right away, put them on to cook and had turkey dinner ready when grandpa and the boys returned from their Turkey hunt empty handed.

MEMORIAL

VERNON G. AMOS, died of a heart attack January 17, 1983 at the age of 70 in Jacksonville, Florida. His daughter Mary is a member of the VVVFA. He descends from Elliott Vawter, and Lucinda.

KEITH PIKE at age 72, died April 15, 1983 in Los Angeles, Calif. He was a retired California State Agriculture inspector. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Martha (Pike) Barker and three brothers, Cary, Rupert, and Randy Pike. He was a long time member who descends from John IV.

T V MOVIE

NANCY VAWTER was seen in the TV movie "Kentucky Woman" starring Cheryl Ladd. This production ran around the first of the year and Nancy played the part of "Aunt Minnifer".

Editor: This information was relayed to me by Paul Vawter, Sr. of IL. whose brother in Indianapolis, IN saw it and wrote to him about it. I am now in the process of tracking Nancy down. The movie was produce by "Walter Doniger Productions" on the 20th Century Fox property. When writing to 20th Century Fox, my reply was they had left the lot. Do any of you know of a more permanent location of "Walter Doniger Productions"? How many of you saw the TV movie "Kentucky Woman"?

From Helen MacPherson, 8574 Calis Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828 - Genealogical Gleanings in England, by Waters, p. 651 - Will of John Coke of Dorchester, in the County Of Dorset, mercer, 23 April 1641, proved 26 October 1641..... I give unto John Coke my son the moneys and goods that are in Mr. Smith's hands in New England and ten pounds more. The ten pounds given unto him by his late grand-father, MR VAWTER shall be paid out of a debt due unto the said MR. VAWTER by Wm Savage Esq. and Francis Matthews Esq." etc.

From James L. Vawter, Box 665, E1 Campo, Texas 77437 - Devonshire Wills and Administrations, Archdeaconry of Exter.

Sara Vawter, Administrations -	1692 - Sidmouth
Elizabeth Vawter "	1693 - Bickleigh
Samuel Vawter, wi 1	1678 - Whimble
Elizabeth Vater, will & Admin.	1679 - Whimble
Roger Vaultter, will	1686 - Bickleigh
Mary Vauter, Admin.	1691 - Whimble
Robert Vawter, Admin.	1692 - Sidmouth

From E. B. Vaughters, 12015-1st Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98177 - From the pages of a Law Journal - Court proceedings of a suit involving the VALLETORT Sanitary Laundry Company which was having financial difficulty. The laundry was incorporated in 1896, Plymouth, England, and Thomas Garland, Esq. was the managing director. They were still in business in 1900 because they applied to the bank for further credit. (Editor: The question arises - was this laundry, named after the miner, or was it named after Valletort Place, Road, or Street? In the VVVFA memorabilia is a metal street sign "Valletort Place, brought back to the U.S. from WW II by Donald Ritchie after he found it in the rubble when German bombers had flattened the city of Plymouth, England. See issue #8, p.2)

From your editor: Cavaliers & Pioneers, Abstracts of Land Patents and Grants - abstracted by Nell Marion Nugent, Vol. I - 1623-1666, p. 339 - Mr. Martin Baker, 1750 acs. New Kent Co., 28 Nov. 1656. Trans. of 35 pers.....
JOHN VAULTRES, etc.....

From your editor: Early VA Immigrants, by George Cabell Greer, 1623-1666, p. 338 VAULTRES, JOHN 1656 by Martin Baker, New Kent Co., VA

From Betty Cox, 3254 Belvoir Blvd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122 - Cavaliers & Pioneers, Abstracts Of Land Patents and Grants Vol II 1666-1695, p. 372 - "John Salmond, 61 acs. Rappa. Co., on S. side of the River, 20 October 1691. Imp. of 2 pers; BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER, Mary Burkett."

From your editor: Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock & Essex Counties; VA., 1655-1900 by Eva Eubank Wilkeason, 1953, Richmond, VA., p. 240- BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER married Winifred, daughter of William Hodgson, 1698 - Book D9, p. 54.

From Mary Winningham, 4701 Willard Ave., Apt. 312, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
KY Marriages, 1797-1865 - G. Glenn Clift.

John W. Smith to NANCY VAWTER, Jessamine Co., May 1826

KY Obituaries, 1787-1854

"RICHARD VAWTER, died November 26, 1841 at an advanced age." from the Lexington Reporter, November 28.

"HENRY VAWTERS, an old citizen of Franklin Co., died Saturday, March 7, 1846. Coroner's verdict: Suicide by hanging", from the Lexington Reporter, March 14.

Rena & Rockie Jacobson, Rt. 2, Box 157A, Orofino, Idaho 83544

Carl W. Cupp, 5166 S. Birmingham Dr., Tulsa, OK 74105 (bro. of Edith Goodson)
Lineage: James Vaughters, Linzey, Winna Julian (Vaughters) Waters.

A. R. Walters, 6428 Morningside Dr., E1 Paso, TX 79904

Margaret V. Bailey, 419 Gornito Lake Rd., Brandon, FL 33511 (dau. Rose Whitley Vawter)

Porter W. Gilford, 9107 Devonshire, Dallas, TX 75209

Marvin E. Vaughter, 21 Fairfield Dr., N. Little Rock, AR 72116

Rev. & Mrs. Wm C. Vaughters, P. O. Box 484, Citrus Heights, CA 95611

Mrs. Shirley V. Beasley, 603 N. Main St., Farmers City, IL 61842- Lineage: John, John, David, Philemon, Beverly, James, Albert, D. Guy, M. Glen Vawter.

Helen MacPherson, 8574 Calais Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828 (she is happy to have received a reply to her query in the last issue. James L. Vawter of E1 Campo, TX gave her the names of other VVV's in Dorset, England).

Mr. & Mrs. Wm W. Dyer. 1144 Hedge Lane, Paducah, KY 42001

Jayne C. Ladd, P. O. Box 33, Tillar, AR 71670

FROM THE EDITOR

CORRECTION: In the article "Lost Cemetery" in the last issue I mistakenly inserted the name VAWTER when listing "Sarah Julia Sterrett" buried in the Grand Bluff Cemetery. This Sarah is the daughter of Sarah Julia (Vawter) Sterrett. Another daughter, Polly, is buried beside Sarah.

In this issue I am starting a section called "GLEANINGS". In this section I would like to use miscellaneous data sent to me by YOU about any VVV. With each item PLEASE give me the name of your source and page number if in a book. I will contribute also as I discover data in the various libraries I visit. Do not fail to contribute to this section.

I would be interested in hearing from all the VVV's who are members of an ancestral society such as SAR, DAR, Colonial, Magna Carta, etc. Also, state whether you hold local or state office and name the office.

DUES - Due and payable in August.

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$5.00 PER YEAR - MAIL TO TREASURER

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(Give your VVV line on back) PHONE _____

Colonel James S. & Allinne Corbitt, 118 Gardner Ave., Martin, TN 38237 celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, April 12, 1983.

Mr. & Mrs. Emery Mayer, Rt. 1, Hickory Flat, MS who were married April 1, 1983 celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

From Paul E. Vawter, 3801 Mission Hill Rd., Northenoak, IL 60662 - Son, Jay has written two chapters in the college text book, "Managing Investment Portfolios -A Dynamic Process" composed of 712 pages and thirteen other writers.

From Louise Vawter Lee, 300 AIA Apt. M206, Jupiter, FL 33458 - The Agriculture Dept. of the State of Illinois has granted Louise V. & David V. Lee the "Centennial Family Farm" award as recognition for the family having owned the land continually for over one hundred (100) years. (Editor: Their story will be in the next issue)

Brian L. Vawter, 1713 Merkley Ave., W. Sacramento, CA 95691 (son of Ed.) As staff photographer of the Sacramento City College paper "Express" won second place in the statewide news photo competition at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Conference.

The VVV Directory of almost 1,200 VVV's may be purchased through the treasurer, Hazel McCandless for \$6.50. The names are arranged by state and it comes in very handy when you want to contact a member or any other VVV in a particular state.

Beth Sabel would like for you to bring your VVV Directory to the reunion to update, make corrections, and get the computer number assigned to each name.

QUERIES

Jayne C. Ladd, P. O. Box 33, Tillar, AR 71670 - I know nothing of my VAWTER ancestry other than that Elizabeth Vawter was born in Essex Co., VA and married in 1747 to Thomas Newman, born ca. 1731 in Essex Co., VA and died in 1777 in Prince William Co., VA. Can anyone place my Elizabeth Vawter?

Poeter W. Gifford, 9107 Devonshire, Dallas, Texas 75209 - I have been searching many years for information regarding Mary Rucker Vawter, the second wife of James Renfro, Sr. He was born ca. 1727 in VA and died in either 1801 or 1807 in Lincoln Co, KY . His first wife was Lydia_____ and together they had seven children. Can you place this Mary Vawter in any of your Vawter genealogy?

Betty Cox, 3254 Belvoir Blvd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122 - Julia Vawter, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Watts) Vawter married February 16, 1815, Jefferson Co., IN. to Matthew Wise who was born May 28, 1788 in VA. Where in VA was he born and who were his parents?

LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 39th ALBERT GRANT VAWTER REUNION will be held at LEXINGTON PARK, LEXINGTON, ILLINOIS on AUGUST 14, 1983 at 12:00 noon.



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

July 12, 1983

REUNION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The sixth annual nationwide V/V/V reunion is just around the corner. The reunion is scheduled for August 5, 6 and 7 at the Ramada Inn, 4528 E. Skelly Dr. Tulsa, Okla. , telephone(918) 496-9666. Your presence is requested.

A very special thanks to Duncan and Sally Brown for delaying a trip to England and doing all the work in preparing for the reunion.

The tentative schedule will be as follows:

Friday August 5:

8:00 A.M. - Breakfast meeting of officers,

8:30 A.M. - Registration

10:30 A.M. - Call to order

Invocation - The Rev. John Vawter

Welcome

Business meeting

12 noon - Lunch - order from menu

1:30 P.M. - Speaker

5:30 P.M. - Board bus for Discoveryland,

Barbecue dinner and attend the outdoor
production of Oklahoma !

Saturday August 6:

10:00 A.M. - Call to order

Reports and discussions

12 noon - Lunch - order from menu

6:00 P.M. -Dinner - Ramada Inn dining room

Committee reports

Sunday August 7:

10:30 A.M. - Worship Service, Central Church

of The Nazarine, 7291 East

81st. St., Tulsa, OK. The Pastor is

Russell Human

Sunday August 7:

12:00 noon - Check-out time at Ramada Inn for those leaving on Sunday.

Appointment of committees:

1984 reunion committee: John Vawter, Hazel McCandless and Bill Vawter.

Nominating committee: Ted Vawter, Col. Corbitt, Betty Nash, James L. Vaughters and Frank Robinson.

Registration committee: Betsy Miller, Barbara DeFur, Sandra Robinson, Norma Vaughters, Sue Vawter, Louise Vanover and Jim DeFur

Committee to recommend year for return to Vauters Church: James C. Vaughters, Col. Corbitt, Wordna Wicker, Vernon Vawter, Shirley Byler, Edna Reynolds, Sally Brown, Marvin Vawter and B. Van Osdol Schneider.

The Ramada Inn Contracted to hold 50 rooms for us until July 21. Today, July 12, 40 rooms have been reserved. Obviously time is near and rooms are limited. Call today.

Our organization has come a long way in a few years. Active participation will keep us moving forward. Long live V/V/V !

Sincerely,

Pete

Robert M. Vawter

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MEMBER DUES: \$5.00 per year - payable in August to the VVV Association

REUNION

The sixth National VVV Family Association Reunion is in the past. The only officer change is a new exchange editor, see above. From now on I will only print the full list of officers in the Fall #1, and Summer #4 issues.

A big "thank you" to GEORGE and SALLY Duncan of Tulsa for the great job they did in organizing the reunion. Thanks to them a copy machine was rented for our use. We appreciate them putting off their trip to England to organize and attend the reunion.

Thanks to SALLY DUNCAN for the idea and planning of the eight foot ancestor chart made on newsprint. Each person was asked to sign under their ancestor.

There were 110 present from 15 states. The top three states were: Oklahoma, Texas, and Tennessee.

BETH SABEL from Portland, OR. traveled the greatest distance.

VELMA TIDWELL, age 84, of Yukon, OK was the oldest member present (she is the niece of Rev. James Wesley Vawter, Oklahoma Pioneer - see story last issue).

LINDSAY DYER, age five (5) months, of Oklahoma, was the youngest in attendance.

There was one family with four (4) generations present: (1) EDNA KEEN, (2) BETTY ANN DYER, (3) ALLEN RAY DYER, (4) NATHAN ALLEN DYER.

FRANCES GUYNAS of El Paso, TX spoke to us on Friday afternoon. Her subject was the Brooklyn Bridge and its 100th anniversary. Her uncle Roland Vawter Keithley worked on it as an engineer.

WORDNA WICKER of Pontotoc, MS then acted as moderator for a round-table discussion on questions about the VVV Assoc., genealogy, and VVV questions in general.

A sympathy card was sent to Marvin Vawter whose wife passed away in June. A get well card was sent to E. B. Vaughters of Seattle who was in the hospital. A get well card was sent to Linda Vawter of Indiana (mother of our young Joe).

Friday evening the musical "Oklahoma" was seen in the out-door amphitheater at Discovery Land. The VVVFA, along with other groups, was introduced before the performance.

Saturday morning, E. B. VAUGHTERS had been scheduled to speak, but because of illness was unable to attend. In his place BETTIE NASH of Texas spoke to us about the National Society of Huguenots (silent "t"). A publication had been seen by several members which listed Bartholomew Vawter as a Huguenot. The Huguenots were a group of Protestants who fled from France in the 1500 & 1600' s.

BANQUET

This reunion dedicated by President, Pete Vawter, to the memory of those who had passed away during the year since the Madison, IN reunion.

Three VVVFA members who left office last year were presented certificates designed and framed by VERNON & TRUDY VAWTER of AR. The officers were: James Vaughters, former President; Bettie Nash, former Secretary; Wordna Wicker former Newsletter Editor.

TED VAWTER of CO. gave the report of the nominating committee. We were reminded that our President and Vice-president only serve two connective years. It will be necessary to elect a new Vice-president next year. It was recommended that we have a second Vice-president so this officer will have a longer period of time to learn his next job.

The reunion committee recommended the next reunion be in Nacogdoches, Texas the first week end in August. Rev. John Vawter will be the on site coordinator. All are invited to stay over for the Sunday worship Service at 8:30 a.m. in the Methodist church across the street from our motel, the Fredonia Inn, 409-564-4665, Reservation clerk Tammy Molidar.

The reunion committee on "when shall we return to Virginia" brought the recommendation that we return to the site of the Vawter Church near Port Royal, VA in 1985 and every five years thereafter.

A member recommended that those who work with arts and crafts bring some items for display at the next reunion and that they also donate something for a door prize.

VERNON VAWTER of AK donated a painting which was won by DANIEL BYLER. FRANK ROBINSON donated a ceramic milk can which was won by our new member MADGE ELLIOTT.

A. LUCILLE KEIR, 119 W. Dunedin Rd., Columbus, OH 43214 announced the start of a VVV Cookbook with the following logo:

V awter(s) Vital Vittles

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V aughter (s)

Each family is asked to mail three recipes (any kind, including microwave) on 3 x 5 cards (typed if possible). If you know where they came from, give the source. Please put your name and address on each card to identify your VVV family.

Send no later than January 1, 1984.

SUNDAY

VVVFA members attended worship at Tulsa Central Church of the Nazarene in memory of Rev. James Wesley Vawter. Oklahoma Pioneer. co-founder of the city of Bethany, OK, also Bethany Church of the Nazarene and Bethany Nazarene College.

MEMBER PROFILE

WALLACE READ VAWTER (Wally) was born 19 October 1902 at Denver, Colorado and is the son of Everett B. & Helen (Read) Vawter, page 151 Bicknell. Wallace has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Purdue and one year at George Washington Law School. He was married 18 October 1925 to Helen Cripe. Their children are: Read, Jane, and Nancy.

He has worked as an engineer for Flood Control and River and Harbor Operations, also with Estimate Division Bureau of the Budget, Washington. He and his wife, Helen, have lived in Mexico since his retirement twenty years ago.

T V MOVIE

The mystery of who the NANCY VAWTER is who played Aunt Minnifer in Kentucky Woman (see last issue) has been solved.

Her father WALLACE READ VAWTER (above) wrote to me and gave me the following information:

Nancy Vawter is married to Lewis Palter and uses her maiden name at times in acting. She was graduated from Wellesley College and attended the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. She has performed in off Broadway and had many major roles in stock and regional theater. Her credits over the years include: Directing, teaching, costuming, coaching, and her own radio show. Her husband has appeared in over 70 TV shows and is head of acting at the California Institute of the Arts.

ANCESTRAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

MRS B. L. MONROE, JR. (ROSE) is Registrar of her DAR chapter in Kentucky.

COL. JAMES CORBITT of Tennessee is a member of the Society of Cincinnati (members are descendants of the officers who served under George Washington).

BILL GRANT of Michigan has membership in the following: Detroit Metropolitan chapter of the SAR of which he is Secretary, Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan of which he is State Treasurer, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Confederate Descendant Society.

BETTIE NASH of Texas has membership in the following: DAR, Huguenot Society, Magna Carta Dames, Colonial Dames 17th Century, Daughters of 1812, Daughters of American Colonies, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Descendants of the Plantagenets, Descendants of the Royal Order of the Garter, and Descendants of the Crown of Charlemagne.

POSSESSORS OF ORIGINAL VAWTER FAMILY IN AMERICA

HARRY L. VAWTER of Farmington, Illinois

SARA A. HOCKMUTH of Des Moines, Iowa who received hers in 1943 thru her grandmother, SARAH (VAWTER) GRINSTEAD who is listed on page 133.

LOUISE (VAWTER) LEE of Jupiter, Florida descends from JEPHTHA D. VAWTER JAY VAWTER, son of PAUL VAWTER SR. of Illinois.

DOROTHY I. VAWTER of Covina, CA Desc. Jesse, William & Frances.

FLORENCE (VAWTER) FITZGERALD of Elmore City, OK Desc. from Rev. James Wesley Vawter

B. VAN OSDOL SCHNEIDER of Wichita, KS Desc. from Jesse, William & Frances.

GLEANINGS

From MARY WINNINGHAN, 4701 Willard Ave., Apt. 312, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Kentucky Genealogist Vol. 10 #2 1968 - Deed Book J, page 308, Nov. 1, 1804

Indenture between WILLIAM VAWTER of Woodford Co., KY, and Daniel Feagan, of
Clermont Co., OH - land in Mason Co. on North Fork of Licking river, where Vawters
2,513 acres crosses the line of Tabb's survey near John Kenton's line. Witnesses: David
Rowland, EDW. F. VAWTER, JAMESON VAWTER, John Kercheval & Lewis Craig.

From COL. JAMES S. CORBITT, 118 Gardner Ave., Martin, TN 38237
Culpepper Co., VA Deed Index - Richmond, VA

VAWTER, John to RUCKER, Ephraim - BK A-121 Recorded 3-15-1749 (700
acres patent 20 July 1736)

VAWTER, John to VAWTER, Angus- BK A-126 Recorded 3-15-1749

VAWTER, John to VAWTER, Richard of Orange Co. BK A-131 Recorded 3-15-
1749

VAWTER, Bartholomew to VAWTER, David BK C-112 Recorded 3-16-1758

From ESTHER M. VAWTER 1713 Merkley Ave., W. Sacramento, CA 95691
BRIDE BONDSMAN

Caroline Co., VA Marriage Bonds 1787-1852

Fanny VAWTER to Adam Beazley - 15 May 1799 - Rev. J. Sorrell

Jenny VAWTER to John Dean - 25 Feb. 1792 - Rev. John Sorrell

Isabella VAWTER to John Whittio - 2 April 1832 - James Parker

Prince Edward Co., VA Marriage Bonds 1755-1866

Mary Jane VAWTER to E. B. Green - 9 April 1845 - Lemuel VAWTER

Elizabeth P. VAWTER to John W. Thornton- 26 Sept. 1815 - Lemuel VAWTER (father)

Julian VAWTER to Richard Woodson - 20 Dec. 1827

Essex Co., VA marriage Bonds 1804-1861

Patsy VAWTER to Thomas Anton 21 Dec. 1835 James Anton-father, Alexander
VAWTER -father

Elizabeth VAWTER to Eli Coghill - 10 May 1860 - John & Polly Coghill, pts.

Sally VAWTER to William Walden - 7 Nov. 1810 - Boulware VAWTER

Culpeper Co., VA marriage - 1781-1815

Alpha VAWTER to Robert Shelton - 2 Nov. 1790-Minister Wm.Carpenter, Luthern - p. 81

NEW MEMBERS

Harry A. Crouch, 828 W. Walnut, Chaltham, IL 62629 (Sorry I left you out previously)

Grace Upshaw, 6225 Green Meadows, Memphis, TN 38119 (Desc. Drucilla Vauter dau.

Of Samuel Vauter & wife of Thomas Martin)

Wanda N. Gould. 442 Cameron Rd., St Louis, MO 63137 (dau. of Everett VAWTER and
desc. William VAWTER, page 131 in Bicknell).

Mrs. Joan Coleman. Box 61 Dighton, KS 67839 (g-grandparents Alonzo & Mary Vawter of
Waldo, KS

Myrtle Jemison. 1112 Stratford Sr., #2 New Port Richey, FL 33552 (husband Willard
(deceased) is grandson of William & Mary Ravenel VAWTER)

Edward M. & Jetta Stapp, 109 S. Indianwood Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74012 (desc.

Jesse's sister Margaret VAWTER married Achilles Stapp).

Margaret Jeffres, 2336 S.W.44, Oklahoma City, OK 73119 (desc. John Wesley VAWTER).

Madge T. Elliott. 1804½ Fairway Dr., Dodge City, KS 67801

Florence Lowe, Rush Springs, OK

Sharron Dyer, Harrah, OK

Jennie O'Connor Morgan, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Harry & Edith Vawter. Farmington, IL

We express Sympathy to MARVIN VAWTER, 11205 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64114 at the death of his wife BESS VAWTER, on 20 June 1983. Desc. from William bro. Jesse.

The mother of BONITA WELCH, R.R. #1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273, HILDA (CLARKSON) TAYLOR of North Vernon, IN passed away 16 July 1983. Desc. from Jesse R. VAWTER & Sarah Parks, page 128 Bicknell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETH SABEL - Mary Ensing said all clerks at the Ramada Inn in Tulsa agreed that the VAWTERS should be proud to belong to the VVV group, everyone was so considerate. The personnel at the lodge was glad to serve us, "they are beautiful people".

From Historian/Archivist - JIM VAUGHTERS: Three new items were donated to the VVVFA memorabilia collection - one 11x14 framed color photo of the VAUTER CHURCH, one of the Valletort Castle, and a B&W of the Castle, all three donated by Beth Sabel and her sister and brother-in-law Garrit & Alberta Vander Mei. Also a loose leaf binder of pages with pictures and a running conversational description of the ground and remains of the Valletort Castle by Dorothy I. Vawter (sister of Beth Sabel).

EDNA & WALTER REYNOLDS, R. R. #1, Butlerville, IN 47223, who were married 12 May 1933 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

TED & LYDIA VAWTER will be traveling this fall. Sept. 14 to Acopoco for a week, and Oct. 11 to Hawaii for two weeks (Lydia's son is stationed in Hawaii).

From MRS. BURT MONROE, JR. (Rose) P. O. Box 23447, Louisville, KY 40223, Established as a memorial for her mother Charlotte Sawyer, "The Charlotte Sawyer Memorial Daffodill Trail", in the Botanic Gardens at Memphis, TN. The trail has 2,700 bulbs and 40 varieties. She descends from Drucilla VAWTER & Thomas Martin.

MR. BURT MONROE, JR. is chairman of the Biology Dept. at the University of Louisville. He and wife, Rose, spent almost a year in Honduras as newlyweds while he conducted on-site research for his Ph.D. Dissertation on the birds there. He is chairman of the A.O.U. (Amer. Ornithologist's Union) Checklist Committee (branch of Zoology on birds). The new Checklist of American Birds for the first time include Hawaii, Central America, and the West Indies. Burt wrote the Ms. for the book to be published this summer. He and others spent many hours and years gathering information.

REUNION NEXT YEAR- NACOGDOCHES

Nacogdoches is the oldest town in Texas with two of the oldest roads in North America intersecting it, located north of Houston. It is rich in Texas heritage, historic old homes, and some brick streets. The territory was first explored in 1542 by DeSoto. In 1685, the French came to Nacogdoches and found a tribe of Indians with pale skin and hair, and blue eyes. (Ed. Make plans now to attend)

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$5.00 PER YEAR - DUE AND PAYABLE IN AUGUST TO VVVV ASSOCIATION Mail to: Hazel McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, TX 75760

NAME _____ New _____ Renewal _____

STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(Give your VVV line on back) PHONE _____

Mrs. Imogene Terrell, 2600 N. Towry Dr., Midwest City, OK 73110

I saw an item in the newspaper about the VVV reunion and was interested in knowing if I could be one of the relations. My grandfather's name is James Wesley VAWTER and he married Martha Ann McCasson (Part Indian).

Mrs. Helen Baker, 905 N. Jefferson, Wellington, KS 67152

I saw the VVV announcement in The Genealogy Helper. I am trying to find descendants of Sarah (Sadie) McClaskey who married _____? Vawter and they lived in California. They had a girl named Madie.

M. Glen Vawter, 33 Delaine Dr., Normal, IL 61761

I am trying to find any descendants of Cyrus Vawter who's line was John I, John II, David, Philemon, Beverly, and James Crawford Vawter - see Bicknell page 331. James Crawford Vawter actually had nine children of whom Cyrus and my grandfather, Albert Grant Vawter, were two.

Robert A. Van Dyne, 1849 Roberts, Salina, KS 67~01

I saw the VVV announcement in The Genealogy Helper. John Henry Amerine/Amrine came to America in 1754. He is reported born in 1732 to the parents of Henry Amerine and Florette Vattier. Is the above name familiar? Can you give me any leads to the origin of the name?

Bill Grant, 36244 Canyon Dr. Westland, MI 48185

I need any biographical information on Jesse Vawter, son of Philemon & Anna Vawter who married Florence Ann Watts.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

After this issue our new mailing list will consist of the enclosed list of people PLUS new members who paid their dues at the reunion. If your name is not on the list and you have paid your dues, please notify our treasurer Hazel (Vawter) McCandless.

If at any time you do not receive your copy of the newsletter by the end of September, December, or March, please notify our Circulating Editor, Beth Sabel.

The photo copy machine was put to a lot of use at the reunion: I brought all the photo copy material I had made of VVV's & Valletort from the Mormon Library. It was all put out on a table to be copied by anyone.

Dorothy Vawter (wife of Bishop B. Mack Vawter) brought VAWTER census records for those interested to copy.

Two large prints, sketched by Will Vawter, were brought and many made photo copies of them.

I invite you to collect material during the year that you can share with other VVV'S at the next reunion with hopes we can have the use of a copy machine.



NEWSLETTER
Winter 1983 Volume 8 #2

FAMILY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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THE THREE V'S in "83

The venturesome family of Vawter
Left England to sail o'er the water
To start a new life and to stand.
On the soil of a new Promised Land.

The romantic family of Vaughters
Brought forth many good sons and daughters
Born with charm and a sense of beauty
That enhanced their lives amidst duty

The Patriotic family of Vauter
Always did what they knew they ought'er.
Their tracks have gone down in history
To trace them, today, is no mystery.

The energetic family of Vaughter
Found the land they wanted and bought her
Raising children, crops, cattle they toiled
Even building a church at Port Royal.

To Bartholomew, Angus and John
You started it, now we'll carry on
The proud traditions you began
Through all generations we span.

This poem was written in August '83 by DUNCAN BROWN of Tulsa, OK who was coordinator for the VVVFA Reunion which was held in Tulsa, OK.

YOUNG JOE VAWTER OF N. VERNON, INDIANA BELONGS

We have some great news from E. B. VAUGHTERS of Seattle. He has traced the family of young JOE VAWTER for us.

At the 1982 reunion in Madison, IN young Joe met our tour at the lunch stop in a park near N. Vernon. He was curious about this VVV group and wondered if he was related. Young Joe's father, DELBERT did not know his grandfather (see issue #16).

His lineage is: (1) Bartholomew (2) John (3) David (4) Jesse (5) James (6) Thomas S. (7) Milton M. (171 Bicknell) (8) Edwin Sr. (9) Edwin Jr. (10) Delbert (11) JOE VAWTER

Milton M. Vawter shows up in the 1900 census of Indiana with children including Edward Sr. Edward Sr. b. 5 Nov. 1898 (171 Bicknell) and wife Viola lived in Butlerville, IN. They later moved to Indianapolis where Edward Sr. died when the boys, Edward Jr. and Frank P. were small.

We have Frank P. Vawter listed in our VVV Directory and E. B. Vaughters was able to contact him by phone. A bonus surprise ! E. B. discovered that one of the sisters of Edwin Sr. (Hazel in Bicknell page 171) married the oldest brother (Orval Cecil Clarkson) of Bonita Welch's mother, Hilda Clarkson.

A big THANK YOU for your research E. B.

MEMBER PROFILE

SARAH LOUISE (VAWTER) LEE – 300 AIA Apt. M206, Jupiter, FL 33458
Born 12 December 1909 in Tremont, Illinois and an only child of Lewis H. & Adah W. Vawter. Started school in Minert Country School, graduating from Pekin, Illinois High School. Attended Ward-Belmont College in Nashville, TN and Illinois Wesleyan College, Bloomington, IL.

Married Harold R. Lee, Electrical Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation, Dept. of Interior in Denver Colorado. Lived in Denver 27 years where they raised three sons.

SARAH has been active in church and community. She enjoys cooking, sewing, reading and travel. Lineage- John, David, Philemon, Elliott, Henry Clay, Lewis Henry.

A LOVE FOR THE LAND (136 Yrs. Ownership)

From SARAH LOUISE (VAWTER) LEE (above)

In 1847 my Great grandfather, Jeptha D. Vawter (281 Bicknell) came from Elkton, Todd County, KY. to Tremont, Tazwell County, IL to make a home for his family as a farmer. There he raised ten of his thirteen children, three dying at an early age.

My grandfather, Henry Clay Vawter, was the fourth child of Jeptha & Sarah Modised Foster, daughter of John and Elizabeth Foster. He was eight years old when the family settled in Illinois. He found good land in the Mackinaw River Valley and purchased a large track, cleared it and began farming.

He built a school house and hired a teacher for his children. My grandfather was the only one that remained on the Illinois farm. His father gave him land and he also purchased land from his father. His father lived there twenty three years before moving to Shawnee County, Kansas.

Four of my grandchildren are the sixth generation to be living on that land. That makes one hundred thirty six years of family ownership. The Agriculture Department of the State of Illinois granted us the "CENTENIAL FAMILY FARM AWARD" in recognition for the family having owned the land continually for over one hundred years.

This year my son, David V. Lee, an Accredited Farm Manager, purchased adjoining land that had been part of his g-g-grandfather's farm. We as a family now own all of Jeptha's original holding.

We have a family cemetery on the original ground owned by Jeptha which was started in 1859 when a relative came from Kentucky and died while on her visit. It is located on a hill top and surrounded by virgin oak and hickory nut trees. Harold and I have placed our headstones as we thought it would be easier if placed ahead of time. Some years ago a number of the old illegible ancient white stone markers were replaced with red granite markers.

MORE OWNERS OF ORIGINAL VVV BOOK

David Lee of Tremont, IL (son of Sarah Louise Lee)
Irene Vawter of Coos Bay, OR (widow of Arthur Vawter bro. of Ted Vawter of Colorado)
Evelyn (Mrs. Jack) Stoltz of Santa Barbara, CA
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Vawter. of Flint Hill, VA

REMINISCING

From PAUL E. VAWTER. SR. - 3801 Mission Hill Road, Northbrook, IL 60062

I shall never forget WILL VAWTER, a large stooped shouldered giant. Back then he and James Whitcomb Riley were not only good friends but close drinking buddies. I visited with Will and his second wife at studio and adjoining house, both very modest.

He had a fine reputation as an illustrator and as a landscape artist. He won many prizes for his work at the annual Hoosier Art Salon sponsored by the Chicago Tribune. Many of his works were reproduced in the Sunday Tribune.

After his death his remaining works were placed in the Hoosier Salon in Indianapolis. We bought one of his landscapes, Spring Scene. Most of his work was done by knife rather than by brush.

WILL VAWTER

Will Vawter, whose full name was John William Vawter, was born in Boone Co. VA 13 April 1871. He was the son of Dr. Louis A. Vawter & Emma Mary Damson (385 Bicknell) . Lineage: Edward, William, William, John Henderson, Louis A., & Will Vawter.

From the time his hands were able to hold a pencil, he showed a marked talent for drawing which was encouraged by his mother.

He married May Howey Murray in 1902 ending in divorce 17 years later. In 1923 he married Mrs. Ola Lackey Genolin of Nashville.

From 1908 Will made his home in Brown County, IN until his death 11 Feb. 1941 at age 69. Some of his finest work was of that picturesque corner of the state which were landscapes of hills, trees, streams, and country roads in all seasons of the year. If he had any preference it was for winter scenes.

Although nearly 20 years younger than James Whitcomb Riley, the two men, poet and artist, became close friends. With the exception of a few volumes, all the Riley books were illustrated by Will Vawter.

From BONITA WELCH – R. R. #1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273

I have collected 10 of the 18 volumes of poems by James Whitcomb Riley which were illustrated by Will Vawter.

MEMORIAL

From Mrs. IMOGENE TERRELL – 2600 N. Towry, Midwest City, Ok

Mrs. EUNICE (VAWTER) BLACK of Bethany, OK passed away at age 86 on 29 August. She was the second born of Rev. James Wesley & Martha Vawter, early settlers of Bethany, OK, pioneers of that state (see last issue, page 2).

Mrs. EULA (VAWTER) COLLINS of Choctaw died 27 Sept. at age 88.. She was the first born of Rev. James Wesley & Martha Vawter.

They are survived by six sisters and three brothers.

From CHARLES E. VAWTER - My wife of 50 years, RUBY D. VAWTER passed away 11 May in the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, TN.

From ROBERT "PETE" VAWTER- 509 Oaklawn Dr. Milan, TN 38358

Services for Mrs. Carrie De Priest Vawter age 91 were held 30 August at McKenzie, TN. Mrs. Vawter was the widow of Vilas V. Vawter and a native of McKenzie.

ELIJAH STAPP

From EDWARD M. STAPP, 109 S. Indianwood Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74012 (New VVVFA Member)

Elijah Stapp was born in Orange County, VA 16 Oct. 1783, the first child of Achilles & Margaret (VAWTER) Stapp. Margaret (Peggy) Vawter was born 15 Oct. 1763 the daughter of David & Mary (Rucker) VAWTER. Achilles Stapp moved his family to Kentucky ca. 1790. Here Elijah met and married Nancy Shannon.

In 1816 Elijah Stapp moved to Missouri with his wife and two sons. While living there he heard stories of land and life in the Mexican Territory of Texas. In 1825 he went to look it over and in 1831 he moved with his wife and six children to Jackson Municipality, in the contract colony of Green C. DeWitt.

On 16 July 1831, he was given title to a "League of land". When the Mexican government closed Texas to further settlement of Americans he saw danger for the future. When the Consultation Convention was called at Old Washington-on-the-Brazos for 1 March 1836, Elijah was asked to stand for election as a delegate and was elected. The Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico was drafted with Elijah signing as a duly elected delegate. He was also selected by the convention as one of the "Committee of 26" to draft the constitution that governed the Republic of Texas from 1836 until Texas was admitted to the Union in 1856.

When peace returned after the battle of San Jacinto, Elijah Stapp returned to his home and was elected a Judge in Edna, Texas in 1839. He held this position until his death in March 1843. Elijah Stapp was buried on the old Russell Ward farm outside Edna, Texas. The actual gravesite is unknown, but the area is marked by a monument by the Texas Centennial Commission in 1936.

GLEANINGS

From MARY WINNINGHAM, 4701 Willard Ave., Apt. 312, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

U. S. Census -1860- Saline Co. IL page 883

JAMES D. VAUGHTERS - age 36 born Kentucky - farmer

Wife: Octary or Octaney (?) - born S. C.

Children: Marvil- age 14 born IL. (son)

James T. age 12 born IL (son)

Rachal J. age 10 born IL (dau.)

John W. age 8 born IL. (son)

Columbus F. age 3 born IL (son)

From JAMES L. VAWTER, Box 665, El Campo, TX 77437

From Rappahannock Co. Deed (index) book 1692-95, page 52 - BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER was grantee on part of a parcel of land willed to a Thomas Page to one Hutson. From Virginia Deeds & Wills in Rappahannock Co., VA - BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER 26 April 1687 witnessed to Power of Attorney from Marguret Ruddiford to David Wilson.

From the same source: BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER, 1688 performed appraisal.

From your News Editor - From book WW II Honor List of dead and missing for the state of Texas by the War Department, found in the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. dated June 1956 - Page 41 - - - VAWTER, PERRY W.

QUERY

From Mrs. HELEN BAKER, 905 N. Jefferson, Wellington, KS 67152

Her query in last month issue wanting to know what VAWTER married Sarah Mc Claskey. She was told the answer was on page 124 of Bicknell. Wm S. VAWTER born 19 April 1845 near Vernon, IN married 1868. Now Helen would like to know if anyone can tell her about their children. If any of you have this line, will you write?

George & Vivian Seaman, 1087 N. Triple X Rd., Choctaw, OK 73020 (daughter of Mrs. Ethel (Vawter) Stow and grand-daughter of Rev. James Wesley Vawter.)
 Mrs. Willie Clevenger (Dorine), 7521 Bradford, Houston, TX (daughter of Theodore & Georgia Vawter of Texas)
 Mrs. Kenneth Day – Luray, KS 67649 (daughter of John S. Henderson & Donna Viola Vawter, grand-daughter of Alonzo Jefferson Vawter.
 Phil Milliger, 5419 Bordley, Houston, TX 77056
 Stella Christman, 302 Ethel Dr., Bryant, AR 72022
 Junita Anderson, 4943 Emelita, Mesa, AZ 85206
 Rev. John & Susan Vawter, 915 Queenland, Plymouth, MN 55447
 Clara Pearle Shields, 214 S. 16th St., Unionville, MO 63565
 Oscar & Erma Vawter, Jr., 6090 S. Miller, Oklahoma City, OK 73159
 Ted Vawter Jr., Box 571, Edwards, CO 81632
 John Wesley & Mavis Vawter, 4826 Owens Rd., Memphis, TN 38122
 Imogene F. Terrell, 2600 N. Towry, Midwest City, Ok 73110 (grand-daughter of Rev. James Wesley Vawter.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please mail in your recipes by January 1. If more do not come in we won't be able to have a VVV Cookbook. Send three recipes on 3 X 5 cards with your name and address on each. Mail to: MRS. A LUCILLE KEIR, 119 W. Dunedin Rd., Columbus, OH 43214.

For those who have asked about it you may order a reprint of The Vawter Family In America by Grace (Vawter) Bicknell from: Mrs. WALTER REYNOLDS, R.R. #1, Butlerville, IN 47223 for \$6.00 which includes postage and handling.

The VVV Directory of almost 1,200 VVV names and addresses may be purchased through the treasurer: Hazel McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, TX 75760 for \$6.50.

Start making plans to attend the next NATIONAL REUNION of the VVV Family Association August 3-4-5 at Nacogdoches, TX. This is the oldest town in Texas and is rich in heritage. REV. JOHN VAWTER, 822 Evelyn, Nacogdoches, Tx 75961 is the on site coordinator. All are urged to attend the Sunday worship service at 8:30 a.m. in the Methodist church across the street from our motel, Fredonia Inn; 409-564-4665 for reservations.

From Hazel McCandless (Treas.) The list of names included with the last issue was of "payed-up" VVVFA members before the reunion in Tulsa. This reason some showed 1983 paid is because some members pay in advance.

The pocket book "West Wild Wind" written by a VVVFA member can be ordered by mailing a check for \$4.00 made out to : CAROLYN VAUGHTER and mailed to BILL VAWTER, 3019 Conway St., Houston, TX 77025.

From your editor: I am in need of REMINISCING stories, research material for GLEANINGS and any VVV story you might know. Keep sending in your ANNOUNCEMENTS and QUERIES. This is YOUR newsletter, so keep the news coming.

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 (Give your VVV line on back) PHONE _____

THE FOUNDING OF MARTIN TENNESSEE

Martin is located at the intersection of the Louisville & Nashville and the Illinois Central railroads in northwestern Weakley County. Its founding can be traced to two sources, the coming of Captain Wm. Martin to Weakley County in 1832 from Halifax County, VA and the expansion of railroads into that section of the U.S.

The parents of Capt. Martin were Thomas & Drucilla (VAWTER) Martin. Drucilla VAWTER was born in Cumberland County, 15 July 1778. She is sister to Lemuel, Ludwell, Patsy, and others. After her father Samuel died ca. 1788 her mother, Agnes (Richardson) VAWTER and family moved to Charlotte County. Capt. Martin was born in Halifax County, VA in 1806 and married Sarah Glass 30 September 1828.

During 1838 Capt. Martin purchased 2,500 acres of land 1/2 mile from Martin's present business district. It was situated between two forks of the navigable Obion River which empties into the Mississippi. He worked diligently prior to the Civil War to secure a rail route through his land. The Nashville & Northwestern Railway when building their line between Nashville and Kentucky decided to pass through Weakley County and the Martin Estate. The line was not completed until after the death of Capt. Martin in 1859 and after the start of the Civil War in 1861.

In 1871 George W. Martin, son of Capt. Martin, convinced the Mississippi Central Railroad to build its northsouth line through his land this fulfilling his father's dream of a railroad junction on Martin land. The line was completed in 1873 and at the junction of the two railroads Martin, TN was formed with George Martin one of the commissioners and his brother, Marshall, the treasurer.

George Martin built the Martin House, a hotel for weary travelers and his brother, Marshall, opened a dry goods store. Early in 1874 the Martin Academy was established, and in 1890 McFerrin College was built by the First Methodist Church on land donated by George Martin. Through the efforts of George Martin the nearest bank, 30 miles away, at Trenton was moved to Martin with George becoming its president.

(The above was taken from the publication The Martin Centennial 1873 - 1973 sent by MRS. BURT L. MONROE of Louisville, KY. The genealogical data was furnished by E. B. VAUGHTERS, of Seattle.

Those who descend from this line are:

Mrs. Burt Monroe (Rose) P. O. Box 23447 Louisville, KY 40223

Mrs. Grace Upshaw, 6225 Green Meadows, Memphis, TN 38119

Maureen E. White 5102 N. 65th Ave., Glendale AZ 85301 (cousin of Mrs. Burt Monroe)

Mrs. David H. Harpole, 3689 Peakwood Dr., Roanoke, VA 24014

If any VVV Family Association member has any data on THOMAS MARTIN & DRUCILLA VAWTER contact these descendents.



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FAMILY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER
Spring 1984

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1984 VVVFA REUNION

Spring is upon us and it is time to make your reservations for the reunion August 3-4-5 at Nacogdoches, Texas.

We have a block of 50 rooms saved for the VVVFA Reunion at the: Fredonia Inn, 200 North Fredonia Street, Nacogdoches, TX 75961 – Phone (409) 564-4665.

The cut-off date for reserving these particular rooms is 21 July 1984. You can still make reservations after that date and take a chance on room location. When making reservations, please remember to say they are for the VVVFA Reunion.

There is another reunion scheduled at this time and they have reservations for a block of 20 rooms.

Room Prices

One person \$38.00 – Two persons \$45.00 – Additional person/rollaway/crib \$6.00 each.

Children under 12 free.

Parlor (2 rooms) \$79.00 – (3 rooms) \$104.00 – (4 rooms) \$132.00

Our on site coordinator for the reunion is Rev. JOHN VAWTER, 822 Evelyn, Nacogdoches, TX 75961.

Description

Fredonia Inn is located in downtown Nacogdoches and has 114 rooms. There are special suites for entertaining, poolside cabanas, and a picturesque garden “Greenery” restaurant which serves a noon buffet daily.

NACOGDOCHES

Nacogdoches is rich in Texas heritage. Learn of the legend of the Caddo Indian Tribe which gave it its name. You will enjoy the beauty of the historic old homes and downtown business buildings constructed in the 1800’s. See some of the oldest brick streets in existence in the state of Texas.

You will learn of some of the historic battles fought by Spain, France, and Mexico to gain control of the Texas territory. Its history dates farther back than recorded history. The territory was first explored in 1542 by De Soto. In 1685 the French came, and in 1716 came the earliest Spanish Missions.

REMINISCING

From: TED R. VAWTER, 8175 Hooker, Westminster, CO 80030

My Grandpa, JOHN T. VAWTER, lived on a farm 3 ½ miles east of Birch Tree, MO. Come a long dry spell he was sorry he had a farm in southern Missouri. When this would happen he would sing these words to the tune of "Beula Land".

Oh Missouri land – Sweet Missouri land
As on this rocky hill I stand
I look across that dark ravine
And wonder when I went insane
If ever I owe a man a harm
I'll try to give that man this farm.

MEMORIAL

Edith Angaretta Anthony, age 73, died on December 22 in Wellington, Kansas.

Born near Peck, Kansas, she was the oldest daughter of George Milo & Harriett Elizabeth Anthony. Preceded in death by her oldest brother, George Raymond and twins Melvin Dean & Evelyn Josephine (bro. & sis), her parents and grandparents, Samuel & Margaret Ellen VAWTER. One of her surviving cousins is Edna Fern VAWTER James of Boise, Idaho.

Jeannette R. Vawter, age 69 of Shelbyville, Indiana. Born in Blue Ridge 10 June 1913. She was the daughter of George & Faye (Marshall) Fessler. She was married to Wallace L. VAWTER 18 September 1932 and he survives.

Vera Jo Wheatley, age 73 of Indianapolis, Indiana. (Sister of Edna Reynolds)
Born 4 April 1910 in Ripley County, daughter of C.J. & Nora O'Conner Wilson.
Her husband, Arthur Wheatley preceded her in death in 1974.

Robert D. Vawter, age 62 of Indianapolis, Indiana. A native of Cincinnati, he lived here for 57 years and was a conductor and switchman 40 years on the New York Central System. Survivors include his wife, Blanche D. Vawter, two daughters, and a son Charles VAWTER.

MEMBER PROFILE

The Reverend BRUCE F. VAWTER, 2233 N. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614. Born 11 August 1921, Fort Worth, Texas. He is the son of Francis Bruce & Gertude (McFadden) VAWTER.

EDUCATION: St. Thomas Seminary College, B.A. 1942; St. Mary's Seminary (Perryville, MO.) 1942-47; Dominican University, Rome 1950; Institute Biblico, Rome 1952 & 1957.

CAREER: Roman Catholic Priest. Professor at Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, Mo 1952-56, vice-rector 1955-56. Professor at St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, CO. 1962-67. Professor Theology De Paul University 1968. Professor Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. summers of 1958 and 59. He had summer lectures in Australia & England, plus several universities in America.

WRITINGS: Contributor to religious journals, was on board of translators for the Confraternity Version of the Old & New Testament, plus writing a number of books. Reference to one of his books on page 18 of this issue under announcements.

(The above biography taken from the books, Contemporary Authors & Directory of American Scholars.)

General Store in E. B. Vaughters Family for 75 Years (1875 – 1950)

From an article in The Daily Times of June 8, 1981 & General Business Reviews of Scioto and Pike Counties, Ohio 1891.

In the year 1875 S.S. English, great grandfather of E. B., was born in Pennsylvania 40 years earlier, arrived in Rushtown, Ohio to establish his place of business which consisted of dry goods, groceries, hardware, boots, shoes, railroad ties and a post office, which he names VAUGHTERS STORE & POST OFFICE.

Squire English did \$10,000 worth of business his first year. So important was this newcomer to the community that he was appointed trustee of Rush Township to fill a vacancy, then in 1877 was elected to the office, serving three terms.

In 1912 the grandfather of E.B., THOMAS G. VAUGHTERS, took over the family store, VAUGHTERS STORE & POST OFFICE, and operated it until 1918 when he turned it over to his son, IRA J. VAUGHTERS who operated it until 1950.

THOMAS VAUGHTERS was a native of Scioto County, Ohio, born 3 December 1848. After education he became a school teacher for eight years and married in 1879. THOMAS commenced mercantile life in 1878 at Wetmore, Pike County on the Scioto Valley Railroad as THOMAS G. VAUGHTERS STORE & POST OFFICE. He was appointed postmaster at Wetmore by the government. He continued there for five years before moving to Young, Scioto County where he erected a substantial business structure and residence. His application to the Post Office Department was accepted and he conducted business there as THOMAS G. VAUGHTERS STORE & POST OFFICE. Then in 1912 he took over his father's store, VAUGHTERS STORE & POST OFFICE.

VAWTER CHURCH FOR SALE

From William & Mary College Quarterly, Vol. X, p. 257. The article "Sale of A Colonial Church".

In 1798 the following ad appeared in the Fredericksburg Herald. "To be Sold – A House built for a church, the main body 16 X 24 feet, well framed, of white oak timber and outside of Pine plank, with feathered edges shingled with chestnut shingles, the interior adorned with pulpit, type pews, railing and two galleries with seats and aisles. It is nearly in the midst of the Robinson Fork. The time of payment will be agreed upon at the day of sale. (Signed by) RICHARD VAWTERS, Madison County".

History of the Parish and Counties – "Broomfield Parish, in Madison County, VA was cut off from St. Mark's Parish by act off Assembly in 1752; including what is now Madison and Rappahannock Counties.

St. Mark's Parish was taken from St. George's in 1731; Orange County from Spotsylvania in 1734, Culpeper County was taken from Orange in 1748.

The chief church was called VAWTERS, which must not be confused with VAWTERS in Middlesex or Essex Counties.

NOTE: In "St. Mark's Parish" Slaughter says that the VAWTERS were a prominent family in Broomfield Parish.

GLEANINGS

From your Editor: In the Virginia Genealogist, Volume 16 (1972) on pages 217-218 is a list of Post Offices in Louisa County, VA before 1890. It listed, VAWTER'S STORE & POST OFFICE (1887-1909) located in Vigor, VA.

From E. B. VAUGHTERS of Seattle who has enlarged on the above:

In the 1810 census there was a BENJAMIN VAWTER in Orange County, VA. He had a son Benjamin who by the 1830 census was age 30/40 and had two sons, William & Richard, five years of age or under.

In the 1850 census of Louisa County, VA William was age 26, single, and a wheelwright. Richard was age 21, single and an overseer, living in Orange County.

WILLIAM T. VAWTER b. 1824/25 m. Mary I. _____ of Louisa County, VA and had a son WILLIAM H. VAWTER, b. 1856 who married Ella Terrell. It was they that had the VAWTER STORE & POST OFFICE in Vigor, VA. The town of Vigor no longer exists.

The children of William H. & Ella (Terrell) VAWTER

1. Mary Ann m. Walter Elam
2. Clifton T. m. Ezzie Massie
3. Ernest Lindsey, b. 1894, m. Virginia Roberts.

#3 - ERNEST LINDSEY VAWTER d. August 1983 at age 89. His son, WILLIAM B. VAWTER, retired, is now living at the Old Vawter Store home place, Rt. #2, Box 78, Louisa, VA.

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From E. B. VAUGHTERS of Seattle in answer to the query of Mrs. Joe Nash of Longview, Texas in issue 17 (1982).

E. B. found the marriage record of her g-g-grandmother, Nancy VAWTER who married William Bailey Harris in 1822. This marriage record states that Nancy is the daughter of LEMUEL VAWTER.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Robertson, Rt. #3, Box 194, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75453

Frances Stowers, Rt. #1, Box 1068, Dawsonville, GA 30534

Lewis & Evelyn Vawter, Rt. #7, Box 143, Marshall, TX 75670 (Lewis is the only brother of Perry W. Vawter mentioned as last item in "Gleanings" section Vol. 8 #2 p. 10.

Arthur Lee Vawter, Jr., 3110 Uvalde Ave., Nederland, TX 77627 (grandfather was Albert C. VAWTER, s/o John T. VAWTER & Pamela Dwyer, s/o Wm & Frances VAWTER)

David Vawter Lee, Rt. #1, Tremont, IL 61568 (Line: John, John, David, Philemon, Elliott, Jephtha, Henry Clay, Lewis H., Louise (VAWTER) Lee, David Vawter Lee.)

Chris & Dru Vaughter, 310 N. 37 W. Ave. Tulsa, OK 74127

YOUNG VAWTER POET

From: Campbell Chronicles and Family Sketches, Embracing the History of Campbell County, Virginia 1782-1926 by R. H. Early- p. 204. Also Lynchburg and It's Neighbors by Rosa Faulkner Yancey, p. 211-12.

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

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

From: William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. 4, p. 278

In the article "Descendants of John CANN, President of William & Mary College", it says, "Issue of third son of President CANN married Elizabeth Powell. The fifth child, Emma, died in her youth, unmarried. The old song "I'd offer Thee This Hand of Mine" is to have been written to her by BRANSFORD VAWTER of Lynchberg."

BRANSFORD is buried in the family square in the Old Methodist Graveyard. The lot is enclosed by a brick wall, whitewashed and with lilacs blooming. There are no stones to mark the graves. A later Lynchburg poet memorialized his burial place with the poem "The Grave of Bransford Vawter".

QUERIES

From your Editor:

Who were the parents of FRANCES VAWTER SHELTON, born 12-3-1798 at Bradford Co., KY. and married Elijah P. DALE, 10 April 1817? Which branch does she belong to?

Was the wife of EDWARD VAWTER Elizabeth Boulware? Edward VAWTER, Elizabeth VAWTER, and Edward's eldest son, Samuel VAWTER witnessed JOHN VAWTER'S will dated 23 May 1748, four years later, 16 Nov. 1752, after John had died, the will was presented in Court and only EDWARD VAWTER & ELIZABETH_VAWTER proved it. In 1752 Samuel was probably married and gone. Comments, please.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

From: EDNA REYNOLDS, Rt. #1, Butlerville, IN 47223

A clipping from a religious magazine advertising the sale of a book written by BRUCE VAWTER C. M. with the title of Job & Jonah - Questioning the Hidden God. It can be ordered from: Paulist Press, 545 Island Road, Ramsey, N. J. 07446. It is paperback with the price of \$4.95 plus \$1.00 for handling and postage.

From: JANIS LEE, Rt. #1, Tremont, IL 61568

Janis is writing a book on the descendants of JEPHTHA D. VAWTER (p. 281 Bicknell). It will give information about those who lived in Kansas as well as those who lived in Illinois.

One of Jephtha's grand-daughters is still living with good memory recall and has been interviewed many hours. The book will be cross referenced, documented, and will include a letter written by ELLIOTT VAWTER to his son Jephtha.

JANIS hopes to have it ready for the 150 year celebration of the founding of Tremont, Illinois.

(Line of descent: John, David, Philemon, Elliott, Jephtha, Henry Clay, Lewis Henry)

From JAMES S. CORBITT, 118 Gardner Ave., Martin, TN 38237 .

