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Newsletter

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

Charleston Mail (Charleston, WV) 18 Dec 1915

Vawter buys Goods

Captain J. E. Vawter, of Ansted, Fayette county, was in the city the first of the week. He is the buyer for the Ansted store of the Gauley Mountain Coal Co.

Daily Gazette and Bulletin (Williamsport, Pennsylvania) 25 July 1905

The News of the West End

All the late and interesting items from beyond the Lycoming Creek will be found in this destination.

The Rev. C. R. L. Vawter, of Indianapolis, Ind. has been secured to resume the tent meetings on Funstone Avenue, Newberry. Although heavy rains have been falling good crowds are in attendance and much interest is manifested. Mr. Vawter is pastor of the Meridian Street Church of Christ, Indianapolis, and is a united worker of his brotherhood, and well known among them. He preaches the gospel in love, granting to every man liberty of conscience and calling him his brother. The "question box" to which all are invited to contribute is an interesting feature of the meeting and many are the puzzling questions put to the congregation. The services begin at 8pm and conclude at 9pm. All are invited. Take Fourth street car and get off at Funston avenue.

Daily Nevada State Journal (Reno, NV) 4 May 1897

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining uncalled for in the Reno, Nevada, post office for the week ending May 4, 1897: (among others) S. H. Vawter (man)

Make your reservations today for the VVV Family Organization 2015 Reunion **July 16-19 2015**



Every 5 years we are fortunate to attend a fabulous Virginia reunion and tour the Vauter's Church. The church built in 1731 is located at the corner of the land of our original colonial ancestor Bartholomew Vawter.

The church family always plans a wonderful day for us. It will be all day on Saturday July 18

with our annual banquet to follow. Additional events are being planned but this is not to be missed. We will be staying at Newport News Virginia this year.



950 J Clyde Morris Blvd -
Newport News, VA 23601

Rooms are reduced for the reunion at \$79 per night for two doubles. Other rooms are available.

Phone [\(757\) 599-4460](tel:7575994460) and ask for the VVV family discount.

Note: rooms at this rate will be available only until June 15 so make your reservations as soon as possible.

There is complimentary breakfast, free airport shuttle (the hotel is two exits from the airport) really nice indoor pool, close to Williamsburg, and a variety of places to eat. There is on-site security and plenty of parking.

2015 REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 16

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.....Registration
8:00 p.m.....Reunion Site Committee Meeting
8:30 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, July 17

Complimentary Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00.....Registration
9:00.....Business Meeting

Welcome - Ringing of the Cowbell – Invocation- Pledge - Official Welcome to Newport News
Preliminary Registration Report - Preliminary Site Committee Report - Other Business

10:00.....Genealogy Session

Lunch on your Own Afternoon Touring

6:00 p.m.....Dinner at Yorktown

Saturday, July 18

Breakfast

9:00 a.m.....Depart for Vauter’s Church

10:30.....History of Vauter’s Church

Noon.....Lunch

1:00.....Depart for the Glebe

6:00 p.m.....Banquet

Invocation – Dinner - Memorial Service - Love Offering for Vauter’s Church
Special Recognition –Youngest, Oldest, Longest Married - Roll Call of States

Invitation to 2016 Reunion - Door Prizes – Auction - Adjournment

Sunday, July 19

10:00 a.m..... Service at Vauter’s Church

11:00 a.m.....Reception

Plan on arriving before the reunion and stay a few days after, make this a family vacation or a trip to find your heritage.

AREAS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND NEWPORT NEWS

Outdoors, Nature & Wildlife

Virginia Living Museum Watch more than 260 species of live native animals in natural habitats outdoors: beaver, bobcat, bald eagle, fox, wolves and more; plus a planetarium theater and aquarium indoors. www.thevlm.org

Parks! The City of Newport News offers more than 30 wonderful parks where you can rent bikes and boats, play disc golf, go geocaching, golfing, hiking and more. Newport News Park, The Noland Trail/Lions Bridge, Deer Park and Riverview Farm Park are just a few of the delightful outdoor spaces very close to Point Plaza Suites in Newport News. For a complete listing of the city's parks, visit www.nnparks.com/parks.php

Ships

The Mariners Museum Designated by Congress as America's National Maritime Museum, this fascinating attraction lets visitors explore countless, captivating seafaring adventures. www.marinersmuseum.org

Dorothy Tugboat and View of the Newport News Shipyard

Located in downtown Newport News is *Dorothy*, the first vessel, a tugboat, ever built by world renown Newport News Shipbuilding. From a vantage point near the World War II Victory Arch, you can see the Dorothy and other ships moored at the shipyard. Near 25th Street and West Avenue. www.newport-news.org/things-to-do/outdoors.php

History and Wars

The Virginia Peninsula played a crucial role in the lives of the early settlers and in the Civil War and Revolutionary War. Newport News is located between Fort Monroe in Hampton and Colonial Williamsburg- a mecca for war history enthusiasts. Several historical markers can be found throughout Newport News, including earthworks in Newport News Park from the Battle of Dam #1. In addition, you will be inspired by these Newport News historical attractions:

Lee Hall Mansion www.leehall.org

Endview Plantation www.endview.org

Fort Eustis Army Transportation Museum

www.transchool.eustis.army.mil/Museum/Museum.html

Virginia War Museum www.warmuseum.org

Newsome House www.newsomehouse.org

James A. Fields House <http://jamesafieldshouse.blogspot.com>

World War II Victory Arch

Just outside of Newport News are other significant historical attractions including the **Yorktown Battlefield and Victory Center, Jamestown Island and Colonial Williamsburg** - all within a 30 – 45 minute drive of Point Plaza Suites.

Art

Within walking distance of The Mariners Museum and just five minutes from the Virginia Living Museum is the **Peninsula Fine Arts Center**, home to fascinating art exhibits.

www.pfac-va.org

In addition, Newport News has 32 unique sculptures throughout the city. Take a free, self-guided driving tour with an Arts & Sculpture brochure, and learn the inspiration behind the sculptor's pieces.

Aviation History and Space Exploration

Hampton, Newport News' next door neighbor, is the birthplace of America's space program. The **Virginia Air and Space Center** is the official visitor center for NASA Langley Research Center and Langley Air Force Base. www.vasc.org

Boat Tours

Yorktown www.sailYorktown.com and Hampton www.misshamptoncruises.com offer guided boat tours in the summer months.

Free Outdoor Live Concerts all Summer

Wednesday nights: Port Warwick

Thursday nights: Lakeside at The Mariners Museum; also Fort Eustis

Friday nights: City Center's Fountain Plaza in Oyster Point Park, Newport News; also Shaggin' on the River along the Yorktown waterfront

Shopping

Newport News has an abundance of shopping: Specialty shops can be found in Historic Hilton Village; City Center in Oyster Point Park; and Port Warwick. The museums also have interesting items for sale in their gift shops. In addition, nearby Patrick Henry Mall offers a variety of stores.

Wineries

Within 45 minutes of Newport News are two wineries: Williamsburg Winery (www.williamsburgwinery.com) and New Kent Winery (www.newkentwinery.com)

For More Info

In addition to reviewing the **Newport News Visitor Guide** which will be in your welcome bag, you may want to visit or call the **Newport News Visitor Center** at the entrance to Newport News Park (13560 Jefferson Avenue) to discuss day-trip options with a friendly, knowledgeable travel counselor. They're open every day, 9 am – 5 pm. Call toll free, 1-888-493-7386 or visit www.newport-news.org

DON'T FORGET.....

Rooms at the hotel need to be made by June 15, 2015 in order to receive the VVV discount. Call today and make your plans for a great vacation.

In Memoriam

Grand Rapids, MI **Robert Dale Vawter**, age 61, of Kentwood, passed into the presence of his Heavenly Father on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, and is now at peace.

Bob was very active in his church, with a heart for missions. He served in Sunshine Rotary as well as being a long time supporter of the Pregnancy Resource Center in Grand Rapids. His parents, Bob and Ila (Dygert) Vawter, and sister, Bonnie (DeHaan) Vawter preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of almost 40 years, Colleen June Vawter (Langereis); son, Peter John (Kristin) Vawter; daughter, Aimee Louise (Vawter) (Matthew) Seiler; and the great loves of his life, grandchildren, Audrey June, and Luke Matthew Seiler.

Lexington, NC. **Sandra "Sandy" Kay Miller Vawter**, 71, of Winchester Court, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2015. A service celebrating Sandy's life will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Becks Lutheran Church.

On December 15, 2014, **Jeffery Lynn Vauter** 63, passed away unexpectedly in Houston, Texas. Jeff was born on February 20, 1951 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He lived the last 24 years in Houston, Texas with his loving wife Shirley Vauter. Jeff was preceded in death by his father, Samuel Emmett Vauter, his mother, Elouise Nichols Rea, and his step-father, Richard Rea, sister, Shirley Boldt, and his brother, Emmett Vauter. Jeff is remembered and survived by his wife Shirley Vauter of Houston, and sisters, Gail Vauter of San Antonio and Pam West of Tyler. Jeff is also survived by sons McRae Mann and Benny Mann of Houston, daughter-in-law Mary Hubbard of Alvin, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Toronto, Canada. **VAUGHTERS, Adele** -In her 100th year, peacefully in Arizona on January 7, 2015.

Born June 9, 1915 in Toronto to W.G. and Elizabeth Rook as the youngest of six, she was a top student at North Toronto Collegiate, danced professionally, worked as a secretary at Eaton's and left in 1943 following a whirlwind romance and marriage to E.B. "Tug" Vaughters (predeceased), an American who came to Canada to join the RCAF.

They finally settled in Seattle where he was a builder and she was the best mother to Suzanne and Jon ("Buz"), eventually moving to Arizona as health failed.

Predeceased by all her siblings and nieces and nephews, she was a loving grandmother to six (Darren, Michelle, Evan, Brian, Ian and Brooks) and great-grandmother to eight. She is greatly missed by all, including daughter-in-law Dee and will be remembered for her wisdom, compassion and generosity, her sense of humor and how she worked hard and excelled at everything she did.

A proud Canadian, always had a smile, ever thoughtful of others, her heart was in Muskoka where she will be buried in the summer in Torrance.

Quilting as a part of American History



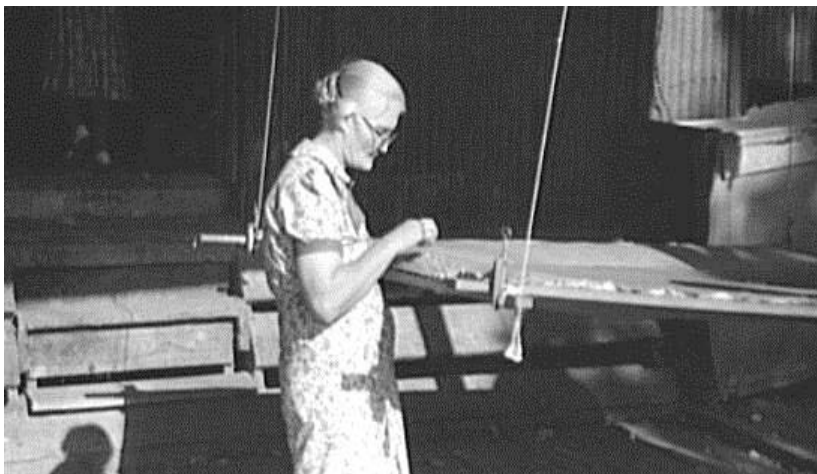
A QUILTING PARTY

In the 1700's rich trades people could afford fabric from England. These quilters made wholecloth counterpanes. Wholecloth backgrounds were beautifully quilted with designs of flowers and feathers.

In the 1800's both pieced and appliquéd quilts were made. Large scale prints and Patchwork designs started to become popular.

Quilt tops were pieced by one person, but the quilting often was done by a group of friends, called quilting bees. This was an important social activity with all ages of girls and women. Girl's education and skills were learned at these events.

During the Civil War women gathered for support and to make quilts for their loved ones long gone from home. In 1862, Lincoln opened up the Homestead Act and the well known Log Cabin block commemorated this event. Fabric was brought from the eastern US to the prairies.



After the Civil War, the south was in shambles and the north suffered a growing urban poor. The patchwork quilt made from remnants, odds and ends and whatever scraps that could be found were made. Patriotic quilts became popular during US centennial.

Rural fairs became popular as a means of socializing and prizes were given for quilts and thread arts.



In 1872, Sears and Roebuck catalog came out with the first published mail order quilt patterns. These patterns spread like wildfire across the rural countryside. During the Victorian period prosperity allowed the ladies to use delicate fabrics, ribbons and lace and fancy designs. These quilts were nearly useless but showed the skills of the women and wealth of the men. The crazy quilt was born and many survive in families today.

In the 1920's and 1930's huge changes occurred as the farm economy became industrialized. The Sears catalog came out with all manner of electric time saving devices and newspapers published quilt patterns and the most up to date ideas. Pastel fabrics became the rage and fancy edges and needlework showed the happier and heady times. Quilting bees became liberated places of discussion.



The 1930's depression quilts were pretty, pastel and skillful to counter the hard times. Hand quilting became popular again and get togethers were the only means of social interaction during difficult times. Church groups quilted for the most needy. During WWII quilting went out of style as women were needed in the workforce and the austerity did not allow for new fabric.



In the 1950's quilting was considered as necessary for the rural poor. The prosperity and surge of families in the development of suburbs made quilting bees too old fashioned for the modern lifestyle. In the 1960's a revival of quilting was begun. However, fabrics were poor and polyester was the rage. In 1976 the bicentennial brought about a need to study the past. Quilting in red white and blue was a giant rage and the 1980's a new line of cotton fabrics were developed for quilting. In the 1990's the first quilts were hung on the wall and the art of quilting became popular. No longer a utilitarian pursuit the women once again formed quilting guilds and reconnected to discuss the new female lifestyle. Work, leisure, art and activities surrounding quilts has become a mainstay of the United States and now throughout the entire world.



CREATION OF THE DUCHY OF CORNWALL

Submitted by James Lanier Vawter of El Campo, Texas

In the year 1337, the largest and most important grants were made to the newly created Duchy of Cornwall.

These lands in question had not long been in royal hands. They had been accumulated during the 13th century by Richard and Edmund, successively Earls of Cornwall.

They reverted to the crown on the death of Earl Edmund in 1300, and were granted in turn to Piers Gaveston, Queen Isabella, and John of Eltham, the last Earl of Cornwall. He died while still a minor, and the lands of the earldom again escheated to the crown.

