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If you haven't paid your dues this year, please send your check to the
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**VVV Family Reunion
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
July 15, 16, 17 2009
San Diego California**



What a great opportunity to attend a fabulous reunion in sunny California. The reunion is scheduled for midweek to accommodate hotel dates and travel opportunities.

The low cost of air fare right now makes this a great reunion for flying. Contact other members and perhaps a van or car can be shared for travel around town. The trolley and other transportation will be easy for everyone.

The 2009 VVV Family Reunion will be held at the Handlery Hotel & Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108.

Phone 619-298-0511. The Handlery is close to all venues in San Diego and very near the San Diego Trolley System.

The 2009 Reunion, July 15, 16,17

The 2009 VVV Family Reunion will start, like last year, on Wednesday and conclude with the annual banquet on Friday night. It will be held at the Handlery Hotel & Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108.

Phone 619-298-0511. The Handlery is close to all venues in San Diego and very near the San Diego Trolley System. The rates are as follows:

Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
\$ 128.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 148.00

There is also a parking fee of \$8 per night.

To learn more about the hotel online, go to WWW.HANDLERY.COM

U.S.S Midway Museum

A trip to the Midway Museum is planned on Thursday. The U.S.S Midway was the longest serving aircraft carrier in U.S. history. She was launched a week after the end of World War II and served through Desert Storm in 1991. The ship is manned by volunteers, many who served in active duty on her. Over a dozen planes that flew from her deck still remain. To see more, go to www.midway.org. There is a snack stand on board that serves sandwiches and hotdogs (<http://www.fantailcafe.com/menus.html>), or after the tour visit some great seafood places on the water, ranging from fast food to elegant.

Explore San Diego

Friday will be open for vacationers to see the sights. Below is a sampling of things to do!

A big attraction is the San Diego Zoo, one of the world's finest. www.sandiegozoo.org

The Gaslamp district, a shopping destination. www.gaslamp.org

Take a tour of the San Diego harbor. <http://www.sdhe.com/san-diego-harbor-tours.html>

Mt Woodson Castle is a 27 room, 12,000 square foot mansion designed by John Vawter. www.mtwoodson.com [featured in the December 2008 newsletter]

Take a dinner cruise in the harbor. <http://www.sdhe.com/san-diego-dinner-cruises.html>

See the Wildlife Animal Park. <http://www.sandiego.org/listing/Visitors/2985>

Take a tour of Old Town San Diego <http://www.trustedtours.com/store/Old-Town-Trolley-San-Diego-C182.aspx>

Tour water and land at the same time!! Take an amphibious tour! <http://www.sealtours.com/index.asp>

On Thursday night the San Diego Padres play the Colorado Rockies at Petco Park. We can organize a group to see the game if members would like.

2009 REUNION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 15

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.....Registration
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.....“Welcome to San Diego”
8:00 p.m.Site Committee Meeting
9:00 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 16

8:00 a.m.....Business Meeting
10:00 a.mLeave for U.S.S. Midway
Lunch.....After the tour, your choice of location
Afternoon in San Diego.....Suggested Activities
Shopping in Gaslamp District
Harbor Tour
Ferry to Coronado Island (shopping there too!)
Tour ships on the waterfront

Friday, July 17

9:00 – 10:00.....Genealogy Session
Suggested Activities.....San Diego Zoo
Mt. Woodson Castle
Wildlife Park
Shopping in Gaslamp District
Harbor Tour
Ferry to Coronado Island (shopping there too!)
Tour ships on the waterfront

6:00 p.m.....Annual Banquet
Invocation
Meal
Memorial Service
Love Offering for Vauter’s Church
Special Recognition
Youngest & Oldest
Couple Married Longest
Longest Distance Traveled
Roll Call of States
Final Registration Report
Invitation to 2009 Reunion
Door Prizes
Auction Items
Adjournment

The photographs on these three pages are submitted by Andrew Cottle, a music professor and amateur genealogist who continues to research this line and provide excellent information. The photos were shared with Andy by Bonnie Dougharty, who received the pictures upon the passing of her mother, Margaret Vaughter Dougharty. Bonnie and Andy are most fortunate to have several generations of people in these photos. If you are interested in this VVV family lineage, please e-mail Andy at ACottle@UDel.Edu.

If you have a family history, in pictures or words, we will always try and publish it and provide the pictures for the website for future generations to enjoy. Two to three pages is the best size, feel free to contact the newsletter editor for additional information at gjurgensen@kc.rr.com. We have had several families submit information over the past year and look forward to many more to come. This adds to the history of each and every one of the VVV family members.



"Vaughter – 1917, Rutherford Co., TN" [notes by Margaret⁹ Vaughter Dougharty, daughter of W.H.⁸ Vaughter and Bonnie Wade Vaughter edited by Andrew¹⁰ Cottle (Sr.); scan & notes shared by Bonnie¹⁰ Dougharty].

L to R, seated: *Luther* Martin⁷ Vaughter (1873-1949 [Luther M. < John B.⁶ < Ludwell⁵]); third cousin of his wife, Susan Chase Vaughter Vaughter); Thomas Houston "Tom"⁸ Vaughter (1879-1954); David Crockett "D.C."⁷ Vaughter I (1844-1925); Tennessee Brown "Tennie, Grandma Ten" Alsup Vaughter (1853-1940; Mrs. D.C. Vaughter I); William Herschel "Bill"⁸ Vaughter (1881-1955); and, Dallas E. [Edward?] Gannon (1891-1942; husband of Mary *Mace* Vaughter Gannon).

L to R, standing: Susan Chase "Sue"⁸ Vaughter Vaughter (1875-1950; Mrs. Luther Vaughter); *Fruzie* Anna Wrather Vaughter (1891-1981; Mrs. T.H. Vaughter); John *Richmond* "Doc"⁸ Vaughter (1891-1971; m. Elnor Irene Foster); Sallie Green "Sally"⁸ Vaughter (1883-1946; m. Robert R. Blythe); *Bonnie* Catherine Wade Vaughter (1896-1976; Mrs. W.H. VAUGHTER); Mary *Mace*⁸ Vaughter Gannon (1888-1964; Mrs. D.E. Gannon).

David Crockett⁷ Vaughter (I) was the son of Thomas⁶ Vaughter and Susan Bond. Thomas was a son of Ludwell⁵ Vaughter and Frances Robinson. Ludwell was a son of Clement⁴ Vaughter and Sarah Johnson. Clement was a son of Samuel³ Vawter* and Agnes Richardson. Samuel was a son of Edward² Vawter and Elizabeth Boulware. Edward, credited with building Vauter Chapel, was a son of Bartholomew¹ Vawter and Winifred Hodgson.

*Note spelling change.

"Bill & Bonnie Vaughter Family Reunion, 2005, Oklahoma City" – L to R, back row: Jerry Stelly [Wade cousin], W Houston Dougharty, *David Owen Cottle*, and William J "Bill" Moore. L to R, middle row: Mrs. *Sharon Lynn Stelly Collins* [Wade cousin], Philip Wilmot "Phil" Dougharty, and William Andrew "Andy" Cottle. L to R, front row: *Bonnie Lynn Dougharty*, Mrs. *Cathy Ann Moore Boring*, and Michael Harve "Mike" Moore.



"Luther Vaughter Family, November 1939" [notes edited by WACsr from those of Margaret Vaughter Dougharty; image scanned and shared by Bonnie Lynn Dougharty] – L to R, seated: Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Vaughter (*Luther Martin Vaughter* [1873-1949] & *Susan Chase "Sue" Vaughter Vaughter* [1875-1950]). L to R, standing: Mrs. *Mildred Martin Vaughter Garner* (1912-1979; Mrs. Boy Garner), Ernest *Baxter* Vaughter (b. 1909; m. *Gertie McKee*), Mrs. *Anabel Vaughter Dunaway* (1901-1982; Mrs. Robert Ernest Dunaway), John *Carney* Vaughter (1909-1948; m. *Nelle Murrell Drennan*), Mrs. *Mattie Brown Vaughter Beadle* (1900-1975; Mrs. Edwin Brown "Ed" Beadle), *David Dayton* Vaughter (1906-1988; m. *Phallis [sic] Julene Pigg*), and Mrs. *Nellie Sue "Nell" Vaughter McDaniel* (b. 1915; Mrs. William T. McDaniel).



"D. C. Vaughter Grandchildren, Aug 1917" – L to R, back row: *David Dayton Vaughter*, *Anabel Vaughter*, *Mattie Brown Vaughter*, and *John Carney Vaughter*. L to R, middle row: *Maggie Brown Vaughter* (long, dark hair), *John Wilson Blythe*, *Mildred Baxter*, and *Walter Ferris Blythe* (behind chair). L to R, front row: *Mattie Brown Blythe* (behind chair), *Tennie Brown Gannon*, *Susan Elese Vaughter*, *Nellie Sue "Nell" Vaughter*, *Rhea Vaughter*, *Hershell "Slim" Gannon*, *Jefferson David Vaughter*, *Carl Nelson Vaughter*.



“Vaughter Girls,” ca. 1921, taken in Taiban, NM, at the N.A. & W.H. Vaughter homesteads – L to R: Aline Vaughter (Mrs. Aline Terry⁹ V. Boney); Marian Vaughter (Mrs. Marian Catherine⁹ V. Moore); Rhea Vaughter (Mrs. Rhea⁹ V. Cottle). Aunt Margaret⁹ said, “Rhea, Marian & Pookie on a donkey.”

“Bill & N.A.,” ca. 1912, Taiban, Roosevelt / De Baca County, NM – L to R: William Herschel “Bill” Vaughter & Nelson Alsup “N.A.” Vaughter, “looking fine,” on their abutting homesteads.



“Sue & Luther” [image scanned and shared by Bonnie Lynn Dougharty; notes edited by WACsr from those of Margaret Vaughter Dougharty] – Susan Chase “Sue” Vaughter Vaughter (12/20/1875 – 11/8/1950) & Luther Martin Vaughter (2/7/1873 – 10/10/1949).



“D. C. & Tennie Vaughter 1924” [notes edited by WACsr from those of Margaret Vaughter Dougharty; image scanned and shared by Bonnie Lynn Dougharty] – L to R, seated: David Crockett “D.C.” Vaughter (I), and Mrs. Tennessee Brown “Tennie” Alsup Vaughter. L to R, standing: Ernest *Baxter* Vaughter; *Luther* Martin Vaughter; Susan Chase “Sue” Vaughter Vaughter (Mrs. L.M.); *Mattie* Brown Vaughter (Mrs. *Mattie* B.V. Beadle); John *Richmond* “Doc” Vaughter. (Given names in *Italics*.)

In Memoriam

Funeral services for **Evelyn Frances Holiday Vawter**, 88, of Marshall will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 23, 2008, in the Chapel of Downs Funeral Home with Art Ostrander officiating. Interment will be in Grange Hall Cemetery under the direction of Downs Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vawter was born Sept. 8, 1919, in Upshur County to Irene Viola Phillips and Claude Columbus Holiday. Survivors include her husband, Lewis Vawter, Jr., of Marshall; son, Gary Eugene Vawter of Canton; sisters, Betty Barnes of Marshall and Ann Green of Carthage; brothers, Carroll Holiday of Albuquerque, N.M. and David Holiday of Atlanta, GA; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Visitation will be 4 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Eastern Hills Church of Christ Library, 2705 E. Travis St., Marshall, Tx 75672. Make online condolences; keithadowns@aol.com

Leon Vernon Vawter was born July 30, 1920, at Kings Mill, Ark., son of James Monroe and Georgianna, brother to Gene, William, Carl and Harland. He attended Liberty Hill County School near Hardy, then Stuttgart High School, both in Arkansas. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and married Edith Mae Ketner in 1943. Upon discharge, Leon attended Arkansas A&M College at Monticello, Ark., graduating in 1947, and worked as dean of students at A&M for two years. He then attended the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, to receive his master's in counseling psychology and returned to A&M to establish its first counseling department and serve as counselor under Presidents Morgan, Thompson and Mears. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, The Gideon's International, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, all of Monticello, Ark., and was on the board of Southwestern Bible College, Waxahachie, Texas. In 1961, he moved to Bakersfield, Calif., to assume a position in the counseling department and teach psychology at Bakersfield College. In 1963, he moved to Santa Maria, Calif., to help establish its counseling department and served as dean of admissions at Allan Hancock College until his retirement in 1986. While in Santa Maria, Leon was on the board of Southern California College (Vanguard University) and served on the Santa Barbara Grand Jury. In 2006, Leon moved to Port Hueneme, Calif., where he remained until his passing, Jan. 16, 2009. He is survived by wife, Edith; daughter, Kathy Salerno; sons, Richard, Bob and Jared, and their families, Tony Salerno, Camilla, Linda and Julie; grandchildren, Richard, Lauren Kelley, Sarah, Anthony Salerno, Robert, Henriette, Floyd, Jill, Jake, Jonathan; and great-grandson, Andrew Kelley. Interment will be at Ivy Lawn Cemetery, Ventura, Calif., at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, with a memorial service at Pacific Christian Center Assembly of God Church in Santa Maria, Calif., at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009.

VAUGHTER, Mrs. Irene Age 85 of Murfreesboro, TN, died Thursday, January 8, 2009 at Middle TN Medical Center. She was born in Rutherford County and was the daughter of the late Joe H. & Bertha Garvin Rowlett. She is survived by her daughter, Andrena Robertson and her husband Curtis of Murfreesboro; son, Randy Vaughter and his wife Kathie of Nashville; sister, Willie G. York of Madison; devoted godchild, Deanna Roberson of Nashville; grandchildren, Adam Vaughter of Nashville, TN, Rhiannon (Vaughter) Malone of Huntsville, AL, Gina (Robertson) Eubanks of Jacksonville, FL, Kevin Robertson of Murfreesboro, TN, Danny Rogers of Mt. Juliet, TN, Tammy England of Charlotte, TN and Lonae Garton of White Bluff, TN and 9 great-grandchildren. Funeral services 2 p.m. Sunday, at Woodfin Memorial Chapel, with Rev. James Avaritt officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery. Mrs. Vaughter was married to the late Andrew Vaughter and was preceded in death by a son, Lonnie Vaughter. She was a member of the Bellwood Baptist Church. Nephews will serve as Pallbearers. Visitation with the family will be 4-8 p.m. Saturday, at WOODFIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 615-893-5151. www.woodfinchapel.com

William E. and Emily D. Vawter of Missouri and California

1910 US Census Marshall, Saline, MO #70

William E. Vawter (Vanter) Head age 35 married 3 years MO/MO/MO

Emily D. Vawter wife age 28 married 3 years 1 child 1 living MO/OH/SC

Josephine dau age 2 y 3 m MO/MO/MO

Oakland Tribune (Oakland, CA) 2 Feb 1918

In honor of their little daughter, Josephine Vawter, Mr. and Mrs. William Vawter entertained with a dancing party Thursday afternoon, several of the closest friends of the little hostess attending. The affair was given in the ballroom of the Hotel Shattuck, and among those who enjoyed the games and informal tea were Grace Howell, Virginia Walliss, Elizabeth Cahow, Leonette Louis, Emily Marshall and Eleanor Massey.



MISS JOSEPHINE VAWTER

1920 US Census Oakland, Alameda, CA

William E. Vawter lodger age 47 MO/MO/MO

Emile D. Vawter wife lodger age 37 MO/MO/SC

Josephine Vawter dau lodger age 11 MO/MO/MO

Oakland Tribune (Oakland, CA) 12 Oct 1924

Vawters Hosts at the Claremont

Mr. and Mrs. William Vawter of Hotel Claremont entertained at the Saturday evening dinner dance. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Husey of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hills of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edward Joyce.

Oakland Tribune (Oakland, CA) 14 Jun 1926

Sailing June 30 for the Hawaiian Islands will be Miss Elena de Martini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter de Martini; Miss Josephine Vawter, daughter of the Will E. Vawters of Claremont, and Grace and Marie Pedersen, daughters of Mrs. Kate Pedersen of Berkeley. Accompanying them will be Mrs. Gilbert Burney. Among the affairs which honor the girls before their departure was the luncheon given by Miss Elizabeth Knight.

The Picture and article are from the Oakland Tribune 1930

FREQUENT golfers at the Claremont Country club are a group of players shown above. Mrs. Rollo Fay, captain of the women's team at Claremont, returned on Sunday from Carmel-by-the-Sea. Mrs. Thomas Telfer of Berkeley is another player who frequents the various golf courses of Eastbay country clubs. Among the younger girls there is Miss Josephine Vawter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Eakin Vawter, who will sail for

Europe this month with her parents, the trio to tour the continent for the next three months. Mrs. James L'Hommedieu is enjoying an outing at Bass Lake. Mrs. Milton Bernard of Alameda motors to Del Monte for many of the golf events there and Miss Edith Chick is another of the younger players. Golf activities for the fall will begin with tournament medal play on Admission Day, September 9, and mixed foursome followed by a dance and bridge supper.

Oakland Tribune (Oakland, CA) 4 Apr 1928

Bride In Elopement

Miss Josephine Vawter, daughter of prominent Berkely family, who surprised friends by a midnight ride to Reno, where she got, not a divorce, but a husband, Reginald Frances Kelly of Hanford.

Oakland Tribune (Oakland, CA) 9 May 1928

Miss Grace Pedersen, the daughter of Mrs. Kate Pedersen of Hillcrest road, in Claremont, has set Saturday afternoon, May 19, as the date for a bridge luncheon she will give at her home to honor Mrs. Reginald Kelley, Miss Elena de Martini and Miss Susanna McCann.

Mrs. Kelley was Miss Josephine Vawter before her recent marriage, and has been the incentive for several post-nuptial parties following her return to the bay region. Miss Elena de Martini is to leave May 21 for Europe, where she will visit this summer. Miss McCann is betrothed to Mr. Edward Charles McEneany, a brother of Miss Pedersen's fiancé, Thomas E. McEneany, jr.

Oakland Tribune(Oakland, CA) 23 Mar 1929

Mrs. Young Hostess to Party at Country Club

Mrs. M. S. Young was hostess Wednesday at a luncheon at the Mount Diablo Country club, at which her guests were Mrs. E. Atkins, Mrs. H. E. Howard, Mrs. E. J. Wallis, Mrs. Willard Merrall, Mrs. Harry Peake, Mrs. William Vawter and Mrs. W. C. Leland.

Oakland Tribune (Oakland, CA) 23 May 1930

Farewells will be said in the midsummer to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Vawter and to their daughter, Miss Josephine Vawter, of San Francisco, who are planning on leaving August 1 for New York, where they will sail later for Europe. They will be aboard until December.

Oakland Tribune (Oakland, CA) 3 Aug 1930

Family Goes To Europe For Tour

On a four months trip through Europe, Mr. and Mrs. William Eakin Vawter and their daughter, Miss Josephine Vawter, will leave Thursday for New York, August 16 the party will sail from New York for Plymouth, England and after a tour of the British Isles will cross the channel to spend some time on the continent.

They will make Paris their headquarters, returning there for a visit following a motor trip in the south of France. The Vawters will return to California in time for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Vawter is one of the younger golfers who is often a guest on this side of the bay. The family have made their home on Pacific avenue, San Francisco, since leaving Piedmont.

Oakland Tribune (Oakland, CA) 7 Dec 1930

Mrs. Vawter Asks Divorce \$500 Alimony

Piedmont Matrons Suit Says Husband Abused her With Bad Language

William Eakin Vawter, millionaire merchant and his society wife, of Piedmont and San Francisco, started out last August on what was to be a pleasure tour of the world. But the tour ended with a quarrel and separation in one of the most romantic spots in the world, Naples.

This was disclosed yesterday when the wife filed a divorce suit in San Francisco with cruelty and asserting that in Naples he abused her with bad language.

The marriage crashed little more than a month after the couple, accompanied by their daughter Miss Josephine Vawter, were feted by society of the Eastbay and San Francisco on the eve of the departure for Europe.

They separated on September 30 in Naples, and came home on different steamers. Vawter now makes his home at the Claremont hotel in Berkeley and Mrs. Vawter live at the Hotel Gaylord in San Francisco.

The wife asks temporary alimony of \$500 a month and permanent alimony of \$500 a month. She also asked a court order to restrain Vawter from disposing of community property, consisting largely of stocks and bonds and cash, and estimated by attorneys to amount to more than \$1,000,000.

Order to show cause why this order should not be issued was made yesterday by Superior Judge C. J. Goodell, returnable on December 13 before Superior Judge Frank Dunne of San Francisco.

The couple were married on December 12, 1906 in Marshall, Missouri. They have the one daughter, 23 years old.

California Death Index 1940-1997

William Eakin Vawter b. 9 Aug 1873 Missouri

d. 8 Nov 1951 Alameda, CA mother's maiden name Majors, father surname Vawter

Jesse Richard Vawter and the Battle of Stones River, Tennessee

Jesse Richardson Vawter b. 17 Jan or May 1809 Patrick Co., VA d. 9 Jan 1888, (also noted d. Apr and Oct) Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., TN m. 9 Jan 1855 to Virginia America Smith (Marriage Records of Rutherford Co., TN 1804-1872) Virginia America b. 16 Jan 1827 Murfreesboro, TN d. 6 Oct 1892 Murfreesboro. Virginia America's first husband, Lazarus "Lad" Blackman d. 28 Aug 1852, leaving her 2 daughters and a son. After "Lad's death" Virginia America turned her large two story brick house into a boarding house, one of her boarders was Jesse Richardson Vawter, thus the connection.

Virginia America's father was William "Capt. Billy" Smith and her mother was Cecily Catherine (nee: Morton) Morton. She was their only child. William Smith b. 11 Sep 1782 d. 2 Jul 1833 was 45 and Cecily Catherine b. 1780-85 d. unknown, was nearing the end of her child bearing years. There is no record of "Capt. Billy" being previously married however Cecily Catherine Morton's first husband was a distant cousin, Joseph Morton, son of James Morton, Youngest Lieutenant of the Rev. War (see William and Mary College Quarterly Vol XI- series 2, 1931 pp210-220 for further Morton family of Virginia history). After the death of "Capt. Billy" Smith, Virginia America married a third time to Robert Smith. There were no children from this marriage.

Three children of Lazarus Blackman and Virginia A. Smith:

1. Alfred Watson Blackman b. 14 Sep 1846
2. Cicelia Elizabeth Blackman b. 9 Sep 1848 m. Dr. Rafe Hall
3. Mattie America Blackman b. 2 Sep 1850 m. (1) Sam Buchanan (2) Tom Richardson

Three children of Jesse R. Vawter and Virginia A. Smith Blackman:

- a. William Alexander Vawter b. 30 Sep 1857 Murfreesboro, TN. Died unmarried.

William died a sad death, according to family members William was engaged to a young woman, Nannie Batey Peebles. Both attended a house party and Christmas dance some miles from Williams' home. He reportedly danced til midnight but decided to ride home instead of staying with the host as was customary. He apparently had worked up quite a sweat and his clothes froze to him before he reached home by horseback. He literally "caught his death of cold" and died in a few days. He had given his fiancée a pearl handled knife which is still in the family as she married into another branch of the family and has passed it down.

- b. Virginia America Vawter b. 3 May 1860 Murfreesboro, TN d. 6 Jan 1928 Smyrna, TN m. 12 Nov 1878 Rutherford Co., TN to Thomas Everett Smith b. 20 Feb 1856 d. 7/9 Dec 1935 bur. Mapleview Cem., Smyrna, TN. Children: William Vawter Smith, Jessie Lee Smith, Virginia America "Mec" Smith, Herbart Mahlon Smith, Anne Watkins "Annie Watt" Smith (mother of Martha Batey Uffleman), Claude Clinton "Chip" Smith (father of Virginia S. White), Martha Buchanan "Mattie B" Smith and John Locke "Jerry" Smith.

- c. Jesse Lee Vawter (source for his family information) b. 13 Aug 1863 Murfreesboro, TN m. 15 Oct 1884 Lake Weir, FL to Annie Jones Dillard b. 16 Jan 1867, Augusta, GA. Parents Toliver Dillard and Annie Cook. Children: William Dillard Vawter, Bessie Lee Vawter, Jesse Richardson Vawter, Samuel Buchanan Vawter, Thomas Smith Vawter, Malvin Dewitt Vawter, Juanita Sharpe Vawter, Dewitt Talmage Vawter and Virginia America Vawter.

Jesse Lee (son) Vawter stated in several letters to William Snyder Vawter in the 1920's that "*Adam Hall is the son of my father's sister. Columbus Smith is a son of my father's sister and William Vawter Smith of Smyrna TN is a son of my sister Jennie*". He states Jesse Richardson Vawter had 3 brothers and 2 sisters, names were William Vawter and John Vawter and he forgot the others. He has only seen cousin Adam Hall and cousin Columbus Smith. Adam Hall went to Denver, CO and Smith went to KS. He states it has been 45 years since he was in TN. His father's brother, William, has three granddaughters and another family member William Vawter Smith and all live in Smyrna, TN."

(GJNote: Jesse Lee left out a grandson, Jackson Watkins "Watt" Smith.)

A small farm journal, belonging to Jesse R., is still held in the family by Martha Batey Uffleman (g. granddaughter). Besides noting the crops and buying seed and feed there are only a few notations to tell of his life. Noted by the family as a man of few words the following two comments by Jesse. As the days of the Battle of Murfreesboro (Stones River) raged on, Jesse R. was living right outside Murfreesboro and practically in the smoke of the battle but his only comment was “it rained hard today”. When daughter, Virginia America was born this comment “baby girl born today”. One must wonder how his mind worked through both the joy and sorrow of those times.

Most of the above information was submitted by Virginia Smith White, 63 Jameswood Ave., Savannah, GA 31406 a direct descendant of Virginia America and Gladys Elizabeth Gooch, a direct descendant of William Beverly Vawter. This information is derived from Bible, Cemetery and TN Archives in addition to direct family tradition and research.

Stone’s River research. The Beers Map (made during and after battle) identified a structure near McFadden’s Ford as the Leach House. It is unclear whether the Leach House is the wartime McFadden House or a post-war structure. Today, an old structure called the Vaughter House stands in the vicinity of McFadden’s Ford. Recent investigations indicate the Vaughter House is a post-battle structure, excluding the possibility that it is the McFadden House, but it could be the Leach House depicted on the Beers Map. According to the Beers Map, post-battle dwellings owned by H.H. Kerr existed along McFadden Lane and the Wilkinson Pike. The cabin along the Nashville Pike where Rosecrans maintained his headquarters during the battle was listed in 1878 as a “Colored Church”. The McFadden’s Ford site, scene of the devastating Union artillery bombardment of Confederate troops, has received some attention during archeological investigations. In order to ascertain whether farming would have an effect on historic resources, archeologists Elizabeth Horvath and Christian Russell examined recently disked fields in this area for period artifacts, but Horvath determined that little material evidence of the Civil War remained in the upper levels of soil at this site. The widow Holly McFadden and her family lived on a farm in the McFadden Ford area at the time of the battle, but no conclusive archeological evidence has yet revealed the site of the house and outbuildings. However, archeologists and other researchers identified some post-battle structures in this area. For example, Cornelison determined from a burnt home’s foundation and nearby artifacts that it was built following the battle. In 1999, the Middle Tennessee State University Center for Historic Preservation completed an investigation on the Vaughter House, a home located in the McFadden Ford area on property owned by the National Park Service. The purpose of this study was to ascertain whether the home was present at the time of the battle and to assess its eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. After examining documentary and structural evidence, researchers concluded that the house was constructed following the battle and that it failed to meet the National Register’s criteria for inclusion.

Abandoned and confiscated lands in Rutherford Horvath, “Trip Report for the Stones River Field Survey – SEAC Acc. 1134 – May 23-25, 1994,” 1-6; Cornelison, “Report on Archeological Investigations of Lunette Palmer and Redoubt Brannan, Part of Fortress Rosecrans, Located in Stones River National Battlefield, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, SEAC Accessions 993 and 1021,” 21, 25, 28; James K. Huhta, Carroll Van West, Edward A. Johnson, Michael Strutt, Abbey Christman, and Anne-Leslie Owens, “The Vaughter House: Recordation Drawings, Photography, and Architectural Description; Review of Historic Documentation; Invasive Investigation and Analysis; and Eligibility Determination,” (Murfreesboro: Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University, January, 1999).

The Jefferson County (Indiana) Genealogical Society

introduces a First Families Program to honor the founding families of the county.

A book honoring the families is planned.

The program recognizes three categories of early settlers. **Frontier Families** are those who blazed the trail into the wilderness, settling in the county on or before 7 August 1820. **Founding Families**, those who settled here before 1 June 1860, drove the county's major growth period and brought it prosperity and national prominence. **First Century Families**, those who settled here before 11 February 1911, helped move the county into the modern era.

Applicants who can prove their direct descent from an early settler, and are approved by the evaluation committee before 15 April 2009 will be eligible to participate in the Madison Bicentennial Founder's Day Parade. All approved applicants will receive a certificate and lapel pin to commemorate their achievement.

For the First Families program, visit <http://www.jeffersoncountygenealogicalsociety.org>.

For the Madison Bicentennial, visit <http://madisonbicentennial.com>.

With the average life span less than 45 years until well after the 1900's, the Vawter (all spellings) genetic code indicates long life. Many lived to see great changes in the country and the world. By 1880 there were still 2 who were born during the Revolutionary War. This list may not be complete because of spellings of the census, but is as complete as can be found.

