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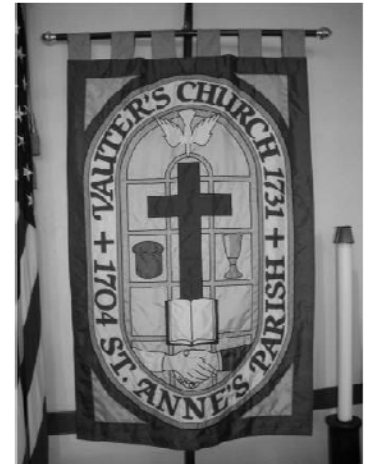
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**Now is the time to book your summer vacation plans near the
Beautiful Land Between the Lakes area.
Special Discount rates for reunion members in a cool and lovely lake
setting. Lots of trips and activities are planned. A complete
breakdown of costs and schedule will be printed in the June issue of
the VVV Newsletter.**

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

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IN MEMORIAM

Richard A Vawter Jr., 53, passed away Jan. 3, 2011, at his home in Midway, Colo., with his family at his bedside. He fought a short but very courageous battle with cancer. Rick was born to Richard and Alice (nee Frazer) Vawter on July 24, 1957, in La Junta, Colo. He survived by his partner in life, Annie Shiflett; the light of his life, his daughter, Mallori Vawter, his mother and stepfather, Alice and Nick DeNardo; sister, Debbie Vawter; brother, Curt Vawter, nephews, Jacob and John-Paul Campbell, Casey and Adam Vawter; stepsisters, Jolene DeNardo and Roxann Duncan; best friend, John Akers; several aunts, uncles and cousins who were very close to him. Preceded in death by all his grandparents; aunts, Carol and Frankie; and his dad, Richard A. Vawter. Rick attended South High School. He worked in the coal mines at Redstone, Colo., for a few years. He then turned to his craft, where as Rick put it, he and his brother were “builders of America”. He worked as an iron worker, building dams, power plants, water treatment plants, bridges, military silos and skyscrapers. Any place that needed rebar, he would get it there. He worked from San Diego, Calif., to Boston, Mass., and El Paso, Texas to Des Moines, Iowa. Rick will be dearly missed by family, friends and co-workers with whom he shared his knowledge in his craft.

Donna Charlene (Grieten) Cottle, 45, of Centermoreland, died Sunday, December 5, 2010, at Mercy Center, Dallas, surrounded by family and friends, after a nearly 17-month battle with brain cancer. Born March 17, 1965, in Wilmington, Del., Donna was the third child of Frank L Grieten Jr. and Jean Harter Grieten, Newark, Del. She was a 1983 Graduate of Newark High School, Newark, Del., where she met her husband, the Rev. William A. “Drew” Cottle Jr. She was known and loved as a mother, aunt, organizer, music leader, Sunday school teacher, volunteer, neighbor, and dear friend. Donna had a long association with J.C. Penney Corporation, working in and managing stores in Delaware and Texas. She was a department buyer and manager at the home office in Plano, Texas. More recently, Donna was an assisting administrator for the Performing Arts Institute at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston. Surviving, in addition to her husband and parents, are son Josiah Cottle, at home; sisters Sharon L. Hamilton and husband, Todd, Rising Sun, Md., and Linda J Moss and husband James, Wilmington, Del., brother John D. Grieten and wife Chimene S., Newark, Del.; 10 nieces and nephews, father and stepmother-in-law, Wm. A. “Andy” and Rebecca Cottle, Newark, Del.; mother-in-law Sandra J. Williams, Centermoreland, sister-in-law, Katherine B. Cottle, Newark, Del.; as well as many other relatives and friends, in particular her close friend, Nancy Sanderson, Wilkes-Barre. A Memorial Funeral Service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Great Hall of the Wyoming Seminary Upper School, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, the Rev. Greg Myers, Superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre District of the United Methodist Church, will reside. A Memorial Funeral Service will also be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 19, 2010, at the Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark, Del. The family will receive friends following both services. Interment of ashes will be made in Newark City Cemetery, Newark, Del. A special thanks goes to the many church friends, neighbors, caregivers, doctors, nurses, and others who have been so kind to Donna and her family during her long and courageous fight. Memorial contributions may be made to the Donna Cottle Memorial Fund c/o the Development Office Wyoming Seminary, 201 N. Sprague Ave., Kingston, PA 18704-3593, or Donna Cottle Camp Arrowhead Campership Fund c/o Episcopal Diocese of Delaware, 2020 N. Tatnall St., Wilmington, DE 19802. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harold C. Snowden Funeral Home Inc., 140 N. Main St., Shavertown.

THE SOPER FAMILY LETTERS: WORLD WAR I COMES TO IOWA

To read all the letters written during WWI by this family see the website at: <http://archives.luther.edu/soper/index>

In 1907, Loyd Soper left his home on Guernsey, in the Channel Islands, made his way to Liverpool, England, and boarded the ocean liner Lucania. He was bound across the Atlantic for Iowa, where he would begin his new life as a farmer near Chariton, in Lucas County.

There he met and subsequently **married Edith Vawter** in February 1914.

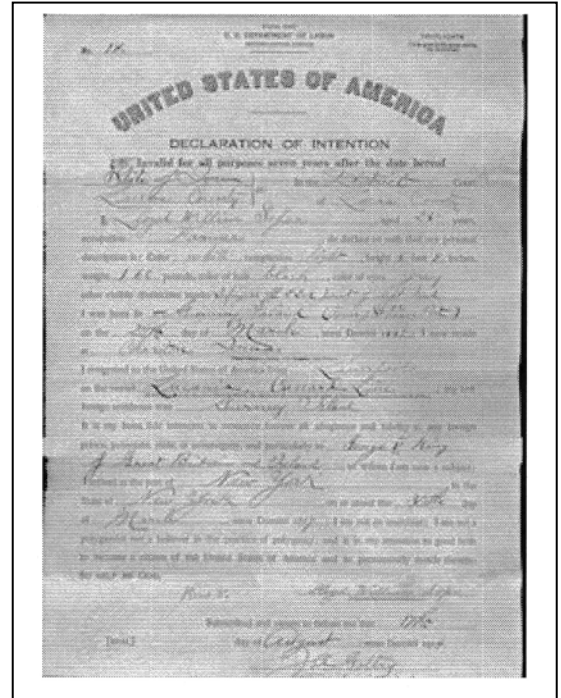
The couple began their short life together. Their daughter Alice, born in August, 1916, gladdened their hearts, but their happiness was marred by Lloyd's persistent tuberculosis and declining health. Less than a month after their baby's birth, Lloyd sought treatment for his illness in Des Moines, staying at the home of the Ozannes, relatives from England. He writes on September 9th to reassure his worried wife at home and closes his letter with a string of kisses, adding a postscript: "P.S: give one to Alice for me."

As he waits to be admitted to the Davenport Sanitarium, where he will be charged \$15 a week, Lloyd confers by mail with Edith about the hiring of a farm hand and the sale of their furniture to meet his medical expenses. He has several teeth extracted while he stays with the Ozannes, but reports that he enjoys the kind attentions of his hosts, and takes pleasure in their "\$75 Victrola". By Sept. 17 he is in Davenport, reporting to Edith on the daily regimen of care: "We have just had dinner & I am going to drop you a few lines but I've got to be back in bed at 1 o'clock we sleep 9 to 11 a.m. 1 to 3:30 & back to bed at 8 we have dandy sleeping porches & food has been good so far..."

But shortly after this letter he reports that he is feverish at night, and growing lonely and homesick for his family: "...I wish we could go out where Uncle Hiram is & if we had a hut out there where I could have a room to myself as I ought to rest most of the time anyway, we could live lots cheaper & if I don't get along as well as I should at least I'd be near you, I'm afraid I can't get much benefit here just on that account I must be where I can see you." They will find a hired girl and send for groceries from Sears and Roebuck: "I understand pretty well the way these people treat tubercular subjects & I believe that you & I could do as much good out there together as anything of earth for me but I know its no use me trying this far away because those I love & all that's dear to me is to far away now I must close & dearie do write me back an hopeful answer with the best of love to you & my baby from your affect husband Lloyd"

But it is not to be. At the end of October, the Soper family at their home, "Hillstead," in Foulan, Guernsey received the sad news that they have anticipated with dread. Lloyd has died of tuberculosis.

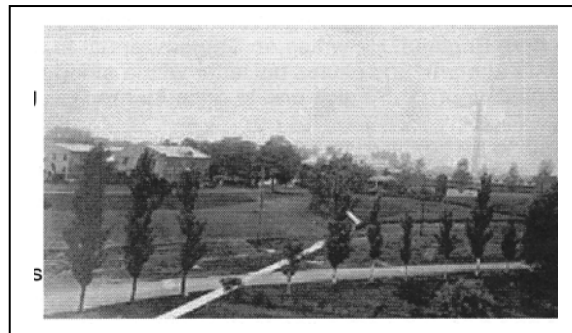
When Luther College acquired the letters, a gift from Soper descendants, the moving story of a family divided by distance and the war became accessible to interested readers. Lloyd's family in Guernsey longed to see their daughter-in-law and baby Alice, but had to content themselves with their correspondence and frequent



exchange of gifts. Annie Soper, Lloyd's mother, praises Edith's unstinting devotion and love for Lloyd to the end. "There is so much I want to know, tell me all you can dear. Did our letters reach you near the end. Was he ever disappointed when none came. Did he speak of us? Was he able to see his dear little daughter? Not much I fear, as his disease was so contagious and himself so ill." The Sopers are plunged into grief at their son's death. "Oh, how hard to speak of our dear Lloyd in the past tense, you and your sweet babe are all that is left us of our Lloyd. We long to see you both, and would love for you to come & spend six months with us, and shall hope for this," a sorrowing Annie writes to her Iowa daughter-in-law.

One by one the Soper daughters, Amy, Eva, Hilda and Nettie, write to Edith with affection, expressing their sense of loss and their sympathy. Eva is touched to learn that Lloyd remembered her birthday the day before he died. Amy, a lady's maid in London, is consoled by the letter Edith sent to Annie, "The thing we wanted to know more than anything, was whether he was trusting Jesus fully, & now both from you & from the Ozanne family, we know how simply & sweetly he was resting on his Redeemer's finished work; we cannot mourn as those do who have no 'sure & certain hope', for we know that, in God's good time, we shall all meet him again." The family draws comfort from baby Alice: "I am so glad you have her, you say that she is like Lloyd: we are pleased to know that." Amy writes from Mayfair, in London.

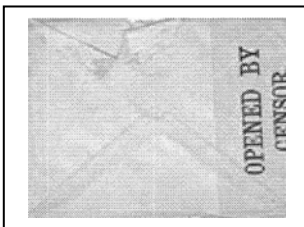
The Soper family's desired meeting with Lloyd's young wife and baby Alice is not to take place for many years. Europe is in the grip of World War I, and the British-imposed blockade designed to put a stranglehold on Germany inspires retaliation, when German U-boats torpedo merchant and passenger vessels. Daughter Eva, working for a Guernsey family as a children's nurse, echoes her mother's fond wishes for a meeting. "You may always be sure on any occasion such as this that we are all thinking &



speaking about you, so, though miles of land & sea divide us that will be a link between us. I dreamed one night last week that you & little Alice were here with us, and how I wish that was true, but we must wait patiently for that."

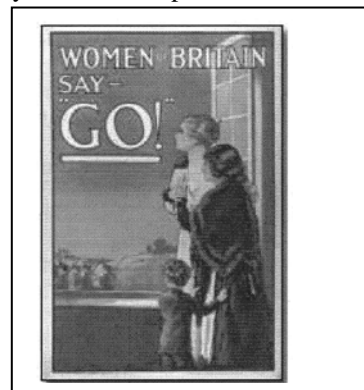
Still, the Sopers venture to send pinafores, dresses and crocheted bonnets for Alice. Annie regrets the restriction against sending photographs in the overseas mail during wartime, but encourages Edith to try an

unmounted picture of Alice. When photos arrive for Edith and Hilda safely, Annie is overjoyed: "We are all delighted, how sweet she looks, and as you say the very picture of my dear dear Lloyd. I just wept over it, and felt I wanted to take her out of the picture and hug her. Her dear little arms look so inviting. Even the neighbors said, "How like Lloyd" and all say what a fine child for that age." Later they lament the loss of Alice's photograph for Amy and for Annie in the mail, and speculate that lost letters sent from Iowa might have gone down on the Laconia, a Cunard liner downed



by a German sub in late February 1917. "The Mails have been most uncertain lately: Annie complains to her daughter-in-law. "Much care is needed, thro' those satanic submarines."

The Sopers' war-time correspondence provides a "window" into a vanished world, a primary source of information on how "The Great War" affected the lives of a Channel Islands family in dangerous times. The letters, many of them marked "Opened by Censor," describe their anxiety for friends and neighbors in military service. Amy tells Edith early in 1917 of her "special friend in Salonica" But by March 25, she has received bad news. He has been killed in action on March 7. Annie's letter of March 29th recalls Amy's thoughtful attentions to her friend. "Two parcels she had sent him, one of food, the other a shirt, socks, & cigarettes, were on the way, never to be received, she had sent parcels now and again ever since he went – in his last letter he said they were short of food, and he was hungry when he wrote. Oh – it is hard. His Mother and Sisters are heart broken."

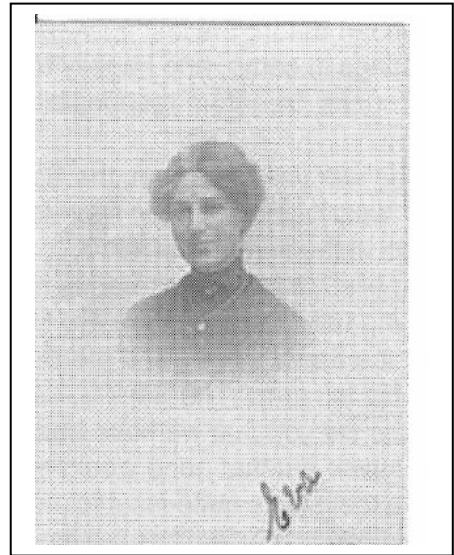


But the wartime casualties continue. Sister Nettie, whose “sweetheart” is in Mesopotamia, consoles a friend when her fiancé dies of malarial fever in East Africa. Letters from Annie reflect the losses of English brothers, sons and sweethearts. “How we long for this war to end, there are so many sad hearts and homes these days, so many young widows to be seen about, some with their little babies. It is all very dreadful, and keeps the soldiers’ relatives in constant anxiety, not knowing what the next news may be.”

The Sopers feel the effects of the war at home too. They lament the “dearth of Sugar” (Annie has given up drinking it in her tea) and the inflated prices of household goods (“..it must be awful for the poor.” Eva writes at the beginning of April 1917, “as coats are nearly four times the usual price, and food is frightfully dear, in fact everything is.”) Their letters testify to the daily challenge of running a home under new and trying conditions. Annie reports on the short supply of provisions due to the blockade. “So far we have not lacked for necessaries, but to-day could not get butter around here, one bread is now 1/ per 4 lb loaf, and the loaves are all to be made one shape to save labour.”

Still, they take pleasure in the company of each other when they are reunited, gathering in the family home to do needlework and sew garments for the troops, sometimes singing “Will there be any stars in my crown” together. They enjoy the occasional respite from austerity. “I had more presents than I expected as no one is giving much during the war,” Eva reports to Edith after Christmas 1916. “I had half a doz. stock collars, two muslin fancy collars, two photos in frames, a pair of blue satin bedroom slippers, a photo case, a pad of mourning paper & envelopes to match (which I am using now) a Devonshire china plate, and a case containing all kinds of needles, so I did very well. I had a gold brooch, too.”

She proudly sends Edith her photograph. Now I must tell you that when I first heard that Lloyd was ill I decided to have my photograph taken so as to send him one as I had not had it done for quite nine years, however, it was impossible to manage it in time so I thought I would send you one in a nice frame for Xmas, and now I find this is against the regulations. I am so sorry about it, but will see what I can do !!. I will not be able to send you a properly mounted one anyway, but will do my best. Everyone says it is an excellent likeness so I would have liked you to have one.” When the missing photographs sent from Iowa to Amy and Annie fail to turn up, Annie instructs Edith on strategies for the next attempt. “If you do have our pet taken again in Amy’s little dress it would have to be unmounted, and I should advise sending one at a time, with a chance of one at least reaching us.”



For Amy, off in London, life has a different pace and rhythm. She describes her routine to the faraway sister-in-law she has never met: “I attend a Congregational Chapel here in London, because I like the minister so much, he is a splendid man; otherwise I really belong to the Baptists. I did tell you, didn’t I, that I am a lady’s-maid to an elderly lady, who keeps a fully-trained hospital nurse to look after her? My duties are very light. I know I shall never get into such an easy place again. She gets up about 11:15 when I dress her & do her hair, when she is well enough to drive out, I put on her out-door clothes at 3.0 then dress her for dinner at 8.0; undress her for bed at 10:30 between all those times, I am free to come & go pretty well as I like, as I have no dressmaking to do, & very few jobs of any description to do for her. On Sundays I don’t see her from 11:45 a.m., till 10:30 p.m.. I am very fond of getting about, & seeing people & places.”

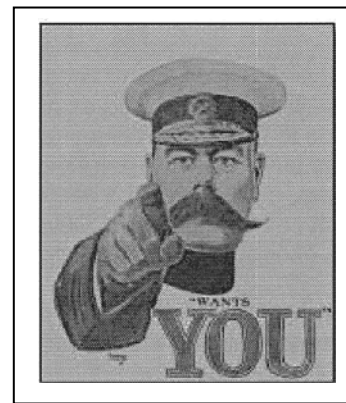
Amy’s spirits are high in April 1917: “We had a great day in London on Friday: America having come in, at last, there was a dedication service at St. Paul’s Cathedral: the King & Queen & Princess Mary, Queen Alexandra & various princesses went in semi-state to the service. The American Ambassador & his suite, went, & crowds of celebrities of all descriptions. I am never very far off when anything is going on, so naturally, I was there, seeing all there was to be seen, not in the Cathedral, but outside: the Stars & Stripes were everywhere, even on me !” “Yes, my dear,” she writes to Edith in a later letter, “the waters will be quite safe to travel on again some day, & we will hope that the day is not very far distant. If only America had come in to help us 18 months ago, think what she could have done by now, still, “better late

than never!" The German nation is not easily beaten, but it must be accomplished fact before the war can end."

Life in London clearly offers her a chance to observe the wartime climate in a way her parents and sisters at home in Guernsey cannot. "Saturday I went to Hyde Park, where all our big functions take place, to see the King decorate 351 of our heroes, in recognition of the various brave deeds they have done. I have seen some of the American doctors, who have arrived here; they are smart men !" she writes to Edith in June 1917.

Younger daughter Nettie's life changes dramatically in January 1917. Annie proudly reports to Edith: "But I have not yet told you that dear Nettie is going to England. She has a post as waitress in a convalescent Hospital." By April, Nettie is settling into a purposeful round of activity in Pirbright, on the southern coast. She herself provides Edith with an account of her time, helping to provide meals for 166 soldiers at the camp, and anticipates with some enthusiasm the khaki uniform she will wear. Nettie grows acclimated to hardship and life away from home: "We sleep in huts, divided into cubicles which are quite decent for army life. In fact we are just like soldiers, get up at bugle call etc. We also have a Superintendent...who is very strict & sarcastic. She is not like our late Super. was." But life at the camp is not without its entertainment. "Our Company gave a concert before the last leave, which was splendid & are having another soon." Nettie can attend church meetings in camp, and happily reports that she has Saturday or Sunday afternoon, and liberal weekday afternoons, free from responsibility.

As the war years drag on, the Soper letters convey anxiety for others as well as their weariness with daily sacrifices. "I grieve for many around here." Annie writes in the summer of 1917, "people I know intimately, who have been compelled to leave their happy homes, young wives & little children, get more training (all Guernsey men are trained) then leave for France and elsewhere, my nice Baker's man, and the Butcher amongst them. Our postman has lost half his left arm." The Sopers, as others have, learn to make do with less: "I am glad to tell you that we have been able to procure Butter all through although it was given out that none would be brought to the island, and the island supply tho' excellent, is quite insufficient. We are not yet restricted to War rations in bread, tho many families are limiting themselves, eating 3 lb a week each person, in fact making a hobby of it. Four pounds a week is supposed to be the limit, but poor Dad would be hungry. We are much relieved by hearing that an American vessel has reached an English port with an immense cargo of wheat. Good !!. We want our poor troops to get a full supply. They need it. I think the Americans are also doing wonders in subduing those vile submarines."



Annie continues to hope for the war's resolution, an expectation she shares with Edith in the summer of 1917: "Altho nearly three years of awful warfare has passed, yet surely it cannot go on a great while longer, I am thankful the Americans have come forward so splendidly ~~ That fine brave man, Lord Kitchener, said- Three years - I thrust his forecast may be realized. But on; the slaughter & suffering & seperation (sic) of those three years. Only yesterday I received a photo of one of the dearest lads, who was killed on June the 9th. He had been away over two years, and was home on leave about Xmas time, he came with his Mother & Sister (all dear people) one afternoon, after tea; Nettie played and he sang, such a nice voice. He was a Christian lad, belonged to the Baptist bible class. Now he is gone. I wrote to his mother, who is broken hearted, and said our boys had passed all suffering, and were both safe. At Home, Entered in to the Joy of their Lord. Sweetest comfort. I heard of another lad yesterday, who was engaged to a girl in the Foulon, but I didn't really know him, he too, killed, the flower of our country are being swept away."

Annie grows used to the privations at home, and her resourcefulness prevents her from feeling sorry for herself: "It seems that week by week, things are a half penny or penny more. It must make it hard living where there are a lot of children, and really I have learnt several economies since the war, one has to, but we have had sufficient, and enjoyed it with thankful hearts. We economize mostly in meat, for it is very scarce. (The troops need it) and the price more than double, Bacon - green they call it, is 1/8 per pound. I have bought it at 6 or 8. I am keeping a few rabbits. I told you the early potatoes were rather a failure, but it seems they were very late & needed more time, for now they are yielding very fine tubers. And the tomatoes are a splendid crop, fetching excellent prices. Many say they never taste tomatoes like those which Dad grows, he is well up to his work & knows just what dressings to use, then they are so fine &

abundant.” Relatively safe in their island retreat, they are mindful of danger elsewhere, as the German zeppelin raids on London continue: “Amy sent us a wire, ‘All safe here’ as it was in the best part of London where she lives. The West-End. I felt most thankful to know,” Annie reassures Edith.

These family letters “bridge the distance” between Edith and her husband’s English family and, in Annie’s words “bring us very near each other.” In their communication they can share their grief and find mutual solace. By November 1917, Edith, who has been living with her parents since Lloyd’s hospitalization shortly after Alice’s birth, sells the house she shared with Lloyd. The next year sees even more changes for the family; the war ends in November 1918, and Nettie is “demobilized,” returning home to Guernsey, in 1919. Annie travels to London to see her cousins, spending time with Amy visiting Westminster Abbey, and taking tea at Selfridge’s department store; Lloyd’s father, Charles, is taken ill and must give up working. The Christmas photograph of Alice wearing her pretty dress and sash, a tiny ring on her finger, brightens the Soper household. But at the end of February 1920, Charles Soper dies. Just before his death, he chooses a Bible to send to little, now a little more than three years old, as Annie recounts:

“I am so pleased, he really chose it himself & handled it, only the day before he died...” “I will get my friend Mr. Brodie, to print our darling Alice’s name in it from Grandpa Soper, & put the date of his death, & send it to you for her as soon as this sad time is over. I know you will take care of it until she is old enough to value it, but let her see it from time to time so that she may remember the dear Grandpa, who so loved her dear daddy, and who thought so much of you & our one & only little Granddaughter. He has been so proud of her photos & liked me to shew them to all the friends who came.”

Finally, in October 1920, Annie writes in response to a letter announcing Edith’s decision to marry again, a prospect she accepts, characteristically, with open heart. “I am sure Mr. Ashby will have a good wife in you, dear, & I hope little Alice will be quiet happy, but she will miss the friends & the busy household at first and I am (sure) your parents....”

The Sopers knew they were living through a historical period of great significance and human interest, as well as one marked by great change in their personal lives. They saw the world around them altered, and they recorded those events, large and small, with insight, fortitude, and considerable narrative skill. But they could not have known that the letters they wrote to a bereaved Iowa widow and her baby more than 85 years ago would have value to people researching the war years at Luther College today. When Alice Soper Shaw acquired the letters sent to her mother and saved them, perhaps she was acknowledging the gift of affection her grieving English family extended to her. Her gift to future generations of researchers is the letters’ living testimony to the thoughts and aspirations of people surviving World War I with courage, dignity, and no small share of curiosity. Thanks to Bob and Becky Shaw of Des Moines, and John and Kate Shaw (who carefully transcribed the letters) of Denver, Colorado, researchers can use the original documents in the Luther College Archives. Readers will be surprised at how well emotions and perspectives from the early twentieth century communicate to us today, how close the currents of our lives still run.

1920 US Census Liberty, Lucas, Iowa #4

Jerome Vauter age 57 head b. IA

Martha Vauter age 52 b. IA

Ferris Vauter age 20 son b. IA

Fay Vauter age 12 dau. b. IA

Edith Soper age 25 widow daughter b. IA

Alice Soper 3yr 4 mo granddaughter b. IA

1930 US Census Otter Creek, Lucas, IA

George E Ashby age 43 head renter b IA

Edith M Ashby age 36

Alice M Saper stepdau age 13 b. IA

Ardiee A Ashby dau age 8 b. IA

Margaret L Ashby dau age 5 b. IA

Marvin J Ashby son age 1, b. IA

Jerome W. Vawter age 67 father in law widow b. IA

Hurricane Baptist
Church Cemetery
Wilson County
Tennessee, USA

16 Total Interments



(left)
David R Vaughter
Birth: Mar. 15, 1810
Death: Sept. 5, 1898



(right)
Elizabeth M Laswell
Vaughter
Birth: Nov. 14, 1817
Death: Dec. 2, 1896



John B Vaughter
Birth: Jun 24, 1839
Death: Feb 18, 1911

Sarah J Vaughter
Birth: Oct. 28, 1849
Death: Dec. 10, 1912



T. H. Vaughter
Birth: Dec. 25, 1834
Death: Oct. 16, 1916

N. E. Vaughter
Birth: Jan 25, 1836
Death: May 14, 1919

Father Mother
(base stone)

1920 Name distribution by Census

The following states had VVV families in the 1920 census. This index shows the number of families by state. We certainly were spread from coast to coast, north and south. Of course, misspelling of names would likely mean many of these families were related if in the same state. When doing research in the census, it is important to look at all name variations and always checking 5 to 10 families before the name and 5 to 10 after the name for female connections. Many times daughters, grandparents, aunts and uncles were living close by.

Vawter

22-41 California, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana

8-21 Wyoming, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Iowa, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia

1-7 Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Alaska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Michigan, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Massachusetts.

Vawters

4-6 Illinois, Ohio and Alabama

Only 1 Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa

Vauter

7-11 Indiana

3-6 Texas, Oklahoma

1-2 Washington, California, New Mexico, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Michigan

Vauters

2 Iowa, Illinois and Indiana

1-2 Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Ohio

Only 1 in Massachusetts

Vaughter

10-18 Tennessee

4-9 Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Virginia

1-3` Oregon, New Mexico, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Ohio

Vaughters

5-8 Tennessee, Georgia, Ohio

2-4 South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Virginia

Only 1 in Texas, Minnesota, Kentucky, South Carolina, Delaware, New Jersey, Michigan, Massachusetts

William W. Vawter – Son of James Madison and irena (Rail) Vawter

William W. Vawter m. (1) Sep 1878 to Azalia Vanbriggles, marriages of Tipton Co., IN
Liberty Cemetery Tipton County, IN. A Vawter (wife of WW Vawter) b. 1853 d. 1 Dec 1879 age
26y 10ms and 7 days.

Child: Orvel Vawter, Birth: October 1879, Death, Feb 10, 1880

Inscription: Son of WW & A Vawter / Aged 4m & 4d, Liberty Cemetery, Tipton Co., IN
1870 US Census Tipton Co., IN

Joseph Vanbrigle age 41

Sarana Vanbrigle age 38

Azalila Vanbrigle age 16, Ira Vanbrigle age 15, Elizabeth Vanbrigle age 13, Girzell Vanbrigle
age 11, Martha A. Vanbrigle age 6, Denton Vanbrigle age 4, Vinson Vanbrigle age 2

William W. Vawter b. Dec 1854 Tipton Co., IN m (2) 16 Dec 1882 BK C-7 p. 259 Clinton Co., IN to
Nancy J Miller (sister to Rosa, 2nd wf of Samuel Vawter, a cousin) Marriage records states William
age 28 and parents James M. and Irena (Rail) Vawter.