On February 11th 1984 there was a reception for MATTIE (VAWTER) EDMONDSON in Donelson, TN to celebrate her ninetieth birthday. Mattie is from the Rutherford County, Tennessee line.

From your EDITOR:

If you have any suggestions for the office of Vice President of the VVVFA or for any of the other positions, send your suggestions to: Ted R. Vawter, 8175 Hooker, Westminster, CO 80030.

In future issues I plan to have short biographies of the numerous clergy in the VVV Family Association.

I am interested in material about towns named after a VAWTER or allied line. I would appreciate material on Ruckerville, VA, Ruckerville, TN, and Ruckerville, GA. There must be other towns named after your ancestors.

I am short on REMINISCING stories, so would appreciate more material.



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REUNION

The seventh annual reunion of the VVV Family Association will be August 3-4-5 at the Fredonia Inn, 200 N. Fredonia Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961- Phone (409) 564-4665. Cut off date for reservations in our block of 50 rooms will be July 21, 1984. When making reservations remember to mention the VVV reunion.

One person \$38.00- Two persons \$45.00- Additional person/rollaway/crib \$6.00 each. Children under 12 free.

OTHER EXPENSES:

Tour (see below) - approx. \$10.00
Friday night dinner together - 6 to 8 dollars
Saturday night banquet - 9 to 10 dollars
Other meals on your own.

AGENDA

Friday, 8:00 a.m. Officers breakfast meeting.

Registration

Meetings to be announced later.

Friday night dinner.

Saturday 9 a.m. tour with five (5) vans plus cars. Points of interest: Millard Crossing (a village of colonial east Texas homes, churches & businesses), Stephen F. Austin College Campus, The Old Stone Fort, Old University building, Oak Grove Cemetery, and Nacogdoches Lake at around noon where we will have a Kentucky Fried Chicken box lunch with a drink. Then we will head back to the motel. (Price covers lunch, etc.)

Saturday night banquet at which time we will have election of officers.

Speakers will be announced in the Presidents letter to be mailed out later.

Sunday morning Chapel service across the street from the motel.

REUNION (cont.)

Transportation for those arriving at the Houston Intercontinental Airport: There is MR. GO airport shuttle to Nacogdoches (with stops). The cost is \$25.00. It operates Monday thru Friday leaving the airport at 10:30 a.m.- - Ar. 1-00 p.m., Lv. 1:30 p.m. - -Ar. 4:30, Lv. 6:00 - -Ar. 10:00. Reservations are required three hours in advance - call (409)637-6746 or 637-MRGO.

Bill Vawter, 3019 Conway Street, Houston, TX 77025 - Phone (713)665-6608 will see about making arrangements with the airport shuttle for those who will depart on Sunday for the Houston airport. It will leave approx. 11:00 a.m. and arrive in Houston at 2:00. Let Bill know if you want this service because the shuttle ordinarily does not run on Saturday or Sunday.

DEPRESSION IN 30's RICH ONLY IN MEMORIES

From: Col. James V. Vaughter, 4206 Walnut Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608

Taken from: Abilene Reporter-News - Sunday, February 25, 1979
Dr. J. G. Vaughter

J. O. Vaughter worked in his brother's drug store in Byers, Texas. There he heard that dentists received \$5 for pulling teeth. That impressed him as a good way to make money, so he enrolled in the University of Louisville to become a dentist.

Dr. Vaughter launched his career in Rochester in 1931. A dentist had died and his widow offered house and office for \$30 a month rent and his equipment for sale at \$350. The depression hit, but he thought, "surely I can make \$1 a day to pay rent and \$1 a day to live on." It was tougher than he had thought, struggling to meet equipment payments and sleeping on a couch because he had no bed. He hadn't thought of the need of oxygen or acetylene torch to do bridge work and gold inlays. To take care of this he went down to Michael's garage to do his dental castings.

After three years he decided to move to Haskell where he rented an office over the Haskell National Bank. A \$100 gift from his mother helped to make the move and to purchase a bed which he put in his office. That was in 1934 and the depression hadn't eased much. A \$2 check he had given a druggist bounced, and he was down to 25 cents in his pocket when a patient came to him with a toothache and that one was followed by another wanting his teeth cleaned. A flushed Dr. Vaughter rushed to the drug store to make good his check. From then on it was uphill.

In 1937 he built his first home and married the Haskell County home demonstration agent, Peggy Taylor. Now there were scores of patients and Dr. Vaughter recalls one with good humor; his patient had him pull his teeth and then went to another dentist for dentures.

During the trying years Dr. Vaughter did some continuing dental work for a lady who operated a restaurant, in exchange for meals. She kept an account of all his meals. In 1933 when she moved, she lacked about \$30 of paying in full. After World War II and his tour in the navy he received a call from the lady saying she wanted to settle her account. She brought her ledger to his office and in it she had recorded every dental charge and each meal he had eaten and what he ate. She paid him in full then and there.

The passing years Dr. Vaughter prospered in his practice. In 1951 he bought a two story stucco residence which is still the family home. He built an office on the west of the house. Dr. Vaughter retired in 1977 and indulged in his favorite hobby- golf.

STEAMBOAT CAPTAIN

From Helen K. Vawter, 1904 - 70th Ave. W. #F2, Tacoma, WA 98466

There is in my possession a large cup, saucer, and plate, all of which have pictures of the, "David White", a steamer, and painted on them the words "J. W. Vawter, Master". They were given to my father, James Alois Vawter, the third son and fifth child in the family.

John Watts Vawter, son of, James & Sarah (Watts) Vawter, was born 15 November 1817 (Bicknell 158). He was owner of the steamer "David White" running between Louisville, St. Louis, and New Orleans, and for a time was the captain.

He sold one-fourth interest in the "David White" before it exploded on the lower Mississippi. He suffered a heavy loss and turned to agriculture.

The story in our family is that while the steamer was in New Orleans and ready to go back up the Mississippi, John W. Vawter remember he had left his umbrella in the hotel and while he went back to get it, the boat exploded.

J. D. VAWTER, A HOMESTEADER IN 1885

From: Mrs. Robert F. Dennis, 11954 E. Virginia Drive, Aurora, CO. 80012

Taken from the 1960 special edition of Oakley Graphic in honor of Oakley's 75th birthday and 100th year as the state of Kansas.

The name of VAWTER is associated with the earliest beginnings of Oakley, Kansas. The patriarch of the clan, J. D. VAWTER, plowed the outline of the original city of Oakley in the fall of 1885 with his span of mules.

Young VAWTER, age 22, left Coin, Page Co., Iowa in the spring of 1885 in a covered wagon for the country south of Oberlin, then the seat of the government land office. His final choice of land was 4 ½ miles from Cleveland siding on the Kansas-Pacific railroad, which had only a passing track, pump station, and a water tank. Chuck Vawters became the third generation on this land.

VAWTER had a ringside seat on the frenzied activity of the next two years which saw a railroad siding burgeon into a town. His mules were at the beck and call of almost every construction project. By December 1886 VAWTER felt opulent enough to think of marriage. A school mam he had known in Iowa was teaching near Lenora. VAWTER harnessed up his mules to the covered wagon and showed up in Lenora. There he courted his wife-to-be and married December 23, 1886. The couple honeymooned on a covered wagon tour to Oakley.

Two boys were born to the J.D. Vawter; R.H. in 1890, and J.E. in 1892. Mrs. VAWTER continued as a teacher of rural schools in Thomas Co. VAWTER became a cattleman as well as a farmer. In 1904 he replaced his "soddy" with a frame house. Vawter served as mayor two terms in the late 20's and early 30's. Both were active members in Masonery, the Odd Fellows, and the Presbyterian church.

The children of the R. H. Vawter's: Mrs. Louis Meek, John W. Vawter, and Mrs. Marvin (Emma) Garrett.

The children of J. E. Vawter: Mrs. Theodora (Don) Schuman, Mrs. LoRee (Glen) Dennis, Mrs. Lucene (Robert) Dennis, and Charles D. Vawter.

MEMBER PROFILE

M. GLEN VAWTER, 33 Delaine Dr., Normal, IL. 61761

Born 23 September 1918 in Keysport, Bond Co., IL. He is the son of D. Guy and Myrtle (McCoy) VAWTER, grandson of A. Grant & Sarah (Kinkade) VAWTER, great grandson of James C. & Mary (Elder) VAWTER (p. 331 Bicknell). Married May C. Jordan 3 July 1942 in Ft. Benning GA.

Children: Shirley K. Beasley, Farmer City, IL., Rev. Wayne G. (Baptist) Portage, WI., Bruce G. Webster Grove, MO., Roger G. Bloomington, IL., Rev. Gary G. (Baptist) Decatur, AL. There are 12 grandchildren.

He has worked in construction as a carpenter, carpenter forman, Superintendent, Contractor & Architects Inspector for 35 years before forced retirement because of an auto accident in 1979. He is a WWII Army Veteran, member of DAV and Masons.

Tipton County, Indiana- by Steven

6-128	16 Oct. 1885	BACK, Margaret	VAWTER, George W.
8-161	12 May 1895	RUSSELL, Nellie E.	VAWTER, John T.
5-40	24 Jan. 1878	DAWSON, Sarah E.	VAWTER, Lewis T.
5-62	15 May 1878	McSHANE, Sarah E.	VAWTER, Samuel M.
8-4	28 Oct. 1893	MAGGART, Nota V.	VAWTER, William
5-78	11 Sept. 1878	VANBRIGGLE, Azalia	VAWTER, William W.
6-4	27 Jan. 1884	TICHENOR, Jonathan	VAWTER, Emma C.
5-407	5 Apr. 1882	RADLIFF, Silas G.	VAWTER, Emma S.
8-442	1 Jan. 1898	JONES, William F.	VAWTER, Ida B.
5-355	30 Oct. 1881	WRIGHT, John	VAWTER, Lizzie
10-160	8 Sept. 1903	EUDALY, William	VAWTER, Luella
4-294	24 Dec. 1874	WRIGHT, Henry	VAWTER, Mary A.
7-269	9 Oct. 1891	MAGGART, James	VAWTER, Nora
7-161	27 Sept. 1890	SCOTT, Wesley W.	VAWTER, Nora A.
7-465	2 Sept. 1893	OVERHOLSER, William	VAWTER, Rene Maria
4-321	24 Apr. 1875	KESSLER, Jacob	VAWTER, Rosalie
7-462	13 Aug. 1893	DUNN, John	VAWTERS, Ada
5-519	5 Aug. 1883	ARBUCKLE, Joseph A.	VAWTERS, Sarah

NEW MEMBERS

Joe Moore Nash, 4603 Huisache, Bellaire, TX. 77401

Jack L. Vawter, Jr., 902 Imperial, Denton, TX. 76201 (Line: UNKNOWN, Wesley Rhodes Vawter, Jack L. Vawter, Sr., Jack L. Vawter, Jr.

Mrs. Ann Martin Harpole, 3689 Peakwood Dr., Roanoke, VA. 24014 (Line- Bartholomew, John, Edward, Samuel, Drucilla (Vawter) Martin, Wm (Capt. Billy) Martin.

Wells Vaughters, 1339 - 10th St. S.E., Salem, Ohio 44460 (Descends from S.S. English & Thomas G. Vaughters.

Ray B. Vaughters, 3453 Knollwood Dr. N.W., Atlanta, GA. 30305 (Descends from S.S. English & Thomas G. Vaughters). See article in last issue (Spring - p. 15) and see editors corrections under announcements in this issue.

BETH, wife of RALPH E. FALL passed away in December of 1983. Her tombstone has been placed at her grave in VAUTER'S Churchyard in Essex Co., VA. Ralph Fall was the pastor of VAUTER'S Church at the time of our 1980 reunion in VA. At that time he was taken in as an honorary member in the VVVFA.

JESSAMYN WEST- North Vernon Born Author Dies at 81

Excerpts from the newspapers: North Vernon Sun, The Republic (Columbus, IN.) and the Indianapolis Star. From Bonita Welch & Joyce Bowman (cousin of Editor).

Mary Jessamyn West was born in 1902 near North Vernon, the daughter of Eldo Roy and Grace (Milhous) West (P.360 Bicknell). The family moved to southern California seven years later. She lived in Yorba Linda, graduated from Fullerton, Calif. High School in 1919 and from Whitter College in 1923 with a degree in English. She was married to Harry Maxwell McPherson the same year.

While doing undergraduate work at the University of California, Miss West was stricken with T. B. and was hospitalized in a sanatorium. She used her writing as therapy in her 15 year battle against the disease.

Jessamyn West was a petite, auburn-haired freckled woman, humble about her own talent but quick to praise a fledgling writer. She was a passionate, perceptive, and religious woman whose essence crept into each characterization. She lived and wrote about a simple life, far from the whirlwind publicity tours that accompanied each new book. The Indiana that she wrote about was from tales her mother and grandmother told her of farm life among Indiana Quakers.

"The Friendly Persuasion", published in 1945 was a group of short stories about a Quaker family living on the border between the North and the South in the civil War. The bestseller was her first book and was later made into a movie starring Gary Cooper and Anthony Perkins and was nominated for an Academy Award. Novels by Miss West numbered 17 plus a number of short story collections.

Miss West was a frequent visitor to Jennings in her home state. She was one of four outstanding Hoosiers to be honored at the 1977 Indiana Arts Awards and was inducted in 1980 into the Indiana Academy, which honors Hoosiers for their contributions to the cultural, educational, civic, and social life of the state.

Death took place on February 22, 1984. Survivors include her husband, Harry Maxwell McPherson, a retired school superintendent in Napa, California and a daughter, Mrs. Alan Cash of Rodeo, California.

Lineage: Philemon & Anna VAWTER, dau. Elizabeth m. James Glover, Achilles & Sarah (Glover) West, J. Judson West & Clara A. Clark, Eldo R. West & Grace A. Milhouse, Mary Jessamyn West) McPherson (pgs. 354-360 Bicknell).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger & Shirley (Vawter) Byler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 29.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rasdall of Indianapolis, IN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 6. Mrs. Rasdall is the former Catherine VAWTER.

Work is progressing on the VVV - Vital - Vittles (VVV cookbook) with recipes from our membership. Plans are to have them completed and on sale at the reunion.

At the last reunion it was suggested that those who work in Arts & Crafts bring a piece of their work for a door prize and also bring some for display.

You will find a genealogy chart with this issue. If you have not filled one out, please do so and either bring it to the reunion or mail it to HISTORIAN/ ARCHIVIST - Jim Vaughters, 5981 S. Lima Street, Englewood, CO. 80111.

Remember the VVVFA dues become due and payable in August. Please send to Treasurer, Hazel McCandless. (See front page for address.)

From Janis Lee, Rt. #1, Tremont, IL. 61568

Janis appreciates all the letters since the notice of her writing a book, "Descendants of Jephtha D. Vawter" in the last issue. She says she has many references of Jephtha keeping a diary plus one she has for 1863-64. She would like to know if anyone has any of the other diaries. Any anecdotes about Jephtha would be appreciated.

CORRECTION- In the last issue (Spring) on page 15 is the article, General Store in E. B. Vaughters Family for 75 Years (1875-1950). Please make the following corrections: In the first paragraph of the story it should end: "which he named S. S. English Store & Post Office".

Also, the last paragraph should end, "he took over his father-in-law's store, S. S. English Store & Post Office".

CORRECTION - On page 16 under "New Members" the line of Arthur Lee Vawter, Jr. should read: grandfather was Albert C. VAWTER, s/o John T. VAWTER & Nancy Smith Poston Phillipper (the second wife), s/o Wm & Frances VAWTER.

Robert M. (Pete) & Norma VAWTER are the proud grandparents of Emily Jean DeFur.



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

July 16, 1984

REUNION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

You are personally invited by me to attend the seventh annual nationwide V/V/V reunion at the Fredonia Inn, 200 N. Fredonia St., Nacogdoches, Texas. The reunion is scheduled for August 3, 4 and 5.

The reunion committee of John Vawter, Hazel McCandless and Bill Vawter have done an outstanding job in preparing for the reunion. They deserve our thanks and appreciation.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday August 3:

8:00 A.M. - Registration
Breakfast meeting of officers.
10.00 A. M. - Call to order
Invocation - Rev. John Vawter
Welcome - Judge Jack Pierce
Business meeting

12:00 noon - Lunch - order from menu

1:30 P.M' - Speaker - Beth Melton
Meetings

7:00 P.M. - Dinner - Fredonia Inn
Speaker- Dr. James Corbin, Archeologist

Saturday August 4:

9:30 A. M. - Bus tour of Nacogdoches and points of interest.

12:00 noon - Chicken basket lunch at Lake Nacogdoches.

7:00 P.M. - Banquet - Fredonia Inn
Entertainment
Committee reports and election of officers
Benediction - Rev. Roger Byler

Sunday August 5:

8:30 A.M. - Worship service, First United Methodist Church

12:00 noon - Check-out time at the Fredonia Inn for those leaving on Sunday

Appointment of committees: Chairperson is the first person named.

1985 Virginia committee: Robert L. Vawter and James H. Vawter.

Nominating committee: Ted Vawter, Col. James Corbitt, Bettie Nash, Frank Robinson and Charles Burt.

Registration committees Besty Miller, Barbara DeFur, Sandra Robinson, Norma Vaughters, Sue Vawter, Louise Vanover and Jim DeFur.

Committee to discuss year for return to Madison, Indiana: Bonita Welch, Edna Reynolds, Shirley Byler, B. Schneider and. Vernon Vawter.

Last year at Tulsa, Amos Crouch, recommended that those who had skills in crafts make something to bring to the reunion to be given as door prizes. These crafts, along with the always desirable art work of Vernon and Trudy, will add greatly to our reunion program.

Norma and I received an invitation to the wedding of Rev. Ralph E. Fall and Marion E. McAtee. We were unable to attend, but we are looking forward to seeing them next year in Virginia.

With pardonable pride I will eagerly present my new granddaughter, Emily Jean DeFur, to this reunion. She will be competing for the title of youngest person present.

I just talked to Beth Sable. She told me that Lydia Vawter, wife of Ted had recently broke her hip. However, if no complications arise she plans to be at the reunion. How about that for determination and loyalty to the association.

I am excited about the association cookbook. The book will be a conversation piece in each of our homes. Lucille Keir became involved with her primary duties and was unable to finish the book. Old reliable and often used Beth Sabel, took over the project and completed the book. Beth will have the books at the reunion. This will be an excellent opportunity for everyone to purchase a cookbook for their own use and several more to give as gifts.

The Fredonia Inn still has a few rooms left in our block of 50 rooms. If you have not made your reservations, call today. The number is 409-564-4665.

Membership in the association continues to increase. Let's keep moving forward. Long live V/V/V !

Sincerely,

Pete

Robert M. Vawter



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REUNION

The seventh National VVV Family Association Reunion was a great success thanks to the committee of Rev. John Vawter, Hazel McCandless, and Bill Vawter. Their thoughtfulness in renting a copy machine was appreciated. It was a surprise to see the great number who were on hand to register Thursday afternoon and evening.

There were 151 present from 19 states. There were 23 items brought for door prizes with beautiful examples of member handcraft.

Robert Vawter of Memphis, TN video taped our various gatherings.

Ora Wicker of Tennessee was the oldest member present- will be 84 in September.

Emily Jean DeFur of Tennessee was the youngest present - age five months - brought by her parents, Jim & Barbara Defer. The proud grandparents are Pete & Norma Vawter.

E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA. traveled the greatest distance.

Beth Sabel had on hand copies of the VVV-Vital-Vittles Cookbook. Two hundred copies were printed and they were a success. There are still copies available for \$5.50. Order from:; Beth Sable, 931 S. E. 33rd, Portland, OR 97214

An item of interest: Three great grand-daughters of John Taylor Vawter put the Cookbook together: Lucille Keir, B. Schneider, and Beth Sabel.

FRIDAY 10 a.m.

Rev. John Vawter gave the invocation and introduced Presiding Judge, Jack Pierce, who gave the welcome address. He stressed the importance of the family and that there should be a close relationship from the little ones to the grandparents. He told of living next door to Vawters for 15 to 20 years.

The business meeting opened with the reading of last years minutes from the Tulsa, OK reunion. The 1984 reunion is dedicated to those who have passed on this past year.

Jim Vaughters, Historian/Archivist, reported on the collection of VVVFA memorabilia. For those who bought VVV Directories there was an up-date supplement available.

R E U N I O N (cont.)

Bobbee Vawter of Middleton, DE reported on next years reunion. Tentative plans are to meet in Fredricksberg, VA August 2-3-4 with a visit to the VAUTER CHURCH.

F R I D A Y 1:30 p.m.

Beth Melton spoke on "What's in a Name". About three-fourths of those present did not have the VAWTER surname. She said, "I never was a VAWTER but my grandmother was." Beth spoke on the development of names and pointed out with a visual-aid listing the various spellings from Valletort down to the present. She said, "Names are the tags of identification by which individuals recognize each other." Her father helped her display and comment on their book of family history.

E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA reported on his research on the following lines: Little Joe Vawter's place in the VVV family (from Indiana reunion)

Tazwell Vawter line p. 402 Bicknell book (more in a future issue)

Mrs. R.E. Dunaway, TN. Bartholomew, Edward, THOMAS Ludwell, Thomas, David R.

Mrs. Joe Nash, TS. Bartholomew, Edward, THOMAS, Lemuel, Nancy.

Ann Martin Harpole, VA. Boulware, Edward, Samuel, DRUCILLA, Capt. Billy Martin

Susan Curtis, Iowa Bartholomew, Edward, Thomas, Edward, Hiram, John Wesley

Vawter

Elizabeth Smith, CA ancestor Nancy Vawter descends thru JOHN C. of line of Russell

Patti Darnell, TX ancestor Elizabeth Vawter descends thru Russell, Beverly, John C.

Three orphans, Martha 14, Josephine 12, Harriet 5, descent thru Russell, Bradford, R. (Ruben) T., orphans.

E. B. Vaughters ended with a question and answer period.

D I N N E R M E E T I N G

Rev. Louis Meek of AR offered prayer before dinner. The speaker for the evening was Dr. James Corbin, Archeologist. Dr. Corbin divided time roughly into two time periods. BI - Before Invasion and AI - After Invasion. There were people living in North America 12,000 years ago. Invasion of European people came around 1492. He then spoke of the settling of eastern Texas and on the various digs in the area.

S A T U R D A Y 9:30 a.m.

We began our tour with five vans and nine cars. The first stop was at Millard's Crossing where a collection of old homes and other buildings had been moved to make a community setting. The next stop was at the Chamber of Commerce grounds where we saw students taking part in an archeology dig. Next was the stop at the Old Stone Fort where nine flags flew over the fort. Next was the Old University Nacogdoches building. With lights flashing our caravan of 14 vehicles drove thru a cemetery and on to Nacogdoches Lake for lunch. On the way on coming traffic thought we were a funeral procession so stopped by the side of the road. The driver of one vehicle removed his hat and held it over his heart as we passed by.

B A N Q U E T

Dr. Kenneth Lambert, minister of the First Methodist Church spoke on "Family".

The nominating committee gave their report: The slate as printed on page one, was elected.

The VVVFA have the following reunion invitations: Bonita Welch - Return to Indiana in 1986, Fred Wicker to Mississippi in 1987, and Charles Burt to Georgia in 1988.

The meeting ended with the drawing of the 23 items brought for door prizes. It would take too much space to list items and the winners. It was good to see so much participation and the enjoyment of all.

SUNDAY

At the 8:30 a.m. service in the First United Methodist Church little Emily Jean DeFur was baptized by Rev. John Vawter and Dr. Kenneth Lambert, pastor.

NEW OFFICER PROFILES

Vice President: M. Glen Vawter (Profile in last issue)

Associate Editor: Sara Jane Brown - Call her "Sally"

Born in Oklahoma and lived there most of her life. Married Duncan C. Brown and celebrated 40th wedding anniversary February 1984. They have four children and ten grandchildren. She has done Organization Consulting in her church and now coordinates and works on a diocese team that works with churches when they have internal conflict. Hobbies: Genealogy, collecting antique keys, travel, quilting, and reading. Descends: Bartholomew, Edward the Builder, William, Polly Vawter Kerr.

Exchange Editor, Bonita (Taylor) Welch (new last year, but no previous profile)

Born at North Vernon Indiana where she grew up and married Joe Welch. They have three boys. Bonita is organist for the First Methodist Church. Hex. hobbies are: Genealogy and collecting old books. She descends from: John, David, Jesse and Philemon, William, Jesse R., and Elizabeth (Vawter) Clarkson.

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- Maxine Joling, 4006 Ringer Lane, Wis. Rapids, WI 54494
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- Mark Disharoon, 1409 Elite Ct. Apt. 203, Arlington, TX 76010
- John & Brenda Pike, 10518 DeVal Dr. Houston, TX 77040
- Jerry & Carolyn Cameron, Rt. 6, Box 340A, Cleveland, TX 77327
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- Robert L. Hackney, 1209 W. Jefferson, Naperville, IL 60540

David Vawter, youngest son of Philemon & Anna Vawter was born in Kentucky, Jan. 21, 1800. Married April 23, 1823 to Lucinda Glover, the sister of James Glover, who m. David's sister, Elizabeth Vawter.

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

David Vawter died July 13, 1845 and Lucinda December 20, 1857.

Family genealogy received from Mrs. D. H. Harpole (Ann), 3689 Peakwood Dr. S. Roanoke, VA. 24014 with help from E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA. (Others also descend from this line).

I Bartholomew Vawter

Children: John, William, David, Margaret, Benjamin, EDWARD (the builder).

II Edward Born ca. 1700, d. 1779

Children: SAMUEL, William, Thomas, Elliott, James, Benjamin.

III Samuel b. ___ d. 1788 (will signed 20 Feb. 1788 & Proved 24 Nov. 1788)

m. (1) ___?___ m. (2) 1763 to Agnes Richardson b. ca 1743. d. 1818

Sons by 1st wife: Samuel II b ca 1759, d. 1818 (estate settled Charlotte Co. 1818)

Elliott (killed in Rev. War 1777, Benjamin

Children by 2nd wife: Agnes Richardson (birth dates estimated)

1. John b. ca 1765, d. ca 1815 in Prince Edward Co., where estate was settled.

Children: (1) Belinda & (2) Salone – both died young.

(3) Julia Ann m. 20 Dec. 1827 to Richard Woodson

Children: William M., m. Mary M. Brightwell, Berry H.,

Bettie W., m. _____ Dickerson, & Richard D.

(4) John R. & (5) male – died young.

2. Clement b ca. 1767, died before 1820, m. 17 Sept. 1788 to Sarah Johnson

Children: (1) Peggy (Margaret) m. 10 Jan. 1821 to Tyre Bowman

(2) John I.

(3) Sally (Sarah) m. 27 Feb. 1821 to Jordan Hall

(4) Clement R. (invalid)

(5) Patsy (Martha) m. Jan. 1827 to Adam Hall

(6) Beverly (William), (7) Jesse, (8) Drucilla

(9) Pricilla m. 26 Nov. 1830 Ewell Smith

Children: Columbus, and Joseph

3. Elliott b. ca 1769, d. 1813 in Prince Edward Co., VA (Have estate settlement.)

4. Mary (Polly) b ca. 1773/74, m. Thomas Harvey (B.W.) (put B.W. after name)

Children: (1) William B., m. Susan E.

(2) Clement b. 1803, m. 28 Oct. 1826 to Nancy E. Fore, b. 1810

(3) George

(4) Cyrene m. _____ Johnson

(5) Nancy Branch

Children: Mary Elizabeth & Susan Ann

5. Elizabeth b. ca. 1774/75, d. ca. 1859 Charlotte Co., VA. – was a spinster.

(will signed 7 May 1856, proved 8 March 1859)

6. Jesse b. ca. 1776/1777, living in 1835.

Children: (1) William B. b. 1808. m 2 Mandy Neal

Children: Mary Watkins & Sarah H.

(2) Jesse Richardson b. 1810, m. Virginia America Smith

Children: William, Virginia, Jesse Lee

(3) Others ?

7. DRUCILLA b. 15 July 1778, d. 5 Nov. 1856 Weakley Co. TN (moved from Halifax Co. VA) m. 1798-1800 to Thomas Martin b. 10 May 1776. d 24 Nov. 1854.

Children: (1) Elizabeth E. m. John F. Farmer

(2) Mary C., m. Francis T. Williams

(3) WILLIAM m. SARAH GLASS

(4) Caroline m. David K. Nowlin

(5) Susan m. James Adams, Jr.

(6) Martha m. ___ Higgs

(7) Malinda m. Thomas Glass

8. Beverly b. ca. 1780, d. ca 1835 in Charlotte Co., VA. (have copy of settlement)

9. Peggy b. ca. 1785, m. Thomas Sims, In 1850 census (lived in Campbell Co.,

VA.) Children: (1) Samuel (2) Cyrene, m. 16 Oct. 1846 to John Puckett.

- ca. about

STEAMBOAT and THE TORCH

B. Van Osdol-Schneider, 4029-1 Memory Lane, Wichita, KS 67212 sends this newspaper story of her brother who is a retired Captain, 133rd Infantry, 34th Division.

Every morning Perry "Steamboat" Van Osdol chugs three miles around a track in Hutchinson KS on his bad foot, holding a 3-pound hitching ball aloft.

He is 66, a retired Army man whose foot was shot up by a sniper on the beach at Anzie, Italy in 1944 during World War II.

On June 9, the hitching ball will be replaced by the official torch of the 1984 Summer Olympic Games and Steamboat will run one kilometer with it through Independence, Kansas. "I call it a fast walk", says Steamboat. "I've gotten to where I can do just a little bit of a jog and make it in about seven minutes.

He is working on his speed with the help of his wife of 45 years, Hazel also known as Tugboat, who trains him. The reason for all the training is that Steamboat is determined to waive the exemption for the handicapped torch bearer and try to do his kilometer, in the regulation time.

His sponsor is International Sambassadors of the Good Samaritan Club (good Sam), a RV travel organization of which he has been a long time member. Steamboat & Tugboat spend only six to eight weeks at home each year.

Steamboat was given his nickname after his war injury. During his use of sodium pentathol and while under its influence he'd emit guttural whistles that sounded like a steamboat.

Now he files his taxes under the name, and it's on all his mail. "Steamboat" will be engraved on the torch he carries which will belong to him after his run.

"Steamboat" descends from: John Vawter, David, Philemon & Ann, Jesse, Margaret, William & Frances, John Taylor, and Catherine Vawter Van Oseol.

SHARE WITH US YOUR FAMILY STORIES

We are asking that you search the recesses of your mind and share with us some stories you have heard of the family. These stories are sometimes called anecdotes. They may be tragedies, funny animal, happy, travel, or just about anything. They may be only a couple of lines or a whole page. Don't dig any skeletons out of the closet that had better be kept hid ! But every family has stories that reveal the life and times and the people of years gone by.

Also, we urge you to write down for your own descendants some of the special events of your own life.

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MEMORIAL

Robert Earle Jines died in May at his home after a lingering illness. Born March 4, 1919 near Ravenden, AR, the son of Robert E. & Gertrude Park Jines. He married Billie Allen in 1947. A veteran of WW II in the U.S. Army, the publisher of the Pea Ridge Graphic, later Graphic-Scene, and now THE TIMES of Pea Ridge Country. He attended the Hot Springs VVVFA Reunion- 1981.

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QUERIES

David M. McDonald, Beloit College Box 994, Beloit, WI 53511

Seek information regarding descendants of Rev. Philemon Vawter 1819-1894, son of Beverly & Elizabeth (Crawford) Vawter; who married Anne Humphreys for a book on descendants of the Humphreys family. Any information welcome.

Donald D. Vawter, 133 Marie Road, Carlotta, CA 95528

My parents are Jamison Shepard & Edith Elizabeth (Doyle) Vawter (P. 312 Bicknell) I would dearly like to find my cousins BARBARA or PATRICIA VAWTER, daughter of Milton Ballard Vawter (312 Bicknell); and CHARLOTTE VAWTER, daughter of Muriel Ben Vawter (also p.312) & Edwin Hill of San Marino. Any help would be welcome.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The VVV-Vital-Vittles Cookbook was a great success! For members who didn't get their recipes in, we are starting Volume II. Everyone can contribute, especially these whose recipes weren't in Volume I (which will soon be a collector's item.) Send in three or more recipes as soon as possible so we can get them organized for printing for the next reunion. Type or print on 3 X 5 cards with name and address on each. Mail recipes to: B. Van Osdol-Schneider, 4019-1 Memory Lane, Wichita, KS 67212

A reprint of The Vawter Family in America by Grace Vawter Bicknell may be ordered from Mrs. Walter Reynolds, R. Rt., #1, Butlerville, IN 47223. Price is \$6.00.

The VVV Directory of 1,200 VVV names and addresses can be purchased for \$6.50 from the treasurer Hazel (Vawter) McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, TX 75760.

The pocket book West Wild Wind written by VVVFA member Carolyn Vaughter can be purchased by making a check out to her for \$4.00 and mailing it with order to: Bill Vawter, 3019 Conway St., Houston, TX 77025

Glen & Mary Vawter of IL received a phone call while at the reunion giving them news that they were grandparents for the 13th time – grand-daughter Sarah Ruth.

Thanks to Ann Harpole for the family genealogy on page (4) four. Grace Vawter Bicknell wrote very little about EDWARD, the Builder (p. 382) and nothing about his son Samuel. I hope this information will benefit other members of this branch.

The Names of Those Attending the VVVFA Reunion - 1984 - TX

From the registration I have tried to assign everyone to their respective state. Since the state was not given at the time of registration I may have made some errors in placing your name under the correct state. I have done the best could and I hope you will forgive any errors.

The top states in attendance were Texas, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

ARIZONA
Louis & Bobbie Meek

ARKANSAS
Alma V. Allen
Lester D. Vawter
Vernon & Trudy Vawter

CALIFORNIA
Esther Vawter
Glenn & Marge Vawter
Patrick & Connie McBride
(7 stood at BANQUET state roll call)

COLORADO
Jim Vaughters

DELAWARE
Bobbee & Donna Vawter

FLORIDA
Dave Vaughter

GEORGIA
Alice Disharoon
Anne Stovall
Charles & Betty Burt
Chuck Burt

ILLINOIS
M. Glen & May Vawter
Shirley Beasley

INDIANA
Walter & Edna Reynolds
Joe & Bonita Welch

KANSAS
B. Van Osdol-Schneider

LOUISIANA
Aureline Vawter Slade
Helen Vawter Agnew & David L.

MISSISSIPPI
Mary Reese
James & Norma Wicker
William & Allene Wiley
Tom & Pearl Wiley
Emery & Clarice Mayers
Tommy & Martha Hudson
Fred & Wordna Wicker

MISSOURI
Addie Edwards
Wanda Gould
Pearly Shields

OHIO
Willard & Lucille Keir

OKLAHOMA
Duncan & Sally Brown
Silas & Ora Vawter
Pat & Dena Morrison
J. & Brad Morrison

OREGON
Beth Sabel

TENNESSEE
Ora Wicker
Frank & Sandra Robinson
John & William Robinson
Jimmy & Norma Vaughters
Pete & Norma Vawter
Jim & Barbara DeFur
Emily Jean DeFur
Frances Warren
Juanita Crockett
(16 stood for state roll call)

TEXAS
Bill & Sally Vawter
Mark & Bettie Nash
Joe & Beth Melton
Louise Vanover

TEXAS (Cont.)

Betsy Miller
Hazel Vawter McCandless
John & Sue Vawter
JW, Melinda, Mike
Ann, Julie Renae
Danny & Eric
Roger & Shirley Byler
Daniel Byler
Jean Hubbard
Thelma Shattuck
Jo Jasper
Mildred Childers
Catherine Hall
Tracy & Kathryn Maddux
Lewis & Evelyn Vawter
Ralph & Kathryn Robertson
Emily Zaharopoulos
Jonathan & Christopher
Nita Roosin
Mina Helpinstill
Phil & Adele Milliger
Juanita Baker
Earl & Lula Mae Bolerjack
David, Jean & Matt Byler
Gregg Howard
Theresa Howard
Phil, Peggy & Courtney Vaughter
Emalone V. Cooper
Helen Putnam
Jerry & Carolyn Cameron
Elizabeth Jenkins
Garry Vawter
Fred L. Van Osdol
Vondalla Van Osdol
Pat & Maurice Michel
John & Brenda Pike
Mark Disharoon
Dorothy Cross
Kay Pitts
William Young
Bobbie Jean Young

WASHINGTON

E. B. Vaughters

(Names I didn't know where to place)

Robert L. & Janet Vawter

Helen & Dee Johnson

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CRAWFORDSVILLE

(Named for PHILEMON VAWTER CRAWFORD)

Excerpts from History of Linn County, Oregon, by L. M. Wheeler, Editor - This book includes narrations written by various settlers about Linn County Pioneers. Among these early settlers were P.V. Crawford and Cyrus Vawter. P. V. Crawford's narration P. 9.

PHILEMON VAWTER CRAWFORD (Bicknell, P. 338)

Lineage: David & Mary (Rucker) VAWTER, Philemon & Anne VAWTER, Lucy VAWTER & James Maxwell Crawford.

P.V. Crawford was b. 24 Sept. 1814 near Madison, IN. d. 1 Feb. 1901 in Eugene, OR. His wife Letitia d. 13 June 1896. Both are buried in the Crawfordsville Cemetery.

On 28 March 1851, P.V. Crawford, his wife Letitia, and their five children joined several other families traveling by water from Madison to St. Joseph, MO where they fitted up oxen teams and began their journey of 2200 miles to Oregon Territory. Starting on 1 May 1851, the trip lasted 152 days.

Among this group was Cyrus VAWTER (Bicknell, P. 333). A young man of 21, he was a cousin of P.V. Crawford.

Lineage: David & Mary (Rucker) VAWTER, Philemon & Anne VAWTER, Beverly & Elizabeth (Crawford) VAWTER, Cyrus & Sarah (Finley) VAWTER

Cyrus VAWTER was b. near Madison, IN., 28 Sept. 1830; d. 11 Feb. 1864. He is buried in Crawfordsville Cemetery.

George O. Goodall writes of the early history of the upper Calapooia, "Most of the settlers were farmers. R.C. (Richard Chism) Finley, however, was a millwright, and in 1849 built a flouring mill six miles above Brownsville. In 1850, Templeton built a sawmill; in 1852, Finley one; and in 1854, P.V. Crawford built one near the present site of Holley . . . P.V. Crawford, for whom Crawfordsville is named was the first regularly appointed postmaster on the upper Calapooia....".

Mrs. Louisa Crawford of Mable, OR., a daughter of P.V. Crawford wrote, "I think it was in the year 1869 that my father bought ten acres of land from Timothy Riggs which may be called the beginning of the town (Crawfordsville) .. J. (Jasper) V. Crawford (Bicknell. P. 342) was the first postmaster...he did not keep the postoffice long but moved to Waitsburg, Washington Territory.... (1870 or 1871)."
James VAWTER Crawford, grandson of P.V. Crawford, and his mother Mary F. Cowgill

(Crawford) Coon of Crawfordsville added more information on the life of the Crawfords in Crawfordsville. "Being a machinist and millwright (P.V. Crawford) bought certain lands and power rights from Robert Glass where the town of Crawfordsville now stands. Here he built first a saw mill and later a carding mill ... P.V. Crawford finally went into partnership with Richard Finley and together they built a new mill east of Shedd on the Calapooia,.... The Boston mill "

Mrs. Eliza Finley Brandon states, " The present Finley house across the river south of the mill... was built for my oldest sister (Sarah) when she married father's miller, Cyrus VAWTER about 1858."

T. B. Springer relates, "The Boston mill was built by R.C. Finley, P.V. Crawford, and Alex Brandon during 1856-58." (Finley owned one-half, Crawford one-fourth, and Brandon one-fourth) (Boston was renamed Shedd later...)

E. D. Farrell states, "A man named VAWTER was one of the first millers,"

Mrs. Elisa Finley Brandon, daughter of R.C. Finley relates that life was not easy in those days. "The first winter in Oregon, before the mill was finished, was hard on my parents. The family had almost nothing to eat at times. Wheat was ground in the coffee mill and bread was made from it merely by mixing it with water. There was not even salt to season it with, nor grease of any sort for shorting. Parched peas were ground for coffee....My father bought a pig during the winter. He smoked it and hung the meat up in the cabin to keep. My mother often told me how her hungry children would sit on the floor before the fire place gazing up at that pork and crying to have some of it, but she had to save it for use in case of sickness."

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1985 REUNION

The eight annual reunion of the VVV Family Association will be August 2-3-4 at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Fredricksberg, VA located at Route 1 and I 95 South.

For reservations contact Carolyn Cole 703-898-1800. When making reservations mention the VAWTER reunion and the group rates as follows:

Single \$22.00

Double \$27.00

There are 137 rooms and we have 50 reserved.

Reservations need to be in by May of 1985.

Plans are to charter two buses for a historical tour of the area ending up at the VAUTER church for lunch which will be prepared by the ladies of the church with Mrs. Helen Garnet their chairperson. James H. VAWTER of VA will be one of the tour guides on a bus and Rev. Ralph Fall on the other bus. Rev. Fall will also be guest speaker.

NEW MEMBERS

Paul & Annie Vanover, 2509 Johnston #1-8, Lafayette, LA 70503 (nephew of Hazel McCandless)

John E. Taylor, 3903 Walnut Grove Rd., Memphis, TN 38111. (Descends from Lydia Hester, d/o Pleasant & Zeralda (Dehoney) Stribling who married John O. Sanford and their 7th child Jessie Eldon b. 2 Apr. 1883 who m. Edgar Taylor (Bicknell pgs. 227-8).

Charles M. Homer, 910 Pennsylvania Apt, #304, Kansas City, MO 64105 (Descends from Alonzo Jefferson Vawter & Mary Frances Horner.

Clarence & Lillian Hill, 1757 Shawna Ct., Klamath Falls, OR 97603

REMINISCING

From Effie G. Wilson, Box 65, Marrowbone, KY 42759

Nancy Smith VAWTER, second wife of Joseph Early VAWTER in Monroe County, KY. became step-mother about 1840 to thirteen VAWTER children, and later became mother of three more VAWTERS,

Her step-son, Joe VAWTER, helped with rafting on the Cumberland River. One night he remarked that he was going on the raft the next day and would have to wear his dirty socks because they would not be washed and dried in one night. Heat would stiffen these homemade, sheep’s wool socks.

But Nancy said, “I’ll have you some socks ready in the morning”.

She had plenty of home-spun, dyed wool, so all night long her metal needles clicked as she knitted on the socks. She was a fast knitter so the story goes, and by morning had a new, soft pair of socks ready for Joe to wear on his rafting trip down the Cumberland River.

COINCIDENCE

Nancy Ann VAWTER Wilson of Monroe County, KY sister of Joe VAWTER of the above story, was born 2 January 1825. January 2, 1925 was the birth date of her great grandson, James Alexander Wilson, exactly one hundred years later. He has her old fashioned brass rimmed glasses with extendable temples made to tie at the back of the head.

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MEMBER PROFILE - Minister

Louis Qullington Meek, 20025 – 106th Drive, Sun City, AZ 85373

Born 12 May 1915 in Idana, Clay Co., KS the s/o George Elmer Meek and Augusta Morse Quellington. Married 17 May 1941 Roberta (Bobbie) VAWTER. Received his B.S. from Kansas State U, B. TH. from Omaha Presbyterian Theological Seminary, MA from Adams State College, P. H. D from U of Wyoming.

Rev. Meek was in the Army & Army Air Force as a line officer 1942-46. Served as a pastor in Iowa, Kansas & Colorado. Was head of the Psychology Dept. of IL College Jacksonville, CO. for eleven years and in 1976 made Professor Emeritus. He was forced to retire due to health in 1975. They have two sons, James S. & Robert L. Meek.

Rev. Meek has had model railroading as a hobby since the 1950’s. He bowls twice a week and makes latch hook pillows, rugs and hangings. He is a member of Rotary, a Mason (32), Amer. Assoc. U. Prof., etc. and a charter member of the Sun Cities Art Museum.

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Sharleen Scott Geraths, 2442 N. W. Market St. Suite 231, Seattle, WA 98107

Am looking for information about J. Lee VAWTER, b 1869, d. 1946 Bloomington, IL. Married to Elizabeth Edith Henning, b. 1870 Weston, IL; d. 1952 Bloomington, IL. They were m. 2-18-1892 McLean Co., IL. And I know of one child, Jessie H., b. 1893.

Charles M. Horner, 910 Pennsylvania, Apt. 304, Kansas City, MO 64105

Am interested in tracing the Alonzo Jefferson VAWTER family. Alonzo, b. 1 Nov. 1850 _____KY. Son of John W. ___?___VAWTER & Rachel Ann Kennedy. He married Mary Frances Horner, b. 24 Feb. 1853_____,OH.

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THE ANCESTORS & DESCENDANTS OF CAPT. TAZWELL VAWTER (P. 402 – Bicknell)

From: E. B. Vaughters, 12015 1st Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98177

- I BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER (ca. 1660/65 – 1717)
Bartholomew VAWTER married Winifred Hodgson ca. 1690. She was the daughter of Wm Hodgson, a merchant and planter in Old Rappahannock County, VA. Bartholomew died in Essex County, VA 1717 and his will was probated there 17 Sept. 1717. Their children were: JOHN, William, David, Margaret, Benjamin, and Edward.
- II JOHN VAWTER (ca. 1691 - 1752)
John VAWTER, eldest son was born ca. 1691. He married Margaret Noel (1), daughter of Daniel Noel (1). Their children were – Winifred, Bartholomew, Richard, Margaret, ANGUS, and David. John VAWTER died 1752. His will was probated in Culpeper Co., VA.
- III ANGUS VAWTER (ca. 1718 – 1785)
Angus VAWTER was born ca 1718 in Essex County, VA. He married Anna Boulware. Angus died in 1785 in Essex County, VA. Their children were: BOULWARE, Anna, Elizabeth, Rhoda, and Phebe VAWTER.
- IV BOULWARE VAWTER (I) (1758 – 1830/35)
Boulware (pronounced Bowler/Boler) was born 1758 in Essex County, VA. He married Sally H. Berry 2 March 1786 in Caroline County, VA. They had two children – BOULWARE (II), Sally VAWTER who married William Walden 7 Nov. 1810.
- V BOULWARE (II) (1787-1835/40)
Boulware VAWTER (II) was born 1787 in Essex County, VA. And married first, Sally Davis in Essex County 27 Apr. 1812. To this marriage was born one son Julius in 1813 and an unidentified daughter in 1816. This daughter was thought to have married _____Owen in Jackson County, IN. Boulware married second, Elizabeth Thomas in Essex County, Va. 25 Nov. 1825. To this marriage was born TAZWELL VAWTER and L. VAWTER. The family moved to Owen Twsp. Jackson County, IN sometime after 1826. Boulware's father accompanied them. Boulware II was an early school teacher and farmer in Jackson County, IN. and died there before 1840. His widow Elizabeth (Thomas) VAWTER died after 1860.
- VI TAZWELL VAWTER (1826 – 1870)
Tazwell Vawter was born 26 Nov. 1826 in Essex County, VA. And he married (Polly) Mary Ganner Lockman, daughter of William/Aliomy Hanner Lockman in Jackson County, IN 20 Jan 1847. She was born 29 Sept. 1827 in Jackson County. Tazwell was a Capt. in the Civil War and a prominent merchant. He died 22 Jan 1870 & his wife died 2 Apr. 1905. Their children were:
1. Elizabeth, b. 1848, m. Wm. L. Boyatt 1868 in Jackson County, In
 2. William B., b. 1850 – He was a farmer in Jackson County, IN
 3. Erasmus J., b. 1852, m. Rebecca J. Dodds, 21 Dec. 1875. He d. before 1880 in Jackson County, IN
 4. Lewis T. VAWTER (cont.)
 5. Nancy Ann. b. 1856, m. Geo. Thomas 29 June 1882 in Jackson County, IN
 6. Luman W., b. 1858, m. Emma Sanders 27 June 1873 in Jackson County, IN
 7. Mary F., b. 11 Oct. 1857 according to Bible records which have other errors. She was shown age 10 months on the 1860 census. She married Jacob L. Hinkle and looked after her mother until mother's death in 1905.
 8. Vincent L., b. 1862, m. Mary Penhale 20 Dec. 1883 in Jackson County, IN
 9. Hattie, b. 1869 m. James E. Payne 19 Feb. 1887 in Jackson County, IN

VII LEWIS T. VAWTER (1854 – living in 1905)

Lewis T. Vawter was born 1854. His wife was Sarah _____. They were married 1884 in Jackson county, IN. and in 1900 were living at 1501 South Anderson Street in Elwood, Madison County, IN. They had one son Park Vawter, b 1885.

VIII Park VAWTER (1885 - ___)

Park VAWTER was age 15 in the 1900 census, b. May 1885.

(E.B.. "I have not searched the 1910 census of Indiana for wife & children. He as well as his aunts and uncles must be grandparents for VAWTER'S and others out there somewhere??")

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OWEN TOWNSHIP, JACKSON COUNTY, INDIANA

From: Sally Brown, Associate Editor, 3016 S. Madison, Tulsa, OK 74114

Owen township is one of the three, townships forming the western portion of Jackson County. It was named in honor of the Owen family, which, at the time the township was organized, was the largest family. The land is broken and hilly, the soil comparatively unproductive, and is probably best suited to grazing. It is surprising that many of the first settlements were made in this area rather than the rich valleys and river bottoms. The constant decay of the abundant vegetation together with the pools of stagnant water that stood in the river bottoms almost all year long, produced so much malaria that life was perilous in those areas so that the less fertile land was best.

The first permanent settlement in this area was begun before 1816 with other settlements following in quick succession. Boulware II VAWTER, father of Tazwell VAWTER, came from Virginia and settled in this area sometime around 1826.

Through the years the VAWTERS farmed, had a general store, and later owned a saw and grist mill. During the Civil War Tazwell was a Captain in the 67th Regiment of the Union Army. The regiment in which he served was made up of prominent and influential citizens from the area who were induced by love of country to leave home, friends, wives, children, and lucrative vocations to do battle for the Union.

The early settlers in Owen County felt it was vitally important to build schools as soon as possible. The first school buildings were one room cabins with dirt floors. The settlers would employ the most competent person in the neighborhood to teach. Boulware VAWTER was one of the teachers.

In 1856 the Clear Spring High School was built by the leading citizens who knew the advantages of higher education. Those citizens formed a joint stock company to build this school. The principle stockholders were the leaders of the community and Tazwell VAWTER was one of them. A member of the Owen family was the first teacher in the high school.

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TREASURED VAWTER PAINTINGS TO BE TAKEN FROM RILEY HOME

From news clippings from the "Greenfield Reporter and the Tri-State Trader"

Mary E. Simmons, a grandniece of Will VAWTER'S second Wife, Ola, filed suite in Hancock Superior Court asking for the return of Will VAWTER'S paintings. Named as defendants were the past president and the now president of the Riley Old Home Society. The defendants reluctantly agreed that Simmons was entitled to the pictures. She agreed to leave them on display through "Riley Days" the city's annual festival in honor of the birthday of James Whitcomb Riley.

This saga began in 1937 when the Riley birthplace was made a memorial and the Riley Old Home Society organized. Will VAWTER dropped by to leave the paintings at the home for display "until I call for them." He was issued a receipt confirming they were to be returned upon request.

VAWTER never came back for them. He died 12 Feb. 1941. His widow, Ola, also never asked for their return. When she died in 1944 she left her estate to relatives including her niece, the mother of Mary Simmons. The mother of Mary Simmons bought from the estate for \$2,400 all the unsold VAWTER paintings and drawings including those in the Riley home.

For almost 50 years thousands of people and schoolchildren have trooped through the birthplace of the poet, James Whitcomb Riley and admired the paintings of Will VAWTER.

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A N N O U N C E M E N T S

CORRECTIONS – In the last issue, page 2 regarding E.B. Vaughters research report at Errors by the reunion, I was in error in the ancestors of Susan Curtis. It should your editor. Read "Susan Curtis et al (descend) through Hiram-sons John Wesley and Robert W.(ashington). EDWARD VAWTER, son of Richard VAWTER died Essex Co., 1798/99"

I also inadvertently switched locations of the future VVV reunions. It should have read MS in 1986 and IN in 1987.

News – Burt Monroe III was in Who's Who Among American High School Students as a Jr. and Sr. and was a National Merit Finalist. He is now a freshman at the U. of L. and has a Trustee's scholarship (full tuition) and is taking the pre-engineering program at its Speed Scientific School. He hopes to become a computer designer.

Keep those recipes coming in to B. Van Osdol-Schneider, 4029-1 Memory Lane, Wichita, KS 67212 for volume II. We want to have a big variety representing as many states and members as possible. Send your recipes on 3 x 5 cards with name and address on each. Either print or type recipe.

There are still a few left of Volume I, which may be ordered for \$6.00 from: Beth Sabel, 931 S.E. 33rd, Portland, Or 97214.



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VAWTER MONUMENT

From: The Indianapolis Star, 2 October 1984 & The Franklin Evening Star -1904

The JOHN T. VAWTER Civil War memorial, located in the courthouse square in Franklin, Indiana has been restored and is in working order after nearly 30 years of neglect.

Franklin Star 1904- "The proposition was made by Commodore JOHN T. VAWTER, was favorably received, but wasn't given the kind of support needed most - financial. With a donation of \$5000 by Mr. Vawter, the monument will begin.

The fountain is to be of granite with a sixteen foot base and twenty feet, six inches in height. On the four sides of the monument drinking basins will be placed, each fed by water emerging from a Lion's head in base relief. Each basin will be approached by three steps and the top step serving as a summit for the base, will be beautiful Venetian mosaic. Upon the side of the monument facing Jefferson street will be a bronze tablet, on which will be inscribed the following:

"In commemoration of the valorous soldiers of Johnson county who fought for the preservation of the Union, 1860-65. Presented by JOHN T. VAWTER."

The tablet will also contain a likeness of Mr. Vawter. At the top of the tablet and carved out of stone is an eagle in full relief, with wings spread, ready for flight. A bronze sentry with musket at "carry" and with eyes shaded with his right hand, surmounts the monument.

Indianapolis Star 1984- By Joseph R. Konz, Indianapolis Star Metro editor. The designer of the memorial was Bruno Schmitz, the architect who designed the Soldier's and Sailor's Monument in Monument Circle, Indianapolis, in 1902.

Bronze-crossed muskets had been stolen from the northside of the monument, but these were returned to Franklin Heritage, Inc., headed by Chris F. Hext, after an article appeared in the local paper. The Heritage organization had a replica made of the muskets which were placed below the lion's head facing north. The original set to be presented to the county commissioners for permanent display in the courthouse.

Now Heritage, Inc. is in search of other relics originally on the monument: viz. sabres, ramrods, powderhorns. If these can be located, replicas of them will also be made and returned to their original places on the monument.

(Several contacts have been made seeking persons who could identify this JOHN T. VAWTER, to no avail. However, Bicknell, Pp 54/5 writes of a JOHN TERRELL VAWTER, b. 15 Jan. 1830, son of SMITH VAWTER & JANE TERRELL. Bicknell describes him as having been a resident of Franklin for about 60 years and a prominent businessman.)

EIGHTH ANNUAL VVVFA REUNION - 1985

Fredericksburg, Virginia is the location - selection of meeting place is the Howard Johnson Motel located at the Junction of Route 1 and I 95 South.

