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**2006 REUNION IN IDAHO**

As told in previous newsletters, the 2006 Reunion will be held July 13-15 in Bear Lake, located in the extreme southeastern corner of Idaho, midway between Salt Lake City and Yellowstone.

Reservations can be made at the Canyon Cove Inn and Convention Center in Garden City, Utah. Phone numbers for making reservations are 435-946-3565 or toll free 1-877-232-7525. Rooms can also be reserved online at [www.canyoncove.com](http://www.canyoncove.com). Some people have had problems when calling for reservations, so be sure to mention the VVV Association and that a block of rooms have been reserved by Cheri Jex. Information is also on the association website: [www.vawterfamily.org](http://www.vawterfamily.org).

A full agenda of events planned for the reunion, along with other attractions in the area, can be found in the September newsletter. At this time, we do not have details about room rates and other costs. Anyone wanting that information should contact Cheri Jex. Her e-mail address and phone number are given with the list of officers.

## EXCHANGE OF LETTERS REGARDING THE GLEBE AND VAUTER'S CHURCH

This message from the Rev. Christopher M. Agnew tells of a non-profit organization being formed to benefit the Glebe. It is hoped our membership will support this effort and assist in securing the structure for future generations to visit and enjoy.

From: Christopher M. Agnew  
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2006 12:57 PM  
To: Laneil Vawter; Garry B. Vawter  
Subject: Greetings from Vauter's Church

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Vauter's Church. We were delighted to have you with us last summer. I am writing to you as the President and Treasurer of the Vauter's Family Association. First of all we at Vauter's Church deeply appreciated the kind support that your organization gave us at the time of your 2005 reunion and the on-going support and love we have received from you over the years.

I am hoping you can clarify something from last summer's reunion. I know that at your reunion in 2005 you took up a collection for the benefit of the old glebe house. There seems to be here a great deal of confusion as to what happened to that collection and how much it amounted. I had thought you had turned it over to the Hundley family who owns the Glebe for the brickwork that needs to be done as you did on previous occasion for the roof. The Hundley family says this is not the case. Can you help me uncover what happened? Was it mistakenly given to the Church without any indication of where it was to go? How much was it?

The glebe is in urgent need of some emergency stabilization of two corners of the brickwork. The Association for the Preservation of Antiquities in Virginia has given a grant of \$700 for this work and I think the amount donated at your reunion should complete the amount need for this work. The same craftsman who did the brick work for the church will begin working on the glebe shortly and this is why we need clarification as soon as possible.

Vauter's Church and the Association for the Preservation of Antiquities in Virginia want to form a new non-profit organization, "The Friends of the Saint Anne Glebe." The Church's participation was approved this past Sunday. The legal work will be handled by the Association for the Preservation of Antiquities in Virginia and will include some sort of easement from the Hundley family. That family of course will also be part of the association and we invite the Vauter's Family Association to join us in this effort as well. We all have an interest in making sure this historic structure is preserved for future generations.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Christopher M. Agnew, Ph. D  
Vauter's Episcopal Church

Loretto, Virginia

(Exchange of Letters con't)

Dear Rev. Agnew:

It was so good to receive your email regarding the Glebe. It is exciting to hear of the progress that has been made to form a non-profit organization for the Glebe. During the reunion in Virginia in August, a collection was taken up for the Glebe and the amount collected was \$700. There seemed to be some confusion as to where the money was to be sent and in the changing of the treasurer and the passing of the books the matter was inadvertently delayed. If you would send me the address of the church, I will send the check to you with the designation marked for the Glebe. We would appreciate your getting the money to the proper individual.

Thanks again for the hospitality shown to our group during our visit. We always feel such a warm welcome when we come to the Vawter's Church.

Laneil Vawter, Treasurer, VVV Family Association

**VAUGHTERS CEMETERY  
Washington Township, Scioto County, Ohio**

John M. Vaughters... 26 Jan 1846 – 25 Sept 1903.....Enos J. Vaughters... 21 Jan 1870 – 26 Apr 1893  
Eliza J. Vaughters ....14 Feb 1851 – 4 Nov 1913.....Harry G. Vaughters.. 30 Nov 1883 – 6 Dec 1896  
Wm. Vaughters.....9 Aug 1817 – 26 July 1880.....Lena F. Vaughters.....6 Feb 1876 – 3 Dec. 1898  
Mary, wife [of Wm Vaughters].....1832 – 1881.....John E. Vaughters....10 Oct 1874 – 10 Apr 1898

**IN SYMPATHY**

Sympathy is sent to Eric and Jennifer Taylor of East Point, Georgia, on the stillbirth of their son on March 23, 2006. He was the couple's first child. Eric is the son of Tom and Diana Taylor of North Vernon, Indiana, and the nephew of Bonita Welch.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Julie Snider, daughter of Don and Jean Snider of Hanna City, Illinois, to Tadd Bugos, son of Paul and Connie Bugos of Farmington, Illinois.

Julie is a 2004 graduate of Farmington High School and will graduate from Illinois Central College this spring. She is currently employed in management for Kay Jewelers in Peoria, Illinois. She plans to enroll in the dental hygiene program this fall at Carol Sandburg College in Galesburg.

Tadd is a 1996 graduate of Farmington High School and a graduate of Spoon River College. He is employed by Martin and Bayley.

The couple will be married on June 3, 2006, at Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria. A reception will follow at the Packard Plaza in downtown Peoria. They will reside in Maquon, Illinois.

Tadd attended a VVV reunion for the first time in 1987, when the reunion was held in Columbus, Indiana. He was with his mother, Connie Bugos, and grandparents, the late Harry and Edith Vawter. Connie reports her grandson, Austin, had such a good time in Fredericksburg last July that he can hardly wait for the reunion in Idaho.

**ALMOST HEAVEN- A VISIT TO WEST VIRGINIA**  
**Submitted by Ellen Cummings**

**Part Two**

This article is to introduce the membership to West Virginia, where the 2007 reunion will be held. Part One is printed in the December 2005 newsletter.

After a week I told a longtime resident of Charleston that the people I was meeting were kind and easygoing, but something tells me you don't want to get them mad. "You are correct," she said. She was a tall and gallant lady who was a veteran of state politics. She told me of a meeting years ago when she went to a high official with the United Mine Workers to ask him for support as she ran for office. She was a Democrat and supported the UMW but had reservations about large parts of its recent agenda. The UMW official told her, "I know you are better educated than I am, and I am willing to believe you are smarter than I am, but I am not willing to believe that I am wrong about everything and you are right about everything." She said she got to thinking about that and concluded he had a point. He didn't support her. She won anyway.

We went to a little coal-mining town, where we visited what used to be the company store and is now an antique shop. I saw the script with which the operators paid the miners. I thought script was paper money, but it's thin metal ovals like quarters and nickels, with the number of the mine the miner works in stamped through.

At the store the man behind the counter was friendly, intelligent and missing an eye. He had no artificial eye, no eye patch, just a red space where the eye would be. When I asked his name he said, "Jack, but my friends call me One Eye." I nodded.

And there was the New River. They aren't sure why it's called the New, and think Lewis and Clark were surprised to come upon its broad gray power, its falls and whitewater, and called it the New because its existence was news to them. It cuts through the bottom of a great Appalachian gorge. Its beauty is as striking as the Hudson, only with more trees and wilderness and rafts bouncing down the rapids. On River Day once a year the bungee jumpers and parachutists come. The New River is alive.

One night we went to an outdoor restaurant overlooking the gorge and ate pork chops and macaroni mustard chicken, and a waitress told us people are buying up the land nearby and prices are going up.

They're buying up the land in a lot of West Virginia from what I could see, and why wouldn't they, with so much natural beauty and beautiful people? But having just come upon it as an outsider, I don't want more outsiders like me to come. This feeling was echoed by a doctor from India who has worked for many years at a local hospital. He told me the state is changing and about to change more. It used to be a long and dangerous trip to Washington on narrow, winding roads, but now it's all been paved and broadened, and now more people can get in and more people can get out. "It used to be impossible," he said. He both welcomed and mourned this. He is a modern man and appreciated change and the good it can bring, but he didn't want his pocket of authenticity – he's the one who called it "a jewel" – to change.

**NACOGDOCHES COUNTY FAMILIES**

Complied by the Nacogdoches County, Texas Genealogical Society

James William Vawter

William James, second son of Lorenzo Dow and Elizabeth Dawson Vawter, born Lafayette County, Mississippi, November 1841, came to Texas with his father at age fifteen. Not much is known about him until he enlisted in the Linn Flat, Texas, company of twelve months men for Coast Defense during the Civil War. They left Linn Flat 5<sup>th</sup> November 1861, which happened to be his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. On 26 Jan 1869, William James and Harriett Annie Rogers were married, daughter of August and Harriett Hightower Rogers. They lived on a farm 3 miles northwest of Linn Flat, and there they prospered.

About 1895, William James bought a farm of 138 acres 1 ½ miles east of Cushing, Texas, where he and his son, William James, Jr. operated a General Merchandise business. When William James, Jr. died, his half brother, Julian Dee became partners with his father. When the Vawters came to Cushing they moved into a new home built at the corner of Maple Avenue and Sixth Street. William James also built the second brick building in Cushing when the town moved to the north side of the railroad tracks. He and Harriett Annie had the following children:

Dora Elizabeth (1869-1885) married Jeff Trawich 3 April 1884, issue not known.

Sarah Ann (1871-1920) married Henry Thomas Pitman, 17 Oct 1889.