1880 US Census Tipton Co., IN

Rena Vawter age 61 b. NC

Elizabeth Vawter age 32 b. IN

Sarah Vawter age 27 b. IN

Wm. W. Vawter age 25 single b. IN

1900 US Census Center, Grant Co., IN

William Vanter (Vawter) age 45 b. Dec 1854, married 17yrs b. IN

Nancy Vanter wife age 40 b. Apr 1860 b. TN

William G. Vanter b. Dec 1886 age 13 b. IN son

Howard Vanter b. Mar 1889 age 11 b. IN son

1910 US Census Center, Grant Co., IN

Nancy J. Vawter age 49 b. TN

William F. Vawter age 23 b. IN

Howard E. Vawter age 21 b. IN

Indiana Marriage Index

Howard Vawter m. 30 Oct 1912 Grant Co., IN to Phebe Leitch BK 19, pg 136

1920 US Census Center, Grant Co., IN

William G. Vanter age 33 b. IN head of house, owns home

Nancy J. Vanter age 59 b. TN

1930 US Census Center Grant Co., IN

Nancy J. Vawter age 69 b. TN

William Vawter son age 43 b. IN

George W. Vawter son age 23 b. ca 1907 IN

[GJNote: I don't believe George W. is a son, perhaps another relationship. A George R. Vawter,
son of Elmer Vawter located in Marion County, IN is the likely connection]

Social Security Death Index :

William Vawter, b. 6 Dec 1886, died Aug 1969, Marion, Grant Co., IN

THE MURDER OF MARTHA “PATSY” VAUGHTER FARISS

Charles Fariss was at school. It was a Tuesday, Aug 28, 1821, in Charlotte County, Virginia (maybe even near the town of Charlotte Court House). Pat, a family slave, came and told Charles that his mother was dead. This happened about 12:30 p.m. Charles and the slave went home. As soon as he saw her, Charles could tell that his mother had been murdered, and, judging from the flies around her body, that his mother had been dead for some time. (Charles might have been as old as eighteen. Ludwell Fariss, who was out of school it appears, gave testimony at the trial, also, and identified himself as Charles' brother. An Elizabeth Fariss also testified)

The mother of these children was Martha Faris/Fariss. She was referred to as Patsy Vaughter when she married John Faris, soon after Jan. 24, 1799. Her brothers Lemuel Vaughters (sic) and Ludwell Vaughter had confirmed, for a Charlotte County marriage bond, that Patsy was of age of consent to agree to marry John.

At the trial on Sep. 29, 1821, held over from Sept. 4, it was revealed that Pat said she had run to the schoolhouse to tell the children about their mother as soon as she found Martha. However, she had apparently changed clothes and she had stopped to talk to several people on the way. Pat had stopped at the home of Mrs. Drucilla Harvey where she said that her mistress' wounds were on her head and shoulders. When asked, in the presence of John Ford, why Pat did not try to revive Martha with camphor, Pat said "...a bushel of camphor would not bring her to, for that the side of her head, and all along down here (bringing her hand down her head, shoulder and arm) was beaten all to pieces."

Richard W. Gaines gave witness that it appeared that Martha had been attacked from behind by a left-handed person. However, he said that there was no evidence of the wounds to the shoulder at first examination. It was only after he talked to John Ford (after Ford's conversation with Pat) that Gaines knew to have the shoulder examined, as these wounds were hidden by Martha's garments. Further he testified that "... her skull was so broken that it would give way by pressing it any where [sic] and that the brains would run out and were runing [sic] out at her right ear and that he is confident that the wounds aforesaid produced her death."

John Fariss Senr." testified that he had left town on Monday, that he could not find the clothes Pat had been wearing when he left town, and that the slave, Pat, "works left handed."

Rose and Christian, slave women and friends of Pat, revealed that Pat told them that she took "great liberties" in her dealings with her mistress, Martha Fariss. Rose 'wondered that [Pat's] master did not whip her instead of her mistress. [Pat] Said that her master 'wound not whip her to save her mistresses life.'" On Monday, Pat went to Christian and said "... that she had rec'd on the evening before a whipping with a Cowhide and that her mistress should not be there long – that she [Pat] was not born in a thicket to be seared by a cricket."

Pat was found guilty; and, that Pat "...for the offence aforesaid [should] be hanged by the neck until [sic] She be dead...on Saturday the 3rd day of October next 1821 between the hours of 12 in the forenoon and two o'clock in the afternoon of the Same day at the Court house of the Said County." Additionally it states, "The Court values the Said Pat at three hundred + fifty dollars."

The town of Charlotte Court House is quite interesting. A small museum and a library are in historic houses adjacent to the courthouse. The room where Pat was tried no longer exists. However, David Hoffman has written on Flickr.Com, "The interior [of the courthouse at the side where Pat was tried and hanged], had been much altered over the years; but in 1959, the building was renovated, making an effort to restore the interior to its original design. [The blog includes photographs,] When this structure was built [in 1823, two years after the Fariss murder trial], the town of Charlotte Court House was called Marysville, not achieving its current name until 1901. The court scene in the movie Sommersby (early 1990s) with Jodie Foster and Richard Gere was filmed in this building" (<http://flickr.com/photos/universalpops/4325050947/>)

All of these experiences are just a half-hour or so down the road from the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, Virginia. One could visit and tour both sites in a single day; however, the court room is not always open. The Line of Descent for Martha "Patsy" Vaughter Faris is: <Thomas Vawter & Mary Elizabeth Pitt <Edward Vawter & Elizabeth Boulware<Bartholomew Vawter & Winifred Hodgson [Wm. A Cottle (Sr.)]



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/resortparts/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 crops. <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.

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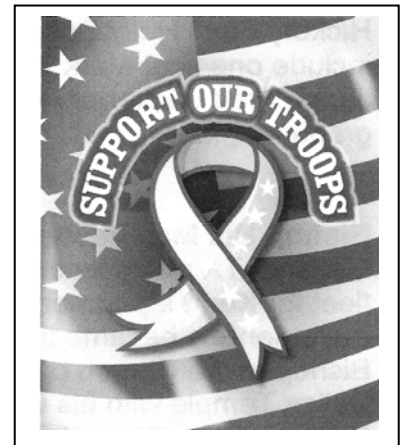
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Genealogy sessions will be Friday July 15 directly following the business meeting. Over 100 copies of original documents will be on display including Bartholomew Vawter's will. Additionally John and Margaret Vawter's wills will be included along with deeds and other family documents.

Fun to look at and fun to read.

Please bring any copies of old documents that you would like to share with the group. Copies please!. It will be interesting to see what we have stored in our boxes at home. If anyone has any materials they would like to share we would love to show them off.

On Saturday the Genealogy session will be open to the group to discuss and ask questions of each other. If any one does not want to take the day trip, we will try to have on hand materials for you to read or look at. A room is provided to us for the entire meeting time and is open for relaxation and genealogy. A printer or copier is being looked into but cannot be guaranteed at this time. Bring your materials and share with your VVV family and Friends.

Welcome new visitors and re-welcome old friends.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Elaine Wicker Reese, 71, died Friday, February 11, 2011, at the Med in Memphis, TN, as the result of an automobile accident. She was a member of Hickory Flat Baptist Church. Services were held Sunday, Feb. 13, at Hickory Flat Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny Rakestraw and Rev. William Phillips officiating. Burial was in McKay Cemetery in Hickory Flat. Holly Springs Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Survivors include one son, Mark Wicker Reese (Wendy), of Oxford; one grandson, two brothers, Judge Fred Wicker of Pontotoc and Kenneth Wicker (Norma) of Tupelo; one great granddaughter.

Bishop Bill Mac Vawter, age 82, of Oklahoma City, OK, was born on July 30, 1928, in Gilliland, TX and passed from this life on April 24, 2011. Bill was a manager of the delivery fleet for Kerr Department Store. He retired from Civil Service/FAA after 30 years. After retirement he became the Regional Director for the church buildings. Bill served as a Bishop at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He did missionary work at the Dallas Temple with his wife Virginia and previous wife, Dorothy. Bill did volunteer services for the Bishop Store House in Oklahoma City. He showed his love to the Savior by his service to his fellow men. He loved his grandchildren. Each one thought they were the very favorite. Bill is survived by his wife of 17 years, Virginia Vawter, of the home; 3 children, Diana Loch & Husband Bill; sons, William Vawter & wife Diana, Kenneth Vawter & wife Kathleen; stepsons, Philip Whitaker & wife Donna, Paul Whitaker & wife ElDonna, and Mark Whitaker; 11 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; brother James Vawter & wife Mary of TX; and sister-in-law, Erma Vawter of OKC. He is preceded in death by his parents, Oscar Lee & Roxie Vawter, first wife, of 44 years, Dorothy; brothers, Joe Don Vawter and Oscar Lee Vawter. We would like to thank the nursing staff at Integris Southwest Medical Center, and Dr. Raman and Dr. Daniel Lee for their special and loving care, along with the Fresenius Dialysis Center. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at 2440 SW 55th St., OKC. Interment to follow at Resthaven Memory Gardens. Services are under the direction of the John M Ireland Funeral Home, Moore, OK.

Millard L. "Bud" Vawter, died Saturday, 8-28-2010 at Eagle Point Nursing Home, Clinton, Iowa. Millard, the son of Skyler Beverly & Opal (Hackersmith) (Wilmoth) Vawter was born in Bloomington, (McLean), Illinois 9-12-36. Bud married Frances K Robbins on May 29, 1960 in Lincoln, (Logan), Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Frances and five children, Rebecca (Mark) Huebbe, Cedar Rapids, IA; Brian Vawter, Comanche, IA; Randall (Sondria) Vawter, Cape Coral, FL; Michael (Sarah) Vawter, Clinton, IA; and Matthew Vawter, Cedar Rapids, IA; 16 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren and a sister Pauline Powell, TX; a brother, Franklin Vawter, Greeley, CO; 2 half-sisters, Maxine Joling, Wisconsin Rapids, WI and Josephine Parker, Indianapolis, IN., along with many nieces & nephews and cousins, Shirley Beasley, and Bruce Vawter, active members of our association. Bud had worked as a meat cutter for many years in Clinton, IA and Bloomington-Normal, IL

Virginia, Clinch Valley news, 29 Sep 1905

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mrs. Charles Walter Steele to Mrs. Clara Vawter Hull, October 11, at Norton, Virginia.

Alexandria, DC. Alexandria gazette. 17 Feb 1900. The twenty-third annual convention of the Virginia Y.M.C.A. at Hampton, at Newport News yesterday elected the following officers; (including) J. S. Vawter, Bluefields, W. VA

Alexandria, DC. Alexandria gazette. 6 Jun 1900

The President today sent to the senate the following nominations: Marshalls, district of Alaska: James M. Shoup, of Alaska, Cornelius L. Vawter of Alaska and George G. Perry, of Iowa.

Woodstock, VA. Shenandoah herald. 24 Jan 1896

Died from a Pistol Shot.

A special to the Staunton news from Mr. Crawford, says: "A serious accident happened some days ago, in which John Vawter of Mt. Crawford Station, was wounded by a pistol ball which may cost him his life. Vawter had been working in a shop near Cross Keys and on Saturday evening when ready to start home a colored man, who had left a revolver on a shelf in the shop, requested Vawter to get it for him. As he handed the weapon to the party, the man dropped it in his coat pocket and the pistol passed out through a hole a fell to the floor, when it exploded a shell and the ball struck Vawter in the inside front of the thigh and ranged upward. Dr. Salizer was summoned and probed for the ball to the depth of six inches, but could not find it. Blood poison has developed and Vawter is critically ill at his home, there being no hope for his recovery."

Mr. Vawter died on Tuesday the 14th.

Richmond, VA. Richmond Dispatch. 16 Feb 1901

Cumberland, MD, February 15. Three men were instantly killed and four badly hurt this morning while thawing dynamite before an open fire at the mouth of a tunnel being constructed for the Baltimore and Ohio cut-off at Patterson's Creek, W. VA., eight miles below here. The dead are:

Gilmore Wagner, aged 40 years, of Sinclarsville, W. VA

W. H. Vawter, aged 19, of Gordonsville, VA

An Italian; name unknown.

The injured are: H. E. Faulkner of Richmond, VA., a cousin of Vawter's head badly cut and filled with broken stone.

The dynamite was laid against a plank before the open fire.Vawter was a driver out of the tunnel and Wagner a brakeman. The bodies of the men were brought here tonight and prepared for burial. Vawter's body will be sent to his home, in Virginia, tomorrow and Faulkner will accompany it if able to travel.

Faulkner was standing on the other side of the dinky when the explosion occurred.

Young Vawter's father is a wealthy merchant at Vawter's Store Post Office in Louisa Co, VA., the boy was fond of adventure and for that reason was with the tunnel gang making \$1.50 a da

Historical Significance of the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is listed as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. Vernon was an early Indiana pioneer town that played a role in many of the significant events of our young country and state. Vernon also claims a few Indiana firsts. There was some doubt that these “firsts” could be substantiated, yet after visiting the Indiana State Library: the State’s *City and Town File* seems to build a consensus of reputable (reported consistently over the past 60 years) secondary sources that support these claims.

Vernon was originally platted in 1815 by John Vawter. He named the town Vernon after the home of George Washington, Mount Vernon. Indiana became a state on December 11, 1816 and Jonathan Jennings was elected Indiana’s first governor. Jennings County was formed in 1816 and was named after Indiana’s first governor. Vernon was designated the county seat by the newly elected county commissioners at their first meeting in May 6, 1817.

“ John Vawter and David McClure offered their land for purchase under many stipulations. They specifically set aside a portion of the east side of town to be common to all citizens. This large section of land “the commons” is still a public park today.”

The “Commons” is Indiana’s oldest public park. The idea for this public park was modeled from Boston. Just south of Vernon, directly across the river is the mouth of the millrace of one of the first mills in the area. The Tunnel Mill was built in 1824 and was considered “to be an extraordinary engineering feat for that time.” A two hundred foot long by fifteen-foot wide tunnel was excavated through the limestone ridge that separated two points of the Muscatatuck River. A road was built on top of this ridge which leads into Vernon. With more emphasis, the IDNR reports:

“Only a small stone wall, a tall brick Chimney and the tunnel (40007) remain to mark the site of one of the most remarkable industrial structures of pioneer days.”

The first Christian Church in Indiana was created in Vernon in 1831. Vernon was along the path of Indiana’s first railroad. During this construction (1837) it was necessary to create the first elevated rail track in Indiana, as well as the first one west of the Alleghany Mountains.

“On January 25, 1851, Vernon was granted a charter by the state that established standards for the election of officials and their duties. Vernon still operates under this charter and is the only town in the state that has an elected mayor as well as a town council. The charter mandates election of town officials on the first Monday of March in the odd numbered year.”

The first all women’s club in America was created in Vernon on July 17, 1858. This club predates the “Sorosis Club” from New York (1868), and the “Minerva” group from New Harmony (1859). The “Clionian Society” is still in existence today. Vernon and many homes and caves in the surrounding area played a part in the historic “Underground Railroad”. Specific to Vernon we find the Sanford Tavern and the Vernon “row houses” have sufficient evidence of playing a part in the freeing and temporary housing of underground slaves.

Vernon was one of only a few Indiana towns to play a direct role in the Civil War. John Hunt Morgan and his raiders were repelled at Vernon after the town was commanded to surrender (July 11, 1863). Lew Wallace was sent to the town after acknowledgement of Morgan’s commands. No fighting actually occurred as Morgan thought the town was better defended than it actually was. Some incidents of violence were recorded in and around the surrounding area.

The famous painter T.C. Steele did many of his works in and around Vernon. *Street in Vernon* (1886), *On the Muscatatuck* (1886) *Oaks of Vernon* (1887) *Vernon Beeches* (1892) *Summer Days at Vernon* (1892), *The Bloom of the Grape* (1893), *Hills of Vernon* (1894), and *The Muscatatuck* (1898), were among his most famous paintings.

Vernon was also the home of Indiana’s first all female jury trial on July 6, 1921.

As mentioned at the beginning of this paper, Vernon is listed as a **Historic District** on the **National Register of Historic Places**. Vernon received this recognition for its early pioneer architecture and the role it played as an early Indiana settlement.

“The buildings along Jackson Street have remained virtually unchanged since their construction in 1820-1830. Most of Vernon’s architecture has remained relatively unchanged since the nineteenth century. The Federal and Greek Revival styles are well represented”, with some good examples of the Italianate style also, most notably the Jennings County courthouse.

In the mid 1990’s Vernon started a committee to brainstorm on potential means and methods on how to improve the small town. Members from Ball State University Architectural school came in to produce the “Vernon Community Charrette Workshop”. After receiving a planning grant from the Department of Commerce, the original study was then used to develop a comprehensive master plan and marketing strategy. The goal of this study was to secure funding from the DOC from its Community Focus Fund Grant, build the first phase of the master plan for the town, and install the professional marketing strategy to help Vernon become more self sufficient in drawing in the economic benefit of increased tourism.

Vernon was successful in obtaining the Department of Commerce CFFG. Although the amount of money given did not reach many of the master planning goals, all improvements were funded in hope of making the town more attractive for the tourist. These goals were all tied together with the significance and “feel” that you have with Vernon. The SDG generated marketing study paraphrases the town’s relevance to tourism within the proposal of the towns “Recommended Marketing Position”.

with well over 100 buildings built before 1900 in a community with a population of fewer than 400, Vernon is the best example of a mid-19th century community in Indiana”.

Grandma Climbed the Family Tree

by Virginia Day McDonald, Macon, GA

There’s been a change in Grandma, we’ve noticed as of late
She’s always reading history, or jotting down some date.
She’s tracing back the family, we’ll all have pedigrees.
Grandma’s got a hobby, she’s climbing family trees.

Poor Grandpa does the cooking, and now, or so he states,
He even has to wash the cups and all the dinner plates.
Well, Grandma can’t be bothered, she’s busy as a bee,
Compiling genealogy for the family tree.

She has not time to baby sit, the curtains are a fright.
No buttons left on Grandpa’s shirt, the flower bed’s a sight.
She’s given up her club work, and the shows on the TV
The only thing she does now – is climb the family tree.

The mail is all for Grandma, it comes from near and far.
Last week she got the proof she needs to join the DAR
A monumental project – to that we all agree,
A worthwhile avocation – to climb the family tree.

Who blazed the paths of wilderness and
fought through thick and thin.
But none more staunch than Grandma,
whose eyes light up with glee,
each time she finds a missing branch for the family tree.

To some it’s just a hobby, but to Grandma so much
more.
She learns the joys and heartaches of those who went
before.
They loved, they lost, they laughed, they wept –
and now for you and me.
They live again in spirit around the family tree

At least she’s nearly finished, and we are all exposed.
Life will be the same again...this we all suppose.
Grandma will cook and sew, serve crullers with our tea.
We’ll have her back, just as before that wretched family
tree.

Just something to think about.

The Dash

I read of a reverend who stood to speak
at the funeral of his friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth
and spoke of the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most all
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
that she spent alive on earth,
and now only those who loved her
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own,
the cars, the house, the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard,
are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left.
(You could be at "dash mid-range").

If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real,
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
and more often wear a smile,
remembering that this special dash
might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read
with your life's actions to rehash..
would you be pleased with the things they
say about how you spent your dash?

Historical Newspapers Marriage
announcements

Marriages:

1896 Los Angeles, CA

John C. Griffith, a native of Kentucky
and resident of Highland Park, age 25,
and Irma Vawter, a native of
Washington and resident of San Jacinto,
aged 21.

1897 Los Angeles, CA

Edwin J Vawter, a native of Oregon,
age 35 and Eva Mozzelle Ayers, a native
of Texas, age 19, both residents of
Los Angeles.

1897 Los Angeles, CA

George H. Varian, Aged 33, a native of
New York and resident of Los Angeles,
and Emma J. Vawter, aged 24, a native
of Washington and residents of Los
Angeles.

1929 Los Angeles, CA

Oles – Vawter. Robert A. Oles, 31;
Ruth L. Vawter, 28.

1930 Los Angeles, CA

Intention to marry

Vawter – Singleton. Walter B. Vawter,
29; Alice Singleton, 22.

New York, New York 3 Feb 1920

Miss Shedler to wed G. H. Vawter
Mrs. Augusta B. Shedler of 129 West
Eleventh Street has announced the
engagement of her daughter, Miss Bertha
Shedler, to George H. Vawter of Benton,
Mich. Miss Shedler is a graduate of
Wellesley College. Mr. Vawter is a
member of the firm of Baker-Vawter
Company at Benton Harbor. He saw
service with the YMCA during the war,
being in charge of a large district in
France.

**Cunningham Cemetery, Royal, Garland
County, Arkansas, USA**



James H Vawter
Birth: Apr. 15, 1868
Death: Dec. 28, 1949

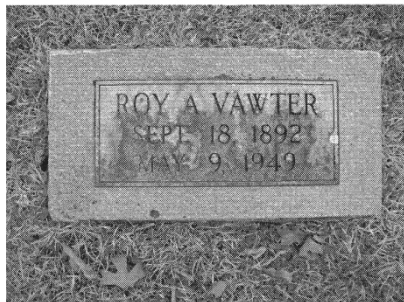
Mittie Vawter
Birth: Oct. 25, 1873
Death: Dec. 11, 1948

Others buried in
Cunningham Cemetery
Donahgene Vawter
b. Oct. 29, 1929
d. Oct. 25, 1935
Infant daughter Vawter
b.&d. Apr. 11, 1925
Infant son Vawter
b. & d. 1927
Jessie Vawter
b. 1910 d. 1977
Orville Vawter
b. 1909 d. 1986
Willie J Vawter
b. 1904 d. 1937
Willie J Vawter
b. Dec. 30, 1929
d. Sen. 17. 1991



Harvey O Vawter
Birth: Oct 9, 1894
Death: Sep. 12, 1973

Pvt US Army
World War I



Roy A Vawter
Birth: Sep. 18, 1892
Death: May 9, 1949



Lillie M Vawter
Birth: Jul. 31, 1904
Death: May 3, 1967

1910 US Census Mountain, Garland, AR
James W. Vawter age 40 MO/IL/TN
Mittie wife age 38 AR/AR/AR
9 children, 8 living
Roy A son age 18 AR
Harvey O son age 16 AR
Hattie L. Dau age 12 AR
Virgie M dau age 10 AR
Willie M. son age 5 AR
Lillie M. dau. age 5 AR
Sidney B. son age 3 AR
Arville W. son age 11 mo. AR

1930 US Census Ouichita, Garland, AR
James H Vawter age 62
Mittie B wife age 58
Harvey son age 34
Lillie J dau .age 24
John Roland..father in law age 82

A letter from Miss Elizabeth Vaughters, Portsmouth, Ohio, Aunt of E. B. Vaughters written about their family and is a touching story. Elizabeth being the last of her generation and keeper of the family history related much of the Vaughters/English genealogy. E. B. Vaughters was the genealogist of the VVV family for many years during the 1970's and 80's. He continued the work of Grace Vawter Bicknell (1905) and William Snyder Vawter (1920 – 1940). Their dedication and many other family historians have made the great history found on the Vawterfamily.org website. Check it out.

Portsmouth, O

August 3, 1972

Dear Elmer,

You'll have to forgive me for being so long in answering your letter. I have had one hectic month. After I finished painting my porch I had painters here that finished painting my house I was kept busy getting them pitchers of cold water, hunting rags and running up and down all the stairs for various things and the weather was so terribly hot it was almost unbearable. I never sweat as much in my life. The sweat run off of my head, behind my ears and down over my glasses. By the end of the day I could hardly think let alone write letters.

The painters did a good job on my house and were reasonable. I was very pleased with their work. Charley hadn't finished all his work yet but has been working on it and I hope will eventually get finished. He had some work to do on the gutters and that board to replace on the outside of the attic yet. He was supposed to do that last year but he never got around to it. Besides all of this, Homer and I have been going out to Rushtown to get some things done out there and we have accomplished a lot. Stayed out there all night several nights and it is much cooler there than here in town and restful too.

Conway was here for several days last week. It's the first time I had seen him for almost two years. He was in Mexico when something happened to his ankle and he had a time getting back. He was in a Columbus hospital for several months last winter. Elmer, I haven't been able to figure out just what you are fishing for with all those nice things you said in your letter about me. Usually they are fishing for a quarter but I know you have plenty of money so it can't be that. Well thanks! For the compliment anyhow. I think just as much of my handsome nephew. You know I always did love you. You know Elmer your father always thought so much of me from the time I was born to as long as he lived. Mother told me that the morning I was born (around six o'clock) that the boys thought they heard a cat crying in the house, they came downstairs looking for it and found me. George kissed me Mother said that he was the first one that ever kissed me. He always loved me, when I was a tiny baby I can remember him pushing me around in the baby carriage. Mother would be busy and leave him to plait my hair and he would roll it in three parts and plait it tight and I would sort of stand out but I didn't care if he did it. Then when he went to school he and Arthur would always carry their lunch in a lunch basket. George would always leave a piece of his sandwich in his basket and bring it home to me. I'd be waiting in the door and that sandwich was the best thing I had ever tasted.

The first day I ever went to school I sat in the seat with him. I got struck on a boy in school that had beautiful big brown eyes. I couldn't keep my eyes off of him. I just sat and kept looking at him. George would say "Quit looking at him, the teacher will get after you. " I'd quit for a few minutes, then right back looking again. Ha! I fell for a boy when I was six years old and still single. Can you beat that? Ha! We were in the kitchen at Rushtown when George told me he was going to get married. We had two dishpans on top of the black wood stove and he was washing the dishes and I was wiping them. As long as he lived even after he was married if he wouldn't see me for a few days he would stop in and say "I just stopped to see how my Sis is getting along." I love your father so much. He was a Mothers Boy too. Different from the rest. He always came to her for so many things. I often think about it and wonder how mother stood it when he was drowned. He was so close to her. He was built like grandfather English and was like him in so many ways. He was a wonderful person. So you see Elmer when you paid me those compliments you made me think of your father. Maybe that's the reason you think so much of me. I appreciate it and love you for it.

I want to thank you for sending me all of those papers. My! What a job to dig all of that out. It really is very interesting. Yes, I have the Bible records of the birth and marriages of S. S. and Sarah Bowser English and Thomas G. and Mary Elizabeth (English) Vaughters but the records don't show where they were born.

My father, Thomas G. Vaughters was born on the West Side, Portsmouth at Vaughters Run. My mother Mary E. Vaughters was born at Sedan, Ohio. Your father George E. Vaughters was born at Young, Ohio. My father established the Post Office at Young, O. and named it.

Grandfather and Grandmother English were born in Pa. When you come back you can see all the records I have and make what copies you need. I was sorry I didn't get to see Adele the last time you were here. I understand she and Suzanne had a nice time in Canada. Hi ! For me. Must close. I have almost written a book. Your Mother and Ruth are Ok, as far as I know. I have been too busy to see them much lately. Thanks again. Love to you both, Aunt Elizabeth.

(enclosed) Elizabeth Linsingbigler died Oct 26, 1905, 96 years, 2 days old

Songs: It is well with my soul, It is his will, Come unto me. Asleep in Jesus. Tex: Numbers 23:10 Born Oct 24, 1809, Joined Baptist Church at Freeport in 1830.

(This was copied from a paper placed in the Bible)

Although you didn't ask for this I just had to enclose it because you wouldn't have an Aunt Elizabeth if it hadn't been for her, I would have been your Aunt Sarah. They called me Sarah for about a month and Great Grandmother wouldn't hear to it. She said they had to call me Elizabeth. So that's why I go by my middle name.

(enclosed)

Sarah Bowser, born in Armstrong co. Penn in 1834, converted and baptized in 1850 Franklin Union Baptist Church of Armstrong Co., Penn. Lived in Sugarcreek Twp. until 1857 then with my parents moved to Ohio and settled on Camp Creek. Lived here 7 yrs. then moved back to Pa., Butler Co. United with the Zion Baptist Church there. Live there 4 yrs. then moved back to Ohio. Said letter in Sedan Baptist Church. Lived there several years then moved to Brush Creek. Then brought our letters to Bethany Baptist Church. (This is copied from a paper which she (Sarah) placed in her Bible.)