For reservations call 703-898-1800 and ask for Carolyn Cole being sure to mention the VAWTER reunion. If you have a common Vawter first name such as: John or Robert, give your middle name. Reservations need to be in by May as this motel has 137 rooms and we have 50 of them reserved.

RATES: \$22.00 for single - \$27.00 for double

The reunion committee of Bobbee Vawter (Pres.) and James H. Vawter of Virginia are to be commended on the choice of location and price arrangements.

As we did five years ago, the VVVFA would like to give a "love gift" for the VAUTER church. The donation at that time amounted to \$1,800.00. Let us be as generous or give more this reunion year to the church for its upkeep. It has served to perpetuate the VVV identity and history. Mail donations to treasurer, Hazel Vawter McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, TX 75218.

The gifts of handcraft from various members for door prizes was so successful last year we will do it again this year, but the time of drawing different.

Be sure and plan to stay over for the Sunday morning worship service in the VAUTER church. The Rev. Donald Place is looking forward to our visit.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Harry C. Dunlap, 5502 Cedar Croft Street, Richmond, VA 23228

Lee Eugene King 7726 Horse Pistol, Von Ormy, Texas 78073

Mrs. Charles Czompo, 1025 Eleventh Street, Huntington, W.V. 25701

Vonda Mae Lusk, 1313 N.W. 84th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73114 (descends from Rev. James Wesley Vawter, born in MS 1869 and on back to John Vawter IV)

James D. Richardson, 809 Juliet Ave., Memphis, TN 38127 (descends from James Wesley Richardson, Mary Jane Allen, Melinda Vaughter/Vawter to John Vawter IV)

MEMBER PROFILE

James H. Vawter - member of the 1985 reunion committee, Rt. #1, Box 293, Kinsale, Virginia 22488.

James Vawter was born 28 July 1913 in Marion, N. Carolina. On 19 June 1938 he married Mary Evelyn Cissel. They have two grown children, Jean and Ralph. He is a graduate from the University of Maryland.

During WW II he was a Lieutenant (USNR) in the Navy and took part in the Normandy invasion. For 34 years he was a Marketing Representative for Exxon Company, retired 1 May 1975. He is a Trustee in the Carmel United Methodist Church. His hobbies are stamp collecting and fishing.

He descends from the VAUTER Church builder. His parents are James Samuel Vawter & Mary Sophie Pile; grandparents, John Wm. Vawter & Elizabeth Dew Kean; great grandparents, John Henderson Vawter & Clara S. Peck.

From: E. B. Vaughters, 12015 1st Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98177

The Generations -

BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER (ca. 1660/65-1717) -ALONZO J. VAWTER (1850-1934)

1. BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER (ca. 1660/65-1717)

Bartholomew/Winifred Hodgson) born in England ca. 1660 immigrated to old Rappahannock County now Essex County, VA ca. 1675. Bartholomew became a prominent planter and left a large plantation at his death. Winifred Hodgson, his wife, was the daughter of Wm. Hodgson, a prominent planter and merchant of old Rappahannock County. Their children were, John, Margaret, William, David, Edward and BENJAMIN VAWTER.

2. BENJAMIN VAWTER (ca. 1700-1736)

Benjamin Vawter, youngest son of Bartholomew/Winifred, born ca. 1700, was a teenager at the time of his father's death in 1717. He was a sub-sheriff and collector of tithables in St. Ann's parish in 1732. He died in 1736, perhaps suddenly as he didn't leave a last-will, but the inventory of his estate is filed in Essex Co., VA. His wife is not known. So far as is known, it seems he had only two children: Elizabeth and RICHARD VAWTER.

3. RICHARD VAWTER (ca 1732-1799)

Richard Vawter, born ca. 1732, died in Essex County, VA. where his will was probated 21 Jan. 1799. Being just a tyke at the time of his father's death, it is thought he was raised in the household of his father's brother, Edward Vawter, as they were close in later life and Edward named Richard's son (Edward) his god-son in his will and bequeathed him a sum for education. Richard's wife is not known. The children named in Richard's will are, Richard, EDWARD, grandsons Allamanser and Irum, a son James Vawter and grandchildren, James Mark and Polly Anton, daughters Margaret, Mary and Frankee and a son Benjamin Vawter to whom he left the plantation and instructions to look after the three girls.

4. EDWARD VAWTER (ca. 1764 ca. 1830)

Edward Vawter, born ca. 1764, not much has been learned about him. His wife is unknown. The 1810 census of Essex County lists him head of household with males, 2 under 10 yrs., 1-10/16, 1-16/26 and 1-45 or over and females, 1 under 10 Yrs, 1 10/16 and 3 over 45 yrs. and one slave. He was still living in the 1830 census age 60-70. One of his sons was named Benjamin and the two older boys are mentioned in his father's will as Allamanser and IRUM (Hirum).

5. HIRUM (Irum) VAWTER (1795-after 1860)

Hirum (Irum) was born in Essex County, VA 1795. He married Mary (Polly) Good, daughter of Daniel and Betsy Good in Madison County, VA 27 Feb. 1815. The marriage record shows his name as Irum Vawter but the 1820 census and all subsequent recordings of him name is Hirum. They moved to Boone County, Ky by the 1830 census and were in Grant Co., KY through 1860. He was a miller and had a large family of five boys and five girls. A son John Wesley Vawter was born 4 May 1822 in Madison Co., VA before they moved to Kentucky.

6. JOHN WESLEY VAWTER (1822-1887)

John W. Vawter, born 4 May 1822, married Rachael Ann Kennady 1849. To this union was born Alonzo J. Vawter, 1 Nov. 1850. Nothing is known of Rachael's family except she had a brother, Joseph W. Kennady. They moved to Lucas Co., Iowa and it is there that Rachael died. John W. Vawter married 2nd 10 April 1857 to Emily Jane Wheeler and they had a large family. John W. Vawter died Oakly, Lucas Co., Iowa 15 Mar. 1887.

7. ALONZO J. VAWTER (1850-1934)

Alonzo J. Vawter, born Grant Co., KY 1 Nov. 1850, died Dodge City, Ford Co., Kansas 13 March 1934. Married 11 Aug. 1872 to Mary Frances Horner, b. 24 Feb., d. 5 Apr. 1930. To this union was born: Rachel Ellen, Lucy Jane, Dora Viola, Wm. Albert, Laura Mabel.

CLARIFICATION

I wish to clarify the date of 1698 for the marriage of BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER & WINIFRED HODGSON. In the book Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock County and Essex County, Virginia by Eva Eubanks Wilkerson you will find the year only of 1698 given.

To understand her index you must read the FORWARD. In it she explains that where no month or day is given, the date only refers to the date of a document or record in which evidence of a marriage is indicated and not the date of the marriage. (At first I picked up this date in error also.)

(Note: The year 1698 on page 240 of the above book must have been in error because on page 133 as a cross reference she gives the date as 1696 giving the same source. In deed book #9, P. 54 is a record of Bartholomew Vawter and his wife Winifred Hodgson who deeded property 9 Nov. 1696.

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REMINISCING

From: Paul E. Vawter, Sr. - 3801 Mission Hill Road, Northbrook, IL 60062

One time when a small pox epidemic hit Hampton, each home affected was posted with a sign, "Small pox - Keep out". The town health officer issued a decree prohibiting any public meetings. This meant no church services of any kind since they would be considered a public gathering. Nothing in the order mentioned home gatherings. Papa was the student pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Hampton, N.J. while studying for his B.D. degree at Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N.J.

Now papa had a strong aversion to pool rooms. The local pool room was usually crowded with people drinking. He felt the people in the pool room comprised a public gathering. And why was this permitted but not a religious gathering? Wouldn't the pool room gathering be more likely to spread the disease than a church gathering?

So he spread the word among the parishioners that the regular Thursday night prayer meeting would be held in the parsonage. Come Thursday night he rang the church bell as a reminder.

This brought the town marshal, a rather slight man as I recall. Papa came out on the porch and expressed his objection to the apparent discrimination between the church and pool room. I stood inside the front door and became alarmed that papa would be taken to jail. Between my crying and the marshal, papa was going back and forth, first to quiet me and then to the marshal. He had his hands full.

When the marshal made a move toward papa, as if to arrest him, papa warned him that if he, the marshal, so much as put his foot on the porch, he would knock him down. Since papa was six feet tall and a former college wrestler I'm sure he would have done that. I know now that he would have been within his rights since even the town marshal had no right to enter our home without a warrant. The marshal left and nothing more was heard from him. The prayer meeting was held. Papa had strong convictions and was prepared to back them up.

Line of descent: John, John, David, Jesse, William, Jesse R., Jesse Philemon.

(Paul Vawter, Sr. is in the process of composing random reminiscences as they occur to him to pass on to his children and grandchildren. I encourage all of you to do the same - and in the process, mail me some of them for the VVVFA Newsletter.)

GLEANINGS

From: Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution by John H. Gwathney - p 793

VAUGHTER, William, Sgt. 1 VA. State Reg. Feb., 1777; Ensign Dec. 7, 1778; 2nd Lieut. June 1, 1779; retired Jan. 1, 1780; also spelled Vawter. Died in Boone County, KY. Nov. 27, 1823; children named. Awarded 2,666 acres.

VAUGHTERS, Beverly (Vauters) 10 CL

VAUTER, Bart 7 CL

VAUTER, Bartholomew, 3 and 7 CL

VAUTERS, David, 1 VA State Reg.

VAWTER, Benjamin, 2 VA State Reg.

VAWTER, Herman of Orange,

VAWTER, Richard inf., nbl.

VAWTERS, John, Inf., nbl

(Some were repeated with different spellings)

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Submitted and written by Irene Taylor Day, Luray, Kansas 67649

A true episode in the courtship of Alonzo J. Vawter & Mary Frances Horner.

<p>E'en young, gramp was an upright man Who couldn't stand a liar, Convinced they'd spend Eternity With Satan and his fire. Now Grandma, a mischievous lass In youth a trifle foolish, She was in love with Grandpa But she thought he was, well, mulish. E'en then Grandmother "played it cool" She didn't let gramp guess He was her choice of many Tho she did at last confess, When he got downright persistent That "she'd marry in the spring" And she "liked him best of any of the Others on her string". Grandpa got a bit swell-headed He sorta bragged of this and that And as the conversation gentled Said "he loved her stylish hat Tho more he loved the head stuck in it And the hair of shining red."</p>	<p>With no thought of trepidation, "I plan to have it cut", Gram said. Horrified Gramp really was, Gram thought he was contrary When he almost shouted, why if you did THAT I'd never wed you, Mary!" Now Gramp thought Gram was wise and smart, No fool, tho pert and saucy, Gram knew she didn't care for him To talk so loud and bossy. Off came the red-gold tresses, Gram swore she liked it fine, With great aplomb she waited for The day Gramp came to dine. I'll never know what happened For they've both been called up Higher. I'd guess Gramp learned a lesson though 'Cause Gram made him out a liar. Of course Gramp would known better, For Gram, the little minx Before they married, proved to him Man shouldn't speak - until he thinks!</p>
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MEMBERSHIP DUES \$5.00 PER YEAR – DUE AND PAYABLE IN AUGUST TO: VVVV ASSOCIATION. Mail to Hazel McCandless, Box 366 Cushing, TX 75760

NAME _____ NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(give your VVV line on back) PHONE _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred & Wordna Wicker are the proud grandparents of Frederick, born 3 December 1984 in Durham, N. Carolina to Ellen & Roger.

The January/ February Newsletter of the National Genealogical Society states that at their Christmas luncheon an award was presented to Mary Winningham of Maryland for her work in the library loan and home study programs and as coordinator of volunteers for the Washington area.

Beth Sabel, 931 S.E. 33rd, Portland, OR 97214 expects to have an index of the first 19 issues of the VVVFA Newsletter ready by August. Please let her know if you are interested in a copy so we will know how many to print. We won't know the cost until we know how many to print. Mail her a post-card if you are interested.

The second volume of the VVV Vitals Vittles (cookbook) is being put together for the printer. There are a few copies of volume I left. Cost \$5.00 to Beth Sabel.

A reprint of The Vawter Family in America by Grace (Vawter) Bicknell can be ordered from Mrs. Walter Reynolds, R. Rt. #1, Butlerville, IN 47223. Price \$6.00.

Carolyn Vaughter, VVVFA member has written a historical novel West Wind Wild. It begins with the Oklahoma Land Run. A copy (pocket book) can be ordered from Bill Vawter, 3019 Conway St., Houston, TX 77025 with a check for \$4.00 made out to Carolyn Vaughter.

Ralph E. Fall, a former minister of the VAUTER Church, and a speaker for the 1985 reunion, has written two books: The Diary of Robert Rose (early minister of the VAUTER Church) costing \$15.00 and Hidden Village - The Story of Port Royal, Virginia costing \$20.00. You may order from The Rev. Ralph E. Fall, 7308 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, Virginia.

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From: Beth Sabel, 931 S.E. 33rd, Portland, OR 97214

AN ANCESTOR?

A badly bruised knight returned to his castle after a hard battle. He was a mess.! His armor was dented, his helmet was askew, his face was bloody, his horse was limping, and the knight was listing to one side in his saddle.

The lord of the castle saw him coming and went out to meet him, asking "What hath befallen you, Sir Knight?"

Straightening himself out as best he could he replied, "Oh, sire, I have been laboring dutifully in your service, pillaging all your enemies to the west.,,

"You've been WHAT?" cried the startled nobleman. "I haven't any enemies to the West!" "Oh", said the knight, and then, after a pause, "Well you do now".



NEWSLETTER

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EIGHTH ANNUAL VVVFA REUNION TO HONOR VAUTER CHURCH

The VVVFA voted to establish a tradition and schedule a reunion every five years near the location of the "Vauter" Church, which was erected in 1731 in the parish of St. Anne, Essex County, Virginia. There were 130 families living in the parish at that time. The name of the church was misspelled in early records.

The present brick building replaced a frame structure and was built on land belonging to Richard Vawter. The walls are twenty inches thick and originally there was no heat or lights. The church still has a communion service presented by Queen Anne of England.

The location selected this year is Fredricksburg at the Howard Johnson Motel located at the Junction of Route 1 and I 95 South. For reservations call 703-898-1800 and ask for Carolyn Cole and mention the VAWTER reunion. Rates are: Single -\$22.00 and double - \$27.00. Date August 2-3-4. The annual president's letter will give the agenda for the reunion. There will be two meals together in the dinning room.

As we did five years ago, the VVVFA will give a "love gift" for the VAUTER church which will help us perpetuate VVV identity and history in a tangible way. Mail donations to treasurer: Hazel Vawter McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, Tx 75218. A check will be presented in the Sunday morning worship service, from the VVVFA, to the church by our president, Robert L. Vawter. *Gifts should reach Hazel before July 15th.*

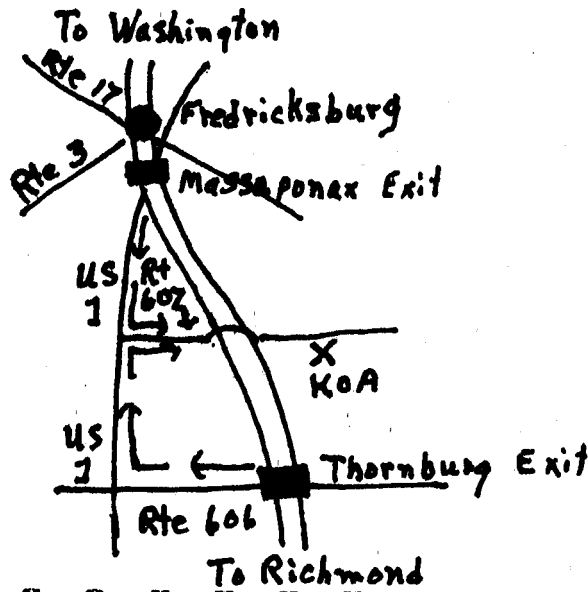
Saturday one or two buses will be chartered for a historical tour ending with a visit to the VAUTER church for lunch which will be prepared by the ladies of the church in the social hall chaired by Mrs. Helen Garnet.

Saturday evening at the banquet we will have a Memorial Service Spot in memory of all who died since the last reunion, August 1984. Please send me the names and vital statistics of those who died during this time period. (mail to Esther Vawter)

TRANSPORTATION

If you fly into Washington or Dunes International, upon arrival pick up "Grooms Service" to the Sheraton Motel in Fredericksburg and then take a taxi to Howard Johnson's. "Grooms Service" runs every hour on the hour 24 hrs. a day. (Do not know if they have service to Howard Johnson's which is about 3 miles from Sheraton Motel).

You can also fly to Richmond, VA (about the same distance from Fredericksburg as Washington, D.C.), rent a car or take a bus to Fredericksburg. For those who like to do research, allow some time to visit the archives in Richmond, VA.



OPTIONS

Dominion Kampground (KOA)
RFD 3, Box 1275, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Phone 703-898-7252

If Southbound on Interstate 95, exit at Massaponax, go South (turn right) on US 1, left on VA 607.

If Northbound on I-95, exit at Thornburg, left on VA 606 to US 1, then North (turn right) on US 1, turn right on VA 607.

Howard Johnson Motel is located at the junction of Interstate 95 and US 1.

150th ANNIVERSARY

The First Baptist Church of North Vernon, Indiana, will observe its 150th Anniversary on July 26-27 & 28. The church was organized in 1835 about six miles NE of Vernon, as Zoar Baptist. There were 17 charter members, including William Frances Vawter, John & Elizabeth (Vawter)Stott, and Margaret Parks.

William Vawter was chosen as the first pastor and served in that position for 28 years. He was ordained by the church in July 1839. The land for the first building was donated by Allen Parks, husband of Margaret Parks. Their daughter, Sarah, married Jesse R. Vawter, a son of William & Frances.

Throughout the years descendants of these founding members have played active roles in the life of the church and continue yet today. One such person is Bonita Welch who is organist and is chairperson of the committee planning the anniversary celebration.

VAWTERS ON TV AND IN MOVIES

Ron Vawter of Albany, NY, nephew of Vernon Vawter of Hot Springs, AR appeared on NBC as a police inspector in the program "Miami Vice".

Ron Vawter attended our first reunion at Brady Mountain Lodge near Hot Springs, AR and the reunion in 1980 at Port Royal, Virginia.

Meet young actor Eric Stoltz who is also a Vawter descendant. His parents are Jack & Evelyn Vawter Stoltz of Santa Barbara, California. His maternal grandparents are Marion & Hazel Vawter. (Our Ted Vawter of Colorado is a brother of Marion) Writes proud father Jack, "Eric is very close to his 92 year-old grandfather, Marion, and writes him from wherever in the world he may be."

Born in Whittier, CA on 30 Sept. 1961, Eric is the lone son of parents who are both educated and musically gifted. He has two older sisters: Catherine Stoltz who is a mezzo soprano with the Chicago Lyric Opera Center for Young American Artists and

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Susan (Mrs. Eric Lockrem who is the mother of the Stoltz's grandson, Matthew Lockrem.

Steely blue-eyed Eric is a versatile actor who often finds himself portraying vulnerable characters to whom audiences relate directly. His public relations release states, ".... he doesn't attack acting, he lends himself to it. His performances consistently suggest that he is an instinctual, natural actor who welcomes the opportunity to look inward and share with others his discoveries."

Not only is he an inspiring actor, he is a talented musician, playing both piano and trumpet. He began acting and performing seriously at about 12, appearing in some 20 productions in Santa Barbara, either on stage or in the orchestra or as an accompanist.

When a student at the University of Southern California, he began receiving recognition as an actor. During his two years at the University's theater arts dept. he made many guest-starring roles on TV. Feeling the need for more professional training, he left school to study with Stella Adler and later with William Traylor and Peggy Feury.

At 23, he has appeared in starring roles in these TV movies: "Joey and Redhawk" mini-series; "The Grass is Always Green" in which he played Carol Burnett's oldest son; "The Seekers" Part II; "The Violation of Sarah McDavid"; "Paper Dolls"; and "Mask" in which he plays the leading role of Rocky Dennis, a 17-year-old boy who suffers from a physically deforming disease.

In USA TODAY, 8 March 1985, Jack Mathew's article about "Mask" states, "There are two sensational performances here - from Eric Stoltz as Rocky and Cher as Rusty Dennis, his crusty, drug-dependent mother."

In the Los Angeles Times. 7 March 1985, Sheila Benson writes in her column, "... you begin to listen to Rocky (beautifully played by Eric Stoltz)....."

Prior to the filming of "Mask", Eric starred in the current Universal release "The Wild Life" in which he portrays a high school graduate forced to confront the realities of life. After "Mask" he traveled to Paris to appear in Martin Starger's filming of "Emerald" which is scheduled for release this fall. In this World War II spy-drama, he plays 23-year-old Lt. Andy Wheeler who is captured by the Nazis and incarcerated in a French prison.

Besides more than a dozen TV commercials between 1978-80, Eric's television acting credits include appearances in episodes of "The Class of '65" "James at 16", "A New Kind of Family", "Shirley", "The Walton's", "Walking Tall", "Knott's Landing", "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers", "Thursday's Child", "Star of the Family", "Fall Guy", and "Love, Sydney". In many of these, he had featuring or "guest star" roles.

Eric descends: John Vawter, David Vawter, Jesse Vawter, William Vawter. John Taylor Vawter, Albert C. Vawter, Marion Vawter and Evelyn Vawter Stoltz.

UPDATE

From: Bonita Welch, R.R. #1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273

Bonita Welch has found the obituary for the John T. Vawter who erected the Civil War Vawter Monument in the Courthouse square in Franklin, IN. His full name is John Terrell Vawter, son of Smith Vawter & Jane Terrell, pages 54/5 of Bicknell. For background see story in the last issue regarding the monument. The next issue will have other details of his life.

RETROSPECTIVE

From: Sally Poland, 3517 Edencroft Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27612

About 1916, when the tent Chautauqua phenomenon was enjoying its greatest success in rural America, few conceived of a day when the term "Chautauqua" would be strange to the ear.

The original Chautauqua began at Jamestown, NY on the shores of Lake Chautauqua in 1874. It was really an extension of the Sunday School movement in America, but was directed at an adult population for which greater appreciation of art forms and "culture" was becoming fashionable.

Keith Vawter, (p. 326 Bicknell) attempted the first "circuit" type of Chautauqua under canvas in 1904. After refining, he produced his Redpath-Vawter Chautauqua System in 1907 which flourished across America for the next twenty-five years.

To small town rural America -- isolated and hard-working -- tent Chautauqua was liberation for the spirit. It was a unique mixture of conventional wisdom, popular entertainment, great oratory and exposure to serious art forms all seasoned with a generous portion of hoopla. Those who confuse it with carnival, circus, or fair, however, do the institution an injustice.

By the twenties, Chautauqua under canvas was in a state of decline. Better roads, radios, and motion pictures contributed to the falling-off of the crowds. The hard times of the late twenties put an end to a most unusual American phenomenon--culture under canvas.

Note: "Miss Rena Vawter", Keith Vawter's sister (p. 326 Bicknell) was listed on a Chautauqua program from Madison, Indiana ca. 1906 as a teacher of a class in domestic Science for young ladies.

Line: John, David, Philemon, Beverly, Pascal, John Beverly, Keith Vawter.

GLEANINGS

NORTH CAROLINA INDEX TO MARRIAGE BONDS – 1741-1868

N.C. State Archives - Raleigh, N.C.

Groom Index

Vawter, Beverly	Hutchins, Elizabeth	21 Dec. 1806
" Beverly S.	Lasley, Harriet J.	29 Nov. 1841
" George T.	Volger, Charlotte	15 Feb. 1840
" James M.	Underwood, S. E.	30 Nov. 1865
" John M.	Campbell, Polly M.	11 Aug. 1834
" Joseph E.	Larimore, Polly	13 Sept. 1812
" Reuben T.	Transu, Harriet M.	11 Jan. 1835
Vawters, Bradford	Redman, Catherine	18 Apr. 1820
Vauter, William	Roberts, Regina	13 Feb. 1845

Bride Index

Vawter, Elisha	Scales, Thomas M.	12 Oct. 1835
" Paulina	Swaim, William L.	29 Mar. 1845
" Tabbethy	Fagg, Charles Ritchard	26 Sept. 1834
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" Martha E.	Pulliam, Simeon L.	14 Aug. 1852

VAWTER'S OIL PAINTING RETURNED

From: The Republic, Columbus, IN sent by Bonita Welch

After a six month absence, Brown County artist Will Vawter's oil painting "Neighbors" has been returned to the James Whitcomb Riley Home Museum by an anonymous donor.

The large oil painting was one of the four pieces of Vawter's artwork pulled from display at the museum by Mary Simmons who is executrix of the estate of her mother, the niece of Ola Vawter, Will's second wife.

Vawter and Riley were friends and Vawter illustrated twenty some books of poetry written by Riley. In 1937 Vawter loaned his paintings to the museum when Riley's birthplace was made a memorial.

For background see story of "Will Vawter" Vol. 8 #2, p. 9 and story "Treasured Vawter Paintings to be Taken from Riley Home" Vol. 9 #2, p. 12.

MEMBER PROFILE - Minister

Elson Herndon, D.D., 9102 W. 100 Terr., Overland Park, KS 66212

Born 9-11-1913 in Lonsdale, AR., the son of John I.& Lillie Daniel Herndon. He has been married to Opal Vawter, whose father was Roy A., for almost 50 years. She is the sister of Vernon Vawter of Hot Springs, AR and they descend from James M. Vawter (p. 373 Bicknell), son of John who was the son of Russell Vawter & Mary Sparks.

John attended high school in Hot Springs, AR. He received his BA at Ouachita Baptist University and Masters at Midwest Baptist Theological Seminary and DD from Florida State Christian College. He spent one year in the US Army. John pastored churches in Arkansas and Kansas City Missouri.

For nineteen years he served as Administration and Chaplain of Baptist Towers, a Retirement & Handicap Home (Now Linwood Towers). He retired from the Towers 1 Sept. 1983.

Other work: Four years at AR State Hospital, fifteen years in retail merchandising (both grocery & dry goods stores) either as owner or manager. First pastorate in 1953 and served as an interim pastor while at Baptist Towers (16 interims). He served five years on the Board of Directors of Westminster Gerontology Foundation, the past three years as president.

He and his wife have three children: Eugene, Doyle and Dorothy. Elson & Opal enjoy traveling together and he has a slogan "Have Bible, will travel".

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Mrs. Patricia Eldon Taylor Harvey, 200 Magnolia, Magnolia, MS 39652
Line: Pleasant & Zerelde (Dehoney) Stribling, Lydia Hester & John O. Sanford,
Jessie Eldon & Edgar Taylor - pages 227/8 Bicknell.

Mrs. Lynn Daniels, 108 Wilmuth, Iuka, MS 38852 (Line: John Vawter IV)

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Minerva Elvira Vaughters)

Marjorie Vawter. 9305 W. 53rd Place, Arvada, CO 80002

MEMORIAL

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Sam Daniels of Iuka, MS died 4 Nov. 1984, His wife, Lynn Reid Daniels descends from John Vawter IV.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Bring your donations of handcraft for the drawing of door prizes which will take place at two or three of our meetings together.

If you wish, you may take a Walking Tour of Historic Fredericksburg during free time. It starts at the Visitor Center and takes in 25 points of interest.

The Indianapolis Star made one small correction on the story of the Vawter Monument. A spokesman for the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission said the monument was designed by Rudolph Schwarz, not Bruno Schmitz as previously reported in The Star.



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

June 24, 1985

REUNION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Speaking for the Reunion Committee, you are personally invited to attend the eighth annual nationwide VVV Reunion at the Howard Johnson's Motel, located at the junction of Route 1 & 1-95, South Fredericksburg, Va., August 1, 2, & 3 1985.

The efforts of James Vawter, Mrs. Helen Garnet, Carolyn Cole, and my daughter, Rosemary Raysor, who has spent many hours keeping my correspondence in order deserves our thanks and appreciation for outstanding work in preparing for the reunion.

Trying to keep within past formats, the tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 1:

8:00 am: Registration
Breakfast meeting of officers

10:00 am:
Call to order
Invocation - Rev. Donald Place
Welcome - (Rev. Donald Place or Jim Vawter) Jim is trying to schedule a local person to welcome us from the Fredericksburg area.
Business meeting

12:00 noon: Lunch
(on your own)

1:30 pm: Speaker
(Banquet Room)
Topic: Fredericksburg

7:00 pm: Dinner
(Banquet Room)
Grace: Rev. Roger Byler
Speakers: 1. Jim Vaughters
Topic: Update of VVV Book and
2. Jim will speak on the VVV's in England as researched by James Lanier Vawter
3. Fred Wicker
Topic: 1986 VVV Reunion in Mississippi

Door prizes

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- 8:30 am: Bus Tour
Fredericksburg area
Vauter Church
Guides: Jim Vawter
Rev. Ralph Fall
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Lunch at Mrs. Helen Garnett (Elmwood)
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Speaker - Robert L. Vawter
Committee Reports
Election of Officers
Memorial Service - Wordna Wicker
Official Invitation - Fred Wicker
Benediction
Door Prizes

Sunday, August 3, 1985:

- 11:30 am: Worship Service
Vauter Church

Check out time at the Howard Johnson's is 12:00 noon for those leaving on Sunday.

Appointment of Committees: The chairperson is the first person named.
1986 Mississippi Committee: Fred Wicker and Wordna Wicker.

Nominating Committee: Ted Vawter, Vernon Vawter, Col. James Corbitt, Bettie Nash,
Frank Robinson, and Charles Burt.

Registration committee: Glenn Vawter, Betsy Miller, Barbara DeFur, Sandra Robinson,
Norma Vaughters, Sue Vawter. Louise Vanover, and Jim DeFur.

Committee for return to Madison, Indiana Reunion: Bonita Welch, Edna Reynolds,
Shirley Byler, and Vernon Vawter.

The door prizes have continued to be a gift from our talented VVV members. This was a tremendous success at the 1984 Nacogdoches Reunion. I think we all are looking forward to winning one of these. Don't forget to bring your contributions for crafts to the reunion with you.. This was a recommendation of Amos Crouch in Hot Springs and was a popular event last year. If you will notice that we are giving out the door prizes at the last event of both Friday and Saturday this year.

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Those of you coming, can contribute at the reunion if you wish. We are hoping to be able to make a generous "love gift". The gift given in 1980 reunion at Port Royal, Va. was very well received.

Rev. Ralph Fall (retired minister of the Vauter Church) is an Honorary VVV member has agreed to act as a tour guide for one of the buses and will speak at the luncheon at the Vauter Church on Saturday, August 2, 1985. The topic will be about the history of the area and the Vauter Church. Rev. Fall has stated he is looking forward to meeting the Vawters again and we're also looking forward to meeting and talking with Rev. Fall again this year.

We originally were to have our luncheon at the Parish House (Vauter Church) on Saturday, but Mrs. Garnett feels the space at the Parish House is limited and her home at Elmwood is much better equipped for us. Elmwood as some of you may remember is only a short distance from the Church. Along with being beautiful, it is very historical. We are grateful for the opportunity to visit Mrs. Garnett at Elmwood again.

Donna and I spent two days at the Howard Johnson's in Fredericksburg, June 21 and 22. We visited the Vauter Church and drove up to Elmwood (a short distance from the Church) and talked with Mrs. Garnett by phone the following day (she was in Richmond the day we were at Elmwood). She stated that she would try to have the silver chalice available for us while we are there.

The Bobbee Vawter family is looking forward to seeing you in Fredericksburg, Va.

The Howard Johnson's still has rooms available, call today and make your reservations. The number is 703-898-1800 - ask for Carolyn Cole and mention the Vawter Reunion.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Vawter

VVV FAMILY ASSOCIATION
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Monument to THOMAS JEFFERSON'S thesis on "Religious Freedom". An annual celebration there.

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Mary McDaniel - Indianapolis, IN 4332

Tillie Vawter - 1 Daisy St., Latham, NY 12110

Celeste Vawter Fonda - 30 Oliver St., Albany, NY 12205

Ann & Christopher Dome - 1103 Ashford Lane, West Chester, PA 19380

MEMORIAL

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Same kin to Charles Burt of GA and Jim Vaughters of CO.

GENEALOGY - DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM & MARGARET (HENDERSON) VAWTER

I Bartholomew Vawter ca. 1660-1771

II Edward Vawter

III William Vawter b. 6 May. 1735, d. 6 Mar. 1815, m. Anne Ballard b. 23 Oct. 1733, d. 24 May 1814

William Vawter was one of the large land owners in Greenbrier county, and came from one of the oldest families in Essex county.

IV William Vawter, Jr. b. 26 May 1765, d. 15 Nov. 1822, m. 12 Feb. 1795

To Margaret Henderson b. 12 Feb. 1771 Greenbrier County, VA, d. 8 Sept. 1853.

Dau. of John Henderson & Anne Givens, g-dau, of James & Martha Henderson.

James born in 1708 in Scotland and died in 1784 in Virginia.

Children: 1. Elizabeth b. 28 Jan. 1798, m. 22 Feb. 1821 to Robert Young

2. John Henderson b. 23 Jan. 1800, d. 8 June 1877

m. (1) 22 Jan. 1828 To Adaline Dunlap who d. 8 Nov. 1828
at birth of first child who died a year later.

m. (2) 17 June 1833 To Clara S. Peck

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To Elizabeth Dew Kean of VA.

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2. Nelson Carlyle m. Sarah Elizabeth Paxton

3. Clara McDonald, d.s.

4. William Alfred m. Mabel Clare Shorter

5. Charles Kean

6. Andrew Eliot d.s.

7. James Samuel m. Mary S. Pyle

8. Henry Alexander

2. Elizabeth Mary b, 2 Jan. 1836

3. Margaret Anne b. 1 July 1836 d.s. 1885.

4. Lewis Addison, M.D., b. 22 Oct. 1838, d. 4 Jan. 1900

m. 24 Apr. 1862 Mary Adair who died 16 Jan. 1867

m. (2) Emily H. Dameron

Children: 1. Mary Allen d.s.

2. John William (painter, illustrated J.W. Riley)

3. Clara Peck (author) d.s. (In Who's Who also #2

4. Charles Elliot

5. James Elliott b. 1 Mar. 1840, d.s. 1862
 6. Charles Erastus b. 9 Jun. 1841 m. 24 July 1866 (In Who's Who books) To Virginia Longley of TN
 Children: 1. Mary Longley m. Harrison Robertson
 2. Josephine m. Stonewall Tompkins
 3. Charles Erastus, Jr.
 4. Leonora Leigh
 5. James Elliot
 6. Virginia Longley
 7. Edmund Longley
7. Allen Henderson b. 8 Jan. 1843, d.s.
 8. Matilda Ellen b. 16 Mar. 1844, m. 29 May 1873 To Wm Farnier
 Children: 1. Mamie 2. Clara, m. Rev. O.W. Lusky
9. Sara Josephine b- 10 July 1847, m _____ 1867
 To Frank Peck Sweeny
 Children. Two daughters & three sons
10. Joseph Snyder b. 17 July 1849, d.s. 1863
 11. Clara Virginia b. 23 Aug. 1853, m. 1870 To Lewis Peck
 Children: two daughters & seven sons
12. Henry Alexander b. 23 Apr. 1853, m. & Feb. 1885
 To Nettie Baber of W. VA
 Children: James Henry, George Elliot, Clara Elizabeth
13. George W. b. 5 Apr. 1855, m, 29 Oct. 1879
 To Eliza L. Guinn
 Children: Joseph & Robert
 George lived at the old Vawter home in Monroe Co. that has been in the Vawter family for four generations.
3. Anne b..18 Mar. 1802, m. 19 July 1831 To Lorenza Dow Cook
 Children. One son - William Vawter Cook
4. Jane-Jean-Jennie b. 14 June 1805, m. 31 Aug. 1826 To Andrew Shanklin
 Children: Son William Vawter Shanklin and other children.
5. Mary or Polly b. 8 Sept. 1808, d. 23 Nov. 1887, m. 4 Aug. 1840
 To Moses D. Kerr
 Children. 1. Margaret Anne b. 23 Aug. 1841, d. 9 Oct. 1865, m. 16 Mar.1865
 To Ira D. Coty (no Heirs)
 2. James Vawter Kerr b. 19 June 1843, m. (1) 26 Nov. 1874
 To (1) Sarah A. Baker who died 31 Dec. 1876
 m. (2) Rosa B. Powell
 Children: Vida Anne, Clara Margaret, Merritt Vawter, Ramond Powell
3. Elizabeth Jane b. 22 Mar. 1845, d. 16 Aug. 1877, m. 30 Aug. 1876
 To John G. Haas - left one son Herbert Haas
4. William Elliot b. 3 May 1848, d.s. 12 Feb. 1868
5. Clara Isabell b. 30 Oct. 1850, d. 16 Aug. 1887, m. 30 Aug. 1876
 To Milton Harshberber- left one son Ramond Harshberger
6. Elliott b. 9 Mar. 1812, m. 20 Nov. 1839 To Julia Pack
 Children: 1. Mary Jane
 2. Rebecca Anne m. Mar. 1867 To Rev. J. R. Van Horne
 3. Margaret Elizabeth
 4. Julia Ellen m. 31 Oct. 1867 To J. M. Johnson
 5. Cynthia Pack
 6. John Elliot
 7. William Robert
 8. Martha Jenny McLean
7. James b. 11 Aug.1814 m. (1) Jane Peck, (2) Eliza Lybreck, children: Two daughters
- SOURCE: Taken from book Ancestry and Descendants of Lieut. John Henderson - compiled by Joseph Lyon Miller, M. D. sent to me by E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA.

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A number of VVVFA members descend from this family. Some are: James H. Vawter of VA, Betty Nash & daughter Betsy Miller, Elizabeth Hines Czompo, Virginia Groseclose, Clara Vawter James and Sally Brown, associate news editor.

Sally Brown, associate news editor contributed this item about the family.

HENDERSON, WEST VIRGINIA

This town was named for the family of William Vawter's wife who is an ancestor of a number of VVV members. Their lineage is Bartholomew, Edward, William, William. The second William, married Margaret Henderson on 12 Feb. 1795. Margaret's parents were John & Anne (Givens) Henderson. John was a respected citizen. He was an Indian fighter and he served in the battle of Point Pleasant in 1774. He was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War. He was one of the first justices in Greenbrier County VA. John Henderson's will was filed in Greenbrier County in 1787.

Point Pleasant is located on the Ohio River at the point where the Kanawha River joins the Ohio. HENDERSON is located immediately across the Kanawha from Point Pleasant. As early as 1791 some hearty folks settled in the place where HENDERSON is located today. These settlers were soon forced to seek refuge across the river within the walls of the fort at Point Pleasant because of frequent Indian raids.

John H. & Samuel Henderson, brothers of Margaret are listed as settlers in HENDERSON in 1795. The town of HENDERSON was not incorporated until 1879 even though people had lived there for almost 90 years. An interesting fact is that George Washington had been given one of the first land grants in this area in 1772. The grant was for 10,990 acres of land given by King George III of England.

The Kanawha River at this point is wide and swift. Today there is a big, high bridge across the river that connects HENDERSON with Point Pleasant but in 1795 crossing the river was possible only by boat and that was dangerous. The land on both sides of the Kanawha is mountainous and in 1774 it was heavily wooded clear up to the fort at Point Pleasant, which made the fort vulnerable to Indian attacks. At that time the surrounding area was populated with hostile Indians from the Shawnee, Wyandotte, and Mingo tribes who did not want the white man in their territory.

In the spring of 1774 a general Indian war (called Dunmore's War) broke out along that Western frontier. The bloody battle at Point Pleasant was the decisive battle that ended the war. The Virginia Militia lost 150 of 700 troops including their respected commander, Col Charles Lewis. The Indian losses were heavier than the Virginians, but exactly how many is not known because the Indians quickly buried their dead in the river weighted down with big rocks so that the Virginians would not know the extent of their losses.

The Hendersons were a capable, prosperous family who participated actively in the history of the area.

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Beth Sabel is starting to collect all the VVV names and addresses she can find to make up a new VVV Directory. So, send her the names and addresses of all your cousins and other relatives and all those you can find in your telephone directory. It would be appreciated if you would check out phone directories of other cities in your area, but be sure the directory is up to date.

The present address of Douglas & Phyllis Vawter, parents of Doug Jr. & Pamela is needed by Beth Sabel who mails out the newsletters.

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The names of those on the register attending the VVVFA Reunion- 1985 - Virginia

The top states in attendance were: Texas, Tennessee & Mississippi as they were last year and in the same order,

ARKANSAS
Vernon & Trudy Vawter
Hubert Vawter
Lester Vawter
Alma Allen

CALIFORNIA
Esther Vawter

COLORADO
Jim & Donna Vaughters
Jonathan Vaughters
Ted & Lydia Vawter

DELAWARE
Robert & Donna Vawter
Charles & Rosemary Raysor, Jr.
Samantha & Charles Raysor, III
Robert Vawter

FLORIDA
Louise Lee

GEORGIA
Charles & Betty Burt
Chuck Burt
Alice V. Disharoon
Addie Edwards
Anne V. Stovall

ILLINOIS
Chadwick Trujillo
Glen & May Vawter
Jerry & Shirley Beasley
Roger & Margie Vawter
David Lee

INDIANA
Patricia Ann Vawter
Josephine (Vawter) Parker
Blanche Vawter
Selma (Vawter) Glassing
Scott Woodworth
Bonita Welch
Alan Welch
Ann Caslau
Mary McDaniel
Walter & Edna Reynolds

IOWA
Sara (Sally) Hocknumuth
Susan Curtis
Elsie Trittipo

KANSAS
Madge Elliott
Bernice & Alva Poland

MISSISSIPPI
Marvin & Patsy Harvey
James & Norma Wicker
Ora Wicker
Mary W. Reese
Wordna & Fred Wicker
Roger & Gayle Wicker
Margaret & Caroline Wicker

MICHIGAN
Gary & Penny Vawter

(Over)

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STREET ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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MISSOURI

Linda & Bruce Vawter
Marvin Vawter
Dorothy Ford
Wanda Gould

NEW YORK

Tillie Vawter
Celeste (Vawter) Fonda

NORTH CAROLINA

Sally Poland
Ellen Wicker Cummings
Rebecca & Fredrick Cummings

OHIO

Willard & Lucille Keir

OKLAHOMA

Sally & Duncan Brown
Carolyn & Paul Vaughter

OREGON

Beth Sabel

PENNSYLVANIA

Christopher & Anne Dome
Elizabeth Dome
Clara Vawter James

TENNESSEE

Sandra & Frank Robinson
John Mark & William Robinson
Mary Vawter
Stan Callis
Pete & Norma Vawter
Jim & Barbara DeFur & Emily
Norma Vaughter
Hazel & John Taylor
Grace Upshaw
Jim Corbitt
Doug & Betty Hicks

TEXAS

Frances Guynes
Beth & Joe Melton
Betsy Miller
Mack & Betty Nash
Bill & Sally Vawter
Hazel McCandless
Louise Vanover
John H. & Sue Vawter
Juanita Baker
Shirley & Roger Byler
David, Jean, Danny, Mathew Byler
Phil Vaughter

VIRGINIA

Harry & Emily Dunlap
John & Dorothy Martin
Virginia May Scholz
Charlotte Scholz
Tracy & Herb Scholz

WASHINGTON

E.B. & Adele Vaughters

WEST VIRGINIA

Charles & Elizabeth Czompo

WISCONSIN

Evert & Maxine Joling
Wayne & Carole Vawter

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VAWTER PARK AND THE SOUTH SHORE INN

From: Early Wawasee Days, Chapter XIII, pages 37-39 by Eli Lilly. Published 1960
Indianapolis. (Added data from Bicknell pages 54-5) Sent by Paul Vawter of Northbrook,
IL

John Terrell Vawter, businessman-banker who donated the Civil War Memorial in the courthouse square in Franklin, Indiana, was interested in real estate, also. See Civil War Memorial story: VVV Newsletter, Vol. 9, #3, Spring 1985).

He was first the builder and first proprietor of Vawter Park Hotel located in Vawter Park Village on the southern shore of Lake Wawasee in Kosciusko County, about 20 miles northeast of Warsaw, Indiana.

After having lived in Franklin for nearly 60 years, he discontinued his business interests in Franklin and moved to his land holdings at Vawter Park in 1886.

After the town was plotted in 1887, he built the hotel. Later a number of vacation cottages were erected southeast of the hotel by prominent citizens. John T. and his wife Eliza occupied the small cottage located immediately next to the hotel. At one time the local post office was in their home.

Vawter Park Hotel was known for its Victorian decor and its friendly, informal, family atmosphere, originally implanted by the Vawters. The hotel burned down between 1918-1925 and a new one was built within two years. This one burned, also. On this same site today stands popular South Shore Inn.

A favorite pastime of John T. was sailing his steamer, christened "Gazelle", on the lake. At the end of the boating season, he would invite the children of the village for a sail, providing them with treats of candy.

Descent of John Terrell Vawter: John, David, Jesse, John, Smith Vawter.

MANOR SUTTON

From: An out-line of the paper "A Brief History of the Ancient Royal Manor of Sutton" by James L. Vawter, prepared by Jim Vaughters and given at the 1985 reunion. Edited by your editor.

Norman Invasion - 1066

Before: King Edward the Confessor

After: William I the Conqueror

King Rufus

King Henry I

The Domesday Book

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1105 - Sutton) King Henry I gave to Roger de Valletort I
Kings Tamerton)
Maker) which became part of honor of Trematon
Royalty of Tamar)

Roger de Valletort II gave Honor of Trematon to Richard Earl of Cornwall "Granted presises of" Sutton, Maker and Kings Tamerton for John de Vautort de Clist St. Lawrence.

1212 - Bishop of Winchester had custody of inheritance of Roger de Valletort, including Sutton, Maker, and Kings Tamerton.

1270 - 54th year - King Henry III

1281- Inquisition - John de Vautort held Sutton and Maker
Elias de Blakeston held Kings Tamerton
Earl Edmond held Royalty of Tamerton

Vautorts gave part of Sutton to Priory of Plympyon. In the 13th century the manor was split into: Sutton Prior, Sutton Raf, Sutton Vautort

Early 1300's the inhabitants wanted a town charter.

In 1439 Borough of Plymouth formed by act of parliament from Sutton Prior, Raf, and Vautort.

1519 – Death of John Vautort
Grand-daughter, Elizabeth, inherited Sutton Vautard and Maker. She married Sir Hugh Pollard, who in 1543 sold his lordship and fee (title) of Sutton Vawletort/ alias Valetort/Vawtard to William Hawkins.

1637/8 John Hawkins (descendant of William) sold hamlet of Sutton-Vauter to the city of Plymouth.

Note: More regarding this subject by James L. Vawter, P. O. Box 665, E1 Campo, TX 77437 in Spring 1983 issue on page 2. A short history of Trematon Castle page 1.

Aerial pictures (3x5) of Trematon Castle & ruins may be ordered from Beth Sabel, 931 SE 33rd, Portland, OR 97214. The black and white picture, two for \$1.00, the color picture is \$1.00.

GLEANINGS

From: Falaise Roll recording Prominent Companions of William Duke of Normandy at the Conquest of England by M. Jackson Crispin & Leonce Macary. Published Baltimore 1969 Genealogical Publishing Co.

Renaud De Vautort. From Vautortes in Mayenne. Reginald de Vautort or Valletort accompanied other barons of Maine to the conquest and received thirty-three lordships in Cornwall from Robert, count of Mortaine (1086, Domesday). Roger de Valletort, baron of Huberton, Devon, his grandson was the ancestor of the Valletorts of North Tawton and those of Acland, from whence this family.

From: Early Tours in Devon & Cornwall page 57 - Many members of the Courtenay, Valletort, Strode, and other eminent families, selected Chirch (as spelled) of the Priorie of Plymtoun for the place of their interment.

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From- E.B. Vaughters. 12015 1st Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA - VAWTER data
Ronald E. Cornwell, 1900 Stanford Place, Edwardsville, IL 62025 - Wilhoit data
ANCESTORS OF JUDGE T. WILHOIT (p. 402 Bicknell)

COUNTY FORMATION:

Culpeper, VA was split off from Orange Co. 1748 and from it, Madison Co. 1792/3.
Augusta Co., VA was split off from Orange Co. 1738/45 and was further divided into
Botentourt in 1769, Fincastle (discontinued 1777) in 1772, Kentucky Co. 1776.
FAYETTE, JEFFERSON and LINCOLN Counties 1780 which formed the 15th state,
Kentucky, in 1792.

By this time Fayette Co. had been split into Bourbon, Mason, WOODFORD and Acott
Counties. It was in WOODFORD Co. near the Forks of the Elkhorn, and Frankfort, the
capitol, we find our first VAWTER settlers and their friends and neighbors. Versailles,
the county seat, became a thriving community.

I Bartholomew VAWTER (ca. 1660-1717)/ Winifred HODGSON

II John VAWTER (ca. 1691-1752 / Margaret Noel

III Richard VAWTER (ca/ 1715-1805) / Frances TOWELS

- Children:
1. John -m. (1) Frankee Ward, (2) Joanna Vernon
 2. Russell - m. Mary Sparks (p. 373 Bicknell)
 3. Nancy - - m. ELIJAH WILHOIT
 4. Lucy - m. Mark Finks
 5. Tabitha - m. Adam Rouse
 6. Alpha - m. Robert Shelton
 7. Margaraet - m. John Breedlove
 8. Anna - m. Philemon VAWTER (her cousin)

Nancy & Tabitha were married the same day, 17 Nov. 1795. Alpha Vawter / Robert
Shelton and Anna VAWTER/ Philemon VAWTER had migrated to Kentucky before 1803
along with cousins Jesse VAWTER / Elizabeth Watts and William VAWTER / Mary
Rucker and other friends and neighbors including the Watts, Ruckers, Strothers, Chews,
Colemans and Taylors, to name a few. Nancy VAWTER/Elijah WILHOIT were still in
Madison Co. 1803 when her father died, but went later.

I Michael WILHITE b. ca. 1685 Palatine area of Germany, died June 1746 Orange Co.
VA. M. Mary Margaret Blankenbaker.

II Adam WILHITE b. 1718-21, died July 1763 Culpeper CO., VA
m. Catherine Broyles ca. 1740, dau. of John & Ursula Broyles who came
from Germany in 1717 with German Lutheran Colony to VA.

III John WILHOIT b. 1747 Culpeper Co., VA
Death- will probated Jefferson Co. Kentucky, Dec. 1814
m. (1)_____? Smith A son Aaron
(2) Elizabeth Blankenbaker ca. 1767 Culpeper Co., VA.
b. 1753 Culpeper Co., VA - Died after March 1815
Dau. of Michael Blankenbaker & Elizabeth Garr

Children :

1. Lewis b. 26 December 1768
2. Maryb. 17 December 1770
3. Anna.....b. 5 March 1773
4. ELIJAH.....b. 18 March 1775
5. Simeon . . . b. 8 November 1777
6. Elliott.....b...8 January 1780
7. Elizabeth..... b. 5 September 1782
8. Rhoda b. 22 May 1785
9. Julius b. 13 December 1787
10. Abrahamb. 5 February 1791

IV ELIJAH b. 18 March 1775

m. 17 Nov. 1795 NANCY VAWTER at Madison county courthouse.

Elijah & Nancy came to Ky in 1814 and located in Woodford Co. He bought a farm at Montensville from Col. Richard Taylor that was inherited by Col. Taylor's wife from her father, William Strother. This farm adjoined the farm of Thomas Colman. whose wife was a sister of Col. Taylor's wife (she having inherited her estate from the same source).

From History of Woodford County by William E. Railey. The Taylors and Strothers were from Orange Co., VA. Col Richard Taylor and his brother Hancock had been to the Kentucky territory earlier and had surveyed Fayette, Woodford, and Franklin Counties. Col. Richard Taylor was (President) Zachary Taylor's father and they settled in Woodford County when Zachery was one year old.

Elijah WILHOIT & Nancy VAWTER has a son Hiram, who married Sophia Thornton, grand-daughter of Thomas Coleman & Susan (Strother) Hawkins (widow of Capt. Moses Hawkins. They had several children of whom JUDGE JAMES T. WILHOIT, postmaster at Versailles, was the only survivor. He married Alice Bohon and they had a son, Hiram who married Jane Henton, dau of James Henton. Hiram Wilhoit, Jr. was connected with the Woodford bank; a daughter, Martha B. who married W.W. Johnson; J.C. who m. Lora Holloway; Sophia T. who married Victor Bradley; George B. and John.

Elijah WILHOIT & Nancy VAWTER had a daughter, Malinda who married her cousin, Medley Shelton, son of Alpha VAWTER / Robert Shelton. Medley Shelton was the brother of Frances VAWTER Shelton, b. 3 Dec. 1798 who m. Elijah P. Dale in 1816. . Their nine children were: Alfred, Robert Jesse, Permelia, Medley, James, Mary Adeline, Rebecca and Malinda. They moved to Missouri in 1821.

Medley Shelton was a popular proprietor of the old Tavern in Versailles that was later supplanted by a hotel. He was a very popular citizen as well as host, and quite a clever politician. Within his tavern, such men as Henry Clay, the Crittendens, the Bredkenridges, and other luminaries of that period were entertained and it ranked as one of the most popular hosteliars in central Kentucky.

Medley Shelton represented the county in the Kentucky Legislature in 1842. Col. Medley Shelton's mother-in-law- was NANCY VAWTER / (Elijah Wilhoit) and her cousin Wm. Vawter (Mary Rucker) who represented Woodford County in the Kentucky House of Representatives 1797/1799 and 1800 and was a member of the State Senate 1806/10, was thought to be his mentor. The other cousins, Jesse & Philemon (who had married Nancy VAWTER Wilhoit's sister Anna) soon migrated across the Ohio River to Indiana.

QUERIES

From: Wordna Wicker, P. O. Box 360, Pontotoc, MS 38863
Confederate Service records of MS list JAMES E. VAWTER, who enlisted for service May 21, 1861 at Durant, MS Holmes Co.; marched to Corinth, MS, then Tishomingo Co.; promoted to Sgt. June 18, 1861; promoted to Capt. April 28, 1862; killed in Richmond, VA. July 1, 1862. Who were the parents of James?

The Widow's Pension Application of Mary Ann (Vawter) Chaffin states that she married Christopher Chaffin 22 Aug. 1778 in Powhatan Co. VA. In 1841 Mary Ann resided in Ohio with her daughter, Tabitha Harvey. Who were the parents of Mary Ann?

From: David M. McDonald, 405 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-3409. The Reverend Philemon Vawter of Jefferson Co., IN. married Martha Anne Humphreys. She was the daughter of Samuel Cabell Humphreys & Rhoda Jameson. She was still living in 1900. Would like to know more about this couple and would be happy to exchange information.

