

Old English Records with the name Vawter.

From Arleigh Kerr: <http://www.users.qwest.net/~arleighkerr/vawter.htm>. A posting by Ronald Couch on 12-13-03 (Genforum) asking if anyone had a friend or relation in Devon who had some time on their hands to do some research inspired me to dig through my notebook. Back in '77, I spent a week wandering through libraries and record offices in Devon and Cornwall taking notes on anything I could find relating to the Vawters.

First though, an opinion based upon an observation. I personally doubt Bartholomew Vawter was born in Devon because the English at the time weren't terribly inventive/flexible/creative when it came to naming their children. Not once in all the records I saw, Vawter as well as non-Vawter, did I see the name Bartholomew given to someone from Devon.

And so, here's what I have:

Records from various sources in Devon; Plymouth Central Library in Drake Circus, Devon County Record Office in Tavistock Place, Exeter Library in Castle Street:

Plymouth Municipal Records by R. N. Worth, Plymouth 1893.

Page 32:

"Letter (1381) dated 27 November, Richard II confirming a charter granted by Reginald de Valle Torte to his free burgesses of Ess [Saltash]." Witnesses included Phele de Valle Torte, Rogero de Valletorta, Johele de Valletorta clerio.

Page 35-6:

John de Vautort de Clyst and John de Vautort de Modeton are also seignors of the third part of the town of Sutton.

Page 158:

"1637-8

Itm for a prsent given Mr. Risdon to pcure out of his hands such writings as concerned Vauters Fee lately bought by the Towne of Mr. John Hawkyns, and a man and two horses two journeyes to fetch said writings."

Our Early Emigrant Ancestors The Original Lists of Persons of Quality 1600-1700 by John Camden Hotten. Baltimore, Genealogy Publishing Co., 1962, p. 317-320:

Lists prisoners "tainted with high treason" [for taking part in the Monmouth Rebellion] from the Dorchester Gaol being transported to Barbadoes. They were put aboard the Betty of London at Weymouth in Dorset. A certification dated January 18, 1685, witnessed by the officers of the ship on her arrival in Barbadoes that Robert Vawter had died on December 25, 1685 and was "thrown overboard out of the said Ship."

Records of the Ancient Borough of South Molton by James Townsend, 1893; Exeter, p. 15.

Thomas Vawter is listed at a general assembly at the "Guyhalde" on February 13, 1600.

Exeter Freeman, 1266-1967. Editor Margery Row and Andrew Jackson. Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 1973, Exeter.

May 31, 1473 listed on the Mayor's Court Roll, "John Vautort, son of Richard Vautort of Hemyock, apprentice of John Betty, mercer."

Plymouth City Charters 1439-1935 by C. E. Welch, Corporation of Plymouth, 1962, p. 6:

By the 14th century, the manor of Sutton had been aliented by the Crown and divided into three separate manors. These had been created by the Valletort family to whom Henry II had given the manor and were

called Sutton Valletort, Sutton Ralf and Sutton Prior.

From the West Devon Record Office (1/8):

“Nicolas Hele of Plymouth, Esq. by deed dated 20 February 1649/50 leased to Robert Gloyne of Plymouth, butcher, for 99 years of three lives, a close called Eascots Close, 3½ acres in Plymouth, at High Vauters, adjoining lands of the lessor on west and south, lands of Sir John Hele, Knight, on the North, and close called Lime Pits, adjoining Horspoole Lane on the east.”

From Devon & Cornwall Record Society's Notes & Queries 19/322 and 20/289-294:

James Vautort was a witness for William de Albemarle, 1355.

James Vautort holding land in Clyst St. Lawrence, 1362.

Jacob Vautort witness, 1366.

James Vautort a juror in boundary commission, 1386.

Sir John de Vautort circa 1245-1318.

John Vautort of Clyst Gerard, 1303.

John Vautort, Lord of the Township of Clyst St. Lawrence, 1316.

Johannes Vautort of Clyst St. Lawrence, Clyst Gerard and Aysslclyst; son & heir Ralph, 1316.

John Vautort, son of John de Vautort, action against Richard de Dodynton and others about land in Kingdon, 1328.

John Vautort, son of Jordon Vautort (probably of Broadclyst), 1344.

John Vautort, witness at Modbury, 1361.

John Vautord, Patron of Clyst St. Lawrence 1395.

Cal. Prt. Rolles 1396-9 [sorry, don't remember my own abbreviations]:

Johannes Vautort, Subsidy juror, 1428

John Vautort, Esq., patron of Talaton, 1436/7.