Issue: Verdie Lafayette, Annie Serena, Mabel, Herbert Burnett, Vernon Elbert, Olind Hall

John R., third child, died young

Elbert (1873-1933) married Minnie Ola Mixon, 19 Nov 1890

Issue: Vera, Jessie, Neal, Ray and Vernon

Elbert married second, Mattie Lenineal Snell

Issue: Elbert, Jr. and a daughter

William James, Jr. (1875-1906) died single

Lorenzo Dow (1876-1968) married Mattie Fenton, 26 Dec 1895

Issue: Clarence, Alma, Herman, Geneva, Alton, Joseph and Opal

Harriett Annie Vawter never lived to see any of her children grown. She died 1879, leaving William James with a family of little ones. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of February [year not given] he married Caroline C Holbrook whose family had moved here from Mississippi and settled on a farm joining the Vawter farm.

She was the daughter of William Columbus and Louisa Brown Holbrook. Not only did she take on a ready made family, but added three other children to the family:

Julian Dee, b 10 Nov. 1883, married Mattie Buck Gammage, 29 Dec 1906, d. 1922.

Issue: Lamar Gammage, married Margaret Aydelott, 17 July 1941.

Hazel Inez, married Robert Nelson McCandless, 6 June 1931.

Julian Louise, married Cecil Lester Vanover, 28 Dec 1935.

Katherine (1885-1955), married Ben Holmes McLendon, 24 May 1905

Issue:

Thelma, married 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Ottis Powell; married 2<sup>nd</sup> William Neal Shattuck.

Mildred, married Fred Childers, 20 June 1936

Henry Clyde, married Edith McClelland

Mary Catherine, married Ray Holeman Teer

Carrie Josephine, married Chester Frank Jasper

Leola (1887-1939), married 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Felts, no issue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monroe S. Collins, 24 Jan 1935, no issue.

William James Vawter died 20 Dec 1916, a much loved "Uncle Billy" as he was called. Caroline C. called Carrie, died 15 Jun 1920. Both are buried in the Linn Flat, Texas, Cemetery.

By – Hazel McCandless

**‘THE VAWTER FAMILY IN AMERICA’**

“The Vawter Family in America” was written by Grace Vawter Bicknell and first printed in 1905 by Hollenbeck Press. In 1969, Edna Reynolds and her sister, Vera Wheatly, had the book reprinted with a supplement update of their line, the O’Conner family. For several years, this reprint edition could be ordered from Edna. With the cooperation of the Reynolds family and a generous interest free loan from a VVV Association member, the remaining books were purchased by the Association in 1994.

However, none of the books are in perfect condition. Many have entire sections out of place or upside down, or have several pages or the index missing. For some, though, it is just a matter of one or two pages missing or having faint print, and those are the books being sold at this time. We send the best available and enclose replacement pages for you to insert.

The book has come under some criticism because of errors, especially in the very early history. We need to remember that this book was compiled in the late 1800s and early 1900s; before most of our modern conveniences. There were no fax or copy machines, computers, e-mail or Internet. On a personal note, discovering the book in our local library as a young child is what sparked an interest in genealogy. I kept the book so long that my parents received a call from the librarian and I had to confess the book could be found stashed away in my closet.

“The Vawter Family in America” reprint is softbound and has 422 pages, including an index. The cost is \$20.00, plus \$5.00 for shipping. Order from: Bonita Welch, 4145 W, Scipio, IN 47273. Checks should be made payable to the VVV Family Association.

**2006 VVV REUNION SHIRTS**

The 2006 Reunion shirt is a brilliant Jade color and shows the reunion site at Bear Lake on the front. The back has the various spellings of our name as before.

**Adult sizes – Tax & Set-up – Number – Total**

Small	\$12.00	_____	=	_____
Medium	\$12.00	_____	=	_____
Large	\$12.00	_____	=	_____
XL	\$12.00	_____	=	_____
XXL	\$13.00	_____	=	_____
XXXL	\$13.00	_____	=	_____
Postage	\$3.50	_____	=	_____

**(Only if shirts to be shipped)**

Grand Total=\_\_\_\_\_

Shirts will be available at the 2006 reunion, but postage must be charged for those to be mailed. Please send the number of each size, and a check for the total order (plus postage if they are to be shipped)

To: Jesse & Laneil Vawter  
11506 Sagecountry St  
Houston, Tx 77089.....**Deadline: Orders must by postmarked by June 15, 2006**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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**GEORGIA VAUGHTERS REUNION**

The eighth annual reunion of the Georgia Vaughters (the descendants of George, Lindsey, James and Jane, John and Franky and Joanna, and others) will be on Sunday, June 11, 2006, at Bethel Baptist Church in Dawson County. The schedule is different this year:

- 11:00 a.m. Walk the cemetery and place American flags  
on the graves of the 60 Vaughters descendants.
- 11:45 a.m. Pictures
- Noon Covered dish dinner
- 1:00 p.m. Family history, with a different twist.

Please bring your cousins, stories, pictures and favorite covered dish. If more information is needed, contact Jim Vaughters at 303-771-3937.

**NEWSPAPER GLEANINGS**  
***Plain Dealer, North Vernon, Indiana***  
***The Republican, North Vernon, Indiana***

**February 13, 1903**

Local News: the remains of Wm. Vawter were taken through here Thursday to Madison, being expressed through from the state of Washington. His two sisters, Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Rokebrank, accompanied the remains from here. It is thought his death was due to heart failure, two other brothers having died with that disease.

(This is William Cornett Vawter, son of William C. and Sydney Willis Vawter. He was born 5 Dec 1866 in Madison, Indiana, and died 4 Feb 1903 in Whatcom, Washington.)

**October 2, 1903**

Local News: Mrs. Will Vawter of Osawatomie Kans., was called here by the sudden death of her father, Alexander Shepherd.

(She was the wife of William L. Vawter, who was the son of Henry and Jane Leach Vawter.)

**October 23, 1903**

Local News: James Vawter, who has been studying telegraphy at the Western Union office here for over a year, is now qualified to take a position and Monday was sent to Nebraska (Indiana) to take charge of the night office there for a short time.

**November 1903**

The remains of Harry Grinstead, who died in the Philippines, arrived here Wednesday evening and were interred at the Vawter Cemetery Thursday afternoon. He died in 1901 of fever on the Island of Marinduke. He was a member of Co. G 2d U.S. Infantry.

**January 6, 1904**

Married: Homer Bullard and Miss Jessie Holsclaw were married Christmas Eve at the home of the bride's parents in the neighborhood of the White schoolhouse.

(Jesse Holsclaw, a descendant of William and Frances Vawter, was the daughter of Ezra and Mattie Deer Holsclaw.)

**February 3, 1904**

Deaths: Lewis Wagner was born June 18, 1831, and died Jan. 29, 1904, aged 72 years, 7 months and 11 days. He was born in Jennings county and in this county his life was spent. He was married to Amanda Jones Jan. 1, 1856. To them were born four children, Annie B VanWye, Orlando S. Wagner, an infant son and Ida V. Wagner. He was married to Maggie Vawter Aug. 16, 1866. Two children were born to them, Jesse R., who died in childhood, and Ethel L. Shepherd. Three daughters and one son are still living.

(Margaret B. "Maggie" Vawter, the second wife of Lewis Wagner, was the daughter of Jesse R. and Sarah Parks Vawter)

**March 4, 1904**

Local News: James Vawter has been holding the keys down at Cold Springs this week for the Western Union.

**July 15, 1904**

Local News: W. L. Vawter and son, Bert, of Osawatomi, Kan., spent a few hours in our city Sunday with the family of W. M. Mitchell. Will has been visiting the World's Fair and could not go back without a visit to his old home, even it was only a few hours.

**August 4, 1904**

Local News: We recently received a souvenir postal card from W. L. Vawter and family mailed at Salt Lake City.

**January 4, 1906**

Local News: James Vawter left Sunday for Indianapolis.

Vernon: Mattie Brown is here from North Vernon visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Vawter.

**March 1, 1906**

Louis Clyde, son of George and Margaret Vawter, was born May 6, 1886, at Queensville and died Feb. 4, 1906, having lived all his life at that place. He leaves a fond, devoted father and mother, six sisters and one brother to mourn for him.

**May 3, 1906**

Butlerville: A. M. Vawter of Rexville has purchased the barber shop formerly owned by Mose Ryan and will occupy Mrs. Kendrick's property.

***The Republican, Madison, Indiana***

**July 1, 1830**

**LAND FOR SALE**

The undersigned having become the purchaser of the tract of land known by the name of MOUNT GLAD adjoining the town of Madison, (or nearly so) Indiana, proposes to sell on accommodating terms, tracts of any size from one half to 160 acres, including wood land and stone quarries. The farm would suit any person disposed to attend market with the products of the farm. In point of fertility it is inferior to none in this part of the country. There is on the farm a good well finished BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, A GOOD STONE SPRING HOUSE, a good barn, orchard and a number of never failing springs of water. Persons wishing to purchase will do well to call and examine for themselves.

If the above named tract will not suit, the undersigned has permission to sell the farm on which he now resides. There is on the same a good farm, good fences, a thriving young ORCHARD, A STONE SPRING HOUSE, a number of good springs and stock water. Also, a few other small tracts, one of which has on it a good [\_\_?\_] seat/ He will also sell a STEAM SAW AND GRIST MILL, or an interest in the same of one fourth, one third, one half or two thirds. Cash will be given for a few good hands, and a few hundred bushels of corn.

For terms and other particulars apply to the subscriber near Madison, Ia.

T.T. STRIBLING April 17, 1830

Notes: Jesse and Elizabeth Watts Vawter moved to what would become Madison, Indiana, in 1806. Mount Glad was the name given to the home they built. In a statement written May 5, 1835, Jesse tells that "In 1830 we broke up housekeeping and on September tenth my wife died..." T. T. Stribling was Jesse's son-in-law.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S RECORDS  
JENNINGS COUNTY, INDIANA**

August 1817: Akillis Vawter be allowed by the treasurer of the county to sell spirituous liquors in Vernon, by retail, one year from this date, provided he pay \$5.00 tax.