A year later they were granted by King Edward III to his eldest son, Edward of Woodstock, also known as The Black Prince. This grant however differed fundamentally from those that had preceded it. Edward of Woodstock was created Duke of Cornwall, and the land of the former Earls were made an inalienable endowment of the Duchy. Both title and lands were attached to the first born son of the Monarch either from birth or from the accession of his father to the throne.

This grant was confirmed by an act of Parliament so that no further Monarch was able to, (it was hoped), vary it at will.

The Duchy was funded originally with seventeen manors all in Cornwall and described as "Manoria Antiqua". In addition, a second group known as "Forinseca Manoria" had been in the Duchy from its inception but lay outside of the county of Cornwall.

The last category "Annexata Manoria" was manors added to the Duchy after the original manors Antiqua and Forinseca grants.

In the early 1100's, King Henry I gave Reginald Vautort the Royal Manor of Sutton, Maker and Kings Tamerton, along with the Royalty of the Tamer River. Tamer River was the boundary between Cornwall and Devon Counties.

The gift was folded into Reginald's Honour of Trematon, which later became the head of Reginald's Barony of Trematon.

Among the original 17 manors was Reginald's Manor of Calstock, Trematon, Saltash and the Tamer River. The last two were part of the old gift from King Henry I.

In 1270, Roger Vautort, a descendent of Reginald, sold his Barony of Trematon to Earl Richard, who was known as King of the Romans, and said to be the richest man in England, and was also the brother to King Henry III.

Some genealogists say Roger gave the Barony to Earl Richard. At any rate, the Barony passed to Richard as his property until his death, and then upon the death of Earl Edmund, both Earl Richard and Earl Edmund's property passed to the crown as funding of the Duchy of Cornwall.

What is so remarkable about the Duchy of Cornwall, established in 1337, is that it is still in existence. And its original purpose was to furnish maintenance to the heir to the British Crown, and that it is now doing just that.

Prince Charles is the present Duke of Cornwall, and this ancient law will pass Charles eldest son William to the Duchy when and if Charles becomes King of England.

Much of the above information came from two publications of the Devon and Cornwall record society. The parliamentary survey of Duchy of Cornwall, and the caption of the session of the Duchy of Cornwall.

Careful.....Ancestry.com and other internet family trees

This is just an example of the kind of materials found out on the internet. Believe me, there are some even more outrageous. That is why printed genealogies are not to be taken without documentation. Nowhere do they state where this information was from, how it was obtained or based on what type of speculation. Bartholomew and "poor" Winifred would have been over 80 years old when their children were born.....oh my!!! While Bartholomew and Winifred did have a son named William, we know, from deeds and other documents, that he was born around 1700. Life expectancy was but 35 years, and while some did live long and good lives, I am afraid this is just not accurate by any standards. Be careful to have a minimum of 2 sources of information and read it to see if it even makes sense. One recent document showed Cornelius Noel, father of Margaret Noel Vawter (wife of John) as having died before he was married and had children. If you publish something, try and see if it makes good sense before using. Genealogy is hard, and sometimes just plain hilarious.

Father; Bartholomew Vawter, b. 1625, Plymouth, Devon, England d. 1717, Essex, Virginia, United States Age: 92 years

Mother; Winifred Hodgen, b. 1627, of, Plymouth, Devon, England d. of, Essex, Virginia, United States Married 1640 of, Essex, Virginia, United States

William Vawter, Born Abt 1643 of, Essex, Virginia, United States

Homesteading in New Mexico

Submitted by Wm. Andrew Cottle, grandson of Bill Vaughter, son of Rhea (Vaughter) Cottle. Bill and N.A. were sons of David Crockett Vaughter and Tennessee Brown "Tennie" (Alsup) Vaughter. The Vawter/Vaughter line of descent is Bartholomew Vawter > Edward Vawter > Thomas Vawter > Ludwell Vaughter > Thomas Vaughter > David Crockett Vaughter.

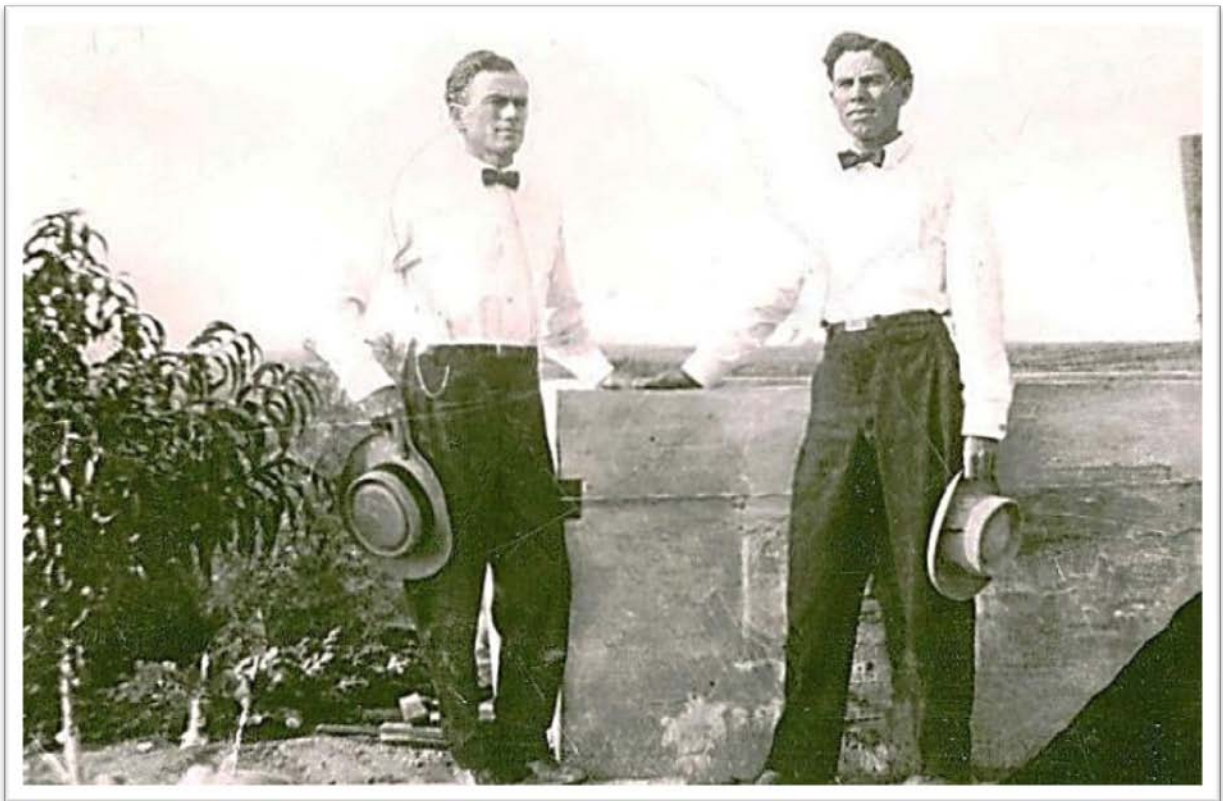


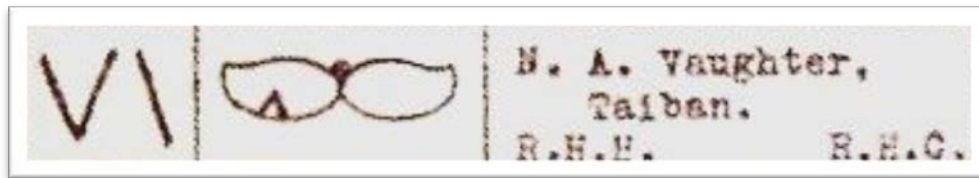
photo Fall 1913 by the soon-to-be Bonnie Catherine (Wade) Vaughter (Mrs. Bill)

William Hershell "Bill" Vaughter is on the left, Nelson Alsup "N.A." Vaughter is on the right. They traveled horseback together, to Taiban NM, because N.A. had to live in a drier climate. (Bill just "went along for the ride.") They started from the Murfreesboro TN area where the Vaughters had lived for several generations. This photo is of the two brothers on their adjoining homesteads in Taiban.

The information is regarding the configuration and registration of their cattle brands/identification patterns.



Brand Registration. This is a detail from *Supplement No. 1 to 1915 Brand Book of State of New Mexico*, issued by the Cattle Sanitary Board of New Mexico (Albuquerque: No publisher listed, Jul 1917), p. 80; the repository for which is The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Las Cruces NM 88011, Leah Tookey, Curator of History. Transcription: “[Brand] XV // [Registration No.] 8046 // [Ear Crop] Tip of Left Ear // W. H. Vaughter / Taiban [Roosevelt Co, later De Baca Co, NM] / R.H.R.C. [sic] means: R[ight] H[ip] (the X was applied to the right hip of the animal); R[ight] C[hest] (the V was branded onto the right rib area of the animal).”



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The description of where the brand can be applied reads R.H.R.C. This means, the [R]ight [H]ip and [R]ib of the [C]ow. The X would be applied to the right hip of the cow and the V would be applied to the right rib of the cow. The C stands for Cow not Chest. The areas for application on a cow were the Jaw, Shoulder, Rib, and Hip. The reason they specify Cow in the description is because many brands were registered for Horses also. If this had been the case, there would also have been a description for the horse as you saw in the brand for N. A. Vaughter. For example, R.H.H. Which would stand for Right Hip of the Horse.

Chadwell Vawter was born 14 Sep 1790 in Culpeper Co., VA and died 19 July 1843 in Stokes Co., NC. He moved with his parents Russell Vawter and Mary Sparks to Stokes Co., NC in about 1795. The first public record for Chadwell is held by the NC State Archives and lists the purchase of 100 acres of land in Stokes Co. in 1813.

Chadwell married 5 Oct 1816 to Susanna Taylor in Henry Co., VA. Susanna was b. ca 1796 and was the dau. of George Taylor, Sr. Book *Henry Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1778-1849* by Virginia Dodd pub. 1953 noted on page 54. Also on page 128 in shown the return of marriage licenses by the ministers. Susanna and Patsy Taylor, wife of Bradford, who were sisters. In 1843 Chadwell will and estate papers are filed in Stokes Co., NC.

State of North Carolina Stokes County

We the undersigned being at the dwelling house of Chadwell Vawter on the 15th day of July A. D. 1843 and being at this personal request called upon he the said Chadwell Vawter did then and there inform us the undersigned that he was apprehensive that he would not see over his health again and he wished to make some arrangements with regard to his family and property be stated that he owed for his land at the land office and that it was his desire that his wife Susanna and his son William and his youngest son Josiah should apply to McShultz to verify he would not be willing to take there bond in payment thereof and if they should succeed in giving their bond as afore said that then they should have all the land of which he was then professed including the mansion house and all ----- the appurtenances thereunto belonging except on tract whereon his son Sparky now lived for which the said Sparky is to give his bond for as is generally understood and the above named Sparky is to have no more of my estate either real or personal than he has already now and all the rest and residence of his estate after paying his just debt should be divided among all the rest of his children and his wife Namely George T., William and Josiah and Polina, Matilida and Sophrona share and share alike.

We verify above to be the nuncuprative will of Chadwell Vawter deceased (made at the above date) and that we both personally signed -- --- --- --- Mr. Fochata himself. And it was made in his last suffering in his own habitation or dwelling House - where he had resided several years . Now said Vawter died date 19 July 1843.

Entered by county law by us. Mon 24 July 1843 X Daniel Reich X Bradford Vawter

(Note: the above Sparky is Beverly Sparks Vawter)

Will Index of Stokes Co., NC. George P. Vawter was appointed Executor of Chadwell Vawter's will 6 Dec 1845.

The notice of Susanna's death is found: *People's Press (Salem, NC) 1851-1892, An Indexed Abstract*, compiled and edited by Robert M. Tompkins, pub. By the Forsyth Co., Genealogical Society.

Susanna Vawter, nee Taylor, aged 84 years, 3 months and 9 days died on October 31, 1879 in this vicinity. The deceased was a native of Henry County VA but for upwards of fifty years resided in Forsyth County. She was a member of the Baptist Church. (Article appeared November 6, 1879)

The United States



States we have visited for Reunions. Reunions are held every year in a different location and every five years at the Vauter's Church in Virginia

1	1977	Ardmore, OK	21	1997	Townsend, TN
2	1978	Brady Mountain, AR	22	1998	Austin, TX
3	1979	Ardmore, OK	23	1999	Nashville, IN
4	1980	Essex Co., VA	24	2000	Hampton, VA
5	1981	Hot Springs, AR	25	2001	Hot Springs, AR
6	1982	Madison, IN	26	2002	Elberton, GA
7	1983	Tulsa, OK	27	2003	Pensacola, FL
8	1984	Nacogdoches, TX	28	2004	Colorado Springs, CO
9	1985	Fredericksburg, VA	29	2005	Fredericksburg, VA
10	1986	Tupelo, MS	30	2006	Bear Lake, UT
11	1987	Columbus, IN	31	2007	Davis, WV
12	1988	Gainesville, GA	32	2008	Red Wing, MN
13	1989	Bloomington-Normal, IL	33	2009	San Diego, CA
14	1990	Richmond, VA	34	2010	Richmond, VA
15	1991	St. Louis, MO	35	2011	Gilbertsville, KY
16	1992	Nacogdoches, TX	36	2012	Springfield, MO
17	1993	Oklahoma City, OK	37	2013	Greenwood, MS
18	1994	Tupelo, MS	38	2014	Knoxville, TN
19	1995	Ashland, VA	39	2015	Newport News, VA
20	1996	Wisconsin Rapids, WI			

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From the office of Senator Roger Wicker:

I look forward to seeing all the cousins at this year's VVV reunion. The Senate will be in session the week of July 13-17, and I would be happy to host any VVV attendees who would be interested in seeing our nation's Capitol the evening before the reunion.

I propose to lead a private tour of the Capitol on the evening of Wednesday, July 15 beginning at approximately 6pm. The tour would end before 7:30pm.

This would of course require family members to add one additional day to travel plans, but that might be worth it to some for a private tour of the Capitol.

Newport News is at least 4 hours from downtown Washington; so, I imagine folks would want to get a room near Washington that Wednesday night and then take a leisurely drive on down to Newport News on Thursday morning.

Please tell our VVV cousins to contact Hall Carter at 202-224-3750 or hall_carter@wicker.senate.gov if they would be interested in such a tour on Wednesday night, July 15.