NEW MEMBERS

- Karen Bowman, 10602 W. 115th Terr., Overland Park, KS 66210 (Descends Bartholomew, John, Richard, Tabitha Vawter/Adam Rouse, Wm V. Rouse, Wm. J. Rouse, Lucy Rouse)
- Ms. Lee Penland, 1657 Naomi Ct., Redwood City, CA 94061 (Descends Bartholomew, Edward, Thomas, Edward Vawter/Sarah Lee, Charles Lee)
- Frank Thorwald, 202 Buston Rd., Falls Church, VA 22046
- Donald I. Vawter, 335 Pecan, Canton, IL 61520 (Descends John, David, Jesse. Wm. Jesse, John, Elroy and Harry L. Vawter)
- Mrs. Hannah F. Williams, 2235 Atascocita Rd., Humble, TX 77338 (Descends John. David, Philemon, David, John M, Thomas M., Octavia Vawter - page 367 of Bicknell)
- Marylin J. Hash, 8890 Morgantown Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46217
- Carrie Beazley Schools, Rt. 1, Box 9, Milford, VA 22514 (Descends Edward, Benjamin, Pheobe (Vawter) Beazley, Sarah Beazley, John Beazley, Carrie Beazley Schools)
- Mrs. L. T. Harrod, 3670 Barton Ave., Memphis, TN 38111 (Descends John, David, Jesse, Sarah Vawter/Thomas Stribling, Pleasant, Hester Stribling/John O. Sanford)
- E. E. Waters, Rt., #1, Box 25, Forgan, OK 73938 (Grandmother Julia Vaughters Waters and her folks were from Dawsinville & Dahlonga GA)

MEMBER PROFILE

Bill Vawter, born 5-20-1908 in Cushing, Nacogdoches Co., TX preceded his twin sister, Hazel (Vawter) McCandless by a few minutes. He was christened Lamar Gammage but nicknamed "Bill" after his grandfather, William James Vawter.

His work life began with six years spent working in a service station, then Hughes Tool. After WW II he established the Bill Vawter Insurance Agency in Houston, Texas. When he sold his agency in 1973 there were 15 employees.

In the summer of 1941 while on vacation at a dude ranch he met Miss Sally Aydelote of New Orleans which led to elopement.

Bill has been involved in so many activities they are too numerous to list. A few are: served six years as vice chairman of the Governors Committee on Aging on appointment from Governor Preston Smith, on the board of the Houston Housing Development Corp., chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Dist. 15 from 1968 to 1972, served as precinct chairman and a member of the Harris Co. Democratic Executive Committee for 28 years.

Bill is a Mason and has been active in the Riverside Methodist Church for many years. His hobbies include fishing, gardening, genealogy, and dancing. Bill's early folk dancing advanced to the rhumba and conga after he handled a large insurance account for the Fred Astaire Dance Studios.

Bill's line of descent: Bartholomew, John, Richard, John III, Richard II, Lorenzo Dow, William James, and Julian D. Vawter.

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CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

From: Wilma P. Krieg, Shelbina, MO 63468

On Page 25 of the VVV Cookbook II a line was left out of the 'Baked Bean" recipe. "Bake in moderate oven 350 degrees for 30 minutes".

From: Elizabeth Hines Czompo, 1025 – 11th Street, Huntington, W. VA. 25701

In the last issue (Fall 1985) on page 5 child #8 Matilda Ellen m. Wm Farrier, NOT Farnier. Also, on page #5 child #13 George who m. Eliza L. Gwinn, please correct the children to read: 1. Josephine, 2. Robert. Josephine is the mother of Elizabeth Hines Czompo. Mrs Czompo says the old VAWTER home mentioned was on the VAWTER farm of 1000 acres during the Civil War days. From time to time some land was sold. From 1799 until sometime in the 1940's it was VAWTER land (ca 150 yrs.). She says, "I spent many happy summers with grandparents on Hans Creek in W. VA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP! Will all of you while addressing Christmas cards make a list of all VVV relations of any name and send the name and addresses to: Beth Sabel, 931 SE 33rd, Portland, OR 97214 for our new VVV Directory? Also, send VVV's from phone books.

Glenda Grein, 2210 Lema Ct., Indianapolis IN 46229 writes that when visiting a used book store recently she saw a book she thought one of our members might find of interest - The Vawter Family in America, by Grace Vawter Bicknell. The asking price is \$47.50 and the condition is good. The address of the book store is: Capitol Bookstore, 11802 E. Washington Street, Cumberland, IN 46229.

Wordna Wicker, P. O. Box 360, Pontotoc, MS 38863 - Would someone who took a picture of Ora Wicker and her great grandson, Frederick Cummings, oldest and youngest at the Fredricksburg reunion please supply a copy to Ora Wicker, 611 Magnolia Drive, Tupelo, MS 38801. No member of the family managed to take one.

Ralph E. Fall, former rector of the VAUTER Church has written two books: The Diary of Robert Rose (early rector of the VAUTER Church) into its second printing, costing \$15.00 and Hidden Village - The Story Of Port Royal Virginia (settled in 1651 with genealogy and historical material) costing \$20.00. You may order from The Rev. Ralph E. Fall, 2320 Nunnally Ave., Richmond, VA 23230. Also, you may order a tape costing \$5.00 of his talk at the VW reunion bus trip entitled "The History of Vauter' s Church".

The 1986 VVV reunion will take place August 1-2-3 at Tupelo, MS at the Ramada Inn. More information will be given in the next issue of the newsletter.

The Volume II of the VVV Vital Vittles (cookbook) may be ordered for \$6.00 from Beth Sabel, 931 S.E. 33rd, Portland, OR 97214.



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1986 VVVFA REUNION

By the calendar spring is upon us even though the weather may not display this. It is time to think seriously about attending the VVVFA reunion August 1-2-3 in Tupelo, Mississippi at the Ramada Inn. Details on accommodations, meals and transportation will be given in the next issue of the newsletter. Hosts for the reunion will be Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wicker.

We expect to have a great time meeting new cousins, visiting with known ones, and sharing in general. Bring your camera, recorder, and VAWTER data for photo copy sharing. There are also numerous points of interest to see and visit.

TUPELO

Best known as the birthplace of Elvis Presley. In 1934 the father of Elvis borrowed \$180 for materials to build a small frame house. Inside that 2-room house on January 8, 1935 Elvis and a twin brother were born with his brother dying at birth. When Elvis was age three the home was repossessed. The city later purchased it along with 15 acres and made it into a park. Most of the funds for improvement came from fan donations. In August of 1977 the Elvis Presley Commission was formed and charged with the responsibility of governing and overseeing the birthplace, youth center and attendant facilities.

You will also find the Tupelo Museum, Tupelo Arboratum, National battlefield sites, public golf course and tennis court. Nearby is the 450 mile Natchez Trace Parkway and the Tennessee Tombigbee Inland Waterway. Six miles east of Tupelo off Hwy. 6 is the Tombigbee State Park offering camping facilities, cabins, lodge, swimming, fishing, water skiing, tennis, nature trail, canoe and boat rentals. For those interested you will find two large shopping malls and more than a dozen antique shops. A wide range of cuisine is featured such as the famous Tupelo pond-raised catfish 'n hush puppies, award winning barbeque, Deep South southern fried chicken and a number of "fresh" vegetable restaurants.

TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE INLAND WATERWAY

The Tenn-Tom Waterway is a canal connecting the Tennessee and Tombigbee Rivers, 234 miles in length, and the connecting artery between the Ohio, upper Mississippi and Tennessee River. Approximately 36,000 acres of water and 20,000 acres of land are available for recreation purposes. Our hosts hope to make plans for the VVVFA to take a ride on the waterway. There will be much to hear, see and do with something, we think, to interest everyone. Start planning and saving so you can enjoy all these good things with all the other VVV's.

MEMBER PROFILE - ORA WILEY WICKER

Oldest member attending VVVFA reunions

Born Sept. 25, 1899 in Union Co., MS., the oldest child of Thomas Street Wiley and Emma Vawter Wiley. When she was five years old, the family, including a younger sister, Vallie (Mrs. Tom Cox) moved to Oklahoma Territory, settling near Vawter kin at Lindsay on the Washita River. Her second sister, Mary, (Mrs. Ike Lansdale) was born shortly after the move to Oklahoma. Ora began school at Linsdale, and recalls the excitement of Oklahoma being granted Statehood about the time of her 7th birthday.

The family later migrated, along with other Vawter relatives, to the West Texas town of Vernon, on the Red River. There she and her sister, Vallie attended school, and she recalls seeing her first automobile while living at Vernon. When she was nine years of age, a longing for home brought the family back to North MS., where the family settled near Hickory Flat in Benton Co. Two brothers were born into the family: William Street and Thomas Lamar, plus two additional sisters, Mamie and Addie, the former dying at age three.

Frustrated in her desire to enter Nurses' Training, she elected instead to become a wife, mother, and community and church leader. She married Thomas Murry Wicker on June 23, 1923 and to this union were born five children: Thomas Frederick, William Murry, James Kenneth, Charles Gibson, and Mary Elaine. Feeling the lack of higher education in her own life, she encouraged college for all her children. Widowed at age 47 with three children still at home, she sold her farm and moved her family to Memphis, TN., where she realized her lifelong ambition in obtaining a degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital. Twenty-five years of hospital and private duty gave zest to her life at the stage when many women are settling into the rocking chair. A second dream was realized when she was able to take art lessons, and her home was soon filled with her drawings. Forced by arthritis to sell her Memphis home in 1984, she moved to Tupelo, MS. to be near her family.

Her childhood memories of Oklahoma and the affinity for her Vawter kin remained throughout life. In 1977 when Bill Vawter and Hazel McCandless visited the Wickers in Mississippi and they all decided to "crash" Paul Vaughter's Ardmore, Oklahoma Vawter Reunion, Ora wrote 25 post cards to her Vawter cousins urging them to attend. The result was the first VAWTER/VAUGHTER family gathering - the culmination of Paul Vaughter's dream that the two branches of the family would be brought together.

Of the eight nationwide family reunions, Ora has missed only one. She has been recognized four times as the oldest member present. She has filled six photo albums with pictures taken at the reunions, all of which she dutifully hauls each year to the meeting place. She manages to come across as the oldest, youngest, and most enthusiastic member of the family association. The Ninth Annual Vawter/ Vaughter/ Vauter Reunion will be held in Tupelo, MS., her present hometown. It will be dedicated jointly to Ora Wiley Wicker and Paul H. Vaughter, Sr., without whose efforts there would probably have been no nationwide family organization.

(Editor's note: A Member Profile on Paul H. Vaughter, Sr. will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.)

NEW MEMBERS

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Daryl D. Smith, 27 Stanton Rd., Darien, CT 06820

R.A. Jorgenson, Box 254 ARI, Center Ossipee, N.H. 03814

(Daryl & R.A. descend. Ludwell Vaughter, David R., David O. & Nelson A. Vaughter.)

GENEALOGY - DESCENDANTS OF DAVID & MARY (RUCKER) VAWTER

I Bartholomew Vawter (ca. 1660-1717) Winifred Hodgson (Hodges)

II John Vawter (ca. 1691-1752) Margaret Noel

III David Vawter b. ca. 1720. In 1750 he married his 15 year old niece, Mary Rucker, dau. of his sister, Margaret Vawter & Ephrium Rucker, and settled on land given him by his father. Like many others, he fell on hard times during the Rev. war. At Gen. Burgoyne's defeat at Saratoga, N.Y., 17 Oct. 1777 he surrendered nearly 6000 men and valuable military stores. The Albemarle Barracks and prisoner compound was erected and Jan. 17, 1779 David Vawter signed up for guard duty for six months and died at Albermarle "worth nothing at all". His widow lived in "great distress" until she remarried 2nd James Rentfrow and moved to KY where she died and was buried in Woodford county before 1797.

Children: *1. WILLIAM m. Mary Rucker 19 June 1784 (See below)

2. Jesse m. Elizabeth Watts 29 March 1781 (See Bicknell p. 10)

3. Philemon m. Anna Vawter, his cousin ca. 1779 (See Bicknell p. 255)

4. Winifred m. James Dabony 23 Feb. 1775 Orange County, VA

5. Margaret m. Achilles Stapp 27 Nov. 1782 Orange County, VA

6. Mary (Polly) m. John Gatewood 1790 Fayette County, KY

7. David d. single (possibly illness) during Rev. War.

IV William Vawter b. 1750/2, enlisted 1 March 1777, Rev. War, 1st VA State Reg. and served to its conclusion, rising to the rank of Lt. He married 19 June 1784 at Madison County, VA to his cousin, Mary Rucker, dau. of his mother's brother, Elliott Rucker and wife Mary. They settled in Woodford Co. KY. William was a lawyer and a member of the KY. House of Rep. 1797, 1799-1800 and the State Senate 1806-10. He was named in 40-50 land transactions as grantee or grantor, involving thousands of acres of land. He d. 27 Nov. 1823 at New Burlington, Boone Co., KY where he had spent his declining years. The 21st day of Jan. 1783 the land office at Richmond, VA issued William Bounty Land Warrant #97 for 2666 2/3 acres for his Rev. War service. William apparently never received it. The Land Office reports "We find no evidence of this land warrant being used to authorize a survey and obtain land". After he died, his son William Jr., on behalf of the heirs, made an affidavit to the Dept. of war, "that William (Sr.) had never received his land warrant" The estate then was issued, 20 Dec. 1832 warrant #1699 for 200 acres and a claim for 1/2 pay in the amt. of \$6,688.89 was paid. The only children surviving their father in 1829 were, Edmond F., Virginia, William, Jr., Thomas L(ewis), and George M. The 30th Aug. 1783, there was a legal notice in the VA Gazette of unclaimed mail for William Vawter at the Richmond, VA Post Office. Could this have been the land warrant issued 21 Jan. 1783 that William never received?

Children:

1. Edmond Fleming b. 1787, was a lawyer, prosecuting atty., Boone Co., and member of the KY house of Rep. 1837 & 1841. He m. Elizabeth Smith Mason Co., KY 25 March, 1809.

Children: (1.) Alfred Fleming, d/s, drowned in the Ohio River.

(2.) Margaret m. Mr_____ Riley. Died after 1850

One son, Fleming, d/s.

2. Thomas Lewis, d/s after 1830

3. George M. Went to New Orleans, died of fever after 1832

4. WILLIAM, JR. (See on back of page)

5. John R., Last 1820 census, Town of LeRoy, Genessee, N.Y. He and wife age 26/45, one son and one dau. under age 10.

6. David Jameson, married 13 June 1812 Harriot E. Rucker, d. before 1829.

7. Virginia A., Spinster

8. Mary G., m. Mr_____ Tandy, d. before 1829

9. Margaret, m. Mr_____ Bascorn, d. before 1829. One dau. Ann.

10. Maria m. George W. Rucker, 4 Oct. 1810. Died before 1829

11. Heman Served in the war of 1812, d/s 4 Feb. 1817.

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V William Vawter, (Jr.), b. 4 April 1795, Woodford Co., KY., ca. 1835 moved to MO. Served in the legislature there and died 31 March 1858, Fulton, MO, m. (1st) Sarah Neave of Cincinnati in 1835.

Children: 1. William, Died in infancy

2. Jane Neave, b. 16 Jan. 1837, m. Jacob Keithley 27 Oct. 1857, Monroe Co. MO.

3. Charles, Died in infancy

Married (2nd) ca. 1849, Amanda Poage. Children:

4. Alfred Fleming, b. 1841, Died in Los Angeles 21 May 1925

5. James Henry Clay b. 20 Feb. 1842, Died 11 Feb. 1915, m. Eva M, Vaughn

6. Thomas Pierce, b. 17 Aug. 1843, d. 19 Dec. 1932, m. Ada Arlene Vaughn. Saline Co., MO 22 Oct. 1868.

Children: (1.) Emma, b. 6 Dec. 1869 (DAR #131643)

(2.) Eva May, b. 16 May 1871 (DAR #126797)

(3.) William Alvis, b. 28 Feb. 1873, m. Nettle Kelly 25 Aug. 1901- no children.

(4.) Arthur Tipton, b. 29 Dec. 1875, m. 1st Clara Irvine, 15 June 1902. One dau. Eliz b. 1904. Married 2nd Ruth Chaney 27 Dec. 1916.

(5.) Thomas Pierce, Jr., b. 10 Sept. 1877, d. 3 March 1939, m. 30 March 1904, Bessie O'Dell, One dau.

(6.) Iola Haewood

(7.) Edgar Souther, b. 8 June 1892, m. 25 Dec. 1907, Gertrude Alexander.

(8.) Franklin Poagem b. 20 April 1883 Never married.

(9.) Estelle, b. 20 Feb. 1885, d/s 7 May 1898

(10.) Aureline, b. 24 Feb. 1888, m. 17 Feb. 1908 Hermann w. Stoll. One son, William, b. 13 Aug. 1910.

(11.) Ernest Vaughn, b. 27 May 1891, d. 4 Dec. 1935, m. Katherine Fisher 16 Nov. 1914.

Children: (a.) Mary Katherine, b. 20 Nov. 1916

m. Carol E. Lundell. On.: dau. Karen Louise, b. 1 Dec. 1941.

(b.) Marvin, b. 25 Sept. 1918

(Last male descendant known of this family line)

7. Dr. William Franklin, b. 28 Dec. 1844, d. ____, m. Miss T. H. Buck

(1.) son, William A.

Married (2nd) Susie Fray

(2.) John Franklin

(3.) David Dobyns

(4.) Charles Edward

(5.) Martha

8. Mary, died in infancy

9. John, died in infancy

Submitted by E. B. Vaughters, 12015 1st Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98177

Q U E R Y

From: Annete Ward, P. O, Box 122, Windfall, IN k6076

Sophronia P. Vawter, b. 1854, Mississippi, m. E. Henry Tapp also born in MS 1854. Lived in Arkansas, later Fannin Co., TX 1910 census. Son David Vawter Tapp, b. 2 May 1891. Who were the parents of SOPHRONIA P. VAWTER?

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GLEANINGS

From: E. B. Vaughters, 12015- 1st Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98177

NATION ARCHIVES, SEATTLE BRANCH, WAR 1812 FOLDER INDEX

Lemuel Vaughter, 4th reg., VA militia. Under - Lt. Col. McDowell
Lt. Col. unreadable
Lt. Col. Chilton

Ludwell Vaughter, 4th reg. (Greenhill's) VA militia - Pvt.

Jesse Vaughter, 7th reg. (Saunder's) VA militia - Pvt.

Samuel Vaughter, 7th reg. (Saunder's) VA militia - Pvt.

Beverly Vauters 4th reg. (Greenhill's) VA militia - Pvt.

Bowler Vawter, 111th reg. (Parker's) VA militia - Pvt.

Boulware Vawter, 6th reg. (Daingerfield's) VA militia - Pvt., Sgt.

Iram Vawter, 6th reg. (Coleman's) Jan. - May, 1814, VA militia - Pvt.
(Filed under Hiram) Also July- Jan. 1815

Silas Vawter, 6th reg. (Gayle's) VA militia - Pvt.

Alamander Vauter,	1st reg.	(Crutchfield's)	VA militia - Pvt. '
Bartholomew	" "	"	" "
Benjamin	" "	"	" "

John Vawter, Cooks Detachment, VA militia- Pvt.

Aaron Vanters, Johnson's reg. mounted KY Vols. - Pvt.

Achilles Vawter, 8th reg. (April - June 1812) Indiana militia - Pvt.

Beverly Vawter 8th reg. (April - June 1812 Indiana militia - Pvt.

John Vawter, Major in Col. McFarland's Det., Indiana militia

Heman Vawter, Sgt., Capt. Holt's company, 17th infantry, VA militia

(Most of the above names re-listed under various surname spellings) (Ludwell, also see it listed as "SEEDWELL)

Benjamin Vauter, 9th reg. (Boyd's) VA militia - Pvt.

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$5.00 PER YEAR – DUE AND PAYABLE IN AUGUST TO: VVVV ASSOCIATION. Mail to Hazel McCandless, Box 366 Cushing, TX 75760

NAME _____ NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(give your VVV line on back) PHONE _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP!

Circulation Editor, Beth Sabel, 931 S.E. 33rd, Portland, OR 97214 desires your help in locating the addresses of the following:

Dr. Grace Rohner
Margaret Jefferies
Mrs. Irene Cox
Rev. & Mrs. W. C. Vaughters

A few volumes of I and II of the Vawter Vital Vittles Cookbook are available. If you don't have a copy of each of these you are missing a treat. They also are a great gift item for friends or relatives. Order from Beth Sabel - address above -cost \$6.00 each.

It has come to my attention that Father Bruce Vawter has a new publication out called "On Genesis". It is in the form of 12 cassettes (10 hrs.) with a study guide in a vinyl album at a cost of \$84.95. Quote, 'Father Vawter is internationally recognized as a leading expert on Genesis. You will receive clear reliable explanations of creation, the fall, God's first covenants with us and the central role of Abraham. You will see why our beginnings are so powerful in understanding who we really are. This program brings you outstanding scholarship in a chapter-by-chapter commentary.'

We hope you are working on some hand craft to bring to the VVVFA Reunion. We have had many beautiful examples of craft-work at our last two reunions, for our door prizes. The gifts will be examples of all kinds of hobbies and will be on display before the drawings.

CORRECTION

I typed an error in the last issue of the newsletter in the announcements section. I quoted a price of \$15.00 for the book, The Diary of Robert Rose. That was the price of the first printing. The second printing went up to \$25.00.



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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FAMILY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

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THE NINTH ANNUAL VVV FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

It will take place August 1, 2 & 3 at the Ramada Inn, Tupelo, Mississippi. A brochure and reservation card are enclosed with this newsletter. Alternative lodging is available at the Village Inn Motel, located approx, one block from the Ramada.

Ramada reunion rates: \$35.00 single - #38.00 double - Phone (601)844-4111

Village Inn Motel reunion rates: \$25.00 single - \$28.00 double - Phone (601)842-4903

For the benefit of early arrivals, a registration desk will be open in the Ramada Convention Center between 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, July 31. The Mississippi VVV's will be hosts for the "Early Bird" party in the Convention Center between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. on Thursday night, featuring films of earlier reunions shown by Pete Vawter with his VCR. Others who have film which would be of interest to the group are invited to bring it.

A detailed schedule of activities will be given in the annual President's Letter. Friday there will be the customary group sessions, morning and afternoon, with a late afternoon tour of the City of Tupelo, ending with a Fish Fry at the Tombigbee State Park. Saturday's activities will begin with a group picture at 9:30. Departure for the bus tour will be at 10:30, touring Old Tishomingo County, via the scenic Natchez Trace Parkway. Narrators on each bus will call attention to points of family and historic interest including: Location of tracts of land owned by the early Vawters'; a visit to the ghost town of Jacinto, county seat of Old Tishomingo County, where John Vawter IV was a village Selectman, County Ranger, Merchant, Tavern Keeper, and served on the committee which supervised the building of the Court House. Also, inspection of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, with a picnic lunch at the Visitor's Center. The day will end with a banquet at 7:30 p.m. at the Ramada. The reunion will conclude Sunday with a 9:00 a.m. Memorial Service.

COSTS

Fish Fry at Tombigbee State Park: \$3.00 - half-price for school-age children

Bus trip and picnic lunch: \$5.00 - half-price for school-age children

Banquet Saturday night: \$12.00 - half-price for school-age children

Group picture: \$7.00

TRANSPORTATION

Recent completion of By-Passes of US Highways 25 & 78 has altered access to the Ramada Inn. Those traveling by car should be alert to signs giving instructions for reaching the motel. For those flying there is Commuter Service to Tupelo: Five flights a day from Memphis on Republic Express, one flight on Air Midwest and from Lexington, KY three flights a day on American with a stop in Nashville. For the benefit of those flying into Tupelo, the Ramada offers limousine service upon request.

MEMBER PROFILE - PAUL HIRAM VAUGHTER

Our VVVFA began from Paul's reunion of cousins

Paul Hiram Vaughter was born March 13, 1911 in Ada, Oklahoma, the fifth child and third son of Thomas & Minnie Louise (Ray) Vaughter. One of his earliest memories is fording the Red River with a wagon and horses on a trip to Texas. After living in various locations in Oklahoma and Texas, his parents moved to Oklahoma City in 1928, where Paul went to work at Armour & Co. He later spent several months in Cleveland, Ohio, studying meat grading, cutting, and the distribution of meat.

At the the of the outbreak of World War II, Paul was in Washington, D.D., working for the US Navy. By this time, he was married to the former Carolyn Smith and they were the parents of three sons, Paul, Jr., Phillip Roger, and Patton Courtney. He later returned to Oklahoma City where he was employed by Tinker Air Force Base.

His early experience in the meat industry served him in good stead at Tinker, where he was in charge of ordering, storing and issuance of meat to the troops, and in training troop members in the proper selection and issuance of supplies.

It was during this time that Paul became deeply interested in the ministry, became an ordained minister, and started a church in Oklahoma City without backing from any other church or convention. This church, Brookwood Baptist, is still in existence. He later preached at Carter Park Baptist Church. However, both preaching and instructing troops caused too much strain on his throat and surgery was necessary. Since he had to support his family, he reluctantly resigned the ministry and continued to work at Tinker Air Force Base.

Subsequently, he was transferred to Richmond, Virginia, from there to Dayton, Ohio, and later to Chateauroux, France, where he supervised industrial property belonging to the United States, but on loan to seven other countries. Though a civilian employee while overseas, he was given the rank and credentials of Colonel for his protection in the event of capture.

Following the overseas assignment, Paul returned with his family to Dayton, Ohio. When his youngest son, Pat, became terminally ill with Hodgkin's Disease, Paul retired and moved the family to Austin, Texas in hopes the warmer climate would be more comfortable to Pat. Following Pat's death, Paul and Carolyn moved to Minnesota near their eldest son. Later they moved to Houston, Texas.

It was while living in Houston around 1972 that Paul became interested in family history and initiated a family reunion with his cousins, most of whom lived in Texas and had known each other since childhood. The reunions were held at Lake Murry, Ordmore, Oklahoma because the cousins, Mary and Iley Oxford lived there and could make the arrangements.

About this time, Paul Vaughter Jr. also became interested in family history, and father and son both became aware that they were one of the lost tribes of Vawter who had been left out of Grace Bicknell's history of the Vawter family. The Vaughter reunions at Lake Murray in August grew to be the high point of the year, but Paul, Sr. envisioned the time when distant cousins whose name was spelled Vawter could be drawn into the gatherings. Thus it was that following contact with Bill Vawter of Houston and his twin sister, Hazel McCandless of Cushing, Texas, and their subsequent contact with the Wickers in Mississippi that the first Vaughter/Vawter gathering took place at Lake Murray, Oklahoma in August of 1977. We now boast a membership of 400.

The Ninth Annual Vawter/Vaughter/Vauter Reunion will be dedicated jointly to Ora Wiley Wicker of Tupelo and Paul Hiram Vaughter, Sr., whose interest and vision has contributed to the formation of the family association. Paul Vaughter's dream has become a reality. (See Ora's profile in the last issue of the newsletter)

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GENEALOGY - DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS & ELIZABETH (PITT) VAWTER/ VAUGHTER

I Bartholomew Vawter (ca. 1660-1717) Winifred Hodgson (Hodges)

II Edward Vawter (ca. 1700-1779) Elizabeth Boulware (unproved)

CHILDREN: Samuel, William, THOMAS, Elliott, James, Benjamin, & Margaret (Goodrich)

III THOMAS VAWTER (ca. 1745-1815) Elizabeth (Pitt) dau. of Judge Pitt of Halifax Co.

VA. Thomas was a surveyor of Montgomery CO. and they lived in Cumberland & Buckingham Counties, VA., m. ca. 1765. Buckingham Co. Court House Records destroyed. CHILDREN: ?

IV Edward (ca. 1770-1815) Sarah (Lee), died Buckingham Co., VA CHILDREN:

(1) Wyatt L. m. 26 Aug. 1816, Elizabeth R. Harrison

(2) Edward Buchanan m. Martha McCune. went to Carrol Co., TN ca. 1847

Children: John T., Andrew J., Mary J., James Edward, Sarah E., Lemuel, Eliz.

(3) Thomas Lee m. Agnes H. McCune, also to Carrol Co., TN 1847

CHILDREN: Sarah E., Martha L., Mary Jane, Thomas D., Watt R., William H., Robert G., and Virginia P.

(4) Elizabeth P. m. Anderson Tinsley Blanton

(5) James

(6) Simon

(7) Mary Belle m. 1827, Benjamin Harrison

(8) Sarah Lee m. Royal Wyatt

(9, 10, 11, & 12) possibly 3 sons and one dau. unidentified.

IV Elizabeth (b. ca 1772) married her cousin John Vawter (unproved), lived Charlotte Co.

CHILDREN: 1 male d. young, Belina, Salone, Julia Ann and John R.

IV Lemuel (b. 1775/6) m. 1st , OBEDIENCE JACKSON, 5 Jan. 1797, 2nd Kesia Gadsey,

1828. Served in war 1812, lived Charlotte Co., VA. Kesia Gadsey had small

children and it is not known if these were adopted to the Vawter/Vaughter name.

CHILDREN:

(1) Elizabeth P. m. 26 Sept. 1815 John W. Thornton

(2) Besta (Frances) m. 14 Nov. 1818 John H. Thackston

(3) Nancy b. 20 May 1806, m. 2 Oct. 1822, William Bailey Harris

(4) Lemuel, Jr. ?

(5) Paschal ?

(6) Merit

(7) Mary Jane, m. 9 April 1845, E. B. Green

IV Martha (Patsy) (b. ca. 1777/8) m. John Faris 20 June 1799. Murdered by slave girl

1821 CHILDREN: Ludwell, Charles, John Jr., Thomas, Elizabeth

IV Samuel, b.1785 (unproved) was single, planter, age 65, 1850 census Charlotte Co., VA

IV LUDWELL VAWTER/ VAUGHTER (ca. 1784-d. aft. 1860)m. 20 Mar. 1809, Frances

Robinson came from Charlotte Co., VA to Wilson CO., TN ca. 1820 spelling name

VAUGHTER Served in war 1812, d. Wilson Co., TN after 1860.

DESCENDANTS:

V (1) David Robinson (1810-1893) m. 22 Jan, 1834 Elizabeth M, Laswell (1814-1896)

Buried Hurricane cemetery Wilson Co., TN. CHILDREN:

A. Thomas Houston (1834-1916)m. Nancy Evaline Nelson (1836-1915)

(a) Mary Buckingham (1860 - 1919) m. Joseph Franklin Burk

B. William G. (Bill)-(1836-1895) m. 1st Frances Sims ca. 1852

Was in the Civil War m. 2nd Hattie Harriet Sims 1 Jan. 1889

CHILDREN by Frances- Wm. George, Pleasant, John, and Mary

CHILDREN by Hattie - James Ewell, m. Letha Stanley

C. John B. (1839-1911) m. Sarah J. Evans (1849-1912) Served in Civil War

(a) Charley (1870-1875) Run over by a team of oxen

(b) Luther Martin (1873-1948) m. Susan Ann Chase Vaughter 29. Apr.1899

1.Mattie Brown (1900-1975) m. Edwin Brown, Beadle St. 15 Mar. 1926

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John B. Vaughter
Cont.
2. ANABEL b. 1901, m. Robert Ernest Dunaway (1867-1975)
 3. John Carney (1903-1948) m. Nelle Murrell Drennan
 4. David Dayton, b. 1906, m. (1)Phillis Julene Pigg (2)Edna Head
 5. Ernest Baxter, b. 6 June 1909, m. Gertie McKee
 6. NELLIE SUE, b. 1914, m. William T. McDaniel
 7. Mildred Martin (1912-1979) m. Roy Garner
- (c) Marcus Adolphus (1882-1930) m. Mary M. Hall 28 Aug. 1910
- D. George T. (1842-1873) m. Martha Nelson
- E. David Robinson (Rob) (1846-1897) m. Eldora Nash 15 Dec. 1869
CHILDREN: Willie Alice, George D., and Dora
- F. Frances b. 1948 m. Hiram Bennett, Nov. 12, 1871 moved to TX, had large fam.
- G. Martha Ann Chase (1851-1917) m. William (Willie) Evans 1919
CHILDREN: George, Thomas, and Horace
- H. Adelia (1854-1888) m. David Jerome Barber 12 Nov. 1874, CHILDREN: Lille, Harris Jerome, Willie, Clara Alice, Thomas, John Marcus, Eliz., Adelia, Nannie May, Claude Alexander, James Lofton, Ofa Inez, Ora Belle, Posey Eugene, Mattie B., Addie Marie, Ira Franklin, and Oscar William.
- I. Dartheulia, b. 5 May 1856, m. Rice Harrison 19 Aug. 1874, Went to TX-Lg. fam.
- J. James K. Polk (1859-1929) m. Meldora Burke
CHILDREN: Alphas Murray, Ida, Vera
- V (2) Thomas (1813-1893) m. 8 April 1841, Susan Bond, Wilson Co., TN
- A. Martha, b. 1843, m. Henry Houston Edwards, 27 Aug. 1859
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| (a) Willie m. Jessie Mankin | (f) John - died young |
| (b) Mattie m. Lex Yearwood | (g) Rebecca m. Gus Williams |
| (c) Mary m. Thomas Hopkins | (h) Lavada |
| (d) 'Bob' m. Frances Oliver | (i) George m. Laura Dunn |
| (e) Lucy m. Bob Patterson | |
- B. David Crockett Vaughter (1844-1923) m. Tennessee Brown Alsop 9 March 1875
- (a) Susan Chase Vaughter (1875-1950) m. Luther Martin Vaughter
(See - John B./Sarah J. Evans V - C. - (b) over
- (b) Nelson Alsop (1877-1959) m. Beulah Boatwright (Texas) 26 March 1917
CHILDREN: 1. Mace
2. DAVID C. VAUGHTER- Retired Air Line Pilot, Sunrise, FL
3. Juanita
- (c) David Clark
- (d) Thomas Houston (1879-1954) m. Fruzie Anna Wrather - CHILDREN:
- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Maggie Brown Vaughter | 6. Eugene Vaughter |
| 2. Elese | " 7. Mary " |
| 3. David | " 8. Janie " |
| 4. Carl | " 9. Ruth " |
| 5. Andrew | " |
- (e) William Hershell (1881-1955) m. Monnie Wade (N. Mexico)
- (f) Sallie Green Vaughter (1883-1946) m. Robert L. Blythe - CHILDREN:
1922 Walter F. Blythe
1923 John W. "
1924 Matie B. "
- (g) Mary Grace Vaughter (1888-1964) m. Dallas E. Gannon - CHILDREN:
- | | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. Hershell Gannon | 5. Gladys Gannon |
| 2. Fannie " | 6. Jack " |
| 3. Tennie Brown " | 7. Fred " |
| 4. Lela " | 8. Blanche " |
- (h) John Richmond Vaughter (1891-1971) m. Irene Foster 16 Sept. 1915
1. Elsie Lou Vaughter m. Roy Robinson
 2. James Richmond Vaughter m. Penny Morris

This family of descendants of Ludwell/Frances (Robinson) Vawter/Vaughter have been holding family reunions the 2nd Sunday of July in Murfreesboro, TN for 54 years. E. B. Vaughters, 12015 1st Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98177

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NEWEST VAWTER BOOK

This 539 page book compiled by Shirley (Vawter) Byler is divided into two sections and has an index. After 30 years of research it is finished and can be ordered.

Section II pgs. 234-522 deals with the early Virginia families connected to Vawter such as: Noel, Page, Gibs, Stokley, Vallott, Towles, Rucker, Hodgson, etc.

From there is branches off taking in Jesse Vawter & Elizabeth Watts, Philemon Vawter & Anna Vawter, Elijah Poston & Susanna Barker, down to Wm. Vawter & Frances Vawter and on down to John Taylor Vawter & Nancy Smith Poston who begin Section II.

Section I deals with the descendants of Albert Vawter, son of John Taylor Vawter.

This book has been placed in the Library of Congress, DAR Library and the Indiana State Library whose librarian wrote, "This is an outstanding work of genealogy - We are delighted to add it to our collection. It will be reviewed in The Hoosier Genealogist.

You can order it from Mrs. Shirley Byler, Rt. #1, Box 319, Sweeny, TX 77480. The price is \$40.00 plus \$2.50 for postage & packaging. If you desire a fancy grained buckrum binding (limited number), add an additional \$5.00.

TEXAS HISTORICAL LANDMARK

The Texas Historical Commission early this year officially designated "Whitefield" as a Texas Historical Landmark. This elegant old home is located at 306 S. Bois d'Arc in Forney, Texas, which is 20 miles east of Dallas. "Whitefields" is the first residential structure in Forney to be so recognized.

"Whitefields" was built in 1910 by Dick P. & Nancy Pickard Moore. They were the uncle & aunt of Cornelia Vawter Nash who descends from: Bartholomew, Edward, Thomas, Lemuel, Nancy Vawter Harris, Francis Ann Harris Pickard, Cornelia Francis Pickard Moore, Jessie Ann Moore Davis, and Cornelia Alice Davis Nash.

Cornelia Nash spent most of her childhood in her grandparents home and spent many happy hours next door at "Whitefields". Cornelia Francis Pickard Moore & Nancy Harris Pickard Moore were sisters as well as neighbors.

From: Cornelia Nash, 807 D. 12th, Longview, TX 75602 - Written by Associate Editor, Sally Brown, 3016 S. Madison, Tulsa, OK 74114.

MEMORIAL

Ralph Vawter, 96, a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, IN died 5 May 1986. He was a retired, self employed contractor and civil engineer.

He is survived by sisters; Martha Fisgel, Frances Boltz, and Catherine Rasdall; brothers; George and Scott Vawter.

From. Thomas L. Riley, 2527 Cox Mill Rd., Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Found: In Sebree Studies. Lineage of Charles Jenkins Sebree (1854-1913) and Collateral
Lines Traced to Colonial Virginia by Willa I. Guss 1984

pgs. 50-51, Sarah (Sally) Barnett Watts, dau. of Fanny Sebree & John Watts, was b. 26
Oct. 1796, d. 1879, m. 1816 James Vawter, son of Jesse Vawter (1755-
1838) and Elizabeth Watts (1762-1830).

CHILDREN:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. John W. Vawter | 7. James S. Vawter |
| 2. Jesse H. " | 8. Newton W. " |
| 3. Frances " | 9. Fanny S. " |
| 4. Johnson " | 10. Susan E. " |
| 5. William C. " | 11. Thomas S. " |
| 6. Milton S." | |

A sister of Sarah Watts: Frances Ann Watts m. Jesse Vawter, son of Philemon &
Ann Vawter.

From: Mary Winningham. 4701 Willard Ave., Apt. 312, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
(Found in The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 27, #3 1983 - On page 206 - British Mercantile
Claims 1775-1803).

David Vauter, Orange County. Died at the Albemarle Barracks during the war,
worth nothing at all. He lived near to William Lucas of Orange and his widow lived near
him several years after the death of her husband in great distress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert (Pete) & Norma Jean Vawter of Milan, TN are the proud grandparents of
two new grandchildren.

1. Katelyn Paige Vawter, b. 2 Sept. 1985 to Robert L. (Bobby) & Janet Vawter and sister
Wendy of Memphis, TN.
2. James Dennis De Fur, Jr, b. 13 April 1986 to Jim & Barbara De Fur and sister
Emily of Jackson, TN.

From the Beths Melton and Sabel – “We wish to thank everyone who sent in
names and addresses and corrections for the new directory.

The relatives and descendants of D.C. & Tennessee Brown Alsup Vaughter will
hold their 55th family reunion the second Sunday in July in Murfreesboro, TN.



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

June 16, 1986

REUNION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to cordially invite you, speaking for the reunion Committee, to the ninth annual national VVV Reunion. It will be held at the Ramada Inn, Tupelo, Mississippi on August 1, 2, and 3, 1986, with alternative lodging available at the Village Inn Motel, located approximately one block from the Ramada Inn.

Our tentative schedule is as follows:

Thursday afternoon

July 31, 1986

2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Early Registration (South end Ramada Inn, Convention Center Lobby)

8:00 pm

"Early Bird" Party (Room 4, Ramada Convention Center)

Entertainment - Viewing tapes of earlier VVV Reunions (Pete Vawter)

Friday

August 1, 1986

8:00 am

Officers' Breakfast Meeting

Breakfast on your own

8:00 am to 10:00 am

Registration (South end Ramada Convention Center Lobby)

10:00 am

Opening Session (Room 4, Convention Center)

Call to Order (Robert L. Vawter, President)

Invocation

Welcome Remarks - Honorable Jack Marshall, (Mayor, City of Tupelo); Pam

Barnett, (Sales Coordinator Ramada Inn)

Greetings from Fawn Grove (Phyllis Harper, Columnist for NE Mississippi Daily Journal)

Early Registration Report (Gayle Wicker)

Reading of 1985 Reunion Minutes (Beth Melton)

Treasurer's Report (Hazel McCandless)

Report on Cook Books & Family Roster (Beth Sabel)

Report for the Newsletter Editor (Esther Vawter)

Committee Appointments (Robert L. Vawter, President)

12:00 Noon
Lunch on your own

2:00 pm
Afternoon Session (Room 4)
Official Dedication of Reunion (Wordna Wicker)
Registration Report (Gayle Wicker)
Speaker "Bicentennial of Constitution". (Marvin Vawter)

3: 30 pm
Motor Caravan to Natchez Trace Visitors Center

5:00 pm
Return to Motel

6:15 pm
Motor Caravan tour of the city of Tupelo, ending at Tombigbee State Park

7:00 pm -
Fish Fry (Compliments of Ken Wicker & "Friends of the
Vawter Family" - Cooks)
Grace
Recognition by Family Groups (Fred Wicker)
Special Entertainment (Roger Wicker)

9:00 p m
Return to Motel

Saturday

August 2, 1986

Breakfast on your own

9:50 am
Group Picture (Room 4 Convention Center) Cost is \$7.00, payable at Registration
(Photos will be mailed directly by photographer) Note: Photographer will be in
Room 4 between 8:50 & 9:50 for individual family groups, upon request.

10:30 am

Bus Tour of Old Tishomingo County & Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. Narrators
on each bus will call attention to points of family & historic interest.

12:00 Noon

Picnic Lunch at Jacinto Courthouse

1:00 pm

Bus Tour to ghost town of Jacinto, County Seat of Old Tishomingo County, where
the Vawter Family settled ca. 1837, and where John Vawter IV was a Village
Selectman,

County Ranger, Merchant & Tavern Keeper, Land Baron, and also served on the committee which oversaw the building of the Courthouse.

NOTE: Jacinto Courthouse was saved from destruction some 20 years ago by a group of concerned citizens who purchased it under the auspices of the Jacinto Foundation & have maintained it since that time as a museum. No charge is made for touring the Courthouse, but funds are urgently needed for upkeep and continued restoration. Members of the Jacinto Foundation have contributed generously of their time in preparation for the VVV Family Reunion. A cash donation by the Family Assn. to the Jacinto Foundation would be very much in order. Donations may be made to Hazel McCandless at the reunions or mailed to her in advance.

4:00 pm

Return to Motel

7:30 pm

Banquet (Ramada Convention Center)

Grace

Official Invitation to 1987 Reunion

Recognition of Oldest & Youngest: one traveling furthest

Roll Call by States

Final Registration Report (Gayle Wicker)

A Visit from Winifred Vawter (Sally Brown)

Final Business

Adjournment

Sunday

August 3, 1986

Breakfast on your own

9:00 am

Memorial Service (Convention Center Room 4)

Special Music (Ellen Cummings, Roger Wicker & Bonita Welch)

Memorial Tribute (Wordna Wicker & Margaret Wicker) NOTE: Names of association members who have died within the past year should be turned into Wordna at the reunion, or mailed to her in advance. Dates of birth & death, along with vital statistics should accompany the names.

9: 30 am

Adjournment

A special thanks goes to these following dedicated people:

Our 1986 reunion Committee: Chairmen Fred & Wordna Wicker, Ken & Norma Wicker, and Roger & Gayle Wicker

Registration Committee: Gayle Wicker, Norma Wicker, Pearl Wiley, Linda Bowlin, Trudy Reid, and Lynn Daniel.

Hospitality Committee: Tom Wiley, Bill Wiley, Cliff Daniel, and Rupert Pike

Door Prize Committee: Ellen Cummings, Brenda Scott, Kathy Terry, Anita Wicker, and Elizabeth Bowlin

One of the many highlights to our reunion has been made possible by our talented VVV members. Please bring your crafts and luck with you to help make the door prize drawing a success again.

Our love gift this year will go to Jacinto Courthouse. John Vawter IV served on the committee which oversaw the building of it. These funds are urgently needed for its upkeep and continued restoration. Donation may be made to Hazel McCandless at the reunion or mailed to her in advance.

Cook books for our tender VVV vittles will be on sale again. Any new recipes are always welcomed.

The nominating committee is as follows: Ted Vawter, Vernon Vawter, Fred Wicker, Col. James Corbitt, Bettie Nash, Frank Robinson, and Charles Burt.

Our speaker for Friday, August 1, 1986, will be Marvin Vawter. He will address us on the upcoming Bicentennial celebrating the Constitution of the United States (June 17, 1787) in Annapolis, Maryland.

When calling for reservations at the Ramada Inn, in Tupelo, be sure to tell them you are with the Vawter Reunion. Wordna has a special price for the VVV Reunion.

In closing I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support and many contributions in making our VVV Reunions successful.

Sincerely

Robert L. Vawter
VVV President



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

The ninth National VVVFA Reunion has ended with broken records. There were 202 in attendance from 20 states. For two years Texas, Tennessee & Mississippi (in that order) have led in attendance. This year Mississippi is the top state with Tennessee winning over Texas.

The reunion was dedicated to Ora Wicker & Paul Hiram Vaughter, both who started what today has become the National VVV Family Association.

This year there were more than ever arriving for early registration on Thursday from 2 p.m. on and for the "Early Bird" party at 8 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m.

In the absence of Jonathan Vaughters of CO. this year, the traditional ringing of the cow-bell was done by Margaret Wicker, g-grand daughter of Ora Wicker. The invocation was given by the Rev. John H. Vawter of TX.

The welcome address was given by the Honorable Jack Marshall, Mayor City of Tupelo who presented a "key to the city" to President, Bobbee Vawter. Pam Barnett of the Ramada Inn welcomed all and gave a history of Tupelo.

Greetings were brought by Phyllis Harper, Feature Editor, of the N. E. Mississippi Daily Journal. Her April 28th story about the National VVVFA coming to Tupelo for their reunion brought new Vawter descendants to the reunion who had never heard of the VVVFA. Harper spoke in descriptive Humor of Fawn Grove and of the people of the area.

This was followed by reports from the officers and committee persons. The nominating committee submitted the name of Marvin D. Vawter for Vice President and he was elected with the remaining officers being re-elected.

Friday 2 p.m.

The dedication of the reunion to Paul Hiram Vaughter, Sr. and Ora Wicker was brought by Wordna Wicker. Speaker of the afternoon was Marvin D. Vawter who spoke about the beginning and completion of the constitution in honor of the Bicentennial of the Constitution. This was followed by a visit to the Natchez Trace Visitor Center where

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we saw a demonstration on hand seeding, carding, and spinning cotton. The center closed with a slide show on the Natchez Trace and National Parks. The caravan went on to visit the birth place of Elvis Presley.

Friday Evening

A motor caravan left at 6:15 for Tombigbee State Park as their destination. There we were served deep fat fried cat fish, potatoes, hush-puppies, with corn on the cobb served on the side. There was a plate of fresh vegetables and dip at each table and a table full of desert.

Roger Wicker introduced Buddy & Kay Bain for a wonderful evening of entertainment. Buddy & Kay have sung 25 years on radio and TV, appeared as guests on Grand Ole Opry and "Hee Haw", and have recently won the MS Broadcasting Assoc. Award on "The Grand Ole Opry 60th Birthday Celebration".

Buddy & Kay sang selections from the first 'Folk & Country,' songs on down to the present. The VVV's joined in singing several selections. When "Let Me Call You Sweet-heart", Buddy sang to Shirley Byler and Kay sang to Paul Hiram Vaughter. One of VVV members, Rupert Pike played two songs on his harmonica, "Train Song", and "Fox Chase". What a player!

Saturday 9 a.m.

All met for a group picture. At 10 o'clock we all boarded two large buses for a ride down the Natchez Trace to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. No trucks or buses are allowed on the Trace, so special permission was granted for our trip. We stopped at the Bay Spring Lake, dam and locks where we saw a recreation boat go through the locks. We continued down to the ghost town of Jacinto and saw where John IV helped build the first frame courthouse which was later replaced with brick on the same foundation.

During the 12 years John Vawter lived in Tishomingo County he bought 90 tracts of land, some of them lots in the town of Jacinto. John gained and lost a fortune speculating on land. He owned eight hundred acres of land for 20 years where six of his children were born. His wife died there as well as three of his children. The only son of John IV, Allegany, operated a mill prior to the Civil War. Allegany had nine sisters. Because of these girls there are many hidden Vawter descendants.

Tishomingo County was named after a Chickasaw Indian Chief. The Chickasaw nation was the only Indian nation foreigners did not conquer (Spanish, French or English). The U.S. had to purchase their land with many of them swapping their land for land in Oklahoma. There are very few descendants of the Chickasaw Indian left in Mississippi.

We were welcomed at Jacinto by a representative of the Jacinto Foundation. Lunch was prepared and served by the VVV'S of Mississippi. Many visited the "country store" and came out with souvenirs and licking ice cream cones.

Saturday evening - Banquet

Bishop Billy Mack Vawter gave the invocation. The 1986 reunion chairperson, Bonita Welch gave the official invitation to come to Columbus, Indiana next July 31, August 1 & 2. The "early birds" will be arriving Thursday, July 30.

Throughout the evening there were drawings for the many gifts of members hand-work for door prizes. The oldest in attendance was Annie Willard (Robinson) Mixon from Iuka, MS who was age 90. The youngest was Jake De Furr age three months. Sally Brown of Tulsa, OK presented a monologue "A Visit With Winifred Vawter". Sally was dressed as Winifred might have been dressed at that time (1700s). The person whose

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coffee cup saucer had a VVV insignia on the bottom was the winner of the center piece at each table.

Sunday 9 a.m. Memorial Service

A pink carnation was placed in a vase by Margaret Wicker, g-grand daughter of Ora Wicker, as Wordna read the names of those who had died this past year. The names are as follows:

- 1 - Mary Amos of Jacksonville, FL. She was age 34 and confined to a wheel chair.
- 2 - Francis Marion Vawter died August 29, 1985 at age 92 in Seattle, WA. He was the son of Albert C. Vawter and the brother of Ted Vawter & Shirley Byler.
- 3 - A. J. Vawter, uncle of Pete Vawter died in Fall of 1985 at Milan, TN
4. Mina Elizabeth Seelback Helpinstill, died March 1986 at age 88. She was a cousin of Hazel McCandless, Bill Vawter, and Rev. John H. Vawter.
- 5 - Vivian May Seaman of Midwest City, OK died October 26, 1985 at age 65. She is survived by her mother, Ethel Vawter Stow, sisters, Altha Murray & Imogene Terrell, niece of Silas Vawter, and belonged to the tribe of John IV.
- 6 - Ralph Vawter of Indianapolis, IN died May 5, 1986 at age 96. Survived by brothers, George & Scott Vawter and three sisters.
- 7 - Marguerite E. Vawter of Denver, CO died July 1986
- 8 - Andrew Minor "Pete" Vawter of Milan, TN died July 26, 1986 at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Robert M. Vawter of Milan, TN., and Sonny Vawter of Memphis, TN., two sisters; a daughter; six grand children & six g-grand children. Closed with Roger & Ellen Wicker singing a medley; Sweet Hour of Prayer, Near To The Heart of God, and Abide With Me.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Rita R. Godwin, 1404 N. College St., Boonville, MS, 38829 (Line: g-grand daughter of Cynthia Vawter & Joseph Robinson, grand daughter of Loving Ross & Aurlenia Smith Robinson)

Pearl Beazley Albis, 3114 Oconto Rd., Richmond, VA 23230 (Line: Edward Vawter, Benjamin Vawter, Phoebe (Vawter) Beazley, Sarah Beazley, Joseph Beazley)

Hazel Robinson Manisclco, 417 Chinchilla Dr., Arabi, LA 70032 (Line: g-grand daughter of Cynthia Vawter & Joseph Robinson - same as above)

Rev. & Mrs. Raymond Spears, 1207 Rachel St., Tupelo, MS 38801 (Her line: Philemon Vawter, Beverly, Pascal, Mary Ann Vawter (Bicknell p. 324-5) Rosa Blanche Hedges, Earl Radford Brown, Blanche Murff)

Julia B. Harrison, P. O. Box 84, Derma, MS, 38839 (Line: Descends from sister of Blanche Murff above)

Margie Provine, 1312 Jordan Rd., Powder Springs, GA 30073 (Line: Descends from sister of Blanche Murff above)

(At the time of registration, new VVVFA members neglected to check mark the "NEW" column, so I do not know who all joined at registration time. As I find out the names, I will put them in future newsletters - your editor, Esther M. Vawter)

FEATURE

Phyllis Harper, Feature Editor of the N. E. Mississippi Daily Journal, wrote a story about the Vawter's Vital Vittles cook book which appeared on the front page of the Food section, August 13. In it she used recipes from the following VVV's:

Mexican Chef Salad by Gloria Hill of Florissant, MO.
Orange Tapioca Salad by Esther Vawter of W. Sacramento, CA
Pistachio Salad by Barbara De Fur of Jackson, TN
Spinach Souffle by Lydia Vawter of Westminster, CO
Corn Pudding by Anne Vawter Stovall of Atlanta, GA
Barbecue Ribs by Bertha Vawter Craft of Las Vegas, NV
Apple Crisp by May Vawter of Normal, OK

From Wordna Wicker of MS

The nicest comment I heard about the reunion came from new member Jerry Spears who said, "I never had so much fun with a group of total strangers, and of course now they aren't strangers anymore."

GENEALOGY

On the back wall of the banquet/meeting room the VVV genealogy was spread out with a card for the immigrant, cards for each of his children, and cards for the children of each of them. Each of these children had a vertical list of their children with a paper attached for each VVV to sign their name to the branch they belonged giving the child's number through whom they descended. Genealogy below:

I Bartholomew or John - the immigrant. Children (6) listed below with their children.

- 1- John Vawter
Winifred, Bartholomew, *Richard, *Margaret, Angus, *David
- 2- William Vawter
William
- 3 - Margaret Vawter
Margaret, John, Thomas, Joseph, Ruben, James, Wm, Mary, Benjamin
- 4- David Vawter
- 5- Benjamin Vawter
Elizabeth, *Richard
- 6- Edward Vawter
*Samuel, *William, Margaret. **Thomas, Elliott, James, *Benjamin

(Those with an asterisk are the children whom we have had descendants. Richard, son of John had the most signatures)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A letter was received by Bobbee Vawter from John C. Ross, President of the Jacinto Foundation, Inc. informing us he had received a total of \$1,006.00 in donations from the Vawter Family. It will be used to help restore the village complex.

Order newsletter index from Beth Sabel - \$3.50 incl. postage, make check payable to VVV Family Assoc. For \$8.00, plus postage, index from beginning up to present.

Order VVV Directory of 1500 VVV names and addresses from Beth Melton (Sec.). The price is \$8.00 plus \$1.00 postage. Make check out to VVV Family Assoc.

If you paid for the reunion group picture and have not received it, notify Wordna Wicker, Box 360, Pontotoc, MS. For those interested there are several extra at cost of \$7.00 (8 x 10), you may order an 11 x 14 for \$15.00. Order from Wordna and make check out to her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

VVV Vital Vittles, our cook books volume 1 & 2 can still be ordered from Beth Sabel for \$6.00, make check payable to VVV Family Association.