November 1818: Akillis Vawter is permitted to keep a tavern in his own house in Vernon for one year, and the following rates and no more allowed: Dinner, 37 ½ cents; supper and breakfast, each 25 cents; lodgings per night, 12 ½ cents; whiskey per half pint, 12 ½ cents; brandy per half pint, 18 cents; wine, rum and French brandy, 50 cents; corn and oats per gallon, 12 ½ cents; stabling and hay per night, 37 ½ cents.

**SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO BYLAWS**

The Historian/Archivist recommends amending the Association Bylaws by dividing that office into two separate ones: Historian and Archivist. Presentation of the suggested change will be made at the Idaho Reunion, to both the Executive Committee and the general membership.

**ANCESTOR OR DESCENDANT?**

**Submitted by Jim Vaughters**

A famous and highly respected judge was asked the secret of his success. He replied: "you will find it in my safe after I die." That day came, the huge safe was opened, and inside was only a slip of paper that read, "Plaintiff – the one who sues; Defendant – the one who gets sued."

Then a famous and highly respected admiral was asked the same question, and he gave the same answer. The slip of paper read, "Port – left; Starboard – right."

Finally, a famous and highly respected genealogist was asked the same question, and gave the same answer. His slip of paper read, "Ancestor came before; Descendant came after."

**FINALLY – TABITHA !  
Submitted by Jim Vaughters**

Around the time of the Revolutionary War, several children of Richard Vawter (1725-1803) and Frances Towles (1730-1811) married, left Virginia, traveled through the Cumberland Gap and settled in Kentucky and Indiana. One of the daughters was Tabitha, who married Adam Rouse. Her descendants have been rather quiet for a couple of hundred years. To our delight, however, Dr. Karen Bowman surfaced at the 2005 reunion in Virginia. She brought notebooks full of the history of her line, along with her husband and children.

When you go through Kansas City, stop and visit this wonderful cousin. Thank you, Karen, and thank you, Tabitha, for producing nice offspring!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the VVV member who was able to purchase two James Whitcomb Riley books that are not only illustrated by Will Vawter but are signed by him, have original sketches and an inscription on the title page. Many members remember the Indiana reunions of 1987 and 1999 when the Brown County Art Gallery in Nashville had a special showing of Will Vawter paintings and drawings for the association.

## ELBERT COUNTY HOUSE AND CEMETERY

The huge chunks of granite mark the first Vawter house in Elbert County, Georgia. Swift and Julian Vaughter often told the story of how the original settler John mined and cut the granite on the far hill, sledged it across the valley where the lake formed by Van's Creek is now located, and pulled it up to its present site. On the hill near Harmony Road where it was mined, Julian pointed out a big rock and said that he planned to build a house around it and have the rock in the middle of the living room when he gets married. He was then 80 years old! Before the 2002 reunion, a marker was placed that reads: ORIGINAL VAWTER HOUSE ca. 1805. That was the middle year of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The usual 200 yards from the house is the family cemetery, with an old large cedar tree in the middle. Family members buried there are:

John Vawter ca 1750-1817

Joanna Vernon Vawter ca. 1763-1826, John's second wife. Research from the Vernon and Ward families shows her year of birth.

William Vawter ca. 1780-1828. Son of John and first wife Franky Ward.

Richard Vaughter ca. 1795-1856. Son of John and Joanna.

Linzey Vaughter 1808-1863. Son of John and Joanna.

Mary Polly McMullen Hulme Vaughter 1812-1890. Wife of Linzey.

Jesse Richard Vaughter 1846-1850s. Son of Linzey and Mary. William signed a deed in 1847 in which he gave his property to brothers Jesse Richard and James Benson Gleen. He tore off part of the signature, did not record it, and left it in a desk drawer. It was one of the oldest documents found in Swift and Julian's house. In the 1850 census, J.R. was listed as a 4-year old male.

Other markers with no wording are lying around the edges of the cemetery. As many as three or four more graves could be present. One could be that of Elizabeth, born in about 1800 to John and Joanna. She married Pleasant D. Crump in 1822 and died in 1823 after the birth of their daughter. Another possibility is a woman named L. Vawter, 76 years old in the 1850 census.

With the exception of Jesse Richard, all of Linzey and Mary's children are buried at Harmony Baptist Church. Thus, the first two generations are buried in the family cemetery near their original house.

## MINUTES OF ZOAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Zoar Baptist Church is now First Baptist Church of North Vernon, Indiana. William Vawter, son of Jesse, was a constituent member and the first pastor. In the early minutes of the church, we find the following:

November 1863 – "Brother Feagler entered charge against himself for having played a game of checkers and he asked the church to forgive him, which they did." March 1865 - "Brother O. F. Feagler came forward and acknowledged that he had done wrong in not making a more full confession on a charge presented against him on a former occasion which acknowledgment the church accepted."

Ormand Frederick Feagler was the husband of Mary Litchfield Vawter, daughter of William and Frances Vawter.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Sylvia Arlene Clevenger Crispin

Sylvia Arlene Clevenger Crispin, 70, made an unscheduled departure at home in Houston under The Houston Hospice care on March 15, 2006. Suki, as she dearly loved to be called, was a victim of Polychondritis, an autoimmune disease which attacks cartilage and in her case, the trachea.

Sylvia was born in Nacogdoches, Texas, on May 7, 1935, and reared in east Texas where she learned at an early age the value of steadfast friendships and the wonder of simple beauty encountered on her walks amid the piney woods. Moving to Houston, she graduated from Milby High School. In the mid fifties, she toiled with the oil and gas industry companies among the then skyscrapers of a growing Houston.

Her big adventure began with the airline industry where her effervescent personality bloomed with each orchid letter received from her passengers. Sylvia proudly served as a United Air Lines flight attendant for 26 years, retiring in 1987, to fully enjoy life with her beloved husband, Andre, and to devote time to a growing number of friends and to appreciate so many of God's other creations: the flora and fauna that have shown their glory this particular week in springtime Houston.

Her affiliations and accomplishments are too numerous to mention and merely pale to the positive impact that she made at any social scene wherever it happened. Special interest was committed to The Crestwood Garden Club and The Consular Ladies Club of Houston. Sylvia was noted for her unbound energy and her determined quest to squeeze so much into one day's activities that airline pilots might say she was firewalling her engines.

Sylvia will be welcomed at the gate by her deceased father, Willie Leo Clevenger. Sylvia is survived by her closest friend and husband, Andre A. Crispin, Chairman and CEO of The Crispin Company and retired Honorary Consul General of Belgium. Her mother, Dorine Vawter Clevenger and brother LTC Gary Lee Clevenger (USAR, ret) join her large circle of friends not only in sorrow, but also thankfulness for having known a true beauty in face and soul.

Next of kin include Andre's children, Drew Crispin and wife, Shawna Flynn of Houston, Mary (Crispin) and Doug Sankey and their children, Will and Elizabeth of London, England; Beverly (Crispin) and Judge Jim Hefferman and their children, Jimmy and Chris of Sandy, Utah; Lisa Crispin and Bob Downing of Denver, Colorado; and Dominique (Crispin) and Fabricio Gaxiola and their children Elisa and Fabricio Jr., of Mexico City. Also in mourning are brother-in-law Dr. John M. Crispin of Nashville, Tennessee, and niece Françoise Crispin of Houston.

The Crispin family, and Sylvia, especially would like to thank Dr. Edward Stool and the staffs at Park Plaza Hospital, The Methodist Hospital, Houston Hospice, and Lakeside Country Club where, in special tribute to a grand and elegant woman, the club flag was lowered to half-mast.

*She flew but now she is grounded.*

We thank John and Sue Vawter of Nacogdoches, Texas, for sending this obituary of John's cousin. Sylvia attended the 2000 reunion in Hampton, Virginia, with her mother and brother. Sincere sympathy is sent to the family.

## SMITH VAWTER

### Obituary

Smith Vawter was born in Shelby County, Ky. Nov. 3d, 1806 and died at Vernon, Indiana, Monday morning, April 10<sup>th</sup> 1882, at 1:30 o'clock.

His father, Col. John Vawter, came to Jennings county in August, 1815, and brought his family to his new home, the present site of Vernon, in the following May. From that time till his death Smith Vawter has lived at Vernon and been a prominent and leading citizen of our county. Of the many well-known names that have given character and form to the early history of Indiana, his will stand conspicuously among the most eminent. As an evidence of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-citizens, and the continued confidence they had in his integrity and ability to manage public affairs, the numerous offices of trust with which he was honored from early manhood down to his declining years shows conclusively, and is a lasting heritage that will keep his memory green through many generations yet unborn.

He was elected County Commissioner in 1838 and served six years. In 1848 he was elected to the State Legislature, and again in 1856. In 1879 he represented Jennings, Jefferson and Scott county, as Joint Representative. In 1881 he represented Jennings alone. He was a member of the Morgan Raid Commission, and was a trustee of the Agricultural School Fund (Purdue University) for nearly five years.

Although never engaged actively in the field during the late war, he labored zealously and indefatigably in holding up the union cause at home, and contributed liberally of his means in providing for the dependent families of the volunteers who were away at the front.

His character as a private citizen was above reproach, always true to his friends and ready to give his influence on the side of morality,

virtue and justice. Schools and churches which he regarded as the great civilizers and adornment of society, constantly received his aid and solicitous care. His private charities were dispensed with an unstinted and ungrudging hand, but quietly and unostentatiously. Few knew of it but the recipients of his bounty.