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In Memoriam

Joan E. Vawter, Rochester, NY: Died peacefully at home on March 31, 2015 at age 83. Predeceased by husband, Tom. Survived by children, Doris (Jeff Goppert) Green, Thomas (Thersa) and Eric; grandchildren, Leanna (Marvin) Williams and Christina (Antonio Cortes) Green; great-grandchildren, Jada Estelle Cortes and Natalea Rose Williams.

Charles David Vawter, 72, of Winchester Court, Lexington died Thursday, March 12, 2015 in Hinkle Hospice House after an extended illness.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Becks Lutheran Church with the Rev. Angie Jackson officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Vawter was born June 29, 1942 in Davidson County to Willie Vawter and Velna Beck Vawter. He was a supervisor for Lexington Home Brands. Mr. Vawter was a lifelong member of Becks Lutheran Church, where he was a devoted member and active in all church functions. Preceding him in death were his parents and his wife, Sandra Miller Vawter.

Surviving are a son, Geoffrey Vawter of Lexington; a daughter, Sydney Hanes (Craig) of Lexington; two grandchildren, Justin Hanes, Derick Vawter (Lenna) all of Lexington; a great grandchild, Vanna Vawter of Lexington; two brothers, Willie Vawter, Jr. (Vonceil), Roger Vawter (Mary) both of Lexington; three sisters, Sue Everhart (Charles), Maxine Mull and Kay Parker (Jack) all of Lexington.

Cathryn Hill Vaughter, 33, of Starr, SC went home to be with the Lord on May 17, 2015.

Born in Anderson, SC, she was the daughter of Larry and Carol Ann Tinsley Hill and married to Brooks Vaughter. She was a beautiful, caring, loving and proud wife, mother, and daughter, and a friend to everyone. She attended NewSpring Church and was a dedicated Little League Mom.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is also survived by her two children: Jake Alan and Logan Taylor Vaughter; brothers: David Bryan Hill, Joseph Rhodes, Hunter Vaughter, and Connor Winn; sister Kasey Vaughter; niece Madison Martin; mother-in-law Annette Winn; father-in-law: Kent (Susan) Vaughter; and grandparents: Therman and Jean Taylor and Carey and Jean Freeman.

She is predeceased by her grandparents: Margaret and Wallace Tinsley and Earl and Louise Hill.

Make your reservations today for the VVV Family Organization 2015 Reunion

July 16-19 2015



Every 5 years we are fortunate to attend a fabulous Virginia reunion and tour the Vauter's Church. The church built in 1731 is located at the corner of the land of our original colonial ancestor Bartholomew Vawter. The church family always plans a wonderful day for us. It will be all day on Saturday July 18 with our annual banquet to follow.

Additional events are being planned but this is not to be missed. We will be staying at Newport News Virginia this year.



950 J Clyde Morris Blvd - Newport News, VA 23601

Rooms are reduced for the reunion at \$79 per night for two doubles. Other rooms are available.

Phone (757) 599-4460 and ask for the VVV family discount.

Note: rooms at this rate will be available only until June 15 so make your reservations as soon as possible.

There is complimentary breakfast, free airport shuttle (the hotel is two exits from the airport) really nice indoor pool, close to Williamsburg, and a variety of places to eat. There is on-site security and plenty of parking.

Plan on arriving before the reunion and stay a few days after, make this a family vacation or a trip to find your heritage.

AREAS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND NEWPORT NEWS

Outdoors, Nature & Wildlife

Virginia Living Museum Watch more than 260 species of live native animals in natural habitats outdoors: beaver, bobcat, bald eagle, fox, wolves and more; plus a planetarium theater and aquarium indoors. www.thevlm.org

Parks! The City of Newport News offers more than 30 wonderful parks where you can rent bikes and boats, play disc golf, go geocaching, golfing, hiking and more. Newport News Park, The Noland Trail/Lions Bridge, Deer Park and Riverview Farm Park are just a few of the delightful outdoor spaces very close to Point Plaza Suites in Newport News. For a complete listing of the city's parks, visit www.nnparks.com/parks.php

Ships

The Mariners Museum Designated by Congress as America's National Maritime Museum, this fascinating attractions lets visitors explore countless, captivating seafaring adventures. www.marinersmuseum.org

Dorothy Tugboat and View of the Newport News Shipyard

Located in downtown Newport News is *Dorothy*, the first vessel, a tugboat, ever built by world renown Newport News Shipbuilding. From a vantage point near the World War II Victory Arch, you can see the Dorothy and other ships moored at the shipyard. Near 25th Street and West Avenue. www.newport-news.org/things-to-do/outdoors.php

History and Wars

The Virginia Peninsula played a crucial role in the lives of the early settlers and in the Civil War and Revolutionary War. Newport News is located between Fort Monroe in Hampton and Colonial Williamsburg- a mecca for war history enthusiasts. Several historical markers can be found throughout Newport News, including earthworks in Newport News Park from the Battle of Dam #1. In addition, you will be inspired by these Newport News historical attractions:

Lee Hall Mansion www.leehall.org

Endview Plantation www.endview.org

Fort Eustis Army Transportation Museum

www.transchool.eustis.army.mil/Museum/Museum.html

Virginia War Museum www.warmuseum.org

Newsome House www.newsomehouse.org

James A. Fields House <http://jamesafieldshouse.blogspot.com>

World War II Victory Arch

Just outside of Newport News are other significant historical attractions including the **Yorktown Battlefield and Victory Center, Jamestown Island and Colonial Williamsburg** - all within a 30 – 45 minute drive of Point Plaza Suites.

Art

Within walking distance of The Mariners Museum and just five minutes from the Virginia Living Museum is the **Peninsula Fine Arts Center**, home to fascinating art exhibits.

www.pfac-va.org

In addition, Newport News has 32 unique sculptures throughout the city. Take a free, self-guided driving tour with an Arts & Sculpture brochure, and learn the inspiration behind the sculptor's pieces.

Aviation History and Space Exploration

Hampton, Newport News' next door neighbor, is the birthplace of America's space program. The **Virginia Air and Space Center** is the official visitor center for NASA Langley Research Center and Langley Air Force Base. www.vasc.org

Boat Tours

Yorktown www.sailorktown.com and Hampton www.misshamptoncruises.com offer guided boat tours in the summer months.

Free Outdoor Live Concerts all Summer

Wednesday nights: Port Warwick

Thursday nights: Lakeside at The Mariners Museum; also Fort Eustis

Friday nights: City Center's Fountain Plaza in Oyster Point Park, Newport News; also Shaggin' on the River along the Yorktown waterfront

Shopping

Newport News has an abundance of shopping: Specialty shops can be found in Historic Hilton Village; City Center in Oyster Point Park; and Port Warwick. The museums also have interesting items for sale in their gift shops. In addition, nearby Patrick Henry Mall offers a variety of stores.

Wineries

Within 45 minutes of Newport News are two wineries: Williamsburg Winery (www.williamsburgwinery.com) and New Kent Winery (www.newkentwinery.com)

For More Info

In addition to reviewing the **Newport News Visitor Guide** which will be in your welcome bag, you may want to visit or call the **Newport News Visitor Center** at the entrance to Newport News Park (13560 Jefferson Avenue) to discuss day-trip options with a friendly, knowledgeable travel counselor. They're open every day, 9 am – 5 pm. Call toll free, 1-888-493-7386 or visit www.newport-news.org

DON'T FORGET.....

Rooms at the hotel need to be made by June 15, 2015 in order to receive the VVV discount. Call today and make your plans for a great vacation.

REMINISCENCES OF ARLETTA LEWIS UMMSETTER

(As Related to Deer Creek)

September 22, 1927

Read at the Deer Creek Homecoming.

Arletta Lewis was born in 1843 in a log cabin just east of the present farm home of Mrs. Nannie Gannon. She was a daughter of Charles and Charlotte Parks Lewis and her grandfather Alexander Lewis came from Virginia in company with John Vawter, founder of Vernon, in 1816. This Alexander Lewis had been married in Virginia to a Miss. LaFollette who died leaving him two daughters, Nancy and Sarah, one of whom became one of the county's leading women school teachers. On his way to Jennings Co., he married in Madison Miss Nancy Vawter, cousin of his companion, John Vawter, and to this union were born four children, Chas., David, Martha and Anna.

To follow you must think away the B. & O. Railroad, Federal road No. 50, and the Muscatatuck wagon bridge. Alexander Lewis took up his abode on the east side of the Muscatatuck and entered from the government the land now contained in the farms of Mike McGinty, J.E. Simmons, Mrs. Nannie Gannon, Pete Shuck, Bridget Wickens and part now owned by James Wickens and Wilber Gannon. Alex Lewis died in 1835, his wife twenty years later.

His children attended school at Vernon, and one incident related by her father stands clearly in Mrs. Ummsetter's memory. As Charles Lewis and his sister, Anna, were returning from school they saw a bear rearing upon its haunches sniffing up a tree trunk. The children stood motionless until Bruin finished his measuring and ambled on across the hollow after which they tiptoed quietly away from the spot and then ran home.

Mr. Chas. Lewis became the first constable of Vernon. He often obtained books from the county library at Vernon.

Mrs. Ummsetter attended her first term of school in a log cabin that stood just east of where Matt Wickens now lives which was then the Abercrombie place. This must have been old and without the customary loft for she recalls a child trying to pick up some shining object which proved to be only a spot of sunshine that fell through an opening in the roof. This school was in charge of John M. Grinstead. Her only text was a McGuffey's spelling book, no slate, blackboard, tablet or pencil. Her second term of school was passed in a large room that now forms the middle room of the W.T. Holsclaw residence. Here Lewis Whitcomb was the teacher. Mrs. Ummsetter recalls the proud day when the teacher promoted the class to the first reader. Her father went to the store at North Vernon and bought her book that evening. Imagine her disappointment next morning when the class assembled and the teacher said that as hers was the only reader, she must pass it on to the remainder of the class and the rest could get theirs Saturday. The next school was taught in the new frame building on the site where Vawter Feagler's house was later and in this building the remainder of her school years were spent until her father moved to Zoar. This latter building was moved and still stands on the Frank Knaub farm.

The children and families whom she recalls during the years of school life were as follows: Mary and Sarah Burns grandchildren of Wm. E. Vawter on Summerfield place, Frank, Irwin and Butler Huckleberry, lived on Wissel farm; George and John Carrol lived on same farm later; Taylor, Miles, Nancy and Almira McCaulou, on the Chaney farm; Tip, Charles, Sarah, Clarkson and two other sisters (later Mrs. Osborn and Mrs. Wagner), who lived on Mrs. Hannah Wickens farm; Ella and John Lovett, Mary and Anna Fitzgibbons on the Sasetter place, (the latter Mrs. Rosendoll, who died recently), and Anna Fitzgibbons daughter of Thos. Fitzgibbons who lived on the Nugent farm; Ellen and Edward Scanlon on McDonnell place; and Will and Almira King on present Cummins farm. The family of Mrs. Ann McCauley lived where the House sisters now live.

After Chas. Lewis had lived for a time on the present site of the Gannon farm he moved to the "big log house" consisting of two front rooms, an entry and kitchen which stood near the coffee-nut trees between Riley's cut and the RR bridge north of the track. When the B. & O.R.R. was built Mrs. Ummsetter recalls that a row of apple trees in front of the house that had to be cut down to make room for the track. The road was built in 1852, and when the first train consisting of engine and one car appeared, everyone ran out, to see it pass. But when the engineer blew the whistle the children scampered back into the house.

The Gannon land was sold to a Mr. Tate and within a year of the purchase a row of apple trees and a row of maple trees had been cut and made into cord wood. Think of the waste!

Things boomed while the road was a building, and to accomodate the workers, six shanties were built with Mr. Lewis permission on ground lying between the abandoned road thru Mrs. Gannon's farm and the creek bank. This was the period when the town of Clifton sprang up and threatened to outgrow N.V. This village was located on the Muscatatuck where the Simmons brickyard was later and had at one time the "big house" on the bluff where Mr. Harris, foreman, and his family lived, a store an office and a house occupied by Mr. Tate. One of the several shanties east of Mr. Lewis house was occupied by one Pat Riley which gave his name to Riley's cut. Pat Sharon and John Sharon lived with him, stepsons. The McGinty family bought the same land which Mike McGinty now owns. Sergt. John Corrigan of Indianapolis, lived in one of the houses of Clifton when it had ceased to be a boom town and the houses were rented for dwelling houses. Just west of the present Muscatatuck bridge may be seen traces of the old grist mill owned by Mr. Josiah Andrews.

An occurrence of this time illustrates the simplicity of the life of the time. A man was missing at a time when the water in the creek was frozen except for a tell tale hole in the ice. One morning when Mrs. Harrison looked out the window she saw to her horror a dead man raised in the water. She called others and they searched and found the body. A Mr. Sumpter made the coffin and they buried him along the creek bank further up.

This gathering, A Home-Coming, is tinged with sadness today as we realize our school house is gone and with it the traditions and experience of rural school life for what is taking place in Center Township has always taken place or will soon do so everywhere. The cycle seems to be completed, the sunlight filters through the roofs of abandoned schools elsewhere as here. Progress can not be stopped nor should we wish to do so. The present generation faces a different world and needs a different training than those of the past. We can only trust that these young people shall see and grasp the light as did that child in the log cabin school of old.

Andrew Cottle , VVV cousin, offers a smile for the day
Life from the seat of a tractor..



**An old Farmer's Words of Wisdom
we could all live by.....**

"Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong."

"Keep skunks and bankers at a distance."

"Life is simpler when you plow around the stump."

"A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor."

"Words that soak into your ears are whispered.....not yelled."

"Meanness don't just happen overnight."

"Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads."

"Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you."

"It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge."

"You cannot unsay a cruel word."

"Every path has a few puddles."

"When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty."

"The best sermons are lived, not preached."

"Most of the stuff people worry about, ain't never gonna happen anyway."

"Don't judge folks by their relatives."

"Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer."

"Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time."

"Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none."

"Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance."

"If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'."

"Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got."

"The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'."

"Always drink upstream from the herd."

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment."

"Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in."

"If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around."

"Live simply, love generously, care deeply, Speak kindly, and leave the rest to God."

"Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you."

And.....



Some days all you can do is smile and wait for some kind soul to come pull your ass out of the bind you've gotten yourself into.

Charles Vawter's Roeland Park, Kansas City, Missouri

The largest development in what later became Roeland Park was undertaken by Charles E. Vawter. While employed at Safety Federal Savings and Loan in Kansas City, Vawter became acquainted with a homebuilder.