1850 US Census V. V. V. family members born before 1800

A Vawter	Tishomingo Co., MS	b. ca 1800 GA
Achilles Vawter	Jennings, IN	b. ca 1794 KY
Alamander Vawter	Essex, VA	b. ca 1790 VA
Elizabeth Vawter,	Boone, KY	b. ca 1793 KY
Elizabeth F Vawter,	Appomattox, VA	b. ca 1797 VA
Joseph E. Vawter,	Monroe, KY	b. ca 1793 VA
Martha Vawter,	Jennings, IN	b. ca 1798 KY
Mary Vawter	Forsyth, NC	b. ca 1797 NC
Posha Vawter	Essex, VA	b. ca 1795 VA
Sarah B. Vawter	Jefferson, IN	b. ca 1797 KY
Silas P Vawter	Appomattox, VA	b. ca 1797 VA
Susanna Vawter	Forsyth, NC	b. ca 1796 VA
William Vawter	Monroe, MO	b. ca 1798 KY
Caroline Vawter	Essex, VA	b. ca 1787 VA
E F Vawter	Boone, KY	b. ca 1787 VA
Frances Vawter	Jennings, IN	b. ca 1787 KY
William Vawter	Jennings, IN	b. ca 1786 VA
Elizabeth Vawter	Jackson, IN	b. ca 1785 VA
Ann Vawter	Todd, KY	b. ca 1783 E. Tenn
Elliot Vawter	Todd, KY	b. ca 1782 VA
John Vawter	Morgan, IN	b. ca 1782 VA
Elizabeth Vawter	Stokes, NC	b. ca 1781
William Vawter	Monroe, MO	b. ca 1798 KY
John H. Vawter	Monroe, VA	b. ca 1800
Kiriah Vauter	Charlotte, VA	b. ca 1797 VA
Ludwell Vaughter	Wilson, TN	b. ca 1797 VA
Julia S. Vaughter	Mercer, VA	b. ca 1793 VA
Elizabeth Vauter	Charlotte, VA	b. ca.1790 Cumberland
James A. Vauter	Franklin, KY	b. ca 1790 VA

Continued: 1850 US Census V. V. V. family members born before 1800

Frances Vaughter	Wilson, TN	b. ca 1775 VA
Margaret Vaughter	Mercer, VA	b. ca 1770 VA
Sarah Vaughter	Fayette, KY	b. ca 1780 VA
Ann Vawter	Todd KY	b. ca 1783 KY
Elizabeth Vawter	Stokes, NC	b. ca 1781 NC
Elizabeth Vawter	Jackson, In	b. ca 1785 VA
James Vawter	Jefferson IN	b. ca 1783 E. Tenn
John Vawter	Morgan, IN	b. ca 1782 VA
Hiram Vanter	Grant, KY	b. ca 1795 VA
Samuel Vanter	Charlotte, VA	b. Ca 1785 VA

1860 US Census V. V. V. family members born before 1800

John H. Vawter	Monroe, VA	b. ca 1800 (?)
Martha Vawter	Jennings, IN	b. ca 1798 KY
Achilles Vawter	Jennings, IN	b. ca 1794 KY
Bartholomew Vawter	Madison, VA	b. ca 1798
Silas P. Vawter	Appomatox, VA	b. ca 1797 VA
Matilda Vawter	Ripley, IN	b. ca 1795 VA
Jane Vawter	Franklin KY,	b. ca 1795 VA
Achilles Vawer	Jennings, IN	b. ca 1794 KY
Elizabeth Vawter	Jefferson, IN	b. ca 1793 KY
Elizabeth Vawter	Boone, KY	b. ca 1793 KY
Alexander Vawter	Madison, VA	b. ca 1793
Mary Vawter	Campbell, VA	b. ca 1790 GA
Jane Vaughters	Dawson, GA	b. ca 1796 GA
Mary Vawter	Campbell, VA	b. ca 1790 GA
Lensford Vaughter	Wilson, TN	b. ca 1784 VA
James Vawter	Jefferson, IN	b. ca 1793 KY
Beverly Vawter	Jefferson, IN	b. ca 1789
John Vawter	Morgan, IN	b. ca 1782 VA
E. F. Vawter	Boone, KY	b. ca 1787 VA
Jno Vaughter	Surry, NC	b. ca 1800 NC
Daniel F. Vaughter	Culpepper VA	b. ca 1800
Benj Vauter	Orange, VA	b. ca 1787 VA
Fanny Vauter	Orange, VA	b. ca 1789 VA
Hiram Vanter	Grant, KY	b. ca 1795 VA
J E. Vanter	Monroe, KY	b. ca 1793 VA
Susanna Vanter	Forsyth, NC	b. ca 1795

1870 US Census V. V. V. family members born before 1800

John H. Vawter	Monroe, WV	b. ca 1800 WV
Martha Vawter	Jennings, IN	b. ca 1798 KY
Eliza Vawter	Jefferson, IN	b. ca 1794 IN
Jane Vaughters	Dawson, GA	b. ca 1797
Martha Vawter	Jennings, IN	b. ca 1798 KY
Susan Vauter	Forsyth, NC	b. ca 1796 NC
Eliza Vawter	Jefferson, IN .	b. ca 1794 IN

1880 US Census V. V. V. family members born before 1800

Matilda Vawter (William)	Ripley, IN	b. ca 1796 KY
Polly Vawter	Orange, VA	b. ca 1797 VA

2009
Vawter Vauter Vaughter(s)
Family Association Reunion
San Diego, California

REGISTRATION

Name of Each Attendee: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number _____

Email: _____

Registration per Adult: _____ @ 10.00 _____

Registration per Family _____ @ 15.00 _____

Reunion Fee per Adult _____ @ 10.00 _____

Reunion Fee per Family _____ @ 15.00 _____

Dues for 2010 (if not paid) Includes Newsletter _____ @ 10.00 _____

U.S.S. Midway Museum **Adult** _____ @ 15.00 _____

Senior (62+) _____ @ 10.00 _____

Kids (6-17) _____ @ 8.00 _____

Trolley Fee to the Midway _____ @ 5.00 _____

Friday Night Banquet - Adult _____ @ 28.00 _____

Friday Night Banquet - Child _____ @ 14.00 _____

TOTAL _____



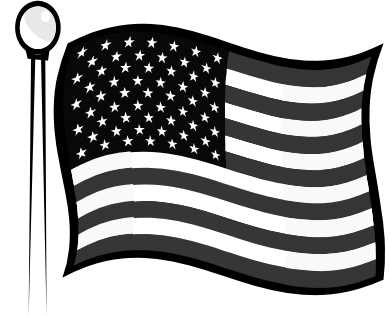
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Website: www.vawterfamily.org

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Upcoming Reunions: July 15,16,17 2009 San Diego,
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2011 Land Between The Lakes, KY

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VVV Treasurer Laneil Vawter. Only.....\$10.00 per year



VVV Family Reunion
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
July 15, 16, 17, 2009
San Diego, California

What a great opportunity to attend a fabulous reunion in sunny California.
The reunion is scheduled for midweek to accommodate hotel dates and travel opportunities.

The low cost of air fare right now makes this a great reunion for flying. Contact other members and perhaps a van or car can be shared for travel around town. The trolley and other transportation will be easy for everyone.

The 2009 VVV Family Reunion will be held at the Handlery Hotel & Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. Phone 619-298-0511.

Be sure to mention the VVV reunion when making your reservation.

The 2009 Reunion, July 15, 16, 17

The 2009 VVV Family Reunion will start, like last year, on Wednesday and conclude with the annual banquet on Friday night. It will be held at the Handlery Hotel & Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108.

Phone 619-298-0511. The Handlery is close to all venues in San Diego and very near the San Diego Trolley System. The rates are as follows:

Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
\$ 128.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 148.00

There is also a parking fee of \$8 per night.

To learn more about the hotel online, go to WWW.HANDLERY.COM

U.S.S. Midway Museum

A trip to the Midway Museum is planned on Thursday. The U.S.S. Midway was the longest serving aircraft carrier in U.S. history. She was launched a week after the end of World War II and served through Desert Storm in 1991. The ship is manned by volunteers, many who served in active duty on her. Over a dozen planes that flew from her deck still remain. To see more, go to www.midway.org. There is a snack stand on board that serves sandwiches and hotdogs (<http://www.fantailcafe.com/menus.html>), or after the tour visit some great seafood places on the water, ranging from fast food to elegant.

Explore San Diego

Friday will be open for vacationers to see the sights. Below is a sampling of things to do!

A big attraction is the San Diego Zoo, one of the world's finest. <http://www.sandiegozoo.org>

The Gaslamp district, a shopping destination. <http://www.gaslamp.org>

Take a tour of the San Diego harbor. <http://www.sdhe.com/san-diego-harbor-tours.html>

Mt Woodson Castle is a 27 room, 12,000 square foot mansion designed by John Vawter. <http://www.mtwoodson.com>

Take a dinner cruise in the harbor. <http://www.sdhe.com/san-diego-dinner-cruises.html>

See the Wildlife Animal Park. <http://www.sandiego.org/listing/Visitors/2985>

Take a tour of Old Town San Diego <http://www.trustedtours.com/store/Old-Town-Trolley-San-Diego-C182.aspx>

Tour water and land at the same time!! Take an amphibious tour! <http://www.sealtours.com/index.asp>

On Thursday night the San Diego Padres play the Colorado Rockies at Petco Park. We can organize a group to see the game if members would like.

2009 REUNION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 15

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.....Registration
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.....“Welcome to San Diego”
8:00 p.m.Site Committee Meeting
9:00 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 16

8:00 a.m.....Business Meeting
10:00 a.mLeave for U.S.S. Midway
Lunch.....after the tour, your choice of location
Afternoon in San Diego.....Suggested Activities
Shopping in Gaslamp District
Harbor Tour
Ferry to Coronado Island (shopping there too!)
Tour ships on the waterfront

Friday, July 17

9:00 – 10:00.....Genealogy Session
Suggested Activities.....San Diego Zoo
Mt. Woodson Castle
Wildlife Park
Shopping in Gaslamp District
Harbor Tour
Ferry to Coronado Island (shopping there too!)
Tour ships on the waterfront

6:00 p.m.....Annual Banquet
Invocation
Meal
Memorial Service
Love Offering for Vauter’s Church
Special Recognition
Youngest & Oldest
Couple Married Longest
Longest Distance Traveled
Roll Call of States
Final Registration Report
Invitation to 2010 Reunion
Door Prizes
Auction Items
Adjournment

In Memoriam

Roger Louis Byler passed away the 30th day of April, 2009 in Houston, Texas at the age of 96.

Roger Byler was born August 25, 1912 near Jamestown, MO. He was saved at the age of 11, and then was baptized into the membership of the Prairie Home Baptist Church in MO. Between high school & college, he felt called to preach. He was ordained to preach on August 13, 1937. He was over 96 at the time of his death. He graduated from Southwest Baptist College, (now Southwest Baptist University) and William Jewell College, in MO. He also received a Bachelor of Science & Education from Missouri University. He received a Master of Theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft Worth, TX in 1937 and received a Master of Science from A & I, Kingsville, TX in 1955. He received qualification from the Texas Education Agency to teach Civil Defense and from the University of Texas he received qualification to teach Nuclear Science.

He is Past President of the Cradle of Texas Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, serving at the time of death as Chaplain. He has proven 7 ancestors for the SAR. He was researching two more possible ancestors. He and his late wife, Shirley Ellen Byler, had been married over 67 years. They built their home near Old Ocean, Texas and moved there in 1978. Through the years, he has kept busy as a Pastor, School Teacher, Husband & Father, as well as Rancher. He learned how to make marionettes and other art objects and used them in church & school. In addition to his role as a pastor, he was a teacher for 34 years. He taught all the way from 1st grade through college, including the School of Nursing in Harlingen, TX !

After retiring, he learned to use a personal computer which helped him write and publish three family genealogy books. He enjoyed writing newspaper articles, plays, and short stories. He was a Volunteer Bible Teacher at Sweeny House in 1986. He took a special Chaplaincy Course which aided him in that work. In 1994, he & his wife joined the Mission Service Corps. It is a volunteer group of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They were members of the 1st Baptist Church of Old Ocean for many years.

He is survived by 2 children; Elizabeth Melton and David Byler. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Esther Byler, Grandsons, Bert Howard & Timothy Byler and his wife Shirley E. Byler. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren: Robert Howard & wife Tina; Richard Howard & wife Natalie; Randall Howard & wife Annie; Beverly Cowen & husband Kyle; Gregg Howard & wife Shelley; Daniel Byler & wife Tina; and Matthew Byler & wife Jessica. Also, he is survived by 7 great grandchildren: Robyn, Austin, Aisha, & Spence Howard and Austin, Brett, & Colton Byler. He also has two living brothers, R. Forrest & Harold E. Byler. He was preceded in death by brothers, Charles, Garland and Joe Byler and a sister, Dorothy Smiley.

Family will receive friends at the Baker funeral home in West Columbia from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. on Monday, May 4, 2009.

Funeral Services will be held at the 1st Baptist Church of Old Ocean on Tues. May 5, 2009 at 10:00 am with Rev. Joe Constantine officiating. Pallbearers will be his Grandsons & Great Grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be Gary Eubanks and Pat Dowlen. Burial will be in the Sweeny Cemetery by the side of his wife, Shirley, of 67 years.

He requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Southwest Baptist University, 1600 University Avenue, Boliver, MO 65613-2597, for unrestricted help for students going to school.

In connection with a distant relative in PA and the use of DNA, he had traced his Byler ancestry to about year 1500 in Zurich, Switzerland, and to people of the same name now living in Switzerland. He says that his success in tracing his family back so far has made it easier for him to believe the Bible genealogy.

The question on his heart was from a song, "Come along with me, Oh why will ye die, when help is so nearby?" The answer from Rev. Roger Byler: "Believe it, Jesus died and rose again!"

Arrangements are by Baker Funeral Home, 634 S Columbia Dr., West Columbia. Online condolences may be made by signing the guest book at www.bakerfuneralhome.net

Roger Louis Byler was married to Shirley Vawter Byler who wrote "The Family of Albert & Josie Vawter". Daughter Elizabeth "Beth" Melton was VVV President 1997-1998.

In Memoriam

BOILING SPRINGS, SC- **Manson Verle Vawter**, 74, formerly of Parris Bridge Road, died Wednesday, February 25, 2009. Born July 28, 1934, in Chadwick, MO, he was the son of the late Francis Harold and Josephine Chavese Vawter. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a sister, Louise Grannum; a brother, Dwain Vawter; a step-daughter, Rosalee Gardner; and a friend, Mary Gray of Spartanburg.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at St. John's Lutheran Church conducted by the Rev. Dr. Boyd F. Cook.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Parish Life Center, 416 South Pine Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302; or to Hospice of the Carolina Foothills, 130 Forest Glen Drive, Columbus, NC 28722. Floyd's North Church Street Chapel

Buried in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, DC:

Philemon Vawter d. 9 August 1923

Martha Humphreys Vawter d. 6 Jan. 1906

Sallie Vawter (Harris) (Pickett) d. 27 July 1939.

Sallie is the daughter of Philemon and Martha H. She received a lengthy obit, she was society editor emeritus of the "The Washington Evening Star" and one of the founders of the Women's National Press Club (also did a stint as President). Sallie had two sons and a daughter by first husband Wm H. Harris. No issue by 2nd husband, Theodore Pickett.

Sallie had a sister, Elizabeth Crawford Vawter who married Judge W. A. Milliken . They had 2 daughters, Elizabeth and Rhoda. Rhoda became head of DC Metro Police Women's Bureau, don't know what became of Elizabeth.

Los Angeles, CA 1931

Vawter, Minnie L., October 6, loving wife of Alfred T. Vawter; loving mother of Ernest, Robert and Walter Vawter, Mrs. Robert Oles and Mrs. Alfred Du Fault. Funeral services Thursday, October 8, 10:30 am at Bede A. Johnson's mortuary, 3827 Whittier Boulevard

May 21, 2009.

Bonita reports a devastating fire in Southern Indiana. The Jefferson County courthouse in Madison burned Wednesday night. Madison is an historic town rich with Vawter history and is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year.

According to the Madison newspaper (madisoncourier.com) they are hoping to salvage many of the old documents that were damaged.

Vawter Park Hotel, Vawter Park, Indiana

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Early Records of Vawter's located in North Dakota and South Dakota

Family data: Granville Marshall Vawter b. 22 Feb 1860 Chariton, Lucas Co., IA
father John Wesley Vawter, mother Emily Jane Wheeler
Died 9 Aug 1935 San Gabriel, CA
Married Anna Mabel Kellner in 1902

1860 US Census Liberty, Lucas Co., IA
John W. Vawter age 38 b. VA
Emily A age 22 b. OH
Alonzo P age 10 b. KY
William T age 2 b. IA
Granville M age 4 mon b. IA

1880 US Census Washington, Page Co., IA
Robert W. Vawter age 47 b. KY
Mary M. age 43 b. IA
Alonzo age 21 b. IL
John age 17 b. IL
Granville age 15 b. IL
Hiram E. age 8 b. IL
William S. age 7 son b. IL
Birdie P. age 3 dau b. IA

1910 US Census Merkel, Kidder, ND
Marshall Vawter age 50 b. IA fb USA mb USA
Maid A Vawter age 33 b. KS fb. NY mb. IA
Walter D Vawter son age 7 b. Ca fb IA mb. KS

1920 US Census Merkel, Kidder, ND
Granville (Ganerth) M. Vawter age 59 b. IA fb VA mb. OH
Anna M Vawter age 42 b. KS
Walter D. Vawter age 16 son b. CA
Roy P. Vawter age 9 son b. ND
Mariorie Vawter age 7 dau b. ND

1930 US Census San Gabriel, Los Angeles, CA
Granville M. Vawter age 70 b IA fb IA mb. IA
Anna M. Vawter age 53 b. KS fb NY mb. IA
Walter D. Vawter age 26 son b. CA fb. KS mb. KS
Fern Vawter age 23 dau in law b. UT fb UT mb UT

Roster of the Men and Women Who Served in the Army or Naval Service (Including the Marine Corps) of the United States or its Allies from the State of North Dakota in the World War, 1917-1918 Volume 4 Rich to Zygmond
Name Raymond Orval Vawter
Army #: 4,039,734
Registrant: yes, Ward county
Birth Place: Maquon, Ill.
Birth Date: 19 Oct 1892
Parent's Origin: of (nationality of parents not given) not married
Occupation: salesman
Comment: inducted at Minot ND on July 22, 1918; sent to Camp Custer, Mich.; served in 160th Depot Brigade, to discharge. Discharged on Nov. 26, 1918, as a Private.

South Dakota Marriages 1905 – 1949

Orville Vawter age 27 year, Steele, Kidder Co., ND spouse Charlotte Armitage age 20 Steele, Kidder Co., ND. Married on 21 Jul 1923 at the Post office Mound City, Campbell Co., SD

1930 US Census Morristown, Corson Co., SD
Orville S. Vawter age 37 b. KS
Charlotte age 27 b. Wis
May L. Vawter age 7 b. ND
Orville J. Vawter age 6 b. ND
Philip J. Vawter age 3 b. CA
Peggy J. Vawter age 1y 8m b. SD
Lester J. Knapp age 34 boarder b. MI single

1930 US Census South Randall, Thomas Co., KS
Joseph V. McNelly age 76 b. OH fb Wis mb PA
Alice J. McNelly age 72 b. IA fb. KY mb IA
Gravnl G. Vawter age 64 b. IA fb KY mb IA brother in law

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 5 Sep 1874

Mr. J. S. Vaughters left last Wednesday evening for a short trip to the northern part of the State.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 30 Jul 1870

John A. Vaughters declined as executor of the administration of the estate of Horatio Burris, deceased.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 11 Dec 1880

There was a pleasant gathering at the spacious residence of John A. Vaughters, West Side, Tuesday evening, to witness the marriage of his step daughter, Miss Alice Brouse to Chauncy M. Holcomb, of Gallipolis. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock, by Elder J. W. Dillon, and was witnessed by the family, immediate relatives and a select number of invited guests, after which an excellent supper was served. The bride and groom will at once move to Gallipolis, their future home, and settle down to housekeeping, postponing their wedding tour til the arrival of fairer weather.

The bride was quite a favorite among her young friends of the West Side, and all will unite in wishing her a happy honeymoon, and a peaceful married life.

Mr. Holcomb, the groom, is a rising young lawyer of Gallipolis. For the past eight years he has been connected with the Journal as local and associate editor, and very able filled both positions. He was prominently mentioned before the Congressional Convention as the nominee to succeed the Hon.

Henry S. Neal, for the race in the district.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Vaughters, of Chillicothe; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grimes, and A. T. Holcomb of the city; Mrs. E. T. Holcomb, mother of the groom, of Vinton, OH; and Dr. F. S. Phillips, of Gallipolis.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 1 Jan 1881

List of local deaths for the year 1880.

July 26, William Vaughters, Nile township, aged 63

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 19 Mar 1881

Death of Mrs. William Vaughters,

The death of Mrs. Mary Vaughters, widow of the late Wm. Vaughters, occurred at their residence on the West Side, Thursday morning at 4 o'clock, after a brief illness. The deceased was taken sick last Sunday evening with a chill, and her ailment developed into typhoid fever, and although previous to this enjoying the best of health, the fell destroyer rapidly toll on her. Her maiden name was Bryson, and she was married to Wm.

Vaughters in 1850, being his second wife. Five children, Richard, William, Carrie, Sherman and Ella, blessed the union and survive the mother. The deceased was an excellent lady, led an exemplary life, was a consistent Christian and her untimely death is deeply felt in the community in which she lived. The remains of the deceased were interred yesterday by the side of her husband, on the family burial ground.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 14 Nov 1885

West Side news

Little Lillie Vaughters entertained a party of young folks last Sunday.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 5 Dec 1885

Mrs. Coydon Brouse has been at the bedside of Mrs. George Vaughters, in Chillicothe, this week.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 2 Jul 1881

John Vaughters of Sugar Grove, has been making several improvement to his rural home during the past weeks.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 13 Feb 1886
Death of Mrs. George A. Vaughters, of Chillicothe

The many friends of Mrs. George A. Vaughters were grieved to learn of her sad death which occurred at their elegant and comfortable home in Chillicothe Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Alice Cook, was married to George A. Vaughters, son of John A. Vaughters, of the West Side, in Richmond, Indiana. They afterwards located in Chillicothe, where the grief stricken husband embarked in the wholesale grocery business, the style of the firm being known in commercial circles as Vaughters, Cramer and Co.

Mrs. Vaughters was taken sick eight months ago, which terminated fatally in lung fever. The remains were brought to this city yesterday afternoon on the Scioto Valley Railroad, accompanied by Mr. Vaughters and his nine year old son, and taken to the residence of Harry S. Grimes, whose wife is a sister of his.

The funeral services will take place from the residence on East Second street this afternoon at half past two o'clock.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 20 Feb 1886

George A. Vaughters and son Harry, and Mrs. Chauncy Holcomb, were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Vaughters, of Friendship, the fore part of the week.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 1 May 1886

H. S. and William Grimes has contracted with G. A. Vaughters of Chillicothe, for an elegant Creole Georgia marble monument to be erected on his lot in Greenlawn. They also have contracted with Henry Clingman for a fine granite monument for his late wife's grave.

BANKER AND UTILITIES HEAD DIES THURSDAY

CHILLICOTHE, O., Dec. 17—
(AP)—George A. Vaughters, 80, prominent wholesale grocer, banker and utilities head, died here today.

He was the organizer and president until his death of the Vaughters and Kramer Co., wholesale grocers, president of the Citizens' National bank here since it was founded in 1900, and until recently president of the Chillicothe Electric Railway Light and Power Co.

He was born in Friendship, Scioto-co.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 24 Feb 1894

The sale of personal property of the late J. A. Vaughters takes place next Tuesday. Hot coffee and a free lunch will be served to all at dinner time.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 24 Feb 1894

John A. Vaughters to George A Vaughters 82.5 acres, by will, real estate transfer.

The Portsmouth Times (OH) 3 Mar 1894

The personal property of the estate of John A. Vaughters was sold at public sale at the home farm, a short distance below this city, Tuesday. About 300 were present and goods brought fair prices.

Obituary of George A. Vaughters, The Lima (OH) News, 17 Dec 1931

I am writing to you because I am a descendant of Dr Sweitzer Soutter Harwood who married May Vawter. I have information about where she is buried in Sydney. I live in Australia and have visited the cemetery where she was buried and took photos of the headstone used in the family plot. I was wondering if you could help me by telling me if you have found out if May and Sweitzer had any children? Cheers Vicki
My email address are vmashlin@bigpond.com or vmwatkins65@hotmail.com

You are welcome to visit anytime you would like to come over to Australia. I live approximately 900kms up from Sydney near the New South Wales and Queensland border at Tweed Heads.(picture at right) It is just below the Gold Coast and Brisbane, it is a beautiful part of Australia.



Please look at Balmain Cemetery site
<http://www.lmc.nsw.gov.au/Balmain-Cemetery.html>

Below is a section from the website about the Harwood Headstone.

Stones used as Historic Monument Robert Towns, 11 April 1873, to Townsville. Rowntree, monument to Balmain.



A granite monument was erected at the Spit, Middle Harbour to commemorate significant local events. This was formerly a memorial to the Harwood Family.

Thomas Soutter Harwood, 4 May 1883
Eliza Harwood, 6 February 1884
May, wife of Dr Harwood, 1 March 1884
Amelia Mary, 10 November 1904

A scroll, giving the history of the stone, with inscription, was placed in a prepared cavity under the stone. An obelisk was erected at McCarr's Creek, Pittwater to commemorate the surveying of McCarr's Creek by Captin John Hunter and William Romaine Govett.

May Harwood is buried with her mother and father - in - law as well as Amelia Harwood who was my (Vicki) great great grandmother.

May Harwood died on 1 March 1884, she is buried at the Balmain Cemetery in Leichhardt in Sydney. Unfortunately the cemetery was turned into a park in 1942 and the headstones were either demolished, removed or sold to be used as monuments. The Harwood Headstone above May's grave was removed and taken to another area in Sydney and used as a monument.

I still can't believe that they demolished the cemetery to make a park, unfortunately a lot of our original cemeteries from 1788 to around 1850's suffered the same fate. It is sad that the memorials and memories of past people meant so little to some. I have attached a photo of the monument that was May's headstone which is now at Middle Harbour. They shaved the stone and removed the names of the Harwood Family. I will also attach a photo of the park that was the cemetery at Leichhardt.



2009
Vawter Vauter Vaughter(s)
Family Association Reunion
San Diego, California

REGISTRATION

Name of Each Attendee: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number _____

Email: _____

Registration per Adult:		_____ @ 10.00	_____
Registration per Family		_____ @ 15.00	_____
Reunion Fee per Adult		_____ @ 10.00	_____
Reunion Fee per Family		_____ @ 15.00	_____
Dues for 2009 (if not paid)	Includes Newsletter	_____ @ 10.00	_____
U.S.S. Midway Museum	Adult	_____ @ 15.00	_____
	Senior (62+)	_____ @ 10.00	_____
	Kids (6-17)	_____ @ 8.00	_____
Trolley Fee to the Midway		_____ @ 5.00	_____
Friday Night Banquet - Adult		_____ @ 28.00	_____
Friday Night Banquet - Child		_____ @ 14.00	_____

TOTAL _____



FAMILY ASSOCIATION
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Vaughter(s)
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2010 VVV Family Association Reunion

July 15, 16, 17 2010

Richmond, VA

Comfort Suites Richmond Innsbrook

4051 Innslake Dr

Glen Allen, VA 23060

804-217-9200

Every 5 years the VVV Family Association meets in Virginia to view the Vauter's Church. Start making

plans today for a fabulous time with friends and family.



COUSINS ATTENDING THE 2009 VVV REUNION
IN SAN DIEGO, CA.

Jordan Johnston
Kaitlin Johnston
Daria Williams
Patricia Renton

Fred Wicker
Ken and Norma Wicker
Ellen and Ned Cummings
Rebecca Cummings

Dale and Donna Vawter
Ashley and Phyllis Vawter
David Vawter
Garry Vawter

Did not stay at the hotel:
Helen and Omar Johnson
Carol and John Brewer
Mark Johnson
David Johnson
Patty Peepler (guest)

Gerald and Shirley Beasley
Roger and Margie Vawter

J.W. and Di Vawter
John H and Sue Vawter

Elinor Kniffin
Joan Williamson

Beth Melton

Phil Vaughter
Andrew Hatori

Connie and Paul Bugos
Brooke and Austin Bugos

Scheduled, but did not attend:
Dale Vawter group:
Brian Vawter
Beth Vawter

Martha Hudson
Judith Crawford
Rhonda Pennington (guest)

Helen Johnson group:
Steve Chandler
Dee Ann Chandler
JoNell Bennington
Tom Bennington

Mary and Garland Wallace
Sheryl Espinoza and Justin Espinoza
(Mary's daughter and grandson)

**The 2009 VVV reunion was held at the beautiful Handlery Hotel
in San Diego, July 15-17, 2009.
47 people registered at the reunion**

Some arrived early and started sight-seeing, going to the zoo and wildlife park and other attractions. And some just came to the Banquet because they live in California.

VVV President Jordan Johnston drove from Phoenix Wednesday morning. A few hours after he arrived he received a call from his wife that her father had died suddenly.

Thursday after the business meeting, most of the out-of-state cousins toured the USS Midway aircraft carrier. It is absolutely huge and we were tired and foot-sore by the time we climbed all over. The ship is a floating museum; at every turn we found artifacts and pictures. The flight deck still has many styles of aircraft.

Jordan helped us get there on the trolley system and made sure that everyone had help if they needed it, then he had to leave for home.

Vice President Shirley Beasley took over for the rest of the reunion, including the banquet.

California cousins, Helen and Omar Johnson were the longest married.

Fred Wicker was the oldest attending and Brooke Bugos was the youngest.

Rebecca Cummings came the longest distance, from Hawaii.

Gerald and Daria gave out the door prizes and Ken and Norma did the auction.

Our condolences to Sandra and Jordan Johnston.

Will You Forget?

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Do you know who you are,
and from whence you came?
Do you know where you're going,
or to you, is it all the same?
Do you know your father,
and his father before him?
Will you know your son,
or are we just here by whim?
The opportunities you were given,
by those that went before,
Will you pass them to your children,
and give them even more?
What will you learn,
from your father's fathers, son?
Will you just forget,
all that they have done?
And so forgetting,
break the binding glue,
And worse than that,
forget your identity too.

Fred Wicker gave an interesting talk in the genealogy session. He discussed his line of the VVV and it's connection with former Presidential candidate Fred Thompson.

Mary Wallace brought the Cameo pin that had belonged to her g.g.grandmother, Cintha Vawter Robinson. During the Civil War the Cameo and also silver candlesticks, among other things, were buried to keep them safe from the Yankees.

In Memoriam

RALPHE BEVERLY VAWTER 1926-2009

Ralphe B. Vawter, 83, of Pensacola passed away on August 10, 2009.

Ralphe was born in Columbus, OH, and was a graduate of Denison University and Case-Western Reserve University. He served in the Marines in both WWII and Korean War and finally in the reserves until he retired as a Colonel. He was a PMOAA active member and officer and was president of the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund that he started in Los Angeles, CA. Ralphe was a national officer and local president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at Christ Church. He has lived in many places throughout his life, such as, Rochester, NY, Beverly Hills, CA, Ohio, Chicago, IL and in Pensacola for the last 15 years. Survivors include: wife, Caroline F. Vawter; son, Timothy E. Vawter; grandson, Tim; nephews, nieces and cousins. Memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church of Pensacola. Internment at Barrancas National Cemetery will be held at a later date. Trahan Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, 121 S. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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1919-2009 **Veronica "Ronnie" Vawter**, 89, St. Joseph, formerly of Maryville, Mo., died Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at her residence. Ronnie was born October 21, 1919, in St. Louis, Mo., the daughter of Lawrence and Pauline (Pohrer) Treinen. She married James Vawter on March 6, 1950. He preceded her in death on April 12, 1982. She was also preceded in death by her parents; sister Vivian Schoeck; and friend, Charles Moore. Ronnie was a graduate of Cleveland High School, St. Louis, Mo., and attended Browns Business School. She was a member of St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Maryville, Mo., where she was also a choir member; St. Joseph YWCA Women's Club; American Legion Auxiliary, Elks Club, Lions Club, and past member of Girl and Cub Scouts, all in Maryville, Mo. She was a past member of the Garden Club in Venice, Fla., and Maryville, Mo. Ronnie's interests were music, reading, swimming and tennis. Survivors include daughters Fran McClain (Jim Green), and Diana Taylor (Bud Buffey), all of St. Joseph; sons Jim Vawter (Cheryl Lewis), Mt. Vernon, Wash., Ted Vawter (Kate), Alexandria, Va., and Larry Vawter (Susie), Kansas City, Mo.; brother Larry Treinen, St. Louis, Mo.; nine grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. Burial at a later date at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo. The family suggests memorial gifts to American Legion Post #100, Maryville, Mo. Mrs. Vawter has been cremated under the direction of Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

Extracted from: THE HISTORY OF TIPTON COUNTY, INDIANA IN THE WORLD WAR

Tipton County IN Archives Military Records.....Prairie Township Honor Roll WWI

VAWTER, IRVIN. Sept. 5, 1897. Farmer. July 7, 1918. Seaman, Great Lakes and Norfolk. Fireman U. S. S. Alabama.

Tipton County IN Archives Military Records.....Cicero Township Honor Roll WWI

VAWTER, HAROLD H. Dec. 1, 1883. Deputy Postmaster, May 13, 1917. First Officer's Training Camp, Ft. Harrison.

VAWTER, HOMER G. May 28, 1894. Sept. 14, 1914. Co. D. 10 Inf. In Panama. Sgt First O. T. S., Ft. Harrison, (2nd Lt.)

Made 1st Lt. Co. L. 22 Inf. At Ft. Hamilton. Franklin Arsenal. Capt. Sept 14, 1919.

In Memoriam

Wesley Rhodes Vawter, Jr., 85, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, died Friday, May 29, 2009 at Baptist Hospital after a long and full life. A retired businessman, community volunteer, and woodworking enthusiast. Mr. Vawter was born January 9, 1924 in Jackson, TN to Wesley Rhodes Vawter and Emily Black Vawter. As a youngster, he moved with his parents to Alexandria, Louisiana. He began studies at Louisiana State University but left to join the military, along with most of his Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brothers, during World War II. He was a first lieutenant with the 466th bomber group, co-piloting a B-24 aircraft on 35 combat missions for the US Air Force. After the war, Mr. Vawter began a long career with Chrysler Corporation, relocating several times throughout the U.S. over a thirty-year period. When his career travels ended, he returned to his West Tennessee roots and was blessed with nearly two decades of productive retirement in Memphis. At Mullins United Methodist Church he was a former trustee, Lay Leader and chairman of the Administrative Council. He also delivered meals for MIFA and volunteered as a driver for the American Cancer Society. A fitness buff, he continued regular gym workouts well into his eighties, and he enjoyed weekly games of golf with friends and former colleagues. The defining role of his retirement, however, was his love of woodworking. A talented and self taught craftsman, he enjoyed creating treasures for family and friends, as well as the challenge of making repairs to fine antique furniture or simple repairs for home or church projects. Mr. Vawter was preceded in death by a younger brother, Jack Vawter of Ft. Worth, TX. Local survivors include his wife of 67 years, Frances Lockett Vawter, and a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Elizabeth Richardson and Taylor Richardson of Memphis. Other survivors include a son, Wesley Vawter III and daughter-in-law, Terry Vawter of Atlanta, and a granddaughter Charlotte Elizabeth Vawter of Atlanta. He also leaves a host of special nieces and nephews. Family visitation will be at the Mullins United Methodist Church. The Rev Dr. Bradley Gabriel will conduct a funeral service at 2pm in Mullins Chapel. Rhodes was a man of integrity and wit who will be greatly missed. Memorial Park Funeral Home, printed in the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, TN

The Davis News, Davis, Murray County, Oklahoma
Thursday, February 7, 1924 Vol. XXX, Number 19

Having removed to Ardmore, CHARLES S. VAWTER tendered his resignation as secretary and REV. A. E. WATFORD was selected to fill the vacancy of the Chamber of Commerce.