2011 Reunion Schedule

Thursday – July 14th

1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.Registration
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.Welcome Reception
7:00 P.M.Site Committee Meeting
8:00 P.M.Executive Committee Meeting

Friday – July 15th

9:00 A.M.Business Meeting
10:00 A.M.Genealogy Session
11:00 A.M.Depart for Paducah Day Trip
6:00 P.M.Depart for Mike Miller Park
6:30 P.M.Fish Fry / Entertainment / Park Activities

Saturday – July 16th

9:00 A.M.Depart for LBL Trip (Elk & Bison Range/Homeplace)
10:00 A.M.Genealogy Session
1:00 P.M.Lunch at a Local Farm with Tobacco Farm Presentation
6:30 P.M.Annual VVV Banquet

Invocation
Meal
Memorial Service
Special Recognition
Youngest & Oldest
Couple Married Longest
Longest Distance Traveled
Roll Call of States
Final Registration Report
Invitation to 2012 Reunion
Door Prizes and Auction Items
Adjournment

Sunday - July 17th

9:00 A.M.
Family Worship Service

2011 VAWTER VAUTER VAUGHTER(S)

Family Association Reunion Gilbertsville, Kentucky

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REGISTRATION

Name of Each Attendee:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Registration Per Single Adult: _____ @ \$10.00 _____

or

Registration Per Family _____ @ \$15.00 _____

Dues for 2012 (if not paid) Includes Newsletter _____ @ \$10.00 _____

Thursday Night Reception No charge

Friday Paducah Trip / National Quilt Museum _____ @ \$ 5.00 _____

Friday Night Fish Fry – Adult _____ @ \$ 8.00 _____

Friday Night Fish Fry – Child _____ @ \$ 4.00 _____

Saturday LBL Trip with Lunch _____ @ \$ 6.00 _____

Saturday Night Banquet – Adult _____ @ \$20.00 _____

Saturday Night Banquet – Child (6-12) _____ @ \$8.00 _____

Saturday Night Banquet – Child (0-5) No charge

TOTAL _____

2011 VVV Reunion Information
July 14, 2011 through July 17, 2011

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

[http:// www.parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/kd/](http://www.parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/kd/)

Rooms must be reserved on or before April 15th to receive the VVV rate below.

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

Additional housing is available at the Comfort Inn Suites in Benton, Kentucky. The rates are \$69.99 per night and the hotel is located approximately 10 miles from the reunion site. Call 270-527-5300 for reservations. Room rates are available until June 30, 2011.

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

We will take a day trip to the City of Paducah for a guided tour of the National Quilt Museum. Lunch will be on your own in Downtown Paducah. 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, with some entertainment and park activities. 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 ACTIVITIES

Saturday's day trip will be to the Land Between the Lakes, National Recreational Area. The following link provides additional information about the part – <http://www.lbl.org/>. Activities for the day will include a trip to the Homeplace and the Elk and Bison Range. In addition, we be touring a local tobacco farm and learning more about one of Kentucky's biggest cash crops while enjoying an old fashion picnic on the grounds of the farm for lunch.

Saturday evening will be the annual family banquet. The banquet will be in a banquet room at the site location.



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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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

**2012 VVV Reunion
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**Cousins attending the
VVV Reunion in
Gilbertsville, KY.
July 2011**

ARIZONA

Kaitlin Johnston
Joan Williamson

ARKANSAS

Brooke Bugos

CALIFORNIA

Garry Vawter
Barbara Smith
Elinor Kniffin

DELAWARE

Donna Vawter
Robert L Vawter

FLORIDA

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Barry Guinagh

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Joe Welch
Darren Welch

Will Welch
Anna Welch
Mark Beasley
Jenaffer Beasley
Karissa Beasley

KENTUCKY

Michelle Alexander
Mike Alexander
Reba Alexander
Ryan Alexander
Chelcie Alexander
Rhonda Timmons
Paul Timmons
U.J. Henry
Leonard Henry
Whitney Wyatt
Brad Wyatt

MINNESOTA

Zoe Vaughter

MISSISSIPPI

Norma Wicker
Ken Wicker
Fred Wicker
Judith Crawford
Martha Hudson

MISSOURI

Georgene Jurgensen
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Linda Vawter
Jason Vawter
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Beth Melton
Beverly Cowen
Daria Williams
Jason Williams
Luke Williams
Joshua Williams
Joseph Williams
Patricia Renton

VIRGINIA

Ned Cummings
Ellen Cummings
Frederick Cummings
Karen Williams
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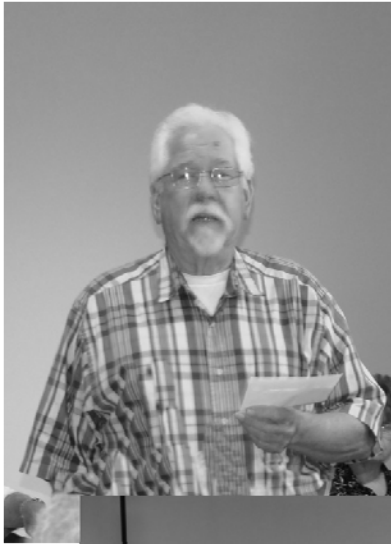
In Memoriam

SOUTH BEND - **Margaret Fay Vawter**, 80, of South Bend, Indiana, walked through Heaven's Gates Sunday, August 7, 2011. She was surrounded by her children and grandchildren when she died. Margaret was born July 3, 1931, to Bernice (Jones) and Oliver Cooke. She had been employed in several fields, was part-owner of LaMar Donut Shop in Niles, and most recently was an aide at Carlisle Nursing Home. On October 11, 1951, Margaret married Clarence Vawter, who preceded her in death in 1973. Clarence and Margaret, better known as "Turk" and "Peggy," had seven children, Martha "Janie" Tarwacki of South Bend, Indiana, Rebecca "Becky" Vawter of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Michael "Mike" Vawter of South Bend, Indiana, Mark (Pat) Vawter of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Brenda "Sue" (Tony) Wycoff of Niles, Michigan, Richard Vawter of Lancaster, South Carolina, John (Thia) Vawter of South Bend, Indiana; grandchildren, Adam Tarwacki of South Bend, Indiana, Peter (Ruth) Tarwacki of South Bend, Indiana, Amy (Dan) Scott of South Bend, Indiana, Andrew Wycoff of Niles, Michigan, Ashley Wycoff of Niles, Michigan, Logan Vawter of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and a great-grandson, Noah Tarwacki of South Bend, Indiana. A grandson, Christopher Wycoff, preceded her in death. Peggy graduated from Hobart High School in 1949. She was a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church in Mishawaka, Indiana. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today, August 10, 2011, in the Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Drive, South Bend, Indiana. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 11, 2011, in the Hillcrest Baptist Church, Mishawaka, Indiana, where friends may call one hour prior to the funeral. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery, South Bend. Memorial contributions may be made to the Missions Fund at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 59220 Bremen Highway, Mishawaka, IN 46544.

Published in South Bend Tribune from August 9 to August 10, 2011

John Warren VAWTER, of Saginaw passed away on April 3, 2011. He was 46 years old. John was the son of Robert and Pat Vawter of Saginaw. He was a resident at HealthSource after suffering a stroke in 2007. John was survived by his mother, Pat Vawter; one brother, Dr. Robert L. Vawter (and his wife, Dr. Maryann Cater) from W.VA; two sisters: Jane A. Vawter of Saginaw and Nancy Stornes (and her husband, Tore') of NJ; one nephew, Erik Stornes and one niece, Mary Stornes. His father, Robert W. Vawter, predeceased him. John was a graduate of Valley Lutheran High School and Saginaw Valley State University. He was an elder in his church for many years. As a youngster, John was a cub scout and enjoyed playing hockey. He played football for Culver Military Academy. John enjoyed collecting baseball cards and was an avid history buff. He bowled with Hopevale Baptist Church as well. John was an ardent fan of the University of Michigan sports teams and loved watching their games on television. He assisted his mother in the gift shop at HealthSource where she volunteered every Sunday. He was employed at Macy's department store in the cash office for over 20 years. John was a beloved son, brother and friend. He was a kind, gentle person who loved his family, his friends and his dog Ozzie. According to John's wishes cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to HealthSource Saginaw, 3340 Hospital Road, Saginaw, MI 48603. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Deisler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter Rd., (off State).

VVV Reunion: Kentucky Dam Resort Park July 14-17, 2011



A fantastic time was had by each and every family member at the VVV reunion. The skill and organization were top notch and a big thank you to all who participated. Over \$1500 was raised for the Vauter's Church in Virginia and a spirit of friendship and family was felt throughout the event. Check the Vawterfamily.org website for all the pictures and information on next year's reunion.



Early America's Medallion Quilts with Multiple Borders. The typical pieced quilt of America's colonial years was far different than we may imagine. These quilts were made up of several borders built around a central theme.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTIONS OF MEDALLION QUILTS

Immigrants to America brought medallion style quilt making techniques across the



Atlantic with them.

Medallion quilts were a favored style from the 1780s through the early 1800s. Then during the middle decades of the 19th century making quilts with sets of blocks became quite popular in America. Meanwhile quilt makers in Europe and Britain continued to prefer making medallion style quilts well beyond that time.

Antique examples of Medallion quilts range from the perfectly symmetrical with intricate piecing or applique to the informal and sometimes asymmetrical. These less formal quilts appear to have been more common during the latter years of medallion popularity. We imagine the

finer ones were made for formal bedrooms while the more casually made medallion quilts were for more humble bedrooms or servants and children's rooms.

If you missed the fantastic tour of the Quilt Museum at Paducah at this year's reunion, plan another trip to the area. The Museum changes constantly and is a great place to stop, look and lunch in town.

Bluefield Daily Telegraph July 21, 1904 ELKHORN, IN

It was reported last night that J. C. Edwards, local agent for the Southern Express Company, had resigned his position. C. H. Frampton, cashier for the same company, is also said to have resigned. It is understood that George Pyles, the Company's agent at Elkhorn, will be made agent here to succeed Mr. Edwards and Mr. Vawter, who is agent at Maybeury, will succeed Mr. Frampton as Cashier for the Bluefield office.

Statewide County IN Archives Military Records.....Enlisted Men, Company E

Civil war - Rosters 82nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Vawter, William S Tipton Aug. 30, 1862 Mustered out June 9, 1865.

CRAWFORDSVILLE UNION CEMETERY

Crawfordsville Union Cemetery, located in Township 14S, Range 1W, Range 17. It is located south of Highway 226 about one mile east of Crawfordsville, Linn County, Oregon, and was established in 1852

Crawford - Philemon V. - 1814 - 1901 - Row 3, with Letitia S.

Crawford - Letitia S. - 1817 - 1896 - Row 3, "Oregon Pioneers"

Pioneer History, Churches of Christ and Christian Churches in the Pacific Northwest, Linn County, Oregon, Crawfordsville

Crawfordsville, a village on Highway 228, was the location of a Restoration Church established in 1883 or before. It met at the schoolhouse in School District No. 3. **Philemon Vawter Crawford** and **Letitia Smith Crawford** had brought their family, including 12 year old Jasper, overland in 1851. P.V. Crawford had been influenced by the preaching of Barton W. Stone before traveling west. The Crawford family first settled in Yamhill County and then moved to this village that later bore their name.



J. V. Crawford

The Crawford family was active in Christian work in Oregon and **Jasper Vincent Crawford** preached at Waitsburg in Washington (1893), Enterprise (1898) and Heppner (1902) in Oregon. Before that, he was the first postmaster at Crawfordsville - about 1870. The town did not have saloons in its early days. After many reincarnations, the church has ceased to exist. Those in the area attend the *Holley Christian Church* or the *Brownsville Christian Church*.

Crawfordsville is still a picturesque area. Several Christians from northern and central Oregon have chosen to be buried in its peaceful cemetery, not far from Philemon and Letitia.

J. V. Crawford Family in 1901

Front row: probably Otheo, Jasper, Elizabeth, and Vawter.

Back: Gertrude, Neal, Maude, Garfield and Letitia.



Jasper V. Crawford had family ties that led back to the roots of the Stone/Campbell Movement. His parents, Philemon Vawter Crawford and Letitia Smith Crawford had brought their family, including 12 year old Jasper, overland in 1851. They entered the Willamette Valley by the Barlow Road.

P.V. Crawford had been influenced by the preaching of Barton W. Stone before traveling west. Several family members had accepted Stone's view that we could be Christians without being part of any denomination or approving any creed.

J. V. Crawford

Before leaving his greater family, J. V. was postmaster at Crawfordsville in Linn County, Oregon. His sister Louisa Lewis wrote "that the postoffice was kept in Mr. Heisler's store at the intersection of the Calapooia and the Brush Creek roads, and that was called the McCaw Lane, as the first place after crossing Brush Creek was Mr. McCaw's place."

The young postmaster met red-headed Elizabeth Dunlap of Brownsville when she came to Crawfordsville to attend a meeting. They married in 1876. Jasper's sister, Mary Ann, also married Elizabeth's brother, David Dunlap.

Elizabeth's father, John, was a representative to the Oregon Territorial Legislature and had been elected as Linn County Commissioner in 1849.



JASPER V. CRAWFORD
AUG. 7, 1839
DEC. 10, 1915
HIS WIFE
ELIZABETH N. DUNLAP
JAN. 28, 1849
JAN. 21, 1926

The Crawford family moved to Waitsburg, Washington Territory, in 1880. J. V. is listed as a delegate to a church meeting in Dayton in 1882 and as an elder in 1883, fully 10 years before he is listed as the minister. During that decade, he earned the family living in a painting and carpentering business.

By 1898, J. V. Crawford had left Waitsburg for Enterprise in Oregon State. A congregation was in its infancy and getting ready to build. Mr. Crawford used his skills in construction to assist with the new building.

The family may have been attracted to Heppner, Oregon because their oldest son, Vawter, had moved there in 1889. He was involved in publishing, government service and banking. His children were also the grandchildren of Jasper and Elizabeth. In 1902 J. V. Crawford was selected as minister of the Heppner Christian Church.

One of Jasper's strengths was his music. He was noted for his singing and used this skill in night-to-night revival meetings in Eastern Oregon and Washington.

Historian Clarence Swander knew J. V. Crawford. He says,

1851 also brought an interesting and lovable character in the person of J. V. Crawford. He was a lad of 12 years when he arrived in Yamhill county from St. Joseph, Missouri, via ox team. It took five months to make the journey. . . .

In due time, Brother Crawford became a preacher of the Word. His footprints are still seen, especially east of the mountains where he served most of his ministry. He is another one of the pioneers whom it was the privilege of the author to know personally; and out of that acquaintance has grown the conviction that if there are any seats in heaven higher and easier than others, Brother Crawford will be occupying one of them.

At another point, Mr. Swander gave us insight to his friend.

One of the best statements of the financial situation of that early day comes from the pen of J. V. Crawford, a pioneer of 1851, a preacher who knew from experience whereof he spoke, and who will always live in the memory of the author as one of God's chosen men. He says: "The minister preached for no stipulated salary, and the voluntary contributions were very small, as no public collections were taken. Preachers supported themselves and their families by other labor, usually on the farm, while they preached the gospel 'free gratis for nothing.' To that custom we are indebted, in no small degree, for the niggardly parsimony now rife in many of our churches. They were true to the Book, however, and hewed to the line, letting the chips fall where they would. They never failed to declare the whole counsel of God as they understood it and woe to the witless 'sectarian' weight who unsheathed his sword in an attack on their position."

It is correctly surmised that the writer of this excerpt was not affected by the "parsimony" mentioned in the letter. Brother Crawford was an extremely broadminded man, charitable to champion and antagonist alike, and supported the church "as much as in him" was in an unusually liberal manner.

Mr. Crawford spent his final years in Heppner, Oregon. He was minister of the Christian Church for a few years, and then retired there for the rest of his life. J. V. and Elizabeth share the same beautiful headstone in the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Elizabeth's parents, John and Jane Dunlap, moved to Waitsburg when Jasper's family lived there. Several members of her family had migrated to Waitsburg. The Senior Dunlaps were living with their son, John Knox Dunlap, at the time of their deaths in 1894.

They are buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Oddly, they are misnamed in the cemetery records as John A. Crawford and Jane C. Crawford instead of Dunlap. One researcher speculated the error was because Jasper and Elizabeth Crawford had purchased the plot. The graves are not marked.

Cemetery Records:

Jasper Vincent Crawford (1839-1915) & Elizabeth Dunlap

- | Janet Maude Crawford (1895-) & C. A. Jones
- | William Vawter Crawford
- | | Arthur Crawford
- | | Spencer Crawford
- | Letitia Crawford & L. G. Atherton
- | Gertrude Crawford & F. S. Parker
- | Garfield Crawford
- | Neal Crawford
- | Otheo Crawford

Cowley County Heritage Book, Cowley County, Kansas. Grace Keesey Lumbert Family

I am the granddaughter of two pioneer families of Cowley County. My grandfather, Francis Marion (Frank) Higginbottom, and my grandmother, Minerva May Higginbottom, came from Tower Hill, Illinois to Cowley County in 1872 with their family of four children, Eliza-Ann, John, Levi, and Mary Ellen (my mother) who was then three months old. Frank Higginbottom's mother and Sam Blakey, a nephew of Minerva, and raised by the Higginbottoms, also came with them. They came in two covered wagons. Sam was 15 and drove a team to one wagon. They settled on land three miles west of what later became Burden, Kansas.

My grandfather, Walter Keesey, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio in December 1840. In January 1862, he was an Illinois Volunteer to the Civil War, where he served until August 1865, when he was honorably discharged at Chicago, Illinois. After the war he came west and settled near Lane, Kansas where he married Nancy Melvina Wens. My father, Thomas Albert (Al) Keesey, was born there in 1869. In 1875 they moved to Cowley County and bought 80 acres of land 1/4 mile west of what later became the town of New Salem. Al Keesey's first school was north of where New Salem now is, and they went a mile east to the Post Office.

In September 1894, T.A. Keesey and Miss Mary Higginbottom were united in marriage at New Salem, Kansas by C.P. Graham, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. My father was living on land just west of the original Keesey 80, and after their marriage they lived their entire lives on this place. They had two children, Aubrey Glen and Grace Lucille.

As I grew up, I was told how the railroad came through this part of Cowley County. Both Aubrey and I grew up close to where it was built. My mother would tell of how it came from the east, and as the men would lay the rails, the work train that followed would go a little farther each day. Another thing my mother remembered was she had a baby sister that year. Her mother bought her a rocking chair to rock the baby, Ida Jane Higginbottom Nimrod, while the mother cooked for the men as they went by the Higginbottom place and then on west. My father would tell how he drove a team to help smooth the ground where the rails were put. That was in 1879 and in 1880 the town of New Salem was organized.

As I remember back, we had in New Salem a bank, two general merchandise stores, where you could buy almost anything. We had two churches; Presbyterian and Methodist; cafe, post office, two-story school house, barber shop, hotel, blacksmith shop, saw mill, livery barn (later a garage), an elevator, depot, and stock yards.

In January 1932 I married Roy Lumbert, who was born in Mt. Hope, KS and moved to Cowley County at age ten. We established our home just south of New Salem where I still live. Roy passed away September, 1965. We have one daughter, Allene Maryann, who married Richard Vaughters. I have three grandchildren, Kevin Vaughters, Teresa (Susie) Vaughters Blasi, and David Vaughters. I also have three great-grandchildren, Chantel Leann and Derek Bliss Vaughters, and Bronson Richard Blasi.

Submitted by Grace Keesey Lumbert

Scanned out of the Cowley County Heritage book, Page 230.

The Daily Ardmoreite

Ardmore, Carter Co., Oklahoma, Tishomingo, Jan. 5, 1929

MRS. MAGGIE VAUGHTER returned to teaching at Bromide after visiting her sister MRS. WILL CONNER.

Carroll County Democrat Huntington, Tennessee

J. B. GILBERT and G. H. MCNEILL, editors

Friday, November 9, 1888 Our genial friend JNO. D. HERRON has accepted a position as traveling salesman for MAY & VAUGHTER of New Orleans. We congratulate them in securing his service as he is a very fine salesman.

Whitley County IN Marriage License Applications

Book 4 page 262 Dated 29 Nov 1912

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Witness For License W H Overholser

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HISTORY of SALINE COUNTY, MISSOURI 1881

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Jacob C. Keithly, P. O. Shackelford, was born in Ralls County, Missouri, March 4, 1831. His grandfather, Jacob, lived in southern Kentucky, where he raised a large family of children, eighteen in number (thirteen sons and five daughters), most of whom moved to Missouri before it became a state, (one of whom was killed by the Indians in St. Charles county); and they settled in St. Charles, Pike and Ralls counties. His son Levi (father of Jacob C.), married Miss Fanny White in Kentucky, and came to Missouri in 1819, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Ralls county, where he lived and farmed until 1875, and died at the advanced age of eighty-one years.

He was a soldier in the Black Hawk war of 1832. Jacob C., the subject of this sketch, was the eighth of nine children by his father's first wife. Was educated at Van Rensselaer Academy, in Ralls county, and at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri. In April, 1857, he came to Saline county and engaged in teaching for three years in the Petra neighborhood. October 27, 1857, he was married to Miss Jane M. Vawter, daughter of Wm. Vawter, of Boone county, Missouri, and born January 16, 1837.

Of this union were born eight children, viz.: Irving W., June 20, 1858; Herbert R., June 2, 1862; Flora, December 3, 1863; Ella, August 28, 1866; George E., December 20, 1868, and Rowland Hill, June 1, 1877, now living; and Joseph C. and Stanley, who died early.

In September, 1860, he moved to the neighborhood of Salt Springs, where he now lives. The next spring the war began, but, although Mr. Keithley espoused the Union cause, he did not volunteer into the service. When the order to enroll in the Enrolled Missouri Militia was made, however, he obeyed, and was in the service at Marshall for one year—about four months of active service—and there being no further need of his services, he paid the commutation tax, which exempted him thereafter. In September, 1852, he united with the Presbyterian Church (O.S.), in Ralls county, and has never regretted the step from that day to this, but has striven to live the life of a consistent Christian.

Since the war he has devoted himself to farming. Latterly he has been striving to effect the propagation of different fish in several ponds, fed by lasting springs. In one he has native fish, such as perch, newlites or crappies, and channel cats; in another, German carp, obtained from Washington City. His object is to make these ponds furnish fish as food the year round. His farm is well improved, containing,, among many other improvements, a stone milk-house, through which cold spring water flows, keeping milk and butter sweet and fresh in the hottest weather. Page 673

The Weekly Blade Whatcom, Washington Wednesday, February 11, 1903

Last Wednesday morning at about 9:30 o'clock William C. VAWTER committed suicide in the city jail by hanging himself. VAWTER met Chief LOGSDON on the street the evening before and asked to be locked up for the night, as he had been on a big spree and was unwell and wanted to sleep it off. The man tore strips from off a blanket and made a rope of it, tied it around his neck and made it fast to the upper part of his cell. He was about 40 years of age and claimed to be a bartender and was supposed to be unmarried. VAWTER's body was taken charge of by Coroner NOICE, who prepared it for shipment to Indiana, where a brother and sister reside.

The title is "Trematon Castle from the River Lyner." Dated 1816, It is hand-colored in green, blue, some red and yellow. The print is actually 6 1/2 by 8 3/4 inches. The original was a part of the late Ralph Vawter's collection and is now in the hands of his niece, Becky Guinagh.



Note: the back of the picture states the following:

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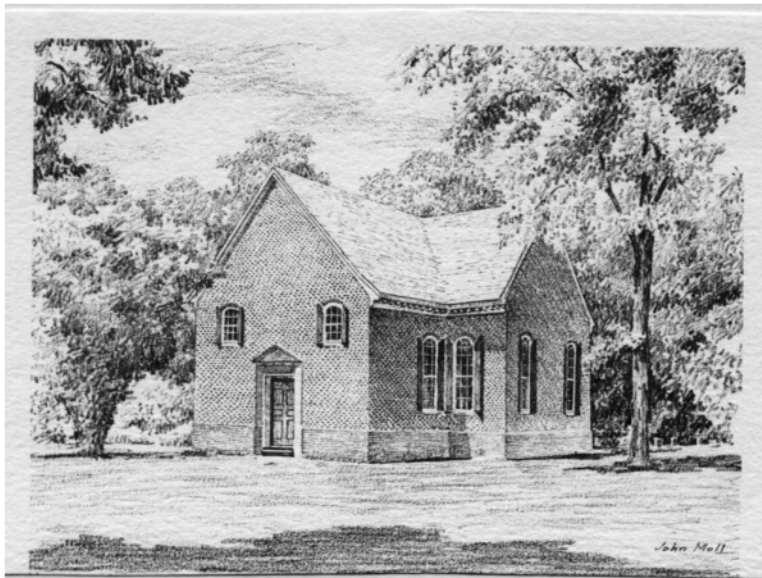
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1731 brick at Vauter's Church

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The beautiful and historic Vauter's Church in Virginia



A note from Lili Blackwell in Virginia gave details of the Vauter's church after the earthquake and hurricane that went through the area this fall.

She indicates that all preliminary information is the church did not sustain any damage however a large tree located west of the church came down in the hurricane. We can be sure the church will stand another 300 years.

In Memoriam

Opal Mae Vawter, 86, of Chattanooga, went to be with the Lord on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011, from a local health care center. She was a member of Highland Park Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, William and Montalee Holcomb; husband, James E. Vawter Sr.; two brothers, William and Willard Holcomb; two sisters, Catherine and Imogene Holcomb. She is survived by her son, James E. Vawter Jr., of East Ridge; daughter, Dianne Ellis, of Chattanooga; one brother, Jimmy Holcomb, of Chickamauga, Ga.; three grandchildren, Mindie (Wesley) Freeman, of Ringgold, Ga., James (Dawn) Vawter III, of Summerville, S.C., Daniel Ellis, of Chattanooga; five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

NEW PALESTINE, IN – **Karen E. (Taylor) Vawter**, age 58, of New Palestine, died Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at her residence. Born on July 8, 1953, she was the daughter of Reuben and Sudie (Lush) Taylor. She married Orville Frank Vawter Jr. on May 13, 1988 in Indianapolis. Karen had worked for Vawter Automotive and Blue Cross and Blue Shield as a business administrator. Surviving her are her husband, Orville of New Palestine; children, Robert D. Vawter of Wanamaker, Rodney G. (Vonda) Vawter of New Palestine, Deonna R. Vawter of Martinsville, Tracey (Chad) Hamor of Omaha, NE, Bettina (Jesse) Bradley of Omaha, NE, Matthew Vawter of Indianapolis, Elizabeth (William) Alexander of Indianapolis; brothers, Raymond Taylor, Robert Lee Taylor, Billy Taylor; sisters, Barbra Flake, Sue Eads, Carol Dahlquist; twelve grandchildren, Sami, Nik, Brooke, Justen, Ellie, Augie, Shelby, Nathan, Will, Cambell, Chloe, Charlestyn; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her parents, Reuben and Sudie Taylor and brother, Kenny Taylor.

Frances Vawter, 91, of Montrose, and formerly of Hamilton, Ill., died Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at Keokuk Area Hospital. Born April 13, 1920, in Marietta, Ill., she was the daughter of Chester and Ada Haigh Bartlett. On Sept. 4, 1937, she married William Vawter in Kahoka, Mo. He died Nov. 10, 1984. Mrs. Vawter had worked at Daylight Donuts in Keokuk, Dadant's in Hamilton, Methode Electronics in Carthage, Ill., and Montebello Gardens in Hamilton. She was a member of the Hamilton BPW and attended the Presbyterian Church in Hamilton. She loved the outdoors and spent as much time as she could camping, fishing, hunting and boating. She enjoyed working in her garden and creating floral arrangements.

Survivors include three daughters, Virginia Jean Norris of Tennessee, Ill., Wilma Lavina Vawter of Woodson, Ill., and Diana Sue Griffiths of Hamilton; one son, James Arthur Vawter of Keokuk; one adopted son, James Arthur Vawter Jr. of Keokuk; 16 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Dorothy Snyder of Burnside, Ill., Thelma Marie McCarty of Staunton, Ill., and Faye Knapp of Visalia, Calif.; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother and one sister.

Jacqueline M. Vawter, May 1, 1930 - September 10, 2011, 81, of New Albany, KY passed away on at Autumn Woods Health Campus. She was a member of Preston Highway Methodist Church. Jacqueline is preceded in death by her husband, Russell K. Vawter. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Engleman (Randall) and Linda Greer (Butch); brother, Richard Taft; 3 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Nashville, TN. **Kathie Ann Vaughter** - age 57, passed away Friday, July 15, 2011. She was born Sunday February 14, 1954 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Isaac Hope and Artie Lavelle Oliver Shankle. Kathie worked in Client Services at Quest Diagnostics for 30 years; she enjoyed her children, grandchildren, reading, movie trivia, sports, especially the Tennessee Titans and the television soap Days of Our Lives. She is survived by her husband of 25 years Randy M. Vaughter; daughter Rhiannon (Dustin) Malone; son Adam (Melody) Vaughter; brother Larry Shankle; grandsons Logan and Lawson.

In Memoriam

Lexington, KY. May 14, 1914 - October 27, 2011. **Velna Beck Vawter**, 97, of Burkhart Road, died Thursday, October 27, 2011, at the home of her daughter.