John Vautort, on a writ, November 16, 1450.

John Vautard, defendant in law case re: Blacknaugh Manor, 1480-93.

Devon Protestation Returns 1641, ed. A. J. Howard, 1973, np.

For the Hundred of Tiverton on page 56: Francis Vatter, Francis Vater, Roger Vatter.

North Molton Parish Register I, Baptisms 1539-1699. Transcription by W. H. Rogers, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 1941:

p. 137 – Vauter, Emmet daughter of John and Elizabeth, born November 1, 1656.

p. 144 – Vauter, Joane daughter of John and Elizabeth, baptised April 1, 1659.

p. 153 – Vauter, John son of John and Elizabeth, July 9, 1665.

North Molton Parish Register III, Marriages & Burials 1539-1850. Transcription by W. H. Rogers, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, 1941:

p. 26 – Vauter, John and Elizabeth Bevens, April 1655 by John Shorland. Witnesses Henry Vawter and George Hill.

South Molton Parish Register, Volume I. Baptisms 1601-1719:

p. 5 – Vawter, Thomas d [?] of Thomas, May 15, 1603.

p. 33 – Vawter, Brigott and Katherin daughters of Thomas, 1616.

p. 58 – Vater, Elen daughter of John, November 1, 1625.

p. 58 – Vater, George son of Thomas, January 1, 1625.

p. 60 – Vawter, Elizabeth son of Thomas, September 24, 1626.

p. 64 - Vauter, John son of John, December 9, 1627.

p. 73 – Vauter, John son of Thomas, March 25, 1631.

South Molton Parish Register, Volume III. Marriages 1601-1795:

p. 9b – Vawter, Thomas and Elizabeth Bonn, June 10, 1615.

p. 13 – Vater, Thomas and Margreat Hunt, September 4, 1625.

Tiverton Bishops Transcripts I, 1605-1674:

1605 Burials: “Vawter, the widoe” April 10.

1635-6 Baptisms: “Vaughter, Henry son of Henry, March 20”

Bickleigh (Tiverton) Parish Register 1570-1837, transcribed by C. A. T. Fursdon, 1933. NP. No Publisher

Baptisms:

Vawter, Johan daughter of Thomas of Tiverton, April 15, 1598.

Vawter, Henrye son of Thomas, May 12, 1602.

Vawter, Catherine daughter of Henrie of Tiverton, August 11, 1604.

Vawter, Susan daughter of Thomas of Tyverton, November 4, 1604.

Vaughter, Richard son of Francis, October 5, 1616.

Vauter, Francis son of Francis, July 11, 1619.

Read, Thomazine daughter of Richard, May 19, 1627.

Vauter, William son of Henry, February 25, 1643.

Vauter, Roger son of Frauncis of Silferton, January 3, 1654.

Vauter, Mary daughter of Francis of Tiverton, December 24, 1660.

Valter, Grace daughter of Henry, March 25, 1689.

Marriages:

Vawter, Francis and Grace Down [?], January 14, 1643.

Shobrooke Registers 1538-1812, transcribed by Rev. Worthington Jukes, Rector of Shobrooke, 1890-1925.  
NP. ND.

Marriages:

John Vawter and Elizabeth Tooker, June 8, 1540.

Thomas Tooker and Johane Vawter, July 18, 1547.

Hatherleigh Parish Register, 1558-1710; transcribed by Mr. Nesbitt, NP, ND.

(In the index, under Voter says to see Feator)

Baptisms:

p. 4 – Vawter, Grace daughter of William, March 11, 1564.

p. 6 – Voters, John son of William, January 6, 1568.

p. 6 – Voter, John son of William, May 18, 1569.

p. 7 – Voter, Myrgill son of William, February 9, 1570.

p. 8 – Voter, Rycharde son of William, August 14, 1573.

Burials:

p. 52 – Voter, Thomas son of John, October 25, 1569.

p. 53 – Voter, Michael son of William, June 13, 1571.

p. 54 – Vator, Haniball, October 30, 1577.

p. 64 – Feator, Margett, June 14, 1612.

p. 68 – Featers, Thomas, April 21, 1627.

p. 70 – Featers, Katherine, June 28, 1636.

The Devon Muster Roll for 1569, ed. A. J. Howard and T. L. Sloate, 1977, Bristol, T. L. Sloate.