Tazewell County, Virginia, Newspaper Articles: Clinch Valley News--May 3, 1940 Mr. and Mrs. Henry VAWTER, of North Tazewell, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nancy Rose, to Donald Dirk RITCHIE, of Morgantown, West Virginia, on April 27 at North Tazewell, Rev. William S. JONES, officiating. Mrs. Ritchie received her Bachelor of Arts Degree at Radford State Teachers' College and is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. For the past year she has been engaged in graduate work at the University of Virginia. Mr. RITCHIE is a son of Mrs. W.F. RITCHIE and the late Mr. RITCHIE of Greenville, S.C. is a graduate of Furman University and University of North Carolina. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity and of Sigma XI. Mr. and Mrs. RITCHIE will be at home in Morgantown after May 1.

Bransford Vawter House Lynchburg, Virginia Built: ca. 1818

Originally located at 409 Polk Street in Lynchburg, VA the Bransford Vawter house has been dismantled and is available for sale. A fine example of a 19th century vernacular home of the Federal period, the house retains much of its original fabric and is well worth reconstructing to its original form. The house is frame construction, three-bays wide and one-and-a-half stories tall. The house has been removed from the English basement which was not saved. A later rear addition was too deteriorated to be dismantled and saved. However, reconstructing this rear wing space will make extra room available for a kitchen, baths and utilities and would bring the reconstructed house to about 2000 square feet. The house has its original mantels, pine flooring and doors.



Bransford Vawter (1815-1838), known as Lynchburg's first poet, lived and died in this house at the early age of 23 from tuberculosis. As a young boy he showed an interest in poetry and was often taken to his father's shop to recite for the customers. He was described as a "high-minded, chivalrous young man-honorable in his feelings and distinguished by his winning modesty."

Vawter's poem, "I'd Offer Thee This Hand of Mine," was published anonymously in the *Southern Literary Messenger* in 1834. The poem proved to be so popular that a prize was offered for the author. Bransford Vawter came forward to claim authorship and his career was born. The poem was soon set to music. The young lady to whom the poem was addressed is believed to be Miss Ann Norvell. Unfortunately, Ann's parent's frowned on the match and she married another. Her most treasured possession was a little album given to her by Vawter. Vawter was buried in the family plot in what is now Lynchburg's Old City Cemetery.

In *VA/WV Gen. Data from Rev. War Pension & Bounty Land Warrant Records, Vol. 4*, by Patrick G. Wardell, pub. Heritage Books.

Page 183, Pension 1833 Tazewell Co., VA

Chaffin, Christopher, entered service Cumberland Co., VA, Married Mary Ann Vawter⁴, Thomas³, Edward², Bartholomew¹

Page 276-77,

Thomas Harvey enlisted 1780 VA, pension applied 25 Aug 1837 Charlotte Co., VA.

Married Mary "Polly" Vawter, pension at age 80 (1848) Campbell Co., VA. Mary Vawter⁴, Samuel³, Edward², Bartholomew¹.

Book - *Virginia Soldiers of 1776* by Burgess Vol. page 1443.

Achilles Stapp served in State Line in Rev. War. Achilles married Margaret Vawter⁴, David³, John², Bartholomew¹. They removed to Scott Co., KY.

Edmond Newman⁴, son of Thomas Newman and Elizabeth Vawter³, unknown², Barth¹ enlisted in the Revolutionary War in Prince William Co., VA in 1780 at age 18. He was a sergeant in the Battle of Camdon, in the siege of Ninety Six, and Eutaw Springs. He was discharged Jan 1782.

LYNCHBURG COUNTY, VA - CEMETERIES – Bransford Vawter Grave

Source: Library of Virginia Digital Collection

LVA Titled Files: Survey Report, The grave of Bransford Vawter: 1937 Oct. 19

Research made by Susan R. Beardsworth

Cemetery Location:

City Cemetery, formerly called Methodist Cemetery Lynchburg County, Virginia

DATE: Vawter was born in Lynchburg in 1815; died in 1838.

OWNERS: City of Lynchburg.

DESCRIPTION: On October 14, 1936, during the Sesqui-centennial celebration a simple marker was placed at the grave of this young man by the Lynchburg chapter of the Quill and Scroll Society.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

On January 7, 1811, Benjamin Vawter was married to Milly Gutrey. These were the parents of this brilliant young man who had the promise of a career in the field of literature, but because of his frail physique, doubtless died of lung trouble, at the age of twenty-three.

“The Grave of Bransford Vawter”

The following poem was written by Mrs. Cornelia J. M. Jordan, first society editor of Lynchburg; her first work was for the press under a non de plume.

It was a spot he would have loved, by pleasing landscape bounded,
Fair verdant slopes, and distant hills, and blooming fields surrounded;
No fitter couch could loving hands have chosen for this sleeping,
Then here where kindly nature holds his dust in silent keeping.

No sound of earth, no rush of storm, or note of bird may move his;
The mountains fling their shadows broad, the blue skies smile above him;
No restless dreams obtruding come his lonely pillow haunting.
No river that his childhood loved his requiem now is chanting.

We may not know, we only hear, how much fate denied his,
We only see the mantling sod and daisies white that hide him;
The music of his broken harp floats in the pine trees singing,
And sends its plaintive echoes o’er the grave where he is lying.

Bransford Vawter’s father left several pieces of property, records of which are on file at the Lynchburg Clerk’s Office. There is a record of the marriage of his son, Silas Vawter to Sarah Fear, in 1830. The name, however, is now extinct in Lynchburg.

A house still stands on Polk Street, near fifth, is said to be the one in which the young poet died.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Register of Marriages, page 2, Lynchburg Clerk’s Office.

Register of Marriages, page 7, Lynchburg Clerk’s Office.

Lynchburg Newspapers and Editors by Carter Glass, Jr., Lynchburg, Va.

Records of Duiguids’ Mortuary, Lynchburg, Va.

Lynchburg and its People by Christian, Jones Library, Lynchburg, Va.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, in *Culpeper County*, two Steers, one a large dark Brindle, unmark'd, with a white Spot on each hind Thigh, a white Spot at the Root of his Horns, and some white Spots about his Belly, has been posted and appraised at Three Pounds. The other of a red Color, with a white Face, red round his Eyes, and several white Spots on his Body; he has been posted and appraised to Two Pounds Ten Shillings Current Money. The Owner may have them of me, on paying as the Law directs.
Richard Vawter.

WILLIAM
STOLEN or strayed from the subscriber in *June* last, a bay horse, 8 years old last spring, about 14 hands high, paces very well with good courage, and requires to be held with a tight rein; has a large star in his forehead, both hind feet white, one fore foot spotted, a patch on his off hind thigh darker than the rest, being galled by plowing, and is remarkable for stamping at his food. He is branded on the near shoulder **HS** very dull, and on his near buttock **IC** in a piece, very plain. Whoever will contrive the said horse to me in the *Robinson fork*, in *Culpeper county*, shall receive 20s. reward, and no questions asked by.
RICHARD VAWTER.

Richard Vawter, Publisher Reid, Page 2
Column 4 28 Apr 1768

Note: the "f" is pronounced as an "s" in old type.

This is Richard Vawter³, John², Bartholomew¹. He was living in Culpeper Co., VA. His father John Vawter, before his death, sold the lands in Essex and moved near to Richard. Richard's 2 sons, John and Russell went to North Carolina. John went to Elbert Co., GA and Russell's descendants went to Indiana.

This is William², Bartholomew¹. William Vawter died in Northampton Co., VA bef. 1734, was married and had one child William.

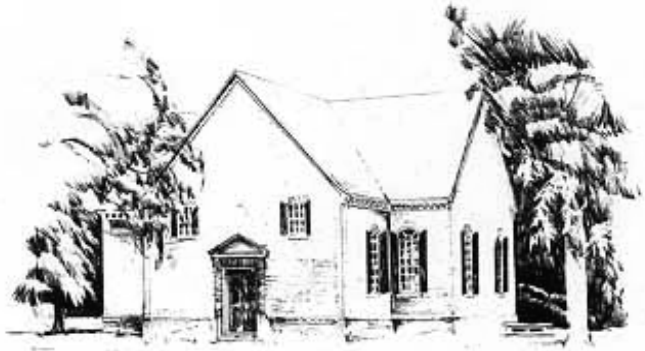
Philip¹ Rosario, born say 1700, was an Indian living in Northampton County, Virginia, had an account with John Abdell, ordinary keeper, in 1722. In July 1724 the court ordered him to pay 4 barrels of corn which he had lost in a card game to David Stott. In November 1730 the court ordered the sheriff to arrest him until he provided security to appear in court to answer the suit of Andrew Walls, merchant, for a debt of 4 pounds. **Philip sued William Vawter for 1 pound, 12 shillings in February 1730/1** [Orders 1729-32, 70; Mihalyka, *Loose Papers, 1628-1731*, 59, 90, 232]. He was taxable in Northampton County from 1722 to 1729 [Bell, *Northampton County Tithables*, 31, 44, 110, 124, 166, 189]. He died before 16 July 1752 possessed of an estate so small in value that the court ordered its sale by the sheriff [Orders 1751-3, 143].

Vauter's Episcopal Church And Glebe Essex County, VA

From Tappahannock, intersection of Queen St. (Rt. 360) and Rt. 17 take Rt. 17 north 168 miles on right.

Vauter's. Episcopal Church, the upper church of St. Anne's Parish, was built in 1731 on land near to Bartholomew Vauter (originally spelled Vawter). One of the county's oldest structures, it is the eleventh oldest of 48 colonial churches still standing in Virginia. The masonry is among the finest of any colonial church. Bricks, which are laid in a Flemish bond pattern, were probably fired on site and the mortar made from oyster shells. Noteworthy inside are the high vaulted ceilings and T-shaped floor plan.

Since 1704 there has been a long succession of clergymen, among them Parson Robert Rose, who was an attorney, a physician, a surveyor of the city of Richmond and an active participant in Virginia politics. In 1761 the parish became embroiled with political authorities over the selection of its minister. Gov. Alexander Spotswood selected one man while the vestry chose another, and a lengthy debate ensued. Although the governor prevailed, it was enacted shortly thereafter that vestries in Virginia had the right to select their own ministers. Subsequent to the Revolution, Vauter's Church passed out of service, but it was given protection and saved from vandalism by Mrs. Muscoe Garnett of Elmwood, who claimed the building as standing on her property. At an undetermined time, the Queen Anne communion silver, made in London in 1724, was removed from the church, except for one chalice. In 1909 Mrs. Minnie Garnett Mitchell of Elmwood was instrumental in restoring the pieces to the church from a collection in the north. The flagon has not been found. The 1739 Lectern Bible, published in England, is on display.



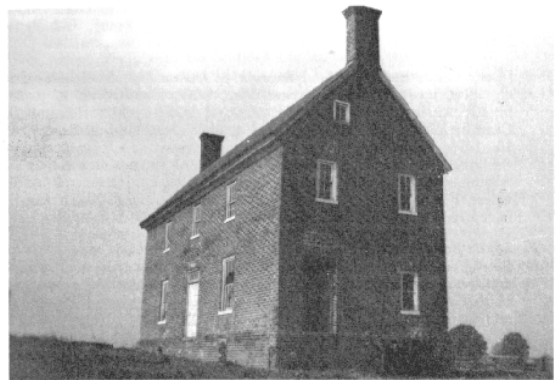
The Diary of Robert Rose, A View of Virginia by a Scottish Colonial Parson 1746-1751. Edited by Ralph Emmett Fall, Port Royal, VA 1977, McClure Press

This book tells the human side of Colonial America and the people who lived and worshipped around St. Anne's Parish in Essex County, Virginia. It also helps to explain the connection of the Vawter family and the various families of Essex county (formed from Old Rappahannock in 1692) and their meaning to the Vauter's Church.

Rev. Robert Rose and his family occupied the glebe. A glebe was a plantation of approximately 200 acres given by the parish for the minister. Built probably ca 1731, it is believed to be the oldest brick glebe still standing in VA. Shown at right in 1964 it is now (2007) almost beyond repair. Located in Thomas's Neck below present Chance, VA in Essex it is 2 stories high and one room deep with the exterior brickwork of Flemish bond and glazed header similar to Vauter's church. Vauter's is found sixteen miles to the north. On the plantation was a frame schoolhouse, a wharf on Occupacia Creek nearby, a grain mill, a spring, and several outbuildings, but only the glebe house now remains. Virginia law in 1803 outlawed glebe lands and the property went into the private hands of Edward Rowzee that year. There is evidence of land for a glebe in the northern part of the county as early as 1714 on land of Richard West, but no proof exists that a house was built. Perhaps a minister was coming to live at this date but it never was completed. This remains a mystery.

The Glebe House is located on open level farm land on Cloverfield St. Anne's Parish Essex County, Virginia. The glebe house is a two-story three bay building fifty foot by twenty feet.

The walls are of flemish bond, built in a rare colonial architectural form. Vauter Glebe designated a National Landmark by the US Historical Preservation Act of 1956, signed 19 November 1974.



Elijah “Ely” Stapp b. 16 Oct 1783 Orange Co., VA. d. March 1843 Edna, Jackson Co., TX m. 16 May 1811 Woodford Co., KY. Nancy Shannon b. ca 1790 d. 13 Aug 1845 TX. (Elijah’s date of death also shown as 21 Aug 1842) In 1816 he moved to MO with his wife and two sons. While living there he heard stories of land and life in the Mexican Territory of TX. In 1826, 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 Jul 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 his future. When the Consultation Convention was called at Old Washington-on-the-Brazos for 1 Mar 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 1846.

When peace returned after the battle of San Jacinto, Elijah Stapp returned to his home and was elected a judge in Edna, TX in 1839. He held this position until his death in March 1843. Elijah Stapp was buried in the old Russell Ward farm outside Edna, TX. The actual gravesite is unknown, but the area is marked by a monument by the Texas Centennial Commission in 1936.

Contributed by Edward M. Stapp, 109 S. Indianwood Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74012, printed in the Vol. 8 (1983) VVV Association newsletter.

STAPP, ELIJAH (1783-1843). *Elijah Stapp, a pioneer settler in DeWitt's colony^{qv} and a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence,^{qv} was born in Orange County, Virginia, on October 16, 1783, the son of Achilles and Margaret (Vawter) Stapp. He married Nancy Shannon in 1811 and came to Texas from Missouri, where he had encountered the empresario^{qv} Green DeWitt,^{qv} who wrote a letter of introduction to Stephen F. Austin^{qv} on Stapp's behalf dated March 9, 1826. James Kerr,^{qv} DeWitt's surveyor general, who established Gonzales in 1825 as the capital of the DeWitt colony, noted that Stapp was among the few who visited the settlement by July 1826. Having investigated the new land, Stapp brought his wife and six children to settle in the colony about 1830. Three other children were born to the Stapps in Texas. On July 16, 1831, Stapp was issued a Spanish title to a league of land now in Victoria County. Stapp provided leadership in a meeting of settlers of Navidad and Lavaca held on July 17, 1835, to discuss growing dissatisfaction with the Mexican government. He was appointed second judge of the new Jackson Municipality on December 6, 1835, by the General Council^{qv} of the provisional government.^{qv} He was then elected with Kerr to represent Jackson in the Convention of 1836^{qv} at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Kerr did not attend; Stapp took his seat on March 1 and signed the Declaration of Independence. After the convention Stapp and those of his family not serving in the army were forced to flee from their home during the Runaway Scrape.^{qv} Stapp wrote a letter of character dated April 9, 1836, to ad interim president David G. Burnet^{qv} in defense of John J. Linn,^{qv} who had been arrested erroneously as a spy. Stapp was elected justice of the peace of Jackson County, Republic of Texas, in 1839, and in 1840 he was postmaster at La Baca, Jackson County. That year he owned 4,428 acres in Victoria County. Stapp died on March 21, 1843, in Jackson County and was buried in what became known as Russell Ward Cemetery, five miles northeast of Edna. In 1936 the Texas Centennial^{qv} Commission erected a monument in the cemetery in his honor. His son William Preston Stapp^{qv} served in the Mier expedition^{qv} in 1842, survived both the Black Bean Episode^{qv} and captivity in Perote Prison,^{qv} and wrote *The Prisoners of Perote* (1845), an account of his experience that remains valuable for its detail and insight into the tensions between Mexico and Texas. BIBLIOGRAPHY: Louis Wiltz Kemp, *The Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence* (Salado, Texas: Anson Jones, 1944; rpt. 1959). Texas House of Representatives, *Biographical Directory of the Texan Conventions and Congresses, 1832-1845* (Austin: Book Exchange, 1941). L. W. Kemp*

Children of Achilles and Margaret (Vawter) Stapp as found in Vawter Family In America and date of birth taken from FTM (family tree maker) CD Vol.1 #1048. Several of Achilles and Jesse’s children married into the Branham family. Jesse was the brother of David Vawter. All of the Branhams named are children of John and Letitia Branham. E-mail of Sandy Winkler sew@goldrush.com

Republic of Texas, *Unanimous Declaration of Independence, by the Delegates of the People of Texas, in General Convention, at the Town of Washington, on the Second Day of March, 1836*. San Felipe de Austin: Printed by Baker and Bordens, 1836. Broadside, Earl Vandale Collection. The Texas Declaration of Independence is the outstanding state paper in Texas history. At the foot of the broadside are the names of all the delegates present, with the exception of George C. Childress and Sterling C. Robertson, of Milam. This serious omission by the printers perhaps was caused by the fact that the Declaration was printed at San Felipe de Austin, forty miles down the Brazos River from Washington-on-the-Brazos. (Elijah Stapp, second column, six from bottom)

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When a government has ceased to protect the lives, liberty, and property of the people, from whom its legitimate powers are derived, and for the advancement of whose happiness it was instituted; and so far from being a guarantee for their inalienable rights, becomes an instrument in the hands of evil rulers for their oppression.

When the Federal Republicans support, and the whole nature of their government has been forcibly charged, without their consent, from a restricted Federal Republic, composed of Sovereign States, to a consolidated Central Military despotism, in which every interest is disregarded but that of the army and the priesthood, both the eternal enemies of civil liberty, the ever ready minions of power, and the usual instruments of tyrants. When, long after the spirit of the constitution has departed, moderation is at length so far lost by those in power, that even the semblance of freedom is removed, and the forms themselves of the constitution discontinued, and so far from their petitions and remonstrances being regarded, the agents who bear them are thrown into dungeons, and necessary armies sent forth to force a new government upon them at the point of the bayonet.

When, in consequence of such acts of malfeasance and abduction on the part of the government, anarchy prevails and civil society is dissolved into its original elements, in such a crisis, the first law of nature, the right of self preservation, the inherent and inalienable right of the people to appeal to first principles, and take their political affairs into their own hands in extreme cases, enjoins it as a right towards themselves and a sacred obligation to their posterity to abolish such government, and create another in its stead, calculated to rescue them from impending dangers, and to secure their welfare and happiness.

Nations, as well as individuals, are amenable for their acts to the public opinion of

man-kind. A statement of a part of our grievances is therefore submitted to an impartial world, in justification of the hazardous but unavoidable step now taken, of submitting to the Mexican Government, by its emissaries, laws, invited and induced the Anglo-American population of Texas to colonize its wilderness under the pledged faith of a constitution, that they should enjoy that constitutional liberty and republican government to which they had been habituated in the land of their birth, in this expectation they have been cruelly disappointed, inasmuch as the Mexican nation has acquiesced in the late changes made in the government by General Antonio Lopez Santa Ana, who having overturned the constitution of his country, now offers, as the cruel alternative, either to abandon our homes acquired by so many privations, or submit to the most intolerable of all tyrannies, the combined despotism of the sword and the priesthood.

It hath sacrificed our welfare to the state of Coahuila, by which our interests have been continually depressed through a jealous and partial course of legislation, carried on at a far distant seat of government, by a hostile majority in an unknown tongue, and this too, notwithstanding we have petitioned in the humblest terms for the establishment of a separate state government, and have, in accordance with the provisions of the national constitution, presented to the general congress a republican constitution, which was, without a just cause, contemptuously rejected.

It incarcerated in a dungeon, for a long time, one of our citizens, for no other cause but a zealous endeavour to procure the acceptance of our constitution and the establishment of a state government.

It has failed and refused to secure, on a

firm basis, the right of trial by jury, that paladium of civil liberty and only safe guarantee for the life, liberty, and property of the citizen.

It has failed to establish any public system of education, although possessed of almost boundless resources, (the public domain) and although it is an axiom in political science, that unless a people are educated and enlightened, it is idle to expect the continuance of civil liberty, or the capacity for self government.

It has suffered the military commandants, stationed among us, to exercise arbitrary acts of oppression and tyranny, thus trampling upon the most sacred rights of the citizen, and rendering the military superior to the civil power.

It has dissolved, by force of arms, the state congress of Coahuila and Texas, and obliged our representatives to fly for their lives from the seat of government, thus depriving us of the fundamental political right of representation.

It has demanded the surrender of a number of our citizens, and ordered military detachments to seize and carry them into the interior for trial, in contempt of the civil authorities, and in defiance of the laws and the constitution.

It has made piratical attacks upon our commerce by commissioning foreign desperadoes, and authorizing them to seize our vessels and convey the property of our citizens to far distant parts for confiscation.

It denies us the right of worshipping the Almighty according to the dictates of our own conscience, by the support of a National Religion, calculated to promote the temporal interest of its human functionaries, rather than the glory of the true and living God.

It has demanded us to deliver up our arms, which are essential to our defence—the rightful property of freemen—and formidable only to tyrannical governments.

It has invaded our country both by sea and by land, with the intent to lay waste our

territory, and drive us from our homes; and has now a large mercenary army advancing, to carry on against us a war of extermination.

It has, through its emissaries, incited the merciless savage, with the tomahawk and scalping knife, to massacre the inhabitants of our defenceless frontiers.

It has been, during the whole time of our connection with it, the contemptible sport and victim of successive military revolutions, and hath continually exhibited every characteristic of a weak, corrupt, and tyrannical government.

These, and other grievances, were patiently borne by the people of Texas, until they reached that point at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue. We then took up arms in defence of the National Constitution. We appealed to our Mexican brethren for assistance: our appeal has been made in vain; though months have elapsed, no sympathetic response has yet been heard from the interior. We are therefore forced to the melancholy conclusion, that the Mexican people have expressed in the destruction of their liberty, and the substitution thereof of a military government; that they are unfit to be free, and incapable of self government.

The necessity of self preservation, therefore, now decrees our eternal political separation.

We, therefore, the delegates, with plenary powers, of the people of Texas, in solemn convention assembled, appealing to a candid world for the necessities of our condition, do hereby resolve and declare, that our political connection with the Mexican nation has forever ended, and that the people of Texas, do now constitute a FREE, SOVEREIGN, and INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes which properly belong to independent nations; and, conscious of the rectitude of our intentions, we fearlessly and confidently commit the issue to the decision of the supreme Arbiter of the destinies of nations.

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The Vawter history, submitted by James Lanier Vawter, El Campo, Tx.

Reputable Genealogists place the Valletort family in Maine, and as connected to the powerful families of the Mayennes and Fourgeres, also they are shown as connected to the Mortains in Normandy.

To place things in a time perspective; in 1060 William, Duke of Normandy, sent his half-brother, Robert to take over the Norman County of Mortain. Thus Count Robert Mortain.

Normandy had a long border with Maine, and the County of Mortain was about in the middle of this border.

Robert cultivated friendships, and probably financial ties to some of Maine's leading families. The Valetorts, not shown anywhere as a leading Maine Family, were important enough for Count Robert to make connections with them. This connection carried over into England as in recorded in the Domesday Survey of England in 1086, where they held large estates and the Castle Trematon from Count Robert. Duke William had always coveted Maine, and in 1063 made his move to take over, and was successful. One can only guess how much Count Robert's friendship and connections to the Monceaux families contributed to Duke William's successful conquest.

Count Robert's arrival at Mortain in 1060, and Duke William's invasion, taking over Maine by 1063, places the Valletorts in Maine by these dates. However, they could have been in Maine years before 1060, maybe as much as a hundred years or more.

Even though the Valletorts were settled in Maine, they were among the men from the North (Normans) just as were those Vikings (men from the North) that settled in what became known as Normandy. The distinction, between those that settled in Normandy and in Maine, was those in Normandy were bound by an agreement with the King of France. They were required to pay homage to the French King, settle down, quit raiding, and become Christians. The Maine Normans were not part of the agreement, and probably continued raiding until the year 1000 plus.

In 1066 Duke William invaded and conquered England. However, the total conquest was not complete until years later.

By the year 1086, William, King of England, issued orders of what was to become known as the Domesday Survey. Officials of the various English counties were to take inventory and bring the results to the King's record keeper.

The survey reveals that except in a few cases, all the land had been taken from the English, and was given over to the supporters of King William. Not only the land, but all structures (Manors) residents, animal, and farming operations had become the property of King William. He in turn granted out to his supporters and followers, what he had taken over to hold as their own, but at the pleasure of the King. Count Robert was one of the great supporters of his half-brothers efforts to conquer England, and when it became a fact, received huge numbers of Manors (Estates) as rewards for his endeavors on behalf of Duke William.

Count Robert split his vast holdings, and appointed four men to take over his English possessions. Rainald de Vautort was one of the four. Robert granted the Manor and Castle Trematon to Rainald. This was known as the Honour of Trematon, possessing 59 Knights fees. Trematon Castle was strategically positioned to defend the waterfront that became known as Plymouth Harbor. After placing the four Vavasours in control of his Estates, he then left England, going back to Normandy, and by the best information available, never returned to England.

The Valletorts remained in control of the Honour of Trematon, and in the time of King Henry I, as a gift to Rainald, the King gave him the Royal Manors of Sutton, maker, and King's Tamerton, and the Royalty of the Tamar River. The Tamar was the border between the counties of Cornwall and Devon. This gift tied Rainald's holdings which were in both Cornwall and Devon together.

In 1199 when John became King, the Valletorts became a Baronial Family. The seat of their Barony was Trematon Castle, which they had held as an Honour since at least 1086.

In the 9th of King John, he loaned Roger de Valletort 600 marks so Roger could purchase those lands of Henry de Novant that Henry had acquired upon the partition of lands made between him and William de Brouse. Henry granted those lands to Roger de Valletort, and his heirs in the presence of King John. To this Roger succeeded another Reginald de Valletort whose wardship in the 13th of King John was granted to Peter de Rupibus, Bishop of Winchester.

Upon the death of King John, his heir, a minor, (King Henry III) became a ward of Peter de Rupibus, Bishop of Winchester.

In the 17th of King John, Reginald was made Governor of the Castle of Totnes, and in King Henry III had livery of all the fees belonging to Totnes, that lay in the County of Devon. In the 5th of King Henry III, Reginald was made Sheriff of Cornwall until 9th of Henry III. Thus Viscount Valletort.

In the 11th of King Henry III, the King in consideration of 100 marks, acquitted Reginald and his heirs, of that debt of 600 marks from Roger his father.

Reginald died the 30th of King Henry III, with out issue, and his brother Ralph de Valletort was his heir. Ralph died 43rd of Henry III, leaving his heir, Reginald, a minor in wardship of King Henry III's Queen. This Reginald died the 54th of King Henry III without issue, and his Uncle Roger de Valletort his next heir, had livery of his lands.

At that time Roger had the Barony's of Trematon, and Totnes. He gave the Barony of Trematon to Richard, King of the Romans, the brother of King Henry III, and kept the Barony of Totnes, the head of which was the manor of Harberton. Thus Lord Harberton.

In "The Vawter Family of America", Grace Vawter Bicknell states that Lord Harberton is the first Valletort of whom we have record, lived in England in the time of Henry I.

Correct records show the first Valletort was Rainald de Vautorte of the Domesday Survey of 1086, but had very likely been in England since the conquest of 1066. There was no Valletort Lord Harberton, until the time of King John.

Much of the information in this article came from William Dugdales "Baronage of England", published in 1675 when he held the title "Norroy, King of Arms". Dugdales was called pre-eminent among Medievalist Scholars in his life time, and whose research laid the foundations of modern English historical scholarship, an authority on genealogy. This work and accuracy, and insight was very unusual for his time.

Some of the above information had been sent to the VVV Newsletter. I am repeating that information along with new items, and in a timely and orderly sequence of events.

To help span the chasm between the ancient de Valletorts and the modern Vawters, the following information should help.

From the Biographical Register of the University of Oxford to A.D. 1510, Vol. 3, Page 1944 was the following: Vawtard, Humphrey (**Vautort, Vawter, Vawtort, Wawtard**) Exeter diocese M. A.

Having studied two years in theology, with two sermons preached at St. Paul's, London, two at Westminster, and three at Exeter Cathedral., etc. etc.

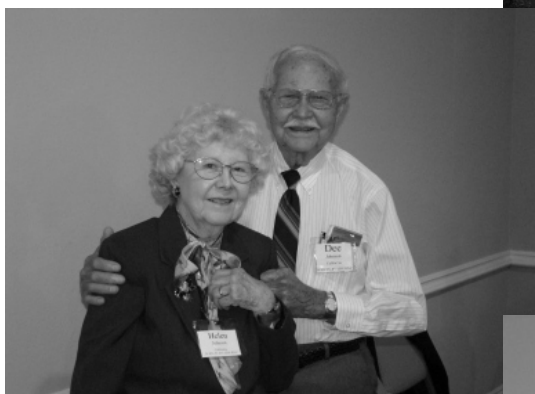
If you think we have a problem with the three Vawter, Vauter, Vaughter's, think about just one person having to juggle five different spellings of his name which was exactly the way he was registered at Oxford in 1510.

From the same Biographical Register a William de Valletort (Valletorta, Vautort) was shown as being granted license to study for one year at Oxford in 1313.

I did not know the University of Oxford even existed as far back as 1300's.

[As the oldest university in the English-speaking world, Oxford is a unique and historic institution. There is no clear date of foundation, but teaching existed at Oxford in some form in 1096 and developed rapidly from 1167, when Henry II banned English students from attending the University of Paris.]

Just a small number of pictures from the July California Reunion. Go to the vvvfamily.org website for a great reunion photo album. Plan on attending Virginia in 2010.



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The 2010 VVV Reunion is scheduled for the Richmond, VA area. Here is an interesting article on things to do. Make your reservations today. October 18, 2009, 36 Hours in Richmond, Va. By JUSTIN BERGMAN

As the heart of the old Confederacy, Richmond, Va., watched with envy as other cities like Atlanta and Charlotte became the economic and cultural pillars of the New South. But Richmond may finally be having its big moment: a building boom in the last few years has seen century-old tobacco warehouses transformed into lofts and art studios. Chefs are setting up kitchens in formerly gritty neighborhoods, and the city's buttoned-up downtown suddenly has life after dusk, thanks to new bars, a just-opened hotel and a performing arts complex, Richmond CenterStage. Richmond is strutting with confidence, moving beyond its Civil War legacy and emerging as a new player on the Southern art and culinary scene.

Friday 5 p.m. 1) SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE The tattooed artsy crowd may have moved on, but serious shoppers and people watchers are still drawn to Carytown's half-mile stretch of boutiques, vintage clothing stores and cafes. This colorful strip is Richmond at its most eclectic, from floppy-haired musicians, to gay hipsters with pierced eyebrows, to mothers from the West End suburbs pushing strollers. Check out local T-shirt designs at the Need Supply Company (3010 West Cary Street; 804-355-5880; www.needsupply.com). Peruse the retro ball gowns, tiaras and cigarette cases at Bygones (2916 West Cary Street; 804-353-1919; www.bygonesvintage.com). Or seek Japanese anime, underground graphic novels and comics at Chop Suey Books (2913 West Cary Street; 804-422-8066; www.chopsueybooks.com).

8 p.m. 2) FRESH DIRECT. The locavore food movement was late in coming to Richmond, but residents have taken to it in a big way at the perpetually packed, year-old Mezzanine (3433 West Cary Street; 804-353-2186; www.mezzanine3433.com). The head chef, Todd Johnson, is particular about his produce, meats and seafood, handpicking the Virginia farmers and fishermen he buys from. The ever-changing, seven-foot-tall chalkboard menu recently included green curry quinoa with gingered bok choy and oyster mushrooms (\$16) and tempura soft-shell crabs in a tomato and cucumber broth (\$25). A downside: the outdoor patio looks out over a pair of glowing golden arches across the street.