The funeral will be 11 a.m. Saturday, October 29, 2011, at Becks Lutheran Church, where she was a member, with the Rev. David Martin officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. Vawter was born May 14, 1914, in Davidson County, to William David Beck and Hettie Dunn Beck. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Willie Ray Vawter Sr.; brothers, Carlton Beck, Arlie Beck, Ernest Beck, Gurney Beck, Elmer Beck, Efirid Beck, and James Beck; two Grandchildren, Lara Parker and Tony Dale Mull; and a son-in-law David Mull.

Surviving are sons, Willie Vawter Jr. and wife, Vonceil, Charles David Vawter and wife, Sandy, both of Lexington, and Roger D. Vawter and wife, Mary, of Clemmons; daughters, Maxine Mull, Sue Everhart and husband, Charles, and Kaye Parker and husband, Jack; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Clifford Beck of Denton; and a sister-in-law, Lena Beck of Lexington.

San Antonio, TX. **Doris Mae Vauter**, age 88, went home on July 28th, 2011. She was born on January 9, 1923 in San Benito, Texas to Julian Marvin and Mae Belle (Nesmith) Andrews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Vauter and their son, Jack Vauter, Jr. She is survived by her son, James R. Vauter (Joyce), daughter, Bonnie L. Flagg (Frank), son, John S. Vauter (Georgetta), sister, Lois A. Mullinix and numerous nieces and nephews, 14 beloved grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren. She was an active member of Castle Hills Baptist Church, and worked for Joske's of Texas for over 20 years.

Iuka, MS. **Helen Marguerite Nixon**, 86 died Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. She was born June 4, 1924 in Paden to Clinton Kelly and Annie Willard Robinson Nixon. She was a resident of Paden until after high school. She attended Holmes Community college at Goodman. She has been a resident of Memphis: Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Detroit, Huntsville, St. Louis, and Iuka. She retired from the US Army Missile command, Redstone Arsenal, AL in 1985 after 34 years of government service with the US Air Force.

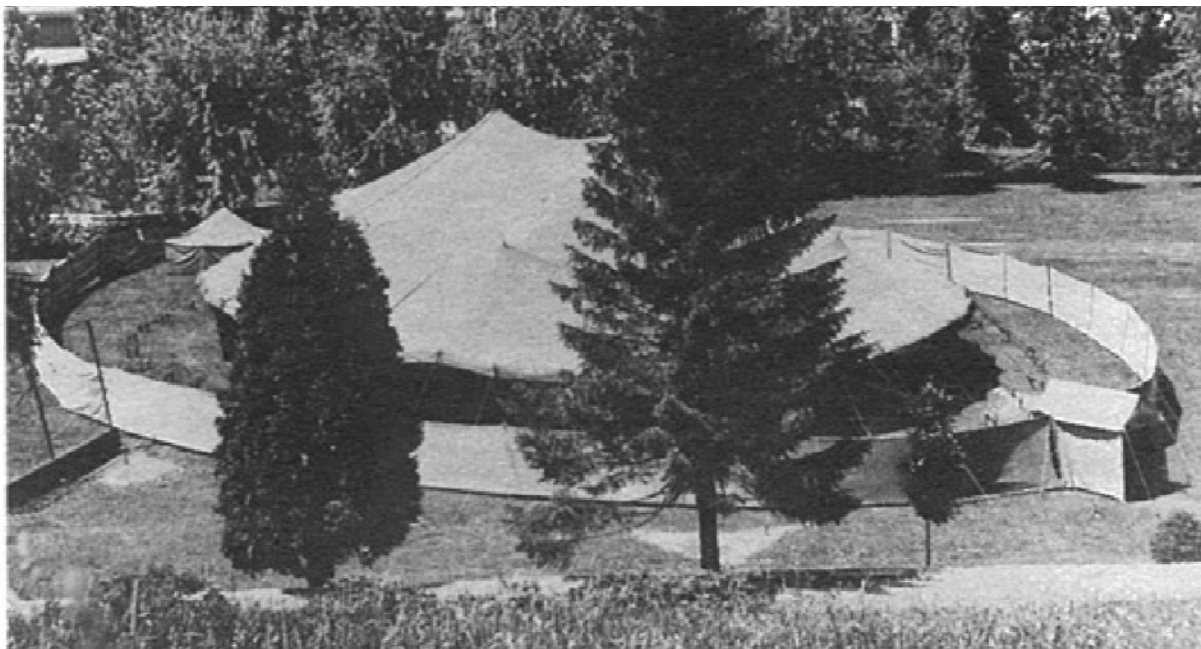
Mrs. Nixon married RAF Capt. David Duncan Esler of Perth, Scotland on May 4, 1944 in Montreal. She attended the Universities of Mississippi and Tennessee. She was active in many social clubs, including Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Regent of the DAR. She was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Iuka. She was president of the National Assoc. of Retired Federal Employees and member of the Iuka 20th Century Club and Order of the Easter Star. She was active in the First Methodist Church and was district secretary with 13 churches under her jurisdiction in Iuka. She was Vice President of the New Albany district, United Methodist Women.

Survivors include her sister, Mildred Nixon Hill of Iuka, a sister in law Dorothy Diesch Nixon and great nephew John and David Casavant of Signal Mountain, TN; many cousins from the Nixon and Robinson families. She was preceded in death by a son; her parents; brothers, James Clinton Nixon and Edward Kelly Nixon and wife; Gladys Griggs Nixon; a brother in law Martin Elton Hill and nieces Katheryn Ann Hill and Louise Nixon Casavant.

Steve Hubert Vauter Jr. was born in Monroe, Michigan on August 7, 1966. He was the son of Steve Vauter Sr. and the late Sharon Hines. Steve passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 13, 2011 at his home. Steve attended Ida Schools and was a 1985 graduate of Ida High School. He later attended Monroe County Community College and obtained his Associate Degree in Automotive Technology. Steve married the former Teresa Blevins in 1994 and from this union came the birth of two sons. For many years Steve worked as a truck driver. He enjoyed the freedom of the open road. Steve enjoyed the outdoors and gardening was a favorite pastime. He also liked to read and loved working and wrenching on cars in his spare time. Steve also enjoyed physical fitness including weight training and taking nutritional drinks and supplements. His passing was preceded by his mother on August 6, 2009. Steve leaves to cherish his memory two beloved sons: Ian Vauter and Caleb Vauter both of Monroe and several aunts and uncles.

Tent Chautauqua

In 1904, Keith Vawter, who was then Western Manager for the Redpath Lyceum Bureau, organized the first traveling tent chautauqua. Not wanting to endanger the Redpath bureau's reputation, he operated as the Standard Chautauqua Bureau of Chicago. Harry Harrison, the first platform manager for Vawter, wrote "... with map, calendar, railroad timetables and his list of available Redpath talent Vawter planned a new kind of summer season. He built a sample program with a proper balance of serious lectures, humorists, magicians, popular music companies, play readers and a few famous preachers, to operate on an eight-day schedule." Local managers could choose their serious attractions, but Vawter picked the entertainment to minimize transportation costs for those acts with a lot of baggage. Edwin Brush (who did have a lot of baggage) was selected for this first circuit, and in Iowa Falls, on July 10, 1904, he became the first magician to perform for tent chautauqua.



The chautauqua movement declined after the First World War (1914-1918) and tent chautauquas did not survive the 1929 depression. The Chautauqua Institution, however, still exists as a cultural village that springs to life every summer. Each year, thousands of people return for another season of lectures, concerts, opera, theater, study courses, and recreation

Cedar Rapids Republican (Cedar Rapids, IA) 22 Nov 1925

Keith Vawter, Owner and Chatauqua Manager

Keith Vawter, owner and manager of the Redpath Vawter Chautauqua system with headquarters in Cedar Rapids was born in Indianola. He studied at Drake University and in 1899 married Cora E. Kiser of Marshalltown.

He was a member of the firm of Vawter and son, booksellers in Des Moines from 1896 to 1899 and then established the Standard lecture bureau. He became connected with the Redpath Lyceum bureau in Chicago in 1902 and organized the Redpath Chautauqua there the following year.

Mr. Vawter started his career with only a small sum of money and has gradually worked his way up the ladder of success. He is also secretary of the Redpath Lyceum bureau and the Midland Lyceum bureaus; member of the board of directors of the Cedar Rapids Savings Bank and Trust company. He was director of the speaking bureau for the third and fourth liberty loan campaigns in Iowa.

Mr. Vawter and his family are active in the work of the Christian church. Mr. Vawter is prominent in Masonic circles, a member of the Rotary club of Cedar Rapids, and a member of the Press and Union League clubs of Chicago. He has always taken an intense interest in civic affairs and has influenced the upbuilding of the community.

JANUARY 18, 1926.

The Cedar Rapids Republican was the first daily newspaper in America to publish and maintain daily a page devoted to agricultural interests.

NEWS FARMING

SUTERA RE-ELECTE

DR. GRAHAM WILL MAKE T. B. TESTS

Bertram Township Farmers to Learn About Area Plan

Dr. L. E. Graham, local veterinarian, assisted by Dr. H. N. Strader, veterinarian in charge of the area test drive of tuberculin cattle in Linn county, will start testing cattle in Bertram township on Wednesday, Dr. Strader announced today.

It is planned to hold a meeting at Bertram tomorrow night. At this meeting, Dr. Strader will explain the nature of the test, how it is made and what will be done if they are found.

It also will be decided at this meeting, where the work in Bertram township will be started. The farmers will make an itinerary on the route which the veterinarians will take in going through the county testing the herds.

Thus far more than 500 head of cattle have been tested in Franklin, where the work was started a week ago. Dr. Strader stated that thus far the percentage of reactors has been very slight.

Plans, whereby all of the veterinarians in the county will be making tests in the county are being outlined by Dr. Strader. He expects to have all of the men at work in a short time, so that the testing may be rushed to completion.

Grain Shipments to Cedar Rapids

The federal grain inspector located here reported that the following cars of grain arrived in the city Thursday: 51 cars new corn. 23 cars oats.

VAWTER BUYS FARM AT \$160 PER ACRE

Shaw Sells 80 Acres of Land East of Marion

Keith Vawter of the Redpath Vawter system, here purchased 80 acres of land, 10 miles northeast of Marion, at a figure close to \$160 an acre, Saturday.

The land, which is level and of black soil, is hog-tight, both inside and out and is tilled. The farm is located one-half mile east of another farm which Vawter owns.

Although the exact figure was not disclosed, it was rumored that the sale price of the land was between \$150 and \$160 per acre. The deal was made partly in cash and partly in trade. Vawter traded in a small acreage located near Hunkley, Minn.

The property was formerly owned by Charles Shaw, who lived near Whittier and who is now in California. The transaction was completed through G. E. Jolinson, local real estate dealer.

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Vawter buys Farm (article at left)

The Cedar Rapids Republican (Cedar Rapids, IA) 29 Apr 1926

Wednesday Shakespeare Club Entertains for Bards Anniversary

Miss Betty Vawter played two piano solos. "Au Matin" and "Solfeggitto."

The Cedar Rapids Republican (Cedar Rapids, IA) 1 Oct 1926

Missionary Meeting Keith Vawter Home

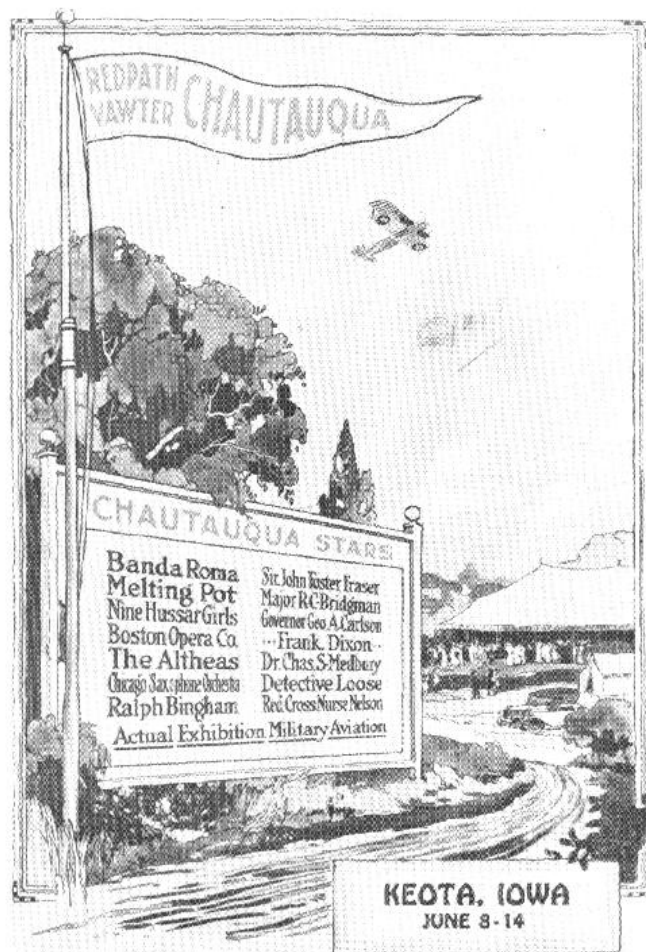
The Jane Boyd division of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Christian church met this afternoon for a 1 o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Keith Vawter.

In 1907 Vawter ran a circuit of thirty-three towns. According to the contract, Vawter furnished all of the talent, tents, advertising, and work crews, and the local citizens handled the advance sale of tickets. In the following years, Vawter made improvements in his circuit system. In 1909 he started the seven-day Chautauqua. A tent was set up in a new town on a Monday morning, for example, and the Chautauqua was ready for business on Monday afternoon. The last program was on Sunday, after which the tent was taken down, put into a railroad baggage car and moved to another town. The year 1910 saw the introduction of the final sophistication in program arrangement. Each performer or group was assigned to a definite day on the program and always performed in that sequence throughout the summer season. Thus, first-day talent remained first-day talent all season long. The same was true for second-day talent and so on for the seven groups of talent. The tent remained in a town for a whole week under the direction of a superintendent who had charge of all the programs in that town, but the first-day talent moved at once to another town and opened another first day. Eventually there were also five-day and three-day circuits, but these were usually not Redpath circuits.

The basic business arrangement for Chautauqua involved the "contract" and a system of "guarantors." Under this method a

local Chautauqua committee signed a contract pledging its cooperation in the sale of tickets for next summer's Chautauqua and also guaranteeing payment in the event of a deficit. Members of the committee were usually prominent businessmen of each community. Thus, this committee was responsible for promoting season ticket sales and thereby ensuring the success of the Chautauqua. If the committee failed in its ticket sales, they would be the losers financially. Some townspeople objected to Vawter's contract system. They remembered that the circus and the traveling theatre groups came to town without a contract. Why did Chautauqua need a binding agreement? Vawter believed that Chautauqua was an "educational institution with ideals" first and a business enterprise second. In a letter to a Chautauqua superintendent in Missouri, Vawter wrote:

Over twenty years ago I told some friends that a Chautauqua would be a success just as long as it was of sufficient importance in the community that a group of men and women would do a lot of hard work for the good of the Community. Chautauqua never has [been], and never can be, self-supporting from a purely business standpoint.



Front cover of a program for the Redpath-Vawter Chautauqua at Keota, Iowa, in June of 1919. Among the featured attractions were exhibition flights by a military biplane and a talk on "The Romance of Flying" by a former pilot of the Lafayette Escadrille.

Most leaders of circuit Chautauqua seemed honestly to believe in the moral and educational nature of Chautauqua.

Redpath Chautauquas were much more than just Keith Vawter's headquarters in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Redpath Lyceum Bureau had offices in many other American cities, including White Plains, New York, Columbus, Ohio, Chicago, and Kansas City, and these offices also became involved in circuit Chautauqua. Vawter's territory was roughly Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, and Missouri. The Chicago office was run by another Iowan and former Vawter employee, Harry P. Harrison. Under the name "Redpath-Chicago," Harrison launched a major Chautauqua circuit in 1912. Harrison's territory was Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee, and the Gulf states. His circuits started in the South in the spring and worked northward toward Michigan in the fall. Harry Harrison was successful in introducing classical music, grand opera, and Shakespeare to Chautauqua audiences. Charles F. Horner helped Keith Vawter organize the circuit Chautauqua system. In 1912, Horner established in Kansas City the "Western Redpath Chautauqua" or "Redpath-Horner." His territory was Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, and South Dakota.

Horner was notable for encouraging amateurs to enter Chautauqua work. He even set up his own school, The Horner Institute of Fine Arts, to train talent. Of course, in addition to Redpath Chautauqua, other companies operated circuits. Besides Vawter at Cedar Rapids there were at least three other companies in Iowa alone: Acme Chautauquas in Des Moines, Jones Chautauqua System in Perry, and Travers-Newton in Des Moines. Circuit Chautauquas (or colloquially, Tent Chautauquas) were an itinerant manifestation of the Chautauqua movement. The program would be presented in tents pitched "on a well-drained field near town." After several days, the Chautauqua would fold its tents and move on. This method of organizing a series of touring Chautauquas is attributed to Keith Vawter, a Redpath Lyceum Bureau manager. Circuit Chautauqua began in 1904. In Vawter's schema, each performer, or group, appeared on a particular day of the program. Thus "first day" talent would move on to other Chautauquas, followed by the "second day" performers, and so on, throughout the touring season. By the mid-1920s when Circuit Chautauquas were at their peak, they appeared in over 10,000 communities to audiences of more than 45 million. By about 1940 the Tent Chautauquas had run their course and disappeared.

The Rise of the Chautauqua Movement

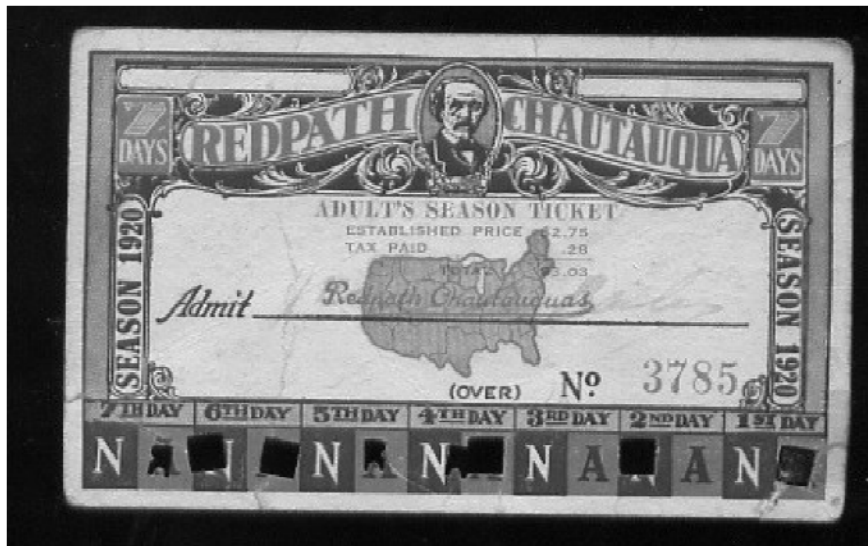
Why did Chautauqua become popular? Many localities in North America were relatively isolated, especially farming and ranching communities. People in such areas would naturally be hungry for education, culture, and entertainment, and the Chautauqua Movement was a timely response to that need in the late 19th Century and early 20th Century.

The Decline of the Chautauqua Movement

Why did Chautauqua decline in popularity? This change is generally attributed to the rise of other entertainment opportunities in the early to middle 20th Century, especially movies, radio, television, and the automobile.

Carl B. Cone First Person account

In the early 1920's as a lad growing up in Iowa City I looked forward to one annual midsummer event at College Park (some called it College Green). The park was only a block away, up the Dodge Street hill and the event that took our time and attention for a solid week was Chautauqua. From the Monday morning when workers pitched the big tent on the southwestern quadrant of the square block until the last performance on the following Sunday evening, Chautauqua monopolized our interest.



I don't remember the sequence of the varied performances but there was always a xylophone performance, a group playing Hawaiian instruments and songs, a magician, speakers, musical groups, vocal and instrumental, a Saturday night play, comedy or drama. In sum, entertainment, instruction, edification, enlightenment.

The audience, seated on folding chairs, was the elite of Iowa City, professional and university faculty, no working class, few young people, mostly middle aged or older, dressed up, wives and husbands, the ladies wearing hats, and fanning themselves with fans supplied by funeral homes. Most of the audience arrived by foot or streetcar so there was no parking problem for the few cars on the adjoining streets. The audiences were neither hungry nor thirsty, unlike those today. I don't remember sales of soft drinks though ice cream cones were dispensed by vendors from carts near the entrance at the corner of College and Johnson Streets. The cones were small and the one dip was miniscule, as at the circus. The ice cream seemed to melt awfully fast and was always dripping down the cone.

We never had tickets for the performances. We simply walked in from the rear where the tent flaps were raised to permit ventilation on account of the heat under the tent. We took our seats wherever there were vacant ones without let or hindrance. No one tried to keep us out; there were always empty seats. And we behaved ourselves. The performances were high entertainment from our point of view and our appreciation was reflected in our model department.

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Fantastic Caverns, just northwest of Springfield, Missouri, is one of more than 5,600 known caves that dot the Missouri landscape, and more are still being discovered. Of these, just 18 are open to visitors - and only one offers a riding tour.



Wilson Creek Battlefield, National park and visitors center and Sweeny Museum

13 minute movie, map of battlefield and 5 mile driving loop with map

The Visitor Center is open seven days a week from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., and contains exhibits about the battle, a thirteen minute film, a six minute fiber optics map program, and a bookstore. The Sweeny Museum, an outstanding collection of original Civil War artifacts relating to the war west of the Mississippi River, is located just north of the battlefield Visitor Center, and is open five days a week from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed Monday and Tuesday for the months of November, December, January and February). The park entrance fee includes admission to the museum.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is a designated fee area. The entrance fees are: \$5.00 per adult (including hikers, joggers, and bicyclists), to a maximum of \$10.00 per car. Children under 16 are free. An annual Wilson's Creek park pass is available for \$20. Passes such as The National Parks Pass, Golden Eagle, Golden Age and Golden Access are honored and can be acquired at the Visitor Center.



Precious Moments Park and Chapel

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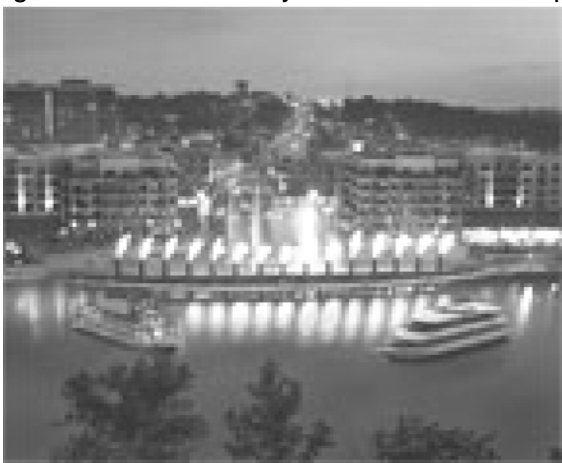
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Samuel Taylor Vawter Tipton County, IN, son of George W. Vawter of IN, son of George Taylor Vawter who came to IN from NC, son of Chadwell Vawter of NC, son of Russell Taylor Vawter who came from VA to NC, son of Richard Vawter, son of John Vawter, son of Bartholomew Vawter of Virginia

Samuel Taylor Vawter b. 28 Jul 1868 Tipton Co., IN d. 5 Jan 1954 age 85. Record found Tipton Co., *Leatherman-Morris-Boyer Funeral Home Records 1895-1973*. bur. Tipton City Fairview Cemetery p. 28 Row 18 grave 20 located next to the Goodykoontz family (aunt).

Obituary in the *Tipton Daily Tribune*, Tues., 5 Jan 1954 p. 1, states he was 85 years old and died of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was a section foreman for the Monon railroad and resided in Frankfort and Sheridan, IN before coming to Tipton in 1937. He was survived by his three children, Mrs. Goldie Jennings, Maurie Vawter and Mrs. George Leap.

m. (1) unknown, Goldie M. (child) was born in 1892, the following death record is found in Tipton Co., IN Book - *The Nichols Funeral Home Records 1881-1931 Tipton, IN*. by Alma Hoyt, 1978.

Vawter, Mr. (Sam) d. 2 Apr 1894 (This is George Taylor Vawter, father of Samuel Taylor Vawter)

Vauter, Mrs. (Sam) d. 16 Aug 1893 (GJ Note: she may be the first wife of Samuel T. Vawter, mother of Goldie M. Vawter, her name is unknown)

m. (2) Cora L. Frazee as found in Record Supplement to Mar. Records Hamilton Co. shows Samuel Vauter, father George W. and mother Mary Simpson age 26 married 10 Oct 1893 Book C-3 p. 1.

Samuel T. Vawter filed for divorce Circuit Court No. 8872 p. 352 Tipton Co., IN. in Dec 1895. This would have been a few months before the birth of Gladys. Samuel was ordered to pay all court costs and to pay \$50 paid in \$2.00 installments starting Dec 21, 1895 and each month thereafter. Cora L. Vawter did not come to court and three attempts by the sheriff to serve papers served futile and the divorce was granted.

Jasper County, IN marriages 1850-1920

Samuel T. Vawter m. (3) Nancy E. Vawter license 7 Sep 1896 m. 11 Sep 1896 book 3 pg 261. It is unknown if Nancy Elizabeth Vawter is her married or maiden name.

In the book *Vawter Family in America* by Grace Vawter Bicknell, pub. 1905 a reference is made p. 402. Other Vawters not placed with families. Samuel T. Vawter in Francesville, Pulaski Co., IN.

1900 US Census Monon, White Co., IN

Samuel H. Vawter age 31 b. Jul 1868 married 11 years b. IN

Elizabeth wife age 38 b. May 1862 5 children 2 living b. OH

Goldie M. dau age 8 b. Sep 1892 IN

Samuel M. son age 1 b. Oct 1898 IN

1910 US Census Fairfield, Tippecanoe, IN

Samuel T. Vawter age 45 married 22 years b. IN fb. IN mb. IN

Elizabeth Vawter age 51, 5 children 3 living b. OH, fb OH mb. OH

Samuel W. Vawter age 11

Gledys Vawter age 9

Child of Samuel and Unknown

a. Goldie M. Vawter Goldie states her birth date as 1892, but Samuel and Cora did not marry until 1893, so Goldie was from a first marriage. She also states in 1930 she was 17 when married, again showing 1892 date. A death record in 1893 state a Mrs. Vauter (her name is unknown)

Tippecanoe Co., Index to Marriages 1850-1920 shows Goldie M. Vawter b. 23 Sep 1892 m. to Dora A. Jennings 19 Oct 1909 Book C-28 p. 574.

Battle Ground Indiana Death Records 1907 -1937

Hysiant Hope Jennings died 10 Apr 1917 at Battle Ground. Born 14 Jul 1915 age 1 y, 9m, 26d in

Tippecanoe County. Father Dora Jennings b. IN Mother Goldie M. Vawter b. IN, burial by L. Clark and son interment Battle Ground Cemetery

1920 US Census Dist 198, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe, IN
 Dora A. Jennings age 29 b. IN
 Goldie age 27 b. IN
 Hester dau. age 9 b. IN
 Susan dau. age 7 b. IN
 Mable dau. age 5 b. IN
 Virginia dau. age 2 b. IN

1930 Census Lafayette, Tippecanoe, IN
 Dora A Jennings age 38 b. ca 1892 IN
 married at age 19
 Goldie wife age 37 married at age 17
 Hester dau. age 19
 Elizabeth dau age 18
 Mabel dau. age 16
 Virginia dau. age 12
 Harold son age 9
 William son age 3
 Dale age 1 year 10 months
 Child of Samuel and Cora Frazee

b. Gladys Vawter b. 4 Mar 1896 Hamilton Co., Birth Records B. H-5 p. 19. Father listed Samuel, mother Cora Frazee. Gladys d. 1993. Family information states she married George Leap and they had three children George, Frank and Florence Leap.

WWI Registration microfilm roll 1653199
 Dora A. Jennings
 Born Battleground, IN May 3, 18(??)
 unreadable, brown hair, blue eyes
 Occupation: Painter, Married with 3 children
 Address 619 S. 29th Lafayette, IN

WWII Registration #1829
 Dora Arthur Jennings
 Residence 535 S. 30th Lafayette, IN, age 52 born Tipp. County, May 3, 1890
 Spouse Mrs. Goldie Mabel Jennings, occupation Contractor, Decorator

REGISTRATION CARD

1. NAME: Samuel Maurice Vawter

2. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: Monon White Ind.

Age in Years: 19 Date of Birth: Oct 18 1895

RACE: White

U. S. CITIZEN: Natural Born

13. PRESENT OCCUPATION: Section Hand

14. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Monon White Ind.