The two created a partnership, and in 1935, they began to build houses in the area of 48th and Belinder (now in Westwood).

By 1937 Vawter, who would become well acquainted with the Roe sisters, wanted to develop on a larger scale. Vawter was able to obtain land from the Roes that they had shielded from other developers for nearly two decades. The Roe sisters, Margaret and Isabella, liked Vawter, and gave him liberal terms. They were also "property poor" at the time and were ready to sell parts of their land holdings to ease their tax burden.

The corner of Vawter and Harding, Kansas City, MO is the only permanent reminder of Charles Vawter's commitment to the growth of Kansas City.

On June 5, 1937, the Charles E. Vawter Investment Company, Inc. was chartered in Kansas. On April 19, 1937, Vawter had signed a ten-year lease, with an option to buy, from Isabella Roe. The contract had a number of conditions: 1) Vawter was to obtain plat suggestions from the FHA by November 30, 1937, at his own expense; 2) plats could be filed only on land parcels he had paid for, "giving full consideration to the effect upon the whole tract;" 3) land not fully developed for residential purposes had to be kept and taxed as farm lands only; and 4) after December 31, 1937, Vawter had to pay all taxes and assessments on the land.

A schedule was drawn up specifying that Vawter was to purchase various size parcels, at \$1,000 per acre, beginning with 2 ½ to 5 acres by November 30, 1937, and escalating to a 40 to 50 acre purchase by March 31, 1942. The balance of the entire lease was to be purchased by March 31, 1947. Perhaps because of their ages, or perhaps because they wanted quick progress, the Roe sisters' contracts stated "Time is of the essence."

The developer was to pay street construction costs, but he was allowed to keep income from rental properties on the land after December 31, 1937.

On the same date, Margaret Roe signed a similar contract with Vawter for 120 acres north of Isabella's, to be sold on a similar schedule.

Isabella's contract firmly stated that Vawter was to "diligently pursue the development and sale of such lands...consistent with good business..., and not limited by the agreement." If the developer became bankrupt, the contract was void and none of Vawter's heirs or creditors had any claim on the land. Vawter was barred from assigning any portion of the lands to another developer. Default

on any terms in either contract voided both. Katherine (Kate) Roe was a lawyer; although she practiced in Chicago, she helped to word contracts handled by their Kansas City attorney.

Vawter's plan was to build 1200 homes on 280 acres of Roe land. The first plat was called Roeland Park and was filed September 7, 1937. The second plat, on the east side of Nall from 51st Street to 55th Street, was filed September 16, and the first homes were built on the east side of Nall.

Vawter, in giving these subdivisions the Roe name, was paying tribute to the legendary Johnson County settler whose land Vawter purchased. Those subdivisions, the original incorporated area, gave their name to the city of Roeland Park.

Deed restrictions in the Roeland Park subdivisions permitted only single family homes with a garage "for not more than three cars." Only members of the white race could own or occupy the dwellings, and no trailer, basement house, or barn could be used as a temporary residence.

A one-story home was required to have 700 square feet; a two-story home had to have 600 square feet on the ground floor. Setbacks were to be between 25-40 feet. Lots averaged 65 by 135 feet. Houses were in the \$4,500 bracket. Perhaps because some residents in older areas kept animals, restrictions prohibited keeping "cows, horses, swine, sheep, goats," and poultry "for commercial purposes."

These restrictions were to stay with the land until July 1962 and would automatically renew for 25 year periods unless a majority of owners agreed, five years in advance, that the restrictions should change.

A Homes Association Declaration was filed in Johnson County the same date as the first plat. It reads much like other such documents, with the association required to develop and maintain streets; plant and care for greenery in public places; and provide the means for public utilities; septic tank disposal, and trash collection. Homeowner dues were to begin January 1, 1939, and unpaid dues counted as a lien on the property, a policy developer J.C. Nichols also practiced. A primary purpose of the association was to enforce restrictions in an area Vawter and Isabella Roe intended as a "residence neighborhood possessing features of more than ordinary value..."

1940s Bring Incredible Growth

Soon after World War II started, Vawter was caught with a shortage of building materials and some partially built homes. The government approved completion of the houses only after he agreed to hold these houses aside for rental by defense workers, especially those workers from the North American Aviation plant in Kansas City, Kansas. Vawter could not sell the houses until after the war ended. By that time, Vawter homes, popular with renting GIs, sold for about \$8,000 to \$12,000.

Key marks of Vawter's pre-war houses are stone foundations and partial stone veneers on the front, with the exception of his "slab houses," which had a concrete slab with no basement. After the war, reportedly due to a shortage of stone masons, basement foundations became concrete and houses had little or no stonework.

The suburban city became a study in contrasts. Early neighborhoods east and northeast of Vawter's project resulted in an eclectic array of homes, some built on large wooded lots. People moved there to enjoy a bit of "country life," with few paved roads, fewer of the smells and sounds found in the city, and lots of open land.

Those areas contrasted with the suburban subdivisions of Roeland Park, Roe Highlands, and Roe Manor Heights that Vawter built. By 1945, many houses were clustered together along paved streets, and new schools and churches were built to accommodate large numbers of newcomers. With the influx of more people, shopping became more viable and plans were made to develop a Roeland Park Shopping Center.

Around this time, Mission was planning to incorporate, which brought more changes to Roeland Park. To prevent his developments from being annexed by Mission, Vawter persuaded the Board of Directors of the Roeland Park Homes Association that Roeland Park should incorporate. On July 2, 1951, the City of Roeland Park was incorporated as a Third Class City, with a population of approximately 1875.

Johnson County Museum photo of desk blotter printed with advertisement for Charles E. Vawter Investment Co., sellers of real estate in Roeland Park, KS. Handwritten at the top is 1946, Photo shows a bungalow and a two story house for sale.

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Mrs. Jessie R. Vawter: Widow of Roeland Park Developer Dies of Cancer
Photo and obituary for Mrs. Jessie Vawter, "58, widow of Charles Edward Vawter [or Charles Vawter], developer of Roeland Park in Johnson County." Mrs. Vawter a native of Saint Louis raised in Kansas City with residence at 435 West 55th Street.

Source: Kansas City Star,
Date: January/23/1956
Page(s): 17
Location: Vertical File: Residential Districts--Roeland Park
Illustrations: No
Subjects: Vawter, Charles E., Roeland Park, Kansas,
Item Type: Citation - Newspaper
Item ID: 120208

**2015
Vawter Vauter Vaughter(s)
Family Association Reunion
Newport News, Virginia**

Registration

Name of Each

Attendee _____

Address: _____

Email _____

Registration per Single Adult _____ @ 10.00 _____

Or

Registration per Family _____ @ 15.00 _____

Dues for 2015 (if not paid) Includes Newsletter _____ @ 10.00 _____

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. tour of U.S. Capitol No Charge

Thursday night meal – Cove Tavern – 6:00-8:00
Reserved space Order off the Menu

Friday night meal at County Grill & Smokehouse
Reserved room Order off the Menu

Saturday Lunch at Vauter's Church – Adult _____ @ 20.00 _____

Saturday Lunch at Vauter's Church – Child _____ @ 10.00 _____

Saturday Night Banquet at Point Plaza – Adult
Tidewater Room _____ @ 35.00 _____

Saturday Night Banquet at Point Plaza – Child _____ @ 17.50 _____

TOTAL _____

2015 REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 16

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.....Registration
8:00 p.m.....Reunion Site Committee Meeting
8:30 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, July 17

Complimentary Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00.....Registration
9:00.....Business Meeting

Welcome - Ringing of the Cowbell – Invocation- Pledge - Official Welcome to Newport News
Preliminary Registration Report - Preliminary Site Committee Report - Other Business

10:00.....Genealogy Session

Lunch on your own Afternoon Touring

6:00 p.m.....Dinner at Yorktown

Saturday, July 18

Breakfast

9:00 a.m.....Depart for Vauter's Church

10:30.....History of Vauter's Church

Noon.....Lunch

1:00.....Depart for the Glebe

6:00 p.m.....Banquet

Invocation – Dinner - Memorial Service - Love Offering for Vauter's Church
Special Recognition –Youngest, Oldest, Longest Married - Roll Call of States

Invitation to 2016 Reunion - Door Prizes – Auction - Adjournment

Sunday, July 19

10:00 a.m..... Service at Vauter's Church

11:00 a.m.....Reception

In Memoriam

Lemma W. Swafford, 87, of Dawsonville, GA, passed away Sunday April 26, 2015, following a period of declining health. Born May 15, 1927, in Dawson County to the late Cooney and Bernice Wright, she lived in Smyrna 42 years before returning to Dawson County. Lemma retired from Montag and Mead Paper Company after 40 years of service. She was a member of Juno Baptist Church and was preceded in death by a daughter Brenda Diane Swafford and sister Narella Wright. Surviving her is her husband of 69 years, Clain Swafford, special friends, relatives, and caregivers Tony and Karen Wear. Services were held at the Bearden Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in the Juno Baptist Church Cemetery.

Jerry Waters, 68, of Dawsonville, GA, passed away May 10, 2015. Born Jan. 23, 1947, to the late Vearl and Flara Waters, he was a lifelong resident of Dawson County. Jerry drove trucks for Allied Trucking for 29 years. He also owned and operated a poultry and cattle farm. He enjoyed salmon fishing, travel, and RV camping. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his children Raymond Jerry "Ray" Waters, JR., Andrea Waters-Graham, and brothers James Waters and Johnny Waters. Surviving are his wife of 30 years Button Waters, and son David and wife Heather Waters, step-son Michael and wife Joy Cooper, brother Roger and wife LaDonna Waters, sister Jo Waters, 11 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren.

SGT. Ward Mark Johnson IV died in a helicopter crash May 12, 2015, in Nepal while serving his country on a humanitarian mission after an earthquake. Born in Charleston, South Carolina, to Ward Mark Johnson III and Eva Aucain Curtis, he graduated from Stratford High School and Seminole State College of Florida with two degrees. He enlisted March 23, 2009, in the Marine Corps and served as a UH1Y helicopter crew chief with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 429, Marine Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Camp Pendleton, CA. Mark was proud to serve his country. He enjoyed the beach, biking, camping, and most importantly spending time with his wife Haley Lynn Vaughters Johnson and his sons Nathan "Nate" Johnson and Noah Johnson of Camp Pendleton, CA. He is also survived by his father Ward Mark Johnson II and wife Shirley, his mother Eva Aucain Curtis and husband Jason B Curtis, sister Jennifer Johnson, brother Christopher Curtis, step-sister Mary Sayre and husband Drew, step-sister Melissa Bardwell and husband Steve, step-brother Army PV2 Tyle J Curtis, and grandfather Lawrence A. Aucain, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and his beloved dog Max. Funeral service with full military honors will be held in the Parris Island Chapel. Interment will be private.

Isaac Joseph Beasley was stillborn 2/3/2015 in Crown Point, Indiana. Isaac was the son of Jenaffer Alice (Johnson) and Mark Alan Beasley. Isaac is survived by his parents, his sister Karissa Maybellene Beasley, grandparents Rob Johnson and Jerry & Shirley (Vawter) Beasley, aunts, uncles, and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Patricia Johnson. Mark & Jen are members of the VVV Family Association and have attended several reunions.

Nicholas Schapmire, 66, a resident of Ozark IL and former resident of Custer Park, died May 17, 2015. Nick was born June 9, 1948, to James F. "Jim" Schapmire and Ethel May Vawter Schapmire in Bloomington, Illinois. He is survived by his wife Shirley I. Street. Other survivors include three sons: Nicholas L. (Janie Horton) Schapmire, Jason L. (Katy) Schapmire, Dennis F.M. Schapmire; and four grandchildren: Dusty, Cody, Milkaylah, Cayden. He is also survived by a sister Louise McQuarter, nieces and nephews. He particularly enjoyed time with his grandchildren and taking them to historical re-enactments such as the Fort Massac encampment. Nick served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. He was employed at the Nuclear Power Station in Morris, IL. He was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy in Wilmington, and belonged to the Kankakee Vietnam Veterans of America post, and the Marion Oshel American Legion Post #364 in Carrier Mills. He was active in the Blazing Star Masonic Lodge #458 A.F. & A.M. which provided Masonic rites for him. Military graveside rites were provided at burial in Zion Cemetery, Ozark IL.

In Memoriam

Norma S. “Bannie” Vaughters was born to Henry J. Stine and Florence Sterling Stine in Newtown, Pennsylvania on January 4, 1925 and passed away peacefully on November 30, 2014. She was 89 years old. Norma was preceded in death by her husband, James Lowell Vaughters Sr.

She is survived by her four children Lowell (Angela), Keith, Karen Tatum (Gregg- D), Gary (Teresa) and Stepdaughter Shirley Miller (Neel). Norma also is survived by all seven of her beloved grandchildren; David L. Vaughters (Stephanie), Mark T. Vaughters (Lori), Keith S. Vaughters Jr. (Amanda), Tyler J. Vaughters, Katrina V. Ricks (Jimmy), Gregory F. Tatum (Charlene), Christopher T. Tatum (Melissa) and twelve great grandchildren.

Norma and Jimmy met and married during World War II in Oakland California. Norma was serving in the Navy Nurse Cadet program and Jimmy was in the Navy. When the war ended and they were discharged from the Navy, they returned to Jimmy’s hometown of Memphis. Norma had a career as a registered nurse and retired from the City of Memphis Hospital after 28 years.

Norma was known lovingly as “Bannie” to her grandkids, great grandkids, in-laws, ex-laws, friends, and health care workers. She was also known as the lady in the little red hat. She said “it keeps my ears warm”. Norma wore her red knit hat winter or summer so we made sure she had her hat on to keep her ears warm as she left us for this final journey.

Our sweet precious Norma has gone to be with our Lord after a long bout of Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s. She was loved and taken good care of by her children and extended family.

Evelyn T. Vawter, 91, died Monday August 17, 2015 at McKenzie Health Care Center. Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 22, 2015 2:00 p.m. at the Cedar Avenue Chapel of Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Visitation will also be Saturday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Brothers Jim Roberts and John Forgy will officiate. Pallbearers will be Weston Vawter, Bryan Vawter, Ben Vawter, Chad Barnhart, Jack Holland and Mel Overton, Honorary Pallbearers Roland Argo and Bill Brown. Mrs. Vawter, a co-owner of Vawter Real Estate and a member of McKenzie Church of Christ, was born in McKenzie, TN on December 10, 1923 to Arzo and Lorene Pruitt Thomas. She was preceded in death by her husband Billy Vawter and her grandpet Peeper. She is survived by two daughters Barbara Vawter of Ripley and Amy Vawter of Nashville, one son Robert (Lynn) Vawter of Cordova, four grandchildren Bryan (Lisa) Vawter, Chad Barnhart, Weston Vawter and Clare Vawter and two great-grandchildren Chelsea Vawter and Ben Vawter.