10 p.m. 3) CASH BAR. Richmonders used to flee downtown for the suburbs come 6 p.m. But these days, the capital's young politicians gather at Bank (1005 East Main Street; 804-648-3070; www.bankandvault.com), a century-old bank that's been transformed into a swank night spot, complete with a bar made with the building's original marble, a martini lounge in the old president's office and a cavernous downstairs club, Vault. Eavesdrop at the bar and you might pick up some juicy political gossip about Gov. Tim Kaine.

Saturday 10:30 a.m.. 4) A 'HARLEM' RENAISSANCE. The historic African-American neighborhood of Jackson Ward was so prosperous after the Civil War that it was known as the Harlem of the South. Then came a long decline that left its streets riddled with empty storefronts. Of course, it wasn't long before artists moved in. Now, P.B.R.-swilling students from nearby Virginia Commonwealth University descend for First Friday gallery hops. For an art walk of your own, start at Gallery5 (200 West Marshall Street; 804-644-0005; www.gallery5arts.org), in a mid-19th-century building that used to be Virginia's oldest fire station.

Also worthwhile is Quirk (311 West Broad Street; 804-644-5450; www.quirkgallery.com), which has offbeat offerings, as its name suggests.

Noon 5) TASTE OF HAVANA. Don't expect to find amazing ethnic food in Richmond — this is fried okra country, not an immigrant town. The one exception is Kuba Kuba (1601 Park Avenue; 804-355-8817; www.kubakuba.info), a hole-in-the-wall cafe founded by a Cuban émigré, Manny Mendez. The dishes are authentic up to a point — pressed Cuban sandwiches with roast pork, ham, Swiss cheese and mustard (\$6.95) share the menu with Spanish paellas (\$17.95) — but Richmonders line up just as much for the straight-out-of-Havana vibe. The waitresses sway to Cuban music, and Kuba Kuba also doubles as a bodega: after lunch, load up on Café Bustelo and Our Lady of Guadalupe candles.

2 p.m. 6) THREE-SIDED WAR. Even if you are not a history buff, a trip to Richmond wouldn't be complete without learning something about the Civil War, still known by a few die-hards as the War of Northern Aggression. The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar (500 Tredegar Street; 804-780-1865; www.tredegar.org; \$8 entry) takes a less pro-Southern approach. The interactive museum, opened three years ago, tells the story of the war from three perspectives: that of the Union, the Confederacy and the slaves. The museum itself is a giant relic, housed in the old 1861 Tredegar Gun Foundry, a major munitions factory during the war.

3:30 p.m. 7) INTO THE TREES. Need to shake off post-museum torpor? How about maneuvering through the trees like Tarzan? Across the river in the Stratford Hills section, trained instructors at Riverside Outfitters (6836 Old Westham Road; 804-560-0068; www.riversideoutfitters.net) lead groups on tree-climbing expeditions along the James River that include harnessed walks along limbs 40 feet above the ground and zip-lines. They claim it's easy enough for a 6-year-old to do it — albeit on smaller trees.

7 p.m. 8) HAUTE HOME COOKIN'. Trust Steve Jurina, owner of the industrial-chic bistro LuLu's (21 North 17th Street; 804-343-9771, www.lu-lusrichmond.com), to get comfort food right. He was the longtime chef at Millie's Diner, revered by locals for its nap-inducing Sunday brunches and down-home atmosphere. LuLu's is a gussied-up version of Millie's for the polo-shirt-wearing yuppies who've snapped up lofts in the renovated tobacco warehouses in Shockoe Bottom, one of Richmond's most historic neighborhoods. Arrive early to grab a bamboo booth, and start with the tasty crab and lobster fritters (\$11) before moving on to the High-Falootin' Mac and Cheese, made with white Cheddar, Parmesan and Gorgonzola and topped with grilled shrimp (\$20). For over-the-top gluttony, order the deep-dish chocolate and peanut butter pie (\$5) for dessert.

9 p.m. 9) TUNES AND TATTS. Escape Shockoe Bottom before the clubs start to fill up — it is party central for drunken college kids on weekends. A less raucous spot can be found uptown at the Camel (1621 West Broad Street; 804-353-4901; www.thecamel.org), which is establishing itself as the premier venue to catch up-and-coming Southern rock and bluegrass bands, acoustic singer-songwriters, and jazz and funk musicians. If it's an off night, go down the street to Empire (727 West Broad Street; 804-344-3323), a dive bar near V.C.U. where sleeve tattoos are part of the informal dress code.

Sunday 11 a.m. 10) **BATTLE OF THE BRUNCH.** There's a new war being waged at the Black Sheep (901 West Marshall Street; 804-648-1300; www.theblacksheepva.com), a cozy restaurant with barn-wood wainscoting and church pews for benches. Brave eaters have attacked all six two-foot-long subs, each named after a Civil War-era ship, in what the menu calls "The War of Northern Ingestion." Served on French baguettes, the CSS Virginia is topped with fried chicken livers, shredded cabbage and apples (\$12), while the USS Brooklyn has jerk barbecued chicken and banana ketchup (\$14). A warning: each behemoth can feed at least two.

1 p.m. 11) **ART FACTORY.** Once an industrial wasteland across the river, the Manchester neighborhood has emerged as an arts district with more loft apartments. The anchor is the former MeadWestvaco packaging plant, which has been turned into a huge art complex with 75 studios and three galleries. Stroll through the mazelike Art Works (320 Hull Street; 804-291-1400; www.artworksrichmond.com), where artists sell their works, many for under \$200. Then head to Legend Brewery (321 West Seventh Street; 804-232-3446; www.legendbrewing.com), order a pint of Oktoberfest or the other seven brews on the deck, and take in the view of a city making up for lost time.

2010 VVV Family Association Reunion

July 15, 16, 17 2010

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Every 5 years the VVV Family Association meets in Virginia to view the Vawter's Church. Start making plans today for a fabulous time with friends and family.

It is not too soon to make reservations.

Artist, Parke Vawter, *fl.* 1930s, *Topeka*. Painter, spec. landscapes. Addresses in Topeka at 712 Jackson, res. 222 West 8th in Topeka in 1931. Also lived in California.

Source: Topeka City Dir. 1931; No copies of his painting are found. Does anyone have additional information on this person or family? Send to email newsletter editor gjurgensen@kc.rr.com or website pvrenton@vawterfamily.org

1895 U S Atlas Virginia

Louisa County Vawter's Store, located in the Central area, had post office Vawter Street Park, Richmond, Henrico Co., VA
Vawter Street is still found in 2003 in Richmond

Winifred Vawter³, (John², Bartholomew¹)

Winifred was the daughter of John Vawter and Margaret Noel. John and Margaret were likely married at the time of the death of Bartholomew Vawter in Sep 1717. She is shown as Winifred Vawter in the will of her father and Winifred McBen/McBane in the will of her mother so she married sometime bet. 1750 -52 to Daniel McBen/McBane. It seems likely she was still in Essex Co., VA at the time of her mothers death in Oct 1756.

In the will of her father John Vawter 3 May 1748 - 16 Nov 1752 Culpeper Co., VA the following land was given: *3rdly. To daughter Winifred Vawter, 130 acres which was given me by my father-in-law Daniel Noel.*

In the will of her mother Margaret (Noel) Vawter 21 Oct 1756, Culpeper co., VA, the following is noted: *I give to my son David Vawter what money he owed me and the crops, household furniture and the tools which he has of mine in his possession, he paying his sister Winefred Mcben fifty shillings current money. All the remainder of my estate to my two sons Richard Vawter and Angus Vawter and my daughter Winfred McBen.*

Essex County Deeds 1745-1749 (On margin Orig. Deed delivd. To Bartho: Vawter 3 Mar 1750) pp. 387-390. This indenture made 18 Nov 1749, between John Vawter of Essex and Bartholomew Vawter eldest son of said John Vawter. Witnesseth that John Vawter in consideration of love and good will doth bear toward his loving son Bartholomew for the sum of 5 shillings give and confirm a tract of land lying in St. Anns Parish in Essex at the head of Blackburn's Creek, containing 150 acres together with all profitts, quitrents excepted. Signed Jno: Vawter. Wit: Robert Harbin, Thomas Tiller, Willo. Pugh, Winifred Vawter, Saml. Browne, Angus Vawter. On 21 Nov 1749 the deed was delivered by the oath of Thomas Tiller, Willoughby Pugh and Winifred Vawter. Test John Lee, Clerk.

Essex County Deed 1745-1749, pp. 380-382 (On margin: Origl. Deed deliv'd to Bartho: Vawter for Winifred Vawter ye 3d. day of March 1750)

This indenture made this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and forty nine between John Vawter of the County of Essex in Colony of Virginia of one part and Winifred Vawter of the same County and Colony of other part; Witnesseth that John Vawter for the love and good will that he hath for his Daughter, Winifred Vawter, and also for the consideration of Five shillings current money of Virginia doth by these presents grant sell and confirm unto Winifred Vawter her heirs one certain tract of land lying in the County and Colony aforesaid, it being the land John Vawter formerly had conveyed to him from his Father in Law Daniel Noell, by deed bearing date of Eighteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and Forty five, being bounded, Beginning at a marked Sweet Gum tree standing in an Old Field, thence North Ten degrees East crossing the Road one hundred and ten pole to a red Oak, thence South seventy & five degrees East ninety and three poles to a red Oak, corner tree to John Andrews Land, thence with the said Andrews line South eighty and six pole to the angle of a red Oak and Hicory, corner trees to the aforesaid Andrews Land thence West one hundred and four pole to a Stake, thence North twenty and five degrees West ten pole to the first mentioned beginning tree, including and containing the just quantity of sixty and two acres of Land, Together withall appurtenances rents and services; To have and to hold the above Sixty and Two acres of land and premises unto Winifred Vawter her heirs, the Quit rents only excepted; In Witness whereof the said John Vawter hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed in presence of Bartho. Vawter, Willo. Pugh, Daniel Thomas, John Noell.

21 Nov 1749 Bartholomew Vawter, Willoughby Pugh and Daniel Thomas made Oath that they did see John Vawter deed to Winifred Vawter the above land.

Prior to her marriage Winifred rented out this land to Willoughby Pugh. Found in Essex Co. Deed 1745-149 pp. 395-398 18 Nov 1749 between Winifred Vawter and Willoughby Pugh to farm 60 acres of Land (deed as shown above) for 16 years paying during the first two years quit rents, then 14 years to Winifred Vawter and heirs yearly rents of one pound fifteen shillings. Willoughby shall not build any house except framed work with mortice and Tenant according to the custom of VA or other building without consent of Winifred.

Willoughby Pugh should have Liberty of Wood and Bark and said Land for Tanning and Turning and shall not be denied to profit thereby what he can at convenient times make use of. Wit: Bartho. Vawter, Augus. Vawter, Saml. Browne. Signed Winifred Vawter (GJNote: the above is Augustine not Angus Vawter)

Essex Co. VA Deeds 1752-1754 pp. 102-104 (On Margin: Original Deed deliv'd to Mr. Thos: Andrews 26th Decr. 1752.)

This indenture made the Seventeenth day of August in year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred & fifty two between Daniel Mackbane of St. Anns Parish in Essex County of one part & Winifred his Wife & Thomas Andrews of said Parish and County of other part: Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Fourty Five pounds current money of Virginia to Daniel Mackbane in hand paid by Thomas Andrews by these present the said Daniel Mackbane & Winifred his Wife doth release sell & confirm unto Thomas Andrew his heirs all that parcel of land containing by estimation Sixty two acres of land be the same more of less lying in the Parish & County aforesaid being bounded, Beginning at a marked Sweet Gum tree standing in an Old field, then North ten degrees East ninety & three poles to a red Oak corner of John Andrews land, then with the sd. Andrews line South eighty & six pole to the angle of a red Oak and Hickory, corner trees to sd Andrews Land, thence West one hundred & four pole to a Stake, then North twenty five degrees West ten pole to the first mentioned beginning: Together with all houses orchards profits and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging; To have and to hold the said parcel of Land with every of their rights members & appurtenances unto Thomas Andrews his heirs, said Thomas Andrews his heirs paying the rents and performing the services hereafter becoming due and payable to our Sovereign Lord the King his heirs and Successors shall warrant & defend by these presents against all person; In witness whereof the parties first above named to this Indenture hath set their hands and seals this day and year above written. Signed in presence of Edward Vawter 15, Mark Andrews, Samuel Noel. Signed Daniel McBane and Winifred McBane.

18 Aug 1752 Daniel McBane and Winifred his wife acknowledged her dower.

(GJNote: John Vawter is dead by Jan 1752, brother Edward 15 was still alive at this date)

A Poll of Freeholders for Electing Burgess in Essex County taken 15 Jan 1752/53.

Thos: Newman
Ambrose Vawter (prob. Angus) Danl. McBenn Edward Vawtler

Bartho: Vawter
Thos: Tinsley
Charles Breedlove



Works of Art, The Costume Institute.

Waistcoat, 1770–1790

French

cotton; Length: 27 3/4 in. (70.5 cm) Width: 20 1/2 in. (52.1 cm)

Rogers Fund, 1935 (35.142)

The bold colors of Red, Gold, Blue and Cream, Chintz fabric was all the rage in men's clothing. Chintz became the most popular of patterns for clothing, bedding and drapery. Even wallpaper was designed in chintz

Can you imagine, John, Edward or David the sons of Bartholomew Vawter wearing the latest French Fashion. Surely the Vawters were stylish and modern in their Virginia plantations. The beautiful design evokes the feeling of dance and parties for special events and holidays.

Courtship in Colonial America

"First comes love, then comes marriage"... - Everyone has heard the childhood chant that pits love and marriage eternally together. Although it is generally accepted that couples marry for love today, this hasn't always been the case. In colonial times, marriage was considered a business arrangement and was rarely left to be decided by the young people involved (unless the single person was older and/or a widow or widower.)

The primary purpose behind a marriage proposal was to "make a good match" or, otherwise stated, to increase wealth. Often, the interested suitor would approach the girl's father and present his desire to court the daughter or the fathers would confer together to come up with a suitable dowry arrangement. The young couple involved was generally expected to bow to their elder's wishes, although a young woman could sometimes persuade her father to deny the attentions of an unwanted suitor. If permission was requested but denied, the couple was expected to end the relationship (if one existed). Often, the girl's father would threaten to withhold financial support (i.e., the dowry) if his daughter insisted on marrying an unsuitable suitor.

Once permission was obtained, a courtship could begin. Contrary to today's standards, couples in colonial America did not "date". But often they did bundle. Bundling consisted of a couple sleeping in the same bed, fully clothed. Often, they were sewn into their bedclothes and/or a board was placed between them. In other areas, most courtships were carried out at group events such as dances or at church or a woman could receive callers in their home.

The high rate of mortality for both men and women meant that courting could become a lifelong practice. Women who had children generally remarried quickly in order to have a male manage their property (although some women did this for themselves) and men who had young children quickly remarried in order to have a mother for their children. It wasn't uncommon for a person to marry three or more times during their lifetime. Widows were particularly sought after since the lucky man who married one was able to acquire whatever wealth had been inherited from her former husband(s).

Although courtship rituals varied among the colonies, it was generally considered unfavorable to remain in a single state regardless of where one lived. A single woman at the age of 22 in Virginia would be considered an old maid and, although she may have to reach 27 in New England to wear the label, she would still be frowned upon. Some colonies went so far as to levy a tax on bachelors. Usually, once an agreement among the parents had been reached (in the south) or the match was favorable to all parties involved (in New England), banns must be posted for several days to allow anyone to speak out against the marriage.

A couple of Vawter marriage Banns are shown:

Marriages of Orange County Virginia 1747-1810. compiled and published by Catherine L. Knorr, 1959, Pine Bluff, AR. p. 92.

" 16 January 1774. William Vawter and Anne Ballard. Found in Deed Book 17. Notation: by banns. Both of St. Thomas' Parish. p. 2 "

Marengo Co. AL Book A. p 64 marriage banns. William Leflour & Martha Walker 20 Mar 1824 by William Barton, J.P., Cornelius H. Vawter, security.

When tracing female lines, locating all the marriages is very important. Life expectancy was less than 40 years in the 1600's, so those lucky enough to have a long life rarely had one marriage. The couple who reached a twenty fifth wedding anniversary was rare indeed and still today the milestone marriage dates are observed as very special. The female line of Richard Vawter, son of John Vawter, son of Bartholomew Vawter is an interesting study of marriages.

Generation 1. Ann Jenkinson married in Accomac Co., VA (1) ca 1689 to Claud Vallott and with him had 2 daughters, Ann and Katherine. Claud died 29 Jan 1693/94

Ann Jenkinson Vallot then married (2) Angell Jacobus of Farnum parish, Richmond Co., VA on 12 Jul 1694 as found in the parish records.

Order Book 3 1694-1705: p 243 Probate of the will of Angell Jaccobus, decd., granted to Ann Jaccobus, executrix, 5 Sep 1698.

Ann Jenkinson Vallott Jacobus married (3) ca 1698 to Philip Calvert as stated in *Tyler's Historical Quarterly Vol. XIII* pub. 1932, Richmond, VA . In the Middlesex Church records we find - Phillipp Callvert dyed the 26th day of June 1712.

Anne Jenkinson Vallott Jacobus Calvert then married (4) on 24 Sep 1713 to James Riske as found in Christ Church records. James d. 7 May 1717 and was buried May 10. The inventory to his estate was filed in Middlesex Co., VA in 1717.

Anne Jenkinson Vallott Jacobus Calvert Riske then married (5) on 9 Jan 1717/18 to William Ogilvie. No death record found but a slave Betty, belonging to Wm. Ogilvie d. 20 Dec 1718 so he was still alive at this time.

Generation 2. Ann Vallott dau. of Claud Vallott & Ann (Jenkinson) Vallott Jacobus Calvert Riske Ogilvie b. 31 July 1693 and bap. 14 Aug 1693 Middlesex Co., VA. She d. prior to 1747. Ann m. 21 Oct 1708 in Middlesex Co., VA to Stokeley Towles b. ca 1687 Accomac Co., VA d. 15 Dec 1757 Culpeper Co., VA.

Stokeley Towles b. ca 1690 Accomack Co., VA d. 6 Jun 1757 in Culpeper Co., VA. He married (1) Ann (Hannah) Vallott 21 Oct 1708 in Christ Church Parish, Middlesex Co., VA dau. of Claud Vallott and Ann Jenkinson. He married (2) Jane Sparks ca 1747 in Orange Co., VA dau. of John Sparks and Mary Mason.

Generation 3. Child #11 of Ann (Vallott) and Stokeley Towles. Frances Towles b. 8 May 1730, Middlesex Co., VA d. 11 Nov 1811 Culpeper Co., VA. She married Richard Vawter son of John Vawter and Margaret Noel.

a. John Vawter b. ca 1750 Culpeper Co., VA d. 1817 Elbert Co., GA, m. (1) Frankey Ward and m. (2) to Joannah Vernon.

b. Nancy Vawter b. ca 1755, Culpeper Co., VA m. (1) Elijah Wilhoit, m (2) Mr. Hawkins

c. Russell Vawter b. 22 Jan 1755 Culpeper Co., VA m. Mary Sparks
d. Anne Vawter b. 14 Nov 1758, Culpeper Co., VA d. 21 Jul 1845 m. Philemon Vawter, 1779 (a first cousin)

e. Margaret Vawter b. ca 1762, Culpeper co., VA m. John Breedlove
f. Lucy Vawter b. ca 1764, Culpeper Co., m. Andrew Finks, son of Mark Finks
g. Tabitha Vawter b. ca 1766 Culpeper Co., VA m. 17 Nov 1795 Madison Co., VA to Adam Rouse

h. Frances Alpha and Omega Vawter b. ca 1768 Culpeper Co., VA m. 2 Nov 1790 to Robert Shelton

Orange County Virginia early records, William Vawter.

In 1758 an expedition, the second one, was set on foot for the capture of Fort Duquesne, (the modern Pittsburg, then believed to be in the limits of Augusta County), under General Forbes, a British officer. Washington was commander of the Virginia troops which consisted of two regiments, his own and Col. William Byrd's, about two thousand men in all. A Colonel Bouquet, of Pennsylvania, commanded the advanced division of the army, and Captain Hogg, of Augusta, had a company in Washington's regiment. The fort was finally captured, but the loss in Washington's regiment alone was 6 officers and 62 privates. Colonel Byrd was of the " Westover " family, an ancestor of the Willises of Orange. The Captain Overton referred to in the extracts following, was from Hanover, but he was in an earlier expedition in 1755. His company was the first organized in Virginia after Braddock's defeat, and the great Presbyterian preacher, Rev. Samuel Davies, addressed it by request on the eve of its departure for the frontiers. The history of these wars is narrated at large in Waddell's "Annals of Augusta County," second edition, and in Withers's "Chronicles of Border Warfare. " The order books show as follows:

August, 1779. David Thompson, soldier in Captain Hogg's Rangers, 1758; sergeant in Colonel Bouquet's regiment in 1764.

Jacob Williams and Jacob Crosthwait, in Colonel Byrd's regiment, 1758.

September Term. Benjamin Powell, sergeant, Thomas Fitzgerald and John Williams, soldiers, in Colonel Byrd's regiment, 1758.

Isaac Crosthwait, Thomas Walker, Charles Walker, in Hogg's rangers.

October. Daniel McClayland, Colonel Byrd's regiment, 1759. William Vawter, sergeant, John Fumes, (Furnace), Hogg's rangers.

James Cowherd, ensign, Colonel Bouquet's regiment; William Bullock and William Rogers, in Colonel Washington's regiment, 1758 ; Francis Hackley, John Lucas, Thomas Powell, Richard Lamb, John Lamb, James Gaines, Thomas Morris, Charles Pearcey, William Cave, soldiers, and Michael Rice, sergeant, in Colonel Byrd's regiment.

David Niven Pike, son of James Tilford Pike, Sr and Mary Jane Vawter

Martha Jane "Jennie" CAVENDER was born in Nov 1864/1867 in Hays County, Texas. She died in 1922 in Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas. She was buried in 1922 in Turtle Creek Cemetery, Kerr County, Texas. Martha married David Niven Pike son of James Tilford Pike Sr. and **Mary Jane Vawter** on 14 Apr 1881 in Dimmit County, Texas. David was born on 7 Mar 1850 in Tishomingo, Mississippi. He died about 1915 in Capitan, Lincoln, New Mexico.

They had the following children:

Ward Pike was born on 15 Mar 1882.

Bessie Pike was born on 11 Feb 1884 in LaSalle, Jackson County, Texas. She died on 1 Mar 1931. Bessie married Henry Bradley .

David N. Pike was born on 25 Aug 1886 in La Salle, Jackson County, Texas. He died on 21 Nov 1970 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. He was buried in Texas.

George Tilford Pike was born on 16 Jul 1888. He died on 20 Apr 1961.

Hattie M. Pike was born on 17 Mar 1890 in Dimmit County, Texas. She died on 24 Nov 1970 in Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas. She was buried in Nov 1970 in Texas. Hattie married Connie Arnold .

Dink N. Pike was born on 27 Oct 1892 in Uvalde County, Texas. Dink married Edna Horn on 23 Dec 1920.

Sousan P. Pike was born on 27 Aug 1893 in Bandera County, Texas. She died on 23 Sep 1981 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. She was buried in Sep 1981 in Texas. Sousan married (1) B.B. Bradford on 9 May 1920. Sousan married (2) H. Sharpe .

Alexandria Virginia Newspaper, 1777 David Vawters

David Vawter, son of John Vawter, son of Bartholomew Vawter of Virginia was the only third generation Vawter known to have active duty in the Revolutionary War. Many Vawter's provided provisions and help to the military and many 4th generation sons served and some died in the cause of freedom. (Below - The letter that looks like "f" is pronounced as an "s" in Old English)

NOTICE is hereby given to the soldiers that are absent from my company on furlough, or that were sick when I marched from *Culpeper*, that if they do not come to head quarters in *Williamsburg* within 12 days after the publication of this advertisement they will be treated as deserters.-----Deserted from my company of regulars, **JOSEPH WARWICK**, about 5 feet 10 inches high, a well looking man, stout made, was formerly skipper of a vessel, and is commonly about *Hobbs's Hole*. Also **DAVID VAUTERS**, who is about the height of *Warwick*, has black hair and eyes, and was formerly a deputy commissary to col. *Barber*. Whoever delivers the said deserters to me, or mr. *Peter Stubblefield*, my first lieutenant, in *Williamsburg*, shall have 5l. reward for each.-----*John Alexander* is requested to come to the camp immediately, that I may give him up as a marine to the Hon. the Board of Admiralty, or otherwise I shall treat him as a deserter.

|| **JOHN CAMP**, capt.

or to the commanding officer of the 7th *Virginia* regiment at the continental camp, and all reasonable expenses paid.

|| **M. CARRINGTON**, lieut.

ON Monday the 19th of May will be sold at vendue, on the premises, agreeable to the last will and testament of col. Joseph Hutchings, deceased, a TRACT of LAND lying on *Tanner's creek*, in *Norfolk county* (commonly called *Marley's*) containing about 300 acres.

JOHN HUTCHINGS, } exec.
MATTHEW PHRIPP, }

MARCH 20, 1777.

THE officers of the 4th *Virginia* regiment are to rendezvous the recruits they have got at *Hanover* courthouse by the 10th of *April*, in order to join his excellency general *Washington's* army without delay. I am sorry to observe, that I have not (from what cause I know not) received from time to time such information, from many of the officers of the above regiment, respecting the success they met with in their business, as I wished for, and which my former advertisement directed them to convey to me.

David served several times as a guard at the Albemarle Barracks, he also escorted prisoners during active duty. His service was for time frames of 60 to 90 days and evidence is found for 1777 and 1779. David did not desert his duty and died in service at Albemarle. The older men who were able, served in non combat positions. Others provided provisions, guns and other supplies.

Orange County Virginia early records

A Muster Roll of Capt. Ambrose, Madison's Company of foot in the Regiment of Volunteers Guards at the Barracks in Albemarle County, where of Col. Frances Taylor is Commander, to June 1, 1779. Original in possession of Mr. John Willis, of Gordonsville, his great grandson.

Capt. Ambrose Madison

Lieut. James Burton,

Ensign John Goodall

Sergeants John Snow, John Wayt, James Goodall

Corporalls Ambrose White, Richd. Quinn, Norman Kidd

Privates, Jedithon Canterberry, Ambrose Lucase, James Farguson, John Barnett, John Davis, Lewis Davis, Zacha. Lewis, Wm Hayne, Jonathan Roach, Wm. Goodall, David Roach, John Lane, **David Vawter**, James Haney, Absalom Roach, Caleb Jennings, Wm. Harris, John Yound, Wm. Ballard, Jas McGinness, Bean Lannam,

Not joined Alex White

deserted 12th April Stark Right, Reuben Roach

died 15 April Alex MacKenny

Sworn to before me this 22d day of July 1779 by James Burton, Lieutenant

In Remembrance

Linda R. Dison, 64, of Conway, passed away Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, at her home. She was born Feb. 5, 1945, in Milan, Tenn., a daughter of the late Willie Lee Vawter and Ida Mai (Robinson) Vawter.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas Vawter and Carl Vawter.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Dison; a son, Lee Dison and wife Carol (Wofford) Dison; two grandchildren, Cody and Josh Dison, all of Conway; two sisters, Mary Medlin of Collierville, Tenn., and Martha McLeod of Oakland, Tenn.; and one brother, John Vawter of Walls, Miss.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, homemaker and business partner.

Linda adored her grandsons. She never missed a ballgame and she supported them in Boy Scouts.

She loved them and they will miss her greatly.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Roller-McNutt Funeral Home in Conway, Bro. Roy Hill officiating. Interment will follow at Crestlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation is tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Todd Smith, Mark Ledbetter, John Randall, Todd McLeod, David Hess, Bruce Walls and Buddy Blaine. Honorary pallbearers will be Ronnie Clem, Earl Bell and Jim Green

Ruth E. Moore, 94, of Powell, Wyoming, died after a short illness Oct. 27, 2009, at Powell Valley Hospital with family at her side.

She was born a twin with Bob Vawter on Oct. 31, 1915, on a homestead in Meeteetse to Edith Mae and Arlen Vawter. The family moved to Powell in 1920 and Ruth graduated from Powell High School in 1933. She married her high school sweetheart Cecil "Rex" Moore and they had one son, Ken.

During their 66 years of marriage Ruth and Rex moved a number of times, working and living in Fort Morgan, Denver and Lamar, Colo., Laramie, Powell and Cody, Battle Mountain, Nev., and Billings. After retiring from Mountain Bell in 1977 they returned to Powell as their permanent residence. They enjoyed 24 years of retirement, often wintering in Mesa, Ariz.

Never hesitant to make friends, they then kept in close contact writing and visiting whenever they could. Often a drive between Powell and Mesa could take more than a month, as they stopped to visit family and friends. No one was ever out of the way or too far for them to see. During many summers they drove to Alaska, towing their trailer that contained a freezer.

They would fish for salmon and halibut until the freezer was full and then head south. During the return trip they would stop in Oregon and Idaho to pick berries and fruit. In the fall Ruth would can the salmon, berries and fruit, later giving much of it away. She was always generous and a true friend to many.

Ruth's favorite place was the cabin they built in Sunlight Basin. She enjoyed fishing, baking, travel, and square, round and clogging dance. She was especially known for her sharp Bridge skills.

She was a resident of Heartland Assisted Living Center in Powell for seven years.

She is survived by son Ken (Diane) of Anchorage, Alaska, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Rex Moore, her parents, brothers Mike Vawter and Robert Vawter, sisters Marge Larsen, Rachel Gentle, Mary Duggleby and Dorothy Reed.

VAUTERS EPISCOPAL CHURCH ORGAN RESTORATION

Estey Organ Restoration

Vauter's Episcopal Church
Loretto, Virginia

Completed in 1997, the historic Vauter's Episcopal Church is now home to a transplanted Estey reed organ. The reed organ, featuring 10 ranks of reeds, two manuals, and full regulation foot pedal turned out be a welcomed cost alternative for the parish.

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VAUTER'S CHURCH, ESSEX COUNTY VIRGINIA by Henry Irving Black

MOST literally a crossroads church, set in the fork of two ways, near Blackburn's Creek in Essex County, is Vauter's Church, one of the most perfect surviving examples of the cruciform steep-gabled brick church of the early years of the eighteenth century. Makeshift recovering has left unmarred the lines of the original Gothic-angled roof, indicated by the border pattern of rubbed brick in the gables. The borders of the same brick about the tall round-arched windows and the two low pediment-capped doors are marvels of good craftsmanship and are admirably preserved, and the same is true of the Flemish bond body of the walls with their glazed headers. Above the pedimented door of the west gable are set to left and right, small windows to light the gallery with which that arm of the T-cross was furnished and under which--subsequently perhaps--was built a vestry room lighted by a small window into the church. Another gallery over the south door was the organ loft, and here are no windows. The high square box-pews were long ago cut down to afford a better view of and by the occupants, but the flags of the paved aisles have not been taken up and, though "modern" chancel furnishings in the nineteenth century bad taste inevitably invaded the place, the tall pulpit with its winding stair and the reading desk on the first landing was left against the wall, still draped with its crimson hangings. The quaint name of the church, one of two churches in St. Anne's Parish, is a tribute to the Vauter family which owned lands adjacent. One of these Vauters was a surveyor, like George



Washington and like Theoderick Bland who laid out Williamsburg for His Excellency Governor Nicholson, general manager of moving day for Colonial capitals both in Virginia and Maryland. The date customarily assigned to the building, 1731, is the date inscribed on a brick in the south wall, but odds and ends of evidence lead to the impression that the church may in fact go back to 1720, or even earlier. Like so many old churches Vauter's fell into neglect after independence brought disestablishment. Bishop Meade records that the doors stood open to man and beast and the place was untended for many years. When stray Episcopal parsons came that way and services were arranged the great Bible belonging to the church was carried across the fields on the head of a negro manservant from the house of the Baylors at Marl Bank, representing one of the old county families who for generations supplied vestrymen and church wardens to St. Anne's Parish. It was one of the Baylors who gave Meade the story of how Mrs. Muscoe Garnett, when people in the neighborhood began carrying away the paving flags from the aisles and even the bricks of the walls, saved the old church by claiming it as her own and threatening the vandals with the rigors of the law. Her family did, in fact, own land adjacent to the church --and the pretext served.



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In Memoriam

Terry Aline Vaughter Boney, 88, of Clovis, died December 5, 2009, at Plains Regional Medical Center. She was born on February 28, 1921, in Taiban, De Baca County, NM. She was the third of four daughters of Bill and Bonnie Vaughter who preceded her in death, along with her sisters, Rhea Vaughter Cottle of Clovis, Marion Vaughter Moore of Abilene, TX, and Margaret Vaughter Dougharty of Alamogordo, NM. Aline had been a resident of Clovis since 1923.