A reprint of The Vawter Family in America by Grace Vawter Bicknell can be ordered from Mrs. Edna W. Reynolds, Butlerville, IN 47223 for \$6.00 payable to her.

Jessie Holsclaw Bullard will observe her 100th birthday on 16 October 1986. She is the daughter of Ezra & Mattie Deer Holsclaw (page 139, Bicknell). Let us remember her on this special occasion by sending her a birthday card.

Mrs. Jessie Bullard
Jackson Park Convalescent Center
707 Jackson Park Drive
Seymour, Indiana 47274

Our exchange editor, Bonita Welch, mails copies of our newsletter to the following Societies and libraries by their request:

Essex County Historical Society, Tappahannock, Virginia
Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, Wisconsin
Orange County Historical Society, Orange, Virginia
Southern Indiana Genealogical Society, New Albany, Indiana
Weakley County Genealogical Society, Martin, Tennessee
Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Jennings County Public Library, North Vernon, Indiana
Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Texas
Library of Congress, Washington, DC
The Filson Club, Louisville, Kentucky

GLEANINGS

From: Bonita Welch, Exchange Editor, R.R. #1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273

The Vernon Banner - Vernon, IN 29 October 1873

ANOTHER PIONEER GONE

Despatches to friends in Vernon, convey the mournful tidings of the death of Mr. James Vawter, of Pressburg, Jefferson County, last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Deceased was the twin brother of Elder William Vawter, who died in this county in July, 1868. He was born near Holston river, North Carolina, on the 2nd day of April, 1783, and was consequently in the 91st year of his age. He removed with his father, from North Carolina to Kentucky, and thence, in the Spring of 1806, to Indiana - the father, Jesse Vawter, settling what is now known as the Weyer farm, at the top of the hill on Michigan road, to which he gave the euphaneous title of "Mount Glad."

James settled Mount Pleasant (now North Madison) and subsequently, his present farm at Pressburg, upon which he continued to reside up to the time of his final departure from earth; and as he was a consistent professor of religion - an exemplary member of the Baptist church - doubtless is now an inhabitant of brighter realms above, "Where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

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Written by Lucille Keir, 119 W. Dunedin Rd., Columbus, OH 43214 and presented by her at the Saturday night banquet is the following:

COURTESY RESOLUTION
NINTH ANNUAL VVV FAMILY REUNION

Whereas, the Ninth Annual VVV Family Reunion members have gathered in Tupelo, Mississippi, and
Whereas, all former officers and reunion committees have established an orderly pattern of activities to be carried out, and
Whereas, all current officers have fulfilled their duties in outstanding manner, and
Whereas, the entire Wicker family and several friends have worked many hours to provide a memorable visit to Tupelo, and
Whereas, we were given a hearty welcome by the Honorable Jack Marshall, Mayor of the City of Tupelo, and
Whereas, Pan Barnette, Sales Coordinator of the Ramada Inn provided a well researched history of the area, and
Whereas, Phyllis Harper, Columnist from the NE Mississippi Daily Journal, greeted us in delightful southern fashion, and
Whereas, our Fish Fry committee, including the Wicker and Wiley families, Gene Spencer, Doc Robbins, J.B. Johnson, Buddy & Kay Baine, furnished a memorable evening of fine food and music at Tombigbee State Park, and
Whereas, Cliff and Nancy Daniel and their committee of the Vawter cousins from the Pike, Robinson, McDougal, Reid and Daniel families provided and served a tasty and bountiful lunch at the Jacinto Community Center, and
Whereas, our tours of the Natchez Trace Parkway, the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, and Jacinto Courthouse gave us an appreciation of the history and culture of this area, and
Whereas, family members have shared individual talents in entertainment and music, and in providing contributions for drawing of door prizes, and
Whereas, the Ramada Inn staff have provided clean comfortable facilities; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that this resolution be printed in the news letter report of this reunion.
RESOLVED, that the VVV family members show their appreciation to all named in this resolution by a standing round of applause.
This the 2nd day of August, A.D., 1986

FINAL REUNION NOTES

M. Glen Vawter, new VVFA President, presented out-going president, Bobbee with a gift of a clock enclosed in a frame he had made.

Those who would like a copy of the paper on the Constitution, write or phone him: Marvin D. Vawter, 11205 Wornal Rd., Kansas City, MO 64114 (our new Vice President).

Reunion Committee for next years reunion at Columbus, IN are Bonita Welch, chairperson, M. Glen Vawter, President, Edna Reynolds, Shirley Byler, and Jimmy Corbitt.

From your Editor, Esther Vawter - I am asking you to send me newspaper articles about any VVV including death notice, any family stories, your genealogy using the format printed in previous newsletters, and any information you think will be of interest to other VVV's. I appreciate all who have sent me material.

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The names of those on the register attending the VVFA Reunion - 1986 - Tupelo, MS

The top states in attendance were: Mississippi, Tennessee & Texas with a record attendance of 202.

ALABAMA

Granville Allen
Jim & Anita Wicker
Jack & Janice (Vawter) Lord
Brad Lord
Marguerite Nixon

ARKANSAS

Alma V. Allen
Lester K. Vawter
Charlotte (Vawter) Tillman
Pasty (Vawter) Poole
Hubert Vawter
J.C. & Dorothy Nixon

CALIFORNIA

Glenn & Marjorie Vawter
Esther Vawter

COLORADO

Ted & Lydia Vawter

DELAWARE

Bobbee & Donna Vawter

FLORIDA

David Vaughter

GEORGIA

Charles & Betty Burt
Chuck Burt
Anne V. Stovall
Alice V. Disharoon
Lula V. Thompson
Margie (Brown) Provine

ILLINOIS

M. Glenn & May Vawter
Shirley (Vawter) Beasley
Harry & Edith Vawter
Donald & Alice Vawter

INDIANA

Bonita Welch
Walter & Edna Reynolds
Ann (Reynolds) Caslon

LOUISIANA

Hazel (Robinson) Maniscalco

MINNESOTA

Dr. Paul Vaughter II

MISSOURI

Marvin Vawter
Dorothy Ford
Mary K. (Vawter) Luridell

MISSISSIPPI

Bill & Ailene Wiley
Dr. & Mrs Marvin Harvey
Emery & Clarice Mayer
Fred & Wordna Wicker
Tom Wicker
Jeff & Kathy (Wicker) Terry
Ken & Norma Wicker
Ray & Jerry (Murff) Spears
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WHAT IS THE "DOMESDAY BOOK"?

Domesday Book is the first official record (written in Latin) of the property owners living in England and the amount they owned. The information was collected and published at the command of William of Normandy soon after he conquered England. The survey was carried out against great popular resentment in 1086.

England was divided into units, of "hundreds", and each hundred was represented by a jury of 12 men who gave information under oath to royal officers. This information covered the crown's property in each district and all the castles, baronial estates, manors and landholdings with the history of each. All sources of income were recorded and the overall value was estimated. The peasants were counted and classified. The information was condensed in book form in two volumes.

Volume I (Great Domesday) covers all the counties of England in a condensed form, except Northumberland, Durham, Westmoreland, Cumberland and Northern Lancashire which are in volume II (Little Domesday) in the full unabbreviated form. For the majority of English villages and towns (except London and Winchester for which no Domesday records survived) Domesday is the starting point of their history.

The name "Domesday" (sometimes spelled Doomesday) means "day of judgement", in this case in a legal or economic sense. The Domesday Book was used as a final authority in the settlement of suits and disputes of ownership for centuries, and has occasionally been used as evidence in legal cases as late as the 20th century. It has been in official custody since it was finished and is kept in the public record office in London.

(Editor: The above information was taken from the Encyclopedia Britannica, Encyclopedia Americana and World Book Encyclopedia)

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN ENGLAND

From: E. B. Vaughters, 12015 1st Avenue N.W., Seattle, WA 98177

Genealogical research in England involves two time frames. All records before July 1, 1837, by law were ecclesiastically kept and after that time they were public records kept by various government agencies and for the first time centralized.

Records since July 1, 1837 are kept at the GENERAL REGISTER office, SAINT CATHERINES HOUSE, 10 Kingsway, WC2B 6 JP. These are bound volumes, quarterly by year and alphabetically indexed. A certified copy of the register entries involve a fee. The Keeper of Public Records, PUBLIC RECORDS office, Chancery Lane, WC2A 1 IR has a multitude of records of genealogical value. Another branch of Public Records Office on Portugal Street WC1, houses microfilm of census returns from 1841. Some wills made before 1858 are now kept at the PUBLIC RECORDS office in Chancery Lane, and some are kept at County Records offices. Wills and Probates from 1858 onwards are

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held in the Principal Registry of the Family Division, SOMERSET HOUSE, Strand, WC2R 1 LP. Wills proved in District Probate Registers, are held in the Registry in which they are proved, with only copies at SOMERSET HOUSE. All these repositories are within a few blocks of each other in East Central London.

Further east, just off Cheapside, near the BANK OF ENGLAND is GUILD HALL LIBRARY, Guild Hall Plaza, EC2. It holds a very fine collection of apprenticeship records and many individuals can be traced through their Guild or Trade. In counties, freeman are referred to as BIRGESESSES and the BURGESS ROLLS were those kept of apprentices and freemen which are found at GUILD HALL LIBRARY and are also kept in most COUNTY RECORDS OFFICES.

Before 1837, by law beginning in 1535, birth, marriage, death, and various court, will and deed records, were recorded in many of the various parishes. Beginning in 1597 the parish records were required to be copied on PARCHMENT and delivered to the Bishops Office annually, now referred to as BISHOPS TRANSCRIPTS. To search for an ancestor, one must determine what County, Parish, and Archdeaconry the ancestor resided.

Before beginning your search, stop at the SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS in London, located at 14 CHARTERHOUSE BLDGS. There you will find Boyd's marriage index, copies of Parish records and indexes on virtually any area of research prior to 1837. The Great Card Index in the lower library, consists of several million entries, sorted under surname and subdivided under christian names, covering Parish Registers, Genealogical Works, Marriage Records, Monumental Inscriptions, References to Chancery Courts. Another index in the middle library (2nd floor) is the LIBRARY CATALOGUE INDEX, divided into English counties (Scotland, Wales & Ireland) further divided into: 1. General, 2. Local, 3. (Parish) Registers, 4. Monumental Inscriptions, 5. Census, 6. Lists. Once all these indexes have been examined, one can decide if further examination of the County Records office might be productive. A nominal fee is charged for non-members.

Regarding Manor Court Rolls: The business of working the manorial land was a matter of record. Regular Courts were held, where the business of running the manor, transferring land, penalties, disputes etc. were recorded. The most up-to-date listing is maintained by the HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS COMMISSION, whose offices are at QUALITY HOUSE, QUALITY COURT, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1 MP. The only trouble, before 1732, Manor Court Rolls were usually written in LATIN.

Regarding the VAWTER surname in its various spellings. In all 34 Counties of England it only occurs in DEVONSHIRE, in the I.G.A. (International Genealogical Index). The DEVON RECORD office, EXETER, is about 200 miles S.W. of London. Ecclesiastically, the County was wholly in the Diocese of Exeter and the Province of Canterbury, divided into three Archdeacons: Barnstable, Exeter, & Totnes. Exeter, would be searched first. The Parish Registers transcripts are at the DEVON-CORNWALL Record Society, City Library, Exeter. Bishops Transcripts for various dates before 1837 (not complete) are at the DEVON RECORD office, The Castle, Exeter. Most probate records were destroyed in 1942 by enemy action. A collection of Wills and Administrations are recorded in "TRANSACTIONS OF THE DEVONSHIRE ASSOC." Devon 20, Vol. 1-3 at the City Library. Local Probate Courts were closed 1653-1660. The PEROGATIVE Court of Canterbury was the only court allowed to grant Probate.

BISHOPS TRANSCRIPTS are missing from varying dates in the 17th century. During the Civil Wars (1642-1649) and during the Interregnum 1649-1660) many ministers fled their Parishes, and although other persons were placed in charge, the Parish Registers were badly kept or not kept at all. Some registers were lost. Only Justices of the Peace were permitted to perform marriages (1653-1660) although Parish clerks were still required to record births, marriages, and deaths. Its during this difficult period that we believe BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER'S parents were married and he was born.

GENEALOGY OF M. GLEN VAWTER - VVVFA PRESIDENT

- I JOHN OR BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER
- II JOHN VAWTER
- III DAVID VAWTER
- IV PHILMON VAWTER
- V BEVERELY VAWTER (page 324 in Bicknell)
 b. 28 Sept. 1789, d 1 April 1872, m 5 March 1812
 To Elizabeth Crawford, b. 29 March 1792, d. January 1866
 Children:
1. Pascal Vawter b. 6 Jan 1813 Madison, IN., d. 26 Jan. 1899
 m. 1 April 1834 To Eliza Mavity
 2. Lucinda Vawter b. 30 Sept. 1814, d. 30 Aug. 1845 m. Thomas Blair
 3. Rebecca Vawter (died young)
 4. Melinda Vawter (died young)
 5. Philmon Vawter b. 22 June 1819 near Madison, IN., d. 2 Oct. 1894
 m. Martha A. Humphreys
 6. JAMES CRAWFORD VAWTER
 7. Richard Vawter b. 22 Sept. near Madison, IN m. 13 Jan. 1848 To Maria Lane
 8. Cyrus Vawter b. 28 Sept. 1830 near Madison, IN
 m. 10 Dec. 1857 To Sarah A. Finley
 9. Samuel Vawter b. 24 Dec. 1832 near Madison, IN., d. 15 March 1884
 m. 16 Oct. 1853 To Frances Ames
 10. John M. Vawter b. 29 Feb. 1836 Shelby Twp., Jefferson Co., IN
 m. 15 April 1869 To Sarah J. Pardun
- VI JAMES CRAWFORD VAWTER (No further genealogy given in Bicknell)
 b. 22 Jan. 1825 near Madison, IN., d. 27 Feb. 1894 Jasper Co., IL
 m. To Mary Elder Children:
1. Sarah Vawter b. 1850 Jasper Co., IL
 m. Sept. 1876 To Francis Wooden
 Child: Mertie - never married
 2. Anna Vawter b. 2 July 1852 Jasper Co., IL., d. 11 April 1917 Jasper Co., IL
 m. (1) 4 Nov. 1875 To Thomas Rogers
 Children:
 1. Mary Rogers b. 13 Nov. 1876
 2. Rollie Burton Rogers b. 27 Aug. 1879 Richland Co., IL
 3. Edwin Peter Rogers b. 1 March 1888 Jasper Co., IL
 4. Lulella Rogers b. 19 Oct. 1890
 5. Wiley Rogers (died at birth)
 Anna m. (2) July 1914 To A. J. Woods
 3. William Vawter (died young)
 4. Cyrus Vawter
 5. James Marshall Vawter b. 7 July 1858, d. 11 April 1859
 6. Xlema Vawter m. Abraham Goldsmith
 Children:
 1. James Chester Goldsmith
 2. Lowell Goldsmith
7. Albert Grant Vawter b. 6 Sept. 1864 Jasper Co., IL., d. 6 April 1943
 m. 15 Feb. 1886 To Sarah Jane Kinkade
 Children:
1. Infant daughter (died at birth)
 2. Lula May Vawter b. 14 Jan. 1888
 3. James Louis Vawter b. 20 Jan 1890
 4. DAVID GUY VAWTER
 5. Skyler Beverly Vawter b. 21 Jan 1895
 6. Hiram Clayton Vawter b. 30 Aug. 1899
 7. Albert Tiberious Vawter b. 22 July 1904

8. Melvin Clifford Vawter b. 4 Nov. 1906

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8. Rouie Vawter (died young)

9. Henry Oliver Vawter b. 11 Nov. 1869 Jasper Co., d. 27 Sept. 1948
m. 19 March 1891 To Elzora Heady

Children:

1. Infant son (died at birth) 2. Ellis Jonah Vawter b. 21 Aug. 1893
3. Perry Vawter b 15 June 1897 4. Claudious Vawter

VII DAVID GUY VAWTER

b. 21 Feb. 1892 Jasper Co., IL., m. 13 Dec. 1916
To Claudia Myrtle McCoy

Children:

1. Thelma Allene Vawter b. 20 Sept. 1917 Keysport, IL
2. MELVIN GLEN VAWTER
3. Ethel May Vawter b. 15 June 1920 Lexington, IL
4. Vera Lucille Vawter b. 27 Aug. 1922 Piper City, IL
5. Infant son (died at birth)
6. Wilma Dean Vawter b. 17 March 1926 Wheeler, IL
7. Albert Emmerson Vawter b. 5 Aug. 1928 (died at birth)
8. Lowell Gail Vawter b. 8 April 1931 Superior, Iowa

VIII M. GLEN VAWTER (president of VVVFA)

b. 23 Sept. 1918 Keysport, IL
m. 3 July 1942 To May Catherine Jordan

Children:

1. Shirley Kay (Vawter) Beasley, b. 27 Feb. 1946 Bloomington, IL
2. Wayne Grant Vawter, b. 11 Jan. 1948 Bloomington, IL (Baptist minister)
3. Bruce Gordon Vawter, b. 1 Feb. 1950 Bloomington, IL
4. Roger Gerald Vawter, b. 20 Aug. 1955 Bloomington, IL
5. Gary Gene Vawter, b. 21 Dec. 1957 Normal, IL (Baptist minister)

Glen worked in construction as a carpenter, carpenter foreman, superintendent, contract & architects inspector for 35 years before forced retirement because of an auto accident in 1979. He is a WWII Army Veteran, member of DAV and Masons.

WHAT IS MY OCCUPATION?

From: An article about Sandra (Vawter) Robinson printed in the "Dairyman's Digest: Southern Region Edition", July 1986, Vol. 27, No. 7.

"Housewife" as her occupation seems rather inadequate to Sandra (Vawter) Robinson as she fills out forms for everything and everyone - the government, the bank, the doctor etc. "I get confused when I have to fill in occupation as I feel that I am a full partner in our dairy business. Somehow "housewife" doesn't fully cover my duties." However, to her it is "a good feeling just to be needed no mater one's role in life."

Sandra and her husband Frank milk 65 Holsteins and farm 1,000 acres near Atwood, Tennessee. They have two sons: John Mark age 17 and William age 13.

As a partner in their business, Sandra is the bookkeeper for their dairy and farm, does the banking, pays the bills, talks to inspectors, chases cows, delivers calves, and does nearly any other of the many and various activities which arise during her busy days.

Besides her home demands as a mother and business partner, Sandra takes an active part in community affairs, is president of the local PTA and devotes much time to their local Baptist Church activities. Last year, Sandra spent two weeks in Jamaica (at her own expense) where she taught children's classes in the Bible School for the Foreign Mission Board.

Line of Descent: Bartholomew, Edward, Thomas, Edward. Sandra is a kinswoman of Pete Vawter.

NEW MEMBERS

Nell Vaughter McDaniel, Rt. 4 Box 398, Murfreesboro, TN 37130-Line: Ludwell, David R.
 Maggie Brown Bennett, Mt. Vernon Rd. Rockvale, TN 37153
 Anabel Vaughter Dunaway, 214 Piedmont Dr. Lebanon, TN 37087,Line: Ludwell, David R.
 Aline V. Boney, RFD Airport Rd. Clovis, N.M. 88101
 Margaret Daugherty, 1301 Greenwood Lane, Alamogordo, N.M. 88311
 Ralph B. Vawter, 3028 Motor Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064
 Daryl Smith, 34 Village Dr., Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920
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 Eric Vaughter, 2716 Augusta Dr., Durham, N.C. 27707
 Alfred Thomas Vawter II, Box 95, Aurora, N.Y. 13026
 Walter Bachman Vawter, 753 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91006
 James Singleton Vawter, 3593 Natvig Rd., Cottage Grove, WI 53527
 Vilas V. & Dorothy S. Vawter, 81 Grove Park Rd., Memphis, TN 38117
 Jack T. Smith, 7543 E. 28th St., Tulsa, OK 74129 - Same line as Paul Vaughter Sr. of
 OK

ANOTHER VAWTER GET-TOGETHER

Written by Assistant News Editor, Sally Duncan of Oklahoma

The descendants of the first Virginia Vawters continue to find one another and to explore their roots. On June 20, 1986, Descendants of John Henderson Vawter met in White Springs, W. VA. They were: Elizabeth Hines Czompo, granddaughter of George Vawter, youngest child of John Henderson Vawter, and her husband Charles from Huntington, W. VA. Clara Vawter James of Media, PA who is the granddaughter of Henry, the next older brother of George. Also there were: Mr. & Mrs. James Vawter of Kinsale, VA. James Vawter is the grandson of John William Vawter, the oldest brother of George Vawter. Jean Donaldson and her son Jed of Mechanicsburg, VA were there also. They are the daughter and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. James Vawter.

The following day Elizabeth and Charles Czompo led the group 40 miles south into Monroe County thru Union and Greenville to Han Creek to the land where John Henderson owned a farm in the 1800's. Nearby is a well kept little cemetery where several Vawters are buried. Some of the tombstones are so weathered that they are unreadable. Some of the readable markers are:

John Henderson Vawter	1800-1877
Henry Alexander Vawter	1853-1923
Annetta B. Vawter	1866-1935
George Elliot Vawter	1888-1916
Clara Elizabeth Vawter	1894-1939
Eliza L. Vawter	1860-1942
George W. Vawter	1855-1934
Josephine Hines Vawter	1892-1966

John Henderson Vawter was the son of William & Margaret Henderson Vawter. William Vawter was a Revolutionary War soldier, who was the first Tax Commissioner in Monroe Co. in 1799. John Henderson Vawter was a surveyor, planter, civil engineer, and a represen-

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-tative for Monroe County to the Virginia Assembly. He inherited the farm on Hans Creek from his father. John Henderson Vawter and his wife, Clara Peck had thirteen children. Four of their sons were in the Civil War. John William Vawter was wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness, Lewis Addison Vawter was taken prisoner, James Elliot Vawter was killed at Frazier's Farm, and Charles Erastus Vawter was captured. All the people who lived in that beautiful area at that time had to be hearty, resourceful, independent people because the land is so mountainous that there is no easy route thru it.

MEMORIAL

Rachel Alta Hill Vawter, b. 26 Jan. 1710, d. 25 Sept. 1986 - Mother of John Vawter of TX
Ethel May (Vawter) Stow, b. 29 July 1899, d. 25 Sept. 1986 - Dau. of James Wesley Vawter

Walter F. Blythe of Lascassas, TN, b. 25 Dec. 1904, d. 26 July 1986 - Son of Robert L. Blythe & Sallie G. Vaughter.

Rev. Eron Sharp, retired Methodist minister of North Mississippi Conference died 8 Aug. 1986. Upon retirement served as assist, circulation librarian at Memphis State University. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Alma Blissit Sharp and a sister, Mrs. Louise Sharp (See Newsletter #7 June 1979)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING:

Robert Daniel Vawter, Jr. and Stephanie Hope Moore, both of Como, MS were married 5 Sept. 1986. Robert Daniel is the adopted son of Robert D. & Catherine Vawter of Como, MS. They had no children. Robert, the father is the son of James Wesley Vawter, Sr. and his grandfather was Horace T. Vawter of Milan, TN, both deceased. They are relatives of "Pete" Vawter of Milan, TN.

Another VVV Reunion: Fifty-two relatives of the late David Crockett & Tennie Brown Alsup Vaughter gathered July 13 at Middle Tennessee Christian School in Murfreesboro, TN for the family's 56th annual reunion. At noon a bountiful lunch was enjoyed by all with invocation given by D. C. Vaughter.

Help! Beth Sabel, 931 S.E. 33rd, Portland, OR 97214 would like to have the addresses of the followings

Katherine Hall (Catherine?) Dallas, TX
Woodford C. Vawter of Ponca City, OK
Mrs. Alma Bodi of Toledo, Ohio
Smith McDougal of Tupelo, MS

QUERY

From:

Norma S. Vaughters, 1872 Valley Blvd., Memphis, TN 38106

"If anyone reading this newsletter had as a relative a Texan named Joe Wesley Vawter(s) I would sure like to hear from them".

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MAKE PLANS FOR THE VVVFA 1987 REUNION

The 1987 reunion will be held July 31 thru August 2 in Columbus, Indiana. Located about 45 miles south of Indianapolis, Columbus has a population of about 32,000. Each year, thousands of people visit the city to admire the architecture. There are more than 40 buildings, designed by the nation's leading architects, that provide one of the most concentrated collections of contemporary architecture in the world. Tours of the city begin at the Visitor's Center, which is located in the nineteenth century home of John Vawter Storey. He was a grandson of John Vawter, the founder of Vernon and Morgantown, Indiana.

Sixteen miles west of Columbus is Nashville, Indiana. This is a small community that has for years been a haven for artists and craftsmen. There are about 250 craft, antique and specialty shops in Nashville and several art museums. It was in this town that Will Vawter, the illustrator, spent most of his adult life and was the location of his studio.

Columbus is near several other towns that are important to those whose Vawter ancestors were in Indiana. Nearby are Madison, Vernon, North Vernon, Morgantown and Franklin where John T. Vawter erected a Civil War memorial statue in the town square. Some of you may want to spend extra time in the area doing research or just visiting the places where your ancestors lived.

Headquarters for the reunion will be the Columbus Holiday Inn. This hotel is decorated with authentic antiques, stained and leaded glass, and ornate mill work. For those interested, the hotel offers swimming, a nine hole putting green, ping pong, billiard tables and a game room. Room rates are as follows:

Queen (One queen bed)	1 person \$41.00 2 persons 50.00
Standard (two double beds)	1 person \$49.00 2 persons 59.00
King/sofa (King with Queen sofa bed)	1 person \$49.00 2 persons 59.00
Holidome (Two double beds, poolside)	1 person \$54.00 2 persons 66.00

For each additional person, add \$7.00. There is no charge for those age 19 and under staying in the room with parents. These rates do not include tax. Anyone desiring more information about the reunion or the hotel can either write or call: Bonita Welch, R.R. #1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273. Phone (812) 392-2149.

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"WHO WAS WHO IN AMERICA" Vol. I 1897-1942 - 4th printing

From: Bonita Welch of Scipio, IN

VAWTER, John William (Will), illustrator; b. Boone Co., VA., Apr. 13, 1871; s/o Dr. Louis A. & Emma Mary (Dameron) Vawter; educated in the public schools, Greenfield, IN; m. Mary Howey Murray, Nov. 19, 1902 (divorced 1919); m. 2nd Ola Lackey Genolin, Sept. 2, 1923. First professional work as artist on Indianapolis Sentinel, 1891; in 1897 wrote and illustrated series of comic verses for Cincinnati Commercial Gazette; in 1899, collaborated with sister, Clara Vawter, in producing child's book "Of Such Is the Kingdom" (title later changed to "The Rabbit's Ransom"). Has made occasional illustrations for the Indianapolis News, Judge, Life and Success, New York. Now devoting time to landscape paintings in oil.

Presbyterian, Democrat, Illustrator. Awarded prizes, Chicago Salon, 1925, 26, etc. Home: Nashville, IN. Died Feb. 11, 1941.

Further information about Will Vawter can be found in Vol. 8 #2 Page 9; Vol. 9 #4 page 23 and Vol. 2 page 12.

VAWTER, NOTED ARTIST, DIES

Indianapolis, Feb. 12 (UP) Will Vawter, Indiana artist who put Hoosier rural scenes on canvas and illustrated the works of James Whittcomb Riley, died in a local hospital yesterday of a heart attack. He was 69.

Vawter was an intimate of the Hoosier poet in Greenfield, where the artist's parents migrated from Virginia. Later he illustrated most of Riley's volumes of verse.

The artist set up a hilltop studio in Brown County in 1908 where he devoted himself to painting rural landscapes in that scenic section of the state. He was brought here from the studio Saturday suffering from pneumonia.

The widow and a brother, Charles Vawter, survive.

Descends: Bartholomew, Edward, William & Anna Ballard, William & Margaret Henderson, John Henderson, Dr. Louis Addison Vawter, Will Vawter. (Bicknell, page 385)

Bonita has a large collection of books illustrated by Will Vawter. She has just purchased 10 additional books from her dealer and will have them for sale at the reunion.

JESSAMYN WEST HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY

From: North Vernon, IN Sun - 14, Oct. 1986 via Bonita Welch

Jessamyn West, the famous author and a native of Jennings County, was honored posthumously Friday when a renovated room on the Indiana State University campus was named in her memory. Her room is on the ground floor of Dreiser Hall.

West was born here in Jennings in 1902. She left the state with her parents as a child, but often wrote about Indiana.

In fact, one of her most famous books, "Friendly Persuasion," which was made into an excellent movie starring Gary Cooper and Dorothy McGuire, was set here in Jennings. One of the lines in the movie is about the family "going to Vernon" to attend the county fair.

Descends: Philemon & Anna Vawter, Elizabeth (Vawter) Glover, Sarah (Glover) West, J. Judson West, Eldo West, Mary Jassamine West. (Bicknell page 360)

(Read more about Jessamyn West in Vol. 8 #4 page 23)

MEMBER PROFILE - LT. COL. JAMES V. VAUGHTER, US AIR FORCE, RET.

A deep inner strength to survive, the ability to face reality, and strong family ties seem to have kept Lt. Col. James (Jim.) V. Vaughter, US Air Force, Ret., alive and sane while he was a prisoner of war, WW II.

He was the bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress shot down over Schweinfurt, Germany, on 14 Oct. 1943, later to become known as "Black Thursday". On 29 April 1945, he was among the 120,000 POW's liberated by the 14th Armored Division of General Patton's 3rd Army.

Born in Byers, Texas on 22 May 1918, he was the youngest of the six children of Dr. Hiram Dennis Vaughter (b.3 Aug. 1867; d. 10 Sept. 1940) and Ada Gordon Hall (b. 21 April 1881; d. 15 June 1959). Both parents were active in civic affairs and in the Methodist Church in Byers.

James earned his B.S. in education and government at East Texas State, Commerce, in 1939 and his Masters in Business administration at the University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 1958, the latter while on duty in the Air Force.

In 1942, he married Betz C. Christensen. Their son Michael Vaughter and his wife Cindy have two children, Amy and Chad. Chad is the lone g-grandson of Dr. Hiram Vaughter to carry on his Vaughter line.

To follow Lt. Col. James' World War II experiences, one needs to read his 16 page personal account, written January 1980, in which he relates them, omitting those still too painful to put into words.

Leaving the 8th Air Base Thurleigh, England, this was the 12th mission for Bombardier James. Of the nearly 300 Flying Fortresses, 60 were downed over Schweinfurt, 14 October 1943.

After their B-17 had been thoroughly riddled, Jim and the other nine crewmen bailed out before their plane exploded. For several days, after landing safely, he made his way southwest, hopefully to reach the French border.

For several days he evaded the Germans; however, while biking through a small village near Heidelberg, he was detained by a uniformed policeman. Then came the endless interrogations after which he was shipped to Stalag Luft III in Sagan, about 60 miles southwest of Berlin, where he remained until 27 January 1945.

With the Russian Army coming closer, the 15,000 POW's, under heavy guard, made a 4-day, 75-mile forced march in a driving snow storm, two degrees F. On 31 January, after arriving in Sprenberg, they were loaded "like sardines" (53 men per 8-mule box car) and transported 270 miles to Moosburg. There he remained in Stalag VII until liberated, along with 120,000 prisoners, on 29 April 1945.

Among his medals and citations are Air Medals with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Pearl Harbor Medal, ETO Theater Ribbon, two Bronze Stars, WW II Victory Medal, etc.

Opting to remain in the service, he taught navigation, radar and bombing at Mather Air Force Base, Sacramento, CA.; for several years, served as commanding officer three years in the radar section, was radar navigator on B-47 and B-52's, earning his Master Navigator Wings in 1952.

After retiring from the Air Force, 31 May 1964, he was employed as executive Secretary and building coordinator at California State University, Sacramento, CA. The last five years, he was assistant to the Vice-President for Administration and Business Affairs, retiring May 1981.

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Presently, his civic activities include Rotary Club, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, and the Salvation Army Advisory Board and Advisory Council, serving in official capacities and doing volunteer work.

Becoming a popular speaker, he has addressed several Service and Rotary Clubs about his "Black Thursday" experience.

A hobby he enjoys is horseback riding. His prized Tennessee walking horse is pastured in his backyard at Carmichael, California (12 miles from Sacramento). He is a member of several riding clubs in and around Carmichael and Sacramento.

Lt. Col. James' grandfather, Samuel Hiram Vaughter and his wife Elizabeth had nine children, the oldest being Dr. Hiram Dennis Vaughter. Dr. Hiram & Ada Vaughter's family of six children included: Hiram Dennis Vaughter, b. 20 Dec. 1901; the late Samuel Hall Vaughter, b. 12 Sept. 1905; d. 20 June 1967; Jessie Gordon Vaughter, b. 23 March 1907; Sarah D. Miller, b. 16 Aug. 1912; Mary Nelda Rice, b. 10 March 1914; and James V. Vaughter, b. 22 May 1918.

MEMORIAL

Irene Vawter died February 6 at North Bend, OR. Her grandson, Pastor Bill Haferkamp officiated. Irene was born April 15, 1902 at Auburn, IN. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Vawter, brother of Ted Vawter of Colorado.

Jessie D. Bullard, whose 100th birthday was in October 1986, (in last issue) died 15 Dec. 1987. She was b. 12 Oct. 1886 d/o Ezra & Mattie Deer Holsclaw (Bicknell page 139).

Descends: John, David, Jesse, William, George & Frances (Vawter) King, William T. & Almira (King) Holsclaw, and her parents, Ezra & Mattie (Deer) Holsclaw.

Rebecca Elizabeth Thompson Vawter died at age 71. She was a native of Nashville, TN and a member of the Walnut Street Baptist Church. She is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Woodford C. Vawter (Slim) died age 85 in October, 1986. He was born October 27, 1900 in Gessie, IN s/o Dr. Fred L. & Nella Vawter; was a member of Woodlands Christian Church in Ponca City, OK.

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Remember to bring items of your hand craft or hobby for our drawing at the reunion. Last year we had a good number participating.

To the new members who are interested - we have a few volumes of I and II of the Vawter Vital Vittles Cookbooks still available. Order from Beth Sabel, 931 S.E. 33rd, Portland, OR 97214. Cost \$6.00 each. Make check payable to VVV Family Association.

You may order a copy of the VVV Directory of 1500 VVV names and addresses from the Secretary, Beth Melton, 1211 Casa Vale, Dallas, TX 75218. Cost \$8.00 plus \$1.00 for postage. Make check payable to VVV Family Association.

We will be renting a copy machine for the reunion; so bring any family history or genealogy you have on the VVV's to let others have copies.

You may order an index for each newsletter volume (one year) from: Beth Sabel. Cost - \$3.50 which includes postage. The index from beginning up to present is \$8.00 plus postage. Make checks payable to: VVV Family Association.

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From: E. B. Vaughters, 12015 1st Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98177

BAKER-VAWTER COMPANY

At the time Grace (Vawter) Bicknell wrote her book *The Vawter Family in America*, published in 1905, the Baker-Vawter Company, from a small beginning in 1880 had become the largest company of its kind in the world - publishers of business systems and forms.

The company consisted of her half brothers, Albert & Edgar Baker and her brother, William A. Vawter (Bicknell pages 144/145) and Frank M. Vawter (pages 146/147). William Vawter originated and patented, and his company introduced, the loose leaf ledgers.

In the current FORBES magazine, 23 February 1987, in the "flashback section" under "Sixty years ago in Forbes" there appeared the following on page 175:

"Now it is Remington Rand, Inc. The sensational merger was first announced on February 10; and stockholders of the Remington Typewriter Company, the Rand Kardex Bureau, Inc. which acquiring, BAKER-VAWTER and the Dalton Adding Machine Company, have since been trading in their stock for stock in the new corporation, which will not only be the largest office equipment concern in existence, but will have at the outset 4,500 field representatives - the most complete international distributing organization in the world."

HELPS IN YOUR GENEALOGY HUNT

From the beginning in the late 1930's, applications for Social Security included the names of parents, date and exact place of birth, residence, place of employment, and signature of applicant (if applicable). To obtain this document, address your local S. S. office and state that you make this request under the F. O. I./ P. (Freedom of Information/Privacy act) permitting release of this data once a person is deceased; and include a photocopy of the death record along with the S. S. number, and ask for a photocopy of the original application. There is no charge for this service.

Regarding Tombstones - Lichen, any of a group of mosslike plants, consisting of Algae and Fungi, a culprit defacing tombstones can be removed with the use of a block of styrofoam, You will not damage the stone and the reading of the stone will much easier.

Regarding Life Insurance- Send large SASE (self-addressed-stamped-envelope) to: Policy Search, American Council of Life Insurance, 1850 I Street, NW, Washington, D. C. 20006 for a tracer form to fill out to locate an ancestral policy which conceivably could give added information to your files. (Jotted Line)

Regarding Bible Records - At: The National Genealogy Society: For a complete list of catalogued Bible records in their files send \$3.00 to the Society at 1921 Sunderland Place, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

Did you know that a yellow sheet of paper placed on the reading surface of a reader will make a difficult microfilm much easier to read?

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$5.00 PER YEAR - DUE AND PAYABLE IN AUGUST TO: VVVF ASSOCIATION Mail to: Hazel McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, Texas 75760

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Beth (Vawter)Sabel has reported 995 letters went out for our mass-mailing to tell of the VVVFA to all VVV's that could be found. New members received since that time are:

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Fred & Judi Taylor, 911 Hampton Ct., Chesterfield, IN 46017
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Vawter, 94 220 Hokulewa Lp., Mililani Town, HI 96789

Beth Sabel reports that there were 406 households receiving the December issue of the newsletter.

NOTE TO NEW MEMBERS

If you would like a reprint of The Vawter Family in America by Grace (Vawter) Bicknell, you can order one from Mrs. Walter Reynolds, R.R. #1, Butlerville, IN 47223. The price is \$6.50 payable to her.



NEWSLETTER

FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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THE TENTH ANNUAL VVV FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

It will take place July 31 thru August 2 at the Holiday Inn in Columbus, IN. Reservation cut off date is July 16 for our allotted spaces. When making Reservations by phone (812) 372-1541 be sure and say that you are attending the VVV reunion so as to get our special rates. If you have a common VVV name, please give your middle initial .
Queen (one queen bed) 1 person, \$41.00; 2 persons, \$50.00
Standard (two double beds) 1 person, \$49.00, 2 persons, \$59.00
King/ Sofa (King bed with Queen sofa bed) 1 person, \$49.00; 2 persons, \$59.00
Holidome (two double beds, poolside) 1 person, \$54.00; 2 persons, \$66.00
For each additional person, add \$7;00. No charge for those age 19 and under staying with parents. Check-in time 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is noon.
Early registration will begin Thursday, July 30 at 4:00 p.m. in the banquet room. The evening will be spent informally visiting and catching up on VVV news of the past year. If you have tapes of previous years' reunions, be sure and bring them as we will have a VCR available.

Friday morning will begin with the officers breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and then a group session at 10:00. Lunch will be on your own. At 1:00 p.m. we will depart for a tour of Columbus. The first stop is at the Visitor's Center which is located in the nineteenth century home of John Vawter Storey. He was a grandson of John Vawter, founder of Vernon, IN. The tour will end at Mill Race Park where we will have a picnic supper and carriage rides. Friday night there will be another group session in the banquet room.

Saturday will be spent visiting Nashville, IN. In this town are about 250 craft, antique and specialty shops. Artist and illustrator, Will Vawter spent much of his adult life here and it is the location of his studio. Plans are being made to arrange a display of his paintings at one of the art museums. The annual banquet will be held on Saturday night in the hotel.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service will be held at the conclusion of the Saturday night banquet and meeting. Names and information for this service should be sent to: Wordna Wicker, P. O. Box 360, Pontotoc, MS 38863.

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Remember to bring items of your craft or hobby for our drawings which will take place at each of our group sessions.

On Sunday morning, we have been invited to worship together at the First Baptist Church of North Vernon. Many of the association members have strong ties to this church. William and Frances Vawter were members of the church in 1835 and he was the first pastor. Following lunch, those who want to do so will be able to visit the old Vawter cemetery in Selmier State Forest, the Vernon cemetery, and other points of interest, such as Madison, Wirt, Morgantown and Franklin.

TRANSPORTATION

Those traveling by car should take the State Road 46 exit when reaching Columbus via I-65. The Holiday Inn is located just east of the Junction of the highways. For those flying into Indianapolis, there is, unfortunately, no commuter service between the airport and the hotel. Therefore, it will be necessary for you to either rent a car or continue the trip to Columbus by Greyhound bus. If this presents a problem for anyone, please contact Bonita Welch. R.R. #1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273 or by phone (812) 392-2149.

APPROXIMATE COST OF EXTRAS

Friday tour of Columbus - \$4.00 Picnic supper -\$6.00
Saturday Banquet - \$15.00, children two & under free, age six & under ½ price.

MORE ON COLUMBUS, INDIANA

The front page of the Sunday, October 1986, Spectrum section of the Indianapolis Star was covered with pictures of many of its famous buildings noted for architecture.

The February 22, 1987 Parade news magazine printed an article and pictures of the advanced architecture of Columbus. Quote, "Columbus is like an oasis in the cornfield."

From: E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA

I have been in communication with a Mr. Lynn Rogers whose g-grandmother, Elizabeth (Wise) Rogers, daughter of Matthew & Julia (Vawter) Wise married Ephrium Rogers. (Bicknell page 241). Line: Bartholomew, John, David, JESSE, Julia (Vawter) Wise, etc.

Mr. Rogers has done some amazing research! Note the following:
JESSE VAWTER/Elizabeth Watts & family in 1790, moved to KY and settled in Woodford County on the forks of the Elkhorn where he leased a farm from Mr. Hugh Shannon for five years and joined the Great Crossings Baptist Church at what is now Georgetown, KY.

In 1795 he moved to his own farm on the North side of the Elkhorn River, 3 or 4 miles from the forks and 7 miles from Frankfort and he joined the Stamping Ground Baptist Church at McConnell's Run. Jesse then moved his 'letter' to the newly formed North Fork Elkhorn Baptist Church on Cooper's Run, a locality now known as Switzer, KY., where he began to preach ca 1800 and was ordained in 1803.

In 1806 he lost his land through a faulty title and moved to Mt. Glad near Madison in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Mr. Rogers has located the sites of these three churches in KY, and presently is attempting to locate the precise places Jesse Vawter and his Rogers ancestors lived in KY. In June of 1987 Mr. Rogers is making plans to put his canoe in the N. Fork of the Elkhorn creek at the covered bridge in Switzer, KY and go by water to Madison, IN retracing the trip of Jesse Vawter in 1806."

MEMORIAL

The Rev. Francis Bruce Vawter, born August 11, 1921 at Ft. Worth, TX died Dec. 1, 1986 at Chicago, IL. He was the son of F. Bruce Vawter & Gertrude McFadden.

Father Vawter was a member of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian Fathers & Brothers), the religious community of Catholic priests which founded De Paul University. A Fulbright scholar, he studied at Eberhard University in West Germany after receiving a doctorate in sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Bible Institute in Rome.

Father Vawter was an internationally renown biblical scholar and lecture, author of numerous books and articles which have been translated into several languages. He also edited the work issued by the Catholic Biblical Association of America and was editor of "Old Testament Abstract".

Line: Jesse & Frances (Watts) Vawter, David Jamieson & Susan (Conner) Vawter, Jamison & Sallie (Snyder) Vawter, F. Bruce & Gertrude (McFadden) Vawter.

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Mark Nash, born April 16, 1905 in Chicago, IL died February 16, 1987. He graduated from the Wisconsin Institute Of Technology with a degree in mechanical engineering and worked for the Chilean Nitrate Corp., a New York firm involved in construction in Chile. It was here that he met and married Betty Huling of Lampasas, who was visiting relatives in the South American country.

Mark retired in December 1973 after serving 28 of 40 years of government service at Fort Hood as chief of utilities, deputy director of post engineering and then as post engineer.

He is survived by his wife, Betty D. Nash of Killeen; a son, Mark Nash Jr. of Lampasas; a daughter, Betsy Miller of Kenedy; two sisters, Virginia Nash and Noreen Rowan, both of Evanston, IL; and five grandchildren.

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David L. Vawter, age 37 of North Vernon, IN was killed in an accident May 1 at 7:36 a.m. when his car struck a semi head-on. David died at the scene from head injuries received when he was thrown from his car. He was not wearing a seat belt. David was returning home from his third shift job at the Walesboro Cummins plant. The deputy sheriff said it looked as if he had fallen asleep.

David Vawter was the uncle of young Joe Vawter who met us at the 1982 reunion wanting to know more about us and the VVV Association. See issue #16, p 3 (Fall 1982) and volume 8 #2, p 7 (Winter 1983).

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Orrville Vawter of Rogers, AR died December 20, 1986; uncle of Vernon Vawter of Royal, AR. Bonnie Trumbo, daughter; Hattie (Vawter) Herron, sister; and her two daughters, Elna Dean Donathon attended the first reunion at Brady Mt. Lodge, AR.

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Miss Effie G. Wilson, born October 5, 1903 died January 20, 1986. Line: Russel Vawter, Joseph Early Vawter, Nancy Ann (Vawter) Wilson, Newton Wilson, Melvin Wilson.

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Rebecca Elizabeth Thompson Vawter, a native of Nashville, TN died February 3, 1987. She was a member of the Walnut Street Baptist Church. She is survived by two daughters, Beverly Mattingly of Jeffersonville, IN and Jacqueline N. Cobb; six grandchildren and three g-grandchildren.

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Word from Paul E. Vawter Sr. of Northbrook, IL. His sister-in-law, Helen, wife of his brother John of Indianapolis, IN died November 25, 1986. Helen & John met while attending De Paul University. Line- Jesse Vawter, William, Jesse R., Jesse Philemon, & Clarence M. Vawter.

From E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA

In 1928, Wm S. Vawter (Bicknell p 317) then of New York City, proposed to write a sequel to "The Vawter Family in America" by Grace Vawter Bicknell 1905. In his cover letter to VVV's all over the country he promised, among other revelations, to have chapters on Will Vawter, illustrator; Bransford Vawter, poet; and Thomas Vautor, musician,. The book never was published and all efforts to trace his notes have failed. Will Vawter, and Bransford Vawter, descendants of Edward (the builder) have been identified. The Thomas Vautor in article below, must surely be the musician.

VAUTOR, THOMAS (fl 1600-20) English madrigalist. Vautor's only extant works are contained in a single madrigal volume, "The First Set, beeing Songs of Divers Ayres and Natures, of Five and Six Parts, Apt for Violas and Voices" (London, 1619-20, ed. in EM XXXIV), dedicated to GEORGE VILLIERS, the notorious Duke of Buckingham. Vautor was already in the service of the elder George Villiers and his wife when the future Buckingham (b. 1592) was still very young. At the time, the family lived at Brooksby in Leicestershire, but after the elder Villier's death in 1606, his widow remarried and moved with her sons to Goadby. On July 4, 1616 Vautor was admitted BMUS of Oxford through Lincoln College.

VAUTOR is one of the most interesting of English composers of his time. Some pieces in his volume evidently date back to the 1590's, and his work is notable for its range. Among the last works to be written were the two elegies "Melpomene Bewaile" for Prince Henry (d. 1612) and "Weepe, Weepe, Mine Eyes" for Sir Thomas Beaumont (d 1614) The terse declamation at the opening of "Mother, I Will Have A Husband" is the most striking and most Italianate moment in the whole volume, but Vautor's greatest strength lay in his ability for fashioning broader, more contraountal paragraphs..... sometimes very expressive dissonances.....such as "Fairest Are the Words Cruell Madam and Sweet Thiefe", Vautor's aptitude for tender, lighter type of madrigalian expression is best displayed in "Sweet Suffolke Owle....the piece is haunted by a shadowy, melancholy quality which transforms it into one of the most individual of English madrigals.....GROVE, A multivolume Dictionary of Music and Musicians.

BUCKINGHAM, George Villiers, 1st Duke of, (1592-1628) was the second son of a Leicestershire knight, Sir George Villiers. In 1614 he entered the service of the court, where his handsome person and engaging manners early won him favor and rapid promotion. He was later knighted and was created successively Viscount, Baron Waddon, Earl of Buckingham and Marquis of Buckingham. In 1620 he married the daughter of the Earl of Rutland, the richest heiress in the kingdom. When the expedition against Cadiz failed his popularity diminished and on two occasions his impeachment was attempted, but each time was thwarted by dissolution of Parliament by the King. In 1627 Buckingham commanded a fleet sent to relieve La Rochelle, but was unsuccessful, and returned in disgrace to England. The following year he planned a second expedition and proceeded to embark, but was stabbed in the heart by a disappointed officer named John Felton. "The American Peoples Encyclopedia".

E. B. Vaughters has been in contact with Dr. L. H. Long, Ph. D (cantab.) D. Sc., a retired college professor of Exeter, England. Dr. Long said he had been interested in the compositions of Thomas Vautor and had some of his madrigals in his record library. Through him E. B. has acquired on "tape" from England, "Sweet Suffolks Owle" for five voices, sung by professionals, including the once famous Isobel Baillie, Soprano, and "Mother, I Will Have A Husband", sung by the St. George singers of the Cambridge University madrigal society, both many years ago. Sally Brown of OK has kindly consented to have on hand and play these tapes at the reunion for those who are interested.

E. B. Vaughters reports that he won't be able to attend the reunion this year because of his health.

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New Movie With A Vawter Descendant

Eric Stoltz, grandson of Marion Vawter (bro. of our Ted Vawter) stars with Mary Stuart Masterson in "Some Kind of Wonderful".

From: May 15, 1987 Encore section of the Sacramento Bee

"Red-headed Stoltz plays a kid with artistic inclinations whose father thinks he should go into business. This character is a kid who doesn't fit into any of the cliques or niches his peers or family want to mold him into. His only weapon is his belief in himself.

Stoltz's soft speech masks a firm resolution to go his own way. He's the actor who dropped off the instant-stardom roller coaster when he was bumped from the lead role in "Back to the Future" in midproduction to make room for Michael J. Fox. His most memorable part, in "Mask", was played behind a ton of makeup.

His classic good looks have hardly been seen yet, though three releases in 1987 may yet make him poster material: "Lionheart", in which he leads a crusade in the middle Ages; "Sister, Sister", a romantic thriller that gives him a chance to play a grown-up at last, and this last film "Some Kind of Wonderful", a high school epic.

His real life was outside of school. "I joined a summer theater program when I was nine or ten. In Santa Barbara it was what all the kids in the neighborhood were doing. We did all kinds of plays together. Stoltz retains his childlike "I know! Let's put on a show!" attitude of his youth. "The theater is a magical place."

See Vol. 9 #4 P 20 (Summer 1985) for more about Eric, his talented sisters and parents. His parents are planning to attend the reunion this year.

Line: John Vawter, David, Jesse, Wm., John Taylor, Albert C., Marion, and Evelyn (Vawter) Stoltz.

ANOTHER VAWTER GATHERING

It was 100 years ago, come this April, that two covered wagons left La Porte, CO (near Ft. Collins) for a journey. The lead wagon was driven by Kate L. (Gatlin) Fitzhugh (Bicknell p 305) daughter of James & Nancy (Vawter) Gatlin, and the second by Henry Todd Fitzhugh. The two older boys, Roy age 11, and Edgar age 9, brought up the rear, riding their favorite saddle horses, and driving a small herd of milking short-horn cattle and the extra work and saddle horses. In the first wagon, with their mother, rode Gordon, age 7, Harry age 5, Clarence age 3 and Faye age 1.

Down through the plains of eastern Colorado they wended their way. Through small settlements into Denver and on south through Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Walsenburg, then turning west over La Veta Pass on into the San Luis Valley. They traveled south again from Alamosa to La Jara where they had difficulty crossing La Jara Creek, having to use four horses on each wagon.

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After a brief stop and rest at La Jara they continued south to Antonito and then again west to cross Cumbres and La Manga Passes. Stopping at the foot of Cumbres Pass, they paid the toll to use Mr. Jenkins toll road. After proceeding some distance they were stopped by a mud slide. Out came the plow, picks and shovels to clear the way. After several days of hard labor, they were able to proceed to Chama, New Mexico. Following the wagon trail north, up the Little Chama Valley, they came to the top of the Chama Divide. Stopping for the night Henry discovered that many pine trees had been cut.

After further investigation, grandpa Henry discovered that it was necessary to drag a pine tree behind the wagons going down the north side of the hill because it was nearly straight down. Reaching the bottom, in the afternoon, they proceeded down to the valley reaching the Navajo River. Following the Navajo River for a couple of miles they made camp for the night in a nice grove of cottonwood trees. This was June 17, 1887.

The following morning, grandpa looked over the lush grass, already up to the horses bellies, the hills were covered with a growth of pine trees, valleys full of tall rich grass, and acres of virgin soil waiting for the plow. "What more could a man ask for," said Grandpa. "This is good enough for me."

And so it was that the Fitzhugh family came to Chromo, Archuleta County to make their home for the rest of their lives. Two more children were born to Henry & Kate, Mack and Carrell (Doc).

And so, Kin and Friends, we are sponsoring a picnic to celebrate this Centennial, on Sunday, June 21, 1987. We will furnish the meats, drinks, and place. If convenient, bring a covered dish. We have trailer spaces, some beds and room for sleeping bags. You may come early and stay over longer if you wish. Place: The Fitzhugh Ranch, Chromo, Colorado. RSVP as soon as you can make plans - Alivin Fitzhugh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The descendants of John B. & Sally Evans Vaughter and David C. & Tennie Brown Alsop Vaughter are meeting at Oaklands Park on N. Highland St. in Murfreesboro, TN on July 12, 1987 for a reunion of the Vaughters of Rutherford County, TN.

From: The Sentinel Record

Vernon Vawter has been named as "Artist of the Month" by the Traditional Art Guild of Hot Springs, AR. Vernon is a charter member of both the Southern Artists Assoc. and the Traditional Art Guild. Vernon became interested in art after returning from duty with the U.S. Army in Korea. He studied art under several artists. Vernon and his wife Trudy have their studio on the Old Bear Road near Brady Mt. Lodge on Lake Ouachita.

From: Seymour Daily Tribune

Joseph & Bonita Welch of Scipio, IN announce the wedding of their son Darren Michael to Kristina Louise Swenson at 2:30 on June 27 in Old Bethel United Methodist Church of Indianapolis, IN. Darren is a graduate of Jennings county High School and will graduate May 16 from the University of Indianapolis with a degree in mathematics and physics.



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

June 30, 1987

10th ANNIVERSARY REUNION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just about 5 years ago I learned of a great Family Association the (VVV FA). May and I were on our way back from South Carolina and saw a flyer in Madison, Indiana about the 1982 Reunion in Clifty Falls State Park. Now I would like to invite all of you to return again to Indiana, this time to Columbus where the 1987 Reunion will be held July 30 and 31, August 1 and 2 in the Old Columbus Holiday Inn at the junction of I-65 and SR-46 (information in the Summer 1987 News Letter). There are alternative lodgings near by.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Thursday PM July 30:

4:00 PM - Meeting room (A) is available for early registration

7:00 PM - Informal get together for early arrivals

Friday July 31:

8:00 AM - Officers breakfast meeting
Breakfast on your own

8:00 AM - Registration (meeting rooms ABC)

10:00 AM - Opening session
Call to order (M. Glen Vawter, Pres.)
Invocation
Welcome Remarks - Honorable Robert Stewart, Mayor of Columbus
Business Meeting

12:00 noon - Lunch on your own

1:00 PM - Afternoon session starting from the meeting rooms
Tour of Columbus

4:00 to 6:00 PM- Will be at Mill Race Park for carriage
rides and picnic supper at 4:30 PM

7:00 PM - Group Session where you will meet old and new Relatives
Speaker - Mr. Lynn Rogers
Door Prizes

Saturday August 1:

Breakfast on your own

9:00 AM - Meet in meeting room for start of tour to Nashville, Ind. where WILL VAWTER, artist and illustrator for JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY spent much of his adult life.