15. NEAREST RELATIVE: Samuel T. Vawter (father)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE READ THE ABOVE CONTENTS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE
 P. M. G. O. Samuel Maurice Vawter

1920 Census Washington, Hamilton, IN
 George Leap is found in the household of his parents.
 William D. Leap age 49, Lizzie E. Leap age 38, George Leap age 18, Halie Leap age 16, Melvin Leap age 8, Mabel Leap age 5 and William Leap age 2y 10m.

1930 Census Lafayette, Tippecanoe, IN
 George Leap age 28 b. IN age 20 at marriage
 Gladys Leap age 29 b. IN age 21 at marriage
 George L. Leap age 7 b. IN
 Frank Leap age 2 years 8 months b. IN

SSDI George Leap b. 21 Sep 1901, died Apr 1982 last address, 46227 Indianapolis, IN, Social security card issued through Railroad Board

Child of Samuel and Elizabeth (Nancy E.)
 c. Samuel Maurice Vawter. b. 18 Oct 1898 Alive in 1954 according to the obituary of his father, but no information has been found.

WWI Registration Samuel Maurice Vawter, residence Monon, White Co., IN b. 18 Oct 1898 age 19, Occupation Section Hand C T & L Railroad, contact Samuel T. Vawter, father. Brown hair and brown eyes.

Tobacco Drinking



The Indian habit of pipe smoking was very fashionable in England by the 1570's, and it was not just a men's habit. Women, and even children, enjoyed the pleasures of the imported "Indian Weed" and women even smoked in public. English women were not the only ones enjoying the pleasures of pipe smoking, Dutch and French women also took up "tobacco drinking" - as in drinking in the smoke.

William Harrison's "Great Chronologie" from 1588 describes the early clay pipe as a "little ladell" or spoon shape. Late sixteenth century pipes were short stemmed, no longer than 1 3/4 inches and made of very delicate white clay. It may have been more appropriately named tobacco sipping since tobacco was very much a luxury item and the pipe bowl was only 1/4 inch in diameter. The Dutch were able to create a stronger clay body and by the seventeenth-century Holland was the major manufacturer of clay pipes and pipe stems had lengthened to 4 -6 inches long. Towards the end of the seventeenth century the pipe bowl was enlarged and the pipe stem lengthened to 11-12 inches. In the second half of the eighteenth-century the stems increased to two feet or more in length and earned the nineteenth-century nickname "churchwardens."

The discovery of so many pipe fragments at historic sites led people to believe that tavern pipe smokers shared a pipe in the Indian fashion by breaking off the end of the stem before passing it to the next person. Mr. Ivor Noel Hume, Colonial Williamsburg archeologist and social historian, believes there is no evidence to support this idea; the real reason is simply clay pipes were fragile and easily broken - making them the first disposable commodity. The end of the stem was tapered to fit the mouth, so if the end were broken off it would not be as comfortable to smoke. However, there is evidence that the pipes were placed in iron cradles and heated in bake ovens to cleanse them for the next round of smokers and also clear out the tar and resins. Fortunately clay pipes were inexpensive to replace. In 1709 a gross of pipes (that is 144 pipes) could be purchased for 2 shillings or \$16 in today's currency.

The top tavern pipe in the photo was purchased from Colonial Williamsburg. It was made by the Williamsburg Pottery in Lightfoot, Virginia and is typical of a mid eighteenth-century tavern pipe. The stem is 16 inches long (with a broken tip already) and the bowl is 1 3/4 inches high and 3/4 inches in diameter. The heel on the bottom of the bowl assists the pipe maker in fashioning the bowl. The bottom pipe was found a couple of years ago along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. The Virginia State archeologist suspects a long forgotten barrel broke open somewhere because he had numerous calls about finding the same pipe on bay beaches around the same time. The bowl is the same size and the Colonial Williamsburg pipe, but the stem is only 4 inches long, either by design or from rolling around in the waves.

When temperately used, there is not in all the world a medicine comparable to tobacco. All of tobacco is wholesome. William Barclay: *Nepenthes; or, The Virtues of Tobacco*, 1614.



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One of the Vawter
Family Crests

Looking for her Vawter connection..... Are you connected to this family?

To whom it may concern.....

I quickly tried to look thru this website to see if it included my Vaughter family, but couldn't locate us. I am a descendant of Betty Swon & Richard Henry Vaughter that lived in Missouri probably back in the early to mid 1800's. They had a son, Richard Henry Jr, that was born (I believe) July 7, 1853.....Married Maggie Pemberton Morrow Vaughter, Jan 12, 1898 and moved to the Indian territory that is now Oklahoma. It was my understanding that they started the first "school" for children in the area that they lived! We still have the hand bell that my great grandmother rang at her school!!!

Okay, so Richard and Maggie had 1 child, Swon McGregor (born Oct 28, 1901) that married Virginia Burrow and had 3 children, Geraldine Vaughter, Richard William Vaughter (my father), and Betty Swon Vaughter!

I was told that one of the Richard Henry's (I don't know if it was Jr or Sr) had a brother that was a bit of a "rounder" and this brother changed the spelling of his last name "Vaughter" to "Vawter" to try to inherit some money from a Vawter family member???

Anyway, If you have any information on this line of the "Vaughter" family, I would love to see it! If not, maybe it will help in providing another "branch" in the tree!!!!

Thanks! Brenna Vaughter Hare Brennamom3@aol.com

In 1850 the Richard Swon/Swan family and son-in-law Henry VAWTER, Elizabeth and child Edwin, all living together. Callaway, MO census

In 1860 E Vawter, Edwin and Rich'd are still living with the Richard Swon family in Callaway, MO

In 1870, still Callaway MO, Richard is now VAUGHTER. He and his mother Betsy are living with Nancy Swon.

In Memoriam

Violet (Vawter) Unger, 96, Speedway, formerly of Tipton, died at 3 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born in Prairie Township, Tipton County, on May 15, 1915, to William Joseph and Jula (Haskell) Vawter. She married Cleon Unger on May 31, 1957, and he died Oct. 21, 1969.

She graduated from Prairie Township High School in 1933. She was a line worker at Delco Radio for 17 years, and then retired from Clinton Central Middle School. She was a member of Normanda Christian Church. She enjoyed visiting friends and family, crocheting, needlepoint, cooking and shopping.

She is survived by her sons, William (Maida) Vawter, Speedway, and Larry (Kay) Vawter, Jacksonville, Fla.; stepsons, Max (Betty) Unger, Frankfort, and Larry (Jan) Unger, Cicero; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, six brothers and two sisters.

Frank William McClary, 84, of Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday December 3, 2011.

Frank was born December 29, 1926 in Plainfield, Indiana to the late Charles and Katherine (Vawter) McClary. He was a WWII veteran of the United States Army. Frank was a founder and president of the Lawrence Christian School, and also worked as a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of the Lawrence Christian Church where he served as an elder.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lou (May) McClary, whom he married on June 12, 1949 in Terre Haute, Indiana; son, David (Thelma) McClary of Huber Heights, OH; daughters, Amy (Terry) Ruff of Ghana, Africa, Kendra King of Atlanta, GA, and Mary Jane (Douglas) Marshall of Oaklandon, IN; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Roy McClary of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Marjorie Conner, Alice Boyer, Rosaleen Proffit and Barbara McClary; and one brother, Charles McClary. Published in the The Indianapolis Star on December 8, 2011

Dr. Nolen Eugene BRADLEY, JR., Age 85, went to be with the Lord September 28, 2011. He was born Nov. 29, 1925. Gene was a veteran of WWII, a deacon and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church in Gallatin, TN, an educator for 27 years, Dean of Administration of Volunteer State Community College and member of Gallatin Lions Club. He was preceded in death by his father, Nolen Eugene Bradley, Sr., Memphis, TN; mother, Anice Pearl Luther, Memphis, TN; and brother, James Bradley, Sr., Memphis, TN. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eloise Mullins Bradley, Gallatin, TN; daughters, Sharon (Kinnie) Bonds of Aldolpus, KY, Diana (Wiley) Rutledge of Cleveland, TN; sons, Nolen Eugene Bradley III (Teresa) of Gallatin, TN and David Lee (Beth) Bradley of Gallatin, TN; grandchildren, Leonard (Danielle) Brabson of Chandler, AZ, Wiley (Beth) Rutledge of Cleveland, TN, Jason (Adrian) Bradley of Yuma, ZA, Jeremy Bradley of Gallatin, TN, Nolen (Chip) Eugene Bradley IV (Hillary) of Franklin, TN, Laura (Ben) Reed of Clarksville, TN, Mary (Aaron) Ferry of Nashville, TN, Jared (Katie) Bradley of Atlanta, GA and Carson Bradley of Gallatin, TN; great-grandchildren, Avery Bradley, Colson Bradley, Audrey Brabson, Garrett Brabson, Elle Rutledge, London Bradley and Rex Reed; step-grandchildren, E.W. (Danielle) Vanderpool and Elissa Gray; step great-grandchildren, Kay Lee Gray and Annabella Vanderpool; adopted grandchildren, Rachael (James) Lowe and Clara (Aubrey) James; special family friend, Dr. Brenda Valentine of Gallatin, TN. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 11 a.m., First Baptist Church in Gallatin, with visitation and fellowship following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church Missions Program, Sumner County Hospice, Volunteer State Community College Scholarship Fund. ALEXANDER FUNERAL HOME, (615) 452-2324. **Published in The Tennessean on September 30, 2011**

In Memoriam

Dorothy (Vawter) York, 84, formerly of Marshalltown, passed away November 14, 2011 at the Sunny View Care Center under the care Iowa Hospice. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown.

Dorothy "Dorothy" Ailene York was born in Callao, MO, on March 14, 1927, to John and Lillie (Lucas) Vance. She graduated from Bevier, MO, high school and went on to be a school teacher in Anabel, MO. In 1945, she married William "Bill" Ford Vawter one week after he returned from serving in the Marine Corps at Iwo Jima; as teenagers, they lived on neighboring farms in the Callao area. Dorothy and Bill briefly resided in Kentucky to farm with family members and then moved to Boone, IA, where Dorothy attended Boone Junior College. She and Bill raised five children together. After relocating to Marshalltown, IA, Dorothy enjoyed a successful career at Kiowa where she retired; Bill worked for Fisher Controls. After Bill's passing in 1979, Dorothy married Donald York in 1989; he passed away in 1990. Dorothy briefly resided in Lake Marie in Mercer, MO, Newton and Alltoona before settling again in Boone, where she worked for Wal-Mart and as a preschool assistant.

During her high school days and time as a teacher, Dorothy was remembered for always carrying around a guitar and singing her favorite songs such as, "You Are My Sunshine" and "Go Tell It On The Mountain." She always told the story of how her father allowed her to raise the runt sheep on their farm when she was a little girl so she could later sell it to purchase her own guitar. While living in Marshalltown, she enjoyed participating in bowling leagues and being involved in the Local UAW. Dorothy was known for having extended family over every Sunday and during holidays for dinner. She collected many pictures of her family, which she displayed prominently. More recently, she took pleasure in bird watching, listening to fiddler music and visiting with family. She enjoyed the simple things in life and had a knack for providing straightforward yet profound advice. After battling various illnesses and experiencing a decline in her health, Dorothy moved to Ankeny, IA, last year. At the time of her death, she resided in Sunny View Care Center and was under the benevolent care of Iowa Hospice.

Dorothy is survived by five children, Barbara Arterburn (Omaha, NE), Audrey "Blaine" Vawter (Marshalltown, IA), Jeff Vawter (Elkhart, IA), Julie Vawter (Des Moines, IA) and Joe Vawter (Wilmington, NC), nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, several cousins, nieces and nephews, as well as her special sister-in-law Laura "Jean" Eiserman (Boone, IA), and other relatives through marriage. Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents, spouse William, brother Martin, and second husband Don. She leaves behind many special friendships with previous neighbors, family friends and coworkers.

Colleen Mae Dunn, 82, of Cedar Rapids, passed away peacefully Friday, July 22, 2011 at Hospice House of Mercy. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 27th 2011 at Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories. A visitation celebrating the life of Colleen will be held Tuesday evening, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Cedar Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Surviving are her three sons, Randy Dunn of San Antonio, Texas; Ronnie Dunn of Vinton, Iowa and Reggie Dunn of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; one brother Roger Fink of California, one sister Gail Pena of California; four grandchildren, Brian, Michael, Angela, and Tyler, and six great grandchildren Elizabeth, Cory, Brittany, Trevor, Justin, and Ava.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Paul M. Dunn; one daughter Ronna Copper, one granddaughter Brandi Harasmisz, and two brothers Dale and Virgel Fink.

Colleen Mae Dunn was born on March 09, 1929, in Hartley, Iowa, the daughter of Floyd and Lillian Steuck Fink. She was united in marriage to Paul M. Dunn on July 6, 1946, in Worthington, Minnesota. He preceded her in death in 1994. She enjoyed knitting, reading, and tending to her flowers. Above all her greatest enjoyment was time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Paul M. Dunn was son of George Dunn and Martha (Waterstradt) Dunn and grandson to John Dunn and Ada (Vawter) Dunn of Indiana.

The History of the Page-Vawter House

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The Page-Vawter House at Ansted is a Fayette County landmark which is as treasured for its beauty as it is for its history. The site of the stately mansion from Hwy 60 still causes people to stop take pictures and pause to imagine its beauty in its prime. It was the dream home of a man as impressive as the house itself.

The man was William Nelson Page who was born near Rustburg, Virginia in 1854. After completing his education in engineering at the University of Virginia, Page went to work for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. The railroad sent Page to West Virginia several times while it was completing its historic line through the New River Gorge. On one of these trips, Page struck up a friendship with the noted English geologist and surveyor, David Ansted.

Page was engaged by the British-owned Hawk's Nest Coal Company to engineer the construction of a narrow gauge railroad spur from the town of Ansted, down the New River Gorge, to the main line of the C&O Railroad. Page impressed his new employers by completing this major engineering feat both faster and more cheaply than anticipated. He soon became recognized as an important man to know. Legend maintains that it was Page who convinced millionaire Henry H. Rogers to build the Virginian Railway from Deepwater, West Virginia to Tidewater Virginia. Fact remains Page served the railway as its chief architect and first president.

By 1878 Captain Page was appointed by the Board of Directors of the Hawks Nest Coal Company to serve as the company manager. He led that company through a period of enormous growth until 1884 when it was reorganized as the Gauley Mountain Coal Company. In 1890, the Gauley Mountain Coal Company built an elaborate mansion for its president and general manager on a knoll in the town of Ansted. It was a structure whose beauty would capture the eyes and imagination of viewers for over a century.

The house was originally built in an L-shape which was laid on a cut stone foundation. It is a two story frame structure which features a two and one half story gabled pavilion centered on the front. One of the most striking features of its design is the expansive wrap around veranda supported by bracketed columns. The structure is further enhanced by fifty-four, eight foot tall, double hung windows and four high, capped and paneled chimneys.

No expense was spared on the interior of the house. Inside are 15 rooms, plus a dressing room and butler's pantry. Every room in the house is oak paneled with wainscoting. The woodwork includes door and window facings of solid walnut and floors of oak. Eleven fireplaces were included to heat the spacious mansion. Each fireplace has a ceramic tile hearth and carved Victorian mantel of cherry, oak and walnut. The exterior is hemlock and poplar. The trees were cut from the property and milled to use in the construction.

The originality and grace of its design has served to make the home one of the foremost landmarks in south central West Virginia.

In 1917, Page retired and moved to Washington, D.C. The mansion was still owned by the Gauley Mountain Coal Company and after it had stood empty for several years, the company offered it to Captain John Vawter who managed the company store in Ansted. As a trusted friend and employee of Page for over forty years, Vawter was very familiar with the house. He purchased it and made it his home until his death in 1928. After his death the house went to his son and daughter, Eugene and Julia Vawter. Julia, who out lived her brother remained in the house until her death in 1983. Her nephew David Fox had moved into the house to aid his aunt with the care of the home and he remained until his death in 2005.

In the 1920's the house was divided into a duplex by the Coal Company, adding an additional staircase and two additional rooms. Ms. Julia remodeled the kitchen and we believe that is when the original kitchen and servant staircases were removed. The Vawters lived in one side and rented the other. Eugene Vawter was for one, superintendent of schools and Miss Julia the sixth grade teacher. Miss Julia and her flower gardens are fondly remembered by everyone in town. The Page-Vawter House has been a strong, graceful presence in the town of Ansted and County of Fayette for 117 years. There is no reason this magnificent home should not stand for another 117 years.

The home was placed on the National Historic Register in 1985.

These are photo's that were either found in the house or that have been graciously provided to us.

This photo was taken during the construction phase in 1890. The architect was William Minter and is said to be in this photo.



From what we can gather, the following pictures were taken in 1928, when the Vawter family occupied the home.



This is a photo of the Ansted Train Depot. A spur was run to the front of the Page Mansion in order to pick Mr. Page up in the mornings and return him in the evenings.



This is one of the more recent photos, you will note the upper balcony railing is not present. It was original to the house, replaced during the Vawters stay, removed and replaced again.



During the period in the above photo, there was a gazebo and lots of foliage.



This picture, not sure of the date, shows the Green House, which no longer exists. It is located on the south facing side of the house, or on your left in the picture. We are having a difficult time gathering details of the green house. It appears in the original floor plans and we are hoping to restore it.

Buried in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, DC:

Philemon Vawter d. 9 August 1923 Martha Humphreys Vawter d. 6 Jan. 1906
Sallie Vawter (Harris) (Pickett) 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.

Historical Newspaper Chicago, IL 1939 Sallie V. H. Pickett. Washington, DC July 25, Sallie Vawter Harris Pickett, retired society editor of the Washington Evening Star, died today at her home at the age of 77. She was the widow of Theodore J. Pickett of Washington, who died several years ago. She was one of the founders and a past president of the Women's National press club.

Richmond, VA. The times dispatch. 29 Jan 1907

Annual Chapter Meeting. The annual meeting of Richmond Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy was held in Lee Camp Hall yesterday at 11 o'clock.of members present included Mrs. W. R. Vawter.

Mrs. W.R. Vawter, Miss Kate Buford and Mrs. Kate S. Winn were appointed a committee to confer with the state Librarian in regard to Confederate relics being properly displayed in the library. On motion of Mrs. W. R. Vawter, it was decided that all person desiring to send application blanks for membership in the Richmond Chapter must do so before May 1st.....

Washington, District of Columbia, 1936 Marriage record

John Vawter Bauserman 28, Woodstock, VA and Susan Kreshaw Nicholson 28, Steubenville, Ohio. Rev. A. J. McCartney

Historical Newspapers Los Angeles 1935 - Granville Vawter age 74 died August 9

Historical Newspapers Los Angeles 1934 - Gianelli, Frank J. Gianelli, loving father of Roy and Elmer Gianelli and Mrs. Marie Vawter. Rosary will be recited this evening at 7:30 Funeral at Our Lady of Lorette Church.

Historical Newspapers Los Angeles CA 1932 - Critchlow, Robert A. Critchlow aged 85 years, beloved husband of Nancy Critchlow and father of Carlos N. Critchlow and Earl D. Critchlow of this city and Mrs. Fred A. Vawter of Indianapolis, Ind., passed away at his home, 1044 W. 54th street Monday at 3 am. Funeral at Bramble Funeral Church. Friends invited.

VVV Reunion 2012

Springfield/Branson Missouri July 19-22

Springfield is a one-of-a-kind city for meetings, conventions and recreation. Nearly 50 percent of the U.S. population lives within a 500-mile radius of Springfield, which is Missouri's third-largest city. Easy access via major highways, interstates and the recently-expanded Springfield-Branson National Airport allows Springfield to be a prime meeting and convention destination.

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Regardless of the weather outside, visitors can stay dry, relax in comfort and get away from it all by boarding the Jeep-drawn tram and experiencing the natural beauty of Fantastic Caverns. Modern innovation opens the door to the history of Fantastic Caverns as a natural adventure perfectly suited to Seniors. This is an ideal experience for church groups, bank clubs, adult and senior citizen centers.

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Wilson Creek Battlefield, National Park and visitors center and Sweeny Museum

13 minute movie, map of battlefield and 5 mile driving loop with map

The Visitor Center is open seven days a week from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., and contains exhibits about the battle, a thirteen minute film, a six minute fiber optics map program, and a bookstore. The Sweeny Museum, an outstanding collection of original Civil War artifacts relating to the war west of the Mississippi River, is located just north of the battlefield Visitor Center, and is open five days a week from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed Monday and Tuesday for the months of November, December, January and February). The park entrance fee includes admission to the museum.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is a designated fee area. The entrance fees are: \$5.00 per adult (including hikers, joggers, and bicyclists), to a maximum of \$10.00 per car. Children under 16 are free. An annual Wilson's Creek park pass is available for \$20. Passes such as The National Parks Pass, Golden Eagle, Golden Age and Golden Access are honored and can be acquired at the Visitor Center.



Precious Moments Park and Chapel

4321 S Chapel Road, Carthage, MO 64836

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The Precious Moments Park and Chapel is located in the rolling foothills of the beautiful Ozark Mountains. With your first step onto the grounds, you'll discover why so many have found this place to be a haven of peace and tranquility. The Park is home to acres of manicured grounds and dozens of gardens featuring flowering plants of many stunning varieties. You don't need to have a green thumb to appreciate the perfect beauty of this natural wonder.

FREE Chapel Tours hourly from 9:00am - 4:00pm 7 days a week
Chapel and Gift Shop: 9:00am – 5:00pm 7 days a week
Samuel J. Butcher Museum: 9:30-4:30 7 days a week

- Royal Delights food service is open daily
- There are many reasons hundreds of thousands of people choose to visit Precious Moments Park each year. Once here, most agree it is a place set apart...a place where peace, joy and happiness are celebrated. Many visitors begin their experience at the Visitor Center, especially designed by Precious Moments artist, Samuel J. Butcher, to reflect the warmth of a small English country village of yesteryear. It is the perfect setting to step out of the everyday world and into a world of Precious Moments.

For those who have extra time, plan to come a day or two early or stay a day or two after the reunion and enjoy beautiful Branson. It is only 1 hour south of Springfield. The hotel will make arrangements at the lower price for extra days. Don't miss the opportunity for a great family vacation.



Branson, Missouri, nestled in the lakeside beauty of the Ozark Mountains, is America's affordable, wholesome family entertainment capital that emphasizes fun, comfort and the feeling of being right at home. Featuring an array of live theaters and attraction venues and active recreational pursuits, the community embodies essential American values such as patriotism, faith, courage and generosity of spirit in a warm inviting atmosphere that is truly genuine and heartfelt.

2012 Reunion Schedule

Thursday – July 19

1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Registration
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Welcome Reception
7:00 P.M. Site Committee Meeting
8:00 P.M. Executive Committee Meeting

Friday – July 20

9:00 A.M. Business Meeting
9:30 A.M. Genealogy Session
11:00 A.M. Depart for Carthage, MO, Precious Moments
Noon. Lunch at Precious Moments
6:00 P.M. Dinner at Hotel, TEXARKANA BBQ

Saturday – July 21

9:00 A.M. Depart for Wilson Creek Battleground and Civil War Library
Noon. Lunch at Hotel, soup salad sandwich buffet
1:30 P.M. Leave Hotel for Fantastic Caverns, approx 30 min. dr.
2:30 P.M. Cavern tour, ride through approx. 1 hour
6:30 P.M. Annual VVV Banquet

Invocation
Pork Tenderloin & Tilapia Meal
Memorial Service
Special Recognition
Youngest & Oldest
Couple Married Longest
Longest Distance Traveled
Roll Call of States
Final Registration Report
Invitation to 2013 Reunion
Door Prizes and Auction Items
Adjournment

Sunday - July 22

8:30 A.M.
Family Prayer Service

2012 Vawter Vauter Vaughter(s)
Family Association Reunion Springfield, Missouri
Email your registration numbers as soon as possible.
Pay at the reunion when you register.

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Georgene Jurgensen

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Phone 816-591-0251

REGISTRATION

Name of Each Attendee:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ email: _____

Registration Per Single Adult: _____ @ \$10.00 _____

or

Registration Per Family _____ @ \$15.00 _____

Dues for 2012 (if not paid) Includes Newsletter _____ @ \$10.00 _____

Thursday Night Reception No Charge

Breakfast Daily , full hot buffet No Charge

Friday Night BBQ Chicken & Pork- Adult _____ @ \$19.25 _____

Friday Night- Child(6-12) _____ @ \$ 9.75 _____

Saturday Lunch –Soup, Salad, Sandwich _____ @ \$ 15.50 _____

Saturday Lunch – Child (6-12) _____ @ \$7.75 _____

Fantastic Caverns Tour _____ \$17.00 adult _____ \$9.00 child

Saturday Night Banquet – Adult
Pork Tenderloin and Tilapia _____ @ \$25.75 _____

Saturday Night Banquet – Child (6-12) _____ @ \$ 12.75 _____

Children Under 6 No Charge for any meals or tours
Price includes all taxes and gratuities for meals

TOTAL _____

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER?

Colonial meal structures/times were also different from what we know today. Breakfast was taken early if you were poor, later if you were rich. There was no meal called lunch. Dinner was the mid-day meal. For most people in the 18th century it was considered the main (biggest) meal of the day. Supper was the evening meal. It was usually a light repast. It is important to keep in mind there is no such thing as a "typical colonial meal." The Royal Governor of Virginia ate quite differently from the first Pilgrim settlers and the West Indians laboring in Philadelphia's cookshops.

"Breakfast. The Colonial American breakfast was far from the juice, eggs and bacon of today. The stoic early settlers rose early and went straight to the chores that demanded their attention. In frontier outposts and on farms, families drank cider or beer and gulped down a bowl of porridge that had been cooking slowly all night over the embers...In the towns, the usual mug of alcoholic beverage consumed upon rising was followed by cornmeal mush and molasses with more cider or beer. By the nineteenth century, breakfast was served as late as 9 or 10 o'clock. Here might be found coffee, tea or chocolate, wafers, muffins, toasts, and a butter dish and knife...The southern poor ate cold turkey washed down with ever-present cider. The size of breakfasts grew in direct proportion to growth of wealth. Breads, cold meats and, especially in the Northeast, fruit pies and pasties joined the breakfast menus. Families in the Middle Colonies added special items such as scrapple (cornmeal and headcheese) and dutch sweetcakes which were fried in deep fat. It was among the Southern planters that breakfast became a leisurely and delightful meal, though it was not served until early chores were attended to and orders for the day given...Breads were eaten at all times of the day but particularly at breakfast."

---*A Cooking Legacy*, Virginia T. Elverson and Mary Ann McLanahan [Walker & Company: New York] 1975 (p. 14)

"Dinner. Early afternoon was the appointed hour for dinner in Colonial America. Throughout the seventeenth century and well into the eighteenth century it was served in the "hall" or "common room." ...While dinner among the affluent merchants in the North took place shortly after noon, the Southern planters enjoyed their dinner as late as bubbling stews were carried into the fields to feed the slaves and laborers...In the early settlements, poor families ate from trenchers filled from a common stew pot, with a bowl of coarse salt the only table adornment. The earliest trenchers in America, as in the Middle Ages, were probably made from slabs of stale bread which were either eaten with the meal or thrown after use to the domestic animals. The stews often included pork, sweet corn and cabbage, or other vegetables and roots which were available...A typical comfortably fixed family in the late 1700s probably served two courses for dinner. The first course included several meats plus meat puddings and/or deep meat pies containing fruits and spices, pancakes and fritters, and the ever-present side dishes of sauces, pickles and catsups...Soups seem to have been served before of in conjunction with the first course. Desserts appeared with the second course. An assortment of fresh, cooked, or dried fruits, custards, tarts and sweetmeats was usually available. "Sallats," (salads) though more popular at supper, sometimes were served at dinner and occasionally provided decoration in the center of the table...Cakes were of many varieties: pound, gingerbread, spice and cheese."

---*A Cooking Legacy* (p. 24-28)

"Supper. What is there to say about a meal that probably did not even exist for many settlers during the early days of the Colonies and later seemed more like a bedtime snack made up of leftovers?...In the eighteenth century supper was a brief meal and, especially in the South, light and late. It generally consisted of leftovers from dinner, or of gruel (a mixture made from boiling water with oats, "Indian," (corn meal) or some other meal). One Massachusetts diary of 1797 describes roast potatoes, prepared with salt but no butter. Ale, cider, or some variety of beer was always served. In the richer merchant society and in Southern plantation life, eggs and egg dishes were special delicacies and were prepared as side dishes at either dinner or supper...Supper took on added importance as the nineteenth century wore on. This heretofore casual meal became more important as dinner was served earlier in the day." ---*A Cooking Legacy* (p. 79-81)



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

If you are attending the reunion this summer please bring a small door prize that represents you or your state. Also needed - items to be auctioned for our Vauter's Church offering.