She was a graduate of Clovis High School and Eastern New Mexico University. Aline taught school, at James M. Bickley and Zia Elementary in Clovis, from 1947-1985. She was known and loved as a mother, grandmother, aunt, teacher, and faithful church member of Parkland Baptist and Central Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Archie A. Boney of Clovis. In their "retirement," Aline and Archie worked with Texas Baptist Retired Builders, helping build more than 60 churches in the Eastern New Mexico and West Texas area. Survivors also include her sons: Mark Boney (Dawn) of Clovis, Gary Boney of Muleshoe, TX, and Kim Boney (Treca) of Clovis; grandchildren: Tabithia Wilson of Lakewood CO, Wesley Boney (Rachael), Rebecca Barton (David), Jamie Koeplinger (Mark), Michael Boney (Sara), all of Clovis, and 10 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation is scheduled at Steed-Todd Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be at Central Baptist Church, Wednesday December 9, 2009 at 1:00 PM with burial at Grady Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Travis Denton, Glen O'Rear, Michael Boney, Wesley Boney, Mark Koeplinger, and David Barton

Special thanks to the many church friends, caregivers, doctors, nurses, and others who have been so kind to Aline and her family.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Mexico Baptist Children's Home, Portales, New Mexico.

Vawter, Matilda B. NISKAYUNA, NY. Matilda Bottoni Vawter, "Mrs. V.", 85, formerly of Latham, departed this life, ending her journey on Saturday, January 9, 2010, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Lt. Col. Elton Lee Vawter and mother of the late Ron Vawter. Mrs. V was born in Whitehall, N.Y. on March 30, 1924. She was the proud daughter of the late Guiseppe Bottoni and Giavanni Villoni Bottoni DiLando and stepdaughter of the late Ermando DiLando. Mrs. Vawter's rich Italian heritage fueled a lifelong passion for the arts, music and education. After graduating from high school, she enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II, when she met her future husband. Her success in life can be directly attributed to the discipline and patriotism only earned as a veteran. She was a communicant of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Latham. Mrs. V was employed at Siena College where she thrived on the Siena Campus with her treasured friends and students for 31 years. She was awarded the Vice President for Student Affairs Special Recognition Award, was the 2006 employee of the year and frequently traveled the world with students and friends and she never missed the opportunity to travel and share the experiences with all. Mrs. Vawter is survived by her loving daughters, Shelley Booth and her husband, John of Southern Shores, N.C. and Celeste Fonda and her husband, Vernon of Niskayuna; her cherished grandchildren, Erika Lee Valoze and Vernon Vawter Fonda and his wife, Kristin; her beloved great-grandsons, Matthew, Austin and Justin; her sister, Celeste Gross and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved son, Ron Vawter and sister, Mary Varmette. She will also be sadly missed by her yellow lab Jeter. The family would like to express their gratitude to

caregiver Heather and Community Hospice Albany County; especially Nettie, Bonnie, Danielle, Jennifer and Pastor Joel for the exceptional care and love shown to their mom. A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13 at the Bowen & Parker Bros. Funeral Home, 97 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Family and friends are invited and may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in Memory's Garden, Colonie. Contributions in memory of Mrs. Vawter may be made to the Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205.

VAUGHTER, James Victor, Lt. Col., USAF, Retired

Born in Byers, Texas May 22, 1918, passed away in Sacramento, January 9, 2010 at the age of 91 years. Survived by his son, Michael D. Vaughter of Reno, NV; grandchildren, Amy and Chad and great grandson, Ethan. He was predeceased by his wife of 40 years, Betz Christensen Vaughter. Mr. Vaughter was the son of Dr. Hiram and Ada Vaughter. He was of a family of three brothers and two sisters. He entered the Air Force as an Aviation Cadet in 1940 during which time he was in combat in the European Theater Eighth Air Force and was a prisoner of war from 1943 to 1945. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel Master Navigator in 1964. Mr. Vaughter received a MBA from the University of Colorado in 1958. After graduation, he joined the staff of California State University, Sacramento as director of Facilities Planning. He also held other positions at the University until his retirement in 1981. Mr. Vaughter was very active in the community, a charter member and Past President of the Rotary Club of East Sacramento, Life member of the Comanche Riders Association, Past President of the Second Schweinfurt Memorial Association, Inc., served for a number of years as a member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army and was a devoted member of Saint Marks United Methodist Church. Friends are invited to attend Memorial Services Friday, January 15, at 2pm at Saint Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, Sacramento. Graveside Services with full Military Honors, Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 2:00pm at Glen Oaks Memorial Park, 11115 Midway, Chico, CA 95928.

Decorated hero Jim Vaughter flew in World War II, The Sacramento Bee

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Jim Vaughter, a retired Sacramento State official and Air Force veteran who became a prisoner of war after fighting in one of the bloodiest air battles of World War II, died Saturday at age 91. He died of complications related to a blood clot in his leg, said his son, Michael.

A bombardier in the 8th Air Force, Mr. Vaughter flew in the second American raid on the vital ball-bearing industry of Schweinfurt, Germany. Enemy planes and anti-aircraft guns shot down 60 B-17 Flying Fortresses, including his plane, on Oct. 14, 1943, which became known in Air Force history as Black Thursday.

Although he bailed out safely, "he wished he'd released his parachute a little later, because he could see the faces of the German pilots in the planes around him as he dropped," his son said. Captured after three days on the run, Mr. Vaughter spent the rest of the war in POW camps. He endured harsh conditions, including a four-day, forced march in snow and three days in overcrowded freight train cars. Finally, his camp was liberated by Gen. George S. Patton's troops on April 29, 1945.

He received many decorations, including the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and two Bronze Stars. He spent 19 more years in the Air Force and became a navigator on B-52 missions in the Strategic Air Command. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1964.

Mr. Vaughter joined Sacramento State in 1964 and was director of facilities planning. He oversaw construction on key projects as enrollment grew, including the library, field house and student union building. He held other administrative positions on campus and retired in 1981.

Born in 1918, James Victor Vaughter was delivered by his father, a country doctor, in Byers, Texas. The eldest of six children, he joined the Army Air Corps in 1940. He earned a master of business administration degree from the University of Colorado in 1958.

He had a son during an early marriage that ended in divorce. He was married for 45 years to his second wife, Betz Christensen Vaughter, who died in 2001.

Mr. Vaughter was a Carmichael resident for almost 50 years. He was a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of east Sacramento and served on the Salvation Army advisory board. He belonged to St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

He was an equestrian who owned horses and competed in gymkhana. He belonged to the Comanche Riders Association and the Sacramento Horsemen's Association.

He was past president of the Second Schweinfurt Memorial Association, a group of veterans that met annually to reminisce about the Black Thursday raid and World War II. He was interviewed several times by The Bee but otherwise rarely spoke about his war experience.

"He never said he was a hero," his son said. "He'd always just say, 'It was my job.' "

But "it really made him appreciate freedom," Michael Vaughter added. "He'd always say we're real lucky to be living where we are."

Mrs. W. H. (Barrie Dean) Rosier passed away Nov 8, 2009 and was a long time member of the Vawter Family Association. Information was sent by her granddaughter Wendy Aylette Rosier Rhinebolt.

Barrie Dean Rosier passed away at her home in Midway on Nov. 8. She was born in Houston, Texas, on Dec. 9, 1921, to William A. Dean and Gertrude Crook Dean.

A graduate of the University of Houston, she married William H. Rosier on Nov. 25, 1945, and moved to Midway in 1949. She was a member and choir director of the First Presbyterian Church of Hinesville for many years, a member of the Liberty County Historical Society and various genealogy societies. She was active in the history of Southeast Georgia serving as assistant curator of the Midway Museum for several years. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 58 years. She is survived by her son, E. Dean Rosier and his wife Donna of Albany; grandchildren, William Erik Rosier and wife Meredith of Marietta and Wendy Aylette Rhinebolt and husband Patrick Burke of Albany. Barrie Rosier is survived by six great-grandchildren, Jonathan Rosier, Daniel Rosier, Jacob Rhinebolt, Elise Rhinebolt, Kara Burke and Tyler Burke. Funeral service were at First Presbyterian Church of Hinesville. Pallbearers were David Sapp, Len Graddy, Layton Fraser, Dick Goff, Jerry Kicklighter and Jake Jackson. Remembrances can be sent to First Presbyterian Church of Hinesville GA.

VVV Reunion Genealogy Session following the business meeting, Friday July 16

Georgene Jurgensen, genealogist, will speak on the Vawters of Lynchburg, VA including the famous Bransford Vawter, poet. Bransford's home is listed on the National Historic Places. The family has a rich and colorful and tragic history. In addition, family charts linking to the progenitor Bartholomew Vawter will be available for viewing. The session will be approximately one hour following the business meeting.

Bus Tour Friday July 16, VVV Reunion, Richmond, VA

Departs from the hotel at 12 Noon Returning by 5 pm

Box Lunches provided for those on the tour

COLONIALS, CANNONBALLS & CONFEDERATES

The Story of Richmond

Join Frank Williamson, as he takes you back to 1607 and meet famous people and witness historic events that created this magnificent city situated on the James River.

Frank will introduce you to the early inhabitants of the “city at the falls”. From these early days of exploration we will move into the settlement of Richmond and meet famous Virginians like Colonel William Byrd, Patrick Henry, Chief Justice John Marshall, Edgar Allan Poe. Learn how and why Richmond became the Capitol of Virginia in 1780.

Then we move into the Antebellum period and see the city prosper with the growth of the tobacco and cotton business. Richmond, a town of 37,000 on the eve of “the war between the states” suddenly jumps to over 100,000 citizens as the Capitol of The Confederacy. See the White House of the Confederacy, home to the Jefferson Davis family. Watch as Richmond burns in April, 1865. We will visit Tredegar Iron Works, Iron Maker to the Confederacy..

Rather than just smolder in the ashes of the great evacuation fire, Richmond becomes the new Phoenix and begins to thrive again. Meet great powerful businessmen such as Louis Ginter, John Bryan, Major James Dooley, James Pace and many more. These people help usher in the new century and have had a lasting presence in the growth of the city. We will venture into the Jefferson Hotel, built in 1895 by tobacco fortunes, while Frank relates the history & myths of this 5 Star - 5 Diamond facility.

Frank will give a tour of The Capitol Building (1788) designed by Thomas Jefferson & home of the oldest English speaking legislative body in the Western Hemisphere. While at Capitol Square, we see the Executive Mansion (1814) Then on to St. John’s Church (1741) John Marshall House(1790) White House of the Confederacy (1818) The Old Stone House (1737), the oldest surviving structure in Richmond.

Our riding tour will take us up Monument Avenue, the only street in America designated as a National Historic Site. Your guide will show to you many of the finest homes and explain the architecture of the great private homes. The statuary figures include many of our historic Virginians.

No tour of Richmond is complete without a visit to Hollywood Cemetery (1848) where buried are three Presidents, 18,000 Confederate soldiers, eight Virginia Governors, three Pulitzer Prize winning authors, 25 CSA generals and a host of other notables that total over 62,000. Hear the touching story of Black Dog Hill.

Then we head for home with many fond memories of “the city at the falls”

VVV Reunion Buffet Friday July 16

Departing hotel at 6:30 pm
Friday evening meal will be at Jim Lavender's church, Discovery UM, in Richmond,
and he will speak afterward.



Dr. Jim Lavender was born in 1953 in the small river town of Columbus, Mississippi (previously named “Possumtown,” in the 19th century) to an interesting family through which he lived a storybook life. His parents owned a candy business with his paternal grandfather, whose brothers were respectively in show business, the ministry, and farming. Family gatherings and country store atmosphere discussions at the Lavender Candy Co., were the incubators for many of Dr. Jim’s stories today.

Jim graduated from Wood College, Mississippi State University, Duke University Divinity School, and St. Mary’s Seminary and University of Baltimore. He also holds certificates in marketing studies from The college of William and Mary.

Dr. Jim and Avis Ann Adams Lavender were married in 1977 at Duke Chapel. They are the parents of two children, Amy Lavender Earle, a high school chemistry teacher, and Jim Lavender III who is studying business and music at Radford University.

Dr. Lavender began his public life in 1972 when he met Al Capp, the late cartoonist who created the “Lil’ Abner” comic strip. Jim starred on the stage and on location for Capp Enterprises as Lil’ Abner for three years. He has been master of ceremonies for several music celebrities including Tina Turner, Janice Joplin, and others. He is a veteran performer of three different circus companies, having been a ringmaster and lion and tiger trainer.

In the early 1970s Jim felt a distinct calling to the ministry and attended seminary where he met Avis, an accomplished professional gospel pianist. Dr. Jim is the senior pastor of Discovery UMC in Richmond, VA. In 2008 the Lavenders celebrated their 25th anniversary at Discovery UMC, where Dr. Jim won the Denman Award for Evangelism from the United Methodist denomination.

Throughout his career, Jim and Avis have adopted unwanted exotic circus animals and raised them to use as object lessons to reach children through Christian evangelism. Volunteers from Discovery have helped the Lavenders reach over one and one half million boys and girls for Jesus Christ in churches across America through outreach children’s missions from Discovery.

Today, after publishing two books, **Loving Unchurched People** (co-authored with Dr. James Righter) and **Thank God for Kids**, Dr. Jim has published his first CD recording, **Front Porch Stories...Dr. Jim Live at the Omni**. Dr. Jim is now a sought after speaker and entertainer with a vast collection of heartwarming family oriented humorous stories of life in the Deep South.

VVV Reunion July 15, 16, 17 RICHMOND, VA
There are many things to see and do before and after the reunion.
A Great Vacation destination

The city of Richmond is filled with historical sites, world-class museums, diverse neighborhoods, exciting nightlife and much more. The city has been building its future since 1607 when Christopher Newport made his way from Jamestown up the James River and claimed the land for England. It is here that Patrick Henry uttered the words “give me liberty or give me death” at St. John’s Church in Church Hill. The Church Hill neighborhood today celebrates its historical roots and welcomes its future with restaurants, boutiques, and coffee houses clustered along the residential streets.

The Capital of the Commonwealth, Richmond is also the former Capital of the Confederacy. Often referred to as the City of Monuments, Richmond pays homage to its history along Monument Avenue, where statues and mansions line the tree-filled promenade. It is the only street in the United States designated as a National Historic landmark. Museums in the city include the Virginia Historical Society, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and the Library of Virginia, where visitors can trace their genealogy. Richmond’s cultural offerings are many. They include the Richmond Ballet, Richmond symphony, and the Virginia Opera, as well as numerous local theater groups. The re-opened “National,” a historic theater turned modern concert venue, was joined by Richmond CenterStage, another performing arts venue that opened its doors in 2009 with a remodeled and enhanced performing arts center.

Richmond neighborhoods include the Fan District, one of the country’s largest intact Victorian neighborhoods, where you’ll find architectural gems, historic homes and legendary restaurants. Nearby is Carytown, a hip, happening area, chock-full of interesting shops and restaurants. Architecture and museums are the focus in the museum district. Ginter Park offers a variety of architectural styles – Tudor, Queen Anne and Four Square, among others.

The historic Jackson Ward area was once known as the “Harlem of the South.” It is home to the Black History & Cultural Center of Virginia as well as the Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site. The River district boasts upscale apartments, businesses, and fine dining. Just across the James River, the Manchester area features artist studios. Built along rolling hills, the scenic forest Hill neighborhood was once part of an antebellum estate and former site of a turn-of-the-century amusement park.

For more information see richmondgov.com.

Saturday July 17, Visit Vauter’s Church and Glebe at Loretto, VA
Spend the day visiting this historic church and glebe
Lunch will be served at the church
Leaving the hotel in Richmond at 9:30 am, plan to car pool



This is a wonderful opportunity to visit one of the oldest church glebe’s in the US. Located on private property, shown with special permission for the VVV organization, plus enjoy the famous Vauter’s church and grounds



Duel at the Vauter's Church Virginia

About eight miles farther up in the county of Essex, and situated upon or near Blackburn's creek, stand Vauter's church, and Mr. Richard Baylor, of Kinlock, writes the following interesting sketch for Bishop Meade's historical book:

"The first thing that I recollect as connected with the old sanctuary is that my father used to keep the old English Bible at Marl Bank, and when the casual services of a passing Episcopal minister were to be held there a servant took the old Bible on his head and accompanied the family by a near walking way across the same Blackburn's creek, and after service brought it back. I still have the old Bible at Kinloch, valued for its antiquity, and on its blank leaves are numerous references in my father's handwriting. I remember when the church door always stood wide open, if indeed they could be closed, and have taken refuge myself from a storm in the body of the church, leading my horse with me."

Mr. Baylor relates the occurrence of a duel between two gentlemen before the south door of the church, of which he says he was informed by Mr. R. B. Starke, of Norfolk, who attended as surgeon.

The fatal duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr shocked the nation. But it was the identity of the man killed, not the fact of the duel itself, that produced such dismay. By 1804, dueling had become an American fixture. And for another thirty years or more, its popularity would continue to grow.

In 1777, a group of Irishmen codified dueling practices in a document called the Code Duello. The Code contained 26 specific rules outlining all aspects of the duel, from the time of day during which challenges could be received to the number of shots or wounds required for satisfaction of honor. An Americanized version of the Code, written by South Carolina Governor John Lyde Wilson, appeared in 1838. Prior to that, Americans made do with European rules.



In a typical duel, each party acted through a second. The seconds' duty, above all, was to try to reconcile the parties without violence. An offended party sent a challenge through his second. If the recipient apologized, the matter usually ended. If he elected to fight, the recipient chose the weapons and the time and place of the encounter. Up until combat began, apologies could be given and the duel stopped. After combat began, it could be stopped at any point after honor had been satisfied.

Most duelists chose guns as their weapons. The large caliber, smoothbore flintlock pistols Hamilton and Burr used in their encounter typified the American dueling weapons. Many American men owned a pair of such pistols, and, from about 1750 to 1850, many were called to use them.

The chance of dying in a pistol duel was relatively slim. Flintlocks often misfired. And even in the hands of an experienced shooter, accuracy was difficult. Generally, pistols had to be discharged within three seconds; to take aim for a longer time period was considered dishonorable.

In an 1802 duel, DeWitt Clinton was challenged by John Swartwout, a friend of Aaron Burr. Swartwout accused Clinton of trying to ruin Burr with political smears. The men exchanged five rounds. After each round, as the code provided, seconds encouraged the combatants to mend their differences. Clinton adamantly refused to sign a letter of apology. Swartwout, despite being shot in the thigh and ankle, refused to quit. Unwilling to continue shooting at a wounded man, an exasperated Clinton left the field. Surgeons standing at the ready tended Swartwout's wounds.

In America, duels were fought by men from all walks of life. But many of America's most important citizens defended their honor on the dueling grounds. Button Gwinnet, who had signed the Declaration of Independence, was shot down by General Lachlan McIntosh in a duel. Commodore Stephen Decatur of the United States Navy, an experienced duelist, died at the hands of another commodore, James Barron. And Abraham Lincoln narrowly averted a battle with swords by apologizing to an Illinois state official he had ridiculed in a local newspaper.

Benjamin Franklin and George Washington were among the most prominent Americans to condemn dueling. Franklin called duels a "murderous practice...they decide nothing." And Washington, who undoubtedly needed all the good soldiers he could get, congratulated one of his officers for refusing a challenge, noting that "there are few military decisions that are not offensive to one party or another."

Religious and civic officials worked hard to stop duels. But diatribes such as Reverend Mason Weems' illustrated pamphlet "God's Revenge Against Dueling" did little to change public sentiment. Anti-dueling ordinances also failed to stop the flow of

blood. Duelists ignored or evaded such laws. In fact, the most popular dueling ground in America was at Bladensburg, Maryland, near the nation's capital. Dueling was banned in Washington, but not in Maryland, which was a short carriage ride away.irate legislators could simply shuttle out to Bladensburg and fire at will.



Due to the partisan nature of their work, politicians frequently received challenges -- as did newspaper editors and attorneys. As a young man, attorney Andrew Jackson, future president of the United States, earned a reputation as a formidable duelist. His honor suffered, however, after a duel against Charles Dickinson in 1806.

Dickinson fired his pistol, slightly wounding Jackson. Jackson's weapon misfired -- which according to dueling rules counted as a shot. Technically, the duel should have ended there. But Jackson coldly pulled his hammer back

again and fired, this time killing Dickinson. In the eyes of many, Jackson's behavior amounted to little more than murder.

By the time of Hamilton and Burr's deadly encounter, dueling had begun to decline -- at least in the North. In the South, where the chivalrous novels of Walter Scott held sway, dueling remained the preferred way to defend one's honor -- or even to commit murder. A jilted lover need only wait for a rival's insult, or even manufacture one. He was then free to challenge and kill the rival without condemnation.

For every man who gloried in the duel, there were many others who feared it. A word or two passed in private company on a Friday night could well mean a challenge on Saturday morning and death on Sunday. Avoiding a challenge wasn't easy. Particularly in the South, where men who refused to duel would be "posted." A statement accusing them of cowardice would be hung in public areas or published in a newspaper or pamphlet.

When Congressman John Randolph of Virginia refused to meet General James Wilkinson in a duel, a furious Wilkinson posted him. The post declared "In justice to my character I denounce to the world John Randolph, a member of Congress, as a prevaricating, base, calumniating scoundrel, poltroon, and coward." Wilkinson, a co-conspirator in Aaron Burr's treason plot, had little character to damage. Randolph lost little by his posting.

By the time of the Civil War, dueling had begun an irreversible decline, even in the South. Not surprisingly, public opinion, not legislation, caused the change. What once had been a formal process designed to avoid violence and amend grievances had deteriorated into cold-blooded murder. People at last were shocked by it, and they showed their disdain. It may have been too late to save Alexander Hamilton. But if American was to become a truly civilized nation, the publicly sanctioned bloodshed would have to end.



Street named for Phil Vaughter

Shown in the picture is Phil's daughter, Courtney, who celebrates the naming of Vaughter Street, in Austin, Texas. Be sure to let Phi know how proud the VVV is of him.

Congratulations!!!

John H. and Sue Vawter became great grandparents to a new baby girl. Morgan Grace Chaviers, born January 20, 2010. Weight 7lb 7 oz
 Renea (Vawter) and Danny Chaviers are the grandparents.
 Eric and Renee Chaviers are the parents.
 They all live in Nacogdoches, Texas

Grenville Davies from Harlepool in North East England sent along this information.
 (Note: prior to 1967 the towns of Hartlepool and West Hartlepool were 2 separate entitles, so do not confuse the addresses)

the marriage at all saints church, west hartlepool, on 16th july, 1945:

james elliott vawter, age 25, and a bachelor.
 profession: soldier, 826 aviation eng. batt'n. u s army.
 son of james elliott vawter (deceased).

joan borthwick, age 23 and a spinster.
 profession: a.t.s.
 daughter of leonard richard borthwick, a shipwright.
 address: 9 wordsworth avenue, west hartlepool.

vicar: h hancock.

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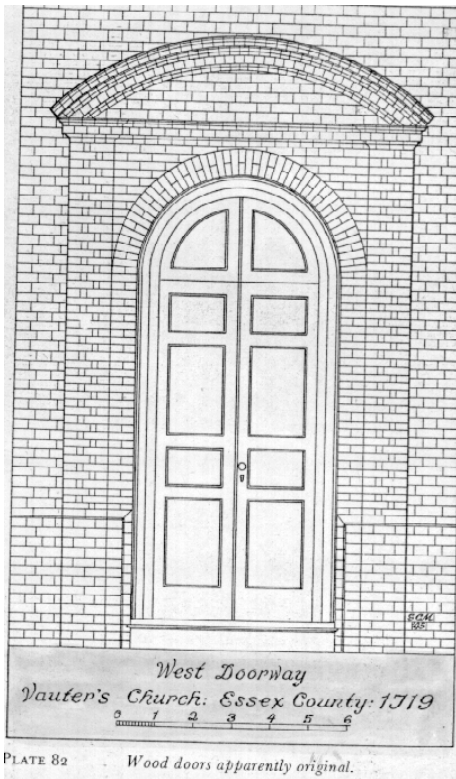


on july 16th, at stranton parish church, by the rev. hancock, lieut james elliot vawter, usa, elder son of mrs vawter (carolina, new york), to joan, elder daughter of mrs borthwick and the late mr borthwick, of 9 wordsworth avenue, west hartlepool.

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 west hartlepool

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OFF TO CAROLINA
west hartlepool bride of u.s. officer

mrs james vawter, ex lance-corporal of the a.t.s. and until last july miss joan borthwick, leaves west hartlepool to-night on the first stage of her long journey to join her american army officer-husband in north carolina. twenty four years old, joan, daughter of mrs and the late mr l r borthwick, 9 wordsworth avenue, west hartlepool, served for four years in the a.t.s. and met her future husband, first lt. james vawter, an engineer in civil life, in london some months before they were married at stranton church, west hartlepool. lieut. vawter returned to america ealy this year and expects soon to be de-mobbed. his last days in the army will be cheered by the news that his wife is sailing from southampton later this week. 'a.t.s' is auxiliary territorial service.
-----grenville in hartlepool



From Churches of Tidewater Virginia, Doorways of Colonial Churches in VA

p. 359. A fine example of each type of doorway is found, unaltered, in old Vauter's Church in Essex County. The West doorway, Plate 82, shows the classic round-topped pediment so generally employed by early eighteenth-century builders for the main entrance doorway of a colonial church. This pediment is a Tuscan adaptation, and is supported by pilasters framing the gauged brick trim of the circular-headed doorway. The glazed-header brickwork of the wall is continued through the interior of the pediment, and is used for the pilaster bases below the beveled water table course, which also extends down the lower sides of the door opening.

The south Doorway of Vauter's Church is typical of the classical pedimented doorway of Tuscan inspiration, which became almost a standard design for the chancel entrances in VA colonial church of the first half of the eighteenth century. Old Vauter's is one of the few Virginia colonial churches that seem to have

retained their original doors and open door casings. The doors at both entrances are of double, four-paneled design, rabbeted, with large "H-L" hinges on the inside. A fixed panel within the arched top of the west doorway permits the use of square topped doors and the beading on the rabbeted edge of the left hand door is carried up across the middle panel. The pedimented brick doorways of St. John's Church (1734), King William county, resemble the Vauter's doorways closely enough to have been the work of the same builder.

LAST WILL OF BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER

In the name of God Amen, I Bartholomew Vawter of the county of Essex and parish of St. Anns - being very sick and weak but of good and perfect sense and memory and calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of this life hereon earth, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followth First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, in sure and certain hopes of a Joyful Resurrection, by the merits of my Redeemer and Saviour Jesus Christ my body to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Exor. hereafter named, and for what worldly estate it hath pleased Almighty God of his great goodness and mercy to bestow upon me I give and bequeath as followth. (Viz) I will that all my just debts that I owe of any person be well and truly paid.

Item I give and bequeath unto my oldest son John Vawter the land and plantation where on I now live with its appentures to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my son William Vawter that half part of land I have in the forrest that is next to James Boulware, Jn (?) whereon he is now seated to his and his heirs forever.

Item to my son David Vawter the other half part of my land in the forrest that is next to Daniel Nowell to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give unto my daughter Margaret one cow and calf to be delivered to her after my decease with all their increase and alsoe what she hath already received of what nature kinde or speses whatever it is of.

Item I will that my son David Vawter be of age for to act and do for himself after my decease.

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

Finally I make constitute ordain and appoint my eldest son John Vawter my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, disanulling and making void all other wills by me formerly made, and do declare this to be my last. In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord God seventeen hundred seventeen.

[signed] Bartholomew (BV) Vawter (seal)

Signed sealed and declared in the presence of Saml Stallard, Saml Bizwell, John Rouse

At a court held for Essex Co. on ye 7th day of September 1717 this Will was this day proved in upon Court by ye oaths of Samuel Stallard & John Rouse witnesses to & by the Court admitted to record. Test. Will. Beverley Cl Cur.

Know all men by these present that we John Vawter, Daniel Nowell and James Jameson of Essex County are held and firmly bound unto Jno Lomax, Wm. Woodford and Augustine Smith Gent. Justice of ye County of Essex in ye sum of two hundred pounds Sterling which payment truly to be made... for out heir and adm. & severally to ye said Justices.. Witness our hands & seals the seventeenth day of September Ano Domni 1717.

The Condition of this obligation is such if ye above bound John Vawter, Exec. Of the last will and testament of Bartho Vawter deceased do make or cause to be made above & perfect inventory... Then ye obligation be void, otherwise to remain in full force & virtue. Signed Jno Vawter, Daniel Nowell, James Jameson.

From Shirley Byer, a Vawter researcher who published her book "The family of Albert & Josie Vawter, pub. 1985..... And lists the Inventory of the Estate of Bartholomew Vawter.

The funds are shown as pounds.shillings.penny

13 hogs and 20 piggs att	9.00.0
1 table and forme	0.10.0
6 wooden chares att	0.06.0
1 feather-bed and 2 bouldsters, Rugg, Blankers, sheets and beedstead	5.00.0
1 small buffet	0.05.0
1 small buffet	0.06.0
1 lb. go(?)	1.19.7
1 brass skillet and ditto of bell mettell	0.14.0
2 small brass kettles	0.10.0
1 old brass kettle	0.10.0
1 old brass pott	0.08.0
2 old guns at	0.15.0
1 Dyaper table cloth and 7 napkins	0.10.0
2 lining (Linen) table cloths and nine napkins	0.06.0
1 doz puter plats	0.12.0
6 old puter plats	0.04.0
7 puter bassoons great and small	1.08.0
33 lbs of good puter at 1/s	1.13.0
2 new tankanrds, 1 cup, 1 mustard pot	0.07.0
24 lb of old puter at 6d	0.12.0
1 loue earthen mugg	0.01.6
6 Earthern milk pans and 2 chamber potts, 1 plater,	
1 basson, and sum other earthen ware	0.12.0
1 bell mettell mortar and pestell	0.07.0
2 tinn pans and sum other tinn ware	0.02.0

1 chafing dish, 1 grid iron, 1 pr of fier tons,	
2 iron candellsticks, 1 chafing dish wood 2 box irons	0.12.0
2 looking glasses	0.94.9
1 brass ladel, 1 shimer, flesh fork and grater	0.04.0
3 old pales	0.05.0
A pozell old books att	0.15.0
2 good frying pans, 2 old frying pans	0.07.0
3 pottel bottles and 3+doz of ditto	0.10.0
2+gallons of honey and 1+gallon of molasses	0.09.0
3 barrles Indian Corn, 1 barrel wheat	2.05.0
6 lbs tallow, 2+ lbs. beass wax	0.05.0
10 lbs of shot and 1 lb powder	0.03.0
112 lbs of nales at 3d	1.08.0
2 lbs of puft cotton, 3 ½ lbs wool	0.05.0
2 lighthts of window glass, 52 lbs of old iron, 1 ¼ lbs of canell wick	0.08.0
4 pare of pott ;hoods and a cutting knife	0.04.6
3 meal sifters and 1 Sarck (hoe for weeding)	0.04.0
1 half value of a cutting knife	0.02.6
1 feather bed & furniture & 1 old feather bed Under it and bedsted	9.00.0
1 ditto feather bed and furniture	7.00.0
Trundle bed and furniture	3.00.0
1 chest and 3 boxes	1.00.0
1 old case of pistols & holsters & old sord and bell P(?)	0.10.0
1 old spinning sheel, 1 old lanthorne & 1 leather bag	0.05.0
Saddle and bridle and saddle cloth	0.14.0
1 old pad 1 old saddle 1 pillin	0.01.6
3 emty barrils	0.06.0
3 weges, 2 pestolls & a trowel	0.09.0
2 brydals and 2 halters	0.02.6
A parcel of old hoes and axes	0.10.0
5 meale trays, 1 fork, 1 earthern pot, 1 falx brake, 3 indan pans & 1 tubb	0.07.0
A parcel of carpenters tooles	0.17.0
A paracell of shoemakers tooles & lasts & a hominy sifter and a small tub	0.12.0
A parcel of coopers tooles, 2 locks & bess and 2 pr (??)	0.12.0
3 syder casks, 4 runlets, 2 tubbs and 1 little tubb	0.17.0
2 cross cut saws & 1 tenant saw	0.10.0
9 bushels of oyster shells	0.02.0
3 old reap hooks & 2 old sickles	0.01.0
2 cows and calves	4.00.0
7 barren cows	10.10.0
1 stear	1.14.0
3 small heafers	3.00.0
5 yearlings	2.10.0
4 sheep	1.00.0
All Mr. Vawters waring close	6.03.8
1 pair of sheets	0.06.0
2 horses and 1 old mare	8.10.0
2 lbs spun cotton	0.04.0
A parcel of yarne and knitting needles	0.01.6
4 old meale bags	0.05.0
1 old featherbed and flat boulster, reg, sheets, blanket	
And old featherbed and bedstead	3.00.0
1 old lining (linen) spinning wheel 3 pr of old cards And a reale	0.08.3
1 branding iron and 4 drest deare skings	0.07.0
7 sides of tand leather	1.08.0
8 bushels beans & 3 tubbs	1.00.0
6 bushels of salt & 2 tubbs	6.08.0
5 old rugs & 5 old blankets & an old bolster	1.00.0

2 broad hoes, 3 narrow hoes, 1 narrow axe	0.07.0
3 ¾ yds of Kersey	0.07.0
4 felt hats	0.08.0
11 ½ ys of kersey	1.07.6
3 ½ yds of penestone	0.10.0
5 yds of pladd	0.08.6
5 ¼ yds scotch searge	0.06.6
2 ½ yds of shalleene, 8 ¾ stuf	0.07.6
14 yds of damask	0.14.0
6 ¼ yds scotch cloth	0.05.6
4 ¼ yds of irish lining (linen)	0.04.3
1 diaper table cloth	0.03.0
4 yds of irish lining (linen)	0.03.4
10 ¾ yds English lining	0.04.5
35 yds Lancaster lining	1.15.0
20 yds of white ozenbrigs	0.13.4
12 ells of dowlas	0.15.0
17 yds of scotch lining	0.14.2
16 ½ yds of irish lining (linen)	0.16.0
25 yards of ditto	1.02.0
20 ½ yds of sheeting lining	1.10.0
21 ¾ yds of brown sheeting lining	1.02.0
7 ½ ells of brown ozenbrigs	1.05.0
12 ¼ yds of fine check	1.18.0
7 ½ yds of corse ditto check	0.08.6
4 yds of beco lining	0.02.4
17 yds of white demety	0.17.6
6 ½ yds of bed tick	0.08.0
6 ½ yds of boulster ditto	0.05.0
A pacell of knives & combs & knitting needles	
1 razor & hone & 2 boxes, tobb box & tongs	0.12.6
½ groce pipes & doz & five spoons	0.04.0
1 ¾ lbs peper	0.04.5
A parcel of alleme & blew stone (copper sulfate)	0.00.6
3 lbs of collard thred	0.04.6
1 lb of white brown ditto	0.02.6
A parcel of tape	0.02.0
A parcel of silk, moehaire & buttons	0.12.0
A parcel of pins & needles	0.01.3
A parcel of brimstone & 2 scotch hanckefors	0.02.6
1 chest	0.08.0
A small parcel of currid leather	0.05.0
2 hives of bees & sum empty hives	1.00.0
3 empty tobacco hogsheads & 1 grind stone	0.09.6
246 feet of plank, 1 old wheele barrow & 37 aco hides	1.05.0
15 geese & ganders	1.10.0
2 bushell of lyme & 1 lb pitch	0.02.0
2 flax hackles and 4 saddle girts	0.06.0
½ drumline, 1 pair sheep shares, horse fleeins	0.01.8
2 pair spectacles & 1 pair gloves	0.01.6

Given under our hand this 9th day of October 1717, John Hawkins, John Bougan, Tho Short and Jno Vawter. At a court continued and held for Essex county on Wednesday the 16th day of July of 1718. This appraisement of the estate of Bartholomew Vawter deceased was this day returned and ordered to be recorded.