Billy Arthur Vawter, November 11, 1932 - July 25, 2015 Vawter, Billy Arthur, 82, of Pinellas Park, FL, passed away on July 25, 2015. He was an Army Veteran. Billy enjoyed fly fishing, golfing, hunting and roasting pigs. In his retirement he worked at Bill Jackson for 17 years. Survived by his wife of 50 years Gerri Vawter; children Lisa Marie (Merak) Harrison, Arnie (Brenda) Vawter, Gerru Viescas and Gabriella (Ken) Green; brother Ted Lemont; several grandchildren.

George Roy Vawter, Jr. October 5, 1938 - June 17, 2015 of Fort Myers, FL died suddenly on June 17, 2015 at Lee Memorial Hospital, Fort Myers. He was born in Otter Creek, IL, the youngest of 5 children of George R. and Beulah Vawter, Sr. He loved the water and served in the US Navy from '57-'62. Photography was his lifelong passion. He lived in various cities around the country while employed at CPI Fox Photo / Wolf Camera as a store manager and regional trainer before retiring after 20+ years of service in the late 90's. He chose Fort Myers, FL as his retirement home. He was a beautiful soul who dedicated his life to volunteering and serving others. He was predeceased by his daughter, Shayna S. Miller, his brother, Ted and his sisters, Marilyn and Ruby. He is survived by his son, Terron Vawter and his partner, Jennifer Webb, his sister, LaVaun Vawter, his loving companion, Catherine Broems, special friends, Ed and Pat Braid, congregation members at First Assembly of God, family and friends.

Freddie G. Vawter, 39, of Findlay, passed away on July 17, 2015 at his residence. He was born March 27, 1976 in Burbank, California to Federico G. Jacobo and Ruth Ann (Vawter) Botello. Freddie was a loving son, brother and a loving father to his beautiful daughter, Chiann. He loved spending time with his family,

playing video games with his nieces and nephews, going to the movies and especially taking long drives on the highway at night just for the enjoyment. Freddie had a passion for Lowriders. He enjoyed transforming cars into lowriders, installing air bags, customizing them with chrome rims and a loud system where you can hear him coming a mile away. Freddie worked for Lowe's Distribution Center as a laborer. He will be missed by many who loved him, but will never be forgotten.

Freddie is survived by his parents; daughter, Chiann Elizabeth Vawter-Cupples of Indiana; brothers, Victor A. Vawter and Juan Botello III (Jessica Flugga); sisters, Brittney M. (Robert) Lopez and Cassandra A. Bauer, all of Findlay; 8 nieces and 7 nephews. He was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Mary Ann and Dave Franklin Robinson; paternal grandmother, Margarita Gonzales Jacobo.

Lewis O. Vawter, Jr.

MARSHALL. Funeral services for Lewis O. Vawter, Jr., 94, of Marshall, TX will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2015 at Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall. Interment will follow at Grange Hall Cemetery. Lewis passed away June 5, 2015.

Lewis Orin Vawter, Jr., was born May 7, 1921 in Marshall, TX to Lewis O. Vawter, Sr. and Lucille Maude Wyatt Vawter. He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II stationed at Carswell Air Base in Ft. Worth. He served as an expert mechanic on B-17 aircraft achieving the rank of Sgt. prior to his discharge in October 1945. Tragically, his older brother, Perry Wyatt Vawter, was killed by enemy aircraft on Mindoro Island in the South Pacific days before he was to return to the U.S. While in the Army Air Corp, Lewis married Evelyn Frances Holiday of Hughes Springs, TX. Two years later their first child, Gary Eugene Vawter, was born. Their daughter, Susan Jane Vawter, was born eight years later. Like many families they faced challenges along the way. Susan died at age 11 from a virulent strain of hepatitis. Evelyn battled and survived thyroid cancer in addition to being severely burned during a propane explosion in their home.

Immediately after being discharged from the service, Lewis helped his father with the latter's dairy farm located on Hwy 43 in the Grange Hall community south of Marshall. Years later he worked as a production foreman for Thiokol Chemical Corporation in Karnack, TX. Lewis and his young family purchased the old Vawter family property on the Hynson Springs Road west of Marshall in 1954 and with a lot of love and hard work turned the 130 acres into one of the prettiest properties in the immediate area. He raised cattle and farmed part of the property for many years.

Lewis and Evelyn were active members of the Church of Christ in Marshall first at East Bursleson Street and later at the Eastern Hills location when the congregation moved into a new, larger facility. Lewis served as both a deacon and elder of the congregation during part of his time there. They also loved to travel. After acquiring an Airstream travel trailer in the 70s they crisscrossed North America with members of their travel club for weeks at a time. On one occasion they were gone for six months before returning home.

Lewis was a devoted husband and 24/7 care-giver for Evelyn during the last several years of her life as she suffered from dementia. During the last two years of her life while she was a resident in a local nursing home, he was faithfully by her side from before daylight until well into the evening. Following her death, Lewis followed his own advice and found a hobby he enjoyed that would keep him physically and mentally involved. For him it was playing 42. A typical week would find him playing with fellow 42-enthusiasts from around the area sometimes four to five times a week. He soon earned a reputation for being one of the best 42 players in Marshall by his peers. As much as he enjoyed winning, he enjoyed the fellowship even more. Following his oldest son's death in WWII, Lewis father, Lewis Sr., took a personal interest in caring for the Grange Hall Cemetery. His efforts attracted the attention of other families in the small community and began the evolution of the cemetery into one of the most beautiful in East Texas. Lewis Jr. proudly served on the Grange Hall Cemetery Association Board like his father before him. Surviving Lewis are his son, Gary and his wife RaJean of Canton, TX; his youngest sister, Mary Ann Wells of Santa Barbara, CA; three married grandsons: Brock & Cheryl Vawter of Garland, TX; Brent and Paula Vawter of Edmond, OK; and Brad and Brenda Vawter of Kennesaw, GA; and four absolutely great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; older brother, Perry; oldest sister, Kathryn Robertson; daughter, Susan; and his parents, Lewis and Lucille.



Vauter's Church Upper Church of St. Ann's Parish



At the recent VVV family reunion, over 120 people were privileged to tour this beautiful church founded in 1731 on the corner of Bartholomew Vawter's land in Essex County Virginia. If you have the opportunity attend a service at this historic church you will never forget it.

**Vawter Vauter Vaughter Family Association Banquet
The 39th Annual Reunion Newport News, Virginia
July 18, 2015 Hosted by Ellen Wicker-Cummings**

Welcome by President Bruce Vawter

Prayer by Phil Vaughter

James Vaughters introduced grandson Charlie who visited Trematon Castle and created a photo book of experience.

Meal: Herbed chicken, beef, oven-roasted potatoes, rice, salad, well-seasoned vegetables, apple pie, spice cake

Memorial Service was presented by Ellen Wicker Cummings. Fred Wicker read scripture from Rev. Fall which was originally read at the VVV first reunion memorial service. Michelle Alexander signed song "Blessings".

Those remembered: Nancy H. Vawter (9-9-2014, Henrico Cnty, VA); Phillip "Jerry" Gerald Vawter (9-14-14, North Texas); William Russell Vaughters (10-22-14, Social Circle, GA); Mark Ernest Vaughters (8-17-14, Wheelersburg, OH); Lt.Col. Raymond Macy Vawter (5-16-14, Galena, KN); Gladys June Vawter (7-26-14, Fresno, CA); Jeffrey W. Vawter (7-22-14, Newport, KY); Iona V Vawter (5-21-14, Russiaville, IN); Jack Velmar Vawter (6-3-14, San Francisco); Freda M (Vawter) Munkvold (6-13-14, Lesterville, SD); Robert Dale Vawter (12-9-14, Kentwood, MI); Sandra Kay Miller Vawter (1-12-15, Winchester Court, NC); Jeffery Lynn Vauter (12-15-14, Houston, TX); Adele Vaughters (1-7-15, Arizona); Joan E. Vawter (3-31-15, Rochester, NY); Charles David Vawter (3-12-15, Lexington, KY); Cathryn Hill Vaughter (5-17-15, Starr, SC), Nicholas Schapmire (5-17-15, Ozark, IL), Lemma W Swafford (4-26-15, Dawsonville); Jerry Waters (5-10-15, Dawsonville, GA); SGT. Ward Mark Johnson IV (5-12-15, Camp Pendleton, CA) Died on humanitarian mission in Nepal after earthquake; Isaac Joseph Beasley (stillborn on 2-3-15, Crown Point, IN)

Military veterans were asked to stand and be recognized. Navy: James Vaughters, Margie Hudson, Charles Wilhelm, Jordan M. Johnston. Army: Jerry Beasley, Lewis "Wayne" McNary. Air Force: Robert L Vawter

Youngest attending: Kaylee Wyatt, 19 months **Oldest attending:** Fred Wicker 91 **Married longest:** Norma & Ken Wicker, 60 years **Traveled farthest:** Rebecca Cummings, Hawaii
10 Past Presidents attending: Garry Vawter, "Bobbee" Robert L. Vawter, Ken Wicker, Phil Vaughter, Jordan Johnston, Shirley Beasley, Connie Bugos, Jesse Vawter, Lowell Vaughters, James C Vaughters

Current and Returning Officers: Bruce Vawter, President; Darren Welch, Vice President; Jordan Johnston, Treasurer; Phil Vaughter, Asst Treasurer; Becky Guinagh, Secretary; Beth Melton, Archivist; Georgene Jurgensen, Newsletter & Historian; Patricia Renton, Website and Newsletter.

Roll-call of states: 24 USA states and Poland represented. Kansas had the largest group, 19. Mississippi and Missouri tied with 9 each. Other states: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Poland

Corrected Final registration: 120 plus 1 membership

Vauter Church Love Offering of \$1062 **plus Auction Proceeds** equaled \$2560 to be sent to Vauter's Church. Remember Vauter's Church throughout the year with donations.

Site report: On July 14-16, 2016, the reunion will be hosted by Chad Bugos in Bentonville, Arkansas. Art Museum created by Alice Walton is outstanding. Bentonville is home to Walmart, Tyson Foods, and JB Hunt. Tulsa also provides airport.

Location for 2017 is San Antonio, Texas. Tentative location for 2018 is Indiana.

Door Prizes: Managed by Jerry & Shirley Beasley and assisted by Anna Welch, John Burt and Mark Kelley.

Auction was managed by Ken Wicker and assisted by Phil Vaughter. Becky Guinagh, Secretary

Exciting News Concerning the St. Ann's Glebe

Edward J. White, President of the Preservation Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula (PNNMP) has sent the VVV association news of a Grant for the Glebe

(quote) We decided to add one larger grant per year to our regular grant program. Several of us have visited the Glebe, and yesterday we met with Mr. Hundley. This coming Tuesday PNNMP will present him with a check for \$3500.00. He is doing splendid work. Sincerely,

Edward J. White, President, PNNMP

The Glebe has been undergoing major renovations. Those of us lucky enough to visit it this last July were amazed at the changes. The above picture shows a "before" picture and below are some current photos.



The following is a history of The Vauter's Church given by Lillian Blackwell, historian and member of Vauter's Church in Loretto, Virginia. We were pleased to have over 100 people visiting the church at the recent VVV reunion.

VAUTER'S FAMILY REUNION

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015

St. Anne's Parish is believed to have been named for the mother of the Virgin Mary. It was formed on June 1, 1704, by a decree from the General Assembly of Virginia, from a much larger parish called Sittingbourne. Vauter's Episcopal Church was the third church for the parish. The others having been of wood construction, and have deteriorated long ago. Research has shown that Vauter's is the second church on this site. An Upper Church for St. Anne's Parish was built near the site of present day Vauter's Church. There are several orders for the upkeep of the road leading from "Jones' Mill to 'Old Upper Church'". The first Upper Parish Church of St. Anne's was probably of frame construction and existed from 1704 to 1711. This may be the church mentioned in an old land survey made by John Vauter for Buckingham Brown, who owned land on Blackburn's creek close to present-day Vauter's. It states there is a "road leading to the church" on the plat, which is dated 1722. In 1736, a deed between Thomas Hawkins and James Garnett mentions the property being sold as beginning at John Vawter's land, and running to the old church land, by the old church spring branch. In 1736, Vauter's would not have been considered old.

Georgene Jurgensen has "been researching the Garnett lands and the location of "Mt. Pleasant" and land maps. She states that the "original lands mentioned, the streams and swamps, and although the land names changed, the location did not. The river likely has moved over the centuries but an approximate location is possible. We do know that they had a dock and a tavern and a rolling road and warehouse for tobacco. Bartholomew the grandson of the original Bartholomew and oldest son of John sold the 150 acres to Garnett and went to the Carolinas and grew grapes for wine. Likely importing to the Virginia area." Bartholomew Vawter died in 1717. No actual deed has been found for the lot on which Vauter's was built. However, it did border the lands of the Vawter family, and has been said to have been built in "honor of Bartholomew Vawter". Edward Vawter is generally accredited with building Vauter's. Earlier reports have placed two different construction dates, with the original portion being built in 1719, and the "addition" of the south wing in 1731. In 1969, an extensive renovation of the church interior took place. The walls and ceiling of the church building were de-plastered down to the bare brick, and it was conclusively revealed that the church was built in its entirety in 1731. This is substantiated by a brick located over the south door, inscribed "1731". In a document written by Edmund Bagge, a cousin of the early rector, John Bagge, it is written that "on December 22, 1729, Edmund Bagge paid John Loyde of Essex two pounds two shilings for "Burning a Kiln of ordinary bricks, computed to be 28,000, at 18 pence each, though in truth he deserves nothing having overburnt them." This reference gives rise to the plausible conjecture that John Loyde may have been the brick-maker for Vauter's Church.