NEW THIS YEAR – A “Kids Silent Auction” – for school age kids. (Age limit up through high school.) Any small “kid friendly” items will be welcome. Let's get the young people involved.

Come have fun and enjoy good food and good fellowship.

Cushing Cemetery is located about 1/2 mile west of the town of Cushing on the south side of Highway 204. It is located in the far northwest corner of Nacogdoches County, Texas. Facing the highway is a large brick edifice with the cemetery name and a flagpole. The view from the road is of a wide open vista surrounded by woods. A map showing locations of families within the cemetery is located near the west-most entry gate.

Vawter, Julian D. 10 November 1883 4 September 1922 Married Mattie B. Grammage;
 Mason; Son of W.J. Vawter; J.D.'s Children: Lamar, Hazle, Louise

In Memoriam

Thomas Aubry Vawter, of Irving, TX, passed away on May 7, 2012. He was born March 26, 1933 in Washington, Oklahoma to Aubry Barney Vawter and Lula Dean. Thomas was a truck driver for over forty years. He is survived by his wife, Margie; sons, Tommy and Terry; daughter, Cheryl McLaughlin; a sister, Sandy Kluge Wendell; ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. A funeral service is planned for Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 2:00 PM in Brown's Memorial Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving (obit Dallas newspaper)

Catherine A. Vawter, Greece: At the age of 84, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2012. Predeceased by her husband, Frank; twin sister, Betty Carpenter; sister, Eileen Curns; brothers-in-law, Jim Curns and Arnold Mitchell. She is survived by and devoted to her children, John Michael Vawter, Mary Lou (Vic Colley) Vawter, Lawrence (Linda) Vawter, Carol (Edward) DiCesare, and Patricia Vawter; grandchildren, Emily (Kyle) Semrau, Patrick DiCesare and Natalie DiCesare; sister, Mary Ellen Mitchell; brother-in-law, Edward Carpenter; several cousins, and adoring nieces and nephews. Catherine was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend to all who knew her. The family wants to give special thanks to all the staff of Unit 2600 at the Unity Hospital, and to Dr. John Robb and staff.

A Mass will be held in her memory at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, 5000 Mt. Read Blvd. (Greece) on Wednesday, May 9th at 9 AM. In lieu of flowers, please consider Lifespan Day Habilitation Program, 1900 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14618, where her precious son, Michael attends, Published in Rochester Democrat And Chronicle on May 6, 2012

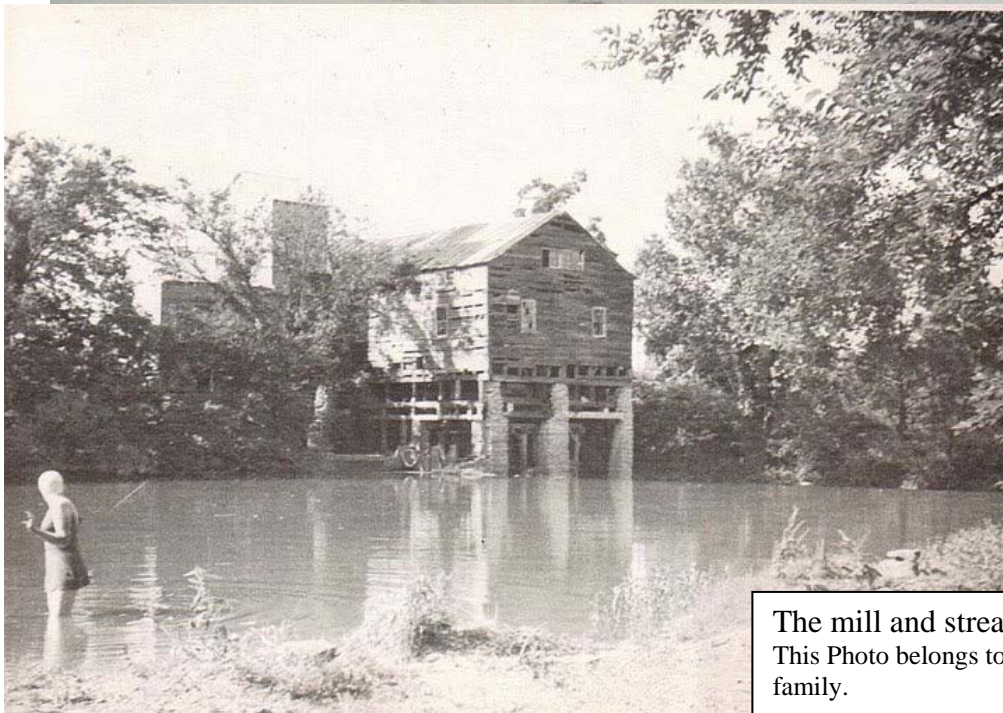
Tampa Tribune . CULBREATH BAYOU — **Lynda Vawter** often told a story about one of her earliest impressions of Tampa. It was 1969 and she had just moved here with her husband, Robert. She had lived a refined life with her family in Ohio, then enjoyed the arts and international culture of Washington, D.C., during her college years. She and her husband were driving down Florida Avenue. She was looking out of the window, trying to get a feel for her new hometown, when she saw a goat standing on the roof of a house, eating out of the gutter. She thought that moving to this strange place called Tampa was a huge mistake.

But Mrs. Vawter ended up spending the rest of her life in Tampa. She loved her adopted hometown and through tireless volunteer work, helped it grow from the sleepy 1960s city where goats lived on roofs to the more sophisticated city it is today. Mrs. Vawter died Feb. 20. She had been battling cancer since she was first diagnosed in the mid 1990s, but remained active until shortly before her death. She was 65.

Mrs. Vawter is survived by her husband, Robert; daughter Laura Hobby; her son Robert Vawter III; her sister Janet Saas; her brother Robert Medors and two grandchildren.

Alsop Mill, central Tennessee

Gene Vaughter recently posted on Facebook along with other family members pictures and remembrances of this great old mill. I gave the print to my dad, David Dayton Vaughter around 1985. He remembered taking corn to the mill as a child, but did not know that it was built by his great, great grandfather. The drawing is by Don Northcutt, copyright 1977. The print that I have is number 289 of 500



The mill and stream in the 1940's.
This Photo belongs to the Dougherty family.

Milton⁵ Vawter, Edward⁴, Richard³, Unknown², Bartholomew¹

Milton S. Vawter b. ca 1804 VA d. bef. 1870 OH. From family information, Milton went to Ohio in 1837. Index to Marriages of Old Rappa and Essex Co., VA 1655-1900 by Eva Eubank Wilkerson, pub. 1976 Gen. Pub. Co. 12 Dec 1832 Bppl 1. p 249 Lucy Anthony m. Milton Vawter Vauter's Church Vestry Notes p. 36 - Milton Vawter m. 13 Dec 1832 Lucy Anthony

1830 VA Census Essex Co p 153
Milton Vawter, 1 male 20-30, 2 females 20-30, 2 females 60-70, 1 female 70-80.
1 male slave 10-20
(GJNote: the female 70-80 is Mary Vawter d. 4 Jan 1832 age 88, Vauter's Church Vestry Note)

1850 US census Green, Ross Co., OH
Milton Vawter age 46 laborer b. VA
Lucy Vawter age 41 b. VA
Catherine Vawter age 15 b. VA
Susannah J/I Vawter age 12 b. OH
Andrew J Vawter age 10 b. OH
Asan T. Vawter age 7 male b. OH
Martin L. Vawter age 4 b. OH

1860 US census Green, Ross, OH
Milton Vawter age 56 day laborer b. VA
Lucy Vawter age 51 b. VA
A..J. Vawter age 20
Asad Vawter age 18
Martin Vawter age 14
Emma Vawter age 7
All children b. OH

1860 US Federal Census Green, Ross, OH
Robert S. Maxell age 38
Anna Maxwell age 28 (this is Sussannah)
Helen Maxwell age 72
Sarah Black age 20

1870 US Census Green, Ross, OH #315/308
Maxwell, Robert S. age 49 farmer b. VA
Anne wife age 39 b. OH
George A age 9 b. OH
Mary H age 2 b. OH
Elizabeth age 75 b. VA
Vawter, Asad T. age 29 laborer b. OH

1 Mar 1875 Kansas State Census
A. T. Vawter, located Sedgwick, KS
b. ca 1846 OH single

Ohio Marriage 1803 -1900

A. T. Vawter 7 Nov 1877 Ross OH m. to Mary Moore

1880 US Census Sedgwick, KS

A. T. Vauter age 36 b. OH, Mary age 35 b. OH, Hattie age 2 b. KS, Robert age 7 mo. (Nov) KS

1880 US Census Green, Ross, Oh

Robert S. Maxwell age 59 b. VA farmer
Anna Maxwell age 49
George A. Maxwell age 19
Mary H. Maxwell age 12
John W. Maxwell age 7
Rebecca Murray age 80
Julia Bell age 15

23 May 1836, will (no original)

Rhoda Vawter deceased leaves all her possessions inc. land and cash to Phebe P. Vawter and Milton Vawter. Also Rhoda Vawter leave to Phebe V. Vawter household furniture and 2 feather beds. Wit. Richard Vawter, Benjamin Vawter. Proved 19 Dec 1836 by Richard Vawter and Benjamin Vawter.

Essex county deed, undated (bf 1845) between Phoebe Vawter and Milton Vawter

.....to the said Phoebe Vawter the said sum of Thirty dollars with legal interest thereon or if any part thereof shall remain due and unpaid, then the said Milton Vawter shall so soon thereafter as required by the said Phoebe Vawter her heirs and assigns and after advertising the ____ for ten days sell ____ said property to the highest bidder for cash pay to wit said Phoebe the amount then due her or to her heirs and assigns deduct all charges and the residual of any pay to the said Elliott A. Vawter his heirs and should the Elliott A. Vawter pay the amount due on the said bond during his natural life then the said Milton shall reconvey the said property above mentioned to him the said Elliott. And finally the said Elliott warrants to the said Milton the title to the said property and bonds himself to apply the costs of this indenture in any manner lawfully incurred. Signed by the parties of the first and second parts and secure with their seals.

Elliott A. Vawter
Milton Vawter

**United States National Archives. Civil War Service Records
Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 1999.**

The Civil War Compiled Military Service Records are part of a historic effort to compile and link all available records of soldiers serving in individual states during the Civil War of the United States. This database is a listing of over 5.3 million men who served in the war. Taken from records housed in the National Archives, each record provides the soldier's name, company, and unit. Also provided is the individual's rank when inducted and rank when discharged. (incomplete)

Name – Company - Unit Rank – Induction - Rank – Discharge - Allegiance

A. J. Vawter A 19 And 20 (Consolidated) Tennessee Cavalry. Private Private Confederate
A. J. Vawter I 12 Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
A. J. Vawter I 12 (Consolidated) Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
Aaron Vawter IH 7 Indiana Infantry. Private Private Union
Alex L. Vawter K 21 North Carolina Infantry. Private Private Confederate
Alex S. Vawter K 21 North Carolina Infantry. Private Private Confederate
Allen B. Vawter LD 2 Indiana Cavalry. Private Private Union
Allen V. Vawter LD 2 Indiana Cavalry. Union
Alpheus Vawter A 4 Kentucky Cavalry. Private Private Confederate
Benjamin Vawter IH 7 Indiana Infantry. Private Private Union
Charles E. Vawter D 27 Virginia Infantry. Private Sergeant Confederate
Charles E. Vawter D 30 Battalion Virginia Sharpshooters. Captain Captain Confederate
D W. Vawter C Wells Reg't Texas Cavalry. Captain Captain Confederate
David M. Vawter G Wells Reg't Texas Cavalry. Captain Captain Confederate
David M. Vawter K 1 Choctaw And Chickasaw Mounted Rifles. Private Sergeant Confederate
Dotham Vawter 184 Ohio Infantry. Private Union
Dotham Vawter D 191 Ohio Infantry. Private Private Union
J. C. Vawter D 57 North Carolina Infantry. Private Private Confederate
J. R. Vawter B 12 Texas Infantry. Private Private Confederate
J. R. Vawter D 2 Mississippi Cavalry. Private Private Confederate
J. W. Vawter E 166 Virginia Militia. Private Private Confederate
James Vawter C 11 Battalion Virginia Reserves. Private Private Confederate
James C. Vawter I 66 Illinois Infantry. Teamster Wagoner Union
James E. Vawter I 12 Mississippi Infantry. Private Private Confederate
James E. Vawter G 55 (Brown's) Tennessee Inf. Private Corporal Confederate
James M. Vawter A 130 Indiana Infantry. Private Corporal Union
John Vawter H 33 Illinois Infantry. Private Private Union
John Vawter G 72 Illinois Infantry. Private Private Union
John Vawter D 2 Mississippi Cavalry. Private Private Confederate
John M. Vawter H 10 Indiana Cavalry. Private Private Union
John S. Vawter A 25 Indiana Infantry. Private Private Union
John T. Vawter E 55 (Brown's) Tennessee Inf. Private Sergeant Confederate
John W. Vawter D 27 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
John W. Vawter D 27 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
Josiah C. Vawter B 72 Illinois Infantry. Private Private Union
Josiah C. Vawter 83 Illinois Infantry. Private Union
Julius Vawter E 1 W. Va. L. Art'y. Private Private Union
Lewis A. Vawter D 27 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
Lewis A. Vawter C 30 Battalion Virginia Sharpshooters. Captain Captain Confederate
Louis A. Vawter C 30 Battalion Virginia Sharpshooters. Captain Captain Confederate
M. G. Vawter I 56 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
Marion Vawter I 16 Texas Cavalry. Private Private Confederate
Newton W. Vawter D 54 Indiana Infantry. 1 Sergeant Private Union
R. A. Vawter F 3 Batt'n Georgia Sharp Shooters. Private Private Confederate
R. A. Vawter M Phillips' Legion, Georgia. Private Private Confederate
R. A. Vawter A 13 Mississippi Infantry. Private Private Confederate

Raleigh A. Vawter F 3 Batt'n Georgia Sharp Shooters. Private Private Confederate
 Rawley Vawter F 3 Batt'n Georgia Sharp Shooters. Private Private Confederate
 Robert Vawter H 36 Indiana Infantry. Private Private Union
 Samuel Vawter I 33 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 Samuel Vawter I 33 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 T. D. Vawter F 12 (Consolidated) Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 T. H. Vawter B 12 Texas Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 Tazwell Vawter H 24 Indiana Infantry. Captain Captain Union
 Tazwell Vawter K 67 Indiana Infantry. 2 Lieutenant Captain Union
 Thomas D. Vawter F 12 (Consolidated) Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 Thomas J. Vawter F 12 (Consolidated) Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 Thomas S. Vawter FE 24 Indiana Infantry. Private Corporal Union
 Thomas S. Vawter D 84 Indiana Infantry. Corporal Corporal Union
 Thomas S. Vawter C 67 Indiana Infantry. Private Private Union
 W. H. Vawter A 19 And 20 (Consolidated) Tennessee Cavalry. Private Private Confederate
 W. R. Vawter F 12 (Consolidated) Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 William Vawter C 56 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 William Vawter B 12 Texas Infantry. Private Corporal Confederate
 William Vawter G 11 Missouri Cavalry. Private Private Union
 William A. Vawter G 6 Battalion Confederate Cavalry. Private Private Confederate
 William H. Vawter A 4 Kentucky Cavalry. Private Private Confederate
 William J. Vawter C 10 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 William J. Vawter C 10 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 William S. Vawter E 82 Indiana Infantry. Private Private Union
 A. J. Vaughter B 20 (Russell's) Tennessee Cav. Private Private Confederate
 C. E. Vaughter D 30 Battalion Virginia Sharpshooters. Captain Captain Confederate
 F. D. Vaughter F 12 (Consolidated) Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 Franklin Vaughter E 9 Battalion Missouri Sharp Shooters Private Private Confederate
 George L. Vaughter G 45 Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 Hiram F. Vaughter K 52 Georgia Infantry. Confederate
 J. B. Vaughter C 4 (McLemore's) Tennessee Cav. Private Private Confederate
 J. E. Vaughter G 55 (Brown's) Tennessee Inf. Private Corporal Confederate
 J. T. Vaughter G 55 (Brown's) Tennessee Inf. Private Sergeant Confederate
 James Vaughter E 9 Battalion Missouri Sharp Shooters Private Private Confederate
 James J. Vaughter I 13 Ky. Cav. Private Private Union
 James M. Vaughter C 5 Ky. Cav. Private Private Union
 Julius Vaughter E 1 W. Va. L. Art'y. Private Private Union
 Rolly A. Vaughter A 13 Mississippi Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 Samuel H. Vaughter K 5 Georgia Infantry. 1 Lieutenant 1 Lieutenant Confederate
 T. D. Vaughter D 22 Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 W. H. Vaughter B 20 (Russell's) Tennessee Cav. Private Private Confederate
 W. R. Vaughter F 12 (Consolidated) Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 W. R. Vaughter D 22 Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 William G. Vaughter G 7 Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 William H. Vaughter G 7 Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 G. L. Vaughters G 45 Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 H. S. Vaughters K 52 Georgia Infantry. Confederate
 John W. Vaughters I 1 Missouri S. M. Cav. Private Private Union
 Samuel H. Vaughters K 5 Georgia Infantry. 1 Lieutenant 1 Lieutenant Confederate
 Samuel H. Vaughters K 52 Georgia Infantry. Private 1 Lieutenant Confederate
 Acad F. Vauter H 73 Ohio Infantry. Private Private Union
 Acad T. Vauter H 73 Ohio Infantry. Private Private Union
 Allen V. Vauter DD 2 Indiana Cavalry. Private Private Union
 Benson Vauter H 3 Georgia Cavalry. (State Guards.) Private Private Confederate

C. B. Vauter F 12 (Consolidated) Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 C. E. Vauter D 27 Virginia Infantry. Private Sergeant Confederate
 Charles Vauter E 29 Pennsylvania Infantry. Private Private Union
 Henry Vauter A 63 Illinois Infantry. Private Private Union
 J. H. Vauter B 12 Texas Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 J. R. Vauter B 12 Texas Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 J. W. Vauter D 27 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 J. W. Vauter 166 Virginia Militia. Private Private Confederate
 James J. Vauter I 21 Ky. Inf. Corporal Corporal Union
 Jephtha Vauter H 5 Kentucky Cavalry. Private Private Confederate
 John Vauter H 33 Illinois Infantry. Private Private Union
 John B. Vauter C 4 Ky. Mtd. Inf. Private 1 Sergeant Union
 John M. Vauter H 10 Indiana Cav. Private Private Union
 L. A. Vauter D 27 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 Rolla A. Vauter L 4 Ky. Cav. Private Private Union
 Rolly A. Vauter L 4 Kentucky Cavalry. Private Private Union
 S. A. Vauter D 27 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 T. V. Vauter F 12 (Consolidated) Tennessee Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 William Vauter C 10 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 Henry Vauters A 63 Illinois Infantry. Private Private Union
 J. N. Vauters A 26 Mississippi Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 James M. Vauters A 130 Indiana Infantry. Private Corporal Union
 Lemuel Vauters I 33 Virginia Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 Allen V. Vawters LD 2 Indiana Cavalry. Private Private Union
 J. E. Vawters G 55 (Brown's) Tennessee Inf. Private Corporal Confederate
 J. N. Vawters I 32 Mississippi Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 J. T. Vawters G 55 (Brown's) Tennessee Inf. Private Sergeant Confederate
 James M. Vawters A 130 Indiana Infantry. Private Corporal Union
 John Vawters G 72 Illinois Infantry. Private Private Union
 Josiah C. Vawters B 72 Illinois Infantry. Private Private Union
 Neston Vawters A 26 Mississippi Infantry. Private Private Confederate
 Osad T. Vawters H 73 Ohio Infantry. Private Private Union
 Tazwell Vawters K 67 Indiana Infantry. 2 Lieutenant Captain Union
 Thomas S. Vawters FE 24 Indiana Infantry. Private Corporal Union
 William B. Vawters F 145 Indiana Infantry. Private Private Union

Florence Maude Vawter Fitzgerald, 99, passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2002. She was born February 21, 1903 in Franklin, Indian Territory. She was a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and was one of the last few original enrollees of the tribe. Her grandfather was removed to Oklahoma on the "Trail of Tears" Florence later moved with her family to Bethany, Oklahoma where she grew to adulthood. She graduated from the high school at Oklahoma Nazarene College, now known as Southern Nazarene University, where she was active in the Shakespearean Club and the Platonic Literature Society. She constantly enriched the lives of those around her, teaching her children Latin phrases and her grandchildren and even great-grandchildren to play the piano. She received her Life Teaching Certificate from Central State Teacher's College in Edmond, Oklahoma and moved to Pernell, Oklahoma to teach at Whatt's Chapel School and help her family during the Great Depression. Later, she moved to Dale, Oklahoma to teach first grade and music classes. Florence met her husband, Eugene Frank Fitzgerald, at Pernell and later married him while teaching at Dale. After the birth of two children, they returned to Pernell where she taught music. Florence and Frank were married for almost 60 years, until his death in 1991. Florence received her Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from East Central College in Ada, Oklahoma in August 1957. She taught school for 36 years before retiring. She also spent approximately 75 years of her life teaching vocal music and piano lessons privately. In 1920, her classmates wrote of her singing, "It made the birds hush with humility." Her patience, love and music will live through her students and family. She accompanied many vocal music band students in competitions. Florence especially enjoyed children and friends of all ages. She was very involved in watching and helping people and plants grow and develop. She had a very nurturing spirit. In her lifetime, Florence witnessed many changes in world history. She was four years old when Oklahoma became a state and six years old when Geronimo, the leader of the Apache Nation, died at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. When she was born, automobiles and airplanes were a novel idea (she often told her children of trips across the Canadian River in a surrey), and television, space travel, and antibiotics were not even in the experimental stage. Florence was preceded in death by her parents, Martha Ann McCasson Vawter and James Wesley Vawter; sisters and brothers, Eula, Eunice, Ethel, Beatrice, Alice, Elbert, Albert, Zone and Lillian; and her husband, E.F. Fitzgerald. Her daughter, Dr. Marcia Fitzgerald Guinn; son-in-law, George Guinn; son, David Fitzgerald; three granddaughters, Milynda Guinn Moore, Lia Guinn Ingran and Lisa Fitzgerald; and her brother, Syllas M. Vawter, survive Florence. She also leaves great-grandchildren, Sascha Ingram, Leif Moore, Ashley Ingram, Davey Ingram, and MacKinley Moore; her great friends, Pat Cole Seals and the Rev. Blake Wastern, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. In her last days her favorite expression was some form of "I love you."

2012 Reunion Schedule, Howard Johnson, Springfield, MO

Thursday – July 19

1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.Registration
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.Welcome Reception
7:00 P.M.Site Committee Meeting
8:00 P.M.Executive Committee Meeting

Friday – July 20

9:00 A.M.Business Meeting
9:30 A.M.Genealogy Session (Civil War)
11:00 A.M.Depart for Carthage, MO, Precious Moments
Noon. (on your own)Lunch at Precious Moments
6:00 P.M.Dinner at Hotel, TEXARKANA BBQ

Saturday – July 21

9:00 A.M.Depart for Wilson Creek Battleground and Civil War Library
Noon. Lunch at Hotel, soup salad sandwich buffet
1:30 P.M.Leave Hotel for Fantastic Caverns, approx 30 min. dr.
2:30 P.M.Cavern tour, ride through approx. 1 hour
6:30 P.M.Annual VVV Banquet

Invocation
Pork Tenderloin & Tilapia Meal
Memorial Service
Special Recognition
Youngest & Oldest
Couple Married Longest
Longest Distance Traveled
Roll Call of States
Final Registration Report
Invitation to 2013 Reunion
Door Prizes and Auction Items
Adjournment

Sunday - July 22
8:30 A.M. (approx. 15 minutes)

Family Prayer Service
Provided by Darla Dunn, Vale, South Dakota

2012 Vawter Vauter Vaughter(s)

Family Association Reunion Springfield, Missouri, July 19-22

Pay at the reunion when you register.

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Phone 816-591-0251

REGISTRATION

Name of Each Attendee:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Registration Per Single Adult: _____ @ \$10.00 _____

or

Registration Per Family _____ @ \$15.00 _____

Dues for 2011 (if not paid) Includes Newsletter _____ @ \$10.00 _____

Thursday Night Reception No Charge

Breakfast Daily, full hot buffet at No Charge

Friday Night BBQ Chicken & Pork- Adult _____ @ \$19.25 _____

Friday Night- Child (6-12) _____ @ \$ 9.75 _____

Saturday Lunch -Soup, Salad, Sandwich _____ @ \$ 15.50 _____

Saturday Lunch - Child (6-12) _____ @ \$ 7.75 _____

Fantastic Caverns Tour (Adult age 9th grade and up) _____ \$16.50 adult _____

_____ \$6.00 child _____

Saturday Night Banquet - Adult

Pork Tenderloin and Tilapia _____ @ \$25.75 _____

Saturday Night Banquet - Child (6-12) _____ @ \$ 12.75 _____

Children Under 6 No Charge for any meals

TOTAL _____

Price includes all taxes and gratuities for meals

VVV Reunion 2012

Springfield/Branson Missouri July 19-22

Springfield is a one-of-a-kind city for meetings, conventions and recreation. Nearly 50 percent of the U.S. population lives within a 500-mile radius of Springfield, which is Missouri's third-largest city. Easy access via major highways, interstates and the recently-expanded Springfield-Branson National Airport allows Springfield to be a prime meeting and convention destination.

Now is the time to make reservations.

Call as soon as possible with the Vawter Family reunion as a code to get the discounted price.

Howard Johnson Hotel & Conference Center

3333 S. Glenstone
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Hotel costs are only \$70 per night for King or double Queen Rooms. Includes a free full hot buffet breakfast daily. Meeting rooms and banquet facilities. Pool, sports bar and near the mall and restaurants.



Fantastic Caverns

Regardless of the weather outside, visitors can stay dry, relax in comfort and get away from it all by boarding the Jeep-drawn tram and experiencing the natural beauty of Fantastic Caverns.

Modern innovation opens the door to the history of Fantastic Caverns as a natural adventure perfectly suited to Seniors. This is an ideal experience for church groups, bank clubs, adult and senior citizen centers.

As visitors board a comfortable tour of America's ride-through cave, they begin a journey back in time. People are very recent additions to this picture. Human history adds up to little more than a few ticks on the geologic clock by which caves count their age. Fantastic Caverns, just northwest of Springfield, Missouri, is one of more than 5,600 known caves that dot the Missouri landscape, and more are still being discovered. Of these, just 18 are open to

visitors - and only one offers a riding tour.



Wilson Creek Battlefield, National park and visitors center and Sweeny Museum

13 minute movie, map of battlefield and 5 mile driving loop with map

The Visitor Center is open seven days a week from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., and contains exhibits about the battle,

a thirteen minute film, a six minute fiber optics map program, and a bookstore. The Sweeny Museum, an outstanding collection of original Civil War artifacts relating to the war west of the Mississippi River, is located just north of the battlefield Visitor Center, and is open five days a week from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed Monday and Tuesday for the months of November, December, January and February). The park entrance fee includes admission to the museum.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is a designated fee area. The entrance fees are: \$5.00 per adult (including hikers, joggers, and bicyclists), to a maximum of \$10.00 per car. Children under 16 are free. An annual Wilson's Creek park pass is available for \$20. Passes such as The National Parks Pass, Golden Eagle, Golden Age and Golden Access are honored and can be acquired at the Visitor Center.



Precious Moments Park and Chapel

4321 S Chapel Road Carthage, MO 64836

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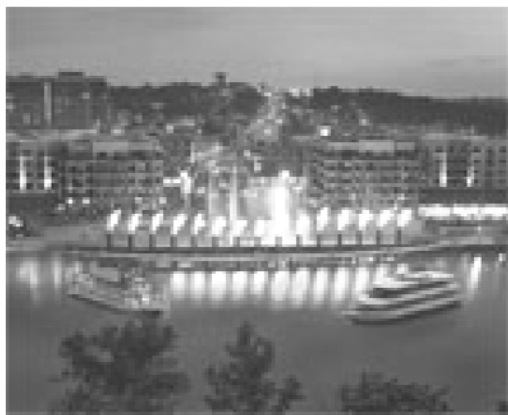
The Precious Moments Park and Chapel is located nestled in the rolling foothills of the beautiful Ozark Mountains sits Precious Moments Park. With your first step onto the grounds, you'll discover why so many have found this place to be a haven of peace and tranquility. The Park is home to acres of manicured grounds and dozens of gardens featuring flowering plants of many stunning varieties. You don't need to have a green thumb to appreciate the perfect beauty of this natural wonder.