2010
Vawter Vauter Vaughter(s)
Family Association Reunion
Richmond, Virginia

REGISTRATION

Name Of Each Attendee: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number _____

Email: _____

Registration Per Single Adult:	_____ @	10.00	_____
or			
Registration Per Family	_____ @	15.00	_____
Dues for 2010 (if not paid) Includes Newsletter	_____ @	10.00	_____
Thursday Night Buffet at Hotel		No charge	
Friday Bus Tour of Richmond & Box Lunch - Adult	_____ @	30.00	_____
Friday Bus Tour of Richmond & Box Lunch – Child	_____ @	25.00	_____
Friday Night Buffet at Discovery UMC - Adult	_____ @	15.00	_____
Friday Night Buffet at Discovery UMC – Child	_____ @	10.00	_____
Saturday Lunch at Vauter’s Church - Adult	_____ @	15.00	_____
Saturday Lunch at Vauter’s Church – Child	_____ @	7.00	_____
Saturday Night Banquet - Adult	_____ @	(pending)	_____
Saturday Night Banquet - Child	_____ @	(pending)	_____
TOTAL			_____

[Gratuities are NOT included in the price of evening meals.]

2010 REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 15

- 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.....Registration**
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.....Early Bird Dinner**
- 7:00 p.m.Site Committee Meeting**
- 8:00 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, July 16

- 9:00 a.m.....Business Meeting**
- 10:00 a.m.....Genealogy Session**
- Noon.....Lunch & Bus Tour of Richmond**
- 6:30 p.m.....Depart for Discovery UMC**
- 7:00 p.m.....Dinner/Entertainment**

Saturday, July 17

- 9:30 a.m.....Depart for Vauter’s Church**
- 10:30 a.m.....Welcome, Lunch, Glebe**
- 6:30 p.m.....Annual Banquet**

Invocation

Meal

Memorial Service

Love Offering for Vauter’s Church

Special Recognition

Youngest & Oldest

Couple Married Longest

Longest Distance Traveled

Roll Call of States

Final Registration Report

Invitation to 2009 Reunion

Door Prizes and Auction Items

Adjournment

Sunday, July 18

Worship Service at Vauter’s Church

VVV Cousin, The Rev. Philip W. Dougharty, Rector of St. John's Grace Episcopal Church, Buffalo, NY, will be the guest pastor for the church services. It is an honor to have a Vauter’s Church descendant preach at this reunion and church.



FAMILY ASSOCIATION
Website: www.vawterfamily.org

Dedicated to finding Vauter(s), Vawter(s), Vaughter(s)
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June 2010 Volume 34 No. 2
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If you haven't paid your dues this year, please send your check to the
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2010 VVV Family Association Reunion



July 15, 16, 17 - 2010
Richmond, VA
Comfort Suites Richmond Innsbrook
4051 Innslake Dr
Glen Allen, VA 23060
804-217-9200

Every 5 years the VVV Family Association meets in Virginia to view the Vauter's Church. Time is short to make your reservations, call today for rooms.

Volunteers are needed for registration and greeting table at the July reunion. Please take a moment to offer your assistance to Ellen Cummings and the reunion committee. Whether this is your first reunion or your 20th, it's a great way to meet new cousins and share time with friends.

In Memoriam

Ralph Edwin Williams, Jr. 1917 – 2009

Naval Officer; Speechwriter and Policy Advisor to President Eisenhower

Ralph Edwin Williams, Jr., passed away peacefully on September 4, 2009, at Hospice House

in Williamsburg, Virginia, at 91 years of age. A native of Pecos, Texas, he graduated from the University of Texas, Austin, in 1938, and entered into a career in the US Navy Supply Corps, retiring with the rank of Captain. His first duty station was Pearl Harbor, on Ford Island, where he witnessed the Japanese attack that initiated US involvement in World War II. He spent most of the war in the Pacific.

His naval career spanned 24 years and included assignments as Comptroller of Pearl Harbor Naval Base as well as speechwriter for the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Secretary of the Navy. Later, he served as speechwriter and policy advisor to President Eisenhower and was the originator of the now well-known phrase, “The Military Industrial Complex,” first used in President Eisenhower’s Farewell Address. Following his naval career, he continued in government service working for the Department of the Interior’s Office of Oil and Gas, and the US Geological Survey until his retirement in 1982. Captain Williams was married to Louise Harley Arnold, of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, his loving wife of 61 years and niece to General H. H. “Hap” Arnold, “father” of today’s US Air Force. Ralph and Louise loved to travel, thoroughly enjoying their life together. He was a devoted family man, always steady and calm through the good times and the sometimes difficult.

He is survived by his three sons and their wives: Ted and Karen, Bruce and Claudia, and Cliff and Joy; by his grandchildren: Emily, Matthew, Douglas, Juliana, Andrew, and Thomas, and also by great-grandchildren: Elyse, Sophia and Samuel.

Ralph will be remembered as a humble, gentle, and generous man who brightened the lives of all he met, and whose life, in turn, was brightened by his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

For those who wish, donations may be made to Hospice House and Support Care of Williamsburg, or to Heartland Hospice of Newport News.

Gabriele M. Vawter, 86, of Roseville, Minn. and Gloucester, passed on Friday, April 16, 2010 after a short illness, surrounded by family and friends. Her wisdom, courage and zest for life transformed all who knew her. Born in Berlin, Germany to Franz and Frieda Meyer, she was preceded in death by her husband Gordon F. Vawter and brother, Peter Meyer of Chicago. She is survived by her twin brother, Franz Meyer and his spouse Haruko Meyer of Syracuse, N.Y.; sister-in-law, Virginia Storr and her spouse Richard Storr of Toronto, Canada; daughter, Dorothy (Dorle) Vawter and her spouse David Dudycha of St. Paul, Minn.; son, William (Art) Vawter and his spouse Jude Urwin of Takilma, Ore.; and son, Thomas Vawter and his spouse Anne Hadley of Needham; grandchildren, Devon, Michela, Catherine and Joss Vawter; nieces, Elizabeth Cohen and Annie V. Storr and nephews, Robert Storr, Stephan Meyer, Andreas Meyer, John Robb and Gaylord Robb.

In Memoriam

Body found in ruins of Haitian hotel is probably KC area doctor

By RICK MONTGOMERY, The Kansas City Star

A body recovered last week from the ruins of a Haitian hotel has been tentatively identified as Kansas City area pediatrician **Frank Vaughters**, his sister said Saturday. Vaughters, who 20 years ago founded the Turner House Children's Clinic in Kansas City, Kan., was 63. He was visiting Port-au-Prince to oversee a family-planning and children's health clinic he created there when the Jan. 12 earthquake destroyed the Hotel Montana. Remains found Thursday were matched to Vaughters through dental records. Conclusive identification is pending an autopsy in Delaware, said Lucy Vaughters.

"For all intents and purposes, as far as we're concerned, it's him," she said. "It is nice to have a sense of closure."

In 1990 Vaughters launched Turner House after combing the Kansas City area in search of its neediest neighborhood — which he determined to be around Third Street and Stewart Avenue in northeast Kansas City, Kan.

"He went door to door to find what was needed," said the clinic's executive director, Dennis Boody. "We know the first year we treated 450 patients. ... Last year we saw over 4,000 individual patients" and charted nearly 10,000 patient visits.

"It's safe to say that, because of Frank Vaughters, literally tens of thousands of children in this area have received medical treatment they otherwise may not have gotten."

Turner House, which relocated to Bethany Medical Plaza several years ago, recently dedicated a 20th anniversary celebration to the missing Vaughters.

In Haiti he established a foundation, the Project for Family Planning and Aid for Children, in the community of Cite Soleil — "the poorest place in Haiti," according to the project's Web site. "He kept seeing so many problems that seemed unsolvable" but was committed to help, said Lucy Vaughters, who is from the Seattle area.

Vaughters had a pediatric practice at 6650 Troost Ave.

From his hotel in Port-au-Prince, his last phone message to his girlfriend in Kansas City, Marge Therio, came hours before the quake. Everything was fine, he said, and he'd try to send e-mail later.

Como, TN - **CATHERINE WILKINS VAWTER**, 85, retired bookkeeper for Mack Trucks, and clerk for Wal-Mart, died April 2, 2010 at Allenbrooke Nursing Home, Memphis, TN. She was born December 24, 1924 in Tallahatchie County, MS. Visitation, Monday, April 5, from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. at Harmontown Baptist Church near Como, MS, where she was a member. Rev. Jim Pinkerton will officiate. Burial will be in Harmontown Cemetery near Como, MS. She was the widow of Robert D. Vawter. She leaves one son, Danny Vawter and wife, Amy, of Collierville, TN; one sister Martha Reed of Batesville, MS; two grandsons, Wade Vawter and Mitch Bledsoe. Memorials may be made to Harmontown Baptist Church, Como, MS. Ray-Nowell Funeral Home (662)487-1234. Published in The Commercial Appeal on April 4, 2010

Samuel Morris Vawter 84, Sheridan, IN, died Jan. 21, 2010. Services: 2 p.m. Jan. 25 in Kercheval Funeral Home, Sheridan, with calling there from 10 a.m. until service. Interment: Crown View Cemetery, Sheridan. (Indianapolis Star)



**2011 VVV Reunion Information
July 14, 2011 through July 17, 2011
Kentucky Dam State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky**

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
113 Administration Drive
Gilbertsville, KY 42044-0069
Telephone: 270-362-4271 -- Toll Free: 800-325-0146

The following is a link to their home page with additional information about the park and its amenities. <http://www.parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/kd/> There will be lodge rooms, cabins, and camping sites available. The following is a list of prices for lodging.

Rates for Wednesday and Thursday, Lodge Rooms \$80.96, Two Bedroom Executive Cottage \$215.96, Three Bedroom Executive Cottage \$220.46

Rates for Friday and Saturday, Lodge rooms \$99.96, Two Bedroom Executive Cottage \$254.96, Three Bedroom Executive Cottage \$259.96

Planned Events: Friday's day trip will be to the City of Paducah which is located approximately 20 minutes from the reunion site. Some of the activities may include the Quilt Museum, the Maritime Museum, and the Lower Art District. The following link provides information about Paducah with various points of interest. <http://www.paducah.travel/>

Friday evening we will enjoy a fish fry at Mike Miller Park. The following link provides information about the park and its amenities. It is located approximately 10 minutes from the reunion site. <http://www.marshallcountyparks.com/>

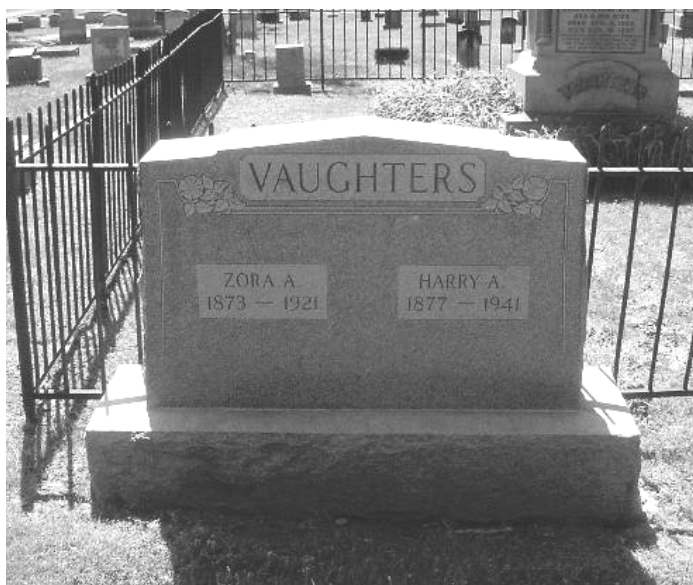
Saturday's day trip will be to Land Between the Lakes, National Recreational Area. The following link provides additional information about the park. Activities for the day may include a trip to the Homeplace and Elk and Bison Range. In addition, we will likely be touring a local tobacco farm and learning more about one of Kentucky's cash crop. <http://www.lbl.org/>

Saturday evening will be the annual family banquet. The banquet will be in a banquet room at the site location. A family church service will be held Sunday morning in a room provided at the site location.

Friendship Cemetery, Scioto County, OH

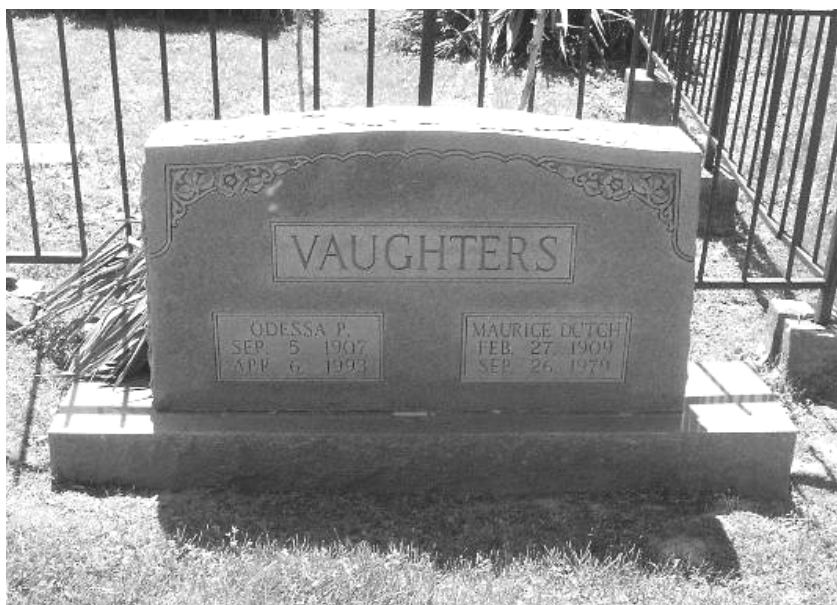
Zora A. Vaughters
Birth 1873
Died 1921

Harry A. Vaughters
Birth 1877
Death 1941



Odessa P. Vaughters
Sept 5, 1907
Death 1993

Maurice Dutch Vaughters
Feb 27, 1909
Sep 26, 1979



JACKSON COUNTY, OHIO - SELL FAMILY CEMETERY

Perhaps one of the most naturally beautiful cemeteries.

Name	Birth	Death	Notes
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Robert Masson is the brother of Catherine Vaughters, her stone being worn should say 45 years not 15 years.			
Lizzie Stella Mason	11 Aug 1889	19y,5m,4d,	(daughter of R B & S J Mason)
Sarah Myrta Mason	10 May 1883	14y, 11m, 13d,	(daughter of RB & S J Mason)
Ann F S Masson	28 Mar 1885	65y, 2m, 12d,	(wife of Robert Masson)
Infant Masson	11 Jun 1830	11hrs,	(son of R & A Masson)
Infant Masson	19 Oct 1840	1w, 5d	
Robert Masson	9 Dec 1804	20 Mar 1892	(born in Caroline County, Virginia)
Robert B. Masson	30 Sept 1838	22 Dec 1913	
Sarah Masson	31 Jan 1861	23y, 8m, 5d,	(daughter of R & A Masson)
Susan Jenks Masson	28 Feb 1843	23 May 1910	(wife of Robert B. Masson)
Catherine Vaughters	Apr 1833	15yrs,	(wife of John Vaughters)
Hiram B Vaughters	9 Mar 1843	4y, 3m, 23d,	(son of Richard & Nancy Vaughters)
Nancy Vaughters	8 Aug 1870	52y, 8m, 11d,	(wife of Richard Vaughters)

**Virginia revolutionary claims –
bounty land and commutation pay ...**

By United States. Congress. House. Committee

Lieutenant William Vawters, of Colonel Gibson's State regiment.

The heirs of William Vawters, by act of May 25, 1832, were allowed the amount of five years' full pay of a lieutenant, with interest, amounting to \$4,821.45.

The report on which this act was founded (No. 44, 1st session 22d Congress,) states that Vawters belonged to Colonel George Gibson's regiment, which it alleges to have been transferred from the State line to the continental line, and to have thereby become a continental regiment. On the ground of its belonging to the continental line, Vawters was allowed the commutation pay.

After the passage of the act of July 5, 1832, granting half pay for life to the officers of the Virginia *State* line, the heirs of Vawters, finding that the half pay for life under that act would amount to a greater sum than they had received for commutation, applied for the half pay, (deducting the sura already received,) alleging that the commutation act had been passed under a mistake—that Gibson's regiment was a *State*, and not a *continental* regiment. The claim for half pay being unfavorably received by the Secretary of the Treasury, the heirs of Vawters came again to Congress ; and, on the 22d of December, 1837, the committee made a favorable report on the claim for the excess of the half pay over the commutation, in which they came to the conclusion, " that when the act of 25th May passed, allowing commutation to Vawters's heirs, *they had no claim whatever against the United States*, either for commutation or half pay, but had a claim against the State of Virginia for half pay during the life of their father, which claim was afterwards assumed by the United States, by the act of the 5th of July, 1832;" Colonel Gibson's regiment being a *State*, and not a *continental* regiment. In the opinion that Gibson's was a *State*, and not a continental regiment, and, of consequence, that the heirs of Vawters had no claim to commutation, the present committee concur. At the October session of the Virginia Assembly, 1777, Colonel George Gibson's State regiment and another State regiment then forming, and afterwards commanded by Colonel Dabney, were transferred *temporarily* into continental service—the former in the place of the 9th Virginia regiment, made prisoners at Germantown; and the latter, in consequence of the deficiency of the State's quota in the continental army. The officers and soldiers of both regiments were to have the same pay and emoluments "as are allowed to the officers and soldiers in the continental service, *so long as they continue therein.*" (9 Hen. 337, 338.) These regiments continued in continental service till the close of the campaign in 1779, about two years. (Judge Marshall's letter, Report 191, 1st session 22d Congress, page 66.)

The service of these regiments in the continental army was but temporary, and they no more became incorporated into the continental line than did the numerous bodies of

militia who, from time to time, from different States, joined that army, and while in service were paid by the continent. This is apparent from a great mass of facts, a few of which it will be sufficient to mention. They were called the 1st and 2d State regiments in all the returns made to the commander-in-chief, and such returns are numerous among the Washington Papers. The officers retained their State commissions, and were never commissioned by Congress. In the three arrangements of the continental line, which took place during the time those regiments remained in continental service, viz: in September, 1778, March, 1779, and September, 1779, they are not included or mentioned ; and after their return from continental service, they were arranged and reduced as State regiments, in obedience to a law of the State, passed at the November session in 1781.

This arrangement, made in the month of February, 1782, by a board of officers appointed by the Governor, may be found at length in report No. 191, 1st session 22d Congress, pages 46 to 58. And, further, in the settlements by Virginia, under the depreciation act of November, 1781, the officers of both these regiments were paid as *State* officers; their land bounties were also allowed them as *State*, and not as *continental* officers ; and they uniformly claimed half pay as State officers, under the promises of Virginia; and never, till 1830, asked for commutation under those of the United States. The decision, therefore, said to have been made by the Secretary of War, in 1830, by which the benefit of the act of May, 1828, was extended to the officers of Colonel Gibson's regiment, as continental officers, was without warrant in the history of the Virginia line to sustain it. This decision has since been repudiated by the passage of the act of July 5, 1832, which recognised the regiment as a State regiment, by assuming the payment of the half pay promised the officers by Virginia, as State officers.

Although it would seem there could now be no doubt of the true character of Colonel Gibson's regiment, whatever might have been thought of it in 1830; yet, even since the act of July 5, 1832 it has sometimes been considered by the committee of the House as a continental regiment.

In fact, it has been suffered to assume a kind of amphibious character, sometimes being treated as a State, and sometimes as a continental regiment. Thus, on the same 22d of December, 1837, on which the bill allowing the heirs of Vawters the excess of the half pay for life over the commutation, on the ground that the regiment was a State regiment, was reported to the House, another bill was reported from the same committee, by another member of it, allowing to the heirs of Colonel Gibson the excess of his commutation over his half pay for life, on the ground that the regiment was *continental*, and not *State*; the half pay for life of Colonel Gibson, from the circumstance of his dying early, amounting to a less sum than his commutation. Both these bills were pending through the whole of the last Congress, but remained unacted on.

Lieutenant Vawters received a warrant for 2,666 acres of land, as a lieutenant of the *State* line, on the 21st of January, 1783, and does not seem to have had any subsequent allowance.

Margaret3, Edward2, Bartholomew Vawter1

Margaret Vawter m. James Goodrich who died in 1814 Frankfort, Franklin Co., KY and is seen in the will of her father Edward Vawter. James Goodrich m. (2) Jane Brown.

Will of Edward Vawter, Essex Co., VA Will Book 3 p249 date 5 Dec 1778 proved 16 Aug 1779. (this is from a typed version), by E. B. Vaughters of WA, sent by Sally Brown 3016 S. Madison, Tulsa, OK 74114)

In the name of God Amen I Edward Vawter of Essex County and Parish of St. Anne's do make this my last will and testament Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Margaret Goodrich, my large scales and weights and warming pan and three pounds cash in lue of a small chest I was to give her.

The Goodrich lines are long in VA and 2 of this line fought at Bacon's Rebellion in 1676. In the book *Twelve Virginia Counties*, by John H. Gwathmey, Pub. 1937 Richmond, VA p153: There were a number of cases in Essex in which participants in Bacon's Rebellion were required to come into court with halters about their necks and appeal, on bended knee, for forgiveness for having taken part in the rebellion. Thomas Goodrich and Benjamin Goodrich were among those subject to this indignity as were John Bagwell and William Potts.

Bacon's Rebellion, popular revolt in colonial Virginia in 1676, led by Nathaniel Bacon. High taxes, low prices for tobacco, and resentment against special privileges given those close to the governor, Sir William Berkeley, provided the background for the uprising, which was precipitated by Berkeley's failure to defend the frontier against attacks by Native Americans. Bacon commanded two unauthorized but successful expeditions against the tribes and was then elected to the new house of burgesses, which Berkeley had been forced to convene. When he attempted to take his seat, Berkeley had him arrested. Soon released, Bacon gathered his supporters, marched on Jamestown, and coerced Berkeley into granting him a commission to continue his campaigns against Native Americans. A circumspect assembly then passed several reform measures. The governor, having failed to raise a force against Bacon, fled to the Eastern Shore. He gathered enough strength to return to Jamestown, where he proclaimed Bacon and his men rebels and traitors. After a sharp skirmish Bacon recaptured the capital (Berkeley again took flight) but, fearing that he could not hold it against attack, set fire to the town. Bacon now controlled the colony, but he died suddenly (Oct., 1676), and without his leadership the rebellion collapsed. After a few months Berkeley returned to wreak a bloody vengeance before he was forced to return to England. Berkeley's removal and the end of attacks by Native Americans were the only benefits the yeomen had won in the rebellion, and the tidewater aristocracy long maintained its power.

Martha Hudson, d/o Martha Hudson of Amherst co., VA and granddaughter of John Hodgson left her estate to Landon Carter and his son James Carter. John Hodgson is the brother of Winifred Hodgson wife of Bartholomew Vawter. Will of Martha Hudson (senior) which names daughter Mary Carter, wife of Griffen Carter and daughter Martha Hudson. Photocopied from microfilm of Amherst Co., VA.

In the name of God Amen I Martha Hudson of Amherst County in the Coloney of Virginia being in perfect sense & sound Memory do make this my last will and testament in the first place. I commit My soul in the hands of god who gave it (smear) my body to be buried in a Christian manner at the discession of the Executors unto my daughter_ Mary Carter the wife of Griffin Carter I give ten Shillings Sterling unto my daughter_ Martha Hudson I give all the Rest of my Estate to do with it as she thinks fit I have my daughter Martha Hudson Executors, & William Ware & Edmond Goodrich Executors to my Estate, here unto I set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty four.

Test James Goodrich Landon Carter Mary Carter

Martha NH Hudson LL

At court held for Amherst County the Seventh day of June 1784 this last will and testement of Martha Hudson desc was presented in the court by William Ware one of the Execrs. therein named and ? by the oath of James Goodrich and Landon Carter witnesses ? and the said Execrs with John Duncan his security Executed.

HEAD OF FAMILIES—VIRGINIA, 1783 - AMHERST COUNTY

Carter, Landon	2 (whites)	-
Goodrich, James	7 (whites)	1

Children of James Goodrich and Margaret Vawter

1. Mary Goodrich m. 22 Mar 1782 Amherst Co., VA to Landon Carter b. ca 1757 prob. Caroline Co., VA died 5 Sept 1838, Stokes Co., NC. Landon Carter enlisted in the Rev. War in Caroline Co., VA. He stated in his Rev war pension record that in 1827 he was still owed money from his father's estate in VA. Landon Carter, Vawters, Beasleys and other related families removed to Stokes Co., NC after 1784.

HEADS OF FAMILIES—VIRGINIA, 1785 AMHERST COUNTY Carter, Landon 4 whites

CHRONICLES OF THE SCOTCH-IRISH SETTLEMENT OF VIRGINIA; Vol 2, pp 24-33

by Lyman Chalkley Judgements, SEPTEMBER, 1793 (A to F).

Byrd, assignee, vs. Aaron Hughes--Bond by Aaron Hughes, of Conwell County, State of Franklin, to James Hubbard, of same place, 21st October, 1785. Commission to take depositions of Mark Jordan, James Cunningham and Andrew Greer, Sr., inhabitants of the territory south of Ohio River April 2, 1793. Commission is addressed to George Dougherty, Andrew Henderson, John Blackburn, Landon Carter and James Stuart. Ceded territory of United States south of Ohio, Jefferson County. Affidavit before Parmenus Taylor and Garret Fitz, by James Cunningham, 23d March, 1793. Deposition of Mark Jordan (Jreden ?) in Jefferson County, territory south of Ohio, 15th August, 1793, that Aaron authorized his son, Abraham, to sign the bond. Deposition of Andrew Greer, in Washington County, same territory, 19th August, 1793.

1810 Stokes Co., NC Mfg. Census, Landon Carter

1810 Stokes Co., NC Census #592

Landon Carter 1 male over 45, 2 females under 10, 2 females 10-16 and 1 female over 45

North Caroline Pension Roll of 1835, Report from the Sec. of War in Relation to the pension establishment of the US 1835, copied and indexed by William R. Navey, POBox 251, Holly Ridge, NC 28445.

Landon Carter, Stokes Co, Private, NC Con'tl Line \$96.00 annual allowance, \$569.80 amount received, Pension stated 31 Mar 1828, age 77.

- 1a. James Carter m. Elizabeth Webster
 - 2a. Mary m. Joshua Southern
 - 3a. Eleanor m. Thomas Reed
 - 4a. Margaret, never married
 - 5a. Lucy m. Asa Taylor
 - 6a. Elizabeth, never married.
2. Thomas V. Goodrich b. ca 1766 m. Nancy Ann Sale in Amherst Co., VA
 - 2a. Lewis V. Goodrich
 3. Elizabeth Goodrich m. Richard Lawless
 4. Samuel Elliott Goodrich m. Elizabeth Walton
 5. Lucy Goodrich m. Isaac Philips
 6. Alice (Ally) Goodrich m. William H. Rice
 7. James Goodrich (Jr.) m. Patience Chastine

James Goodrich, husband of Margaret Vawter and his brother John Goodrich got into trouble in Caroline County in 1771 for preaching and teaching the Baptist beliefs. There is a monument in Bowling Green, VA with James Goodrich's name and several others. Because of this, one Thomas Goodrich moved the family to Amherst Co., VA. It is believed this Thomas is the father of James and John but no proof is found and he could be another brother. This Thomas married a Katherine (nee?).

Thomas M. Vawter born Jefferson Co., IN died Los Angeles, CA

The Van Nuys News (Van Nuys, CA) 11 Nov 1948

Members of the Northridge Community Methodist Church (pictured below), armed with paint brushes, scrub brushes, brooms, dust pans and hammers, will gather at the church Saturday to put finished touches on the new addition.....

There were jobs for everybody, including 85 year old Thomas Vawter, 18608 Chase St., who cleaned windows.

1870 US Census Madison, Jefferson, IN

James M. Vawter age 82

Eliza age 76

John age 36

Lydia age 30

William 11

Alice age 9

James age 7

Thomas age 5

Laura age 3

All b. IN



1900 US Census Madison, Jefferson, IN

Thomas M. Vawter b. May 1864 age 36 married 10y b. IN

Fannie M. wife b. Nov 1864 age 35 b. IN

1910 US Census Wickenburg, Maricopa, Arizona

Thomas M. Vawter age 44 b. IN fb. IN mb. IN

Fannie M. age 43 b. IN fb. IN mb. IN

1920 US Census Los Angeles, dist 61 Los Angeles, CA

Thomas M. Vawter age 54 b. IN

Tanni M Vawter age 54 b. IN

California death index 1940-1997 Thomas Vawter b. 22 May 1864 IN d. 13 Aug 1959 Los Angeles, CA

Washington District of Columbus, 1906

Staunton, April 6, Miss Jennie V. Keyser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keyser, was married to James W. Vawter Wednesday evening at the manse of the Second Presbyterian Church by Rev. Dr. W. N. Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Vawter will make their future home here, where Mr. Vawter is engaged in business.

Washington District of Columbus, 1908

Radford, Jan 3 – Miss Bessie, the daughter of J. W. Vawter, of Stauton, was married Monday evening to Emmet Roberts, a young business man of East Radford. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. W. Wosencraft, of the Presbyterian church, at the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. Signey Wilson, with who she has been staying in Columbus, Ohio.