6:30 PM - Banquet in Holiday banquet room
Final business meeting
Door prizes
Memorial service by Wordna Wicker

Sunday August 2:

Breakfast on your own

9:00 AM - Leave for 10:30 AM church service at First Baptist Church in North Vernon for those wishing to attend

12:00 noon - checkout time at Holiday

Saturday night banquet reservations have to be in by Thursday night. Those who have Holiday room reservations will be counted as attending the banquet so if you plan not to attend or are staying somewhere else you will need to inform Bonita Welch, RR1, Box 227 Scipio, In. 47273. Phone 812-392-2149 at the latest by Thursday night July 30.

I want to thank the following dedicated people for work on the 1987 Reunion Committee: Bonita Welch, Chairman, Edna Reynolds, Shirley Byler, and James Corbitt.

As in the past few reunions I want to encourage you to bring your crafts so that we can again enjoy some of your handywork as door prizes.

Vawter's Vital Vittles cook books #1 and #2 will again be available for sale.

The nominating committee will remain as follows: Ted Vawter, Vernon Vawter, Fred Wicker, James Corbitt, Betty Nash, Frank Robinson and Charles Burt.

When calling in your reservations (by July 16) at the Holiday Inn be sure to mention to them that you are with the Vawter Reunion.

Now contact your relatives and lets have a super reunion "Back Home Again in Indiana". Enjoy a little bit of VVV heaven by attending the reunion in 87.

Sincerely,

M. Glen Vawter



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WISH YOU WERE THERE

The tenth annual National VVVFA Reunion is past history with surprising bits of information. The three top states for attendance, Texas, Tennessee & Mississippi, dropped in numbers with Indiana coming out ahead this year. See the back page for state attendance. Also, there wasn't a VVVFA member there with the spelling of Vaughter(s), although there were a few who descend from that branch.

The committee for the reunion, headed by Bonita Welch, did a great job. The Holidome was a fantastic choice with a beautiful enclosed area, (with plantings) which had various activities in which the children and adults could participate, such as: miniature golf, ping-pong, and the pool and hot tub.

Thursday night

There was a special treat for the early birds (85 in number) from John Taylor of Memphis, TN. His slide presentation of his visit to England, the grounds and remains of Trematon Castle in Cornwall, which was once owned by a Valletort (Vawter) was enjoyed by all. There was browsing through the photo albums, news clippings etc.

Friday 10 a.m.

Invocation by the Rev. John H. Vawter of Texas and a welcome by the mayor, Honorable Robert N. Stewart. He made the remark that Columbus came fourth after Los Angeles, Chicago and New York for best in Architecture. The city was laid out in 1821.

Reports were given by the officers.

Because the VVVFA paid out more than it received this past year 1986-87 and had to make use of the previous years balance, a motion was made and carried that the dues be raised to \$7.00 per year beginning January 1, 1988. All who attended the reunion renewed their membership for \$5.00 and you may also if paid before January 1, 1988.

There were 24 people at the 10 a.m. meeting who were attending a VVVFA reunion for the first time.

Speaking for the morning was Beth Melton who spoke on "Once Upon A Time". The history of how the VVVFA began to be a family (following are excerpts of her talk)

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"There once was a man named JOHN VAWTER who lived in N.C. By his first wife he had three sons, James, Richard and John Jr.

It seems that the descendants of JAMES lived in Georgia, Texas and Oklahoma and came to spell their name VAUGHTER.

And, the descendants of RICHARD lived in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas and continued the VAWTER spelling.

And, the descendants of JOHN JR. lived in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Oklahoma spelled their name VAWTER, VAUGHTER, VAUTER, VOTTER, VATTER & VOTERS, but eventually they settled for VAWTER.

Some years back, the descendants of James Vaughter began to meet periodically at Lake Murray Lodge in Ardmore, Oklahoma for family reunions. In July of 1977 they were joined by descendants of Richard & John Jr. for a get-acquainted "encounter". Fifty five cousins, in-laws, and guests attended.

The FIRST nation-wide VVV reunion was held in 1978. Although it was called a reunion, many came who had not ever met before and some were not even known about! (Beth then spoke about each of the past reunions)

By coming together, we have learned many things; that VVV family members are talented in many ways. We have many professions such as: ministers, teachers, nurses, lawyers, computer specialists, engineers, accountants, writers, artists, actors, and many others.

Our first newsletter was written by Wordna Wicker which went out to 50 households in six states. By 1981 it went out to 250 households in 37 states plus Mexico, Canada, Belgium, Hawaii, and Saudi Arabia. In the fall of 1982, the newsletter was written by Esther Vawter and given to the Circulating Editor, Beth Sabel to photo copy and mail out to almost 500 households in 40 states plus the international members.

Why go to all the trouble with newsletters, mailouts, directories, etc. The answer is: "Reunions help us learn more about ourselves, and can be a great time for healing."

Heard at the last reunion in Mississippi from a new member, Jerry Spears, 'I never had so much fun with a group of total strangers.'

Recently in Dallas, Texas the mayor declared August 7-9 to be Family Reunion Week, saying families need to promote family unity, bridge the generation gap and celebrate their heritage.

And that is just what we have been doing at the VVV Family Reunions for the past 10 years."

Friday 1 p.m.

Two bus loads made a tour of Columbus starting with the Visitor's Center, which at one time was the home of John Vawter Story, who was the grandson of John Vawter, a founder of Vernon, IN.

The buses made stops at buildings of important architecture and ended at Mill Race Park where all enjoyed a catered picnic and rides around the park in two horse drawn carriages.

Friday 7 p.m.

All met in the banquet room for the evening meeting. Dr. Lynn Rogers of Jamestown, Ohio was the speaker.

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Dr. Lynn Rogers is a sixth generation Hoosier. He was born in 1936 and raised on a farm near Madison, IN. He graduated, in a class of 34, from Central High School in 1954 and went on to earn a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue in 1958.

In 1961 he took a position in Dayton, Ohio as a civilian working for the U.S. Air Force in Research & Development. He earned a Master and a Doctorate in Engineering from Ohio State University. He is an internationally known expert in the field of vibration damping, working on both aircraft and spacecraft structures.

He married Wanda Lindsay, and they had three children; in 1983 he was widowed. In 1984 he and Darlene were married and live in Jamestown, Ohio.

JESSE VAWTERS MIGRATION

(Along with his talk, Dr. Rogers used slides of his trip taking the same course used by Jesse Vawter from Forks of Elkhorn to Madison, Indiana)

Jesse Vawter was born in 1755 in Virginia. In 1790 he moved to land (leased from Hugh Shannon) in Woodford (now Scott) Co., KY. In 1795 he moved to Woodford (now Franklin) Co. Ky. (about four miles from former lease) to land he purchased on the North Elkhorn Creek, three miles from the two forks of Elkhorn and seven miles from Frankfort.

In July 1805 Jesse Vawter with others of Kentucky visited land on Hogan and Laughery Creeks near Aurora, IN, but on sending money to the Cincinnati Land Office, learned the tract they wanted had already been sold.

In August 1805, William Harrison purchased a large body of Indiana land taking in the counties of Ripley, Jefferson, Scott, Washington, nearly all of Jennings and Jackson and parts of Clark and Floyd.

In December of 1805 Jesse Vawter with six or eight others visited the "New Purchase." Part of the group traveled by land and part by water. Those going by water included Jesse Vawter who descended the Kentucky and Ohio Rivers in a pirogue (large Indian canoe) to the present site of Madison, Indiana.

The group made their headquarters at the eastern edge of Madison. During the daytime, the group divided into two parties, exploring the adjacent highlands and the neighboring lands of Clifty. At night they reported on their discoveries.

Jesse Vawter selected the site for his residence on top of the Michigan Hill. He returned home and made arrangements for taking possession. The family moved in on September of 1806 and he called his home "Mt. Glad."

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Following this, attention was called to the table full of around 50 craft and gift items to be given out by drawing registration numbers. Around 25 names were drawn.

Sally & Duncan Brown of OK played a cassette tape, given to them by E., B. Vaughters of Seattle WA., of madrigal singers singing music written by Thomas Vautor 1619/20 (see last issue)

Saturday 11 a.m.

All met together for an auto caravan to Nashville, IN where artist, illustrator, Will Vawter most of his adult life. As a young boy he was a neighbor of the Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley. Mr. Riley recognized and encouraged his artistic ability and later Vawter illustrated many of Riley's books of poetry.

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The first stop was at the Brown County Art Gallery where the VVVFA members had been invited for a reception. The gallery had collected a group of eight to ten of Will Vawter's paintings which were displayed in a special exhibit room. All were served Sassafras tea, cookies, fried biscuits with apple butter. The Brown Art Gallery Association was organized on September 3, 1926 at the home of Will Vawter.

From here everyone was on their own to visit the many shops of handcrafters, such as: hand made musical instruments, carved canes, basketry, ceramics and pottery, handmade fabrics, blown glass, primitive furniture, copper and brass items, clocks and many displays of art work.

Banquet 6:30 p.m.

It was announced that there were 136 from 21 states plus one from Canada registered for the reunion.

It was announced that the oldest member present was Ted Vawter of CO.

It was announced that the youngest member present was Jake DeFurr, age 14 months.

It was announced that Beth Sabel came the longest distance: Portland, OR.

Roll call of the states -See the states listed on the back page .

Fred & Wordna Wicker, Bill & Sally Vawter and Hazel McCandless have attended all 10 of the VVVFA Reunions.

Election of officers for 1987/88 - same slate as last year.

A new committee appointed this year: Audit Committee - Jim De Furr, Pete Vawter, and Mary Vawter.

Invitation to the 1988 reunion was given by Charles Burt of Dawsonville, GA. The eleventh annual nation wide VVVFA reunion will be August 5, 6, & 7 (with "early birds" arriving on the 4th) in Gainsville, GA at the Holiday Inn. More data in future newsletter.

The remaining gifts were drawn after which Wordna Wicker presented a Memorial service, with granddaughter Margaret Wicker placing carnations in a vase for each person named. The names were as follows:

1. Rachel Alta Hill Vawter died 25 Sept. 1986 in Nacogdoches, TX at age 76. She was the mother of the Rev. John H. Vawter.
2. Ethel Vawter Stow died 25 Sept. 1986 in OK City at age 87. She was the sister of Silas Vawter and daughter of John Wesley Vawter.
3. Woodford C. Vawter died 27 Oct. 1986 in Ponca City, OX at age 85. He was the son Fred & Nella Vawter and was of the tribe of Russell Vawter.
4. Mrs. Jessie D. Bullard died 15 Dec. 1986 in Seymore, IN at age 100. She was the daughter of Ezra & Mattie Holsclau (p. 139 Bicknell).
5. Mrs. Irene Vawter died 6 Feb. 1987 at North Bend, OR at age 85. She was the widow of the late Arthur Vawter and was the sister-in-law of Ted Vawter of CO.
6. The Rev. Bruce Vawter, Catholic priest and faculty member of De Paul University died 1 Dec. 1986 in Chicago, IL at age 65. He was the son of Bruce & Gertrude McFadden Vawter.
7. Theresa O'Brien Vawter, widow of Jamison Vawter, died 5 Jan. 1987 in Scotts, MI. Her husband, who died in 1959, was the brother of Father Bruce Vawter (above).
8. David L. Vawter, age 37, of North Vernon, IN was killed in an auto accident on May 1, 1987. He was the uncle of young Joe Vawter who met us at the 1982 reunion in Indiana.

9. Orville Vawter of Rogers, AR died 20 Dec. 1986. He was the uncle of Vernon Vawter of AR.
10. Mrs. Helen Vawter, wife of John Vawter Of Indianapolis, died 25 Nov. 1986. Her husband was of the line of Jesse Vawter.
11. Michael Grippa died 25 Jan. 1987 in Denver at age 66. He is survived by his widow, Lorene who was our exchange editor 1982-83. He was the son-in-law of Lydia & Ted Vawter.
12. Gladys Hugo died 21 Jan. 1987 in Placerville, CA at age 60. She was the daughter of Lydia Vawter and sister of Lorene Grippa.
13. Elbert Henry Burt died 15 Jan. 1987 in Gainsville, GA. He was married to Anne Vaughters 28 August 1927. He was the father of Charles Burt of GA.
14. Jesse Vawter Stribling died June 1987 in Humpheys Co., TN. He was the son of John Malcolm Stribling (p. 225 Bicknell). He was the second cousin of both Jim Corbitt and John Taylor.
15. Ina Cove Vawter died 23 April 1987 in Indianapolis, IN age 92. She was the widow of James T. Vawter and the mother of John Vawter.
16. Thomas D. Hudson died 20 April 1987 in Tupelo, MS. He is survived by his widow, Martha (who was present at reunion). He was one of the hosts at last year's reunion in Tupelo, MS.
17. Mark Joseph Nash died 16 Feb. 1987 at Killeen, TX at age 82. He was survived by his widow Bettie Huling Nash, a son, Mark Nash Jr., and daughter Betsy Miller, (He died of Tetanus from a little splinter)
18. Bettie Huling Nash died 8 June 1987 in Killeen, TX. She was married to Mark J. Nash 25 July 1931 in Tocopilla, Chile. Her youngest grandson, Jim Miller, designed the present logo which the VVV Family Association used.

Sunday 9 am.

Forty one people traveled from the Holiday Inn to attend services at the First Baptist Church of North Vernon. Joining them there were Carol and Amy Bloomenstock of Columbus, and Selma Vawter Glassing and Chrissy Woodworth of Greenfield. Many of those attending are descendants of William Frances Vawter, two of the founding members of the church in 1835. Rev. Vawter was the first pastor and served in that capacity for many years. The names of two of their daughters, Elizabeth Vawter Stott and Mary Vawter Feagler, are inscribed on the stained glass windows. A love gift of \$300.00 was given to the church from the Association.

After having lunch together, visits were made to the Vawter cemetery in Selmier State Forest at North Vernon, the Vernon Cemetery, and the Wirt Baptist Church Cemetery.

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Gordon F. Vawter, 37 Alban Rd., Waban, MA 02168
Judy & Dick Morrissett Jr., 24730 Marshall, Dearborn, MI 48124
Richard & Helen Morrissett, 1518 Westbury Dr., Davison, MI 48423
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Rogers, P. O. Box 1, Canaan, IN 47224
Marie Disharoon, Rt. 3, Dawsonville, GA 30534

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Directory changes are to be mailed to Beth Melton, 1211 Casa Vale, Dallas, TX 75218 - A Directory can be ordered from Beth Melton for \$6.00 plus 1.00 for postage and handling. Make check payable to VVV Family Association.

Volumes I & II of the Vawter Vital Vittles Cookbook will now be ordered from Bonita Welch, R. R. #1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273 at a cost of \$6.00 each. Make check payable to VVV Family Association.

An index can be ordered for the newsletter. Please order from Beth Sabel, 931 S.E. 33rd, Portland, OR. No price set as yet because it depends on the number of pages.

Send all newsletter address changes to Beth Sabel.

Hazel Robinson Maniscalco of New Orleans wishes to announce the birth of her new granddaughter, Heather Camille Lopez, tipping the scales at 9 lbs. 12 oz. and 21" long. She is the first child of Ricky & Donna Lopez, Chalmette, LA.

Rose S. Monroe of Louisville, KY was installed as Regent of Fincastle Chapter ASDAR on June 11, 1987

Randy Howard, son of Beth Melton, has graduated from Cal. Tec. at San Luis Obispo in Architectural Engineering with a major in Solar Energy, in the upper 10% of class. He is now employed by a Daly Engineering firm and living in San Francisco, CA.

Andrew Robert Vawter. was born June 1, 1987 weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. and 19" long. Parents are Janet & Robert (Bobby)L. Vawter who live at Memphis, TN. They have two daughters, Wendy 9 and Kaelyn 2. Grandparents are Robert & Norma Vawter of Milan, TN.

It has come to my attention that Mrs. Ann Martin Harpole, 3689 Peakwood Dr., Roanoke, VA 24014 has proven her ancestor Samuel Vawter is a DAR Patriot. She is from the line of Bartholomew, John, Edward. and Samuel. Genealogy p. 4, Vol. 9 #1.

THE TRAVELING BYLERS

Roger was a delegate in March to the Texas State SAR meeting, in Kenville, Texas. Shirley was a delegate in May to the Texas State DAR meeting in Houston, Texas. Both were messengers in June to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, MO.

Both went to the Missouri State Library for research. Roger found a new ancestor in the U.S. and two new ones in England. Roger gave the library a copy of each of his three books and Shirley gave a copy of her book.

They went on to Boonville for a family reunion of Roger's people and on the way stopped to preach at his home church in Prairie Home, MO.

They went on to Bolivar, MO stopping at the Southwest Baptist University, their first college Alma Mater, and presented them with copies of their books.

SHIRLEY'S "VAWTER" BOOK

Name - The Family of Albert & Josie Vawter. It is divided into two sections. Section I deals with the descendants of Albert Vawter, son of John Taylor Vawter. Section II pages 234 thru 522 deals with the early Virginia families connected to the Vawters, such as: Noel, Page, Gibs, Stokley, Vallott, Towles, Rucker, Hodgson, etc. From these on down to Jesse Vawter & Elizabeth Watts and Philemon Vawter & Anna Vawter, Price \$40.00 plus \$2.50 for postage & handling, to Shirley Byler, Rt. 1 Box 319, Sweeny, Tx 77480

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The names of those on the register attending the VVVFA Reunion - 1987 -Columbus, Indiana with the state of Indiana coming in the highest in attendance.

ARIZONA

Louis & Bobbi Meek

ARKANSAS

Alma Vawter Allen
Lester D. Vawter
Vernon & Trudy Vawter

CALIFORNIA

Jack & Evelyn Stoltz
Esther Vawter
Glenn & Marjorie Vawter

COLORADO

Margaret Grippa
Ted & Lydia Vawter

DELAWARE

Bobbee & Donna Vawter

GEORGIA

Charles, Betty & Chuck Burt
Alice Disharoon
Marie Disharoon
Ophie Dodd

ILLINOIS

Shirley Beasley
Connie & Tadd Bugos
Wilma Schaomire
Donald & Alice Vawter
Harry & Edith Vawter
Lowell Vawter
M. Glenn & May Vawter

INDIANA

Florence Beeman
Janice Vawter Bridges, Jennifer & Julie
Ann Reynolds Caslan
Tom & Ada Clarkson
Joni Curtis
Helen Jones
Mary & John McDaniel
Josephine Parker
James, Jane & Ethan Reynolds
Walter & Edna Reynolds
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Rogers
Richard & Marjorie Roseberry
Christine Vawter
Dewey & Jeanette Vawter
Pat Vawter
Tina Waymire
Bonita Welch
Darren Welch & Kristina Swenson
David & Peggy Welch, David, Jr.
Tony Welch

IOWA

Sara Hockmuth
Elsie Trittipo

KENTUCKY

Rose Monroe

MASSACHUSETTS

Gordon F. Vawter

MICHIGAN

Patricia Vawter Klein
Dick & Judy Morrisett
Richard & Helen Morrisett

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(give your VVV line on back if you haven't done so already)

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Martha Hudson
Emery & Clarice Mayer
Mary Wicker Reese
Fred & Wordna Wicker
Ken & Norma Wicker
Margaret Wicker

MISSOURI

Dorothy Ford
Bruce & Linda Vawter
Jim & Pat Vawter
Marvin Vawter

NORTH CAROLINA

Alan Welch

OHIO

Richard & Rosalie Carter
Bernard & Edna Furnish
Willard & Lucille Keir
John & Bernice Mendenhall
Lynn & Darlene Rogers

OKLAHOMA

Duncan & Sally Brown
Bill & Dorthy Vawter
Oscar & Erma Vawter

OREGON

Beth Sabel

TENNESSEE

Jim & Alliene Corbitt
Jim, Barbara, Emily & Jack DeFurr
John & Hazel Taylor
Pete & Norma Vawter
Wendy Vawter

TEXAS

Juanita Baker
Matthew Byler
Roger & Shirley Byler
Edith Corley
Beverly Cowen
Mark & Kathy Disharoon
Beth Melton
Hazel McCandless
Louise Vanover
Bill & Sally Vawter
John & Sue Vawter

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Evert & Maxine Joling

ONTARIO CANADA

Virginia Vawter Storr

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QUERY

From Patricin Vawter Klein, 2236 Crest Or., Kalamazoo, MI. 49008

"I am the dau. of Jamison Vawter, Jr., son of Jamison Vawter & Sallie Snyder Vawter, and would like to locate my first cousin, Delia Vivan Vawter Rappley, dau. of Virginia Vawter (dau. of Jamison Vawter) Paden & Sam Paden. Virginia died in CA. around 1950 and her daughter Delia Vivian lived in Houghton, MI. for many years. Delia Vivian & Douglas Rappley had one son and one daughter. I do not know their whereabouts. I would be interested in contacting either Delia Vivian or her father, Sam Paden. I think the son or dau. settled in CA and that Delia Vivian might be living with one of them. Delia would probably be about 66 years of age by now.

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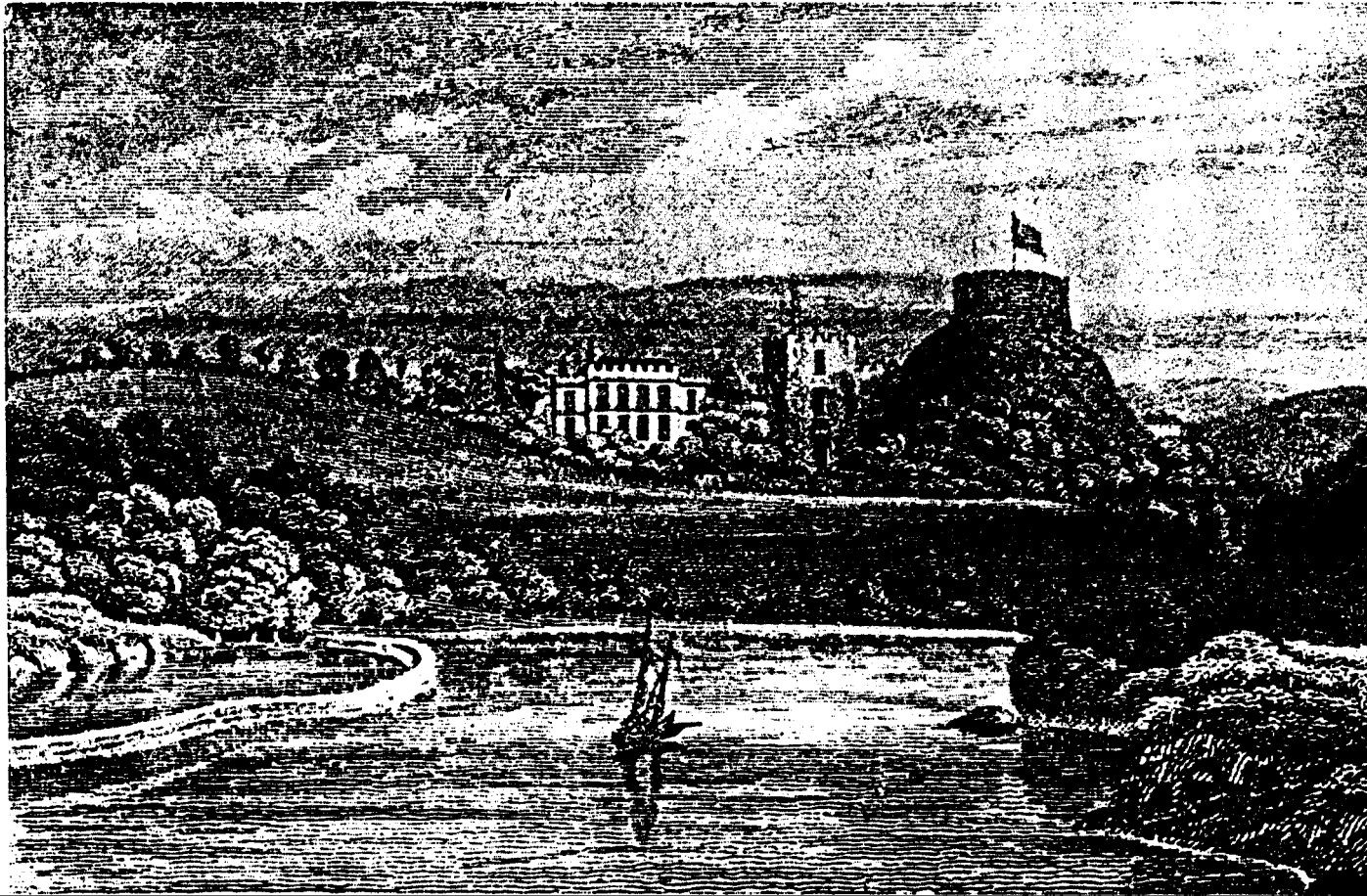
TREASURER: Hazel Vawter McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, TX 75760

NEWS EDITOR: Esther M. Vawter, 1713 Merkley Ave., W. Sacramento, CA 95691

TREMATON CASTLE

Cornwall, Saltash, England

From: John Taylor of Memphis, TN who visited England not long ago.



TREMATON CASTLE

Excerpts from the Cornish Times:

An old document in the British Museum tells us that the site of Trematon Castle was developed by the Romans. It seems that Claudius Ptolomev, the great historian, reports that the Second Augustine Legion of Rome was posted there among the Domnonii in what are today Devon and Cornwall.

The Celtic people had come with their iron weapons and castles of earth-works with trench fortifications thrown up on steep-sided hillocks, usually man-made. On one such hillock now stands the stone keep of Trematon Castle.

Then came the Saxons and Athelstan who, in 926 banished the 'West Welsh' beyond the River Tamar 'forever'. The castle would have been an important position when Athelmaur held it in 980 and Algar, Earl of Cornwall in 1045.

When the Normans began their conquest of Britain in 1066 they had to start building strong forts or castles, and at Trematon they used the old earth-works site.

Some twenty years after the coming of the Normans when things had quietened down somewhat, relevant information was recorded in two great books - one with 760 pages and another with 700. Only important people really mattered in those days and they and their's were listed in these volumes which we know as the "Domesday Book". Listed among the recipients of gifts from King William I (the Conqueror) was his half-brother, the Count of Mortain (Mortain).

Usually considered the first Norman Earl of Cornwall, the Count received most of Cornwall and among other things, the Manor of Trematon. We learn from the Exon Domesday, "To the Count one Manor called Trematon, which Brismar held in the time of Edward the Confessor (1042-1066). Reginald de Valletort now holds this"

By 1086 Trematon was Reginald de Valletort's principal manor, boasting two mills and covering 33 other manors and from where he exercised rights over the River Tamar and Lynher.

Later notes from Porter's 'Around and About Saltash' reveal that by 1086 the de Valletorts were tenants of nearly all the estates. The initial 'R' seemed to be a popular choice for Christian names with the family were Reginald, Roger, and Richard, while Ralph held the honour in 1166. 'Honour' in this case meant the good name, an allegiance to what was right.

In 1207 a younger Reginald, Ralph's heir, was in the custody of the Bishop of Winchester until 1216 when he came of age and was given possession. The Saltash Election case of 19 February 1807, page 82 reads: Valletort who lived in the reign of King John (1199-1216) and died in the year 1236, was lord of the honour and castle of Trematon of which Saltash was a part". In the reign of Richard II (1377-1399) this honour became part of the Duchy of Cornwall and as such, vested in the crown.

Richard of Cornwall, born in 1209, was the second son of King John and when he reached sixteen he was granted Cornwall and the tin mines. He married four years later and became an earl on the creation of the earldom. Most important he bought (received?) Trematon in 1270 from Roger de Valletort.

Porter's notes point out that Roger, uncle of the last Reginald who dissipated his property, made over the honour to his overlord Richard, Earl of Cornwall.

In 1299 Henry de Pomeroy and Peter Corbet (descendants of the de Valletorts) were found to be heirs and on the death of Edmund, Earl of Cornwall, claimed the honour, but judgement was given against them in 1315.

Present Day Trematon Castle

The ancient fort and its Georgian house has lost its tenant of 20 years, Lord Caradon, who as Sir Hugh Foot achieved fame as one of the world's great peacemakers, in Cyprus, the Middle East and the United Nations. The house at the castle site was built within the bailey in 1808.

The Duchy of Cornwall passed the word around before formally advertising for a tenant. Lord Eliot at Port Eliot, Lord Boyd at Ince Castle and Earl Mount Edgcumbe were all wondering who their new neighbor would be.

A brochure was printed stating the lessee had to be responsible for keeping the whole property in full repair, used as a private dwelling, and that the lodge was to be occupied by an employee on license. The rent to be in the region of L3,000/L3,500 per annum for a period of up to 20 years. It has been announced since, new tenant is to be Mr. & Mrs. I. Renny.

From: Mary Winningham of Maryland

Taken from "Ancestral Roots of Sixty Colonists" by Frederick Lewis Weis, p. 123.

Henry I, born 1070, d. 1 Dec. 1135 - King of England, m. Sibyl Corbet Rohese, dau., m. 1146 to Henry de la Pomerai, baron

Henry de la Pomeroy, son - m. (1) Matilda

Henry de la Pomeroy, son - m. Alice de Vere

Henry de la Pomeroy, son - d. 1220, Governor of Rougement Castle, Exeter and Sheriff of Devon m. Joan de Vautort.

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A Vawter Profile

From:

Book "Indiana Lives" Written & Prepared under the Supervision of: Hubert H. Hawkins, A.B., M.A. & Robert R. McClarren, A.B., M.A.; M.S. and Published by Historical Record Association, Hopkinsville, KY. page 811.

RALPH EMERSON VAWTER

Ralph Emerson Vawter, son of Elmer Mayo & Margaret Alice (Sawyer) Vawter, was born 12 Dec. 1889 in Glenn's Valley, IN. He received his education in the public schools of his native city and was licensed a Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor. He married 12 Oct. 1910 Fannie E. Macy of Indianapolis.

Ralph was first employed as a Railway clerk and after receiving his license was engaged in construction work doing Civil Engineering and Land Surveying. He was on active duty in the U.S. Army in WW I and in the Reserve Corps during WW II.

Ralph was a devout and able worker for the Disciples of Christ. He was an Elder and Trustee and was a Sunday School Teacher for fifty years.

In 1956 he had the honor of receiving a citation for his outstanding contribution on interracial relations from the Indianapolis Recorder.

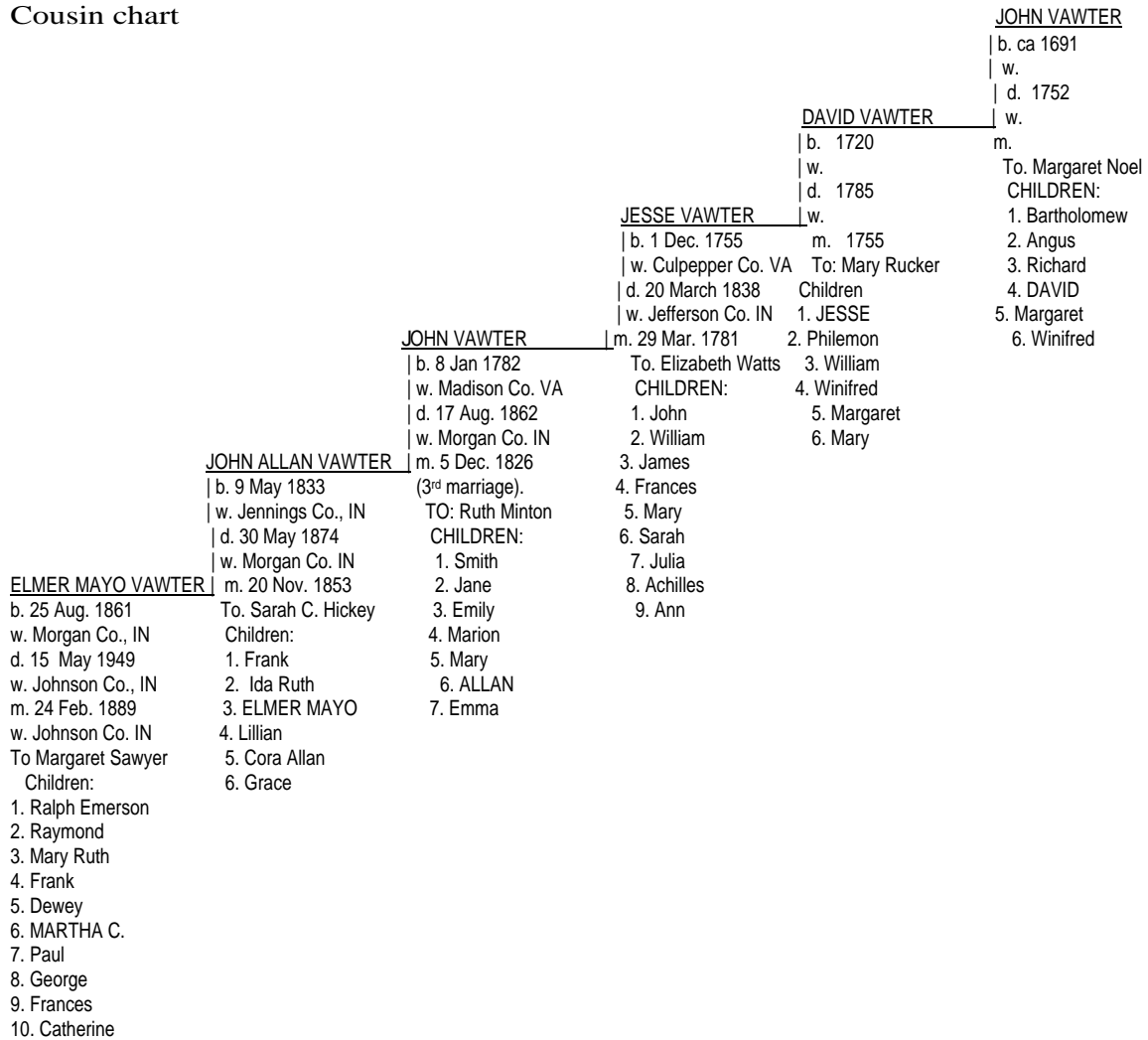
Line: Jesse & Elizabeth (Watts) Vawter, John & Ruth (Minton) Vawter, Allan & Catherine (Hickey) Vawter, Elmer Mayo & Margaret Alice (Sawyer) Vawter. Page 73 in Bicknell.

Editor Note: On the following page you will find a family chart sent to me by Marylin Hash. I often use this style chart and call it my "cousin" chart because at a glance I can connect cousins for generations back. If any VVV's out there can make up a similar chart on your family, I would appreciate your sending it on to me. Also any other style or type of ancestor chart is acceptable.

The above profile and the "cousin" chart are of the same family, but were sent to me by different people and one not of the same family.

MARYLIN J. FISHEL HASH (Dau. Of Martha C. below)
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Cousin chart



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International Boost to Career Of
Catherine Stoltz

From: Santa Barbara News Press

Catherine Stoltz, a Santa Barbara High School graduate, won a \$2,500 prize from the Baltimore Opera International Competition recently. The mezzo soprano received the Special Eleanor Steber Music Foundation Award, given to the singer who "best represented Mozart and bel canto singing, as did Miss Steber during her career."

Stoltz's most recent Santa Barbara appearance was as Orlofsky in "Die Fledermais." Stoltz's debuted in "The Magic Flute" at the Carmel Bach Festival in 1980 and joined the Lyric Opera of Chicago's Opera Center in 1984. She sang Rosina in "The Barber of Seville", Cherubino in "Marriage of Figaro", and Sibel in "Faust". She has also sung in "Madame Butterfly" and made her Chicago Opera Theater debut in Floyd's "Susannah".

She recently made her Pennsylvania Opera Theater debut in "The Barber of Seville" and will join the Pittsburgh Opera in November as Hansel in "Hansel and Gretel." Next spring she will be singing two roles with Opera Colorado; Mercedes in "Carmen", and Zita in "Gianni Schicchi."

Line:

Jesse Vawter, William, John Taylor, Albert C., Francis Marion, and parents Jack and Evelyn (Vawter) Stoltz. (Francis Marion is brother to Ted Vawter of Colorado.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The 1988 VVV reunion will be August 5, 6, & 7 (with "early birds" arriving on the 4th) in Gainesville, GA at the Holiday Inn.

Plan a vacation around this date and take in places of interest in the area: Stone Mountain, White Water, Six Flags, Reconstruction of "Old Atlanta" and Disney World 250 miles away. More in future newsletters.

Editor Note:

Will all VVV members think of what they can contribute to their newsletter? I need genealogy material, Gleaning items, Reminiscing stories, and news items. I want to thank all those who have sent me material the last five years. It always feels good to have a selection to choose from and use at just the right time; such as the story on Ralph Emerson Vawter and the genealogy chart by his niece, Marylin J. Fishel Hash which she sent to me a year or so ago.

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REMINISCING

From: Paul E. Vawter, Sr., Northbrook, IL

Artist, illustrator Will Vawter (John William Vawter), p. 385 Bicknell, still lives through his artistic efforts, and Paul Vawter can attest to this.

Though better known, perhaps, for his illustrations of James Whitcomb Riley's books of poems, Will Vawter painted independently, also (see VVVNL Vol. 8 #2, p. 9)

Paul Vawter treasures his Will Vawter painting entitled "The Gladness of Spring" which he purchased from the Will Vawter estate in the middle 40's. "It's not for sale !" says Paul.

Paul Vawter's son, Jay, sent him a color photo of one of Will Vawter's paintings which stirred Paul's memory of over 50 years ago. The Barnes home was the setting for the painting which was called, "Cabin by the Road." He recognized it as Grandma Barnes' home of which he had taken movies in the middle 30's.

Paul and wife Betty had read a news item about Grandma Barnes and her strange relationship with her husband. According to this news item, Grandma spoke only to her husband through their son. This item had attracted attention and Grandma Barnes was featured in a news reel.

So Paul and Betty packed up and traveled to the Barnes' farm near Nashville, IN, where Paul photographed Grandma Barnes sitting in her rocking chair on her front porch.

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Editor Note:

After the Indiana reunion I went to Indianapolis for a few days. While there I visited the Indianapolis Museum. While looking at the paintings on the third floor I saw one painted by Will Vawter.

I also made a side trip to Greenfield to visit the James Whitcomb Riley Home and Museum. There I saw the painting "Neighbors" by Will Vawter which had been taken from the museum by a relative and later purchased by an unknown person who donated it to the James W. Riley Museum. It was appraised at \$4,000. There were other paintings and sketches there by Will Vawter.

I also looked up a used book store and was able to purchase a book of poems by Clara Vawter (sister of Will) and illustrated by Will Vawter, which was leather bound - a beautiful buy!



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MAKE PLANS FOR THE 1988 VVVFA REUNION

From 1988 Reunion host - Charles Burt

The 1988 reunion will be held August 5-7 in Gainesville, Georgia. Located approximately 50 miles NE of Atlanta, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Georgia family welcomes all cousins to come and walk on Gold as we have for over 150 years.

We invite you to stay and see Georgia from the mountains to the ocean: Helen, an Alpine Village; Atlanta, GA State Capital with gold dome; State & U.S. Archives; Cyclorama, a painting depicting the Civil War; Six Flags for the young and young at heart; Lanier Islands for water sports and golf; Stone Mountain; Andersonville, site of Civil War Prison and Cemetery; Historic Savannah; and for the Democrats- Plains, the home of Jimmy Carter.

The reunion will be headquartered at the Gainesville Holliday Inn. Reservations must be made directly with the Inn. Please do not use the "800" number. Use the reservation card enclosed or phone direct to 404/536-4451. Be sure to refer to the VVV Family Association (If common first name, please give middle name). Reservations must be made by JULY 1. Make your reservations by this date and if necessary they can be cancelled with no charge, 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival.

All rooms are \$46.00 per night plus tax.

For additional information about the reunion or hotel, write or call: Charles Burt, Rt. 5, Box 5475, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Phone. 404/265-6103.

THE FOUNDING OF PASADENA & SANTA MONICA

From: Ingersoll's Century History Santa Monica Bay Cities 1542 to 1908, pp 159-161

Williamson Dunn Vawter, son of William & Frances Vawter was born at Mount Glad, near Madison, IN, 28 August 1815 (Bicknell pp 118-120). At age 12 he went to live with his uncle, Colonel John Vawter, for whom he had a great affection. His first job was driving an ox team between the towns of Madison and Vernon. This work, by reason of the difficult roads and occasional danger from savages, suited the daring spirit of the boy. Later he became a clerk in the store of his uncle and then partner in the same store, in company with his cousin, Smith Vawter. Together they carried on business in the old brick building at "Vawter's Corner" in Vernon, for a period of forty years.

Mr. Vawter served as postmaster of the town for a number of years. He also took a lively interest in municipal politics and in National affairs.

In 1875 he came to California and was one of the original members of the Indiana Colony which founded Pasadena, California.

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Mr. Vawter and family moved to location of Santa Monica, then only a sheep ranch. There he and sons opened the first general store. As the town grew he established lumber yards and a planing mill, which proved a boon to home builders. He secured a franchise in 1886 and with his sons built the first street railway which extended five miles. He and sons also organized the First National Bank of Santa Monica.

Mr. Vawter married 15 July 1834 to Mary Charlotte Tilghman Crowder of Baltimore, MD. She died 22 Sept. 1851 and her children were: Mary Ellen, May, Jane Cravens, William Smith and Edwin James. Mr. Vawter married Charlotte Augusta Knowlton in Nov. 1852. She was a native of Shrewsbury, MA. She died in Santa Monica 27 Dec. 1893 leaving one daughter, Emma. A son, Charles Knowlton had died previously.

Mr. Vawter was one of the founders of the Presbyterian church in Santa Monica. He was pre-eminently just and never intentionally did any man a wrong. At the same time, he was not a man of loud or bold pretense and moved along life's journey doing the right thing at the right time.

Mr. Vawter passed away at his home in Santa Monica 10 July 1894.

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From: Bonita Welch, Scipio, IN - This is a letter written to the news paper "The Vernon Banner" by Edwin James Vawter, son of Wm Dunn & Mary Vawter. Santa Monica, CA May 18, 1876

I took a trip the other day, in company with my father and others to the San Fernando Valley. We had heard that farming was done on an extensive scale over there, and we thought we should like to see how "big farming" looks.

The San Fernando Valley is separated from the Santa Monica Valley by a range of mountains, called the "Sierra Santa Monica." Our route lay over these mountains, through a newly constructed wagon road. The distance from Santa Monica to ranch house is about 14 miles, and 9 miles of the distance is mountain road.

We provided ourselves with a basket lunch, and took an early start. The first three miles of our journey was over the level plain, which led us to the mouth of the Sepulveda Canyon. Then following this canyon for six miles, gradually ascending, we reached the summit of the divide, and a beautiful panorama lay before our eyes; on the one hand lay the valley of Los Angeles and Santa Monica, dotted over with farm houses, orchards and waving fields of grain, while at our feet seemingly rolled the broad Pacific.

On the other hand was spread the valley of the San Fernando, with its thousands of sheep, cattle and horses roaming almost at pleasure, restrained only by the lonely shepherd from enroaching upon the vast fields of waving wheat and barley. In the distance was the village of San Fernando; the whole enclosed by towering mountains, with only here and there a wagon road, allowing ingress or egress.

After feasting our eyes a few moments upon this picture, we began the descent. The grade is more rapid upon the San Fernando side, and after winding around and through mountains for three miles, we were at the base, and a drive of two miles more brought us to the ranch house of the San Fernando Sheep Company.

This San Fernando farm or ranch originally consisted of 121, 542 acres, but there has been a few small farms from 1,000 to 6,000 acres each, sold off until the number of acres was reduced to about 100,000, when it was divided, and the San Fernando Homestead Association came into possession of about 60,000 acres.

At the ranch house we learned that there was about 6,000 acres in wheat, and about 2,000 acres in barley. To harvest this immense crop will require the services of 100 horses and about 40 men for two to three months. During the plowing season last winter, seven gang plows, (with from five to seven plows in each gang) were employed for three months time, eight to ten horses to each gang.

In cutting, there are four headers which cut a sixteen foot swath, each so set as to just take the head of grain and leave the straw standing, the head is then carried by an elevator or endless belt and deposited in a header wagon that follows alongside; when one wagon is full, (the capacity of the box is probably 30 to 40 bushels) another takes its place and it drives to the steam thresher; the grain is immediately separated from the straw and chaff, and sacked ready for market. Each header has from eight to ten horses attached. The only fuel consumed in threshing is the straw and chaff from the separator. The company have now on hand 80,000 two bushel burlap sacks to receive the grain when threshed. The superintendent expressed a doubt that they had not enough for the crop.

There is kept constantly on hand, on this farm ready for use, 150 work horses and mules; there is a Blacksmith, a Carpenter, a Harness maker and a great number of laborers steadily employed.

These large grants of land, held by a few men, are a curse to any country, it prevents settlement and is a drawback to the development of the country.

Yours truly,

Ed. J. Vawter

P.S. Corresponding with this big farming they had to dig or bore 450 feet for water. E.J.V.

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GLEANINGS

From: Mary Winningham, Chevy Chase, MD

Fall 1980 "Blue Grass Roots" KY Genealogical Society

Port Royal Baptist Church Cemetery, Henry County, KY

Sanford Vawter, son of J.B. & M.R. Vawter

b. 31 October 1838 - d. 14 April 1871

Sherry (Baker) Krueger d/o Eleanor (Fortney) Baker, Correll
 1217 Ridge wood Circle
 Southlake, Tx 76092

Cousin chart

				<u>Winifred Vawter</u> d/o David Vawter b. 1720 d. 1785
			<u>Lucy Dohoney</u> b. 13, Dec. 1787 w. d. 8 Oct. 1845	To. Mary Rucker b. Oct. w. VA/KY
		<u>Julia Ann Stribling</u> b. w. d.	m. (1) 1803 w. To John Stribling Children w. VA/KY	d. 2 Mar. 1818 w. m. 22 Feb. 1775
	<u>Margaret Ann Chisham</u> b. 1 (15) Jan 1842 w. Jackson, MO. d. 28 Mar. 1936	w. Wamego, KS m. w. To Frank Chisham Children:	1. Cincinatus Sanford 2. Winifred Vaughter 3. JULIA ANN m (2) 4 Jan. 1821 To. James West	To. James Dohoney Children: 1. Poly 2. William 3. Thomas
	<u>John Napolean Hodges</u> b. 9 May 1871 w. El Dorado, KS d. 24 Apr. 1956 w. Guthrie, Ok.	w. Lawrence, KS m. 1858 w. KS To Wm. C. Hodges Children: 5. N. B.	1. James 2. Sarah Jane 3. MARGARET ANN 4. Anette Jane	4. Irene 5. Edward 6. Shelby Rufus 7. Willis
<u>Ruth Winifred Hodges</u> b. 28 Feb 1905 w. Hayward, OK d. w. m. (1) 21 Dec. 1924 To Asa H. Fortney Children: 1. Gail 2. ELEANOR m. (2) July 1933 To Arthur F. Berbohn Children: 3. Dwaine 4. Cecil 5. Rowena	m. 9 Dec. 1898 w. Perry, Ok. To Maude Emma Smith Children: 1. John Wm. 2. RUTH WINIFRED 3. Olive Marie 4. Mattie Louise 5. Ada Juanita 6. Ida Margarite 7. Roy James	1. Chloe 2. Jesse 3. Mattie 4. Winifred 5. JOHN NAPOLEAN 6. Nettie 7. Ruth 8. James		8. James 9. Merrit 10. Younger

THE VAWTER FAMILY IN AMERICA

Grace (Vawter) Bicknell (1864-1952) was the author of original history in The Vawter Family In America, 442 pages. Helen K. Vawter of Tacoma, WA read some old letters written by her father (James Alois Bachman Vawter, p. 160 Bicknell) to her mother in 1905. In these letters were references to this book, see below:

On October 12, 1905 he wrote, "So the books have shown up at last. Are they interesting and worth the price? Probably more so to me. There will be six dollars to send to Mrs. Grace Bicknell at Grand Haven, Mich. She certainly has confidence in the Vawter tribe to send them without money in advance. Yes, my Grand-dad and Grandma were cousins and I can just remember him but don't think I was over 9 yrs. old when he died.

On October 16, 1905 he wrote, "The book, I think is a treasure. Of course no one that is not familiar with family history can take the same interest but to me it will be a great pleasure. I read nearly all of Friday night so that Saturday night my eyes hurt and I had to put it away. That small picture of my Granddad looks very natural. I can just remember him. One thing that was a disappointment was that they did not give more physical description of them. I think most of my people were tall and rather slender. Well, I think Grace deserves great credit for getting up such a splendid record and so nicely arranged. Did you notice how it was indexed?"

NEWS FROM THE PAST

From: Bonita Welch and written by Associate Editor, Sally Brown of Tulsa, OK
Found: Indiana Historical Society Newsletter #64 - March 1984

David V. Burns stepped down after serving the Society as president 1974-1984. He said he will continue as a member of the board of Trustees to which he was elected in 1963.

Mr. Burns is a retired architect and has given invaluable service as Chairman of the State Library & Historical Building Expansion Commission. He was an active member of the Society's Library Committee for the Preservation of Indiana's Architectural Archives.

Mr. Burns father, Lee Burns, likewise is an Indianapolis architect, interested in history, and served as a member of the Society's Executive Committee from 1920-1945. Lee Burns was the son of Harrison & Mary (Smyth) Burns - was b. 19 April 1872 in Bloomfield, IN.

Line: John, David, Jesse, William, Marie (Vawter) Burns, Harrison Burns, Lee Burns.

NOTE: A reprint of The Vawter Family in America can be purchased for \$7.00 (post paid) from: Mrs. Walter Reynolds, R.R. #1, Butlerville, IN 47223

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MEMORIAL

Rupert Pike of Booneville, MI died 6 Sept. 1987. He and his wife, Christine, were among the hosts to the 1986 Reunion at Tupelo, MI. He will be remembered by all those who attended that reunion as the delightful harmonica player at the Fish Fry.

Ronald Deane Vawter, born 17 May 1942, died 30 Oct. 1987. He was the son of Ronald Earl & Pauline Vawter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The VVV's will be happy to know that Jimmy Vaughters of Memphis, TN is recovering nicely from 6 - coronary Bypass surgery. Jimmy and wife Norma were missed at the Indiana reunion.

Congratulations to Roger Wicker of Tupelo, MI who was elected State Senator from Lee County, MS on November 3. Roger and wife, Gayle, were among the hosts to the 1986 Reunion in Tupelo. Rogers past experience: Counsel to the Rules Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, Tupelo City Judge Pro Tem and Lee County Public Defender.

Bill Vawter of Houston, TX honored - The Mayor of Houston and the Harris County Commissioners Court declared December 3 Bill Vawter Day in both city and the county.

The Area Planning Agency on Aging, with which Bill has worked for over ten years, presented the proclamations and citations to Bill at its meeting December 3. He has been on the Advisory Commission of this body which channels federal money to various organizations serving senior citizens. Bill has also served on the Governor's Commission on Aging, and has attended two White House Conferences on Aging.

From: Beth Sabel, Circulation: Editor : Newsletter Update

The newsletter is mailed to 396 homes

17 to genealogy societies by Bonita Welch

6 to Esther Vawter to mail out to prospective members

Each mailing time four or five are returned. So, please let Beth know of any address changes that you are aware of.

We have members in 41 states and in Africa, Canada, England and Mexico. Texas leads with 61 members. Eight states have none.

QUERY

From: Sherry Baker Krueger, 1217 Ridgewood Circle, Southlake, TX 76092 - You will note Sherry's "cousin" chart in this issue.

Would like to know more about John Stribling who married Lucy Dohoney, the daughter of Winifred (Vawter) Donhoney. The Striblings & Dohoneys lived in Virginia and Kentucky. My gap begins when the Vawters went to Indiana. John died 29 July 1814 and I cannot find any records so far in VA or KY. There is a chance he and family migrated to IN with the Vawters as did his brother, Thomas T. Stribling in 1809.

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June 27, 1988

REUNION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Speaking for the Reunion Committee I personally invite you to attend the 11th annual nationwide V/V/V/ Family Association Reunion to be held August 4th thru 7th, 1988 at the Holiday Inn in Gainesville, Ga. Reservation Info: (1988 Summer News Letter) or call 404-536- 4451 and mention the VVV reunion, cut off date July 1. The Summer N/L mentioned some memorial Georgia events but left out one (July 3, 1942). Can you guess what it was for? answer later.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Thursday Aug. 4:

4:00 PM - Meeting room "C" available for early arrivals

7:00 PM - Informal get together with slides of England Trip by John Taylor. Early registration

Friday Aug. 5:

8:00 AM - Officers breakfast meeting

8:00 AM - Registration

10:00 AM - Opening session

Call to order (M. Glen Vawter, Pres.)

Invocation

Welcome remarks

Historical Talk by Sybil McKay, Hall Co. Historian

Business meeting

12:00 - Noon lunch on your own

1:00 PM - Plan your own: #1 Car caravan to Elberton, Ga. where the Vaughter Family first settled in Georgia and still live. #2 Car caravan to Dawson County, will visit Methodist Camp Ground and area of early settlers first residence. #3 How To session in meeting room "C" to explore information gathering and sharing. (Evening meal on your own).

7:00 PM - Speaker, Edith Goodson
Door Prizes
Open discussion, Jim Vaughters

Saturday Aug. 6:

Breakfast on your own
9:00 AM - Meet in front of Holiday Hall for bus tour with
lunch, back no later than (4:00 PM)
6:30 PM - Banquet in Holiday Hall (cost \$12.00)
Final business meeting
Memorial service
Door prizes

Sunday Aug. 7:

Breakfast on your own
10:00 AM - Depart for Church service at Bethel Baptist
Church, Dawsonville, Ga.
12:00 - Checkout time at Holiday

Saturday night banquet reservations have to be in by Wednesday night. Those who have Holiday room reservations will be counted as attending the banquet so if you plan not to attend or are staying somewhere else you will need to contact Charles Burt Sr. RT 5, Box 5503 Dawsonville, Ga. 30534 Phone 404-265-6103.

Again I want to thank Charles Burt Sr. for the work by his committee on preparing for this years reunion. The door prizes are enjoyed by all so bring your handywork and crafts. I will have another clock there. Lets show Charles that we can all turn out and give him a great reunion.

I have "Georgia on my mind" how about you?

Sincerely,

M. Glen Vawter: : :
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THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL VVV FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

It will take place August 4 thru 6 at the Holiday Inn in Gainesville, Georgia. The reservation cut off date is July 1 for our allotted rooms. Reservations may be made by phone to 404-536-4451 and be sure to mention you are attending the VVV Reunion. Check in time is 4:00 p.m. and check out time is noon. The cost is \$46.00 for single plus 10% tax.