**FREE Chapel Tours hourly from 9:00am - 4:00pm
7 days a week**

Chapel and Gift Shop: 9:00am – 5:00pm 7 days a week
Samuel J. Butcher Museum: 9:30-4:30 7 days a week

- Royal Delights food service is open daily
- There are many reasons hundreds of thousands of people choose to visit Precious Moments Park each year. Once here, most agree it is a place set apart...a place where peace, joy and happiness are celebrated. Many visitors begin their experience at the Visitor Center, especially designed by Precious Moments artist, Samuel J. Butcher, to reflect the warmth of a small English country village of yesteryear. It is the perfect setting to step out of the everyday world and into a world of Precious Moments.

For those who have extra time, plan to come a day or two early or stay a day or two after the reunion and enjoy beautiful Branson. It is only 1 hour south of Springfield. The hotel will make arrangements at the lower price for extra days. Don't miss the opportunity for a great family vacation.



Branson, Missouri, nestled in the lakeside beauty of the Ozark Mountains, is America's affordable, wholesome family entertainment capital that emphasizes fun, comfort and the feeling of being right at home. Featuring an array of live theaters and attraction venues and active recreational pursuits, the community embodies essential American values such as patriotism, faith, courage and generosity of spirit in a warm inviting atmosphere that is truly genuine and heartfelt.

David Vawter and Lucinda (Glover) Vawter

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

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

Louisiana Census, 1840 David Vauters Claiborne Parish page 112

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

#431Vauter Lucenda 45 F W widow KY REMARKS: Lucenda Glover Vawter w/o David Vawter
Vauter John 21 M W Clerk KY - REMARKS: m Mary Durkee
Vauter David 15 M W IN - REMARKS: M.D. m. Nancy Weir
Vauter Martha 12 F W IN - REMARKS: m J. C. White
Vauter Eugene F. 4 M W TX

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

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

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

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

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

Grand Bluff was named a voting box in 1848 and the court cut Mrs. Vawter's fees to only half the usual price. Later that year a citizens petition from Grand Bluff asked the court to rescind the August orders as unfair. The Court studied and revoked the order as unjust and unfair. By 1848 John Vawter was named as election judge.

In 1852, Lucinda Vawter was charged \$20 for a ferry license, several times the amount charged any of the ferryman in the county. From this time until bridges were built, Grand Bluff license cost a greater fee than any other in the county, evidently because it was most in demand.

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The VVV Family Organization is proud to have supported the Vauter's Church in Virginia at the recent family reunion meeting.

The Vauter's Church Love Offering raised \$1155.50

The Auction of family donated items raised \$1461.00

For a grand total of \$2626.50

Thanks again to Ken and Norma Wicker for their hard work as auctioneers and to everyone who brought items and donated to this worthy cause.

In Memoriam

Donna Jean Vawter, age 81, of Middletown, DE passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her loving family, Wednesday June 13, 2012.

Born in Fieldbrook, CA, April 3rd, 1931 to the late Kenneth and Edna Bacon. She attended Santa Paula High School, Ca. On January 3rd, 1947 she married Robert L. Vawter and had four beautiful children, one being the late Katherine Lee.

Early on in her marriage she helped support her family by taking many odd jobs from waitressing to cleaning house in CA. When her husband and she moved to DE. she started working at Keen's Kennel but eventually became her own businesswoman that bred, groomed, sold and showed poodles. A woman of many hobbies and talents such as being a seamstress, amateur writer and artist, an equestrian, a Major in the Civil Air Patrol, a gardener, an avid antique collector and a loving, devoted mother and wife.

Later in life her husband and she traveled around the world. They went all over from Hawaii, France, China, and many more places. She also became involved in her children's and grandchildren's lives. She was the original soccer mom, caretaker, and comforter. Whenever her family took on a new hobby or activity she'd take it on as well.

She is survived by her siblings Colleen, Barbara, Patty, and Jack; her husband of 65 years, Robert, her children; Rosemary and husband Charles Raysor, Robert and wife Linda, and daughter Jennifer, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her caregiver and friend, Peggy Lewis, friend, Mary Louise, and many other friends.

Rosetta Eileen Vawter, 81, of Salina, KS, passed away Friday, June 8, 2012. She was born March 28, 1931, in Lincoln, the daughter of Charles and Viva (Howard) Francis. She married Donald E. Vawter on Jan. 31, 1947.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald (2009); her parents, Charles and Viva Francis; daughter, Patricia Barr; brother, Charlie Francis Jr.; and sister, Joan Francis.

She is survived by: son, Ronald Vawter and wife Pat, of Salina; daughter, Donna Stillwagon, of Minneapolis; sister, Norma Adams, of Salina; grandchildren, Dana Pilkington and husband Blake, Ashley Dankenbring, Nikki Dankenbring, Darla Denning and husband Steve, Jack Barr Jr. and wife Christina, Angela Burch and husband Roy, Donald Vawter and wife Dawn and Rhonda Moye; 13 great-grandchildren, with one on the way; four great-great-grandchildren, with three on the way; and more than 100 foster children.

Patrick John Vawter-Beird passed away on April 24, 2012, after a tragic accident in Palm Harbor, Fla. He was 22 years old. He was born in Denver, on Aug. 3, 1989. He is survived by his parents Kathy and Jim Beird of Palm Harbor, Fla; Brothers Matthew and Andrew Vawter-Beird, Jason and Jimmy Beird; Grandfather Glenn Vawter; Grandmother Mary Linda Vawter; Uncle John Vawter; Aunt Linda Vawter Costa; Cousins Sydney and Colin Vawter, and Daniel Bullard and his family; Grandmother Avril Beird; Aunt Peggy Beird Thompson; Nephew Aaron Beird; and Niece Shannon Beird.

Pat, as his friends called him, was raised in Summit County. He graduated from Summit middle and high schools, and attended the University of Colorado in Denver where he majored in business and economics. In Summit, he participated in wrestling, football, ski team and he volunteered on Summit Historical Society restoration projects. He worked as a waiter at the Arapahoe Café. Patrick loved to travel and see new things and made new friends where ever he went. He cherished his cousins, nephew, niece and the Belcher children who called him "my brother Pat." Pat loved the mountains where he grew up. He will be sorely missed by the Vawter, Haberl, Beird, Murata and Barney families, his many friends and "extended family".

In Memoriam

JACK MORRISON VAWTER, 93 of Louisville, died Friday, April 27, 2012 at his residence. He was a retired director of systems for the Old Louisville and Nashville and CSX Railroads where he worked for 45 years. Jack was a flight instructor for Kentucky Flying Service, an Army veteran of World War II where he was a tank commander in the Battle of the Bulge, a member of Midland Trail Golf Club where he had two holes in one, a member of the University of Louisville Honor Society and University Club and Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Peggy Abell Vawter; nieces, Jackie Coble, Beverly Mattingly and Dr. Margaret Rose Stone; and a nephew, Kendall Stone.

Orville Frank Vawter, Jr., 57, of New Palestine, passed away on May 24, 2012, in Indianapolis. Born on April 30, 1955, in Beech Grove, he was the son of Orville Frank Vawter, Sr. and Elizabeth L. (Reddehase) Vawter.

Orville married Karen "Betty" Elizabeth Taylor on May 13, 1988, in Indianapolis. He owned Vawter Automotive in New Palestine and was active at the Indianapolis Speedrome with the Tunny Racing Team. He dedicated his life to the automotive industry. Additionally, he loved fishing in Canada and vacationing at Dale Hollow Lake.

Surviving him are his beloved dog, Tubbs; children, Bettina (Jesse) Bradley, Tracey (Chad) Hamor both of Omaha, Neb., Rodney (Vonda) Vawter of New Palestine, Robert Vawter of Wanamaker, Deonna R. Vawter of Martinsville, Elizabeth (William) Alexander and Matthew McKinnis both of Indianapolis; siblings, Sharon (John) England of Kentucky, Ruth Ann (John) Dailey of Indianapolis, and John (Donna) Vawter of New Palestine; twelve grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and best friend, Brandy Pedigo.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Karen "Betty" Vawter in 2011; brothers, Fred Vawter, Richard Vawter, and Frank Vawter; and his beloved dog, Shadow.

George Thomas Weidner, 73 of Eureka, Illinois passed away on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at his residence after a 4 month battle with cancer. He was born on April 18, 1938 in Grantsburg, WI, a son of George Clifford & Myrtle Ralston Weidner. He married Marilyn Joan Doran on August 20, 1960 in Fairbury, IL. She survives.

Also surviving are: a son, Timothy (Lori) Weidner, Pekin, IL; 3 daughters, Patricia (Harlen) Pierson of Eureka; Theresa (John) Cotter of Tiskilwa, IL; and Jan (Russ) Arbuckle of Little Elm, TX; nine grandchildren, Elise Weidner; Andrew, Sarah, Brianna and Trisha Pierson; Doran and Shannon Cotter; Holly and Derek Arbuckle; a sister, Kathleen Keyes of Pelham, MA and two brothers-in-law, Richard Doran of Fairbury and Michael (Georgia) Doran of Forrest.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son Jeffrey Thomas, his brother-in-law Robert Keyes and a sister-in-law Roberta Doran.

Tom retired from Eureka Community Hospital in 2001 after almost 20 years as Director of Maintenance. He served 2 terms on the Eureka City council. He was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Eureka where he served as an usher and parish council member. He was an active member of the Eureka Sportsmen's Club. Tom enjoyed woodworking, fishing, camping and gardening and was avid Bears and Cubs fan.

He was buried in Olio Township Cemetery, Eureka, Illinois.

Tom's maternal grandmother was Lula May (Vawter) Weidner who was the daughter of Albert Grant and Sarah Jane (Kinkade) Vawter. Albert Grant Vawter is the great-grandfather of our president Shirley (Vawter) Beasley also.

Ken Wicker handled the auction, with the help of Norma Wicker and Frederick Cummings. The proceeds go to the Vauter Church.

Wow, that football was signed by Eli Manning.



A representative from the city of Springfield welcomed the VVW Family.



Connie Bugos will move up to VVW President for the next two years.



Bruce Vawter and his helpers gave away dozens of door prizes. Many were souvenirs of Mississippi to remind us of next years reunion.





Two loads of cousins in America's only "ride through" cave



We saw a demonstration of a Civil War rifle.



Gayle and Roger Wicker invited the VVW cousins to the Mississippi Delta, Greenwood, Mississippi. They will host the VVW reunion in 2013.

Check out the fantastic pictures and family album at the vawterfamily.org website. Click at the top of the page on the "pictures" button and then on the 2012 reunion. While you're there, check out the reunions past and see how we've changed and grown.



Who is this? Charles P. Vawter, father & Charles R. L. Vawter, son

Charles R. L. Vawter was quite a traveler, after attending school, traveled to Cuba and Europe on at least 3 occasions. He attended the St. Louis Exposition in 1904 and saw the first electric lights used for buildings. He seems to have an interesting history that would be a great find for a family member. What did he study at school? What happened to Clarkie? Anybody adding to this line, please send it to the newsletter editor or to the website.

1880 US Census, Orangeburg, Mason, KY

Charles P. Vawter age 31 b. KY (father)

Susan Vawter age 25 b. KY

Lula Vawter age 4

Charles P. Vawter age 2 (son)

James A. Vawter age 6 mon

1900 US Census Dist 99 Mason, KY

Charles P. Vawter head age 51 b. May 1849

IN/IN/KY married 25 years (father)

Susan wife age 45 b. May 1855 KY/PA/KY married 25 years 6 children 2 living

(GJ Note: This is Charles Publius Vawter and Susan Degman)

1900 US Census Lexington Ward 2, Fayette Co., KY

Charley R. Vawter age 21 single boarder at school b. Sep 1878 b. KY/IN/KY (son)

Kentucky Marriages – 1785 - 1979

Groom – Charles Richard Vawter.....Bride – Carolyn Della Morrison

Marriage date – May 20, 1903.....Place – Sonora, Hardin, Kentucky



New Orleans Passenger Lists 1820-

1845, September 1904, ship Excelsior.

CP Vaughter, (son) resident of Cuba, age 26 single, US citizen, Traveling to the St. Louis Exposition, bringing approximately \$100 with him.

At left a postcard souvenir of the St. Louis 1904 exposition

1910 US Census Cincinnati Ward 4, Hamilton Co., OH

Charles P. Vawter age 56 b. IN/KY/KY married 34 years (father)

Susan Vawter age 55 b. KY/KY/PA married 34 years 8 children 2 living

Charles L. Vawter age 31 b. KY/IN/KY widow married 6 years 3 children 1 living

(Surviving child is Velma, shown as age 15 in 1920)

New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957

Charles R. L Vawter age 34 b. 22 Sep 1878, Springdale, KY res: KY (son)

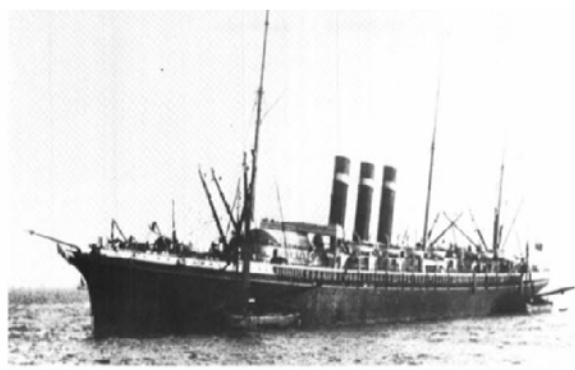
Port of Departure: Southampton, England

Port of Arrival: 20 Oct 1912, New York, NY

Ship Philadelphia

Years of service: 1919-1923

3 funnels, 3 masts American ship



1920 US Census Plumville, Mason, KY

Mary A. Degman age 71 head of household b. KY/KY/KY
Ida C. McDonald age 52 sister b. KY/OH/KY
Nancey Doruella age 25 niece b. OH/KY/KY
Charles P. Vawter age 69 servant widow b. IN/IN/KY (father)
Bettie Hall age 33 boarder b. KY/KY/KY

1920 US Census Jackson Co., MO

Charles R. L. Vawter age 40 KY/KY/KY
Caroline Vawter age 39 KY/KY/KY
Velma Vawter age 15 KY
Beverly Vawter (son) age 8 KY
Errett Vawter (son) age 5 MO
Jack Morrison Vawter age 11/12 MO
(GJNote: Jack Morrison obit in this issue)

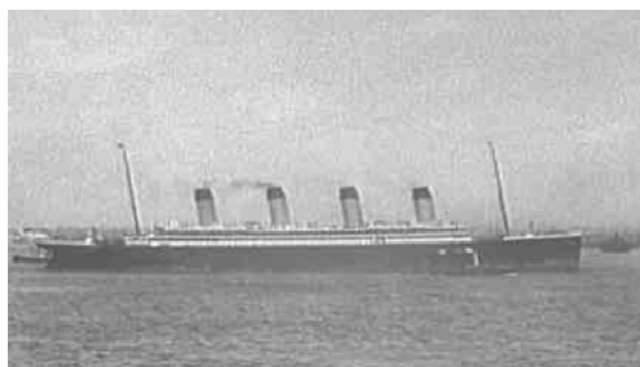
Ohio, county marriages 1789 – 1994:

Groom - Charles R L Vawter, born 1879, Springdale, KY. Parents, C P Vawter and Susan Degman
Bride – Clarkie Reaves, born 1897, Ripley, TN. Parents, T D Reaves and Nellie Clark
Marriage date – June 26, 1924 in Franklin Co. Ohio



New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957

Charles Vawter b 22 Sep 1878 Springdale, KY residence OK (son)
Clarkie Vawter b. 3 Aug 1896 Ripley, TN residence OK (listed as female)
Port of Departure 18 Aug 1926: Bremen, Germany
Arrival 27 Aug 1926: New York, New York
Ship George Washington in service 1921-1941



New York Passenger Lists, 1820 – 1957

Charles Vawter age 50 b. 22 Sep 1879 (son) Springdale, KY res: Box 684 Enid, OK
Clarkie Vawter age 35 b. 3 Aug 1895 Ripley, TN res: Box 684 Enid, OK (listed as female)
Port of Departure: Cherbourg, France
Arrival: 9 Sep 1930, New York, New York
Ship Olympic

Dunlavy Funeral Home, Enid, OK, Index of Deaths between August 1923 to March 1946

Charles R. L. Vawter age 81

Puilus Vawter age 81 (GJNote: This is Charles Publius Vawter shown in 1920 census age 69)

James W. Vawter⁵, Edward Vawter⁴ (Thomas³, Edward², Bartholomew¹)

James W. Vawter b. ca 1802 VA likely Caroline or Cumberland County. Deceased between 1860 and 1870 in Rockingham Co., VA as shown in the census record.

Marriage record found in the *VA Historical Mag. Vol. 19* p 431, Caroline Co., Marriage. 26 Sep 1823 Jas. Vauter & Frances Murray.

John Murray 1732-1809, Title Earl of Dunmore, Lord Dunmore, grandfather of Frances Murray. Lord Dunmore was Governor of New York in 1770-71 and colonial Governor of Virginia 1771-1775. He was born in England, in 1774 led a campaign against the Indians and won a decisive victory over the Shawnee in the battle of Point Pleasant at the mouth of the Great Kanawha where it enters the Ohio River. An ardent loyalist, he dissolved the Virginia assembly in 1774 for its pro-revolutionary views and removed the powder magazine to English Warships. Forced to retreat to shipboard, he kept up a predatory warfare along the coast, burning Norfolk in 1776. He returned to England and was Governor of Bahamas in 1787-1796.

The marriage record below is incorrect. Further research has shown this to be James V. Achlin and not James Vawter. *Wm. & Mary Quarterly Vol. 7 Series 2 1927*, published Krause Reprint Corp, 1964 NY, p. 283, Cumberland Co., VA, Marriage Bonds by William Shepard.

Jas. Vawter & Mildred D. Lee, Appr. by father, Charles Lee 11 Oct 1815.

Charles Lee by statement in the marriage bond of dau. Mildred Dabbs Lee to James V. Achen 11 Oct 1815. Surety Edmund P. Lee. Test: Sarah Guthrey Lee, signatures on bond, James V. Achen. "My daughter, Mildred Dabbs Lee wishes to change her situation, she is of lawful age and has my consent to marry Jas. V. Achen".

Charles Lee, Jr. Power of Attorney. State of TN, Franklin Co., circuit court, July Term 1822. Know all men by these presents that we James V. Acklin, Christopher Acklin, Alexander S. Acklin, John C. Turner, William J. Grills, Edmond P. Lee, Baldwin W. Lee, Charles P. Lee, John H. Lee and Arther A. Lee by his guardian Edmond P. Lee legatees of the estate of Charles Lee Dec'd and appoint Richard H. Lee of Franklin Co., TN our true and lawful attorney to sell land belonging to the estate of Charles Lee dec'd on Boiling Fork, 247 acres. Signed by all of above on 22 Mar 1821. Recorded DB D, page 394, Winchester, TN.

The Acklin men, James V. Acklin, Christopher Acklin and A. S. Acklin married 3 sisters and dau. of Charles Lee, namely Mary Ann Lee, Caty Bucher Lee and Sarah Gepson Lee. The remaining dau. Elizabeth Knight Lee married William Grills.

1830 Census Caroline County, VA Microfilm # 197

James Vawter Head of household

Males 2 between 20-30

Female 1 age 5-10

Female 1 age 20-30

Slaves male 2 age 10-24, Female 2 under 10, 1 age 24-36

1850 Census Rockingham Co., VA, Reel #974 page 194

James age 48 Shoemaker b. VA

Frances age 48 b. VA

Lemuel age 20 Shoemaker b. VA

Margaret age 17 b. VA

Sarah age 15 b. VA

Dorothy age 13 b. VA

William S. age 11 b. VA

Darren Roberts 18 b. VA

1860 Census Rockingham Co., VA Reel # 1370 page 214 famiy # 1560, 8 Aug 1860
Lemuel (shown as Samuel) Vaulters age 29 Shoemaker b. VA
Sarah age 23 b. VA
Frances age 4, James age 2 both b. VA
Also living with the family
James age 58 Shoemaker
Frances age 55 b. VA
William S. age 21 Shoemaker b. VA
Domestic Lucy Sipe age 18

1870 Census Rockingham Co., VA Reel #1679 p. 32 family #219 (family #221 is Margaret Vawter Monger)
Lemuel Vawters age 39 Shoemaker b. VA
Sally age 33 b. VA
Fanny age 16, James age 12, Laura age 10, Mary age 8, Graves age 6, Richard age 4 and Frances age 60

One of the Children of James and Frances (Murray) Vawter:

- a. Lemuel Vawter b. 6 Apr 1831 McGaheysville, VA (near Fredericksburg) d. 31 Sep 1887
Harrisonburg, VA m. 17 May 1854 McGaheysville, VA to Sarah E. Huntin b. 9 May 1837, New
Market, VA d. 18 Sep 1908 North River, VA. Parents William Huntin and Anna J.
Basye/Basge. Lemuel was a shoemaker and noted as a great vocal singer. He served in the
Civil War Co. I 33rd Reg. VA Inf.

(GJNote: see 1860 and 1870 census above)

1880 Census Rockingham Co., VA

Lemuel Vaultler age 49, Sally age 43

Wm. J. (James) age 21, Luella (Laura) age 19, Margaret (Mary) age 16, Graves age 13, Fuller age 11, John
H. age 9, Emma F. age 7 and Minnie age 4. (GJNote: from family information it would seem Florence
was missed on this census)

1b. Frances Ann (Fannie) Vawter b. 12 May 1856 North River, VA d. 22 Nov 1904 North
River, VA m. Prof. Wm. H. Smith
Marriage Index - SMITH males - Rockingham Co, Virginia
29 Sep 1878 William H.Smith Fannie A.Vawter, BK1 p. 158
History of Shenandoah County VA by John W. Wayland pub. 1937 p. 423. Wm. Harrison Smith became
principal at the New Market Polytecnic Institute after 1875. In 1878 he married Frances Ann Vawter of
New Market. They had 6 children. He died at the home of a daughter Mrs. Vasper Lewis at Roletta, ND
8 Dec 1924.

2b. James William Vawter b. 6 Nov 1858 North River, VA d. 10 Sep 1918 Staunton, VA.
Married ?. Had a daughter Elizabeth "Bess" Vawter.
1900 Census Rockingham Co., VA mailbox Staunton, VA Living with the family of Jacob H. Warmesley as
boarders, James W. Vaughter b. Jan 1860 and Bessie Vaughter b. May 1885 age 16.
3b. Laura L. Vawter b. 27 Oct 1860 North River m. Peter M. Meyerhoeffer
4b. Margaret "Maggie" Vawter b. 16 Mar 1864 North River d. 10 Sep 1914 m. Peter H.
Carpenter.

- 5b. Graves P. Vawter b. 9 Feb 1867 North River
- 6b. Fuller Richard Vawter (letter writer) b. 25 Feb 1869 North River, VA
- 7b. John Huntin Vawter b. 25 May 1871 North River d. 16 Jan 1896. Married
- 8b. Florence E. Vawter b. 28 Feb 1873 North River, VA m. Bud Carver
- 9b. Minnie M. Vawter b. 1 May 1876 North River, VA m. L. Lurty Tutwilser

Several letters below were sent to E. B. Vaughters who was updating the Vawter Family in America Book. The VVV association is very lucky that this research in the early 1920's and 30's is preserved and helps to bridge the gap of many research questions.

"I am replying to your of the 29 letter; will say that I am pleased to receive your communication. I am and always have had a desire to investigate the history or genealogy of the Vawter name. Although I have never even had Mrs. E. P. Bicknell book to look over. However I would like to see it, if I knew where to get it. Now my friend, will not be ready for a few days yet to send you my and close relatives history but will give you some names, it might be well to write. On the first place my grand father James W. Vawter had three brothers as follows: George Vawter who went to state of MO in the year of about 1850, Bartholomew Vawter also went west and Samuel Vawter also left this part of VA, along about the same dates. Now as there are several families of Vawter's in Missouri and also W VA. and even scattered in most of the states of the union; which however I had a desire to trace in certain extent. Just about where they located and the count of offspring as it seem they were men about 50 when they left and we never got to keep in touch with each other much after.

Now I will proceed to give you some names of Vawters that I had letters from several years back. Charles A. Vawter a professor Mathematics of Philadelphia, PA, whose father is dead but who before his death was originator of the large Miller Manuel School at Charlottesville, VA. his name was Charles and first cousin of my father. (Lemuel Vawter). You might write to W. A. Vawter of Bluefield W. Va who is train conductor. Frank P. Vawter is a traveling salesman located mostly at Hotel main Fort Smith Arkansas but raised somewhere in Missouri. Which I lost sight of and there is a Henry A. Vawter in Washington, D.C. Mrs. L. C. Andersen of Bainbridge Arks. who is a cousin of mine: coming through my mother's side of kin. and said mother was a Hunton of New Market VA Now this cousin wants me to send just such information as you ask for, so that she so she can be getting out her book so having it about ready for her, will be able to send to you both in about 1 week. I haven't so much new to write but some of my people has been two months giving me a family record. There were 9 in our family and I guess 5 blanks you sent will do OK. Thanking you for further I am Fuller R. Vawter."

Next letter sent 9 May 1928

"Here is some information I am sorry that I do not use a type writer. If you find anything you do not understand just write me. From some cousin some of our records are misplaced. Rev. Wm. L. Huntin Philladelphus whos father was a brother (John H. Huntin) to my mother Sarah E. Vawter nee Huntin. He could give the history of the Huntin generation. Let me know of anything else you want. F. R. Vawter."

Next letter sent 12 Jul 1928

"Dear Sir, in regard to your request about more information the line of the Vawter History I did the best I could on the report earlier. It is some what incomplete. It seems that our old family records got destroyed during the war between the states and as I wrote you before I cannot give the name of my great grandfather. and as I said before in a letter that my Grand father was James Vawter and had three brothers that went west about 65 years back. and there names were Bartholomew Vawter (Biblical) and the other brother was George.

When you get in a report from some of the descendants of these two particular names and about 70 years back starting who their father were, that will give you the name of my great grandfather. I have later learned that my G.Father and mother resided at at Fredericksburg, VA before moving to McGaheysville, VA so I missed stateing that they were married at the latter place. I hope you can help with regard to some of these matters. I have in my possession here the picture and location of the old Vawter Episcopal Chapel in Essex Co., VA dated back to 1720. I will mail to you. F. R. Vawter"

Congratulations to Will Welch

, the 16-year-old grandson of Joe and Bonita Welch of Scipio, Indiana. For the third time in as many years, Will's 4-H genealogy project has earned a blue ribbon at the Indiana State Fair. He has also earned state fair blue ribbons in woodworking and photography.

The project is much more than putting together a family tree. The first year, or level one, Will started a pedigree chart with himself, his parents and his grandparents. Besides the pedigree chart, he was required to have family group sheets, with all sources documented, and information sheets for each individual. He added copies of photos, newspaper clippings, certificates and other material to help tell the story of his family. Organization and documentation are stressed. If possible, photos are to have all the people identified and tell the date and location. Newspaper clippings are to be dated and have the name of the newspaper.

The second year, the eight great-grandparents are added to the pedigree chart. Again, family group sheets and information sheets are completed. That year he added census records to the collection of photos, clippings and other material.

This year, level three, he researched the 16 great-great-grandparents and added them to the pedigree chart. Several of the ancestors of this generation on his mother's side came from Sweden and Denmark. In addition to the information as compiled in previous years, he was required to have photos of their monuments at the cemeteries.

Next year he goes back another generation and adds the 32 great-great-great-grandparents. Along with all the other information, he is to write a story about one of them.

He now has two large binders filled with information about his family; much of it he did not know when beginning the project. As he collects material for level four, he will start another binder.

Will and his sister, Anna, live in Indianapolis with their father, Darren Welch. He is a junior at Warren Central High School, where he is active in the JROTC. As a First Lieutenant, he is the assistant training officer. They have attended the past two VVV reunions, and the 1999 reunion in Nashville, Indiana. At that reunion, Will and his cousin, Jonathan Welch, were three years old and led the pledge to the American flag.

Emmetsburg Democrat Emmetsburg, Palo Alto, Iowa 25 Mar 1914

The news of Mowbridge, South Dakota of March 13 says: "Yesterday M.F. RYAN received a message from Washington informing him that the senate had confirmed his appointment as postmaster at Mowbridge. The appointment of Mr. RYAN comes as a well deserved recognition of his generous efforts of the democratic party and because he is qualified to attend to the duties connected to the office. While the News regrets the retirement of Judge VAWTER from the position, there is no one in the democratic ranks we could sooner see have the job than that good old warrior- Matt F RYAN". Mr. RYAN is a brother of the Supt. Margaret RYAN and step son of Mrs. Matt RYAN of this city. He is well known to all of our citizens. (GJ Note: This is John Grey Vawter, Jr who came from Montana ca 1885 to Minnesota and South Dakota until the 1920's and returned to MT and died in 1936)

Thanks to everyone who gave of their time and money
to make the 2012 reunion a great success.