Page 43, for the Hundred of Hayridge, Cadburye Parish Thomas Vawterd is listed as a Billman.  
Page 52, for the Hundred of Tiverton, Tiverton Parish Thomas Vawtere is listed as an archer.

Dictionary of Devon Surnames by G. Spiegelhalter, 1958, typewritten, ND, NP.

Vaulter:

H. de Valletorta, 1083.

H. de Valtorde, 1169.

J. de Vautord, 1284.

Roger Vaulter, 1686.

Visitation of the County of Devon in the Year 1564, ed. Fredric Thomas Colby, Exeter, 1881, W. Pollard.

p. 46 – Oliver Champernon married Egeline, daughter of Hugh Valletort.

p. 105 – Hen. Frauncys married Catherine, daughter and coheir of Hugh de Valetort.

p. 111 – Arms of Gilbert Family; quartering includes “Valletort vulgo Vaulter gules, three bend argent, on a bordure sable ten plates.” William Gilbert married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Oliver Champernon, Esq. and Egeline his wife, daughter and coheir of Hugh Valletort.

Somersetshire Archeaological and Natural History Society, Volume XVI, 1891 Taunton. “The Barony of Beauchamp of Somerset” by John Balten [maybe Batten].

p. 23 – daughter of Robert II Beauchamp (died about 1196) married Simon de Valletort; their son took the Beauchamp name: Robert III Beauchamp. There was an alliance between the Valletorts and Beauchamps. Hugh de Valletort held 7 knights fees of Robert II. Hugh’s son, Simon de Valletort held the Beauchamp manor of Babcary [sp?] as part of them.

p. 25 – From 9 Henry III to 14 Henry III there was a dispute between the Beauchamps and Valletorts over land, it went to a judge and jury; but the King intervened. Parties decided on waging a battle. Robert Beauchamp hired “Duncan the Scot” a professional combatant, but he died before the day of the battle. Beauchamp then got William de Champerays [sp?] – who won. In 15 Henry III, Henry proclaimed Beauchamp had won, Valletort gave up all right to land and received 200 marks. Barony of Beauchamp descended to Sir John Seymour, father of Jane Seymour (wife of Henry VIII).

[Purely as an aside: If one recalls the Kevin Costner movie “Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves” when the witch advises the Sheriff of Nottingham that since no man will help him, he should seek help from the “animals from the North.” Puzzled for a moment, the Sheriff suddenly breaks into a smile, and says, “Ahhh, the Scots.” Perhaps there was some truth to this, at least from the English perspective. No complaints please, I’m also part Scottish.]

Register of Robert Stillington, Bishop of Bath and Wells 1466-1491, ed. Sir H. C. Maxwell-Lyte, Somerset Record Society, 1937.

p. 45 (1472) – Lucy, late widow of Hugh de Valletort and Adam le Bret whereby the latter granted the manor of Curypall and the advowson of the Church of Chardelynel [sp?] to Juliana, daughter of Hugh de Valletort.

Register of Oliver King, Bishop of Bath and Wells 1496-1503, ed. Sir H. C. Maxwell-Lyte, Somerset Record Society, 1939.

1497, Oct. 10 – Humphrey Vawtort [Vautort in index] resigned as master of the Church of Whitestauton.

Society of Genealogists in London

A History of the Church of S. Peter, Tiverton, by Edwin S. Chalk, 1905 Palmerston Press, Tiverton:

Page X. List of Churchwardens:

1575 John Waldron, Thomas Vawter

The Register of Edmond Stafford (1395-1419) by Rev. F. C. Hingeston-Randolph. London, 1886, George Bell & Sons:

Vautard, Joan (daughter of John) i, 307b. A special license was granted, 23 Jan 1414-15, for the marriage of John Vawtard, jun., of Clyst St. Lawrence, and Joan, daughter of William Grylleston of Collumpton; also of Robert Grylleston, of Collumpton, and Emmeta, daughter of John Vawtard, sen.

1524 Lay Subsidy Roll County of Devon by A. J. Howard. Crediton Hundred (PRO Ref. E179/96/182) September 1967:

Vawterd, William; assessment based on wages, assessed £1; paid -/4.

LDS Records on microfiche — May, 1977

Vauter, Abraham; son of Edward Vawter. Christened Jan 2, 1642. Barnstaple.

Vawter, An; daughter of Henry Vawter. Christened Aug 22, 1630. Tiverton.

Vawter, Ann; daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth Vawter. Christened Nov 29, 1620. South Molton.

Vauter, Augustine; daughter of Thomas Vauter. Christened Jan 21, 1634. South Molton.