All meals will be on your own except the Saturday lunch and Banquet. The cost of the banquet will be \$12.00. There are coffee shops, restaurants and fast food places across the street and within walking distance.

You have a choice of activities on Friday:

1 - Short car caravan to historical points of interest:

Dawson County Methodist Camp Ground. This site was used by the Indians for a religious meeting place before white man arrived in the United States.

Dawson County Courthouse - the brick to build this building was made by slave labor.

Vaughter land which is mainly in timber and where Vaughters are still living. There is a Vaughter cemetery located on this land.

2 - A time to discuss and learn the technique of family history research.

SATURDAY - A tour which will include the Dahlonega Gold Museum in Lumpkin County - a state historic site which is housed in a refurbished county courthouse. Legend has it that the museum sits atop a major gold vein. Two miles north of Dahlonega on U.S. 19, Crission Mines offers an opportunity (for a fee) for the panning of gold and you can keep what you find. Cost of the tour - lunch - museum is approximately \$13.50.

EVERYONE - remember to bring items of your craft or hobby for door prizes which will be drawn Friday and Saturday nights.

The Memorial Service will be held at the conclusion of the Saturday night banquet. Names and info for this service should be sent to our president. See above for address. His phone number is 309-452-4872.

SOME HISTORY OF GEORGIA

Georgia was the last of the original 13 colonies and was named in honor of George II of England. The practice of England to put people in prison for debts caused James Edward Oglethorpe to found a settlement at Savannah where they could make a fresh start - the year 1733. Protestant refugees from Central Europe found haven there also.

The Creek and Cherokee Indians had been living there before the white man arrived. Federal treaties of 1817 & 1819 allowed Indians to become U.S. Citizens, but by the late 1820s, the agreements were being ignored and their land given to the white settlers. Then came the "Trail of Tears." and by 1838 they were all removed.

Fueling the interest in the Indian lands was the discovery of gold in 1828 near Dahlonega. Thousands of white miners flocked to the area. A Federal mint was established in 1830 issuing \$2.50, \$5, and \$10 coins. Only six \$5 piece, from that mint are known to be in existence today.

Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi River, has 159 counties, and is divided into five natural regions: the Cumberland Plateau, the Appalachia Valley, the Appalachian Mountains, the Piedmont Plateau and the Coastal Plain.

MEMORABLE GEORGIA EVENTS

The first transatlantic steamer SAVANNAH using sails as well as steam crossed the atlantic in 25 days.

The first painless operation in 1842 using sulphuric ether four years before it was publicly demonstrated.

Eli Whitney designed the first successful machine for separating cotton fiber from its seeds.

In 1912 in Savannah the first American Girl Scout troop was organized.

HALL COUNTY

Hall County has 48 parks - more parks than any other county in Georgia.

The county seat of Hall County is Gainsville.

In the decades preceding and following WW I, Hall County entered its first period of industrialization.

The most significant historical event in the 20th century was the construction of Lake Sidney Lanier by the U. S. Corps of Engineers. The lake, created in 1957 by damming the Chattahoochee River at the southern tip of the county, covered about 25,000 acres of Hall County. There are 380 miles of shoreline and has become the most popular water-oriented recreation facility in the U. S. with about 15 million visitors every year. One of the major attractions is Lake Lanier Islands, a 1,200 acre resort which has a golf course, lodge and conference center, swimming beaches, campground, marina with boat rentals, picnic grounds and an outdoor amphitheater.

GAINSVILLE

Mule Camp Springs was a trading post located at the confluence of two Indian trails. In April 1821, it was chartered as Gainsville. In December of 1823 Gainsville was designated as the County Seat of Justice for Hall County.

The arrival of the railroad caused the economic fortunes of Gainsville to expand. It became incorporated in 1870 and became a resort center. As early as 1849 White Sulphur Springs was the resort where the wealth and fashion of the state gathered. Patrons were drawn by the cooler summer climate and the healing springs nearby.

Karen Ruth (Cornwell) Bowman (Granddaughter of Harold Raymond Cornwell)
 3900 W. 126th Street
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“Cousins chart”

					<u>JOHN VAWTER</u>
					b. ca 1691
					w.
					d. 1752
				<u>RICHARD VAWTER</u>	m.
				b. ca. 1718	w.
				w. prob. Essex Co.	To: Margaret Noel
				VA.	b.
			<u>TABITHA VAWTER</u>	d. by 24 Mar 1803	w.
				w. Culpepper Co. VA.	d. 1756
			b.	m	w. Culpepper Co VA
			w. Albermarle co. VA	w.	CHILDREN:
			d	To Frances Towles	1. Bartholomew
		<u>WILLIAM V. ROUSE</u>	w.	b. 8 May 1730	2. Angus
		b.	m. 17 Nov. 1795	w. Middlesex Co. VA	3. RICHARD
		w. VA	w. Madison Co., VA	d. by 26 Dec. 1811	4. David
		d. by 18 Dec. 1848.	To Adam Rouse	w. Madison Co., VA	5. Margaret
		w. Hardin Co. KY	b. 1763	CHILDREN	6. Winifred
		m. 27 Oct. 1815	w.	1. John	
		w. Madison Co. VA	d. by 28 Jan 1847	2. Russell	
		To: Fanny Carver	w. Madison Co. VA	3. Ann	
		b.	CHILDREN:	4. Nancy	
		w. VA	1. WILLIAM V.	5. Margaret	
		d.	2. Alphe	6. Lucy	
		w. KY	3. Jameson Vawter	7. TABITHA	
		CHILDREN:	4. Harriet	8. Alphe	
		1. Martha M.		9. Beverly	
		2. Granville V.		10. Omega	
		3. James Albert			
		4. Eliza			
		5. WILLIAM JAMISON			
		6. Tabartha			
		7. Mollie			
		8. Omega			
		9. Reuben			
		10. Noah C.			
	<u>WILLIAM JAMISON ROUSE</u>				
	b. 27 June 1825				
	w. Madison Co. VA				
	d. 26 Apr. 1908				
<u>LUCY SCIENE ROUSE</u>	w. Osborne, KS				
b. 23 Sept. 1877	m. 30 May 1864 (3 rd)				
w. Osborne Co., KS	w. Meade Co. KY				
d. 26 Apr. 1969	To: Julia Magdalene				
w. Osborne Co., KS	Straney				
m. 3 Mar. 1898	b. 4 Oct. 1842				
w. Osborne Co., KS	w. Bullitt Co., KY				
TO: Walter William	d. 3 Feb. 1901				
Cornwell	w. Osborne Co., KY				
b. 29 Mar. 1871	CHILDREN:				
w. Cleveland, Ohio	1. Eunice Sarah				
d. 12 Mar. 1966	2. Chrisdavis Walter				
w. Osborne Co., KA	3. Carrie Rosella				
CHILDREN:	4. LUCY SCIENA				
1. HAROLD RAYMOND	5. Cyrus Merrick				
2. Herbert Lee					

OLD AURORA COLONY

Excerpts from: Sunset Magazine, Jan. 1988, p. 46; a booklet, The Story of Old Aurora by Clark M. Will; and correspondence from the Aurora Historical Society.

Plain living was the ethic of a handful of German immigrants who in 1856 founded Aurora Colony, a Christian agricultural commune on the Pudding River 30 miles south of Portland, Oregon and 24 miles north of Salem, the State Capitol. Based on common ownership and equality, it was rich in social life, industry and mutual concern for each others wants and needs.

The records of the Aurora Colony Historical Society show that JOHN TAYLOR VAWTER united with the "Mother" Colony at Bethel, Missouri, 10 June 1846. His family was one of two American families to join the German Colony founded by a German preacher, Dr. William Keil/ Kyle. John's son Edward united with the colony 23 April 1863.(see Bicknell pp 109-112 for more information on the family and "Mother" Colony).

Edward, son of John T. and Pamela (Dwyer) Vawter in 1863 along with Dr. Keil and others of the colony migrated to Oregon by ox/mule team to found the Aurora Colony. There Edward married Barbara Kroher whose father was the colony cabinet maker. Their first son, George Adam, was born in Aurora.

During the following twelve years five ox/ mule caravans moved from the "Mother Colony" in Bethel, MO to the Aurora Colony. A church, hotel, homes, mills, barns and shops were built and the settlement flourished as a communal unit until the death of the founder, Dr. Keil, on the 30th of December 1877.

From its beginning to well past its heyday, Aurora was the center of cultural achievement. Schools of music, the classical languages (Greek and Latin), and natural sciences were taught by graduates of German universities and were well attended. There was craft instruction in weaving and the building trades. Soon these Colonists created a well balanced society. Their festive days were rich in cultural thought, music, and song.

It could not last It is gone.

BUT, Aurora is now re-establishing its pioneer atmosphere with antique stores tucked among turn-of-the century houses and other remnants of Colony life. Since 1974 the old Colony site at the heart of town has been on the National Register of Historical Places. Most of the buildings were built by the original settlers or their descendants.

Centerpiece of the historic district is the Ox Barn Museum. The musical instruments, large spinning wheel, hand loom, and treadle lathe all reflect the Colony' s reputation for fine music and crafts.

Line= John Taylor - Edward - George Adam - Edgar Frederick - Vernon Kenneth - Tim Vawter
b. 1813 b.. 1838 b. 1866 b. 1890 b. 1920 b. ?

Numerous descendants of Edward and Barbara (Kroher) Vawter as well as those by his 2nd wife, Catherine Gunnerman, live in Washington, Oregon and California. Note: The Aurora Colony Historical Society, P.O Box 202, Aurora, OR 97002, would like to have copies or originals of family photos, letters, or other documents which would add information to their VAWTER family file. They are mostly interested in the Colony period, but some indication of the genealogical trail from the Colony to the present day would be most appreciated. In addition they are interested in stories that family members were told about the Colony.

PROFILE -Dr. William Keil

Dr. William Keil, a man of strong magnetic personality, was born in Germany in 1812; immigrated to America in 1831, spent six years in New York, then moved to Pennsylvania in 1837. In Pennsylvania at the age of 25 he preached communal living, based on Biblical tracts, and in 1844 moved with a strong following to Missouri. After ten years he moved part of his followers to what is now Aurora, Oregon. Through their tireless efforts, a village rich in the satisfaction of good living blossomed forth in the valley. Soon it was heralded far and wide for its music, entertainment and excellent food.

JOHN TAYLOR VAWTER

John Taylor Vawter is buried in the Bethel-Hebron Cemetery in Missouri. This inscription appears on his grave:

John Taylor Vawter
Died May 2, 1906
Age 92 years

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

A precious one from us has gone
A voice we love is stilled
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled
God in His wisdom has recalled
The boon his love had given
And tho the body slumbers here
The soul is safe in haven

MEMORIAL

Walter Bachmann Vawter, son of Alfred Thomas Vawter & Minnie Leotha Vawter, died 4 January 1988 in Arcadia, CA. at age 87. (Alfred T. s/o John Watts Vawter and Louesa Bachman – Minnie L. d/o Jesse Holman Vawter & Martha Pyle. pp 161-163 Bicknell)

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Rose Whitley Vawter, b. 3 March in Tazewell, VA - died 16 Feb. 1988 in Brandon, FL. Rose was the d/o William A & Cosby Harrison Whitley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry A. Vawter.

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Betty Ferguson Vawter, b. 30 May in Jeffersonville, IN, d/o Harry T. Ferguson, died 25 January 1988. She is survived by her husband, Paul Vawter Sr., son Jay of Princeton N.J. and grandchildren Jane and Nancy Vawter.

Paul Vawter has contributed most of the Reminiscing stories in previous issues of the newsletter. He will be moving from Vernon Hills, IL to a retirement complex a few miles from Princeton, N.J. to live near his son Jay.

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Mail to: Hazel McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, Texas 75760

VERNON AS A MUSEUM OF INDIANA'S EDUCATIONAL HERITAGE From:

Susan Hall Heitzman, President of J.C.P.A.

The Jennings County Preservation Association, Inc. is spearheading plans for the restoration of historical schools of Vernon, Indiana. It is being helped by the Indiana Historical Landmarks Foundation, Historic Hoosier Hills Resource Conservation & Development Area and the North Vernon, Jennings County Chamber of Commerce, and the Department of Commerce, State of IN - Department of Education, State of Indiana.

This group's long-term goal is to protect and to restore most of the several old school buildings in Historic Vernon and help preserve Vernon's rich educational heritage. They want to start by building a reproduction of the log school house that was built near the "commons" in 1817. They want to give the current generation the experience of education our pioneers provided for their communities without state or federal aid.

Schedule of early schools: 1815-16 - Children met in the VAWTER home.

1817 - Log school built

1822 - Seminary (private high school) began

1830 - Seminary built and brick common school

1859 - Jennings Academy established

1880 - Black School

1800's - Normal school for teacher training

1922 - Elementary & high school combine in one new building.

1938-42 - Gym built by WPA, also used as a community bldg.

1964 - Jennings Co. Consolidated school created, only Elementary school in Vernon.

1985 - New elementary school built five miles away and Vernon school closed.

Vernon reached its apex right before the Civil War and new railroad routes limited its destiny. The possibilities for preserving an important Hoosier legacy is here and now.

There is a very close connection between Vernon, IN and the VVVFA because John Vawter (s/o Jesse) was the founder of Vernon (Bicknell p 3) and other Vawter ancestors in the history of the area.

NOTE:

The cousins chart in this issue is the last one I have on hand. I would appreciate having others sent to me for publication. (Karen Ruth (Cornwell) Bowman.) She said she would appreciate receiving letters from other members of this branch of the Vawter family. That's what it is all about! Your newsletter editor, Esther.



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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HIGHLIGHTS-MEMORIES-ANNOUNCEMENTS

The eleventh annual VVVFA reunion is over as is the shock of all those Vaughters in Georgia. We want to extend a big welcome to all of them to join our family association and be a special part of the VVV's across the United States. Charles Burt, our host, did a great job on including all his cousins. Altogether there were 64 from Georgia who attended.

In attendance Texas came in second and Tennessee beat Mississippi by one for third place. This year was a record for California with nine from that state. We missed some of our regular attenders very much and we send you our love.

There were around 50 some early birds who met to visit, look at John Taylor's slide presentation of his visit to the Valletort Castle in England, a few shots in France and his travels. There was browsing among the picture albums, binder of all the previous VVVFA newsletters, newspaper clippings. Bonita Welch brought 12 books of poems by James Whitcomb Riley and illustrated by Will Vawter. She sold all but one. Over 30 gifts, most handmade, were brought in for the drawing of door prizes Friday and Saturday nights.

Friday 10 a.m.

This began the official opening of our reunion. Jonathan Vaughters of CO was not there to ring our cow bell. He was in PA winning a third place bronze medal in a national bicycle race. He is the 15 year old son of Jim Vaughters, one of our former presidents.

Invocation was given by Rev. John H. Vawter of TX. Reports were given by the officers. The main speaker was unable to attend. Members of the association spoke.

Friday 1:00 & 1:30

At 1:00 a caravan of nine cars left for Elberton, GA, the Granite Capital of the U.S. The 160 mile round trip was spiced by frequent downpours of rain. The rain was a blessing to the area because of the drought, but it made driving hazardous. All nine cars arrived safely at the lovely old Harmony Baptist Church and were warmly welcomed by the Rev. Don Weber. A brief history of the church was given by Doug Vaughters and some genealogy of

the Vaughters by John Carlson, Jr. By then the rain had stopped and everyone went out to the cemetery next to the church to see the Vaughters' graves. John Vaughters (1750-1817) who married Joannah Vernon is buried there. He was one of the first settlers in the area and a cotton farmer.

Also buried there are:

A. Tate Vaughter 1902 – 1969 and his wife Gussie M. 1910-
Emmett A. Vaughter 1854 – 1934 and his wife Addi 1875 – 1928
William Howard Vaughter 1896 – 1963
J. Benson Vaughter 1845 – 1912
Mary Beulah Vaughter 1874 – 1959
Francis H. Vaughter 1903 – 1976
Lettie Vaughter, wife of E. H. Sanders 1841 – 1907
Frances Vaughter Sanders 1850 – 1945
Richard B. Vaughter 1855 – 1935
Thomas F. Vaughter 1852 – 1934

While we were walking around the cemetery, Swift and Julian Vaughter joined us. These two men live on the 600 acre farm which has been in their family since 1805. The original house on this land is where they live today. The family cemetery is on the farm also. Swift and Julian are 88 years old and 82 years old respectively, even though they both look much younger. Their father was a soldier in the Civil War. He had joined the Confederate Army when he was sixteen years of age. There is an old country store on the road near the house which the brothers keep open for the sake of tradition because it has been there and run by the family for more than 100 years.

In the family cemetery on their land are buried:

Richard Vawter died 1850 – his brother,
Linsey Vaughter 1808 – 1863 - son
Jesse - 1848 – 1849
Mary McMullen Hull Vaughter 1812 – 1890

Bill Vawter of Houston, Texas, was especially pleased to visit the Harmony Baptist Church because his great, great grandparents, Richard Vawter & Cynthia McGuire Vawter were married in the church on November 11, 1806.

This trip was significant because it added a wealth of information to the VVVF Association records about the VAUGHTER(S) branch of the family. Charles Burt told us that this area had the largest concentration of Vaughter(s) than any place in the U.S. The reason for the spelling change is just speculation, but the change of spelling took place sometime before the 1850 census.

The above report was written by Sally Brown, Associate Editor and edited by Esther M. Vawter, Newsletter Editor.

The 1:30 caravan of two cars made a trip to Dawson County, Ga. to visit the Lumpkin Methodist Campground with a scenic drive along Etowah River Road. They made stops at the Palmour homes and the Green Russell Family homes. Green Russell is reported to have been one of the first settlers of Denver, CO. He and some of his brothers were in on all of the major gold strikes in the U.S.

Charles Burt lead this caravan. He is a walking Chamber of Commerce having knowledge of facts and stories of this whole area. The association appreciates the effort Charles made in planning these tours for those interested in genealogy and those interested in the scenic area and homes.

Friday 7:00 p.m.

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The speaker of the evening was Edith Goodson of California. Her title was "You Can Work on Your Genealogy Wherever You Are". Her husband was a civilian employee of the government and has worked in the Asian area and Germany. She visited the Mormon Library in Germany and through them added to her family history. Her talk included stories of her various experiences and feelings in researching her tree. She closed with a poem titled Why Should We Care About Genealogy.

This was followed by stories of early life, Civil War and one room school houses. Blanche Murff spoke of a book in her possession "Prison Life in Dixie" by John Beverly Vawter (s/o Pascal Vawter of the Philemon line). It is a living account of the battle of Atlanta and experiences as a prisoner at Andersonville, GA. Jim Corbitt is taking the book home with him to get prices on reproducing copies. The evening ended with the drawing of around 17 door prizes.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Two Greyhound buses left for the tour to Dahlonega, GA in Lumpkin County to visit the Gold Museum. It is a state historic site and is housed in a refurbished county courthouse. A 30 minute slide presentation showed the history of gold mining by stories from residents. There were glass cases telling of the history of gold mining in the area.

The Gold Museum was centered in town with streets going around it. There were shops of craft, china and jewelry located around the square. One bus load at a time visited the Gold Museum while the other bus load browsed in the shops.

Going and coming back points of interest were pointed out. On one section of the road Charles Burt pointed out the houses on both sides were lived in by Vaughters. Saw the North Georgia College Campus and stopped to view the Amocalola Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in the southeastern United States, cascading 729 feet located 12 miles from Dawsonville, GA. A picnic lunch was served in the Dawson County Park.

On the way back to Gainsville we stopped at the Bethel Baptist Church, also known as the Shoalls Creek Church, to stop at the cemetery. The donation project for this reunion amounted to \$313.13 for the Bethel Church cemetery Fund. In the cemetery were found the graves of

Homer C. Vaughters, b. & Apr. 1885, d. 11 Dec. 1944 and wife Emma W. b. 17 Apr. 1888, d. 4 June 1969

Linzey Vaughters, b. 12 Oct. 1883, d. 12 June 1960

Tomie A., b. 20 Sept. 1887, d. 21 Dec. 1965

Rev. George R. Vaughters, b. 29 May 1860, d. 30 Mar. 1936

Wife #1 - Epsy, b. 7 Aug. 1861, d. 12 July 1916

Wife #2 - Minnie Mae, b. 15 June 1888, d. 6 June 1952

Jane Vaughters, b. 9 Mar. 1774, d. 12 Jan. 1884 "A Model Christian mother" known as the Mother of the Vaughters family.

Marinda K. Vaughters, b. 24 Oct. 1835, d. 20 July 1926 "Mother was the charm of our home."

Saturday 6:30 p.m.

A gathering of the VVV's for the banquet in their best bib and tucker. The oldest (84) member present was Ted Vawter of Colorado - the youngest was Justin Disharoon age 9 mo., parents Curtis & Heather from Dawsonville & grandparents, Alice & Hoyt Disharoon.

The VVV coming the longest distance was Beth Sabel from Portland, Oregon 2,700. The roll call of states showed VVV's from 15 States with 144 present; 59 of them first timers.

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Election

The new president: Marvin D. Vawter of MO

The new Vice-pres: John H. Vawter of TX

New Assist. tres.: Sue Vawter of TX

The remaining officers are the same.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 23rd Psalm and the poem "In Parting From Loved Ones" was read. White carnations were placed in a vase for each person.

1. Lester Edward Vawter of Blanchard, Iowa passed away 19 Oct. 1987 at age 83. He was the s/o George Granville & Nancy Beal Vawter and the grandson of Robert Vawter p. 402 Bicknell.

2. Walter Bachmann Vawter, Acadia, CA. passed away 4 Jan. 1988 at the age of 87. He was the s/o Alfred Thomas Vawter & Minnie Leotha Vawter. Alfred was the s/o John Watts & Louesa Bachmann Vawter - Minnie Vawter was the d/o Jesse Holman & Martha Pyle Vawter, p. 161, 163 Bicknell.

3. The Rev. Raymond V. Waters, Dawsonville, GA passed away 9 Jan. 1988 at age 66. He was a lifetime resident of Dawson County and a licensed Baptist minister.

4. Lucille Lula Cupp, Jay, OK passed away 12 January 1988 at age 69, sister of Edith Goodson.

5. Betty Ferguson Vawter passed away 25 Jan. 1988. She was born in Jeffersonville, IN. She is survived by her husband, Paul Vawter Sr., and a son Jay of Princeton, NJ. Paul Sr. is moving from Vernon Hills, IL to Princeton, NJ.

6. Rose Whitley Vawter passed away 16 Feb. 1988 in Brandon, FA, She was the d/o Wm A. & Cosby Harrison Whitley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry A. Vawter.

7. Carl Willis Cupp passed away 28 March 1988 in Tulsa, OK at age 76. He was the s/o Luther & Florence Cupp. He was born 4 June 1911 in Davenport, OK and was the brother of Edith Goodson, and of Lucille Lula Cupp above.

8. Willie J. Fields passed away 1 April 1988 in Dawsonville, GA. He was the husband of Tomie Vaughters and was buried in the Bethel Baptist Church cemetery.

9. Ethel Carson passed away 5 April 1988 in Seymoor, IN at age 93. She was born 20 Sept. 1894 in Jennings Co. IN. She was the dau. of Edwin Carson & Eva Jennie Holsclaw p. 139 Bicknell.

10. Margaret E. Taylor passed away 11 April 1988 in Anderson, IN. She was born 27 Nov. 1908 and was the aunt of Bonita Welch.

11. Alfred Buell Vawter passed away 14 April 1988 in the Veterans Home in Yountville, CA. He was born 30 June 1892.

A brother Vernon Monroe Vawter died in Tacoma, WA 27 June 1983. He was born 13 July 1895, p 160. Bicknell.

Their sister is Helen K. Vawter of Tacoma and a member of the VVVFA.

12. James C. Nixon passed away 27 April 1988 at W. Helena, AK at age 74. He descends from John Vawter IV of Tishomingo Co., MS. His family was part of the hosts of the 1986 VVV Reunion in Tupelo, MS. His mother, Mrs. Willard Nixon was the oldest member present at the Mississippi reunion.

13. Steven M. Anderson Schapure passed away 7 May 1988 at age 3 months & 12 days in Bloomington, IL, s/o Michael Schapure & grandson of Wilma Schapure present at reunion.

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The remaining door prizes were given out. The VVVFA President, M. Glenn Vawter closed out the year with this message: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Family Association for letting me serve them as President for the past two years. It was an honor and a privilege that I will always look back on with fond memories. I want to thank all of the officers and committees for assisting me with a special thanks to Bonita Welch (87 reunion) and Charles Burt, (88 reunion) for their efforts and a job well done. Thank you." M. Glenn Vawter.

A framed Certificate of Appreciation was presented to past president, Robert L. Vawter 1985-86 by president, Glenn Vawter.

Points of interest -

The Rev. Boyd Vaughters, father of first timer, Clayton Vaughters, was the minister of the Bethel Baptist Church for five years, 1969-1974. George Vaughters (deceased) was also minister of the Bethel Baptist church.

Lloyd Harben is running for County School Superintendent. His grandparents were James & Jane Vaughters.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

A group of VVV's attended Bethel Baptist Church and presented the \$313.13 project offering for the cemetery fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A RUCKER reunion is planned for Oct. 1 & 2 at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Marcus L. Watson (Anna), Hwy 33, Box 56, Ruckersville, VA 22968 Tel. (804) 985-2482

If you need a space to park your RV, please contact Anna at the above address and she will arrange a spot for you.

A "Pig Roast" is planned and tours of cemeteries and old Rucker homes.

Stella Vaughter Christman & Wayne Sheldon Wadley were joined in marriage on June 2, 1988 at Smyth County, Virginia.

Beth & Joe Melton, proud grandparents, wish to announce that a girl, Aisha Lorena Howard was born 5-18-1988 - 6 lbs. 4 oz. to Randy & Anne Howard.

NEW MEMBERS

Clarence Hill, 1757 Shawna Court, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Josephine J. Vawter Parker, 160277 Graham, Indianapolis, IN 46218

Donald G. Vaughters, Rt. #3, Box 3110 B, Dawsonville, GA 30534

MEMORIAL

Hennie Dee Boulware age 91 of Beckville, TX died 26 July 1988. She was born 16 Oct. 96 in Kilgore, TX d/o Edgar Lee & Mary Sterrett Marshall. She was a member of First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for more than 50 years.

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Gertrude Alexander Vawter age 100 died 28 May 1988 in Monroe, IA. She was a native of Bloomfield, MO and moved to Monroe in 1919.

GLEANINGS

DAR magazine, August/September 1984, page 470

New Ancestor Records

VAWTER, Benjamin, b. ca 1760, d. 3-9-1815, m. Susannah - Pvt. VA

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QUERIES

From: Delmyra D. Meeks, 201 Trailwood Drive, Herber Springs, AK 72543

I have a VAWTER ancestor and am very interested in becoming a member of your Vawter family group. My ancestor is Margaret, b. ca. 1670, the dau. of Bartholomew who married Robert Rutherford. "The Vawter Families in America" says little about my ancestor. Can you tell me more?

Reply to Delmyra's query by E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA. (Edited by Editor)

Bartholomew Vawter, the progenitor of the VAWTER families in America, died in 1717 in Essex Co., VA...His will dated 16 Aug. 1717 named JOHN his eldest son to receive the plantation. WILLIAM & DAVID to divide a parcel of land, being hopeful that David would be of age (21). To his daughter MARGARET he gave a cow & calf and to his two youngest sons, EDWARD & BENJAMIN (teenagers), "All my estate, both within doors and without, to be equally divided when they become age 21 years".

In his second book, Mr. Rutherford had found the Court record that Bartholomew had given a cow/calf to a MARGARET RUTHERFORD., dau. of Robert Rutherford in July 1688 and came to the conclusion that Robert Rutherford Jr. had married Bartholomew's dau. Margaret in 1687 and the heifer was a gift to their daughter Margaret, Bartholomew's grand daughter. To make the numbers come out, he claimed Bartholomew was b. 1640 and that he came to America with a 1st wife and children, Margaret, John & William, then later married Winifred Hodgson and had sons, David, Benjamin & Edward. There are fallacies to this, three out of several more are listed below:

1. Bartholomew would have been age 77 when he died, a little old to have two teenage boys.

2. There was a deposition in Court 10 Aug. 1692 that Robert Rutherford Sr. stated his age about 58 and his wife Margaret about 48. Robert Rutherford Jr. could possibly have had a sister named Margaret Rutherford to whom the heifer was given in 1688. The mystery is the circumstances surrounding the gift.

3. "Cavaliers & Pioneers" by N. Nugent (1977) p. 372 states: John Salmond, patented 61A. in Rappahanock Co., (Essex) Importation of two persons, Bartholomew Vawter and Mary Burkett. No headrights have ever been found for a wife and three children of Bartholomew's.

Historians for the TINSLEY family hold that Margaret Vawter, dau. of Bartholomew married Thomas Tinsley, s/o Thomas & Sarah H. (Jackson) Tinsley. Historians for the VERNON family hold the same. The Vernons & Tinsleys inter-married with the Vawters in subsequent generations, so until further evidence develops, it is not clear who Margaret married. For me, the "Jury is still out" on just who Margaret married.
From: Barbara Kelsey Boese, 207 E. Market, Dodge City, KS 67801-5828, Ph. 318-225-5925

My Wilford Allen was b. ca 1807 in KY., then probably went to Ripley of Dearborn Counties, IN. in the late teens or early 20's. I think I have some brothers or first cousins - mainly by the names they have given their children, but nothing positive on parents for any of them.

My Wilford Allen married twice in Ripley Co., IN to sisters - Mary Ann Permelia Connell and then her widowed sister, Sarah Prudence (Connell) Livingston.

I started working on people connected by marriage, blood, in-law, step relationships, in wills and deeds and just neighbors. I kept running across the VAWTER name. I would appreciate any information you can give me about this family.

From: Lois J. Maier, 8985 Haveteur Way, San Diego, CA 92123

I am looking for descendants of two VAWTER families who were married in Prince Edward Co., VA ca 1830; Agnes McCune m. Thomas L. Vawter 17 Sept. 1827; her sister Martha m. as a second husband, Edward P. Vawter, 4 Dec. 1834 (she was a young widow). I have been unable to find these to families listed in a printed census anywhere.

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The eleventh annual VVV reunion in Gainsville, GA took place August 5 through 8 with the following attending all or part of the reunion, a total 144 from 15 states.

Our host, Charles Burt was able to get a host of his cousins to attend the banquet Saturday night and they were a welcome sight.

CALIFORNIA

Glen & Marge Vawter
Esther M. Vawter
Lee & Edith Goodson
John & Ellen McDaris
DeWitt & Jared McDaris

COLORADO

Ted & Lydia Vawter
Lorene Grippa

DELEWARE

Robert & Mary Vawter II
Robert & Amanda Vawter III
Robert (Bobbee) & Donna Vawter

FLORIDA

Dorothy Vawter

GEORGIA

Charles & Betty Burt, Sr.
Chuck Burt
Timothy & Cheryl Glasgow
Kristen Glasgow
Pam Puckett
Clayton Hodge
E. C. Vaughter
Frances Stowers
Ina Bannister
Anne Stovall
Doug & Retha Vaughters
Margie Provine
Jeff & Sherry Disharoon
Pat Vaughters Herndon
John Carlson, Jr.
S. B. & Rebecca Vaughters
Brice Vaughters

(Georgia Cont.)

Carol Sellars
Jenny Sellars
Steve Vaughters
Flora Waters
Alice Disharoon
Steve Glasgow
Jewell Gelbert
Gary & Debra Vaughters
Carl & Ola Swafford
Lula Thompson
Wilma Vaughters
Mahala Vaughters
Clayton Vaughters
Louis & Helen Beardson
Charlie & Lois Vaughters
Charles Vaughters
Jerry Waters
Button Waters
Timothy & Nancy Vaughters
Eddie Garrett
Eula Mae Shelnut
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RENOWNED GENEALOGIST, WILIARD HEISS DIES

Willard Heiss of Indianapolis, IN., an internationally recognized genealogist died 10 August at the age of 67.

Heiss was an expert on Quaker history & Genealogy and a Fellow of both the National Genealogical Society & the American Society of Genealogists, author of a number of important reference books, was head of the Records & Microfilm Division of the City of Indianapolis for 25 years.

Heiss also edited the Indiana Historical Society publication GENEALOGY. He wrote columns and book reviews for the Genealogy Week section of the Tr-State Trader for six years (now named Antique Week). From 1977-1986 he wrote a column on genealogy in the Indianapolis News.

Willard Heiss was our guest speaker at the August 1982 VVV Reunion. It was also at this reunion I was elected your Newsletter Editor.

AAAS FELLOW

Burt L. Monroe, III, son of Dr. & Mrs. Burt Monroe, Jr. of Louisville, KY was an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellow this past summer. He worked at Cable News Network in Atlanta, GA.

AAAS Mass Media Science & Engineering Fellows are college and graduate students in science and engineering who work for ten weeks as reporters, researchers, and production assistants at newspapers and magazines and at television and radio stations across the country. Monroe was one of 12 students selected to participate in this program from 164 applicants, He was also a finalist for the 1988 Rhode Scholarship as one of two Kentucky state nominees.

Monroe received his B.S. degree in electrical engineering from the University of Louisville. He has also received a Hugh Hampton Young Scholarship for graduate study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

During 1986-87 Monroe was a student trainee for NASA, Langly Research Center where he worked in the computer systems, electronic and crew/vehicle interface branches. He is a student member of both the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Association of Computing Machinery.

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MEMORIAL

Wallace Read Vawter, died 24 June 1988 at his home in Ajijic, Jalesco, Mexico at age 85.

In 1928 he began a distinguished 35 year career with the US Federal Government which included eight years a Regional Director with the US Bureau of the Budget, four years as Senior Specialist in Engineering and Public Works for the Library of Congress, and five with the State Dept. in Thailand. He finished his career as Deputy Director of the US Aid Mission to Indonesia in Djakarta. Wallace Read was profiled in three editions of "Who's Who in America".

Following his retirement in 1963, he and his wife of 62 years, Helen (Cripe), moved to Ajijic, Mexico. He is survived by his wife, Helen, son Read; two daughters, Nancy & Jane, and four grandchildren.

Line of Wallace Read: John, David, Jesse, William, Philemon & Everett Bates Vawter, page 151 in: The Vawter Family in America by Grace Vawter Bicknell.

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The Rev. Louis F. Meek, Ph D, b. 12 May 1915 in KS, d. 24 Sept. 1988 in AZ. He m. 17 May 1941 to Roberta (Bobbie)VAWTER. His schooling: Received his B.S. from Kansas State U., B Th. from Omaha Presbyterian Theological Seminary, MA from Adams State College and Ph D. from U. of Wyoming.

Rev. Meek had model railroading as a hobby since the 1950's. He was a Mason (32) and a charter member of the Sun Cities Art Museum.

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Charles E. Vawter, of Tacoma, WA, died 5 August 1988 at age 87. He is survived by two daughters, Mildred Ruud of East Olympia, WA and Grace Day of Bellevue, WA.

ADDITIONAL GENEALOGY

From: Aureline Vawter Slade, 2701 Hunting St., Monroe, LA 71201

Additional information for the genealogy in the Spring 1986 issue of the newsletter. This information is for child #7 found on p. 16 of Vol. 10 #3. This genealogy tells of the descendants of William & Mary Rucker compiled by E.B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA.

#7 EDGAR SOUTHER VAWTER, s/o Thomas Pierce Vawter

b. 8 June 1892, d. 1938, m. Gertrude Alexander. Edgar was nick-named "Red".

CHILDREN:

1. Helen Harwood, b. 1911 (DAR 438011), m. David Agnew - no issue
2. Emolove, b. 1915, m. A. Paul Cooper

CHILDREN: 1. William Hite, b. 1938

CHILDREN: 1. Kelly Ann, b. 1966

2. Dustin Alexander, b. 1969

2. Mary Ann, b. 1939, m. Robert Norvell

CHILDREN: 1. Jay Randall Reichman, b. 1960

2. Erik Reichman, b. 1964

3. Ada Aureline, b. 1920, m. Charles Slade - no issue

1989 REUNION

Start making plans for the 12th National VVV Family Reunion to take place August 4, 5, & 6 with early birds arriving Thursday (3rd) afternoon and evening. The location is Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. Past president, M. Glen Vawter is reunion chairman and host. Start working on your hand crafts for the door prizes. More about the hotel and location in the next newsletter.

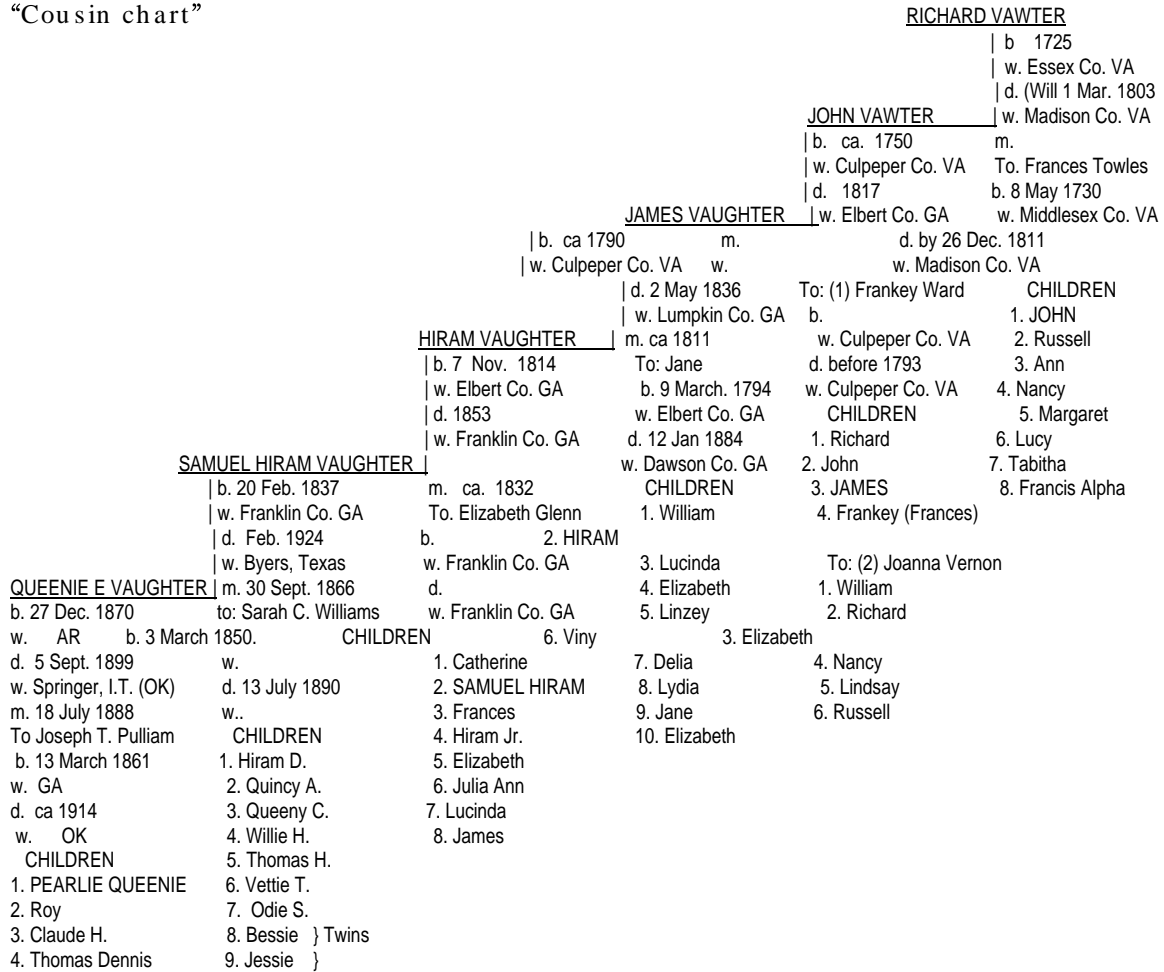
You might start thinking about a donation to our "love" project. Past projects: Vawter Church in VA, Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, and Jacinto Foundation, Inc. which is doing the restoration of the historical village complex.

Ancestors of Jack Thomas Smith s/o
Thomas Gardner Smith & Pearlle Queenie Pulliam

Mrs. Jack T. Smith (Jane)
7543 East 28th Street
Tulsa, OK 74129

(Richard s/o John)

“Cousin chart”



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MY VISIT TO AURORA COLONY IN OREGON

From: Beth Sabel, 931 S.E. 33rd Ave., Portland, OR 97214-4279

At long last I was able to go to Aurora to see where the colony from Bethel, MO settled (see Bicknell pp. 109-111 - John Taylor Vawter and family).

They first went into Washington state but the area they had planned to live in was too wet to farm, so they moved to Oregon and farmed 18,000 acres of land; which if I punched the right buttons on my calculator comes to 28.125 square miles.

The Historical Society had an excellent slide show and commentary about the colony history. They had but a few pictures that could be purchased. Shortly before the colony started west, Dr. Wm Keil, founder, promised his 19 year old son that he could drive the lead wagon. However, a few days before they were to leave the son died. A casket was made, lined with lead; the body placed in it and the casket then filled with alcohol, sealed and brought west on the lead wagon, and buried in Washington state.

They have two wheels in the museum from the wagon that made the trip west. They are huge! There were a lot of musical instruments, some by the colonists. The names of some, "brass", "tenor", "ophe clyde", and "tree bells". This was a triangle made of brass (I think) bells with a handle at the bottom for carrying.

The band was led by a tambourine band when on parade. Also, some of the musical instruments were carried so the sound came from over the shoulders to the back of the person playing it. The band played a concert in Portland in 1876. A band stand was built on the top of the hotel roof which had an ornamental wood railing around it.

In the Knause home, which has been restored and moved near the Ox Barn, they have 60 quilts done by the colony women. The quilting frame is hung from the ceiling on ropes & pulleys and is lowered when used and pulled up out of site when not in use.

There are a lot of chairs with leather strips woven for the seats. They now have loose cushions for comfort. In this house one room is roped off as it has the original hand loomed rug on the floor. The rug is room sized and was made of weaving several strips the length of the room & then the strips sewn together to cover the entire floor.

There is a wooden music box on a stand that can play (like a player piano only the roller is brass) 12 different songs. It automatically adjusts the roller at the end of each song - to start the next one - and shuts itself off when all twelve tunes are finished or can be shut off. There are six metal, beautifully painted butterflies that swing forward at certain notes and strike half-ball shaped bells that are on metal posts. Each bell has a different tone.

There was a medicine cupboard with a great number of small drawers and bins; and a heavy leather - as opposed to thin - box that opened like a cash or tool box. In the lid was a precise arrangement of medical instruments and in the box itself was a collection of glass bottles with glass stoppers, some still containing medicine, and at the end was a glass container for hypodermic needles. There wasn't an inch of waste space.

On display was a 12" square, 4" thick brick from the Missouri Colony. It was the grey of cinder blocks. There were also some white heavy cotton sacks printed in black, "Bethel, MO #16-1852. Hanging on one wall was a great long cross-cut saw. There was a turning lathe made by the members if the colony. It was large; man power-turned the cutter, and another man would hold the wood in place for the shape wanted.

You can tell I'm no carpenter!

There was a flat trunk that held carpenter tools. When the top was opened, the trunk had a glass framed in wood - cover - and in the lid was a smoothly finished board on hinges. It could be lowered over the glass top and used as a desk. The interesting thing about the space behind the lid board, it held the building plans!

Sometimes wooden shoes were worn, but they did have a "last" for making boots and shoes of leather, also children's high button shoes on display. In one room there was an enormous Bible with gold edged pages. It was printed in the German language.

They had brought with them a magnificent pump organ with a high back. In the center of the back was beautiful, clear mirror and on the sides of the mirror were shelves, ¼ circle, for lamps. The organ had great tone & was in excellent condition.

The furniture made by the colonists was also beautiful. They had made good use of the turning lathe and most pieces had shaped legs, not spool; but the same idea. They also used wooden pegs, not nails. The children's furniture, cradles, chairs etc. were of the same high quality. There was also a beautiful detailed doll house.

The furniture made in the Oregon colony didn't have the glossy finish that Eastern furniture had, but looked as if it was stained and perhaps waxed for a finish. They had one bed made up with a feather mattress & one with a corn husk mattress.

There was a herb garden, still intact with a collection of herbs for cooking and for medical purposes.

In the machine shed, with only the back (long) side and the roof covered; both ends and the front open, there was a steam driven tractor, thrashing machine, corn sheller, grind stone on a stand, and a sulky (type of buggy pulled by a horse).

Wash tubs were made by cutting wooden barrels in half so they had two deep tubs. These were also used for bathing. There was a small separate building for the communal laundry. They had several flat irons that were heated on the stove. The handles did not come off, so care had to be taken to keep from burning fabric and hands, usually a pad to protect the hands.

There was one wagon that had made the trip from Missouri in 1863. It is no longer used, but is in good condition. There is also a sleigh used by the doctor in bad weather. It has the medical doctor emblem on the back.

The Steinback house is a rough hewn log cabin. It was moved to the sight and had to have some repairs after the move, but they were made with great care and hardly noticeable. The early houses were all log until the carpenters arrived from Missouri. Some of the houses built by the carpenters had vertical siding, others horizontal. It is not known why.

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The Ox Barn was originally built in 1862 to house the oxen that pulled the wagons from the East, but is now a museum. Before leaving I gave them some VAWTER family history - John Taylor Vawter and son Edward. Photo copies were made from pages of Bicknell and I gave them some pictures.

(Editors note: First article on Old Aurora is in Summer 1988 issue – Vol. 12 #4 p. 22)

HONORS TO COUPLE

By way of Alma Vawter Allen from the Hot Springs, AK paper Sentinel

Trudy & Vernon Vawter have been named "Artists of the Month" by the Traditional Art Guild of Hot Springs.

Trudy was born in Leitmeretz, Czechoslovakia. She attended a private Catholic school where she was introduced to the art of needlework. She now teaches others how to do needlepoint, knit, crochet & embroidery. She came to the US in 1958 and she and Vernon were married in 1959.

Trudy is active in the Traditional Art Guild and has been studying art from several teachers. Her paintings have been hung for viewing at the Downtowner Motor Inn, the Hot Springs Convention Auditorium and Brady Mountain Lodge.

Vernon is a native of Hot Springs, AK. He served in the US Navy during WW II in the South Pacific, New Guinea, South America, Italy, England, and Africa. He also served in the US Army in the Korean War. He worked as a barber for 10 years in Hot Springs. He enjoys playing his organ and gardening.

His interest in oil painting grew after attending art classes at the YWCA. He also studied art under several teachers. His paintings hang in many homes and businesses and have been on exhibit at the Downtowner Motor Inn and the Hot Springs Convention Auditorium.

Vernon is from the branch of Russell s/o Richard Vawter & Frances Towles. He is the son of the late Roy & Viola Vawter.

QUERY

Does anyone have knowledge of a JOHN VAWTER who was graduated from Sandcreek High School in 1942. He has a sister living in Indianapolis who would like information, also a friend in Arizona is interested in making contact. John was active in the Boy Scout organization. If you have any information, write to Beth Sabel. Her address is on the front page in the list of officers.



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A BIG GENEALOGY THRILL !

Bill Vawter of Houston, TX has found what we expect to be a real treasure trove of VVV family genealogy.

For years VVVFA members have been saying "What happened to all the research that William Snyder Vawter, Sr. of New York did between 1928 and 1950". It was his dream to write a sequel to *The Vawter Family in America* by Grace Vawter Bicknell.

According to Mrs. Pat Klein of Kalamazoo, MI (his niece) Wm S. Vawter, Sr. and his wife worked many long nights and week ends writing letters and assembling VVV family information. Unfortunately he died before the book could be written.

Recently his grandson, Tim Vawter of Freehold, NJ called our treasurer, Hazel McCandless and told her that these records were in an attic closet in a vacant house in Houston, TX. This house is owned by his father, Wm. S. Vawter, Jr. who lives in Jordan. Hazel in turn called her brother, Bill Vawter of Houston, TX and Bill in turn called Tim back to find out who to contact to get a key to the house.

After many hours of search in an attic closet and in another hidden closet, searching through approximately 4000 books 17 genealogy notebooks were found. By this time it was dark, so this required another day of search at which time seven (7) more notebooks were found.

These notebooks will have to be indexed, pages numbered and all material pertaining to VVV Genealogy to be photo copied. The originals have been promised to Tim Vawter, grandson of William Snyder Vawter, Sr.

SOMETHING NEW - TWO VVVFA PROJECTS

PROJECT #1.

Our first project will be to finance the expenses of the above finding of VVV genealogy. Bill Vawter has spent monies on hiring a college student to help him search the closets and transport the boxes of notebooks to the basement of his retirement residence. There will be the expense of Photo copying all the VVV material, at least two sets: one for our Historian/Archivist, Jim Vaughters, and one to bring to the next reunion. The expenses have been estimated to come to \$600.00 to \$1,000, depending on the amount of copy work and whether someone will have to be hired to help with it.

If you wish to contribute toward saving these records for the VVVFA, mail your donation to our treasurer, Hazel McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, TX made out to VVV Family Association and mark it **PROJECT #1 - VAWTER GENEALOGY.**

(Editor note: I feel this would be a good time to establish a **PROJECT FUND** with this money so that any monies above expenses will be saved for future projects.)

Esther M. Vawter, 1713 Merkley Ave., W. Sacramento, CA 95691-3201

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PROJECT #2.

The second project is of a different kind. At our 1988 reunion in Georgia, a VVV family member, Blanche Murff of MS, brought a book, *Prison life In Dixie* by John Beverly Vawter, (son of Pascal Vawter of the Philemon line). The book is a living account of the battle of Atlanta and his experiences.

Jim Corbitt took this book home with him to find out the cost of reprinting. A quote was given him for reprinting 100 books with hardcovers. This will be approximately \$1,300 which will have to be paid upon delivery of the books to him.

Jim Corbitt has volunteered to loan \$100.00, interest free, to the VVVFA with M. Glen Vawter and president, Marvin Vawter adding their names to help underwrite this project.

Anyone who wishes to help finance the printing of this book please mail their check to the VVVFA treasurer, Hazel McCandless made out to the VVV Family Association and mark it PROJECT #2 - BOOK REPRINT.

MEMORIAL

E. B. (Tug) Vaughters of Seattle, WA was born 17 February 1914 in Portsmouth, OH, died 26 January 1989 at home after a long illness. He left wife, Adele and children: Suzanne McClennan, Toronto, Canada; Commander Jon C. Vaughters, U.S. Navy, Ret., Marietta, CA; Dr. Erick Vaughters, San Juan Capistrano, CA; Lucille Brewer, Winter Haven, FL and ten grandchildren.

E. B. served in the Royal Canadian Air Force and also in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a flight instructor in WW II. After a few years as a pilot for United Airlines he became an award winning custom home builder and was Past President for Seattle Master Builders Association.

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Renabelle Vawter - widow of Vernon Day passed away 1-11-89. She was 93. Survivors are 9 children, several grand, great grand and 2 G.G.G. children.

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Amos E. Crouch of Chandler, OK, age 67 died 23 November 1988, born 15 April 1921 at Davenport, OK. He was the son of Arch & Minnie Viola (Waters) Crouch. He married 31 October 1940 in Kendrick, OK to Willa Dean Sexton.

Crouch, a retired insurance salesman lived in Chandler the past 45 years. He was a member of the Southern Baptist Church, Odd Fellow Lodge, Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by wife, Willa Dean Crouch; sons: Harold & Jim Crouch of Chandler; Joe Crouch of Ceiling, OK; three daughters, Virginia Ward, Edmond; Marilyn McEntire, Perkins; Terri Miller, Chandler; three brothers, Harry & Garlin Crouch of Chatham, IL.; Clarence, Oklahoma City; two sisters, Violet Leach, Tryon, OK; Velma Thornton, Chandler; nine grandchildren and four g-grandchildren.

The grandmother's maiden name was Julia Vaughters and she was born in Georgia. This information from Harry A. Crouch, 828 W. Walnut St., Chatham, IL 62629.

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Rev. Eron Malcolm Sharp of Highland Cove, TN was born 12 January 1904 in Leake Co. MS., son of Robert Hilliard & Catherine Sharp, married on 26 April to Alma Blissit. He was educated at Millsapa College, Jackson, MS and at Duke University, Durham, NC.

He served in the N. Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Church at the following: Iuka Circuit, Rienzi Circuit, Olive Branch Charge, Hernando First Church, Aberdeen First, New Albany First, Starkville First, Greenwood First and Spt. of the Cleveland District.

After retirement he was Assistant Circulation Librarian at Memphis State University for ten years. He was the first Chaplain of Wesley Highland Towers where he was serving when stricken with bone cancer. He was also the teacher of St. Luke's Bible class.

He is survived by his wife, Alma Blissit Sharp and a sister, Miss Louise Sharp of Oxford, MS.

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BEHIND THAT NAME

From: James L. Vawter, Box 665, E1 Campo, TX 77437

According to "Norman People" Richard Valletort (c. 1130) had a son Hugh who became known as Hugh Acland. The name apparently came from the Manor of Acland. Hugh in turn had three sons, Simon Vautort, Baldwin Acland, and John Vautort. Baldwin became the ancestor to the Aclands, and the only recognizable mention of John was from a lawsuit brought against him by his nephew, Robert Beauchamp III (Simon's son) for taking an estate that Robert claimed was his.

Simon, about which very little is known, married the daughter of Robert Beauchamp II of Hatch. She was the last of her line, and as such was an heiress because she was entitled to inherit her father's arms.

It was the custom of those times that when a woman was the last of her line, and who bore a notable maiden name; that when she married, the first son at least would bear her maiden name in order that it would continue on. So, Simon and his wife had a son Robert who became known as Robert, son of Simon, or Robert Beauchamp III.

We see how ancient names disappear. Three different names occurred in the above family in just four generations. We also see by the following genealogical information how Simon's considerable contribution to the direct parental blood lines of the Tudor Kings and Queens has become obscured through an ancient custom.

British Genealogist Lt. Col. W. H. Turton authored a book called, *The Plantagenet Ancestry*, which recorded seven thousand (7000) direct parental ancestors of Plantagenet, the wife of King Henry VII, and mother of King Henry VIII. The following was taken from this remarkable work.

"Simon Vautort married the Beauchamp Heiress, and they had Robert Beauchamp III, who in turn married Juliana Brett, and they had Robert IV who married Alice Mohun, and John I who married Cecilia Vivonia, and had John II, who in turn married Joan Chenduit, and they had William whose wife's name is unknown, and they in turn had a daughter, Mary Beauchamp. Mary married John Bodulgate and they had Elizabeth who married Richard Wydeville, and they had Richard Wydeville (Earl Rivers) who married Jacqueline Luxemburg, and they had Elizabeth Wydeville who married King Edward IV. Edward and Elizabeth had several daughters and two sons. One daughter was known as Elizabeth Plantagenet, and she married King Henry VII, and they had two sons, one of which was Henry VIII who married Jane Seymour who bore Henry a much sought-after male heir who became King Edward VI, the boy King."

Going back to John Beauchamp II and his wife Joan Chenduit; they had in addition to the son William; two daughters. One was Eleanor who married a Merrit, and the other was Cecily who married Roger Seymour. They were the direct parental ancestors to Jane Seymour, wife of King Henry VIII, and mother to Edward VI, the boy King.