Washington, District of Columbia, 1910

Fredericksburg, April 30, Clifton Vawter and Miss Isa Massie, of Louisa county, were married Thursday at Gold Mine Church, the Rev. C. C. Davis officiating.

Washington District of Columbia, 1918, Special to the Washington Post

Miss Vawter to Marry Lieut. Bell

Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 6 Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall Tompkins, of New York City, formerly of Crozet, this county announces the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Vawter to Cecil Paul Bell, lieutenant in the United States reserve corps.

ANTHONY THORNTON, JR.

TAKEN up, in *Cumberland*, a bay
 mare, about 4 feet 4 or 5 inches high, with a hanging
 mane and switch tail, chiefly trots, but has no perceivable brand,
 or any other mark; posted, and appraised to 6 l.

THOMAS VAWTER,

WILLIAMSBURG, *May 5, 1777.*

INTEND to leave the country immediately.
 || **JOSHUA HARDCASTLE.**

To be SOLD at publick vendue, on Thursday
 the 15th of May, at Burwell's ferry, near
 Williamsburg,

THE sloop *Washington*, with all her
 tackle and apparel, agreeable to in-
 ventory to be seen on the day of sale. She
 is about 4500 bushels burthen, 3 years old,
 and her frame mulberry and cedar. At
 the same time and place will be sold a few
 quarter casks of WINE.

1 || **JOHN HOLLOWAY.**

THIS is to give notice to the following
 soldiers, enlisted by lieut. *Bowker* and
 ensign *Baskerville*, that they are to meet
 at *Cumberland* courthouse on or before the
 15th day of *May*, in order to follow their
 company to the Northward, viz. *Josiah*
Clark of *Buckingham*, *William* *Goalman*
 of *Henrico*, *Eake* *Brown*, *Thomas* *Watkins*,
John *Day*, and *Samuel* *Vawter*, of *Cum-*
berland, and *Anderson* *Green* of *Bucking-*
ham. The above soldiers are requested
 to pay due regard to this advertisement,
 and if not obeyed they will be considered
 as deserters, and treated accordingly.

2 || **HUGHES WOODSON, 1st lieut.**

WHEREAS lieut. *John* *Mercer*, of

**University of Virginia Library, the numbers at the end
of each item indicate the Reel#, Box, Folder location.**

- Vawter, Edmund F. & Others Orange County 1829/12/21 Children of William Vawter, deceased, ask for compensation for the loss of his slave who was tried & executed of a crime in 1782. Includes judgment, receipt, & affidavits. 148 192 85
- Vawter, Edmund F. & William Orange County 1833/01/09 Heirs of William Vawter, deceased, ask for compensation for his slave Cary who was executed in 1782. Includes court record & affidavits. 148 192 94
- Vawter, William Orange County 1822/12/17 Asks for compensation for the loss of his slave Cary who was tried & executed for a crime in 1782. Includes court proceedings, certificate, & letter. 148 192 75
- Vawters, Edmund F. & Others Culpeper County 1829/12/21 Heirs of William Vawters, lieutenant under Col. George Gibson in the Virginia State Regiment in 1777, ask for commutation of pay for their father. 42 59 62

Events for July Reunion Richmond Virginia

VVV Reunion Genealogy Session following business meeting, Friday July 16

Georgene Jurgensen, Family charts linking to the progenitor Bartholomew Vawter will be available for viewing. The session will be approximately one hour following the business meeting.

Bus Tour Friday July 16, VVV Reunion, Richmond, VA

Departs from the hotel at 12 Noon Returning by 5 pm
Box Lunches Provided for those on the tour

COLONIALS, CANNONBALLS & CONFEDERATES
The Story of Richmond

VVV Reunion Buffet Friday July 16

Departing hotel at 6:30 pm

Friday evening meal will be at Jim Lavender's church, Discovery UM, in Richmond,
and he will speak afterward.

Vauter's Church Saturday July 17

Carvan of cars leaving hotel at 9:30 am, greeting at 10:30. In addition to the church
a trip to the local Glebe and lunch will be served.

Saturday evening is the annual banquet.

Vauter's Church Service Sunday, July 18 – 10 am Vauter's Church

A special service will be held with our own VVV cousin presiding. Please plan to attend.

The Rev. Philip W. Dougharty, Rector (descendant of Edward Vawter)
St. John's Grace Episcopal Church, Buffalo, New York

Also assisting him with the communion service will be another VVV family member William
Andrew "Drew" Cottle Junior, United Methodist Pastor

Rev. Cottle is a first cousin, once removed, of Rev. Dougharty and is also an Edward
descendant. The 1711 Communion Silver will be used at the service.

2010 Vawter Vauter Vaughter(s)

Family Association Reunion Richmond, Virginia

Please contact Ellen Cummings at email: ellenwickerc@aol.com (please make sure you add the c after the name) or Phone (757) 464-2963 home (757) 434-4301 cell, as soon as possible with the number of people who are planning to attend from your family.

REGISTRATION

Name Of Each

Attendee: _____

Address: _____

Phone

Number _____

Email: _____

Registration Per Single Adult: _____ @ 10.00 _____

or

Registration Per Family _____ @ 15.00 _____

Dues for 2010 (if not paid) Includes Newsletter _____ @ 10.00 _____

Thursday Night Buffet at Hotel No charge

Friday Bus Tour of Richmond & Box Lunch - Adult _____ @ 30.00 _____

Friday Bus Tour of Richmond & Box Lunch – Child _____ @ 25.00 _____

Friday Night Buffet at Discovery UMC - Adult _____ @ 15.00 _____

Friday Night Buffet at Discovery UMC – Child _____ @ 10.00 _____

Saturday Lunch at Vauter’s Church - Adult _____ @ 15.00 _____

Saturday Lunch at Vauter’s Church – Child _____ @ 7.00 _____

Saturday Night Banquet at Discovery UMC- Adult _____ @ 20.00 _____

Saturday Night Banquet at Discovery UMC-Child _____ @ 12.00 _____

TOTAL _____

2010 REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 15

1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.....Registration
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.....Early Bird Dinner
7:00 p.m.Site Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, July 16

9:00 a.m.....Business Meeting
10:00 a.m.....Genealogy Session
Noon.....Lunch & Bus Tour of Richmond
6:30 p.m.....Depart for Discovery UMC
7:00 p.m.....Dinner/Entertainment

Saturday, July 17

9:30 a.m.....Depart for Vauter's Church
10:30 a.m.....Welcome, Lunch, Glebe
6:30 p.m.....Annual Banquet at Discovery UMC

Invocation

Meal

Memorial Service

Love Offering for Vauter's Church

Special Recognition

Youngest & Oldest

Couple Married Longest

Longest Distance Traveled

Roll Call of States

Final Registration Report

Invitation to 2011 Reunion

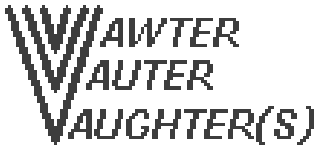
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Adjournment

**Sunday, July 18 – 10 AM
Worship Service at Vauter's Church**

VVV Cousin, The Rev. Philip W. Dougharty, Rector of St. John's Grace Episcopal Church, Buffalo, NY, will be the guest pastor for the church services.

Another cousin Rev. William Andrew "Drew" Cottle, Junior, United Methodist Pastor will be assisting Rev. Dougharty



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Dedicated to finding Vauter(s), Vawter(s),
Vaughter(s)

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**July 14-17, 2011 Gilbertsville, KY
(KY Dam State Park),**

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Vauter's Church 1724
Communion Silver

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

Start Planning Your Next Vacation at a wonderful resort and state park near Land Between the Lakes, KY. Many tours and special events including a tour of a working tobacco farm are planned. Genealogy, family fun, lots of food with a great fish fry and beautiful scenery. Great for the whole family.



Special rates for VVV family members, call and reserve a lodge room or fully equipped cabin.

**2011 VVV Reunion Information July 14 – 17, 2011
Kentucky Dam State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky**

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
113 Administration Drive
Gilbertsville, KY 42044-0069
Telephone: 270-362-4271 -- Toll Free: 800-325-0146

Great Attendance at the July VVV Reunion in Richmond, Virginia, a fabulous time was had by all touring Richmond, the Vauter's Church and renewing family ties.

ARIZONA

Jordan Johnston
Kaitlin Johnston
Joan Williamson

Ruth Vaughter
Gene Vaughter
Phal Vaughter
Eugenie Hussain
Shanti Hussain

Ken Wicker
Fred Wicker
Roger Wicker
McDaniel Wicker
Judith Crawford
Martha Hudson

TENNESSEE

Katie Burrow
Bill Burrow

ARKANSAS

Brooke Bugos

ILLINOIS

Connie Bugos
Paul Bugos
Tyler Bugos
Dylan Bugos
Shirley Beasley
Jerry Beasley

MISSOURI

Georgene Jurgensen

TEXAS

Di Vawter
J W Vawter
Sue Vawter
John H Vawter
Bunny Vaughter
Phil Vaughter
Beth Melton
Beverly Cowen
Daria Williams
Patricia Renton

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Elinor Kniffin

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Donna Vawter
Robert L Vawter
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William Andrew Cottle
Rhys Vinson
James Vinson
Katherine Cottle

KANSAS

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Ellen Cummings
Frederick Cummings
Karen Williams
Ralph Williams

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Michelle Alexander
Ryan Alexander

OHIO

Joyce V Daulton
Debbie Whited

MICHIGAN

Patricia V Klein

OKLAHOMA

Bonnie Dougharty

WASHINGTON DC

James Vaughter

FLORIDA

Georgia Hoult
Paul Hoult
Becky Guinagh
Barry Guinagh

MINNESOTA

Zoe Vaughter
Alex Hatori

PENNSYLVANIA

William Drew Cottle
Josiah Cottle

WISCONSIN

Maxine Joling
Judy Aue
Jerry Aue

MISSISSIPPI

Norma Wicker

Newspaper Clipping: Vaughter Family 1983

Forty-five relatives of the late D. C. and Tennessee Brown Alsup Vaughter held their 52nd annual reunion July 10 in the recreation area of Oakland Park in Murfreesboro.

Guests included Mrs. J. R. Vaughter, a daughter in law and the only living member of the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett of Rockvale; Mrs. Elise McKee, David Vaughter, Mike and Jaylyle Harris, Gene and Elizabeth Vaughter, Andrew Vaughter, Mary Hayes, Jamie White, Bill, Ruth and Sabrina Watson, all of Murfreesboro; Annie B. and Steve Vaughter of Rockvale;

Mattie Brown Blythe, Old Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Cass, Nashville; D. C. Vaughter II, Sunrise, Fla.

Mrs. William T. McDaniel, Robert and Nancy Bugg, Sally Bugg, William D. and Betty McDaniel, all of Walter Hill; Bill and Ann Rowland, Dan and Will Rowland, Murfreesboro.

Mrs. Wilson Blithe, Tampa, Fla; John W. and Cathy Blythe, James and Traci Blythe, Ashland City; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hackney, Walter Hill; George and Linda Snyder, Lisa and Steven Snyder, Murfreesboro; James Vaughter and Windy and Tracey Robinson, Murfreesboro. Jenny Hackney of Hermitage was a guest. Mrs. R. E. Dunaway, Lebanon, the oldest living granddaughter was unable to attend because of illness for the first time in the 52 years the reunion has been held.

In Memoriam

Chattanooga Times Free Press. **Jill Marie Vawter**, 47, of East Ridge, died Thursday, June 3, 2010. A registered nurse, she was a graduate of Berry College Nursing School, where she was valedictorian of her class. Preceding her in death were her mother, Karol Fowler; and a sister, Debi Fowler. Surviving are her husband, James Edwin Vawter Jr.; two sons, Joey and Jack Cash; stepson, James E. Vawter III; stepdaughter, Mindie Freeman; father, Joseph Fowler; brother, David Fowler; sisters, Resa Brandeen and Mary Ruth Mosley; six grandchildren. The funeral will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 11, in the Highway 58 Chapel of Turner Funeral Home, with Msgr. Al Humbrecht officiating. Interment will follow in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Memphis, TN. **Frances Vawter**, 86, a beautiful and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, died peacefully at home June 12, 2010, following a brief illness. Her husband of 67 years, Wesley Rhodes Vawter, Jr., preceded her in death only a year ago, on May 29, 2009. Mrs. Vawter was born January 20, 1924, in Alexandria, Louisiana, to Laura Pearl Girlinghouse Lockett and Robert Leven Lockett. Her father died when she was only four years old, leaving her mother to raise three small children alone during the Depression, a situation that seemed to deeply shape Mrs. Vawter's compassionate outlook throughout her life. She was one of three sisters remembered as "the Lockett girls" in Alexandria long after they had married and begun families of their own. Mrs. Vawter began her married life as a young war bride, when her husband enlisted in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war, she became a corporate wife, moving several times throughout the U. S. with her husband during his thirty year career with Chrysler Corporation. A caring and creative homemaker, she literally set up households from coast to coast during her husband's career, living by a motto inscribed on a small plaque in her kitchen, "Bloom where you are planted." During twenty years of retirement in Memphis, the Vawters were members of Mullins United Methodist Church, where Mrs. Vawter was a communion steward, a member of the finance and parsonage committees, and a member of United Methodist Women. She also enjoyed participating in garden and investment clubs in Memphis and swimming for health and fitness. She was a member of the Salvation Army Auxiliary and formerly delivered meals for MIFA. Her all-white garden enchanted her family and friends, but she also grew colorful annuals in the community garden at Shelby Farms, mostly to donate for church events or to brighten area nursing homes. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a stepfather, Page Huddle, and a sister, Mary Lockett Crowell (Mrs. Richard), both of Alexandria. Survivors include a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Richardson, and son-in-law, Taylor Richardson of Memphis; a son, Wesley Vawter, III, and daughter-in-law, Terry Vawter, of Atlanta; and a granddaughter, Charlotte Elizabeth Vawter, of Atlanta. She also leaves a sister, Doris Lockett Jordan (Mrs. Paul) of Mandeville, Louisiana, and a number of special nieces and nephews. A celebration of Mrs. Vawter's life will be led by the Rev. Dr. Bradley Gabriel in the Mullins Chapel at 1:30 Tuesday, preceded by a visitation at the church at 12:30. A private service of committal will take place at the Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Walla Walla, WA. April 19, 1978 - Aug. 7, 2010

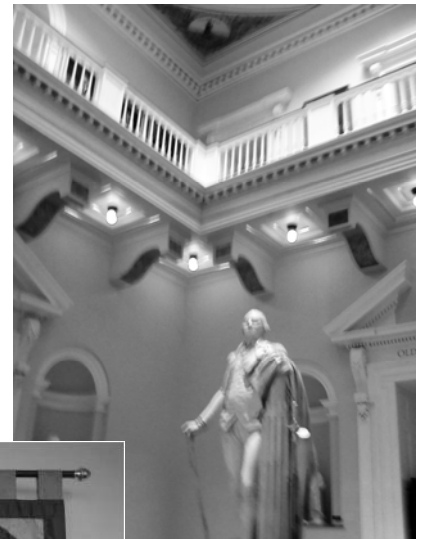
WAITSBURG - **Franklin D. Vawter**, 32, died Aug. 7, 2010, at Walla Walla General Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Herring Groseclose Funeral Home.



Young and Older Vauter, Vawter, Vaughter family members had a fabulous time in Richmond Virginia during the July reunion. Tours of Richmond, exciting food and speakers and the Vauter Church and Glebe were just a few of the highlights. Plan to attend a reunion soon, next is Land Between the Lakes Kentucky.



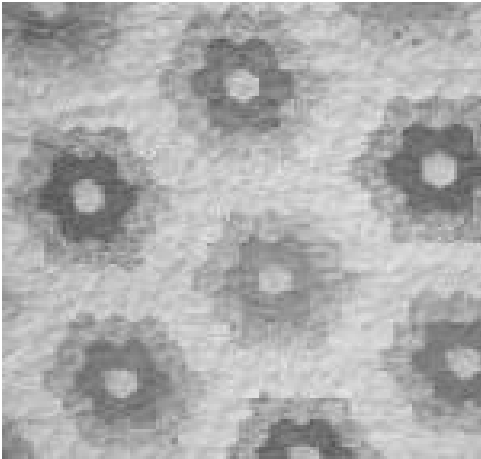


More photos
are displayed
on the website.



Quilts of the pioneers

The earliest quilts were the "pieced" ones, and the crazy-quilt was the first of these. The original crazy-quilt was strictly utilitarian, with material of many sizes and shapes in many colors sewn together to create a hodgepodge pattern. It was made of whatever material the housewife might have on hand. The irregular blocks were often outlined in a feather-stitch embroidery to add a touch of attractiveness. Later it developed into a style of its own, always practical, but made from finer materials such as silk and velvet, and enhanced with embroidery on the blocks as well as the outline around each block. It was a quilt for special occasion use.



The thrifty prairie housewife had to make clothing for her family in her home. Scraps of left-over material were cut out, sewn together and used for piecing the quilt block. Blocks for the pieced quilt were of a pattern and color choice of the housewife. It is interesting to note that many quilt patterns reflect the objects of every-day living for which the women had great affection. Flowers, the rose especially, were always a favorite subject. Perhaps the housewife chose flowers because she liked to see a bouquet of color on her beds during the seasons when her garden had no color. Star and sun patterns were also great favorites.

Pioneer farm women might choose a pattern based on their real-life experiences, such as Log Cabin, Barn Raising, Windmill Blades and Courthouse Steps. Although women could not vote some of their patterns reflected the politics of the day - Burgoyne's Surrender, Whig's Defeat, Kansas Troubles, or Lincoln's Platform.

Brides quilts have always been popular. Favorite patterns are the wedding ring and the double wedding ring. The quilting itself on a bride's quilt was often done with entwining hearts motif. Sometimes friends or family of a bride would give an album quilt, with each woman who created a block signing and dating her block so that the finished quilt was a sort of memory album. Memory quilts are often given on the occasion of an anniversary celebration, also. Another special occasion quilt is the Freedom quilt, given to a young man when he reaches his 21st birthday.

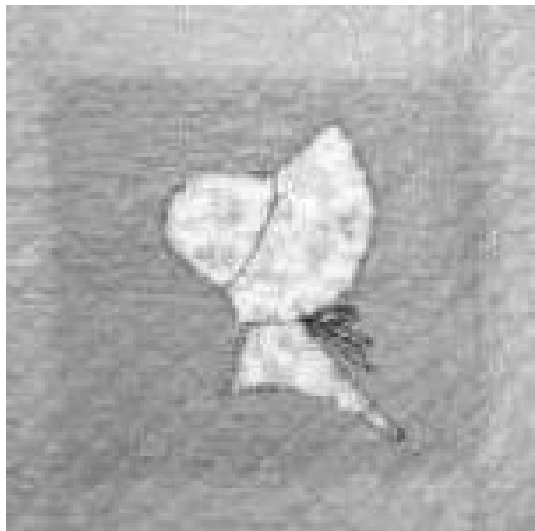
One of our Vawter pioneers who quilted and made a home for her family is Julia Chisholm.

A granddaughter of Julia's wrote a history of their family, excerpted here for space.

"Grandma Chisham, a fearless pioneer of Kansas was the only grandparent I ever knew. She was born 9 July 1812 in Scott Co., KY when our beloved country was undergoing the 2nd war with Great Britain. Her education was received in a Catholic school, she called a monastery, although her family were staunch Baptists. Her mother Lucy DeHoney married to John Stribling. Julia Anne was 22 when she married Thomas D. Chisham of IN. His maternal grandparent was Thomas Dinwiddie of Scotland, a harness maker.

When the “gold fever” raged in CA, Grandfather (Thomas Chisham) wanted to seek his fortune in the west. He let the home they were trying to pay out on, “go back”, moved his family to her mother’s, leaving her the team and wagon at Great Grandmother West’s home 5 miles south of Independence (MO). He became driver of an ox team (10 or 12 yoke), loaded with provisions and with the “bull train” left Westport, MO in spring 1853 for the “wild and wooly west”. No railroads, mail or telegraph were available and the only way to hear from your departed was by means of the caravans coming back “light” every now and then. He sent a letter back from Salt Lake City, Utah and later on, one from Stockton, Calif. Some time later a Mr. Overton returned and Grandma sent James to go see him to learn more of his father’s whereabouts. Mr. Overton told him; “When I saw your father last, he was about to start for “Mud Springs” where there was great excitement over gold and he hoped to make his stake there”. This was the last we ever heard of him.

Julia was slight in form and small of stature, but was unafraid of work. Despairing of never hearing from his father (Thomas) again, James went “out west” in spring of 1855 and picked a claim in Leavenworth, KS. He was only 20, grandma went out later and “pre-empted” it. She sold this claim and bought in Atchinson KS, now known as Potter. They built a log cabin with a fireplace whose chimney was made of green sticks and thickly plastered mud inside and out. Her house burned down and her cow died, but she built again and provided for the family. She would not tolerate laziness, not even the children. The girls used to knit socks for the stores and ride horse back to market their goods. She would assign so many rounds of stitches and if the girls fell asleep they were awoken with cold water. They raised hemp, flax and wool for cloth and all had “linsey-woolsey” skirts. She had over 40 grandchildren before she died. When her teeth went bad she removed them with a knife and would only rest on Sunday with Bible study and letter writing. Once when staying at a hotel, she cleaned the room and made the bed



so the chamber maid would not have to wait on her. She smoked a clay pipe for her health, but when getting the “grip” one winter stopped smoking after over 50 years. Frugal plains women, she like others used ravelings and basting threads to sew new garments, old almanacs were lamp lighters to save matches. She wore straight skirts that when worn were turned to make top to bottom. She would not indulge in button shoes but wore plain cloth shoes. They must be worn right foot one day and left the next to keep longer. When stockings wore out they were unraveled and reknitted. She wore her red twilled flannel underwear until May 1 and then they were layed away til winter. No matter that May 1 could bring many a cold day or night. She fought tornados, drought and every prairie misery with good spirits and faith in God and weighed only 65 pounds at 75 years of age. Going to church she was thrown from the buggy but was unhurt at over 75 years old. She quilted numerous quilts and used fabric pieces that others would throw away. She died on 9 Jun 1905 just one month before her 93rd birthday. “

Julia’s family line and connections: Winifred Vawter was the daughter of David³ Vawter, (John² Vawter and Bartholomew¹ Vawter) and Mary Offill/Offott She was born October 1755 VA and died 2 Mar 1818 KY. She married James Dehoney who was born 5 Feb 1751 VA and died 18 Sep 1824 VA. Spellings found Doughonney, Dabony and Dohoney. James parents were Thomas Dehoney and Hannah Rhodes. (GJNote: a family connection, James’ sister, Milly Dehoney m. Elijah Ballard. Elijah was the brother of Ann Ballard who married William³ Vawter, (Edward², Barth¹), Thomas Ballard being the father of both Ann and Elijah.) Winifred (Vawter) and James Dehoney’s daughter: Lucy Dehoney b. 13 Dec 1787 d. 5 Sep 1867 Jackson Co., MO m. (1) 1803 to John Stribling d. 29 Jul 1814 , children: Cincinatus Sanford Stribling, Winifred Vaughter Stribling and Julia Ann Stribling (story above). Lucy m. (2) 4 Jan 1821 to James West d. 15 Oct 1845 Jackson Co., MO, children: Irene West, Edward West, Shelby Rufus West.

Some Vawter Soldiers of the Revolutionary War

Valley Forge muster roll

Vauters David, Private 1st VA Brigade, state of VA, regiment 1 VA, Capt. John Camp, 5th division
Dec 1777 sick present Jan 1778 thru Feb 1778, sick, absent. Apr 1778 thru Jun 1778 NO record

Vauter, William Private state, 1st VA Brigade, state of VA, regiment 1 VA, Capt. John Nicholas, 5th division. Dec 1777: on command, Jan 1778 thru June 1778, fit for duty, achieved rank of Private and Sergeant.

Bat Vanter/ Barthlomew Vauhr, Private, 7th VA, Woodford's Brigade, Lafayette's Division, Rank and File, Company: Capt John Webb, on roll without comment, (one and same as Bartholomew below)

Bartholomew Vauter, Private, 7th VA, 3rd VA Brigade, rank and file, company Captain John Webb, 3rd division, rank and file,. Enlisted Feb 16, 1778. Muster rolls for Jun – Sept 1778 carry him as sick at Valley Forge. The Oct. Muster and Payroll state he died 10 July 1778.

From the National Archives

M881, Roll #918

David Vauters – enlisted before April 1777 in Capt. John Camp, 1st VA state, deputy of Col. Barber (NC). Deserted. Shown sick and absent from Sept to 4 Mar 1778.

M881, Roll #950

Benjamin Vawter, 2nd VA State Reg, in Capt Henry Garnett, Capt. John Dudley, Capt. John Hudson, Company, Col Gregory Smith – Reg.. Enlisted 27 Oct 1776 for 3 years, time to serve 27 Dec 1779.

M881, Roll #950

Beverly Vawter, 10 VA Reg., in John Gillison, Company 9 foot, Reg. Commander of Col Edw. Stevens. Enlisted Jan 1, 1777, died 6 Oct 1777. Note: Capt. Gillison reported Certificate Apr 1, 1884 full pay received for Beverly Vawter

M881, Roll #971

Bartholomew Vawter, 3 & 7 VA Regiment in 3rd & 7th Capt Henry Young's Co., Col. Wm. Heth, 7th VA Reg. Capt. John Webb's Company, Lt. Col. Holt Richardson, Col Alexander McClenachan. Enlisted 16 Feb 1778, Died 10 Jul 1778. Enlisted for 1 yr. He was sick at Valley Forge in Jun 1778.

M881, Roll #1096

Richard Vawter, (no unit given) A certificate of full pay received by himself 1 Jun 1798, sum 30 pounds. Also Certificate of pay in full by S. Pederson, Auditor, 1 Aug 1793.

M881, Roll #1096

Benjamin Vawter (no unit given) A soldier of infantry. A certificate of full pay received by himself 4 June 1783, som of 56 pounds, 16 shillings, 7 pence. Also one drawn by Sam'l Coleman 1 Oct 1784 sum of 34 pounds 51 shillings (GJNote: no explaintion why Coleman is listed)

M804 Roll #2456

William Vawter, in Col George Gibsons Regiment from 15 Sep 1777 thru Jan 1778. Was promoted to Sargent and continued thru Dec 1778 and promoted to ensign and was in service thru the balance of the war.

Muster Roll Captain Ambrose Madison Company, 1st Virginia Foot Regiment Infantry

Captain Ambrose Madison, Lieutenant James Burton, Ensign John Goodall, Sergeant John Snow, Sergeant John Wayt, Sergeant John Goodall.

Lists Corporals & Privates: David Vawter Private: Enlisted 17 January 1775 Discharged 15 June 1775-Served in Albermarle, Culpepper County, Virginia under Colonel Francis Taylor.

(Note: Ambrose Madison was the brother of President James Madison)

Virginia Magazine of History pub. 1893-94. Muster roll of Captain Ambrose, Madison Co., of Foot in the Regiment of Vol. Guards at the barracks in Albemarle Co., Col. Francis Taylor, Commander 1 June 1779. "Private David Vawter enlisted 17 Jan 1779, discharged 1 June 1779.

The Virginia Genealogist Vol. 27 # 3 July-Sep 1983 p. 206, British Mercantile Claims 1775-1803:

T79/91 Reports of William W. Hening p. 205-206 [Pp. 55-58] David Vauter, Orange. Died at the Albemarle Barracks during the war, worth nothing at all.

Other family members who served as militia, soldiers or patriots who gave goods and services to the war effort. Likely many more members can be listed, but these are documented with personal letters, books of goods and services and other documents to support their service.

Landon Carter, husband of Mary Goodrich, dau. of Margaret³, (Edward², Bartholomew Vawter¹)

Ephraim Rucker, husband of Margaret Vawter³, (John², Bartholomew¹)

Elliott LeGrande Rucker, son of Ephraim and Margaret Vawter³, (John², Bartholomew¹)

Book *Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims* by Abercrombie and Slatten, Vol. 1, Ibernia Pub. Co. p331. Essex County court held at Tappahannock 15 Apr 1782 p.6. Claim of Angus Vawter 2 beefs 500# £6-5. Claim of Richard Vawter beef 275# £3-8-9.

Jesse Vawter⁴ (David³, John², Bartholomew¹). In Dec 1780 he went back to VA and in 1781 he married 29 Mar 1781. He was drafted for a two month's tour of service in VA

US Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Private VA, John Breedlove, husband of Margaret Vawter⁴, (Richard³, John², Bartholomew¹)

Edmond Newman enlisted in the Revolutionary War in Prince William Co., VA in 1780 at age 18. He was a sergeant in the Battle of Camdon, in the siege of Ninety Six, and Eutaw Springs. He was discharged Jan 1782. Son of Elizabeth³ Vawter, (unknown, Barth¹ Vawter.)

Virginia Publick Claims, Cumberland Co. VA compiled by Janice Abercrombie, Iberian Pub. Co., a list of claims against the publick rec. by the county court of Cumberland on 23,24,29 & 30 of Ap 1782. P. 40. Samuel Vawter, for forage for Capt. Cravens Co. of militia on march to Hillsborough in NC Oct 1780 by James Davis Comr. Cont. 5s 6; 180# beef for Culpeper Militia on march to Carolina ordered by Gov. Oct 1780 by Samuel Forgeson 1.11.6; for 1 gun for militia under Capt. Alex Guttery ordered to Prince Edward Courthouse May 1781 by Geo. Carrington, Jr. Col. 2.6.3.; 40 gills spirits for Gen. Stevens Brigard Nov 1780 by Tho. Davenport SMVM12s.

Rev Army Accts - Division of Archives & Records, Raleigh, NC Treasurer & Comptroller Records, Military Paper Vols. 40-46. NC Army accounts

Whorton Vorters Vol. VIII, p. 41-1, Army acct. Book E. Oct 1779 Voucher #2636 Whorton Varter 63.6.8. \$158.30.

John Vawter Vol. XII, p. 45, folio 4

Vol. 40, For sundries furnished the Militia of NC, VA and SC as allowed by the auditor of the upper board of Salisbury Dist as report No. 46. #8783 to John Vaughter - Voucher #3759 Specia 1.15.6.

In *VA/WV Gen. Data from Rev. War Pension & Bounty Land Warrant Records, Vol. 4*, by Patrick G. Wardell, pub. Heritage Books. Page 183, Chaffin, Christopher, entered service from Cumberland Co., VA, received Pension age 76 (1833) in Tazewell Co., VA where he died 10 Oct 1836. Married 22 Aug 1778 Mary Ann Vawter, Powhatan Co., VA, present Nathan Chaffin. Widow received Pension age 79 (1841) in Clermont Co., OH when dau. Tabitha Harvey b. 22 Nov 1779 made Affidavit they she and mother had been there since Dec 1836. Widow pension increased in 1843 (age 82) same county.

In *VA/WV Gen. Data from Rev. War Pension & Bounty Land Warrant Records, Vol. 4*, by Patrick G. Wardell, pub. Heritage Books.

Page 276-77, Thomas Harvey b. 26 Feb 1760 Charlotte Co., VA was the son of John Harvey. Thomas enlisted 1780 VA, pension applied for 25 Aug 1837 Charlotte Co., VA. and died 19 Sep 1844 in VA. He married 12 Nov 1792, Cumberland Co., VA Mary "Polly" Vawter of Cumberland Co., VA who applied for a pension at age 80 (1848) Campbell Co., VA which was rejected for lack of proof. Applied again 12 Nov 1853 and died 2 May 1854.

Mystery of Vawter Street Park in Richmond, Virginia?

During a drive around Richmond several reunion members found a street called “Vawter” and wondered where the name came from. No answer was found and we left the reunion wondering. While no final proof this is what has been found.

Family connection is: William Boulware Vawter⁴ (William³, Edward², Bartholomew¹)

Son of William Boulware Vawter was:

Elliott Vawter⁵ b. 9 Mar 1812 d. 1 Mar 1874 m. 13 Nov 1839 Julia Ann Pack b. 24 Sep 1812.

Son of Elliott Vawter was:

William Robert Vawter⁶ b. 3 Dec 1853 Princeton, VA d. 21 Apr 1916 Richmond, VA

The History of West Virginia, Old and New Published 1923, The American Historical Society, Inc., Chicago and New York, Volume III, pg. 636 Cabell J. CRAIG MILLER, who's son was Capt. Matthew A. Miller, born on the old homestead near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, December 16, 1832, and his death occurred at Richmond, Virginia, December 16, 1906, on his seventy-fourth birthday anniversary. [note from Pam Greene of Henrico County: the notice was in the Richmond Times Dispatch of 20 Dec 1904.]