As a man of business he was clear headed, enterprising and industrious. He had a large brain and courageous spirit and united with these an unbounded trust in himself and unwavering faith in his success. These characteristics are the qualities that make the merchant prince – the millionaire. They are harmoniously united in the person of Col. Vawter, and resulted in the successful accumulation of a competent fortune, and possibly would have ended in colossal wealth but for the generous and liberal ideas which could see something higher and more desirable in life than the mere accumulation of money.

In personal appearance Col. Vawter was manly and dignified, and of imposing and commanding features. His head was large and well proportioned, and set firmly upon broad, square shoulders. He had a large, dark piercing eye, everhung by shaggy eyebrows. His lower face was heavy and prominent, and the general make up of his features gave the idea of great firmness and resolute purpose, such as make the natural leader, and which men of inferior will and of smaller individuality instinctively look up to and follow. He was one of the few men who impress their characters upon the community which constitutes the sphere of their activities, and give tone and force to its people. Such men are moulders of society. They give direction to the currents of human thought and action and shape the settled habits and customs which characterize communities through numberless generations. Viewed in the light the life and character of Smith Vawter exhibit traits that

when characterized as admirable, and as being worthy of imitation, would be giving very moderate expression to the sentiments and feeling of the wide community who knew him intimately, and would come far short of fitly expressing the admiration and esteem of his life-long intimates. It is fitting and eminently appropriate that the lives of our representative men should receive ample notice, and their deed of virtue and heroism receive full recognition at the hand of their survivors. When an old pioneer passes away, it is not only right and proper that we should pause reverently and lovingly to listen to the story of his life, and faithfully gather up and preserve in imperishable records the memories of his deeds, but we owe it to the living that their example might not be lost, and our children thus be incited to imitate their virtues. Hence, it becomes a duty we should not seek to evade, although a sad and tearful duty, to lay aside the busy and engrossing cares of our daily callings, and stand with uncovered heads, and bowed and chastened hearts, in the present of the sad event that has called our distinguished fellow-citizen from our midst. The places that have known him for the many past years will know him no more forever. Coming generations will hear his name, and read of his deed and will desire to know him - but it will not be given to others to see and know him as we have seen and known him. The comforting thought arises to give courage and hope to the future: his life with that of other men who have left a heritage of good deed and a memory of sweet saver, have indelibly stamped their characters upon our people, and it is a heritage of which none can dispossess us, and which will guide us finally to a career of honor, peace and prosperity.

### **DR. THOMAS G. VAUGHTERS FAMILY**

(Sent to William Snyder Vawter in 1928 by James Sanford Vaughters of Unionville, Missouri)

James Sanford Vaughters father was Dr. Thomas G. Vaughters of Portsmouth, Ohio; came with his parents, three brothers, and one sister from Virginia. His father's name was John. The children's names were Thomas (already mentioned) John Alexander, Richard Marion, William Higinbotham and Mary Ann. William Vaughters married twice and these are his children: John, Mary Margaret, Richard, William now of St. Louis, Ellie June, Carry and George Sherman. John A. Vaughters married and had only two children that I remember altho' I know there were more than that; namely Allen, and Enos Jesthrow. Richard M. Vaughters married and moved to Nebraska and several children died there and I only remember Richard Jr. Mary Ann Vaughters married a man by the name of Mark Landrun and had two children; namely Truman and Sarah. Truman died before he reached manhood, and Sarah married a man by the name of Englis and had a family of girls.

Dr Thomas G Vaughters married Ara Bata Jennings and to this union was born James Sanford Vaughters, Harriet Alice, Florence Flora, Enos Jennings, John Elmer (who died in infancy) and Loulie Kathrine. Harriet Alice married George Wilson and her children's names are Ara, Sanford, and Raymond. Florence Flora married Jackson Lanter and never had any children. Enos Jennings married Anna Rhinehard and they had John, Ernie, Bata, and Kathrine all who are living in Portsmouth today. You will have to write to them for any further information concerning their children. Loulie Kathrine married William Baker and had two children Harold who is married and living in Portsmouth now and a girl who died in infancy. I, James Sanford Vaughters married Mrs. Fannie Brassfield and we only have one child a daughter now 21 years old, Venus Eleanor Vaughters. After I married my wife we moved to Missouri her native state, altho' all my people are still living in Ohio and especially around Portsmouth.

### **TAZEWELL VAWTER FAMILY**

(Sent to William Snyder Vawter in 1928 by Parke Vawter of San Diego, California)

Now lets start with Tazewell Vawter who married Hannah Lockman at Clearspring, Indiana, along about 1838. Tazewell Vawter was Captain of the 67<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteers U.S.A. 1861-1865. LaFayette, his oldest son, was his drummer boy. Then came eight other children- Bowler, Elizabeth – married Wm. Boyatt, pension agent Brownstown, Indiana – Nancy, Mary, Louis T., Luman W., Vincent L. and Hattie – Mrs. Eli Payne, Brownstown, Indiana. Louis T. Vawter was born at Clearspring, Indiana, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1854 – died at Elwood, Indiana, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1905. Hannah Lockman Vawter died April 1905.

Tazewell Vawter had a half brother, Thomas Vawter who I understand to be the father of George Vawter of Wichita, Kansas, and who lived in Brookville, Indiana. There were several children who George should tell you about. He also can put you right regarding Thomas Vawter being a half brother to Tazewell.

Louis T. Vawter married Sarah Dawson at Kempton, Indiana, Jan. 22, 1878. There were two children, Freddie (deceased) and pore lil' ol' me. Freddie was born May 26<sup>th</sup> 1879. I came tearing into this mortal ball of corruption May 11<sup>th</sup> 1885 at Rockville, Indiana.

### **THANK YOU FROM THE NEWS EDITOR**

In August 1991, I agreed to be the news editor for the association. And now, after nearly 15 years, I have asked the nominating committee to select someone else to fill the position. I want to thank all of those who have helped by contributing material, kept me informed of family news and sent words of encouragement. There were times when the newsletter was a little late because of family or work obligations, and I thank you for understanding.

Early on, I learned that some people don't really care about events of the past and want to know only what is happening with family members now. Others care more about items of a genealogical or historical nature. Because of this, I have tried to make the newsletter interesting for everyone.

Again, "Thank you," and please give the same support to the next news editor that you have given me.

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**A special "Thank you" to Bonita, for being our newsletter editor these many years. You kept us up-to-date with current family news and worked in items of historical and genealogical interest. Well done.**

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**Attention all cousins, please start planning to attend the VVV Reunion in 2007.**

**The reservations must be made by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006.**

**The location is Blackwater Falls State Park in beautiful West Virginia.**

**Phone number 304-259-5216 or 1-800-CALL-WVA.**

**Ellen and Ned Cummings will be our hosts for the 2007 reunion, July 19-21, 2007.**

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**IDAHO VVV REUNION**

**July 13 - 15**

The 2006 VVV Reunion was held in Garden City, Utah at the Canyon Cove Motel. VVV cousins began arriving at Bear Lake early the week of 10 July 2006 even though our reunion did not begin until Thursday, 13 July 2006. The location was beautiful with the awesome aquamarine waters of the lake.

We had a nice turn-out for the reunion but were missing some familiar faces. Georgene, Norma, Ken, Norma, Jim, Judy, Bonita, Caroline, we hope to see you next year.

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Thursday evening, July 13, 2006 the outgoing President, Garry Vawter, hosted a reception and everyone enjoyed visiting and catching up on all the news from the past year. We were honored to have a special guest, Melinda Eagle Dunford, who came in full tribal regalia costume. Melinda and her children, Shaylee, Jonathan, Kendra, Miranda, April and Austin represented the Shoshone Indian Nation and told us all about their history and customs. The book they helped to write and illustrate is called "*Coyote Steals Fire*".

Friday, July 14th began with our Welcome by Garry Vawter, ringing of the cowbell by Ashley Vawter and invocation by Billy Mack Vawter. After a short program, the group journeyed to the Oregon Trail center in Montpelier. We were shown how to plan for a long, hard trip in a covered wagon, and got to experience a ride in one.

Our only genealogy session this year was presented by Greg Gruman and his notes are included at the end of this newsletter. Thank you very much Greg. Great job.

There was a lot to see and do in the Bear Lake area. Many of the cousins took boat rides on Bear Lake or went to the beach. And the enclosed pool at the hotel attracted the young people.

The banquet Saturday night started out with an "ice breaker" game that had everyone guessing. John Homer Vawter gave the invocation and the cousins enjoyed a delicious meal. The annual Memorial Service was presented by Laneil Vawter with the assistance of Austin Bugos, Arkansas and Brooke Vawter, from Utah. The Reading from Ecclesiasticus was by Fred Wicker. Fred chose this passage, from the Apocrypha, because Rev. Ralph Fall used it at the first VVV reunion in Virginia, in 1980.

80 cousins attended the reunion and special recognition was given to the following:

Youngest - Mark Jason Kelley, Georgia - 4 years old

Oldest - Fred Wicker, Mississippi - 82 years old

Longest Married - Bobbee & Donna Vawter, Delaware - 59 years

Longest Distance Traveled - Ned, Ellen, and Fredric Cummings - 2200 miles

Ellen Cummings invited us to the 2007 VVV Reunion in West Virginia. Karla Quigley gave the reunion committee report of sites selected for future reunions: 2008 Minnesota, 2009 San Diego, CA. and 2010 back in Virginia near the Vawter Church.