Presently there hangs in St. Peter's Church in North Tawton, County of Devon, Valletort arms which allude to the marriage between Simon and the Beauchamp Heiress. "Vair on a Bend Sable Three Mulletts Gules". Vair being the arms of the Hatch Beauchamps, and the Bend sable, Three Mulletts Gules, the arms of the Valletorts of North Tawton.

The following arms are displayed at Hampton Court Palace, and are called the arms of King Henry VIII, & Jane Seymour.

1st Quarterly Or, on a Pale Gules, Six Fleurs-de-lis Az., Three Lions of England.
(King Henry)

2nd Gules two Wings Cojoined in Lure Or. (Seymour)

3rd Vair. (Beauchamps of Hatch)

- 4th Ar. Three Demi Lions Rampant Gules. (Sturmy)
- 5th Per Bend Ar. and Gules Three Roses in Bend Counterchanged. (McWilliams)
- 6th Argent on a Bend Gules, Three Leopards' Faces Or. (_____)

(J.L. Vawter) I have a large chart of the Royal families of England that display in addition to marriages and the children of those unions; arms of the Principals. Queen Elizabeth Wydeville's Arms are shown as quartered by "VAIR", the Arms of the Hatch Beauchamps.

12th NATIONAL VVV FAMILY REUNION

From: Reunion host - M. Glen Vawter of Normal, IL

MAKE PLANS FOR THE 1989 VVVFA REUNION in the heart of the Cornbelt at the Twin Cities of Bloomington and Normal, IL at the intersection of Interstates 55 & 74 and future 39, just 130 miles from Chicago, 170 miles from St. Louis and 45 miles from Peoria & Champaign, IL. There is a shuttle bus service from Motel to B/N Airport with commuter service by Britt to Chicago, TWA Express to St. Louis, US Air to Indianapolis and Shuttle Bus service to Chicago.

The 1989 Reunion will be held August 4 thru 6 at the Sheraton-Normal at junction of Interstate and US 51 north side of Normal, IL 61761. Reservations may be made by calling 309-452-8300 or writing to: Sheraton-Normal 8 Traders Circle, Normal, IL 61761. In either case be sure to mention VVV Reunion and if common first name give middle initial.

Cost of rooms will be \$50 for single & \$54 for double, triple or quad. plus 7% tax. For any further information contact M. Glen Vawter, 33 Deline Dr., Normal, IL 61761, Phone 309-452-4872. All plans are not complete as yet. More in next newsletter.

DISCOVER THE RICH HERITAGE OF THE PEOPLE AND PLACES OF BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL

1. The McLean County Historical Society building. Sharing quarters with them is the Bloomington-Normal Genealogical Society. The Archives have a collection of diaries, Ms., correspondence, business & social records, Civil War material and over 200 titles of 19th & 20th century periodicals. The library has a research collection of over 3,000 volumes on McLean County & Illinois history and a collection of Bloomington City Directories from 1855 to the present.

2. Explore the stately castle-like Ewing Manor, willed to Illinois State University. The Manor is the home of the Illinois Shakespeare Festival which performs during the summer.

3. The Illinois State University which was founded in 1857 and was the first public university in the state.

4. "Clover Lawn" was the home of Supreme Court Justice, David Davis, U.S. Senator and "the man who made Abraham Lincoln President".

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HONORS ! Lucille Keir of Ohio was presented the American Association of Medical Assistants Distinguished Service Award for "literary contributions to the field of medical assisting" at the National Convention held in Richmond, VA. Lucille has authored and co-authored books on the subject of Medical Assistant Training.

From: Mrs. Burt L. Monroe of KY

Announcing the marriage of Matthew Dorn Vawter s/o Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dorn Vawter of Louisville, KY to Theresa Gayle Faith d/o Mr. & Mrs. D. Buchenberger and Mr. & Mrs.. C. Mullins.

From: Jim Corbitt of TN - article and picture from the Record News, October 1988 of Ruckersville, VA.

Jim Corbitt attended the Rucker Family Reunion which celebrated the 150th anniversary of their ancestors in Ruckersville. More than 130 people came from 16 states from as far as California.

Ruckersville was named after John Rucker, a grandson of Peter Rucker, who first came to America in 1690. Ephraim s/o Peter m. Margaret d/o John & Margaret (Noel) Vawter.

The two-day reunion featured as guest speaker, Mrs. Jeane Robinson of Richmond, VA., a grand-daughter of Sudie Rucker Wood, who wrote the book, The Rucker Family, published in 1927.

CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR

From: North Vernon Plain Dealer of IN - an article and picture

The home known as the Vernon Normal School was in the VAWTER family for many years. It is believed it was built by Achilles & Martha Vawter.

The Gothic Revival classics such as the Normal School are varied in structural form and rich in embellishments. Ornamental motifs are borrowed from buildings of the late Middle Ages. All sustaining walls are solid brick 15-16" thick. Interior walls have pig and horsehair reinforced plaster finish. All the finish wood throughout the house is tulipwood.

During the 1860's General Lew Wallace and his officers made their headquarters at this Vernon House. Following the Civil War era, the house was residential dwelling until 1946 when it became the Jordan Funeral Home. In 1975 it was purchased by Robert and Maggie Norman.

Six Vernon homes will be open to visitors during a Christmas Tour of homes which is sponsored by the Jennings County Historical Society of which the above is one.

Legend - c. or ca. means "about" s/o or d/o means son of or daughter of.
b. born w. where d. died m. married unm. unmarried.

DEAR VVV FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS:

First, I want to thank each of you for granting me the honor of being your president. I consider it to be, indeed an honor and a responsibility. I will do my best to merit the trust you have given me. I look forward to seeing each of you at the twelfth annual reunion in Normal Ill. on August 4, 5 and 6.

I have been in contact with past president M. Glen Vawter and know that he is working very hard to make this reunion the most rewarding one yet. Let us have a record turnout for this chance to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Remember that we are all cousins, and are all proud of our common heritage. Let us each resolve to increase our knowledge of VVV history.

In this issue of the NEWSLETTER, there are two articles of prime importance to every VVV. The first concerns the genealogical find made by Bill Vawter in Houston, Texas, and the second concerns the reprint of a book, *Prison Life in Dixie*, by John Beverly Vawter. Each of these projects can enrich the knowledge of every one of us. I urge each of you to please open your hearts and your purses to finance these two projects.

Now I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. The past year has been very eventful for me. Early in the year I had two operations, one on each eye about six weeks apart, for acute glaucoma. Both operations were successful. Next I was elected executive vice president for the Missouri society of the sons of the American Revolution. We have over 450 members in 12 chapters and this entails a great deal of traveling and speech making. In addition I organized a new charter that now has 24 members. In June, I was hospitalized for almost the entire month with pancreatitis. That was followed a month later by removal of the gallbladder and gall stones which had caused the pancreatitis. At the time you elected me your president I was recovering from that surgery. Since that time, I have been well and kept extremely busy. I am looking forward to fulfilling my duties to SAR and the VVV Association.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the Sheraton Hotel in Normal, Ill. in August.

To all my cousins, regards

MARVIN D. VAWTER, PRESIDENT
VVV FAMILY ASSOCIATION



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REUNION

The time for the twelfth Annual VVV Family Association Reunion is arriving along with summer and vacations. Now is the time to plan (if you haven't done so already) to spend August 4, 5, & 6 with us at the Sheraton Inn at Bloomington/Normal, IL. (Note that the Sheraton gave the wrong dates (Aug. 2, 3 & 4) on their printed registration form - they know the correct date).

You will find details outlined on page 23 by our host family, the Glen Vawters of Normal, IL. One thing of great importance is that they have arranged supervised activities for the children Friday morning, afternoon, and during the Saturday evening banquet. Isn't that great ! Another thing, our Sunday picnic-dinner will be provided by the Albert Grant Vawter Descendants who will be celebrating their 45th annual reunion.

A TOP WINNER IN THE LOUISVILLE REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

From: Newspaper article

Mark Monroe, a Ballard sophomore, won top honors in the competition in the life science division of the fair. There were over 230 contestants from seven KY counties. He will be going on to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburg. He believes he has discovered a new species of butterfly.

Mark had been collecting butterflies since 1983, and began dissecting the insects two years ago. That's when he noticed something odd about a skipper butterfly he was studying. Upon dissecting the butterfly, he found it different from the two known species of *Erynnis Persius*. "On the outside they look identical, but by dissecting them and looking at the genitalia, I could tell a difference."

That led to Mark's science project, "What Are the Species Limitations in the *Erynnis Persius* Complex?" - the documentation of a new butterfly species. Mark has found only two examples of the species on his treks to Eastern Kentucky. He plans to find more of the butterflies, study their living habits and further document their existence. Eventually, he hopes to name a new species.

Mark has not seriously considered his future yet, but says it will probably be connected to biology, a field that has fascinated him for years. And that interest comes naturally - his father, Dr. Burt Monroe, is a professor of biology at the University of Louisville.

The regional competition was organized by District 12 Kiwanis clubs. Up to 750 entries representing every state and several countries are expected at the international fair, which is organized by the National Science Foundation.

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VAWTER RAILROAD

From: Model Railroader, Jan. 1989 - Cover story. The Vawter Family's Hoosier Road – 3 generations enjoy the hobby. Pages 82-87

Native Indianian, John Vawter, through the years of experience as a teacher and in WW II, began a hobby that would bond his family through five decades.

In the basement of his Indianapolis home today, Vawter's HO scale Hoosier Road embraces state-of-the-electronics to help operate much of its original equipment. It is a smooth functioning museum of contemporary model railroading containing 800 feet of tract and 103 turnouts. Each main line is divided into 6 blocks, and the yard and the engine terminal are divided into 14 blocks. With this cab control system the Hoosier Road can operate four trains simultaneously, two on the main line and two in the yard. This well-planned system has handled 100-car freight trains with ease.

John didn't know how far model railroading would take him when he first responded to his bride Helen's suggestion that it would be "nice to have a train around the Christmas tree." The year was 1942 and most railroad items were scarce on the store shelves, so the project was postponed.

The following spring Helen brought home a kit to make a Chicago & North Western automobile car and from then on the newlyweds were hooked. Other kits soon followed and the shop equipment strewn across the card table expanded from glue tubes and pins to include more sophisticated tools.

Anxious to get things rolling John ordered the traditional 4 X 8 foot plywood railroad base from the local lumberyard, only to find that its width would have to be trimmed to 38 inches if it were to fit in the trunk of his automobile. This was to be stored under the couch in the Vawter's efficiency apartment. Fitted with track and operated with a rheostat mounted in a cigar box brought John & Helen into the ranks of operating model railroaders. Their first engine, a Varney "Little Joe", arrived on John's birthday to begin switching the freight cars that had stood quietly beneath the Christmas tree for three successive holiday seasons.

The growing Vawter family moved to its first house and the Hoosier Road found a larger home on a full 4 X 8 foot sheet of plywood. The following Christmas John's Hoosier Road was moved into a trailer loaned to him by a hobby shop owner in order to accept an invitation to provide interest to the Methodist Hospital Christmas party. It proved a hit of the party and an invitation for the next year was extended. With son Jim's participation in these public showings he started working with his own HO layout, setting the stage for the larger, father-and-son Hoosier Road that would begin filling the basement of the Vawter's new home.

With the addition of scenery, structures, lighting, sound, and other supporting features the Hoosier Road's reputation as a well-built smooth running railroad with sound spread quickly. In 1981 a crew from the regional television program "PM Magazine" produced a show on the Hoosier Road. Two years later 400 visitors filed through the Vawter's front door to visit the railroad layout.

The most fortunate visitors to the Hoosier Road are those invited to see it at night when the house lights dim and the railroad, its trains and most of its structures illuminated, comes to life. Surveying those nocturnal activities from his basement staircase, John can see 47 years of family history embodied in his Hoosier Road.

GLEANINGS

From: publication "Quaker Life" Dec. 1985 p. 36 Quaker Statistics

JERRY VAWTER and Debra Cramer were married 26 Oct. 1985, Amboy Friends, Ind.

VALLETORT ARMS

From: James L, Vawter, Box 665, E1 Campo, TX 77437

"Gules three bends, argent, on a border sable, ten plates, (or):
Or three bends gules within a border sable bezanty."

The above Arms are described in "Vawter Family in America" page two, and were taken from "Virginia Cousins". The Arms displayed in Tinture on the book cover are; "Gules three bends argent, on a border sable bezanty".

Obviously there are major differences between those Arms on the book cover and on page two. However, this large difference disappears when it is understood that the Arms description on page two is actually describing two different Coats of Arms. I have used a parenthesis around the first "or" in the Arms description because it is the key to understanding it, and requires special attention.

This "or" is not describing the Arms Tintute as some apparently think because the preceding word "plates" does that. Therefore the "or" becomes meaningless as far as having anything to do descriptively with the Arms. This being so, then its only other purpose is to serve as a conjunction as in "and", or "either or neither". The following Arms description is the same as above with the exception of exchanging the "or" with an "and".

"Gules three bends, argent, on a border sable, ten plates: and
Or three bends gules within a border sable bezanty".

So, there are now three Valletort Coats of Arms in Bicknells book; two on page two, and the other on the cover. Each of the three have "three bends, a border sable, and roundels". They differ only in Tinture. It is likely that the Arms belonged, one to a Father, another to a Son, and the other to another Son, or perhaps a grandson. A Son, or Grandsons Arms cannot be exactly like the father; there must be a differences and different Tintures qualify as differencing.

While on the subject of Valletort Arms, it seems a good time to explain that the border sable is not a mark of bastardry as is thought in some quarters. The border sable bezanty in the Valletort Arms has to do with a long and large association of that family with the County of Cornwall. The Arms of the Duchy of Cornwall are "Sable Fifteen Bezants, Five, Four, Three, Two, One". When King John; legitimate son of King Henry II and brother to Richard I, was Prince John, he bore a Border Sable Bezanty. He was then Earl of Cornwall. Richard Plantagenet, Earl of Cornwall, and younger son of King John also bore a Border Sable Bezanty. One of the Seals of the ancient city of Saltash in Cornwall County bore a Border Bezanty. This city was founded by the Valletorts.

REGINALD VALLETORT

From: E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA (I will use material of E. B.'s from time to time)

I have found from three sources that Reginald Valletort (Renauld) received 33 manors. I was surprised to learn that the Valletorts were not Normans but French since Maine was French and a separate country from Normandy.

In fact two thirds of William the Conqueror's army was made up of Barons, Knights, and Villeans from countries outside his borders. Brittany and Maine made up one third of his army on the left flank and the forces of Flanders and Ponthieu made up the other third on his right flank in the battle of Hastings. After the battle, Wm gave his half brother Odo 439 manors and his half brother Earl of Mortaine 793 manors. It was under Earl of Mortaine, who became the first Earl of Cornwall, that the Valletorts held their manors under fee to Mortaine.

MEMORIAL

John "Max" Maxwell Craft, born 24 Nov. 1908, died 12 Feb. 1989 in Covina, CA. He leaves his wife Bertha Rose (Vawter) whose line is. Jesse, William, John Taylor, Albert Calvin and Vernon D. Vawter. (Bertha Rose is a sister of Beth Sabel .)

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Willard James Keir, born 17 Feb. 1921 Cleveland, OH, died 11 May 1989. He was the husband of Lucille (Ritchie). Line is. Jesse, William, John Taylor, Albert Calvin and mother Mary (Vawter) Ritchie.

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Howard J. Vaughters, born in Sarah, MS lived in Memphis, TN, died 22 March 1989 age 64. He was a retired Exxon dealer, WW II Army veteran and a member of the Faith Temple Christian Center. He leaves his wife Edna; four daughters; Mrs. Linda Horn, Mrs. Bonnie Legg, and Mrs. Donna Bailey; son Howard Larry and brother James L. Vaughters.

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Emmit Edwin Powell, died 13 Sept. 1988 at Salem, IL. He was born 20 Aug. 1913, and was the husband of Allene (Vawter) Powell, who survives, and the brother-in-law of M. Glen Vawter. Also surviving are four sons and one daughter, 11 grandchildren, and two g-grandchildren. Allene Vawter Powell is a member of the VVV FA.

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Charles Allen (C.A.) Thomas, died 11 Dec. 1988 at Bloomington, IL. He was born 17 Nov. 1917. He was the husband of the former Vera (Vawter) Thomas, who was killed in a car accident in 1952. One of M. Glen Vawters' brothers-in-law, he was survived by two sons, one daughter (who later died 25 Feb. 1989), nine grandchildren and one g-grand-daughter. The Rev. Wayne G. Vawter officiated.

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Trudy Ann Thomas Feigl, died 25 Feb. 1989 at Normal, IL. She was born 30 Dec. 1943, daughter of Charles Allen-Vera (Vawter) Thomas, niece of M. Glen Vawter. She is survived by her husband, Frank, two sons, one daughter and one grand-daughter. Trudy was a member of the VVV FA.

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Viola Vawter died 14 Nov. 1988 in Normal, IL. She was born 21 Nov. 1912 and was preceded in death by her husband, Oak Vawter. His line was- Samuel Dudley, John Washington, Jephtha D., Elliott, Philemon, David and John. Surviving are one son, one daughter, one grandson, and two g-grandsons. The son Roderick is a member of the VVV FA.

E. B. VAWTER MEMORIAL

\$50.00 - From Fred & Wordna Wicker

Fred & Wordna asked that their donation of \$50.00 be given to Project #1 (The finding of genealogy material) in the memory of E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA.

If there are others who wish to contribute to the E. B. Memorial you may do so by mailing donation to treasurer, Hazel Vawter McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, TX 75961, and designating it "E. B. Vaughters Memorial."

LOVE GIFT

We have frequently given a "Love Gift" donation from the VVV FA members to such projects as the Vawter Church in VA, a historical site or foundation related to VVV's, or other worthy causes.

This year we want our "Love Gift" to be given to our genealogy projects #1 & 2. #1 is photo copying genealogy from the 24 genealogy notebooks compiled by William Snyder Vawter and lost for many years. #2 project is the reprinting of the book, Prison Life in Dixie by John Beverly Vawter.

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SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES FOR 1989 VVV REUNION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

PM Early registration in suite with memorabilia of VVV and door prizes on display. Coffee, tea, and soda available.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

AM Opening Session

PM Option #1-City Tour (Est. cost \$3.00)

Option #2--Genealogy--A Beginners Workshop (Est. cost \$3.00)

EVN Cookout. Trip to David Vawter Lee Centennial Farm (Cookout, swimming, tennis, horseshoes, hayrack ride to Vawter's cemetery). (Est. cost \$4.50)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

AM Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site. Bus trip to restored village where Abraham Lincoln lived. Lunch provided. (Est. cost \$9.00)

EVN Banquet at Sheraton. (Est. cost \$16.00)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

10:45 Church service at Funks Grove Church. Service conducted by Wayne G. Vawter.

12:15 Picnic dinner at Funks Grove provided by Albert Grant Vawter's descendants.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Supervised alternative activities for children will be provided Friday morning and afternoon and during the banquet Saturday evening. Nursery service will be available during the banquet.

To assist the local arrangements committee in their planning, please complete and return the pre-registration form below.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Complete and return by July 24, 1989

Meeting registration: \$5.00 Per person (\$8.00 after July 24, 1989)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Additional Adult Names: _____

Children's Names: _____

Total Pre-Registered _____ @ \$5.00 = Total enclosed \$ _____

(Include only the pre-registration fee with this form.) Please indicate below the number interested in each activity:

City Tour _____ or Workshop _____ Lincoln Trip _____

Banquet _____ Cookout _____ Children's Program _____

Return form and pre-registration fee to:
Glen Vawter, 33 Delaine Dr., Normal, IL 61761

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THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

From: "Bury Me in a Free Land", The Abolitionist Movement in IN. 1816-1865 p. 25. Put out to go with an Exhibit at the IN. Historical Society Feb.-Aug. 1986.

Until the 1830's anti-slavery supporters had been rather conciliatory. But a new type of anti-slavery, "Abolitionism" burst forth in 1831. Charles Finney, most Quakers, and some Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterians maintained that slavery was both morally wrong and unlawful. They acted on the nation's conscience and tried to convince the country of the sinful and immoral nature of slavery. "There is a Law above all the enactments of human codes," One Hoosier wrote; "It is written by the finger of God on the heart of man, and by that Law, infinite and eternal, man can not hold property in man."

The metaphorical "Underground Railroad" is probably the best known aspect of the abolitionist movement. The principal line in the east commenced at one of several points in southeast Indiana or in Ohio: Jeffersonville, Madison, Rising Sun, or Cincinnati. Madison was the site of some of the busiest Underground Railroad activity in the state. Thomas Hicklin, an active abolitionist in Jennings County, operated a station one half mile east of San Jacinto and piloted blacks to another station on Otter Creek in Campbell Township and to a station at the home of JOHN VAWTER. Instead of continuing on, some fugitives remained in a black settlement southwest of Vernon. (p. 28)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do not forget to bring your craft work or gifts for the drawing

There are a few copies of Volume I & II of the VVV FA cookbook "VVV Vite Vittles." There will be copies of the VVV FA Directory to purchase

There will be a copy machine, so bring VVV genealogy items to share

We are all looking forward to hearing more about the "Genealogy Find" by Bill Vawter of Houston, TX



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REUNION MEMORIES

Thursday night registration took place in the hospitality suite with 54 signing in.

Friday 10:00 a.m.

The day began with an officers breakfast and business meeting.

The 12th annual reunion was opened by President, Marvin Vawter, Jim Corbitt led the pledge of allegiance and Gary Vawter led the invocation.

Welcome remarks were given by Garrett Scott, Councilman.

Report was given by John H. Vawter regarding the Wm S. Vawter genealogy material. John had divided the material up and put them into binders which were on display. We were short in providing enough money to pay all the expenses of reproduction so it was decided we would choose it as our Vawter project for the reunion (taking the place of a "love gift" project)

The 1990 reunion will take place in Richmond, Virginia at which time we will present our "love gift" to the Vauter church as we have done in the past. You may send your donations to the VVV FA Treasurer, Sue Vawter. The date will be August 3, 4, & 5. There will be a visit to the "Vauter" church, which is on the Historical Register, which was built in 1731 on Vawter land. Hopefully the silver communion service and the Bible given by Queen Anne of England will be taken from the bank vault and shown to everyone.

Get-well cards were signed and mailed out to: Ted Vawter, Roger & Shirley Byler, Charles Burt and Carolyn Vaughter.

Nominating Committee for 1989-90: Bill Vawter of TX, Billy M. Vawter of OK, Bobbi Meek of AZ, Sally Brown of OK, and Norma Jean Vawter of TN.

Constitution & by-laws committee: Lucille Keir, Chairperson, of OK; Beth Melton of TX; Jim Corbitt of TN, Fred Wicker of MS and Bobbi Meek of AZ.

Closed with Michelle Beasley reading "folk stories" written by Bert Vawter: The Day of the Soda and Those Good Old Days.

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Friday 1:00 p.m.

Option #1 - Tour of the Twin Cities, Bloomington/Normal

Option #2 - Genealogy Workshop given by past president of the IL Genealogy Society, George Perkins. Perkins has done genealogy research for 27 years and taught genealogy for 12 years. Perkins covered the following:

1. Forms - Ancestor chart, working from the known to the unknown.
Prepare a Family Group sheet for each marriage and family.
2. For misc. items such as clippings, documents, graduation, birth, etc announcements punch three holes in a manila envelope and insert in your binder.
3. Do not laminate news articles, encapsulate them (Mal-lar). Use Poli=profien binder sheets for photos. Color photos will lose color 8% in 20 years. Black and white are better.
4. Explained rubbing of tomb stones. Wrap paper around front of the stone (side around to side) and use masking tape to secure. Use Rice paper which is soft and gives. Use a wax rubbing crayon which does not melt.

General genealogy was explained and the necessity of documentation preferably with primary such as: birth, marriage and death certificates, will, probate and land grants. Only use secondary when primary is not available and three sources agree. Secondary is hear-say evidence such as genealogy books, census records etc.

Friday 3:30 p.m.

A caravan of 16 cars took off for the David Vawter Lee farm where we had our cook-out of grilled chicken and/or beef plus all the fixins. A walk around the grounds was enjoyed by many. Janis Lee had large garden area with name tags on the plants. We ate under trees and visited.

It was discovered by Lucille Keir of Columbus, Ohio that two couples from Columbus, Ohio who had never attended a reunion of VVV's before lived in the same area and hadn't known each other. They became acquainted and made a date to meet and attend a show.

After eating two runs were made with the hay wagon filled with VVV's to see the Vawter cemetery and the Centennial Farm. Louise V. Lee was born in an up-stairs room of the farm house. The children of David Lee mark six generations on the land. A stone throw from the farm house was a one room school house which was over 100 years old,

CEMETERY

Sarah J. Vawter - 15 Aug. 1849 - 11 March 1865, Mary A. Vawter- 13 May 1836 -5 Sept. 1851 Daughters of Jeptha & Sarah Vawter.

Henry Clay Vawter- 4 April 1838 -14 June 1923. Son of Jeptha & Sarah Vawter.

Sarah Lavina Davies, wife of H.C. - 20 Nov. 1840 - 27 Nov. 1885

Annie Vawter d/o H.C. & S.L. - 5 Feb. 1868 - 16 Aug. 1868

Clarence Vawter s/o H.C. & S.L. - 8 July 1869 - 5 Aug. 1870

Lucy Vawter d/o H.C. & S.L. - 16 July 1871 - 29 July 1871

Harold R. Lee - 30 July 1898 - 20 Nov. 1985

Sarah Lavina Lee d/o of H.L. & Louise -29 Sept. 1875-20 Sept. 1969

A Time Capsule was buried by Harold R. Lee which is to be opened 6-21-2011.

Louise Vawter Lee has her stone in place in the cemetery. May she look forward to years of active life.

A NOTE OF DISAPPOINTMENT & SADNESS

We were sorry to hear of the heart attack of Charles E. Burt of Georgia. He is improving, but had 38% damage to his heart. His group of 11 VVV's had to cancel their hotel reservations and the reunion.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

A bus load and several cars took off for New Salem State Historic Site where Abraham Lincoln lived. Lincoln stopped off there while co-piloting a flatboat down the Sangamon, IL & MS waterways and decided to settle there. As the town developed, so did his career, to a merchant, surveyor, postmaster, and captain of the local militia. It was here by the flicker of candlelight, he began to study law.

New Salem is a village brought back to life with oxen, farm animals, craftsmen adapted to the lifestyles of the 1839' s. This week end they presented nine storytellers in 3 village locations presenting stories of legend, lore and fable, called Prairie Tales celebrating The New Salem Storytelling Festival.

Lunch was served in the park area.

Saturday Banquet

After the pledge to the American Flag and the invocation we were given a welcome from the Mayor of Bloomington, Jesse Smart.

There were 35 first time attenders.

The oldest member was John Taylor age 82.

The youngest was Andrew Scott Vawter, g-grandson of Glenn Vawter, age 3 months. Coming the longest distance was Beth Sabel

The roll call of states was given. They are listed by states on the last page.

The nominating committee reported and the officers that appear on the front of the newsletter were elected by acclamation.

A resolution for outstanding member of the year in the VVV FA was given to Bill Vawter of Houston, TX., for his contributions to the association since its inception 12 years ago and on locating the Wm S. Vawter genealogy material which had been lost.

Bill Vawter wanted to recognize Edna Reynolds of IN for reprinting The Vawter Family in America by Grace Vawter Bicknell. Glen Vawter thanked the David Vawter Lee family for having the cookout at their farm, having hayride to the cemetery and their Centennial Farm. Glen Vawter was presented a plaque in recognition for his work as past president.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Hennie Dee Boulware of TX
Gertrude A. Vawter of LA
Wallace R. Vawter of Mexico
Rev. Louis F. Meek of AZ
Charles E. Vawter of WA
E.B. (Tug) Vaughters of WA
Renabelle Vawter of CA
Amos E. Crouch of OK
Rev. Eron M. Sharp of TN

John "Max" Maxwell Craft CA
Willard J. Keir of OK
Howard J. Vaughters of TN
Emmit E. Powell of IL
Charles A. (C.A.) Thomas of IL
Trudy Ann Thomas Feigl of IL
Viola Vawter of IL
Hazel McCandless of TX

MEMORIAL

Hazel Vawter McCandless, b. 20 May 1908 Cushing TX where she died at age 81. She was the dau. of Julian & Mattie Gammage Vawter. Hazel was a former mayor of Cushing, TX and held membership the Eastern Star, Nacogdoches DAR, Colonial Dames and the Nacogdoches Genealogy Society.

Survivors include: dau. Bobbie Jean Young, a twin brother Bill Vawter of Houston, sister Louise Vanover, three grandchildren and one g-grandchild.

Hazel has been a member of the VVV FA since its inception in 1977 and was elected treasurer in 1978 which office she served until her death.

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MEMORIAL

Miss Debra Kay Martin, 28, of Birmingham, AL, formerly of Martin, TN died after a long illness. Miss Martin leaves her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Wm M. Martin and two sisters, Mrs. Sheryl Martin Porter and Miss Barbara Jane Martin.

Miss Martin was the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Marshall Martin, Sr. of the early pioneer family of Thomas & Drucilla (Vauter) Martin, who migrated to Weakley Co., TN from Buckingham Co., VA. The town of Martin was named for Wm Martin, s/o Thomas & Drucilla Martin.

DRAWING

There were 45 gifts brought for door prizes. At the close of the cookout 15 gifts were drawn. The remaining were drawn at the close of the Banquet. There were many home craft items such as a VVV clock, VVV needle point and several James W. Riley books of poems illustrated by Will Vawter were drawn among many other beautiful items.

SUNDAY a.m.

Written by Bill Vawter of Houston, TX.

John H. Vawter, his wife Sue and I packed our clothing, loaded his van and heeded out to Funks Grove Church. We arrived there about 10.30, some of the VVV's had already arrived. There was a big camp ground, camp pavilion, cemetery, church building and an outdoor chapel where the service was held. Dr. Wayne Vawter, pastor of the church conducted the service, giving out programs and leading the singing.

The pews were made of large logs the cross was made of two saplings, and the music was an electric organ and keyboard placed on a folding table. The pulpit was a large log which had been hollowed out at the top.

The offering was given to our project #1, the Wm S. Vawter genealogy material, which amounted to \$353.00. Sermon by Dr. Wayne Vawter.

The descendants of Albert Grant Vawter provided a picnic dinner for all the VVV's. A wonderful time was had by everyone.

MESSAGES

From Melba Vawter Ashburn of Idaho

I have just returned from the VVV FA twelfth annual reunion in IL. How exciting it was to attend this and to become acquainted with so many wonderful relatives. A year ago I didn't know of any of these people because my father didn't know of any ancestors in his Vawter family. My father is Arthur Vawter, s/o Cyrus Beverly Vawter, s/o James Crawford Vawter, s/o Beverly Vawter, s/o Philemon Vawter, s/o David Vawter.

I owe many thanks to Esther Vawter and M. Glen Vawter for the information that led me to my "roots". The reunion was so well organized and I loved the trips to the David Vawter Lee farm and the Vawter cemetery and the Lincoln New Salem Historical Site. I'll never forget the church service in Funk's Grove and the Saturday night banquet. Most especially we'll remember the very special people who are now our friends as well as relatives.

From Carolyn Vaughter of Texas

Would you please put in the VVV FA Newsletter how very much I appreciate the "Hope you're Feeling Better" cards which I have received. I miss all you good people of the VVV clan.

(editor note - Before 1977 Carolyn and Paul Vaughter met for "cousins" reunion. In 1977 the Vawter descendants met with them all numbering 55. Since then we have grown as you see. Carolyn has authored several books and was a book reviewer for a newspaper.)

Written by both Jim B. Vawter of MO and Sally Brown, Associate Editor.

James B. & Pat Vawter have returned safely to the U.S. after spending two years in China, teaching in a school there. Jim is a younger brother of Beth Sabel. Many of you will remember Jim and Pat from the Columbus, Indiana VVV Reunion.

Family and friends back home received the most interesting monthly letters from Jim & Pat while they were in China, in which they described what their life and work were like. There were many things they could not write about because of Chinese government censorship and the necessity of protecting the joint-venture company in which they worked. All mail, both arriving and outgoing, were subject to censorship at the whim of the government officials.

Jim & Pat's lives were filled with many curious contrasts which both interested and frustrated them. While the pace of life in U.S. was taken for granted; it was necessary to shop daily for food for meals. Shopping was difficult since each item had to be purchased in different locations in the city. There are no super markets in China where a person can purchase great variety of products in one stop. The daily shopping for basic needs were done by bus, which was the main means of transportation. There were trips to another city every two weeks to buy a quantity of supplies from a "Friendship" store which was a government controlled department store where imported groceries, clothing and other items could be purchased. These trips were made by the ladies of the company because the men were occupied with the business of the company.

The couple was housed in a modern apartment which was in great contrast with the homes of the Chinese citizens. They had modern plumbing, a small electric cooking range, carpets on the floor and other comforts that made life much easier than for their Chinese counterparts. There were also opportunities to attend cultural events such as symphony concerts, musical recitals on the college level, exciting juggling and acrobatic shows, and many places of interest to travel and see, such as the Great Wall, Buddhist Shrines and beautiful mountain and coastal scenery. Jim even had the opportunity to see the Harlem Globe-Trotters in action in a neighboring city.

Pat and Jim found the Chinese people to be friendly and helpful. The people were eager to talk to any American so they could practice their English. Pat & Jim were also eager to improve their limited Chinese speaking ability so conversation was somewhat beneficial to each party. Both Pat & Jim had a language tutor and Pat took lessons on a Chinese musical instrument called a guzheng (pronounced goo jung) from a teacher who could speak no English. Needless to say there was need for a good interpreter for both teacher and student !

The students of the school were the dependents of the American (foreign) members of a joint-venture company. They ranged in grades from Kindergarten through twelve, with Jim having students from grades seven through highschool age. All of the students were excellent and challenged Jim to use all his resources and ability to stay ahead of them as they moved quickly through their assignments.

During their time at the school Jim & Pat went on various field trips with the school. These trips included week long visits to a large resort city, which is the silk manufacturing and tea producing "capital" of China. They also made trips to the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Ming Tombs and the birth place of Confucious. They also were able to see the contrasting life styles of the Hong Kong Chinese compared to the people of Mainland China and The American style of living. They prefer the freedoms of life in America, the ability to travel as they please, the use of their own car, the lack of being crammed like sardines onto a city bus and so many other freedoms that American citizens take for granted.

Jim & Pat left China about the time the Chinese government started their brutal

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actions against the student population for their demonstrations. They spent about a week in Hong Kong with their daughter Gloria, son-in-law Gary and grandchildren Sandra and David, then flew to Seattle, and Portland, where they visited family before returning home to Florissant, MO. They are now living in Springfield, MO, where they intend to slow down their rapid pace and live leisurely, fishing, playing golf and cards with friends. Volunteer assignments may be accepted at a later date.

James B. Vawter line: William & Frances Vawter, John Taylor & Nancy Smith (Poston) Vawter, Albert C. & Frances (Churchwell) Vawter, and Vernon D. & Renabelle (Cope) Vawter.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INDEX - If you want an index to this last years newsletters, order from Beth Sabel. It is not known yet what the price will be as we don't know the number of pages the index will be. See Beth Sabel's address on list of officers.

COOKBOOK - All the VVV Vital Vittles cookbooks of Volume I have been sold. There are a few of Volume II left. You may order from Bonita Welch at \$6.50. Her address is on the front page in list of officers.

ADDRESSES - Please report all changes of address to Beth Sabel.

NEWSLETTER - This newsletter reaches over 400 house-holds. Is there anyone in any of these house-holds who likes to write. If so, please let me (news editor) know about it.

All charts, "cousin" charts and any VVV printed material wanted for publication in our newsletter. If printed material, please give me the name of the publication, and author.

ADS - I will announce your genealogy books for sale if they include VVV genealogy. Other items will be accepted only if they pertain to something about VVVs.

Add from Tim Vawter, grandson of Wm Snyder Vawter. "VVV sterling silver rings are now available from Tim: 14 Ellis St., Freehold, N. J. 07728. The ring contains the stars & stripes shield, along with VVV on its top. Please include ring size (or measure with a measuring tape). Cost is \$35.00."

The reason we cannot accept other items is because we are a non-profit organization. We are in the process of writing up a constitution and by-laws and apply for incorporation as a non-profit organization. We want to abide by IRS rules and not get involved in gray areas.

In the future I will include from time to time some of the material found in the "Wm. Snyder Vawter" genealogy collection.

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These are the Names of those on the register attending some or all of the 1989 VVV FA Reunion at Bloomington/Normal, Illinois. There was a total of 142 present from 20 states. Illinois led with 45.

ARIZONA

Bobbi Meek

CALIFORNIA

Esther M. Vawter

DELAWARE

Robert L. Vawter
Donna Jean Vawter
Robert L. II Vawter
Mary Vawter
Bobbe III Vawter
Amanda Vawter
Jesse Vawter

FLORIDA

Becky Guinagh
Dorothy Vawter

GEORGIA

Margie Provine

IDAHO

Melba Vawter Ashburn

ILLINOIS

Lowell G. Vawter
Tom White
Sue White
Harry A. Crouch
Garlin Crouch
Thelma Allene Powell
Eilma Schapmire
Rhonda Walker
Michael Walker
Chris Walker
Jerry Beasley
Shirley Beasley
Michelle Beasley
Mark Beasley
Paul Bugos
Connie Bugos

ILLINOIS (Cont.)

Tadd Bugos
H. Richard Vawter
Patricia Vawter
Harry Vawter
Edith Vawter
Roger Vawter
Margie Vawter
Kathy Vawter
Randy Vawter
Myrtle Weidner
Donald Gillan
Alice Gillan
Kay Gillan
Loren Gillan
Steven Nash
Katherine Nash
Bill Nash
Amy Nash
Tim Nash
M. Glenn Vawter
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Melanie Hunziker
Drew Hunziker
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Janis Lee
Heidi Lee
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Todd WI Siler
Amanda Siler
Jennifer Siler

KENTUCKY

Mike Alexander

MICHIGAN

Gary Vawter
Penny Vawter
Ella Vawter
Debra Vawter
Sara Vawter

MISSOURI

Jayne Fields
Irene Webb
David Benson
Jason Benson
Lori Vawter
Marvin D. Vawter
Helen C. Counts
Louise Counts
Wanda N. Gould
Bruce Vawter
Linda Vawter
Ken Vawter
Michelle Vawter
Andrew Vawter

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Randall Murff
Blanche Murff
Jerry Spears
William S. Wiley
Allene B. Wiley
Mary E. Reese
Ken Wicker
Norma Wicker
Thomas L. Wiley
Pearl Wiley

OHIO

Sue Vawters Ashton
Clare Ashton
A Lucille Keir
Krista Keir
Harold Vawters
Venie Vawters

Ohio (cont)

Virgil Weidner
Aletha Weidner

OKLAHOMA

Billy M. Vawter
Dorothy Vawter
Oscar Vawter
Erma Vawter
Duncan Brown
Sally Brown

OREGON

Beth Sabel

TENNESSEE

Barbara Vawter Defur
Jim DeFur
Emily DeFur
Jake DeFur
Jim Corbitt
Alliene Corbitt
John I. Taylor
Hazel Taylor
Robert M. Vawter
Norma Vawter
Wendy Vawter

TEXAS

Robyn Howard
Beth Melton
Joe Melton
Bill Vawter
John H. Vawter
Sue Vawter

WASHINGTON

Erma Vawter Hund

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1990 Annual National VVV Reunion

Everyone make plans to meet in Richmond, VA August 3, 4 & 5. The VVVFA voted to establish a tradition and to schedule a reunion every five years near the location of the "VAUTER" Church which was erected in 1731 in the parish of St. Anne, Essex County, VA. The church is listed on the National Historical Register and the name was misspelled in early records. Those who like to do research, you may visit the Archives.

As we did five years ago, the VVVFA will give a "love gift" for the VAUTER Church which will help us to perpetuate our VVV identity and history in a tangible way. Send your donations by check to the treasurer, Sue Vawter and made out to the VVV Family Association. All donations will be appreciated.

SOME EXCERPTS FROM THE Wm SNYDER VAWTER GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
(Note date of letters)

L. E. Wills, M.D.
WAVERLY, OHIO

May, 5th. 1928

Mr. Wm. Vawter.
New-York, Dear Sir.

Thank you for your friendly and interesting letter. My family B. F. Wills and family of Wellston O (My Youngest Bro) and Dr. W. H. Johnson of this City went east on a motor trip I wish I had known of you at that time.

My only daughter was born in Colorado in 1904.

I have been back twice since then but we all expect to motor back this yr. expect to leave here the first of August and if we like the trip as well as we think we will go on to California.

When we come east again we will look you up and I expect that will be next year my sister who is(deceased) has two daughters married and live in Washington D.C.

I practiced my profession at Hot Springs Colorado from Dec. 1903 to Oct. 1906, one hundred and nine miles west of Denver on the western slope of the rockies.

I want to tell you about the Vaughters and Wills Family what little I know.

My great grand mother Vaughters maiden name was Mason. I do not know her given name her husband died when the

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WAVERLY. OHIO

children were small and they moved from VA. to within a few miles of this place in a one horse wagon she was a native of Philadelphia and had been a schoolteacher and she got so low on funds when she arrived here she took a number of private pupils to teach for a living.

The Family consisted of herself and five children the eldest was my Grand Father Richard Vaughters, next was John the Father of Mr. George Vaughters of Chillicothe 16 MI. North of here. He has been in a large wholesale house President of the St. car line and President of the Citizens Bank. He told me not long ago that the old family was as tough as pine knots.

The only girl in the family was the youngest her name was Mary she married Mark Landrum and lived and died at Piketon five miles south of this place her only daughter married James English one of the largest grain dealers near here in his day.

Dr. Thomas G. Vaughters was the next after John and the other Brother was named William.

L. E. WILLS, M.D.
WAVERLY. OHIO

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My Grand Father Richard Vaughters had three daughters, Margaret, Mary and Emma all are dead and so are their husbands.

My mother Mary died in April 21st and my father in Oct. 1895. There were nine of us. Richard Woodson who is now 67 yrs. lives on south St. Jackson O. followed R.R. and the mineing business and has been retired some 4 or 5 yrs. He has 3 Sons all married and in business doing well for themselves.

Next Dr. John William Who is located in wellston has a wife and one Son. Bro. John is 65 and yet very active in practice.

James Sanford was married had 4 Children a boy shot and killed him accidentally when he was 35 yrs. old.

Alonzo burned to death when 8 mos. old. I am Next.

Thomas died the day he was 2 yrs. old on my mothers lap on Sunday morning I was only 5 yrs. But rember the sad time well.

Benjamine Franklin my youngest Brother lives in Wellston O. he has a fine Family 2 Sons and 2 Daughters he is an insurance Agt. and Real estate man and does a fine business .

Mary Florence my oldest Sister lived at Washington C.H.O, (deceased) Had 6 children Verna my youngest sister has one Son and Lives at Chillicothe O.

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L. E. WILLS, M. D.

WAVERLY, OHIO

May, 16th 1928

Dear Mr. Vawter:

Yours of recent date rec'd My mothers name was Mary Ann Vaughters and My wife's Mother was Jennie Washburn I am incloseig Her history written by the Mayor of this place and read by Rev. H.E. Wilbur of our church. (M.E.) I know you not being acquainted with the family will not be so interesting but it will get us more acquaintd.

My Brother John William graduated at Ky. School of Medicine in 1892 Lousville Ky. I graduated at Ohio Medical University in 1897 Columbus O. My Daughter graduated O. State University 1926 in The Colledge of Education and has taught Home Economics 2 Yrs. and has been employed in the same school the 3rd time.

I will send you a clippings in this wk's local paper about them also one of myself Banker Watts and the Sect' of State Clarence J. Brown are Cousins of Mrs. Wills.

The First time I go to Chillicothe I will see Mr. George Vaughters probably he will know the given name of his Grand Father and if he does will let you know at once would have written sooner but have been very busy.

Yours Faithfully,

L.E. Wills

L. E. WILLS, M. D.

WAVERLY, OHIO

May 17th. 1928

Dear Mr. Vawter:

I just learned after writing you yesterday that a Grand Daughter of Aunt Mary Vaughters Landrum Mrs. Edward Marshall lives at Flora, Ill.

Aunt Mary only had one daughter and she married Mr. James Inghish a man of large business and a large family.

Mrs. Marshall is the only one I know anything about she married her Husband in the same place I did my wife while she was teaching in the Public schools of Omega, O. 5 miles from this place. Mr. Marshall is a Telegraph Operator or was the last time I knew anything about them.

I wish you would remember me to the Marshalls or if you care you can inclose this to them. Mrs. Wills knew them better than I did.

Yours Truly,

L.E. Wills

Leonidas Edward Wills son of John Lee Wills and Mary Ann Vaughters
(FULL name of husband) (father's FULL name) (mother's FULL name)

who was born (date) Aug 29th, 1870 In (place) Jackson Co. Ohio

and died (date) _____ in (place) _____

was married (date) Dec. 25th, 1900 In (place) Omega Ohio to

Georgia Elliott McCoffin dau of Robert Scott McCoffin and Jennie Washburn
(FULL name of wife) (father's FULL name) (mother's FULL name)

who was born (date) Dec. 14th 1879 in (place) Omega Ohio

and died (date) _____ in (place) _____

Their address (or survivor's) is Waverly O. 100 East 1st st.

Children: 1. Marion Wills b. Aug 1904 in Hot Sulphur Springs Colo.
in _____ m ? (yes or no) address Waverly Ohio

Give 2. Robert Lee Wills b. July 3, 1910 in Omega Ohio
FULL in _____ m ? (yes or no) address Waverly Ohio
Names

3. Richard Vaughters Wills b. Aug. 1st, 1918 in Waverly Ohio
in _____ m ? (yes or no) address Waverly Ohio

Richard Woodson Wills son of John Lee Wills and Mary Ann Vaughters
(FULL name of husband) (father's FULL name) (mother's FULL name)

who was born (date) Sept 19th, 1860 In (place) Jackson County Ohio

and died (date) _____ in (place) _____

was married (date) Sept. 28th, 1882 In (place) Jackson County Ohio to

Mary Ann Harper dau of Calvin Nathan Harper and Jemima Cooper
(FULL name of wife) (father's FULL name) (mother's FULL name)

who was born (date) Dec. 24th 1861 in (place) Jackson County Ohio

and died (date) _____ in (place) _____

Their address (or survivor's) is 177 South St. Jackson, Ohio

Children: 1. Harry Rodney Wills b. June 7, 1884 in Coalton, Ohio. d.
in _____ m ? (yes or no) address Arcanum Ohio

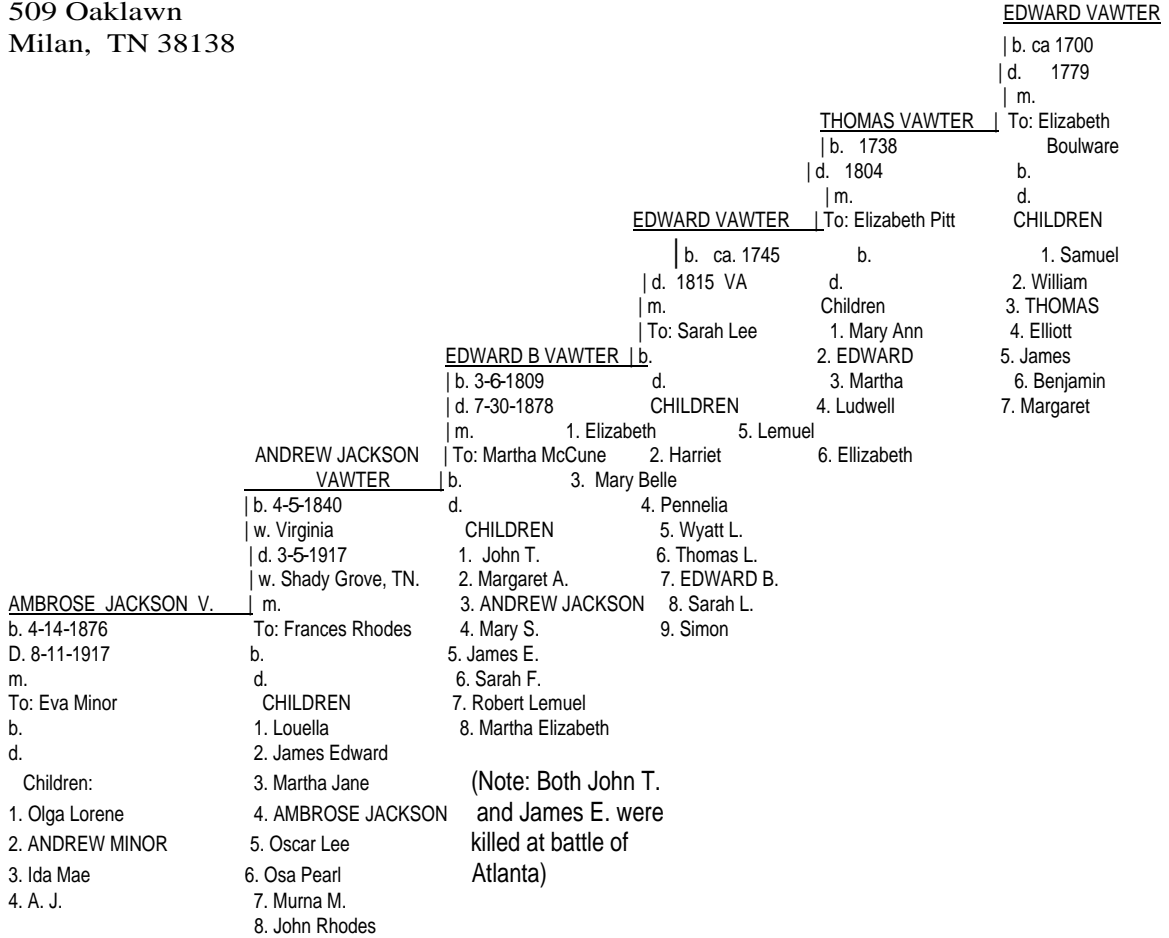
Give 2. Carl Clifton Wills b. Feb. 5 1887 in Jackson Ohio. d
FULL in _____ m ? (yes or no) yes address Wellston, Ohio
Names

3. Oral Clyde Wills b. Dec. 30. 1890 in Coalton, Ohio
in _____ m ? (yes or no) yes address Wellston, Ohio

“COUSIN CHART”

Ancestors of Pete M. Vawter s/o
Andrew Minor Vawter

Pete M. Vawter
509 Oaklawn
Milan, TN 38138



(Note: Both John T.
and James E. were
killed at battle of
Atlanta)

ANDREW JACKSON VAWTER

Andrew Jackson Vawter was born in Virginia on 15 April 1840 to Edward B. Vawter & Martha McCune. (See cousin chart)

In May of 1861 Andrew Vawter enlisted at Jackson, MS in Captain Edward Williams' company of TN volunteers. Two months later he entered the Confederate service at Union City and his company became Company 1 of the 12th TN Inf. Reg.

Pvt. Vawter wearing a black hat and dressed in a gray wool single-breasted frock coat with blue infantry trim posed with an 1816 flintlock conversion musket. Pvt. Vawter saw action at: Battle of Belmont, Battle of Shiloh in 1862 where he was wounded. He recovered in time to join his regiment for Gen. Bragg's KY Campaign. In the Battle of Murfreesboro, TN he received his second wound.

In 1864 Pvt. Vawter' s former commander organized the 20th TN Cavalry Reg. which he joined. He saw action at Okolona, Paducah, Fort Pillow and Brice's Crossroads. He was also present when the Army of TN was decimated at Franklin & Nashville. His surrender and parole took place May 9, 1865 at Gainsville, AL.

Andrew Jackson Vawter is the g-grandfather of Pete M. Vawter (See Cousin chart).

MEMORIAL

Walter (Bud) Spink, born 22 Oct. 1923, died 16 Nov. in Boring, OR. He is survived by his wife Eleanor Marie (Vawter) Spink; two daughters, Alice Marie Lewis, Betty Jean Carter and two sons, Walter Stewart III and Willis Vernon. (Note: Eleanor is the sister of our circulating editor, Beth Sabel)

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Malcolm Gordon Vaughters, Jr. of Byhalia, MS died 4 May 1989 at age 47. He is survived by a daughter, Christina Marie Vaughters of Byhalia; a sister, Mrs. Beverly Medlin and two nieces, Lisa & Tina Medlin, all of Memphis, TN. (Note: Malcolm is the nephew of James & Norma Vaughters of Memphis, TN)

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From: The Indianapolis Star 10-20-89. Paul E. Vawter age 56 died 13 October. He was a tool and die maker for Allison Transmission Div. of Gen. Motors for 30 yrs. He was a member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church and a Navy Veteran. He is survived by his wife Rosalie Medjesky Vawter; sons Mark & Michael, daughter, Cheryl Sears and six grandchildren.

NEWS

Eric Stoltz was recently seen by some VVV members in the TV movie "Deep Cover". See newsletter of Summer 1985 p. 20 & Summer 1987 p. 23 for more about Stoltz and the movies he has appeared in in the past. (From Jesse Vawter line)

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OLD AURORA COLONY

From: Old Aurora Colony Historical Society, P. O. Box 202, Aurora, OR 97002

Dear VVV Family Association:

Some of your ancestors were members of Dr. Wm Keil's Aurora Colony. They participated in one of America's most interesting social experiments, a Christian Communal Society, which lasted for over forty years.

Most descendants know about the colony's music, famous hotel, and fine craftsmanship in construction, but there is much more. The museum exhibits colony artifacts and offers interpretive programs studying colony life. It also contains a library housing photographs, documents, letters and other material pertinent to the colony story which is special because descendants have considered the museum as a permanent place for their family treasures.

The museum complex has grown to include five buildings all of which are filled with artifacts loaned or donated by colony descendants. We want to inform you about our services and to ask that you consider helping us preserve the colony's heritage.

MEMBERSHIP: Entitles you to a monthly newsletter and free admission to the museum.

Individual \$10. Family \$15, Supporting \$25, Sustaining \$50, Donor \$100.

DONATIONS: and/or loans: We actively collect colony artifacts for preservation, research and exhibition. We hope you will consider our collection.

RESEARCH: We would like the opportunity to visit your homes and view your collection. We want to learn as much about the colony as possible.

VOLUNTEERS: For museum activities, tours and research assistants.

(Line: John Taylor Vawter s/o Wm & Frances and John's son Edward lived in Dr. Keil's Colony)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Monroe who won top honors in a science fair composing seven KY counties (See Summer 1989) went on to the International Science & Engineering Fair in Pittsburg where he won first place in the zoology category. He also won second place in the entomology category. He is also to be included in the 1989-90 edition of "Who's Who Among High School Students".

Roger Byler was installed this year as the president of his local S.A.R. chapter. He has proven seven ancestors who were involved in the Revolutionary War.

Jay Vawter was chosen for the 1989 C. Stewart Sheppard Award from the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts. This award is given to one of the financial industry's leaders for outstanding contributions, effort and leadership. Mr. Vawter is senior vice president of Stein Roe & Farnham, Inc. Investment Counsel, New York City.

Jay Vawter was also recently elected to the board of Trustees of the Princeton Theological Seminary. His grandfather, Clarence, graduated from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N.J. in 1913. Jay is the son of Paul E. Vawter of N.J.

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