Vauter's has been described as one of the most perfect surviving examples of the semi-cruciform steep-gabled brick churches of the early eighteenth century. The brickwork of the church is laid in Flemish bond above the beveled water table, and in English bond below it. Glazed headers abound on all of these superbly laid walls, and a few glazed headers are also found below the water table. The walls are 2 feet thick. Its high and narrow windows are guarded by heavy solid wooden shutters. There are four large windows on the north wall, two on the east, and one on each side of the wing and in each section of the south wall. The arches of these windows, as well as the western doorway, are marked with whole bricks alternating with pairs of half bricks. The nave has an original flagstone floor. There are two entrances to the church by double doors, in the south and the west ends. A vestibule partition crossed the western end of the

church, forming a vestry room and supporting a gallery reached by steps in the vestibule. Another gallery over the southern door was used as the organ loft and for the choir. In Colonial times the chancel and pulpit stood in the eastern end of the church, and the pews and pulpit were so high that both minister and congregation could enjoy deep seclusion. Bishop William Meade tells in his book, "Old Churches and Families of Virginia", that when visiting these old Colonial churches he frequently had to hasten his arrival to erect temporary platforms of bricks or stones in the pulpits, to enable him to see the congregation. In fact, because of the shape of the church, the pulpit could be only visible from some points of the building.

The Colonial parishioners arrived for services at Vauter's by horseback or in carriage over dirt roads. The doors used at the time were the West doors with the rounded coping high up, where ladies in their hoop-skirts would be dropped off, with the doors opened by a Sexton inside (the doors still have no door-knobs, and are locked with a horizontal board inside). Parishioners carried their own "warming-stones", or warming-pans filled with coals from home, to place inside their pews to keep warm as the church was neither lighted nor heated until modern times. Church services were held only every other Sunday, and then never at night. Records were kept by the clergymen, stating the names of persons baptized, married, and buried. Confirmations were never held in Colonial Virginia, as no Bishop ever came from England. Never in 186 years from 1607 to 1784, when the Episcopal Church was formed in America, did a bishop from England ever set foot in Virginia. The oldest original graves in the Vauter's churchyard is John Miller's, who died in 1761, and his friend Andrew Anderson was buried next to him a few years later. The two men were adjoining merchants near the mansion of "Brooke's Bank". There were 130 families living within St. Anne's Parish, which was also an indication of the size of the population living there, as everyone who lived inside the parish boundaries was automatically a member of the parish.

Some of you have already visited "Cloverfield". Some will be going after you leave here. The first to live on the property was Capt. Edward Thomas (d. 1699), and his wife, Catherine Williamson, daughter of Henry Williamson. Capt. Thomas gave a part of his land to church, for the purpose of building a "glebe" (Essex County Deed Book 10, p. 21). Glebe houses were built on church lands rented or owned for the support of the parish. Although the houses themselves were sometimes rented, more often they were used as a rectory. Because they were frequently built by craftsmen employed by the churches, it is not unusual for glebe houses to display similar refined quality of work to that of the churches, especially in the brickwork.

The minister of St. Anne's Parish when the "Glebe" was built was Rev. Robert Rose. He held the position of minister from 1725 to 1747. He was a Scotsman who was formerly the business manager of Gov. Spotswood's plantation, "Germanna", on the Rapidan River, in present day Orange County, Virginia. His diary, which he kept during this time period, is a wealth of information of his day-to-day activities, including visitations of the sick, baptisms, marriages, and funerals. He married Mary Tarrant (d. 1738), daughter of Loenard Tarrant, of "Tarrant's Point", and Mary Brooke. Rose and his family would have been the first to occupy the new "Glebe", at Cloverfield farm. The house is believed to be the oldest brick "glebe" still standing in Virginia. The two story high, Georgian type house, which is one room deep, has exterior brickwork of Flemish bond and glazed headers similar to that of Vauter's. The interior had very good paneling and woodwork. The mantel in the room once used as the parlor, is particularly impressive. It is very ornate and of massive proportions. Also on the plantation were a frame schoolhouse, a wharf on nearby Occupacia Creek, a grain mill, a spring, and probably several outbuildings. Only the "glebe" house now remains. Rev. Rose's habit as the parson was to visit all the plantations within the parish...riding on one horse while pulling behind a second horse carrying extra clothing, medicine bag, diary, and essentials for living away from home...for Rose would be away from his Glebe many days and nights, on one occasion for 52 days and nights. Rose was age 47 at his death, surveying a part of the city of Richmond in 1751, and was so distinguished a clergyman, that he was the friend of seven Presidents of the Virginia Council at Williamsburg. Clergymen came to Parson Rose when they were "without a parish", seeking his sage wisdom and counsel, in the absence of a bishop.

The study of the female lines of the family can prove relationships and family connections. Bartholomew Vawter the progenitor of the family had a son John Vawter. This John was the oldest male and inherited the lands of Bartholomew in Essex County Virginia. John married a neighboring landowner's daughter named Margaret Noel. The Noel family had been researched and books written and the families were intertwined for many generations.

CORNELIUS NOEL

The complete history of the Noel family is found in the book *Emigrant Cornelius Noel, From Holland to Virginia and his descendants in America*. Compiled by Mary Roberts Noel 1908-1950 and Jennie Noel Weeks 1930-1977 pub. 1977 Salt Lake City. Now found to contain many early errors; it is a comprehensive search over several volumes about Cornelius Noel and his descendants. Our Daniel is found in Chapter Two.

Cornelius pedigree is from France to Holland, Jacques Noel of Francheval m. Jeanne Vintier. However, in 1985 further research has proven that two different Jacob Noel/Nowe existed. A certified researcher was able to confirm the correct line of descent to Cornelius located in the Walloon Ref. Church Collection of Leiden, Z-H., Neth and other court records of Leiden, Neth.

Passchier Nowe of Halewijn, Vlaanderen, Netherlands m. 29 Mar 1582/83 in Leiden, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands to Stijntje Jaspers b. Menen, Vlaanderen, Netherlands. Three children. Jacob Noweelsz b. 1599 Leiden, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands, Susanna Noweelsz m. 11 May 1618, Leiden, Neth to Jan Barentszn and Boudewijn Noweelsz d. 12 Sep 1624.

Of Jacob our direct line:

Jacob m. 2 Feb 1619/20 to Katrien (Trientje) Cornelisdr

1. Cornelis Nowe/Noel b. 11 Apr 1622 Leiden, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands d. 19 Jun 1622 Leiden, Neth.
2. Cornelis Noel b. 8 Oct 1623 Leiden, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands d. 6 Jun 1699 Essex Co., VA m. to Elizabeth (nee?). (see children below)
3. Siburg Noel b. 8 Aug 1627 Leiden, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands d. 28 Oct 1627 Leiden, Neth.
4. Boudewijn Noel b. 22 Apr 1629 Leiden Zuid-Holland, Netherlands
5. Jan Noel b. 2 Jan 1631/32 Leiden, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands. Chr. 1 Feb 1632 Leiden, Neth. Married a Perkins.

From Noel book - 25 Sep 1665 1097 A. & 27 prchs of Land Lyeing on the South Side of Rappa. River in the Freshes of the same about 4 m. from the River side and on the maine Branch of a Creeke called Occupare Creeke to Henry Jarman, John Powell, Wm. Coppins & Cornelius Noell for Trans. of 22 persons in to the colony.

7 Nov 1666 "Whereas Cornelius Noel has lived in this County Servant and Freeman and of the Reformed Religion and taken up land with a full resolution to make his constant abode in this County and to remain himself as a true and factful servant towards his Majesty and his Liege people hath petitioned he might be admitted a Denizen of this County. It is by the Governor Council and Burgesses of this Grand Assembly Granted or ordered that said Corenlius Noel be made a free Denizen. *Journal of the House of Burgesses of Virginia 1659-60-1693. Francis Lord Howard Governor.*"

23 Jan 1667, BK 3, p344. Cornelius Noell assigns land to Richard West and John Warren. Wit: John Ryman, Daniel Gaines.

In Volume Two of *Cavaliers and Pioneers, abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants* by Nell Marion Nugent, Virginia State Library, pub. 1977. Tho. Pawell on 26 Sept 1668 received land for trans. of 13 pers., including Cornelius Nowell.

From Noel book - 25 Jan 1670 Bk 4, p439 Richard West deed to Walter Darby, half of land said West purchased of Cornelius Noell. Wit: Daniel Gaines, Richard Hord.

2 Jan 1673 Bk5 p307. Christopher Blackburn and Catharine, his wife, deed to Samuel Ward and Samuel Peachy, 400 acres, on southside of the river in Parish of Sittingburn, next to land of Cornelius Noell.

Book- *Cavaliers & Pioneers* by Nugent Vol. 2 1666-1675, further mention of Cornelius is found. Richard Barber, 550 acs., Rappa. Co., S. side sd. Riv., upon S. side of Occupation runne; 6 Oct 1675, p. 568 Part of a gr. tract granted to Henry Jerman, Jno. Powell, William Coppin & Cornelius Nowell, & by sd. Jerman & Powell devided & sett apart, &c; & assigned to sd. Coppin & Nowell for their halfe part; & since found to escheate, by inquisition &c. under Capt. Robert Beverley, &c; Mr. Robt. Mosse, foreman of sd. Jurie; now doe by order &c. (Note: Barber also found as Barker).

From Noel book - 27 Apr 1686 and recorded 10 day of 8th 1700. Deeds & Wills Book #10 p56 ½ Naturalization Paper of Cornelius Noell. Cornelius Noell born in Holland professing the Protestant religion and taken the oaths of Alleigence and paid the fee be fully naturalized.

10 Feb 1692. Cornelius Noell granted 250 A. for importation of 5 persons.

Cornelius will is found in Order Book #1, p52 of Essex Co., VA. His will dated 10 Jan 1698/99 and probated 20 Jun 1699. Deed & Will Book 1695-1702 p327

In the name of God, Amen, I Cornelius Noell being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory blessed and praised to Almighty God for the same do make & ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it hoping by the ---Death & passion of my blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to receive full pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and a joyfull & ---- at the last day. As for my body I commend it unto the ground to be decently & Christianly buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named. As far as Wordly goods that God hath lent me I dispose of in manner & form following, Viz. Imprimus, I give and bequeath the land and plantation where I now live, both freehold and copyhold with all that appurtenances thereunto belonging unto my loving wife Elizabeth Noell during her natural life. After her demize unto my son Cornelius Noell and his heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son James Noell that tract or parcel of land ---- or called by the name of New Holland and if it shall please God that my said son do die without heirs then I give the said land unto my daughter Elizabeth Noell.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Noell that tract or parcel of land between the old field and John Anderson's joining upon Jno. Anderson' by computation 100 acres to her and her heirs.

Item: I give unto my son Daniel Noell six hundred pounds of Tobacco.

Item: I give unto my daughter Mary Coutsome six hundred pounds of Tobacco.

Item: I give unto my daughter Margaret Conallee six hundred pounds of Tobacco.

Item: I give unto my son Corenlius Noell six hundred pounds of Tobacco if he shall live to be of age, with a pair of pistols, hoster and a carbine.

Item: I give unto my son James Noell six hundred pounds of Tobacco if he shall live to be of age.

Item: I given unto my daughter Elizabeth Noell six hundred pounds of Tobacco if she shall live to be of age.

As for the rest of my estate I give it to my wife, making her my whole and Sole Executrix and I do annull & make void all former Wills, Testaments & bequests made by me at any time heretofore willed, made, bequeathed or given, & do sign Seal & publish this to be my last Will & Testament, Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 10th day of January 1698/9. Cornelius Noell. Signed, sealed & published in the presence of William Vickery, Thomas Hucklecott. Proved by the oaths of the witnesses hereto in Essex County Court the 20th day of June 1699 & duly Recorded.

10 Oct 1700, at the request of Elizabeth Noell it is ordered that ye Naturalization of her deceased husband Cornelius Noell be recorded Book 10 p62

12 Apr 1700, Suit between Elizabeth Noell, plaintiff and William Hammett, defendant, dismissed.

1699-1702, Suit between Elizabeth Nowells and Edward Dauland, default for want of Possession.

26 Apr 1704, p 597- *Cavaliers & Pioneers* Patent Book 9. John Ridsdall, 92 acs. Essex Co; S. side of Rappa. Riv; beg on W. side of Popomar Br. Of Occupacon Dr., cor. of patent granted James Gaines, & part of it now in possession of Mrs. Elizabeth Knowell; to line of John & Nicholas Burket, likewise in possession of Mrs. Knowles;. Trans. of 2 pers: Rachell Muttcock, Alice Sherriff. (Note: John Ridsdall is Elizabeth's son in law and Mary Burkett was listed as imported with Bartholomew Vawter in 1691, perhaps she is wife of John or Nicholas)

20 Oct 1704 p620, Patent Book 9, James Boghan, Richard Covington & William Willams 2400 acs., Essex Co., S. side the river about 3 mi from same, on brs. Of Occupace Cr. Beg. at Thomas Page; to Bethlehem Gilson cor; along her line to Cornelius Noell's land; Granted unto Tho. Pannell, 4 Nov 1673, deserted & now granted by order, &C, trans. of 48 pers:

9 Nov 1704, John Andrews of St. Ann's Parish, Essex Co., to John Rigdall (husband of Eliz. Noel, dau.) of same. 50 A. part of a pattant granted to James Gaines and sold unto James Andrew at a branch dividing this land from the land of the Widow Noell.. to a deep branch...line which divides this land form the land of Gray and Blackburn. Wit: Thom Ramsey, Elizabeth (E) Ramsey

The following deeds seem to indicate that Widow Elizabeth Noel married Thomas Pannell but no other proof is found at this time and can not be used as fact.

From *Cavaliers* the following connection: Mr. Tho. Pannell was located on S. side of the Rappa. In the freshes about 4 miles from the water side where he received land 26 Sep 1668, adj. Mr. Bently, cutting a path of Potobago. He received this for trans of 13 person inc. Cornelius Nowell.

11 Jan 1705. Deed between Thomas Pannell and Elizabeth, his wife, to James Phillips, land of southside of Rappahannock River upon branch of Occupacia Creek, bounded land of Cornelius Noell.

8 Feb 1705/06 William Pannell & Frances his wife, Thomas Pannell & Elizabeth his wife, and James Phillips & Sarah his wife, all of Richmond Co., to John Bush of Essex Co. 150 A. out of a tract formerly sold by Jno. Prosser to Thos. Pannell by deed 18 Sep 1673 for 25 A., on a path 2 miles and a half from the river, in Pumansend Swamp, adj. Land of Col. John Catlett & Henry Brice.