The nominating committee gave their recommendations for new officers, who were then voted in by acclamation. President - J. W. Vawter, Vice-President - Jordan Johnston  
Secretary - Cheryl Kelley, Treasurer - Laneil Vawter, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Treasurer - Karla Quigley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Treasurer - Connie Bugos, Historian - Jim Vaughters, Archivist - Cheri Jex  
News Editor - Georgene Jurgensen, Assoc. News Editor - Caroline Scarlett

As a grand finale, the door prizes were distributed and several items were auctioned to raise money for the VVV treasury. Martha Hudson crocheted a lovely afghan made with thread provided by her sister, Judith Crawford. Caroline Vawter brought a beautiful hand-made shawl.

Our outgoing President Garry Vawter thanked everyone for their help and support and officially passed the gavel to our new President J. W. Vawter.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Garry by J. W.

Another great reunion is history and we owe thanks this year to Cheri Jex and her family. As we all know, planning a reunion is a huge job and Cheri did it smoothly, in addition to moving house several times. Laneil expressed our thanks and presented Cheri with a gift.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to John Homer and Sue Vawter of Nacogdoches, Texas, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 19<sup>th</sup>. They were joined by many family and friends at the Church where they were married August 18<sup>th</sup> 1956. John and Sue are the parents of four children, J. W. Vawter, the current VVV president, as well as Melinda, Michael and Renae.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Laneil and Jesse Vawter. Rumor has it that they are going on a cruise this month for their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Bon Voyage!!

### IN REMEMBRANCE

**May Catherine Jordan Vawter**, born March 9, 1922, passed away on July 20, 2006. May will be remembered as the wife of Glenn Vawter, who was president of the VVV from 1986 to 1988. They were active in the association for many years. Glenn passed away in 1992.

**Garlin F. Crouch** of Springfield, Ill, formerly of Chatham, died at 10:58 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, at St. John's Hospice, age 89. He was born Nov. 7, 1916, in Chandler, Okla., the son of Arch and Minnie Waters Crouch. He married Elma Matthews on Aug. 17, 1938; she died Dec. 12, 2001. He also was preceded in death by five brothers, Harry, Harold, Cecil, Amos and Clarence, and a sister, Velma Thornton.

Mr. Crouch was a regional superintendent with Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co., retiring in 1977 after 38 years of service. After retirement, he was a realtor with Charles Robbins Realtor. He was a member of Chatham United Methodist Church. He was a former member of Chatham Chummy Chainers Square Dancing Club and Who's Who in Finance and Industry. He loved to play golf.

Surviving are his two daughters, Jolene Matthews of Springfield and Lynette (husband, James) Poschel of St. Louis; three grandchildren, Brent (wife, Lori) Pahde of Jacksonville, Bruce Pahde (companion, Kirsten Giordano) of Lake St. Louis and Karen (husband, John) Torricelli of Springfield; four great-grandchildren, Jacob Pahde, Jenna Cousin, Joshua Pahde and Emily Torricelli; sister, Violet Leach of Tryon, Okla; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and companion, Mary Wall of Springfield.

Visitation was held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at Staab Polk Memorial Home, 201 S. Main Rt. 4, Chatham. Services were held there at 2 p.m. Sunday with the Rev. Merlin Schendel officiating. Burial was in Chatham Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to SIU School of Medicine Alzheimer's Research.

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**If you have any information about the following cousins, please let us know:**

Julia Branham needs info about the Branham line. Several Branhams married Vawters.

Bob Sommerfeldt is looking for anyone researching the John Gray and Elizabeth (Stewart) Vawter line.

Fred Downs would like to exchange information pertaining to the John Vawter- Frankie Ward line.

Mary Jo would like to hear from descendants of Cyrus Beverly Vawter and Elizabeth Goodwin.

Lisa Vawter would like to hear from anyone who knew her father, Arthur Lee Vawter, Jr.

Don Tucker is looking for descendants of Linzy and Martha Jane Vaughters.

[This information is also posted on the website.]

**Vawter Pioneers on the Oregon Trail**

**Presented by Greg Gruman to the VVV Family Reunion in Bear Lake, Utah.**

**Philemon Vawter Crawford** – Son of James Crawford and Lucy Vawter and grandson of Philemon Vawter. Philemon was a Captain on the Oregon Trail and first crossed with a large party of family and Vawter cousins by ox team in 1851. There were 74 persons in this first party and they were able to get some good land in the Willamette valley.

Philemon led several other parties over the trail to Oregon the largest being 250 persons.

Although he doubtless had many adventures, there is not a lot written about his trips, except that on one trip there was a mutiny of sorts and some of the men in the company decided they were going too slow with oxen and left the wagon train and bought some horses and raced off to beat their companions to Oregon. Philemon had advised them that horses were unreliable and would founder on the scanty grazing on the plains and they were mighty remorseful when a few weeks later the wagon train passed them with their horses played out and lame, low on supplies and they were in a sorry state indeed. They had learned the hard way that there were no shortcuts to Oregon. There were many other Vawters with Philemon on that first trip and they settled in and around Linn County Oregon, and the Yakima and Walla Walla Washington area and some went on to California.

**Smith William Storey** – Son of Thomas Storey and Jane Vawter (Indiana) Crossed the plains on Oregon Trail in early 1840s to Pacific as a teenager. Endured the hardships of being a frontiersman and miner in Oregon and California. After the gold rush in California subsided he moved back to Vernon, Indiana where he was a druggist and President of the First National Bank. Ca: 1833-1903.

**Riley Clark Storey** – Brother of S.W. above, born 1842. Was a sort of education pioneer. Family said he was of “studious nature” even as a very young child. He left home while still in grade school to follow a teacher he loved to Indianapolis and sold newspapers and took odd jobs to pay for tutoring. He was successful in his studies and was at Franklin College in Indiana when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted and suffered greatly from the privations of war, forced marches, exposure, illness among the troops, and developed life long health problems from this exposure. He finished at Franklin and then went on to Michigan University where he excelled and created the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and was in the “famous class of 69” who were well known in later years for their achievements. He also finished law school back in Indianapolis and began a career in education. He went to Cowley County, Kansas where he was Superintendent of Schools, then to Golden Hill, Nevada, and Gilroy, California in the same capacity. It was a wild and wooly time in the west in those days with gold rushes and boom towns and precious few people appreciated or felt the need for education but Riley started and developed many schools and districts and brought some enlightenment to these burgeoning frontier communities. His health failing in 1899 he went to live with his son who had followed in his fathers footsteps and was a professor at Stanford where he died in 1902.

**David Vawter Burns** – Son of Maxa Burns and Maria Vawter. A sort of legal pioneer. Studied law and served in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Indiana regiment in the Civil War where he was wounded twice and also a captive of the rebels. After the war he was elected District Attorney in Indianapolis, then a judge, then became Superior Court Judge and in 1891 was appointed District Court judge in Denver, Colorado. He was married to Eudora Danforth daughter of Albert Joseph and Matilda Haven Sewell Danforth, a well known Indiana Society family and ancestors of VP J. Danforth Quayle.

**John Taylor Vawter**- Son of William and Frances Vawter- Joined the 1839 land rush to Iowa. Encountered some “Rangers” who were ruffians that had already been in Iowa and wanted to stop all new homesteaders coming in. He had to defend himself and as a result became enmeshed with spurious allegations made against him by the “Rangers” which made him exhaust his savings defending himself in court. He was acquitted on all counts but was left without land or cash. He then heard a German itinerant preacher who was forming a colony which he joined and helped to build up others in Iowa, Oregon, and Missouri. Edward son of J.T. Vawter drove an ox team across the trail to Oregon in 1863 and settled near Portland. He got married first to Barbara Kroher who became ill and died and then to Catherine Gunnerman both of Germany. His children who were fluent in both German and English settled in Newport Washington, and San Dimas, California.

**Williamson Dunn Vawter**- Son of William and Frances Vawter and nephew of Col. John Vawter of Vernon, Indiana. Worked for many years with his uncle Col. John Vawter in Vernon where he learned many trades including banking, newspaper editing, mercantile, and shipping. Upon reading accounts of California for his newspaper he decided to sell off his interest in Indiana and go west and he arrived in Los Angeles county in 1875 where Pasadena now stands. After surveying the countryside he decided to settle where there was better land and less heat and went twenty miles to what is now Santa Monica. He was a founding father of that town and built the first church, bank, and the core block of the city and the first brick buildings which are still standing today and form the Vawter Historic District in Santa Monica. He married Mary Crowder and his son Edwin James Vawter also had his fathers business acumen and started many businesses including banks, lumber yards, barley mills, mercantile stores, and floriculture. In the flower business he was a true pioneer and his carnation and violet fields were known as one of the wonders of California and visited by thousands of people from around the world. They truly built Santa Monica from their humble beginnings as the “Indiana Colony” into a beautiful and vibrant city and which continues to offer great opportunities and enjoyment to all who visit there. In an odd twist of fate W.D.’s daughter Aramantha Vawter married Septimuis Vater of Liverpool, England which joined the old English Vawter line to our American line clear across the globe and after almost a thousand years.

**James Alois Vawter**- Son of James Vawter and grandson of Jesse Vawter came to Oregon with P. V. Crawford in 1851 in the original group that settled in Heppner, Oregon and Yakima, Washington. He was a railroad official and Station Agent and went with the first rail lines into Montana and settled there. There were many robberies and Indian troubles with the trains in those early days and he saw many adventures as the rails went into the new territories.

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**William Vawter** – son of D. Jamieson Vawter and Anna Dickinson and grandson of Jesse Vawter was also in original company with P. V. Crawford in 1851. In 1852 there was a gold rush on Queen Charlottes Island in Alaska. William bought a vessel and fitted it out and sailed from Portland with sixty men to seek their fortunes. They anchored at Gold Harbour on the Island but found nothing there then sailed over to mainland Alaska where they were successful in panning some gold but not enough to satisfy the whole group. They encountered some Indians who had some gold but refused to tell them where they got it. So low on supplies they returned to Portland. William served as Postmaster in Walla Walla, Washington from 1877-1881 then moved to San Jacinto, California. William was married to Rachel Robinett and his sons were as adventurous as he was. Edwin Jamieson Vawter, his eldest went to the gold fields in Nome, Alaska, Cassius Lincoln Vawter the next went to join the revolution and died in Mexico, and Jesse Platt Vawter the youngest went with his brother to the Alaska gold rush and returned to live in Los Angeles, California.