Vauter, Brigott; daughter of Thomas Vauter. Christened 1634. South Molton.

Vawter, Catherine; daughter of Henrie Vawter; Christened Aug 11, 1604. Bickleigh near Exeter

Vawter, Edward; married Margaret; Feb 20, 1625. Barnstaple.

Vawter, Edward; married Deanna Eliot; Feb 2 1640. Barnstaple.

Vawter, Elizabeth; daughter of Thomas Vawter; Christened Sept 24, 1626. South Molton.

Vauter, Emme; daughter of Edward Vauter; Christened Dec 17, 1625. Barnstaple.

Vauter, Emmet; daughter of John and Elizabeth Vawter; Christened Nov 16, 1656. South Molton.

Vawter, Frances; daughter of Margaret Vawter; Christened Apr 20, 1637. Barnstaple.

Vauter, Francis; son of Francis Vawter; Christened July 17, 1619. Bickleigh near Exeter.

Vauter, Francis; married Grace Down in 1643. Bickleigh near Exeter.

Vawter, George; son of George Vawter; Christened Feb 5, 1670. Sidbury.

Vawter, Grace; daughter of William Vawter; Christened Mar 11, 1564. Hatherleigh.

Vawter, Henry; son of Henry Vawter; Christened Mar 20 1635. Tiverton.

Vawter, Henrie; son of Thomas Vawter; Christened May 12, 1602. Bickleigh near Exeter.

Vawter, Joan; daughter Thomas Vawter; Christened Apr 15, 1594. Bickleigh near Exeter.

Vauter, Joane; daughter of John & Elizabeth Vauter. Christened July 9, 1659. North Molton.

Vawter, Johane; [?] of John Vawter. Christened May 30, 1605. Topsham.

Vawter, Johanna married Thomas Tooker [or Tucker] 1547. Shobrooke.

Vawter, John married Elizabeth Tucker 1540. Shobrooke.

Vauter, John; son of John Vauter. Christened Dec 9, 1627. South Molton.

Vauter, John; son of Thomas Vauter. Christened Mar 25, 1631. South Molton.

Vauter, John married Elizabeth Bevens Apr 16, 1653. North Molton.

Vauter, John; son of John & Elizabeth Vauter. Christened July 9, 1665. North Molton.

Vauter, Katherine; daughter of Thomas Vauter. Christened 1616. South Molton.

Vauter, Mary; daughter of Francis Vauter. Christened Dec 24, 1660. Bickleigh near Exeter.

Vawter, Babagon [?]; ? of Robert Vawter. Christened May 9, 1630. Sidbury.

Vaughter, Richard; son of Francis Vawter. Christened Oct 6 1616. Bickleigh near Exeter.

Vauter, Richard married Mary Searle Oct 31, 1678. Cotleigh.

Vauter, Roger; son of Francis Vauter. Christened Jan 3, 1654. Bickleigh near Exeter.

Vauter, Samuell married Elizabeth Knight May 8, 1634. Raleigh Withcomb.

Vawter, Solomon; son of Thomas Vawter. Christened July 12, 1618. South Molton.

Vawter, Susan; daughter of Thomas Vawter. Christened Nov 4, 1604. Bickleigh near Exeter.

Vauter, Thomas married Jane Denham on Sept 10, 1586. Tiverton.

Vawter, Thomas married married Tomasine Reed on June 28, 1639. Pancrasweek.

Vawter, Thomas; son of Thomas Vawter. Christened May 15, 1603. South Molton.

Vauter, William; son of Henry Vawter. Christened Feb 25, 1643. Bickleigh near Exeter.

#### Calendar of Wills

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|------|------------------|------------|
| 1625 | Thomas Vawter    | Broadclist |
| 1628 | Julian Vawter    | Broadclist |
| 1630 | Thomas Vawter    | Tiverton   |
| 1642 | Thomas Vawter    | Broadclist |
| 1671 | Richard Vawter   | Tiverton   |
| 1674 | Grace Vawter     | Broadclist |
| 1678 | Samuel Vawter    | Whimble    |
| 1678 | Mary Reed Vawter | Tiverton   |
| 1686 | Roger Vaulter    | Bickleigh  |
| 1691 | Mary Vawter      | Sidmouth   |
| 1692 | Robert Vawter    | Sidmouth   |
| 1693 | Elizabeth Vawter | Bickleigh  |
| 1694 | Francis Vawter   | Silferton  |

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