The Children of Cornelius Noel and Elizabeth his wife:

1. Daniel Noel (direct line see below)
2. Mary Noel m. Thomas Cloutsome
3. Margaret Noel m. Edmond Connalee/Conaly
4. Cornelius Noel m. Sara Stallard/Stallord, dau. of Samuel Stallard.
5. Elizabeth Noel m. John Rigdaile/Ridgdal
6. James Noel w. date 17 Apr 1741 m. Elizabeth Evans dau. of Reese and Elizabeth Evans

HISTORY OF HOMŒOPATHY AND ITS INSTITUTIONS IN AMERICA

By William Harvey King, M. D., LL. D. Presented by Sylvain Cazalet

CHAPTER VI THE HOMŒOPATHIC MEDICAL PROFESSION

WALTER ELIOTT FRUIT, Chicago, Illinois, was born in Edwardsville, Madison county, Illinois, November 9, 1862, son of Jefferson and Elizabeth Vawter Fruit. Originally Scotch-Irish, the family has been American since some time previous to 1750. His literary education was begun in the country schools of Illinois and continued through the normal school at Valparaiso, Indiana, and Lincoln University, Illinois. In 1890 he graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago. Since graduation he has been connected with the following hospitals and colleges : National Medical College, Chicago, professor of diseases of children, 1890-93 ; Hering Medical College, Chicago, the same, 1893-97 ; Chicago Homœopathic College, the same, 1897-1904 ; Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, the same, at the present time ; Chicago Hahnemann, professor of pediatrics ; Chicago Homœopathic Hospital, professor of pediatrics ; Mitchell Training School for Nurses, lecturer on pediatrics. Dr. Fruit married, in 1893, Ellen Elizabeth Crossman. They have one son, Julian Elliott Fruit.



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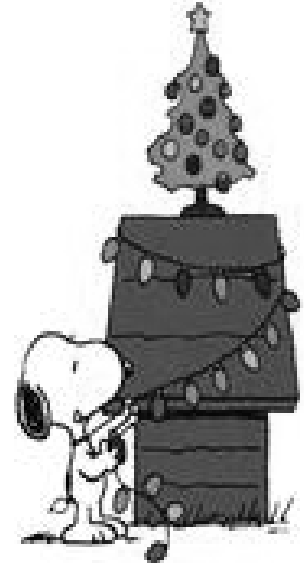
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Every Year at our Reunions, the family always tries to acknowledge all veterans and active duty military people attending. The VVV wants to extend a special thank you to everyone for their service to our country, especially in the difficult times we have been experiencing.

Zoe Vaughter has 2 active duty family members we want to thank:

1, My son: Sargeant Andrew W Hatori - Army, Combat Medic, currently on 3rd deployment to Afghanistan base-Fort Drum, NY

2. My nephew: Pvt. Corey Dalton Taylor Vaughter - Marines, Artillery, still in training at Camp Pendleton, Naval base - Norfolk, VA

If you have any active duty service members, feel free to email the newsletter editor or website editor. We want to make sure we include everyone.

In Memoriam

Martha J. "Marty" Jones, 66 of Columbus, Indiana, died March 15, 2015, while in hospice care in Louisville, Kentucky. Marty was a 1957 graduate of North Vernon, Indiana high school and a 1996 graduate of Indiana University where she earned a degree in accounting and was named to the dean's list. She retired from Circle K Support Center in August 2014.

She enjoyed the outdoors, especially camping, hiking, bicycling and gardening. An avid runner, she had done several marathons, half marathons, and 5 K's, and was proud of completing a 50 miler in Louisville at the age of 50. She also enjoyed reading historical fiction. Most of all, she enjoyed time spent with her daughter and granddaughter. Marty was born in Seymour, Indiana, on November 30, 1948, the daughter of Ernest and Helen Beeman Jones. They preceded her in death. Surviving are a son, Brad Kelley of Columbus, Indian; a daughter DeDe Kelley of Louisville, two granddaughters, Alyssa and Katie Strothman of Louisville; a brother, John Paul Jones of Scipio, Indiana; and sisters, Marilyn Jo Stuckwish of Lexington, Kentucky, Rebecca Ann Cornette of Niceville, Florida and Ruth Ellen Hansen of Greenwood, Indiana. Memorial services were held in Louisville, and Columbus. Marty was a descendant of Jennings County, Indiana, pioneers William and Frances Vawter. Her sister, Rebecca Cornett, is a member of the VVV Association and has attended several reunions.

VAWTER, Mary Terry Noble, 87, passed away September 15, 2015, Richmond, VA. She was preceded in death by her son, Richard A. Vawter. She is survived by her son, Robert W. Vawter (Anne); her grandchildren, Robert W. Vawter III (Amanda Kepley), Eleanor Vawter McBride (Robert), Andrew Vawter, Traci Vawter Sandler (Jared), Michelle Vawter; and her great-grandsons, Weston and Harvey Sandler. She was a retired teacher from the Richmond Cerebral Palsy Center and a member of Shady Grove United Methodist Church. A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, September 21, 2015, at Hollywood Cemetery.

Congratulations to Brian and Kayla Vaughters of Hanahan, SC, on the birth of their son Brannen Craig Vaughters who was born on September 6, 2015. Proud Grandparents are Jon and Dee Vaughters of Sunrise, Arizona.

Thanks to the extensive research done by Great Grandfather E. B. Vaughters, Brannen will be able to trace his family name all the way back to Bartholomew Vaughters, 11 generations prior in Virginia. Submitted by Jon Craig Vaughters

VVV Family Reunion Bentonville, Arkansas

July 14-17, 2016

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Travel Details • XNA – Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport – 50 Daily Flights; 13 Non-stop flights: NY, LA, Minneapolis, Chicago, Dallas, Cincinnati, Atlanta, Newark, Charlotte, Memphis, Denver, Las Vegas and Houston • Tulsa Airport – another great option (cheaper!) and a 1 hour 20 minute drive.

What to do in Northwest Arkansas?

- Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art – Opened in 2011 with over \$800MM in American Art purchased by Walmart Heiress, Alice Walton – Located on 120 acres in Bentonville with walking trails and outdoor sculptures – Many well known works of art: Norman Rockwell’s Rosie the Riveter; Andy Warhol’s “Dolly Parton”; Charles Wilson Peale’s “George Washington” – Re-built Frank Lloyd Wright home on grounds – Admission to permanent collection is Free



- Where it all began: Walton’s 5 and 10 • Sam Walton’s first store opened in 1950 on the Bentonville square.
- Interactive exhibit featuring the history of the Walton family and Walmart. • See Sam Walton’s Original office and famous Ford F150 Pick up.



Pea Ridge National Military Park Arkansas • Known as the “The Battle That Saved Missouri For The Union” • On March 7-8, 1862 26,000 soldiers fought here to decide the fate of Missouri and the West. • Pea Ridge was one of the most pivotal Civil War battles and is the most intact Civil War battlefield in the United States.

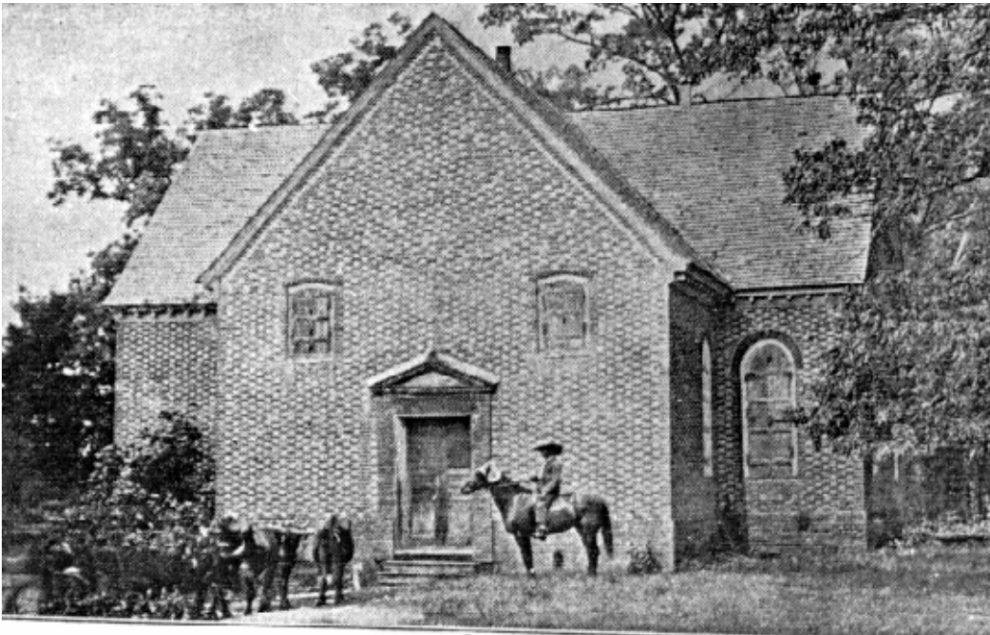
Note: Final Hotel and tour programs will be posted in the March 2016 newsletter.

The Vauter's Church of St. Anne's Parish, Essex County, Virginia

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In Essex County Virginia, there still stands the original Vauter's Church. John Vawter, son of Bartholomew, was a vestry man and supporter of Vauter's. As the typical Virginia plantation house of the eighteenth century sat in the midst of broad acres of plowed field, pasture, and woodland, remote from neighbors, so the typical Virginia church of that century was the crossroads church, set by itself in a field or a wood, at a point convenient to a group of plantations that covered a great stretch of country. The land of the church was near the land that Bartholomew Vawter inherited from his wife's father, William Hodgson. In 1699, Bartholomew purchased land of John Hawkins which also abutted the church grounds. The path to the church was called "Spearman's Church Path" and abutted the property of Job Spearman. It may be that John's brother Edward Vawter was involved with the actual construction of the brick church in ca 1731. There were also several churches before and after Bartholomew Vawter located in the south and north parts of St. Anne's parish. It was first believed that the original section of the church was built in 1719 and an addition added in 1731, but in 1969 the church was stripped to its original brick for renovation and found that the entire church was built at the same time. A brick over the door is inscribed 1731. The church was rarely referred to by Vauter's Church but by its original name the "Upper Church of St. Anne's Parrish".



The vestry was the governing body of each parish. It had 8 members who were chosen by the congregation, representing the geographic area of the parish bounds. No women were allowed to serve until the 1900's. Vestry men filled their own vacancies and elected officers consisting of two Wardens, a clerk, and treasurer. Vestries had five responsibilities:

1. after 1716 to select the parish clergy
2. investigate moral offenses, including absenteeism from service (a legal offense)
3. to lay the parish levy or tax upon all white and black males over 16 years of age, which provided the funds "to build, repair, and adorn the Churches and Glebes"
4. to care for the indigent and orphans
5. to "process the bounds" (measure land boundary lines to determine levies and land titles).

John Vawter was a vestry man in Essex County. He would have voted to build a new church and help to fund the project. Much information is found on John surveying bounds and testifying in court and would confirm his importance. He also had a rolling road and warehouses built on his property which controlled the tobacco production. No information is found as to who assumed the vestry position after John was deceased.

When the General Assembly in the 1720s sought to manage tobacco production by limiting the number of seedlings that could be planted and tended, the parish vestries—not the county justices—were responsible for appointing and supervising inspectors. The county court in turn dealt with the violators. Subsequently, when the assembly moved to a warehouse system as a quality-control device for tobacco, responsibility for appointing and supervising inspectors was transferred to the county court justices. By law the justices appointed surveyors of the county roads while parish vestries assigned the "hands" to the surveyors for clearing and maintaining the roads. The failure of English authorities to provide bishops and diocesan administration for its Anglican colonies had among its several consequences the absence of ecclesiastical courts. Twice yearly the county grand juries, upon information offered largely but not exclusively by the parish churchwardens, brought presentments against violators of the laws defining moral offenses and requiring church attendance. "Blue Laws" were by no means peculiar to New England, nor were Virginians hesitant to enforce their own codes of behavior. Those found guilty as charged in Virginia paid fines that were turned over to the parishes to be used in assisting the poor.

Deciding to build a church, hiring a parson, appointing tobacco inspectors, or binding out an orphan were functions of the parish vestry, reflecting a sense of community united in its beliefs, values, and needs.