**Louis Addison Vawter** – Grandson of William Vawter, Revolutionary war Colonel and founder of West Virginia. A captain of the 30<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment CSA, Louis was captured at the battle of Winchester and held prisoner but traded in a prisoner exchange shortly thereafter. After the war he returned to his father's plantation and ran it for a while then picked up his study of medicine which he had started before the war. Upon finishing medical school he practiced with some famous physicians in Ohio and Indiana and then went west to California and Montana. Seeing the need for medical services and the scarcity of skilled physicians along with the privations and disease outbreaks amongst the people in the west he stayed in Montana and served them for many years. His wife was from an old Virginia family and his family was very talented and all quite cultured for their time. His son John William (Will) Vawter was an artist and known for his illustrations for books and watercolor paintings. His daughter Clara Peck Vawter was a poet and wrote a book entitled the "Rabbits Ransom".

**Cyrus Vawter** – Son of Beverly Vawter and Elizabeth Crawford came to Oregon with P. V. Crawford in 1851 and located in the Willamette valley at Boston Mills. He owned a large milling business and several mills in Oregon. He married Sarah Finley and his son William Ira Vawter was President of the Jackson County Bank and served for many years in the State Legislature.

**Claud and Mary Vawter** – Probably cousins of P. V. Crawford and in the original 1851 company left Oregon in 1859 for the Colorado gold rush, lived in Sunshine, Colorado and were among the first homesteaders in Hygiene, Colorado. Not finding any gold and finding that farming was difficult on the high plains they returned to Oregon after a number of years.

I am sure that there are others of our ancestors that were among the pioneers that we have yet to discover. Wherever they went they built communities, served their fellow citizens, and helped shape the destiny of the west. We should be proud of them and honor their sacrifice and the legacy they left us by following in their footsteps.

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The VVV family voted to support the badly needed restoration of the Glebe in Virginia. This venerable building was the residence of the pastor of the Vawter Episcopal Church in early times.

A tax deductible donation may be made to The Friends of St. Anne's Glebe and sent to our Treasurer, Laneil Vawter. A form for the donation is on the following page.

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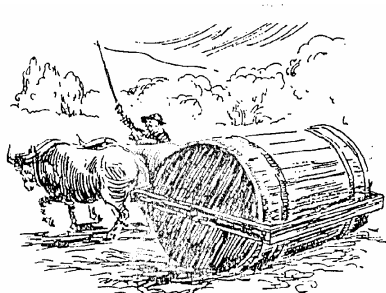
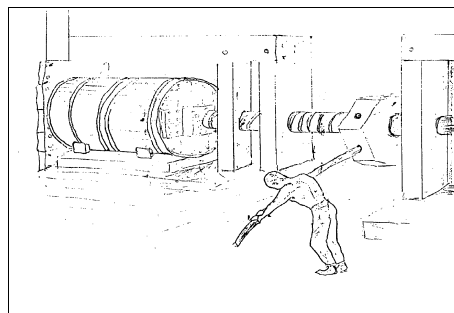


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**A story of Tobacco and Rev. Rose from the book by Rev. Ralph Fall.**

Port Royal, was important as a tobacco warehouse center. One of the original trustees of the town was Oliver Towles; his two sisters married into the Richard Vawter and son Russell Vawter's family in later years. Port Royal was about 30 miles downstream from Fredericksburg and was a thriving center of commerce for many years and was considered for the sight of the national capital from 1786-90. Eighteen of its original structures are still used today.

Tobacco was packed into hogsheads by applying pressure with a wooden screw that forced the tobacco through a cask and into the hogshead. The cask had no ends. The hogshead was rolled or pulled by oxen to the waterways. The standardized size was 48 by 30 inches and filled with tobo or other grains weighed between 600 and 900 pounds. Hogsheads of rum contained about 108 gallons when brought back from Barbados. Single dug out canoes were about 16 feet long and could carry 2 or 3 hogsheads. Rev. Rose increased the length to 50 to 60 feet with each canoe 4 to 5 foot wide. He lashed two together and held 8 or 9 hogsheads; a man on the front and back could maneuver them easily. They drew no more than a few inches of water and were quite stable. On the upstream return the two men could pole these light weight conveyances without a problem. This allowed the western and mountain areas to develop more tobacco and increase their financial status. Hogsheads were loaded aboard ships to England where factors (attorneys) helped with the sale and the purchase of necessary items from England and the return trip to the colonies.



The transportation of tobacco

Tobacco was the most important commodity in VA, grown in two grades, sweet-scented, the better variety which was grown in Essex and Oronoco or transfer grade which brought less value mostly grown in Albemarle. Rev. Rose's salary in both counties remained at 16,000 pounds of tobo per year plus "cask" (another 400 pounds to allow for spoilage). In Virginia law no planter could sell tobo until he had paid his year's tithes for church support.

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF AN HONORARY VAWTER

### Rev. Ralph Emmett Fall

**Rev. Ralph Emmett Fall**, age 89, passed away September 2, 2006. He was born April 7, 1917 in St. Louis, MO, to Florence Winifred Roath and Charles Emmett Fall. His half brothers, Orsen William Fall and Charles Loren Fall and his half sister, Ruth Aurelius Fall, all preceded him.

At age eleven, his maternal aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gross of Toledo, OH became his guardians. He attended school in San Antonio, TX and Toledo, OH and in 1935 graduated from DeVilbiss High School in Toledo. He grew up attending St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Toledo where he was a paid singer in the Boys Choir until his voice changed. Four years he lettered in tennis at DeVilbiss High School and was tennis champion in Toledo while attending the University of Toledo, where he obtained his BA degree. After graduating from Bexley Hall Theological School in Gambier, OH, Mr. Fall was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church in Gambier, OH in June 1941 and was ordained a Priest at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, OH by Bishop Beverley Tucker in December 1941.

He was first married to Elizabeth Stambaugh, June 30, 1942, who passed away December 26, 1983. Their two children are Mary Druscilla Rose Fall Boswell of Franklin, NH and David Price Brady Fall of Richmond, VA. On December 2, 1986, he married Martha Virginia Rodgers. Together they continued their pursuit of genealogy and traveled extensively in the US and Western Europe. Churches served by Mr. Fall are: Church of Our Savior, Akron, OH, Grace Church, St. Paul's Church, St. Matthew's Church of Cleveland, OH, St. Paul's Church and St. Timothy's Church of Richmond, VA, Christ Church in Alexandria, VA, Pohick Church of Lorton, VA, Vauter's Church of Essex Co. VA, St. Asaph's Church and St. Peter's Church of Caroline Co., VA. While in Richmond, he served as Dean of the Convocation.

After forty-one years as an active Clergyman, he retired from the Diocese of VA, April 1982. In 2000, Caroline County, VA, Historical Society awarded Mr. Fall the Annual CHS Award for "Researching, Publishing and Preserving the History of Caroline County, VA" He was active in Virginia Landmarks and Virginia Historical Society and his numerous articles appeared in various church and historical publications. He researched and wrote five books and published four: History of Bowling Green, Virginia 1667-1970; Hidden Village of Port Royal, Virginia, 1744-1981; The Diary of Robert Rose, [who was the mid-1700's Colonial Clergyman of Vauter's Church] and People and Post Offices and Communities in Caroline County, Virginia, 1727-1960; all in second printings. He was a member of Caroline County, VA Historical Society; Historic Port Royal, VA and Henry/Clayton Genealogical Society. In Virginia he was a Smithsonian tour guide.

He is survived by his wife and two children and many other relatives, school and church friends. The funeral service for Mr. Fall was Monday, September 4, 2006, at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in McDonough, GA.

*"Ralph was so proud to have connections with the Vawter Family!  
May God richly bless you all in our prayer." Peace, Virginia*

#### *For reference .....*

*V/V Newsletter March 1978*

VAUTERS CHURCH: The Rev. Ralph Fall has been Rector of Vauter's Church in Essex Co., Va. since 1962. His recent book, THE DIARY OF ROBERT ROSE, was released in December, 1977. Parson Robert Rose was the Rector of St. Anne's Parish when Vauter's Church was built. The Diary covers a 5-year period, 1746-1751, and gives an insight into cultural and church life in colonial Virginia. It contains many references to Vawters and Vawter-connected families, and will be of both sentimental and historical interest to V/V. The name of the Church, it is said, was misspelled in early records. **Honorary membership in the Order of V/V has been extended Rev. Fall for his 12-year labor in transcribing and annotating this delightfully unique work.**

*Newsletter January 1980*

Ralph (the honorary Vawter) Fall wears many hats. In addition to his Ministerial duties, he is a noted genealogist, historian, and writer, as evidenced by his book, THE DIARY OF ROBERT ROSE, which many of the V/V/V already own, and which is required reading in order to fully appreciate Vauter's Church and its locale. At the reunion, Ralph will don his Tour Guide hat and conduct a walking tour of the historic village of Port Royal; likewise he will lead a motorized tour of the historical points of interest in the surrounding countryside. Under his leadership the ladies of Vauter's Church are making plans to serve at least one meal to the V/V/V on the Church grounds. He has arranged to have one of the homes visited by the Rev. Robert Rose and mentioned in the Diary opened to the V/V/V for an afternoon tea. **The family is fortunate to have such a versatile and capable honorary kinsman.**

## In Remembrance - Peggy Grace Vaughter - MRE

Peggy Grace Vaughter

1942 - 2006 Peggy Grace Vaughter Born in Drurnright, Oklahoma on Dec. 28, 1942 Departed on Oct. 5, 2006 and resided in Austin, TX. A Celebration of Life: Sunday Oct. 15, 2006

Wife, Mother, Friend, Public Speaker, Toastmaster President, Calligraphy Guild President, Adult Bible Study Teacher, World Traveler. How do you fill in the dash between 1942-2006?