As a skilled civil engineer his activities were carried on in many different parts of the United States prior to the Civil war, and in connection with that conflict he served in support of the cause of the Confederacy as a member of an engineering corps. He laid out the fortifications at Shiloh, but the most of his service was west of the Mississippi River. After the close of the war he established his residence at Staunton, Virginia, and became a real-estate or right-of-way representative of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. Later he settled on his farm in Albemarle County, that state, adjacent to the City of Richmond, and there his death occurred. He was a democrat, was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife likewise was a devoted member, and he completed the circle of the York Rite in the Masonic fraternity. Captain Miller married Miss Matilda Fechtig, who was born at Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1833, and who died at Bramwell, West Virginia, in 1903. Of their children the eldest is Fannie, who now resides on the old homestead of her parents near Richmond, Virginia, she being the widow of William R. Vawter, who was a farmer in Monroe County, that state;

The speculation is that Matthew Miller named Vawter Street Park for his daughter and son in law, or the city named it from the development of the farm on which William R. and Fannie resided near Richmond. As the city developed outward, likely this was the location.

Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA

William R. Vawter b. 3 Dec 1853 Princeton, VA (WV) d. 21 Apr 1916 Virginia

Prominent Republican, third district. A citizen of Henrico County. Member of the Church of Ascension. Married Lee Miller. Died at his home “Englewood”.

Fannie Leonora (Miller) Vawter b. 28 Aug 1856 d. 12 Jan 1943, plot Section 16, plot 44

During the VVV family reunion in Richmond Virginia, July 2010, we had the opportunity to take a fabulous city tour. A drive through the old Hollywood Cemetery (named for the holly trees) was interesting with their majestic monuments and mausoleums overlooking the James River. We did not know at the time but William R. and Fannie Vawter were buried in this cemetery.



Information on your VAWTER-VAUTER-VAUGHTER(S) line: (show maiden name for ladies)

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF DEATH _____ PLACE _____

DATE OF MARRIAGE _____ PLACE _____

NAME OF FATHER OR MOTHER (VAWTER LINE)

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF DEATH _____ PLACE _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

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DATE OF MARRIAGE _____ PLACE _____

NAME OF GRANDPARENT (VAWTER LINE)

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF DEATH _____ PLACE _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

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DATE OF MARRIAGE _____ PLACE _____

NAME OF GREAT-GRANDPARENT (VAWTER LINE)

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF DEATH _____ PLACE _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

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DATE OF MARRIAGE _____ PLACE _____

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INSTRUCTIONS:

If you have not already turned in an information sheet, please do so now.

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If you haven't paid your dues this year or for 2011,
 please send your check to the VVV Treasurer, Jordan M. Johnston.
Only...10.00 per year

SEARCHING FOR VAWTER BIBLE IN TEXAS?

Terry Lynn Harris Kennedy is trying to complete her Daughters of the Republic of Texas and is looking for the Vawter Bible that belonged to Hattie Vawter's daughter.....information states that Melba Vawter had the Bible. Can anyone account for its location at this time and for the information needed. The Bible is supposed to state that Abigail Maxfield came to Texas in 1840 with her son Maxfield Anderson. Abigail Maxfield's connection is through her 11th child Rufus Maxfield Anderson. If you have information please contact:

Lynn Kennedy
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 Salado, TX 76571 Phone 254.947.0050 email lnk46@aol.com

**Congratulations to Karl Monger for his acceptance
 in the Sons of the American Revolution.**

Karl is currently living in Wichita, KS and is a 10th generation Vawter descendant. The ancestor used for acceptance was Jesse Vawter. The VVV continues to document more Revolutionary patriots and soldiers and is happy to assist anyone for membership in patriotic organizations.

His lineage is as follows: Karl Phillip Monger, son of Phil Ray Vawter, son of Phil Vawter, son of Albert C. Vawter, son of John Taylor Vawter, son of William Vawter, son of Jesse Vawter, son of David Vawter, son of John Vawter, son of Bartholomew Vawter.



2011 VVV Reunion Information
July 14, 2011 through July 17, 2011
Kentucky Dam State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
113 Administration Drive
Gilbertsville, KY 42044-0069
Telephone: 270-362-4271 -- Toll Free: 800-325-0146

The following is a link to their home page with additional information about the park and its amenities. <http://www.parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/kd/> There will be lodge rooms, cabins, and camping sites available. The following is a list of prices for lodging.

Rates for Wednesday and Thursday Lodge Rooms \$80.96, Two Bedroom Executive Cottage \$215.96, Three Bedroom Executive Cottage \$220.46

Rates for Friday and Saturday, Lodge rooms \$99.96, Two Bedroom Executive Cottage \$254.96, Three Bedroom Executive Cottage \$259.96

Planned Events: Friday's day trip will be to the City of Paducah which is located approximately 20 minutes from the reunion site. Some of the activities may include the Quilt Museum, the Maritime Museum, and the Lower Art District. The following link provides information about Paducah with various points of interest. <http://www.paducah.travel/>

Friday evening we will enjoy a fish fry at Mike Miller Park. The following link provides information about the park and its amenities. It is located approximately 10 minutes from the reunion site. <http://www.marshallcountyparks.com/>

Saturday's day trip will be to Land Between the Lakes, National Recreational Area. The following link provides additional information about the park. Activities for the day may include a trip to the Homeplace and Elk and Bison Range. In addition, we will likely be touring a local tobacco farm and learning more about one of Kentucky's cash crop. <http://www.lbl.org/>

Saturday evening will be the annual family banquet. The banquet will be in a banquet room at the site location. A family church service will be held Sunday morning in a room provided at the site location.

Congratulation to one of our honored Vawter family members.

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New Members

John Thomas Vawter, and John Thomas Vawter, Jr.

John Thomas Vawter was born in Mansfield, Ohio, and spent his childhood in Mansfield. He graduated from Mansfield High School, and Oregon State University.

John is married to Agnes Jane Strickland Egeland. He has three adult children, John Thomas Vawter, Jr., Martha Louise Vawter, and Tracy Michelle Vawter, by a previous marriage.

John served in the United States Army Finance Depot in 1945 to 1946. He is retired from Lebanon (Oregon) Public School District, where he was an Elementary School Principal. His hobbies include gardening, jewelry making, travel, and his church.



John Thomas Vawter Jr. was born in Eugene, Oregon, and spent his childhood in Lebanon, Oregon, graduating from Lebanon Union High School in 1975. He has been married to Katherine Grace McDonald since 1989. John and Katherine have two children, Benjamin Thomas Vawter, who is attending George Fox University majoring in theater, and Samuel James Vawter, who is a junior at The Dalles Wahtonka High School, and is planning to pursue a career in technical theater and visual arts.

John has not served in the military because of cerebral palsy, but has supported the military as a true patriot. John is on disability due to his C.P., but has worked as a maintenance/head custodian for Chenoweth School District for twenty -three years, and for North Wasco County Schools in the same position for 5 years. His hobbies include reading, journaling, writing vocal arrangements, singing bass in local choir, working with young children with reading and self esteem problems, being with family, hiking, camping, and travel.

John Vawter's, and John Vawter Jr.'s applications to join the Sons of the American Revolution were approved on January 22, 2010. Their patriot ancestor, Edward Browning Sr. performed patriotic service by signing the Patriot's Support Document.

**Columbus Area Visitor's Center Fifth and Franklin Streets –
The John Vawter Storey House - listed on the National Register of Historic Places**
Bartholomew County Historical Society, 524 Third Street, Columbus, IN 47201

In addition to its interactive main-floor exhibits and the breathtaking Yellow Neon Chandelier and Persians created by renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly, the Visitors' Center has a display of a collection of Popfest posters in the Barbara Stewart Room on the second floor of the John V. Storey home at the corner of Fifth and Franklin streets in the heart of the Historic District. Built by local contractor James Perkinson for prominent businessman John Vawter Story during the Civil-War, the handsome brick home has been remodeled and expanded twice since 1971 to serve as a welcome center for a growing number of visitors to the Columbus area.

Originally Italianate in style, the original home was built of locally made bricks and native wood, and limestone for the foundation was quarried near Burnsville in eastern Bartholomew County. A north wing at the back on the west side housed the kitchen, and a back porch extended around to the east side. The house had 12-foot ceilings, and a wide stairway of cherry and walnut rose from the front entrance hall to the second floor, where there were four bedrooms with two fireplaces. Downstairs, the living room, parlor, dining room and kitchen were graced by four fireplaces. A carriage house stood on the east corner of the property. In 1910 the heirs of John V. Storey sold the house to the Improved Order of Red Men, Inguashagua Tribe No. 84, and the home became a lodge hall. Interior walls in the upstairs were removed, creating a single open space.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown, owners of The Evening Republican newspaper, purchased the building in the 1930s, using it as a commercial rental property until 1947 when the Brown family offered it to the Boys Club. For eighteen years the old house reverberated with youthful activities, including basketball on a court on the second floor. After the Boys Club moved to its new building in the 1960s, The Republic's accounting department was housed in the building until 1971 when the newspaper moved operations to its new headquarters on Second Street.

Using funds provided by the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Foundation, the Bartholomew County Library then purchased the building. Xenia (Mrs. J. Irwin) Miller, an ISM Foundation director, led efforts to renovate it for use as a Visitors Center, working with architect Bruce Adams of New Haven, Connecticut. In May 1973, the building was dedicated.

The goal of the 1970s renovation was to retain and replicate the historic house's original appearance wherever possible. Sandblasting revealed the original pink bricks, and a new northeast addition matching the northwest kitchen wing was built using original bricks carefully salvaged from the removal of interior walls, fireplaces, and chimneys. The Fifth Street entrance, with its classic recessed doorway, glass sidelights, and transom was retained for pedestrian traffic, while a new main entrance was created at the back of the building. A wide stairway was constructed in the middle of the building.

Window glass was either original or salvaged from other Columbus buildings of the same era, and shutters on the distinctive trio of arched windows at the head of the stairway were copies of the originals. The front door and other details were copied from a well-preserved twin house, the Newsom-Marr farmhouse, a valuable reference.

On the east side of the main floor was an information center and gift shop that included 1900-era showcases once used in the H. L. Rost Jewelry Store. The west side of the center accommodated a lounge and/or audio-visual room, and the upstairs served as an exhibit area for the Indianapolis Museum of Art Columbus Gallery from 1974 until the gallery's move to the Commons in 1993. Over the old kitchen wing and the new wing built to match it new rooms were used for storage, offices, and work space. Landscaped grounds provided a transition between the Visitors Center and the county library.

A 13,500 square-foot, \$2 million renovation – more than doubling the size of the historic structure – was completed in 1995, with Kevin Roche of Roche, Dinkeloo and Associates as the architect. The expanded center's first floor now includes a spacious gift and information area, a separate audio-visual theater, and an exhibit area for

interactive displays of the history and development of Columbus and its architecture. In addition to offices for Visitors Center personnel, the upstairs contains a media-equipped meeting room dedicated to Barbara (Mrs. Robert N.) Stewart in recognition of her service to the community. Funds for the expansion were provided by Mrs. J. Irwin Miller, Mrs. Robert Tangeman, the Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County, and Cummins Engine Foundation.

In the two-story stairwell facing Franklin Street , a striking contemporary glass chandelier created by Dale Chihuly has become a focal point for the expanded facility. The Neon Yellow Chandelier and Persians, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. J. Irwin Miller, is a cluster of approximately 1,000 pieces of blown glass.

1860 US Census Columbus, Bartholomew, IN #1149

John V. Storey age 32 b. IN Druggist \$8000 real estate \$1000 per prop.

Mary J. Storey age 30 b. KY

Martha age 12 b. KY

Wm. D. age 10 b. IN

Ezra age 7 b. IN

Cora age 4 b. IN

Frank age 3 b. IN

Charlie age 8 mon. b. IN

Wm P. B. Hibbard age 21 b. OH

John Vawter Storey, a druggist and miller of Columbus built the house in 1864. He hired James V. Perkinson to design and oversee the construction. The Columbus Area Visitors Center, now on the National Register of Historic Places, was the home of John Vaulter Storey. The building style is Italianate and the building materials are brick and limestone. The building has long rectangular windows, bracketed eaves and window hoods.

1870 US Census Columbus, Bartholomew, IN #305

John V. Storey age 43 b. IN druggist \$30,000 real estate \$20,000 pers property

Mary J. age 42 b. Ky

Martha J. age 22 b. Ky

William D. age 21 b. IN

Ezra age 19 b. IN

Cora age 16 b. IN

Frank age 13 b. IN

Charley age 10 b. IN

1880 US Census Columbus, Bartholomew, IN #167

John W. Story age 52 retired merchant IN/KY/KY

Mary J. wife age 55 KY/KY/

Esra age 28 son carriage trimmer IN/IN/KY

Cora age 25 dau IN/IN/KY

Frank age 23 son IN/IN/KY

Charles W. age 20 son apprentice carriage trimmer IN/IN/KY

William W. age 30 druggist IN/IN/KY

Elizabeth Siliea age 18 servant VA/Germany/Germany

1900 US Census Columbus, Bartholomew, IN #122

John V. Storey age 73 b. Dec 1826 IN/KY/KY married 5 years

Addie M. Storey age 39 wife b. Sep 1860 married 5 years 1 child 1 living OH/OH/OH

Recipes of our ancestors, all are authentic recipes and depending on the region of the country; what “was on hand” would dictate the variations of these “good eats”.

WILD TURKEY from the book "Housekeeping in old Virginia, 1879"

If the turkey is old, after is dressed and washed inside thoroughly with soda and water, rinse it and plunge it in a pot of boiling water for five minutes. Make a stuffing of bits of pork, beef, or any other cold meats, plenty of chopped celery, stewed giblets, hard boiled eggs, pounded cracker, pepper and salt, and a heaping spoonful of butter. Work this well and fill the turkey. With another large spoonful of butter, grease the bird, and then sprinkle salt and pepper over it. Lay it in a pan with a pint of stock or broth in which any kind of meat has been boiled. Place in a hot oven. When it begins to brown, dredge with flour and baste, turning often so that each part may be equally browned. Put a buttered sheet of paper over the breast to prevent dryness. When thoroughly done, lay on a dish, brown some crackers, pound and sift over it and serve with celery or oyster sauce.



Baked Raccoon

Offered by Joy Downing ...who learned this from her Grandmother

Ingredients

Potatoes

Carrots

Onion

Salt and pepper

One raccoon

note: you can put in your favorite leaf spice

Directions

Cleaned raccoon remove all fat, cut up

Put in large pot with water to cover raccoon add salt,

Bring to boil and simmer until tender.

Remove meat from pan and put in baking dish,

Add onion, carrots, cut up potatoes salt and pepper to taste

Pour tomato juice over top of every thing cover and

Bake at 350 oven for one hour or until veggies are done.

Wild Rice (Note: this is a wild grass grown throughout the northern half of the country and is not a rice)

salt & pepper to taste if you like that

Turkey broth

New cattail buds or roots, water chestnuts or crunchy somethings. Whatever is available. Wild rice Cranberries

Boil up some wild rice in turkey broth

When it is almost done, add the sliced crunchy somethings and a handful of fresh cranberries. (no sugar!)

Add what herbs you like, a little sage perhaps, etc.

Note: The thing to remember is to only add enough water to cover the rice and keep an eye on it so it doesn't dry up

Four Leaf Clover Salad, Illinois

Bunch a' Clovers (to fill a bowl)

Bunch a' onion chives (as much as you want)

3 or 4 tomatoes (if available)

2 carrots or other vegetables

Cut up into pieces and put in bowl, serve.

(Note: no dressing is noted with the recipe and unknown if one would have been used)

Trappers Fish or Campers Fish, Cheyenne Indian Tribe, by Art Giles who learned this from his granddad in 1949 who learned from his granddad in the Big Horns of Wyoming.

Ingredients: Brook Trout and Wild Onions (found along the stream)

Directions

Clean Trout with head and tail on.

Put in any kind of pan add a spoon of lard and fry over any camp fire tell done. You'll be going back for more Brookies and onions. You can catch Brookies with your t-shirt and two sticks.

This is a way you cook them if you are lost - put the onions inside and place fish on a green forked willow stick. Cook tell done.

Mullein Tea for constipation and cough from Cherokee Indian tribe early 1870's

- 4-6 Young Mullein Leaves (Lamb's Ears)
- Milk
- Teaspoon of sugar or honey per cup of tea made

Boil the Mullein leaves in enough water to cover. Be sure to strain the liquid after boiling because the "hairs" on the leaves will cause throat irritation. Add some milk and a teaspoon of sugar or honey to personal taste per cup of tea.

Note: Mullein is a pale green plant and is called Lamb's Ears due to the shape of the leaves being like that of the ears of a lamb and because of the "fuzzy" texture of the leaves. Do not pick large leaves of full grown plants or when the flower stalk appears. Leaves should be picked when the plant is under a foot tall.



Floral Green Salad from the northern forest regions

- 1 Cup of Cattail Shoots (Young)
- Half a Cup Oil
- 1 Cup of Leeks
- Wild Garlic
- 3 Cups Fiddle Head Ferns Be Sure They Are Not Unrolled (Open)
- 2 Cups of Lettuce
- Sunflower Seeds

Pick the fiddle head fern in the spring when they are young, up to 6 inches in height and unopened wash these and then drain. Chop leeks add to the fiddle head.

Pick cattails early in the spring also and peel first layer to get to the tender shoots.

The roots are also used as well
Wash and chop and then drain.

Add to other ingredients.

Cut up some lettuce and add to the others.

Add sunflower seeds.

Then add some oil and salt and pepper, a little wild garlic is the best or regular garlic.

Chillicothe Morning Constitution (Chillicothe, MO) 13 Oct 1906

Fatal Fire in Marshall, Marshall, MO, Oct. 12. One man Nick Irwain is known to be dead and at least one other person is believed to have perished in a fire which destroyed the fine residence of W. E. Vawter here today. The home had been occupied for sometime by Frank W. Miles, a merchant.

Chillicothe Morning Constitution (Chillicothe, MO) 13 Jul 1914

Trenton Officials Inspect Our Paving, May H. C. Steer, City Attorney W. S. Vawter, Chief of Police James Boogher, Police Judge Henry Ward and Riley Esttes, street commissioner, officials of Trenton, were in Chillicothe Monday morning inspecting the paving and the officials of the Grundy county metropolis were well pleased with the paving here.Attorney Vawter stated they were well impressed with Chillicothe.

Correctionville News (Correctionville, IA) 15 Jul 1915

H. M. Vawter of Knoxville will in partnership with others, open the Security Savings bank with a capital of \$50,000 at Marshalltown.

The Chillicothe Constitution Tribune (Chillicothe, MO) 6 Apr 1949

Mrs. William Moody Dies at Age of 73

Couple Had Made Home in Chillicothe Most of the last 22 years.

Mrs. William Moody, 73, passed away at her home 1014 Walnut street last evening at 6:30 following a prolonged illness.

Maude Ellen, a daughter of the late John S. and Elizabeth Grinstead Vawter, was born in Floris, IA., November 20, 1875. She was married to William Moody at Clarence, Mo., September 15, 1895.

They made their home in Shelby and Macon counties until they moved to Chillicothe in 1927.

Except for four years in Kirksville, they made their home in Chillicothe for 22 years. Mrs. Moody was a member of the Church of God.

Surviving is the husband, William Moody of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Frank Dittrich of Weaton, Ill., Mrs. Elgin Soulders of Bonner Springs, Kas., and Mrs. W. J. Shields of Unionville; one brother J. B. Vawter of Los Angeles; two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Philliber of Joplin and Mrs. Bert Higley of Neosho and 10 grandchildren. Four children, four brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be from the chapel of the Norman funeral home, conducted by the Rev. Arlie Dorman, assisted by the Rev. Homer V. Howe, the interment made in the family lot in the Bevier cemetery. The day of the service has not been set, pending the arrival of the daughter from Illinois.

Joplin Globe (Joplin, MO) 1 Feb 1948

Several social affairs have been given in honor of Mrs. Louis Boone of Elkton, Ky., who has been visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. O. E. Vawter, in Carthage. Mrs. Boone was honored at a dessert luncheon given by Mrs. Vawter for members of Confederate Dames chapter 1642, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. G. N. Kelley read the story of Aeneas Africanus. Mrs. Doroty Vawter entertained with a solo. Sixteen chapter members were present. Mrs. Boone left last week for her home in Elkton following a three week visit in Carthage. The Boone family has in its possession the knife with which their famous ancestor, Daniel, "annihilated a bear".

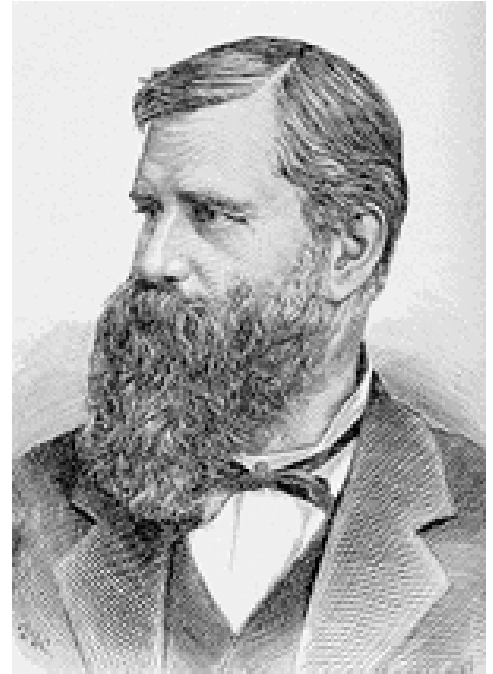
Mrs. Boone was honored at a beautifully appointed luncheon given Tuesday by the Chapter in the Olivia. The luncheon table was centered with a large bowl of sweet alyssum, red roses and carnations. The bouquet was presented to the honoree.

John Beverly Vawter, Minister and Writer 1838-1897

Portrait Painted 1884

Father: Pascal Vawter b. 6 Jan 1813 Madison, IN d. 26 Jan 1899 m. 1 Apr 1834 Montgomery Co., KY to Eliza Mavity b. 7 May 1813 Montgomery Co., KY d. 11 Aug 1904 Medaryville, IN. Daughter of John Mavity and Dorothea Reel/Rhaale. Children: Mary Ann, John Beverly, Samantha Jane, Aureanna Lee, Ailsee Eliza "Alecy", Dothan, Charles Publius (or Publius Charles) and James Mavity Vawter.

John Beverly Vawter a son of Pascal Vawter as noted in William Snyder Vawter's research of the 1920's: "He was a member of the 4th KY Vol. Mtd. Inf and was captured in an early attempt to destroy railroads between Atlanta and the sea, and was held in the Andersonville prison for nine months, or until the close of the war. He was a graduate of KY Univ. Bible School, was a Christian minister, and was 18 years general secretary of the IA Christian Assn. He wrote a number of books, one being 'Prison Life in Dixie'."



Prison Life in Dixie, under the pseudonym of Sergeant Oakes, written by J B Vaughter, this book gives a short history of the inhuman and barbarous treatment of Union soldiers held as prisoners of war at the infamous Sumter Prison a.k.a. Andersonville. Captured in the summer of 1864, Sergeant Oates is taken to Andersonville. This was renowned as one of the worst prisons of the Civil War. Follow Oates as he escapes and flees through the swamps, woods and fields of Georgia subsisting on frogs and unharvested corn only to be recaptured by enemy soldiers. Sergeant Oates endeavors to furnish the reader with incidents and descriptions that give a true picture of Rebel prisons and the means and methods of either surviving or dying in them.

An Illustrated History of Monroe County, Iowa, 1896, The United Presbyterians.

In 1875, Elder J. B. Vaughter came to Albia and set to work earnestly to get the organization on its feet again. Two years previous Elder Waldron had entered negotiations with the Baptist brethren for a swap of church buildings, and with the cooperation of Elder Vaughter the trade was completed. The Baptists owned the edifice from which the present Christian Church was remodeled. The Christians owned the building in the Fourth Ward now owned by the United Presbyterians. It was rather small for them. The Baptist organization was meager, and there was an encumbrance of four or five hundred dollars on the church. The two churches traded edifices, and the Christians assumed and paid off the indebtedness. The church then made some extensive improvements in the building; towers were added, and a wing built on, under Brokaw's pastorate.

The early formation of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa is noted. In the fall of 1880, it seemed useless to try to build upon the original school for which the Church of Iowa had hoped. Then it was that Daniel R. Lucas, pastor of the Central Church of Christ in Des Moines learning from President Carpenter that he was greatly troubled regarding the future of Oskaloosa College, suggested the removal of the school to Des Moines. This conference took place in the Altoona, Iowa home of J.B. Vawter.

Drake University opened on September 20, 1881, in a temporary, four-story frame building that had been constructed during the summer, on the site now occupied by Howard Hall, and facing Twenty-fifth Street. This building was called the Students' Home, and for two years, while Main Building, now known as Administration, was under construction, provided chapel, recitation rooms, dormitory and dining hall. The campus was beyond the residence district, and was not then in the city limits. Except for the newly built homes, there were none but farm houses west of Twenty-second Street and north of Cottage Grove Avenue. The location was in a heavily wooded tract through which only a few weeks before the opening of school streets had not been cut nor sidewalks laid. The city street car line, with its horse or mule power, came no nearer than Fifteenth Street and Woodland Avenue.

Andreas' History of the State of Nebraska Thayer County, Churches:

Presbyterian.--This denomination, by Rev. Mr. Cunningham, was organized in 1875. They hold meetings in the Methodist Church alternate Sabbaths. They have thirty-five members at present. The first pastor was Rev. George Schults, followed by J. B. Vawter, who was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Charles Brouillette, in 1882.

Text from J. H. Painter, Iowa Pulpit of the Church of Christ. St. Louis: John Burns Publishing Co., 1884. Pages 441 - 469.

J. B. Vawter, writing in Iowa Pulpit of the Church of Christ says: There was exuberance as John Rigdon and his brother Charles Rigdon moved westward into Iowa.

Among the prominent preachers of that period, was John Rigdon, who moved into Louisa County at an early day, and traveled and preached from Lee County on the south, to Jones County on the north, and as far west as Keokuk County, in a kind of irregular evangelizing. He is described by Bro. F. B. Lowery as a strong preacher, reasoning with great force and clearness. Arthur Miller came and labored for a time in Henry County, and returned to Indiana. Charles Rigdon in Keokuk County, Levi Fleming in Davis, and H. H. Hendrix in Wapello, and others, labored as they had opportunity, mostly at their own charges.

Harrison County Iowa History, Churches of Harrison County, Iowa, by Hon. Charles W. Hunt, pub. 1915. In Cass township, in 1888, a society was organized by the Christian sect and services were held at Six Mile Grove in the school house. At Missouri Valley, the Christian people formed a society in 1883. They erected a neat church building in 1887, forty by forty-five feet, on the corner of Fourth and Superior Streets. The lot cost the society six hundred dollars, and the building cost one thousand one hundred dollars. In 1891 the membership of this church was one hundred and forty-two. The various pastors who have served at this point have been Reverends C.P. Evans, D.R. Dungan, J. Denton, Israel Swihart, J.W. Snyder, D.D. Miller, Elder Wagner, L.J. Correll, James Conoran, J.H. Painter, E.L. Preston, D.J. Howe, J.K. Reid, John Hurd, **J.B. Vawter**, A.B. Cornell, T.L. Reed, J.L. Johnson, Dr. Carter, Mellenger, Adair, John Williams, J.H. Carter, Highbey, M.C. Hutchinson, B.H. Whiston, and W.D. Crewdson. In 1914 the membership of this, one of the strongest churches in the county, had reached two hundred and thirty, and during the month of December 1913, they dedicated their present magnificent brick edifice, which was erected at a cost of ten thousand dollars. It is among the fine church structures of western Iowa. It was erected under the management of Rev. W.D. Crewdson, pastor.

1870 US Census Potoski, Linn Co., KS #196

John B. Vawter age 34 Minister b. IN

Emily C. age 34 b. NY

George E. age 4 son b. IA

Gustavous A. age 1 b. Minnesota

1880 US Census Alexandria, Thayer, Nebraska #2
John Vawter age 44 Minister IN/KY/KY
Emely Vawter age 44 NY/France/France
George E. age 14 son IA/IN/NY
Gustaveous age 11 son MN/IN/NY

1900 US Census Girard, Crawford, KS #213
Carrie Turner age 64 b. Mar 1836 Widow no children NY/France/France
Amelia C. Vawter sister age 66 b. May 1837 widow 5 children 2 living NY/France/France
Augustus A. Vawter nephew age 30 b. Jul 1869 MN/IN/NY
Gertude R. Culbertson age 22 boarder

1900 US Census Omaha, Douglas, NE #120
Geo Vawter head age 34 b. Mar 1866 Ind married 7 years
Emma wife age 27 b. Jan 1873 MI married 7 years 2 children 2 living
Myrtle dau. age 5 b. Feb 1895 b. NE
Ethel dau age 2 b. Jul 1898 b. NE

1910 US Census Yankee Hill, Lancaster, NE
Nebraska Hospital for the Insane
August Vawter, patient age 41 single, b. MN

1910 US Census Omaha, Douglas, NE #112
George E. Vanter (Vawter) head age 44 married 19 years b. IA
Emma C. age 36 married 19 years 4 children 4 living b. MI
Sadie M. dau. age 17 b. NE
Myrtle dau. age 15 b. NE
George E. jr. son age 4 b. NE
Emalie E. mother age 76 b. NY widow 5 children 2 living
Andrew P. Klint father in law age 75 widow b. Sweden

1920 US Census Yankee Hill, Lancaster, NE
Nebraska Hospital for the insane
August Vawter age 51 b. ca 1869 MN Inmate

1920 US Census Omaha, Douglas, NE #80
George E. Vawter (sr) head age 53 b. IA
Emma C. wife age 45 b. MI
George jur. Son age 14 b. NE

1930 US Census Omaha, Douglas, NE #117
Emma Vawter age 56 widow married at age 16 MI/Sweden/Sweden
George E. age 24 single NE/IA/MI
Myrtle Davis dau. age 35 married at age 23 divorced NE/IA/MI
Margaret Davis granddaughter age 8 NE/MN/NE

California Death Index, 1940-1997
George E. Vawter b. 13 Aug 1905 NE
d. 3 Jan 1975 Fresno, CA

Clement4 Vawter (Samuel3, Edward2, Bartholomew1)

Clement Vawter is the son of Samuel Vawter and Agnes Richardson. John Poole conducted a dancing school at Prince Edward (VA) County Court house about 1784. His fee was 150 lbs. tobacco for 6 months instructions, 3 times per month. One of the students was Clement Vawter.

Not much is found about entertainment at the turn of the 1800's in early Vawter documents. Fashions and fun moved from the colonial designs to a new century and new ideas. Much the same occurred in the 1900's and the new millennium of 2000.

In the *Mirror of Graces; or the English Lady's Costume*, published in London in 1811, the author ("a Lady of Distinction") advised:



In the morning the arms and bosom must be completely covered to the throat and wrists. From the dinner-hour to the termination of the day, the arms, to a graceful height above the elbow, may be bare; and the neck and shoulders unveiled as far as delicacy will allow.

Morning dresses were worn inside the house. They were high-necked and long-sleeved, covering throat and wrists, and generally plain and devoid of decoration.

Ball gowns, or evening dresses, were often extravagantly trimmed and decorated with lace, ribbons, and netting. They were cut low and sported short sleeves, baring bosoms. Bared arms were covered by long white gloves. Our Lady of Distinction, however, cautions young women from displaying their bosoms beyond the boundaries of decency, saying, "The bosom and shoulders of a very young and fair girl may be displayed without exciting much displeasure or disgust." A Lady of Distinction also advised young ladies to wear softer shades of color, such pinks, periwinkle blue, or lilacs. The mature matron could wear fuller colors, such as purple, black, crimson, deep blue, or yellow.



In *High Society: A Social History of the Regency Period, 1788-1830*, Venetia Murray writes:

Other admirers of dandyism have taken the view that it is a sociological phenomenon, the result of a society in a state of transition or revolt. Barbey d'Aurevilly, one of the leading French dandies at the end of the nineteenth century, explained:

Some have imagined that dandyism is primarily a specialization in the art of dressing oneself with daring and elegance. It is that, but much else as well. It is a state of mind made up of many shades, a state of mind produced in old and civilized societies where gaiety has become infrequent or where conventions rule at the price of their subject's boredom...it is the direct result of the endless warfare between respectability and boredom.

In Regency London dandyism was a revolt against a different kind of tradition, an expression of distaste for the extravagance and ostentation of the previous generation, and of sympathy with the new mood of democracy.