Final registration: 78

Youngest attending: Christian Hill, 2 years

Oldest attending: Harold Lansdale 88 years, 3 days older than his first cousin Fred Wicker

Married longest: Bill & Wanda Chritton

Traveled farthest: Garry Vawter 1730 miles from California

Past Presidents attending: Garry Vawter, Robert L. "Bobbee" Vawter, Beth Melton, Ken Wicker,

Phil Vaughter, Jesse Vawter, Jordan Johnston

Roll-call of states:

Arizona 1; Arkansas 3; California 1; Delaware 2; Florida 2; Illinois 7; Indiana 5;
Kansas 11; Kentucky 2; Michigan 1; Mississippi 7; Missouri 12; New York 1;
South Dakota 1; Texas 19; Virginia 2.

Plan now to attend 2013 in Greenwood, Mississippi for a Blues Concert, tours of
the location of the movie production of "The Help", museums and family fun.

Pleasant Oaks Farm

James Corbitt, Century Farm of Humphreys County, TN

In selecting their initial homestead, most Tennessee farmers chose sites adjacent to a river or major creek. That tendency explains the location of the Pleasant Oaks Farm in the Plant community of Humphreys County. Pleasant Oaks Farm began with 4,500 acres of land acquired by Thomas T. and Sarah Vawter Stribling in 1853. The Striblings, parents of thirteen children, were native Virginians who moved to Tennessee from Indiana. Their farm dwelling stood at a ferry crossing of the Duck River and their agricultural commodities were corn, cattle and swine.

Shortly after the family's arrival in Tennessee, the oldest son, Pleasant Stribling, obtained the farm. He and his wife, Zerelda Dehoney located their home in the Plant community. The parents of eight children, they raised corn, cattle, and swine. The property passed into the Corbitt family in 1875, when Emerine Stribling Corbitt and Allen T. Corbitt acquired 19.5 acres. Emerine taught school and Allen worked this small farm; together, their income was enough to support their nine children.

In 1925, Pleasant Corbitt inherited the farm. Wed to Rena McCrary, Pleasant planted new crops such as soybeans and lespedeza. Due to a planned flood control project, Pleasant sold nine acres to Tennessee Valley Authority in the 1940s. Upon her father's death in 1948, Emma Corbitt took control of the farm. When she died in 1981, the farm was left to her two brothers and two sisters. James Corbitt, the founders' great great great grandson uses the farm's remaining 10 acres of land for pasture.



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Family Line: John Vawter and Ruth Minton,

son John Allan Vawter b. 9 May 1833 Vernon, IN d. 30 May 1874 Marion Co., IN

son Francis Day Vawter b. 6 Feb 1856 Morgan Co., IN d. 17 Jan 1900 Vincennes, Vigo Co., IN

son William Bell Vawter b. 8 Nov 1882 Marion Co., IN d. 27 Aug 1951



Picture is Will (William Bell Vawter) father, and Cecil Vawter, son date unknown. Another child is shown, not known if Cecil is younger or older child. Does anyone know the name of the child?

1910 US Census Decator, Marion Co., IN

William Vawter age 27

Ora Mary Vawter age 25

Cecil R. Vawter age 8 months

In Memoriam

Thomas (Tom) William Renton, fondly known as "Pawpaw" to those who loved him, entered rest Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at the age of 83 years in Pipe Creek, Texas. Tom was born on February 6, 1929 in Los Angeles, California. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Amos Renton, Jr. and Carol C. Shepherd Renton.

Tom is survived by his wife of 33 years, Patricia Vawter Renton, son Thomas William (Bill) Renton, Jr., daughter Dana Anne Townsend (Clyde), son Robert Edward Renton Leifeste, daughter Pamela Jeane Pearce (Robert), stepson Jordan Johnston (Sandra), stepdaughter Daria Williams (Jason), stepson Marcus Johnston, 15 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren, sister-in-law Joy Vawter Richter (Tommy) and his faithful cat, Garfield.

Tom was a big Aggie fan. He attended A & I at Kingsville for a couple of years. Then back to San Antonio to join the family laundry business. After Hemisphere bought out businesses down town, he moved to Goodwill Industries and ran the laundry there.

But in his heart, he was a peace officer. He joined the volunteer deputies and rode "shotgun". Then later joined the regular service. When he retired, he had been the Jail Administrator for years.

Retired Chief Master Sergeant **Allen E. Vawter** died Jun 23, 2012, was born on September 4, 1921 in Beverly, Kansas to Fred and Olive (Edwards) Vawter. He was raised on a farm just outside Salina, KS and graduated from Beverly High School in 1939. He met Florence Victoria Strand at the Denver Dance Academy in 1941 and they married on June 6, 1942. He entered the Army/Airforce at Fort Logan in 1940 to avoid the draft and choose the branch he wanted. He is survived by his daughters; Sandra Van Doren and Pamela Sherman, grandchildren; Kevin Van Doren, Alice Van Doren, Brent Sherman and Michelle Gentry, siblings; Winnifred Robinson, Iris Percival and Fred Vawter. Allen was proud, very proud to be from Beverly, Kansas, a Retiree of the Airforce of 35 years and a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans. He will be missed.

John Vawter Born in Port Arthur, TX on Mar. 27, 1958 Departed on Jul. 27, 2012 and resided in Brenham, TX. (GJNote: If anyone knows this family line, please let the newsletter or website know)

Dorine V. Clevenger, 97 of Valrico, FL passed quietly January 10, 2012. Born August 17, 1914 to Theodore and Georgie Lorene Vawter in Mayotown, TX, she is preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Willie; and daughter, Sylvia Crispin. Dorene is survived by her son, LTC (USAR, RET) Gary Clevenger; and son-in-law, Andie A. Crispin. A seamstress by vocation, she worked during World War II at Ellington Field's hospital near Houston, where she lived her adult life, until moving to Florida in 1989. "Pushoverance" was the word Dorine coined for dogged determination under difficult conditions which she overcame throughout her long life from the cotton fields of East Texas to her flower beds in her Valrico home. She was the aunt of John H. Vawter of Nacogdoches, Texas.

Relationship variations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As we wait for the Mayan Calendar to change on December 21, 2012, there are a lot of calendars that have been used through the history of man. Chinese and other calendars are still used today and differ from the "common era" calendar

Beginning in 45 B.C., many parts of the world used the Julian calendar to mark the passage of time. By the Julian calendar, March 25 was the first day of the year and each year was 365 days and 6 hours long. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII determined that the Julian calendar was incorrect: each day was just a little bit too long and the human calendar wasn't keeping up with nature's calendar. To solve the problem, Pope Gregory XIII created what is known as the Gregorian calendar. This new calendar changed the first day of the year to January 1 and also jumped ahead by 10 days to make up for the lost time. The practice of double dating resulted from the switch from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar. Not all countries and people accepted this new calendar at the same time. England and the American colonies didn't officially accept it until 1752. Before that date, the government observed March 25 as the first of the year, but most of the population observed January 1 as the first of the year. For this reason, many people wrote dates falling between January 1 and March 25 with both years, as in the following examples.

Julian or	Old Style Gregorian or	New Style Double Date
December 25, 1718	December 25, 1718	December 25, 1718
January 1, 1718	January 1, 1719	January 1, 1718/19
February 2, 1718	February 2, 1719	February 2, 1718/19
March 20, 1718	March 20, 1719	March 20, 1718/19
March 25, 1719	March 25, 1719	March 25, 1719

By the time England and the colonies adopted the new calendar, the discrepancy between the calendars was eleven days. To resolve the discrepancy, the government ordered that September 2, 1752 be followed by September 14, 1752. Some people also added 11 days to their birth dates (a fact which is not noted on their birth certificates). You should also watch for dates that are recorded as double dates even after all calendars had officially switched. People sometimes accidentally wrote double dates.

Zac Vawter climbs 2,100 stairs on bionic leg



Brian Jackson/CHICAGO SUN-TIMES
VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS - Zac Vawter
climbed the steps in Chicago's tallest
building.

Published: November 6, 2012

Zac Vawter climbed 2,100 stairs to the top of the
Willis Tower in Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday.

That probably seems newsworthy enough. But
Vawter, 31, did it with an artificial leg that he
controlled with his mind. Pretty cool!

Vawter lost his right leg in an accident and got
a replacement that is powered by two motors
and his mind. The leg is designed to respond to
electrical impulses from muscles in Vawter's
upper leg. When he thinks about climbing, the

motors and chains in his leg make his ankle and knee move.

Bionic — or thought-controlled — artificial arms have been available for a few years. But scientists at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago have been focusing on legs lately. The reason is simple: If a bionic hand fails, a person drops a glass of water; if a bionic leg fails, a person falls down stairs.

“Everything went great,” said Vawter at the end of the “SkyRise Chicago” event, in which 3,000 people climbed the steps of the city's tallest building to raise money for research. “The [artificial] leg did its part, and I did my part.”

GJNote: Zac is age 31 and from the Oregon area. We do not know what family line he belongs.

Samuel Vawter 1771 land transaction: Matthias Williams and his wife Jane/Jean of Cumberland C. Va sold an estimated 150 acres "whereon Matthias Williams now liveth between Dry Creek and Badlock branches of the Appomattox river and on lines of Charles Anderson, Joseph Michaux, Wm Fretwell, Leanda Hughes and Moore Lumpkin: to Samuel Vawter, 5 lb, October 24 1771 with Jno Woodson Sr and Jr and Moore Lumpkin, Witnesses. As per Cumberland C. Va wills. Deed Book 7,30.

Vawter Family History

From the MADISON COURIER, April 4, 1874

Father with six or eight others, Kentuckians, from Franklin and Scott counties, visited what was then called the new purchase at a very early date. A part journeyed by land and a part by water. The land party crossed the Ohio river at Port William, the others descended the Kentucky and Ohio rivers in a pirogue to a point opposite Milton. The pirogue answered the double purpose of carrying forward the provisions for the company, and enabling the men to pass from one side of the river to the other, and swimming their horses by the side thereof, from one side of the river to the other. The company made their headquarters in the river bottom in the eastern extremity of the city limits of Madison. In the day the company divided into two parties, explored the adjacent highlands to the head of Crooked Creek and the neighboring lands of Clifty. They met at night and reported their discoveries to each other. To Crooked creek they gave the name of Mill creek, to Clifty, Hard Scrabble, but subsequently on learning the name of each stream, the Red man's name prevailed with the settlers. At that time, December 1805, Elder Jesse Vawter selected for his residence the spot where Judge S. C. Stevens now resides on the hill. He returned home and made every arrangement for taking possession of his new home early in the spring of 1806. He with others made the first settlement in and about Madison.

Nearly all the settlements made in that year, and the two or three succeeding years were made on the highland. Among the first settlers in the county were Elder Jesse Vawter, Jas. Underwood, Joshua Jackson, Colby Underwood and Jas. Edwards, all of the Baptist denomination as professors of religion. East of Crooked creek Col. John Ryker, Paul Froman, Ralph Griffin, Joseph Lane and others, the two last and (their) families were Baptist. West and Southwest Col. Samuel Smock, James Arbuckle, Michael and Felix Monroe, Isaiah Blankinship, Amos Chitwood and others.

The first corn and other kindred productions raised in Jefferson county was in the year 1806, most of which was planted as late as June. The first preaching in the early settlements within the bounds of Jefferson and Switzerland counties was by Baptist ministers. Elder Jesse Vawter, John Taylor, Philemon Vawter and John Reese were early settlers and the only resident ministers at an early day in the vicinity of what is now the city of Madison. From the year 1805, their first visit, until 1810 there was not an organized church in the limits of what is now Jefferson and Switzerland counties except Baptists. The first organized religious body within said counties was Baptist. In March 1807, on the spot where the Hon. S. C. Stevens once resided, a Baptist church was organized called Crooked Creek Church, afterward Mount Pleasant, now Madison.

The first settlement made in the river bottom near Madison was made by William and John Hall in 1806 or '7 a little above Isom Ross tanyard (purchased out by Johnathan Lyon in 1808). The second was made by John H. Wagoner on the high bank a little west of Main street, in Madison. Wagoner unloaded his boat on the 10th day of May, 1808, and immediately commenced building him a tenement to live in. The third person who settled in the limits of the present city was Robert M. Trotter, afterwards a Justice of

the Peace; the fourth was Joshua Wilkinson, a single man; the fifth was Joseph Strickland, afterwards Justice of the Peace, and with Strickland came a man by the name of Schofield (and perhaps others not recollected). Next came John Booth, the first inn-keeper; then John Sering, Samuel Burnet (second innkeeper); Charles Easton, with a number of others, which brings us down to the time of the first sale of lots in Madison in February, 1811. During all the above time, all the preaching for twenty to thirty-five miles up and down the river and through the county was of the Baptist order.

The first sermon ever delivered within the chartered limits of Madison was by Elder Jesse Vawter, amongst the cottonwoods on the river beach, a little above the stone mill. The text was the first verse, first chapter of John's Gospel. It was a funeral occasion, the death of the widow Slack. Mrs. Jonathan Lyon, mother of Philemon Vawter, closed the service. This was the first death and funeral preached within the vicinity of Madison. After the land sales in May 1808, and the sale of lots in Madison in 1811, the town and country commenced filling up pretty rapidly with settlers. The first man who preached in Madison other than Baptists was of the name of Hawkins, a Hell Reductioner, who afterwards became a convert to Baptist sentiment. Sometime after the establishment of Courts in Madison, and during the sitting of the Court, Elijah Sparkes, an attorney-at-law and Methodist preacher, and Jesse L. Holman, a Baptist exhorter, both of Dearborn county, during Court week preached for the people at the house of Philemon Vawter, near the Crooked creek grave yard. This was the first Methodist preaching in the immediate vicinity of Madison. After public buildings (Court House) were erected in Madison, Col. Brown, a Methodist preacher, preached in Madison, another by the name of Frame, and so did old Dr. Fisk. About this time, if I mistake not, Dr. Oglesby commenced preaching in Madison, also a man by the name of Strange, also Squire Strother (of Kentucky) and Amos Chitwood. In the year of 1812 or 13, not earlier, a Methodist meeting house was built in Madison, and from that time Methodism began to take root and grow in the country.

About this time Elder Wm. Robinson, a Presbyterian preacher, moved into Madison and commenced preaching, and soon organized a church of his order. He was succeeded by a man by the name of Searl; and Johnson succeeded Searl. So much for the early religious denominations about and in Madison.

The writer (John Vawter) was the first Justice of the Peace within the vicinity of Madison while it was in Clark county. His commission bears date the 16th of July 1808. The first Judges for Jefferson county were Gen. Wm. McFarland, President, and Samuel Smock and Wm. Colton, his associates of the Court of Common Pleas. The first Clerk and Recorder was Col. John Paul, second clerk, Richard C. Talbot, First Sheriff John Vawter, commissioned such the 14th of December, 1810, retired from the office by virtue of a commission dated 29th of July 1813, as U. S. Marshal for the Indiana Territory, Second Sheriff, James Vawter (I am not certain but what Basil Bently was the second Sheriff in Jefferson county, but very soon retired from office), the third Sheriff, Thos. T. Stribling.

The first Court ever holden in Jefferson county was holden in a log cabin owned by John h. Wagoner in February, 1811. The sale of the first lots in Madison (old town) was in the same month; the first proprietors, Col. John Paul, Lewis Davis and Jonathan Lyon; the first addition west, surveyed by the writer for Col John Paul.

The first Court House, called the Buckeye House, was built in 1811. It was built by the writer for proprietors. The first jail was a square log house, builder's name not now recollected; first public house was kept by John Booth; second, by Samuel Burnet; third by Major Henry Ristine. The first store was owned by John Sering & Co.; a drug store was started about the same time by Dr. Drake & Co.; the third store was opened by S. C. Stevens; fourth by the writer; fifth by J. & N. Hunt; sixth by McCabe & Co.; seventh by Mr. Clarkston; eighth by John McIntire. The first physician was of the name of Fisk; second, James Hicks; third Jno. Howes; fourth, David H. Maxwell. The first Attorneys General, Alex. A. Meek; the second, a man by the name of Oulds; third, Gen. William Hendricks. The first dray ever used in Madison was owned by Simeon Reynolds, and managed by his most excellent son, William L. Reynolds.

The writer was personally acquainted with the first proprietors of the town. A more excellent or upright, good man than Col. Paul was hard to be found. He was one of Gen. George Rogers Clark's bold, adventurous soldiers, who aided in the capture of Kaskaskia and Vincennes. He was elected one of the representatives from Clark county in the year 1810. This was previous to the formation of Jefferson county and Col. Paul then resided at Madison. He was also one of the members of Jefferson co. who formed the present constitution of Indiana. The writer was crier of the first sale of lots in Madison, but had nothing to do with the surveying or laying out of the same. Laid out the first addition west of Broadway for Col Paul in the winter 1814 and 1815. Had nothing to do with any additions to the town.

My second visit to Indiana was in May 1806. I came in a pirogue and landed a little above the stone mill opposite Milton, visited the Highlands east and west of Crooked creek, continued at my father's half-faced shanty until near the middle of June in order to assist him in getting his corn planted, returned in the same craft with my mother and other relatives to Frankfort, Ky. In September 1806 my father removed his family from Kentucky to Mount Glad, the place where Judge S. C. Stevens now resides. In December 1806 I made my third visit to Indiana in company with John Branham, a brother-in-law, and James Vawter, we aided in driving my father's cattle and fattened and stock hogs from his Kentucky residence to his new home in the then wilderness. At this time I made a selection of a place to move myself and family to in the coming spring. It is the identical spot where the depot and machine shops of the railroad company are now upon the hill. In March 1807 I arrived with my family, wife and one child, at my original selected site in the woods. In 1808 I built a house nearly opposite Godman's pork house on the hill and resided there until 1812. In this year I purchased property in Madison and moved to it. The property purchased by me was two lots on Main Cross st. east of Polley's and Butler's Iron store and west of Mulberry st. In 1814 I sold both lots to Mr. David McClure. In the winter of 1815 I purchased of Col John Paul the corner now owned by Geo. M. Phelps, and built a large frame house (large for the size of the houses in Madison). Had the water conveyed by pipes, in connection with Col. Paul, from the hill at Hite's tan yard to the same, expecting to live and end my days there. In the same year I sold it also to David McClure, moved to Vernon in November 1815 and continued to reside there until November 1849 with my family and children. Since November 1849 have resided in Morgantown, Morgan Co., Ind.

April 13th, 1850 --- John Vawter

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/ Bartholomew 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 Colemen 1 Oct 1784 sum of 34 pounds 51 shillings (GJNote: no explanation why Coleman is listed)

M804 Roll #2456

William Vawter, in Col George Gibsons Regiment from 15 Sep 1777 thru Jan 1778. Was promoted to Sargeant 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.

Wicker wins re-election to Senate

By Associated Press, staff report



Gayle and Sen. Roger Wicker vote at Parkway Baptist Church in Tupelo on Tuesday. (C. Todd Sherman)

JACKSON – Republican Sen. Roger Wicker on Tuesday coasted to an easy victory to secure a full six-year term in the U.S. Senate.

Wicker, 61, of Tupelo, defeated Democrat Albert Gore of Starkville and two minor party candidates. He had 58 percent of the vote with about three-fourths of the state's 1,889 precincts reporting.

He was appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour in December 2007 to succeed former Sen. Trent Lott, who resigned, and won a special election for the remainder of Lott's term in 2008.

Wicker begins his six-year term in January.

"We're going to have to really attack our spending problem, much the same as a family does when they've fallen on hard times," Wicker said Tuesday. "That means we're going to have to cut spending even in programs that we like. We've reached this sort of crisis where the solutions are going to have to be bipartisan."

Wicker celebrated his victory at a gathering in Jackson. "I'm grateful to the voters and I'm grateful to my supporters," he said.

Wicker's Democratic challenger Gore, 82, of Starkville, is a retired United Methodist minister and retired chaplain for the U.S. Army Special Forces. Also running were the Constitution Party's Thomas Cramer of Vanleave and the Reform Party's Shawn O'Hara of Hattiesburg.

Wicker had leads in a majority of counties across the state, with exceptions in heavily minority counties, including Hinds, the state's most populous.

Wicker served for 13 years in the U.S. House before his Senate appointment. Prior to that, he was a state senator.

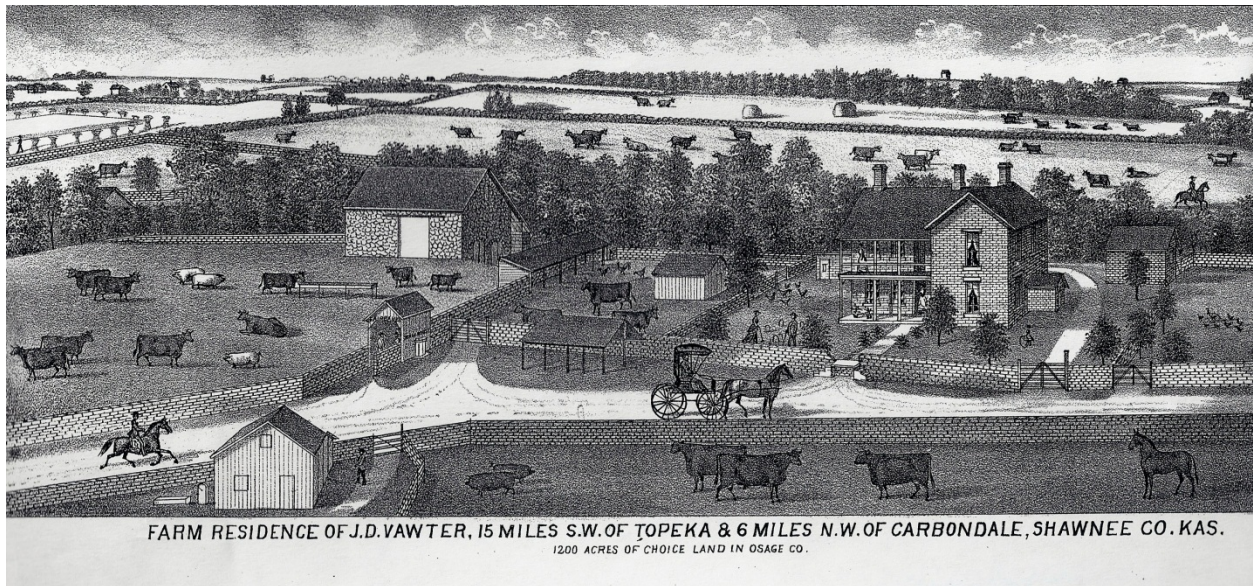
He serves in the Senate from Mississippi with senior Sen. Thad Cochran, who has not yet announced whether he will run for re-election in 2014.

(GJNote: The Wickers are active members of the VVV family association and are hosting the 2013 family reunion event in Mississippi)

JD Vawter Reunion and Descendants, Shawnee Co., Kansas

David Vawter and wife Mary Offill had a son Philemon Vawter. Philemon Vawter married Anne Vawter daughter of Richard Vawter and wife Frances Towles. David and Richard were both sons of John Vawter, oldest child of our original progenitor, Bartholomew Vawter.

Philemon and Ann located with other family members to Jennings Co., IN and had a son Elliott Vawter. Elliott had 3 sons who moved west and became true pioneers, opening up the west to settlement and civilization. These sons were Presley G. Vawter, Jephtha Dudley Vawter and John Grey Vawter. The descendants of Jephtha Dudley (JD) have continued to keep the spirit and history of his family alive. JD's youngest son was Clarence Dudley Vawter (CD Vawter) and his family continues a family reunion in October of each year near the original homestead of JD Vawter.



The house of JD, a mansion by Kansas standards, still stands today and his grave is near the homestead. Many Vawter descendants still live in the area located about 15 miles south of Topeka, KS. JD opened the land, built a house, school and other necessities of life and purchased as much land as he could buy. At the top, he owned over 3000 acres, all under some type of production by his many, many children and grandchildren. Every acre was surrounded by stone walls, of Kansas limestone stacked stone. The sons and JD built and maintained these "fences" and are still seen throughout this part of Kansas. They are very unique, but are continually being removed by today's land owners. There are diaries and notebooks, held by the family, starting in Kentucky in the 1830's to Illinois, IN and Kansas throughout his life. He bought and sold land, he lent money and collected monies due. He purchased goods and services, all meticulously marked in his notebooks and diaries. Hundreds of deeds, wills, documents and photos are held by the grandchildren and great grandchildren of CD Vawter, who as the youngest child inherited these items. Many of these documents, diaries and histories are located in the Kansas historical society and are available for all to see. Jephtha Dudley Vawter was a wealthy man who maintained an independent and storied history but was frugal and conservative in his actions and deeds.

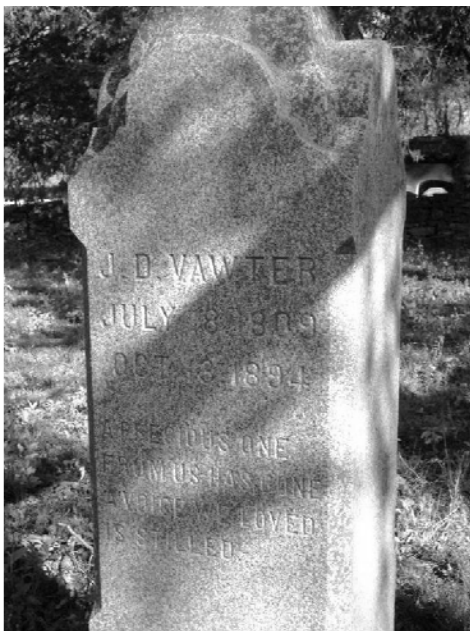
A few pictures of the home and cemetery of JD Vawter are shown here.



Vawter Cemetery located on the grounds of the original homestead in Shawnee County Kansas. It is surrounded by the stack stone fencing known throughout the area.

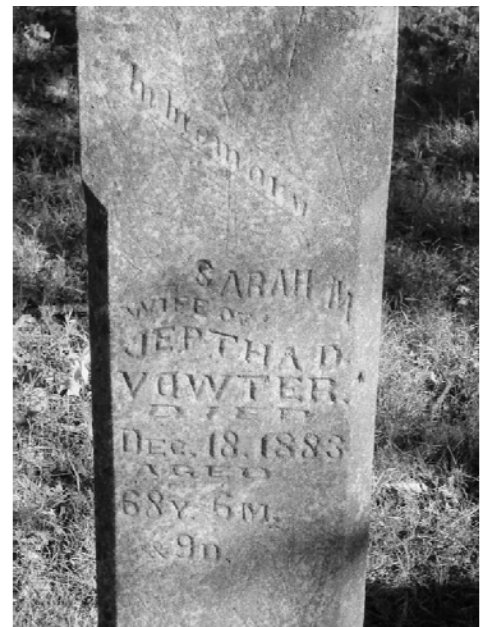


The grave of JD Vawter and first wife Sarah are found in the Cemetery. JD went to Topeka KS, where he picked up the headstone of Sarah and returned to place it himself.



J. D. Vawter b. July 18, 1800
died 1894 age 85 years

Sarah M. Vawter died Dec
18, 1883 age 68y 6m 9d





The Jephtha Dudley Vawter Homestead, photos taken 2012. Below is the limestone construction.



The back of the homestead where a new kitchen was added at the marriage of JD's second wife Louisa Kazia Miller in 1894.



Jephtha was anti-slavery and took part in the underground railroad helping to smuggle slaves to free states. A tunnel and cave were located on the property which opened to the Wakarusa River at the back of the house. In the basement a wall of shelves opened to a tunnel that led to a granary for escape. Alice age 99, remembers the tunnel and told of its location. The tunnel is now filled in but the cave remains down along the river.

C. D. Vawter (Clarence Dudley) Reunion October 2012.

C. D. was the youngest child of Jeptha Dudley Vawter. When Jeptha was 75, he married Louisa Kazia Miller who was 33 years old. The following year C. D. was born. When Clarence was age 9, Jeptha died and Louisa maintained the original homestead. Jeptha had 14 children, each of whom inherited approximately 300 acres of the homestead lands. Below Russel at age 93, and Alice at 99 are the last of the C. D. Vawter children. Russel still farms the land of C. D. Vawter (approx. 273 acres) with his son. He had to stop from driving the truck to deliver soybeans so he could attend the reunion and see his children and other family members. Alice is bright and tells many great stories of growing up in Kansas. She recently received a pace maker and is planning on many active years ahead. Over 100 people from many lines of J. D. Vawter were in attendance. The original limestone house is no longer in the Vawter family, but tours have been taken at previous reunions.



Pictured are:

Russel Vawter age 93, Mary Vawter Burgett and Alice Vawter Slater (Morris Slater) age 99.