Peggy was born in a Dr's office in Drurnright, Oklahoma and attended Cushing High School, She loved her summers at Falls Creek Baptist Encampment, and did her undergrad work at Oklahoma Baptist University. Her Masters came from SW Theological Seminary-Fort Worth.

After serving as Youth Director in OK and TX, she became the youth director of Crestview Baptist, Austin, in 1969. A few weeks later, she met Phil, and twelve weeks after they met, they wed.

The pride of their life, Courtney Leigh, came along in 1978, and Peggy left the "working world" to become a full time Mom and Homemaker.

Peggy and Phil helped start Riverbend Church over a quarter century ago and are still deeply committed to its Mission. Peggy taught an adult class for over 22 years and served on the Building Committee and the Pastor Search Committee. Their daughter and her family are third generation Riverbenders.

Peggy endured 35 Annual Vaughter Superbowl parties and enjoyed or hosted 20 Annual Vauter--Vawter-Vaughter Family Reunions, especially the ones held at Vauter Church, VA, built in 1731!

Her time in the backyard, blowing bubbles with 5 year old Reid and 2 year old Aubreigh, was very dear to her. While in the backyard, she would show her grandkids how to encourage a flower to grow or how to feed and water the 25 varieties of birds that dined there.

This past week she saw a gorgeous new yellow butterfly in that backyard and said, "We must find out who this new visitor is".

Peggy was greeted at Heaven's Gate by her parents, Clarence and Orpha Grace, her "other" parents, Reverend Paul and Carolyn Vaughter, and her brother in law, Patton Courtney Vaughter. Her first request was a new singing voice, a big steak and a coke (over ice).

Her special friends-Eleanor, Mac, Vicky, Mark, Pam, Tony, Shirley, Paulette, Kay, Doris, Sharon, Richard, Sally, Jeannie, Patsy, Barbara, her adopted nieces Christina and Casey, the Crestview "girls", her calligraphy friends, her bible study class, and her toastmaster group will all miss her, as well as her family. The Good News is, we'll see her again, The Peggy Vaughter Memorial Fund has been established at Riverbend and the Family requests memorials be directed there. Dr. Dave Haney and Dr. Gordon Smith were immediately with the Family during this time of Loss.

An ending note from your daughter -

Out of all the Mothers in the world I could have had,  
God gave me to you. You have been an inspiration to me  
unlike any other. You have taught me so much about life,  
love and Motherhood. I am so thankful for you and all  
the joy you have brought into my life. Not only were you  
a great Mom, but you were also the best friend I ever  
had. Robbie and I love you so very much Mama, and we  
anxiously await the day we get to hug you again.

A Celebration of a Life Well done, will be at 1:00 pm, Sunday, October 15, 2006, after the second Service at Riverbend. As Peggy would say, "Come at 11 am, for some good music, an outstanding Message and Riverbend fellowship.

## In Remembrance – Frankie Lee Johnson Jordan

**Eagleville Times Tennessee October 1 -15, 2006**

Also Serving Arrington, College Grove, Rockvale, Triune & Unionville

**Frankie Lee Johnson Jordan** of Murfreesboro died Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

She was the daughter of James Vaughter and the late Callie Bell Smith Vaughter and the late Jesse Johnson. She was a member of New Life Christian Church.

Survivors include sons Nathaniel (Viola) Jordan Sr. of Eagleville and Anthony C. Jordan of Germany; stepsons Fred L. Jordan of Woodbury, James (Patricia) Jordan of Nashville and Carl Yeargins of Murfreesboro; daughters Marjorie T. Jordan of Murfreesboro, Priscella Jordan of Rockvale and April (Alex) Jordan-Ewing of Rockvale; stepdaughter Katherine (Tony) Fulton of Murfreesboro; brothers William (Margo) Vaughter and Jesse (Emma) Vaughter, both of Murfreesboro; sisters Sarah (James) Harding and Mary (Charley) King, both of Murfreesboro; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild

## IN REMEMBRANCE - CLEVELAND VAUGHTERS

Long-time Madison resident, Ernest Cleveland Vaughters, died on October 4, 2006, at age 90 in Athens, Georgia. He was born July 12, 1916 in Dawson County, Georgia on the same day his Grandmother Vaughters died. He was the first of three sons born to Hiram Solomon Andrew Jackson Vaughters (1891-1956) and Coie Mae Burt Vaughters (1895-1982) The younger brothers born to the family were Claude Jackson Vaughters (1920-1978) and Charles Carlton Vaughters (1921-2005).

Mr. Vaughters was the 10<sup>th</sup> generation of Vaughters men in this country, dating back to the 1600's in Virginia. He was the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of Vaughters in Dawson County, going back to the 1830's, when it was still Lumpkin County. His grandparents were Rev. George Robinson Vaughters (1860-1936), Epsey Catherine Bennett Vaughters (1861-1916), William Benjamin Burt (1860-1945) and Martha Amattie Spriggs Burt (1872-1959), all from prominent families in the Shoal Creek area of Dawson County. He was born only 50 years after the Civil War ended. He was the last living grandson of Rev. G. R. Vaughters.

He grew up on the farm that had been in the family since the 1840's. He attended school at Bolton School and for a short time in Dawsonville. He also attended Bethel Baptist Church, which his great-great-grandparents Vaughters and Burt had established in 1841.

In 1928, the family left about a hundred cousins and moved to a farm east of Madison. Cleveland, age 12, drove one of the T-model trucks while his father drove the other one. Cleveland, Claude, and Carlton attended Madison Grammar School. Cleveland later attended Madison A&M School in the 1930's.

He married Sara Martha Mitchem on August 25, 1934. She was from the Mitchem family that settled in the Fairplay area in northern Morgan County in 1837. They eloped to Dawson County and were married by his Uncle Oscar Vaughters, the County Ordinary, in the old red brick courthouse. The witnesses were two barefooted men in overalls.

Cleveland and Sara made their home east of Madison. A daughter, Patricia Ann, was born in 1935. In 1937, a son, James Cleveland, was born but lived only a day. He was buried in the Mitchem cemetery at Fairplay.

Two of Sara's uncles were farming in the Rio Grande Valley at the southern tip of Texas. The family moved there in 1938 and worked on the farm. Another son, also named James Cleveland, was born there in 1941. Later that year the family moved back to Morgan County.

In 1953 his last child, Paul Douglas Vaughters, was born. Mr. Vaughters was a cotton farmer and dairy farmer during those years. He was also a substitute rural mail carrier. After his father died he carried on an old family tradition that his grandfather and great-grandfather had followed in Dawson County – he took care of his mother in the small house behind his house.

He then became a clerk in the Madison Post Office where he worked until his retirement in 1976. His wife Sara died in 1960 following a long illness. Throughout her sickness he was her mainstay, loving and loyal in the most difficult of times. His steadfastness and many sacrifices for her were inspiring, admirable, and heroic.

In 1961 he married Mrs. Estelle Wheeler Perkins. Their marriage was marked by years of loving fun, devotion to both sets of children and grandchildren, and retirement travel. She died in 1984.

Mr. Vaughters married Mrs. Retha Anderson Crook in 1985. Their home was also one of great love, enjoyment of yet another set of children and grandchildren, and travel. She died in 1997. To have three marriages that good is unheard of, but wonderful.

He was a devout Christian, a long-time member of Madison Baptist Church, and a Deacon Emeritus. He also was a founding member of the Beacon Heights Baptist Church, and then later returned to the Madison Baptist Church. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years.

He was an avid fisherman, coon hunter, deer hunter, and gardener. His long life attests to the saying that used to hang in his house – “Allah does not deduct from the allotted time of man those hours spent fishing.” Much of his conversation in his last years centered on the many wonderful memories and stories of fishing and hunting.

Mr. Vaughters is survived by his three children – Patricia Herndon of Stone Mountain, Jimmy of Englewood, CO. and Doug of Winder; six grandchildren – Beth Herndon of Decatur, Lynn Owen of Tampa, FL, Jonathan Vaughters of Denver, CO, and Paul, David, and Sara Vaughters of Winder; three great-grandchildren – Katie and Hunter Owen of Tampa, FL, and Charlie Vaughters of Denver, CO; eight nephews – James Vaughters of Bostwick, Charles Vaughters of Woodbridge, VA, Bill, Roy, Kenny Vaughters of Buckhead, Joe Preston of Rome, Mike Mitchem of Jonesboro, and Bill Cleveland of Atlanta; five nieces – Claudette Casper of Bethany, Betty Newton of College Park, Kathy Eberle of Vienna, VA, Carol Williams of Charlottesville, VA and Debbie Harris of Memphis, TN; five stepchildren – Vivian Brackett of Duluth, Jean Brogdon of Grayson, Weldon Crook of Madison, Butch Crook of Atlanta, and Avis Mallanik of Buford; step grandchildren – Melanie Casatelli of Alpharetta, Betsy Booth of Allen, TX and many more step grandchildren, step great-grandchildren, and those 100 cousins in Dawson County.

Rev. Jim Ross and Rev. Glenn Herndon conducted the funeral service at Madison Baptist Church on October 7, 2006. A. E. Carter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Deacons of Madison Baptist. Mr. Vaughters was laid to rest in the family plot of Madison City Cemetery, beside his first wife and his parents.