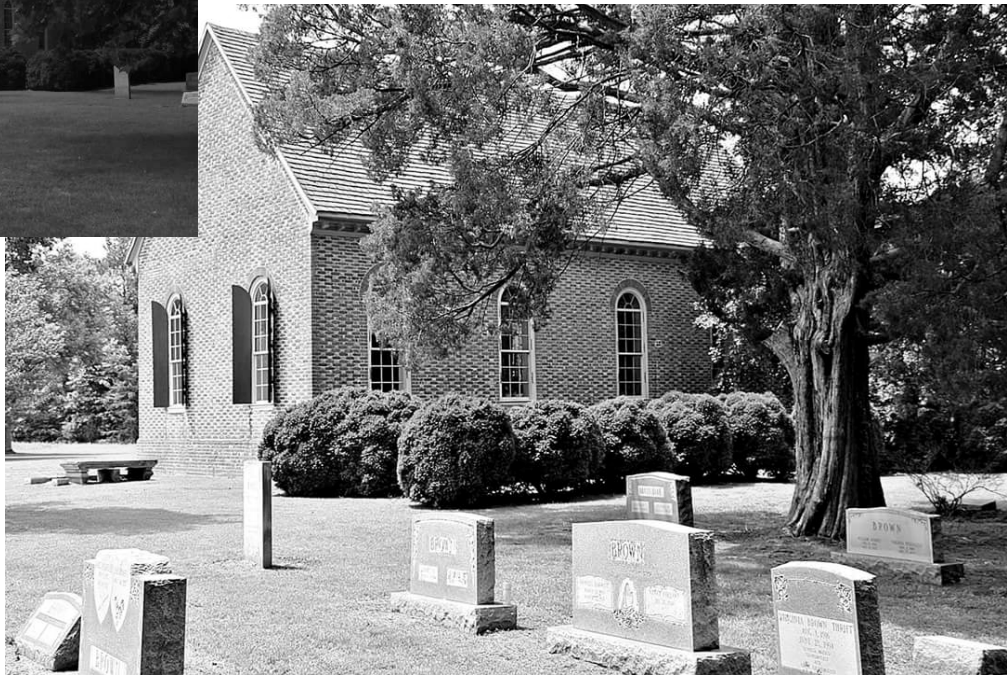
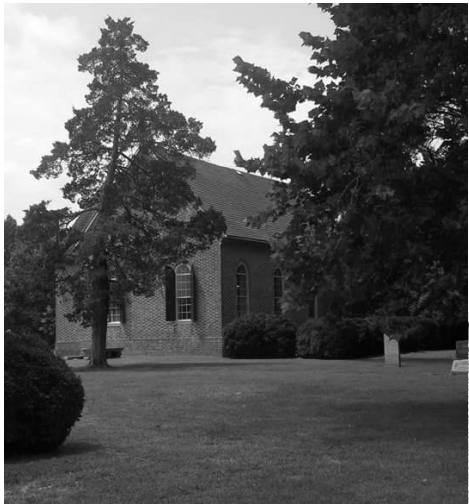
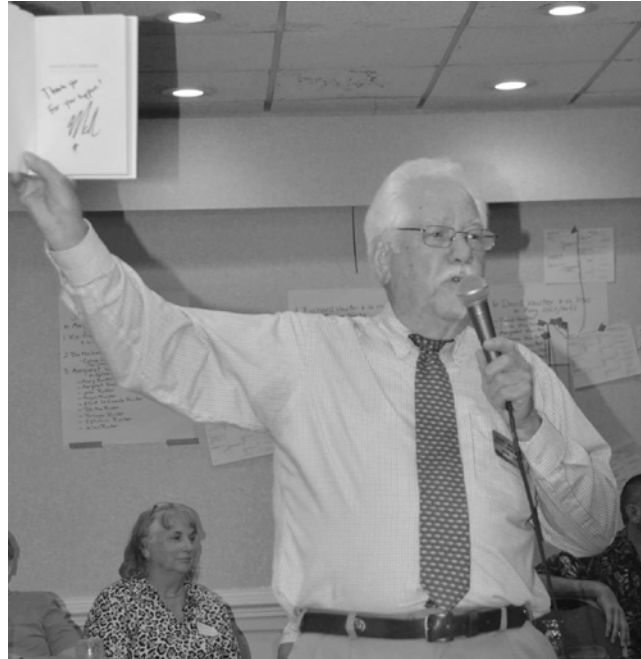
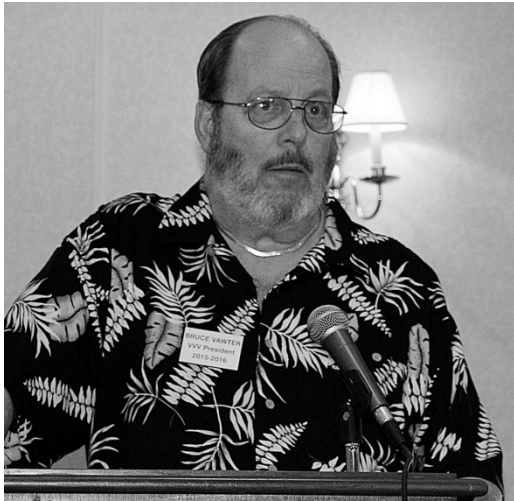
Vestries every four years divided their parishes into precincts and appointed for each precinct at least two "honest, intelligent" freeholders who, with whatever assistance they required, walked the boundary lines of the properties owned by precinct residents. In the presence of the landowners, the inspectors confirmed existing tree blazes and other boundary marks and established new ones if the old had been destroyed or moved. This quadrennial reaffirming of boundaries afforded occasions to resolve disputed lines to the mutual accommodation of the interested parties. The inspectors' reports that were duly entered in the parish—not the county court—records represented the acknowledgment by all landowners that the boundaries were accurately marked. Recourse by suit through the county court was available to those unwilling to accept the determination of the boundaries by the processioners.

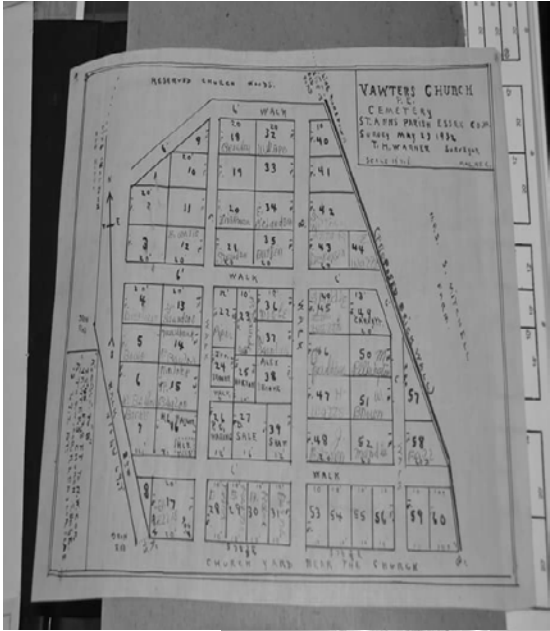
Starting in 1691 and every 4 years the parishes were required to review boundary lines, inasmuch as markers such as trees, stones, etc. were moved or disturbed. All men over 16 were tithed and new families recorded. The period for "processing the bounds" was September to March. This provided the basis for taxes and settled boundary line disputes. Two persons in each precinct were appointed. John Vawter served as surveyor several times and probably did this census at least once. Persons would have to be able to read or figure a surveying distance and the Vawters seem to have those qualities and passed their education on to their children. The sheriff of the area collected the fines of those who did not pay. 15 Jun 1732, Edmund Bagg paid 1,080 pounds of tobo to Benjamin Vawter, sub-sheriff and collector for St. Anne's Parish. This was for 15 parish tithables at 72 pounds of tobacco per "poll". Vawter received 105 pounds for his fee. One way to pay the tithable was to work 2 days at clearing roads for the area, many did this and helped to maintain these roads which became today's modern highways in Essex County.

Essex Co. Deed 17 Jul 1721. Buckenham Browne of St. Ann's Parish, Essex Co., to Richard Long of St. Mary's parish in said county for 70 pounds sterling. 297 acres 20 pole in St. Ann's Parish on the head of Blackburn's Creek... on a run side that falleth into Blackburn's Creek and near a path that leadeth from the church to Job Spearman's called Spearman's church path it being the most southwest corner tree to John Vawter's land which be bought of the abovesaid Brown... to Mr. John Hawkins' patten as also to a patten granted to Thomas Page, dec., known by the name of the 3000 (Acre) patten... land of Mr. Robert Payne... Job Spearman's land...containing all the land Buckenham Browne doth hold on the south side of the abovesaid swamp. Wit: John Vawter, David Vawter, Thos. (T) Burk. 18 Jul 1721. Acknowledged by Buckenham Browne. Elizabeth wife of said Buckenham relinquished her right of dower.

(Note: 1693 Christian Allen, youngest dau. of Valentine Allen m. Richard Dison Book O 1, p 108 then Christian married again in 1708 Christian Allen, dau. of Valentine Allen, m. Henry Long Book D&C 13, p 146. The mention of "Long" bridge swamp is a reference to this land above)

VVV Reunion July 2015 was a huge success. Just a few of the many highlights. A welcome by our President Bruce Vawter. An auction to raise money for the Vauter's Church with Ken Wicker. Visiting the US Capital and a special tour by Senator Roger Wicker. Tours of the church and the Essex County Glebe which is being restored. Don't miss out on the next reunion in Arkansas in July 2016.







Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters Pension application of William Vawter (Vawler, Vawters)1 R10921 f51VA

1 Va. Half Pay BLWt1699-200 N. A. Acc. No. 874 See 050 181 Half Pay William Vawter or Vawters

2 Angus Rucker S19068

3 Churchill Gibbs S46002

Transcribed by Will Graves 11/1/11

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[f p 24]This is to certify that I Angus Rucker² enlisted William Vawter of the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia as a private soldier in the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson in the early part of the year 1777 and that I marched the said Vawter to Williamsburg and there joined Gibson's Regiment which Regiment as soon as completed was ordered to the North to join the main Continental Army commanded by General George Washington; that the said William Vawter whilst at the North in 1778 was promoted to the command of Ensign and that he was afterwards appointed Lieutenant and marched to Virginia in 1780, and that he still continued Lieutenant in Gibson's Regiment until an arrangement for want of soldiers to command, at which time the said William Vawter was arranged a supernumerary officer and so continued until the end of the war; and moreover that the said William Vawter whilst supernumerary officer continued in the neighborhood of the troops and was at all times apparently ready to take command if called upon.

Given under my hand and seal this first day of December 1829.

S/ Angus Rucker, formerly Captain in Gibson's Regiment

[f p 42]

I Churchill Gibbs³ of the County of Madison and State of Virginia do hereby certify that the late Colonel William Vawter of the State of Kentucky Enlisted as a soldier for three years in the early part of the year 1777 and was attached to the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson and marched to the North and joined the Continental Army then in the state of Pennsylvania, the second day after the battle of Germantown, and was appointed an Ensign but believe that he returned to Virginia he was promoted to a Lieutenant. He returned to Virginia in 1780 and that I have no recollection of seeing him in service after that date and I have reason to think he was considered a supernumerary officer to the end of the Revolutionary war, given under my hand this 14th day of December 1829.

S/ Churchill Gibbs

[f p 44] State of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

Elliott Rucker⁴ this day personally appeared before me George P. Miller a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he was well acquainted with William Vawter and that he knows that the said Vawter served in the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson and was in the company commanded by this affiant who was first Lieutenant, Said Vawter was at the time a Lieutenant in said company and Regiment and served during the war of the Revolution and that he is now dead and left the following children (to wit Edmund F Vawter, Virginia Vawter, William Vawter, Thomas L Vawter, and George M Vawter) which children are now all living in the County of Boone and State of Kentucky.

4 FPA S46408 5 Sic, John Garrell or Jarrell FPA W7874 6 FPA S8767

Given under my hand as a Justice of the Peace in and for said County this 22nd day of October 1829 S/ Geo. P. Miller, JP

[f p 46]

I John Gerrel⁵ of the County of Madison and State of Virginia do certify that Colonel William Vawter late of the State of Kentucky enlisted under Captain Angus Rucker in 1777 in the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gipson [sic] and marched to the North and there we both were messmates together and while there he took rise to orderly Sergeant and afterwards was promoted to ensign and I was discharged in the year 1780 after I returned home. I understood he took rise to Lieutenant. Given under my hand this 6th day of February 1830 S/ John Jarrell, X his mark

[f p 49]

Cave Johnson⁶ of Boone County & State of Kentucky states that in the year 1778 he was well acquainted with the late William Vawter now deceased and that he saw him in said year in the United States Army at the White Plains and at West Point in the state of New York and that the said Vawter was then an orderly Sergeant to Captain Brown's Company in Colonel Gibson's Regiment & in General Putnam's Brigade, and that the said Vawter was afterwards promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, this Affiant was well acquainted with him from that time until the time of his Death which took place sometime in the fall of the year 1823 and that Edmund S Vawter, Virginia Vawter, William Vawter, & George M Vawter are his surviving and only surviving heirs, all of whom are now well known to this affiant.

S/ Cave Johnson

[f p. 50: John Tomlinson⁷ of Boone County Kentucky also testified that he was intimately acquainted with William Vawter during the revolutionary war and that said Vawter served as a Lieutenant but he does not remember in which Regiment. 7 FPA S16555

[f p 6: printed page from the Congressional Record] William Vawters March 19, 1830

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following Report:

The Committee on revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of William Vawters, (late of the State of Kentucky, deceased,) make the following report:

That the said William Vawters enlisted as a soldier, in the year 1777, in the 1st Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel George Gibson; said Regiment being on State establishment; and continued in the service of the State until the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777]; at which battle, the 9th of Virginia Regiment, on Continental establishment, was captured by the enemy; in consequence of which, the State of Virginia, by an act of her Legislature, passed in December, 1779, transferred the aforesaid Regiment from the State to the Continental establishment, in lieu of the 9th Regiment, which had been captured, as aforesaid.

It also appears, from the documents and evidence before your committee, that the said Vawters, while in the service, was promoted first to an Ensign, and subsequently to Lieutenant, which office he held when deranged out of the service, and made a supernumerary, by an arrangement of the Army, pursuant to two resolutions of Congress, passed on the 3rd and 21st of October, 1780; and continued a supernumerary, subject at all times to the call of his country, to the close of the war; and considering this case to come within the provisions of the resolution of October 21st, 1780, which allows to all officers deranged by that arrangement half pay for life, do here with report a bill.

[f p 20]

Pension Office January 26, 1850

I certify that I have examined the claim of the legal representatives of William Vawter, deceased, who was a Lieutenant in the 1st Virginia State Regiment, and I find that he was reported as a supernumerary officer in 1782. It also appears that he died on the 27th of November 1823. Under the decision of the Secretary of the Interior and in accordance with the opinion of the Attorney General in the case of Churchill Gibbs, he is entitled to half-pay under the act of July 5, 1832, notwithstanding he has received the commutation. It is my opinion that the claim should be allowed at the rate of \$160 per annum from the 6th of February 1782 until the 27th of November 1823, deducting the sum of \$4,821.45, received as commutation after the act of Congress of the 25th May 1832. The amount is payable to Stephen F Trube, of Kentucky, attorney of F. J. Frabue, of Kentucky, attorney of Edmund F. Vawter administrator of William Vawter, deceased.

Commissioner of Pensions

Approved

Secretary of the Interior

[f p 7: contents of a letter dated January 26, 1939 summarizing the veteran's service]

My dear Senator Truman:

The data furnished herein concerning William Vawter were obtained from claims for pension and bounty land, filed under R. 10921, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of William Vawter were not stated, nor were the names of his parents given.

William Vawter of Culpeper County, Virginia, enlisted in the year 1777, served as private in Captain Angus Rucker's company in Colonel George Gibson's First Virginia State Regiment; he was promoted to orderly Sergeant in Captain Brown's company, was promoted to ensign sometime in 1776 [sic], and later promoted to Lieutenant, continued to serve in Colonel George Gibson's Regiment, until the rearrangement of the Army, when he became a supernumerary officer, and continued as such until the close of the war.

William Vawter died November 27, 1823, at his residence near New Burlington, Boone County, Kentucky.

The name of his wife is not shown, there are no data as to their marriage, and no data in regard to her death.

The following children survived their father, William Vawter, all of whom were living in Boone County, Kentucky, in 1829:

Edmund F. Vawter, Virginia Vawter, William Vawter, Thomas L Vawter, and George M. Vawter. Warrant No. 1699 for two hundred acres of bounty land was issued December 20, 1832, on account of the service of the above noted Lieutenant William Vawter. A claim for Virginia Half Pay, from February 6, 1782 until November 27, 1823 was allowed Edmund F. Vawter, administrator of the estate of the said William Vawter.

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A. D. Hiller

Executive Assistant to the Administrator

Jeptha D. Vawter

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

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

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

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

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

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