## In Remembrance - Sara Jane Kerr

**Sent by her daughter, Susan Brown Haas. Members of the VVV Family will remember Sally for her presentation "A Visit With Winifred Hodgson Vawter" (in period costume) at the 1986 VVV reunion.**

Sara Jane Kerr (Sally), died peacefully on Tuesday, July 11, 2006. She was born in Henryetta, OK, on October 11, 1921, the daughter of Raymond Kerr and Mary Twibell Palmer Kerr. She moved to Tulsa in 1922 and graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1939. Sally studied Art at the University of Tulsa and was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She married Duncan Brown, on February 2, 1944. Sally raised 4 children. Over the years, she was active in each child's scouting, sports, school, and church youth group activities. After the children were grown, Sally turned her considerable energy to church work. As a life long Episcopalian, she chaired the Diocese of Oklahoma Christian Education Committee, organized and led the Conflict Resolution Team for the Diocese of Oklahoma, and was a member of the National Episcopal Design Team for the Church Teaching series. She enjoyed cooking, traveling, art, architecture, and collecting books and the companionship of her friends and family. Sally is survived by: her daughter, Susan Haas and husband, Doug, their daughters, Sara Haas, Kim Sandru and husband, Jeff, and their child, Joshua of Phoenix, AZ; her son, Stephen Brown and wife, Barbara, their sons, Clint Foy and wife, Viridiana, Mark Foy and wife, Anne-Marie, and Scott Brown of Fayetteville, AR; her son, Jim Brown and wife, Nancy of Birmingham, AL, their daughters, Jennie Wyatt and husband, Brian and their daughter, Helen of Nashville, TN; and Mandy Fox and husband, Steve, and their son, Marshall of Birmingham; and her daughter, Mary O'Meilie and husband, Mike of Cashion, OK, their sons, Chris O'Meilie and wife, Merrilee and their son, Max of Verdigris, OK, Jake O'Meilie and wife Katy of Guthrie, OK. The Family thanks the staff at St. John Hospice for their care and extensive support. Visitation will be held 12 Noon until 6 p.m., Sunday, July 16, 2006 at Fitzgerald's Southwood Colonial Chapel, 3612 E. 91st St. A Service celebrating Sally's life will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, July 17, 2006 at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 5635 E. 71st St. A reception will follow at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Dunstan's Memorial Fund. Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel, 291-3500. Published in the Tulsa World on 7/14/2006

## In Remembrance - Jace Alden Vawter

Jace Alden Vawter (Bubba), 9, of Emmett, died Friday, June 2, 2006 due to a farming accident and went to be with the Lord. Jace was born July. 22, 1996, in Emmett, ID. Jace was an energetic, loving little man with a giggle you couldn't live without. There's not much that Bubba wouldn't do for anyone. He was friendly with all. Bubba loved to spend time with his family and friends. He loved to go riding his dirt bike with dad. Jace was always in a tractor with pappa raking hay and helping pappa John on the farm. He also spent a lot of time with mommy on the farm and 4-H. Bubba enjoyed showing his pigs in 4-H, and being with his pig, Bleu, especially when she had her piglets. Bubba was a little comedian, always making people laugh. He mowed lawns with mom, sis, and Uncle Buster. He did a lot of golfing at home in the yard. Jace had many friends. Jace got a scooter from his buddy, Dax which he rode until it fell apart from so much use. Bubba kept the fire going. Jace is survived by his parents, Alden Vawter and Amy Phillips as well as his older sister Jordan Vawter, and step brothers and sister, his stepparents Kevin Phillips and Becky Vawter and Grand parents, John and Karon Kienitz and Kim and Sharon Vawter, also many aunts, uncles and cousins. All of our family and friends would be honored to have everyone who knows our families and Jace to attend Jace's Celebration of Life. This celebration will take place on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 11 a.m. at the Emmett Junior High School on 4th Street. Friends may call Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. and the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett. We will always love and miss Jace. We will never forget his smiling face. We know he's in a better place. A memorial fund has been established at Farmers Merchant Bank 840EIAvalon, Kuna, ID 83634. Published in the Idaho Statesman on 6/6/2006

Does anyone have the connection of J.M.C. Vaughter and the Carrington family? To what family does Mr. Vaughter belong?

Greenbrier Arkansas was incorporated as a town on April 5, 1880, with an estimated population of 300 people. Hardin Township at this time had 886 people and Cadron Township had 2,916 people. Between 1860 and 1880 some of the settlers attracted to this area were J.R. Wilson, Johnnie Love, Bob Lybarger, Jerry Cantrell, J.R. Donnell, J.E. Martin, John Dickens, Sam Cooper, Jackie Glover, J.M.C. Vaughter, and Dr. A. Hinkle.

Leonidas CARRINGTON b. 21 Feb 1834 in Gibson or Henderson CO., TN d. 28 Oct 1901 and is bu. in the Thorn Cemetery near Greenbrier, AR. Leonidas married first in 1856 in TN to Manassa DICKENS and second to Amanda M. WHITE who is also buried in the Thorn Cemetery near Greenbrier, AR.

Notes: Leonidas served in the Third Arkansas Union Cavalry during the Civil War. The third AR Cavalry was organized and mustered in at Little Rock, AR, Feb 1864. Mustered out 20 Aug 1864. Total enlistments 1421.

Obituary: L.M. Carrington Dead - L. M. Carrington died at his home in Greenbrier Monday night of pneumonia. His remains were laid to rest Tuesday at the Thorn Grave yard with Masonic honors. Mr. Carrington was one of the oldest and best citizens of the county. His death is a great loss to his family, the community in which he lived and the entire county. Among those who went out from Conway to attend the funeral were J. M. C. Vaughter and wife and T. R. Douglass and wife

### Understanding British Money

British coinage was not as badly confusing as some people think. Of course, coinage was for about three centuries in the Saxon period the penny. We had no other coinage. The D denoting a penny was from the Denarius of the Roman occupation which they tried to emulate in an attempt to keep the civilization of Rome going.

When the Saxon pennies were weighed it took 240 of them to make a pound in weight, hence our pound sterling.

In the Tudor period the shilling was coined although strangely the amount itself as a twentieth part of a pound was used on paper long before a coin of that value was minted.

That was the bare bones of our numismatic system. All others were merely fractions of those three levels of money, pounds, shillings and pence as we used to call it.

L for pound (Libra, = weighing scales), s for shilling, and d for pence.

Forget about pounds, think of multiples of shillings and pence.

a half-penny coin (1/2d)

a penny coin,(1d)

a three penny coin. (3d)

a six penny coin. (6d)

Next was double the sixpence, in other words, a shilling equal to 12 pence (1s).

There was a 1 shilling coin a two shilling coin a 2 1/2 shilling coin. It was known as a half crown but the crown had disappeared a long time ago. Above that value all were banknotes.

The Chariton Leader, Chariton, Iowa  
Thursday, August 8, 1907

WILLIAM HORNER died on Tuesday, at the home of his son in Washington Township, the funeral occurring yesterday afternoon. He was well advanced in years and had been a long sufferer from kidney and kindred troubles. He

was a good man and held the respect of all who knew him. His companion passed to the great beyond last fall.

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'OBITUARY'

WILLIAM M. HORNER was born in Perry County, Ohio, July 25, 1830 and departed this life Aug. 6, 1907, aged 77 years and 12 days. He was married to JANE FOWLER June 6, 1852, who departed this life Dec. 12, 1906. To this union were born ten children, all living but two, JAMES WILLIAM who died in Russell County, Kansas, some years ago, and SAVILLA JANE LEMLEY, who died in 1902. Those living are MARY VAWTER, of Waldo, Kan.; ELIAS D., G.W. and SARAH PARR, of Lucas County; HENRY C., of Indian Territory; EUGENE W., of Hoxie, Kan., and JOHN W. and ROBERT P. of Whitepine, Montana. MR. HORNER was converted in the M.E. Church of which he was a member for 25 years, when he united with the Christian Church. The funeral was conducted by Rev. D.H. Wood, and interment was made in Russell Cemetery.

### Montana Death Records 1930-1939

**Vawter, John G. – m. age 76, 23 Feb 1936, Hel 337**

The Chariton Leader, Chariton, Iowa

Saturday, March 24, 1877

MR. J.W. VAWTER, of Liberty Township, died of consumption last week. His family have the hearty sympathies of the country.

MR. VAWTER was an honest, upright man.

From Georgene:

This is the son of Hiram Vawter and Polly Good

John Wesley Vawter b. 4 May 1822 Orange/Madison Co., VA d. 15 Mar 1877 near Lucas, IA m. (1) Rachel Ann Kennedy or Kannady d. 6 Aug 1854 bur. Kennady cemetery Grand Co., KY m. (2) 10 Apr 1857 to Emily Jane Wheeler b. 12 Jan 1838 d. 30 Nov 1898. John and Emily are bur. Grimes Cem. near Lucas, IA.

The Chariton Leader, Chariton, Iowa

Saturday, March 15, 1879

We learn from MR. G.W. MCCULLOUGH, that a disastrous prairie fire ran over portions of Liberty Tp. on Wednesday of this week. The fire was set by some unknown person on Indian Creek and there being a strong wind it spread rapidly, destroying over three quarters of a mile of rail fence, and all the prairie hay belonging to MRS. VAWTER, also about 400 rails for A.G. PARR, a half mile string for BENJAMIN CLOUSE, and a lot of fence of MR. PALMER's and MILTON BROWNING's. There is a severe law against firing prairie in this State, and if the perpetrator of this fire should be discovered he will be prosecuted.

Oregon Republican League:

Republican League Register of Oregon,  
The Register Publishing Company, 1896,  
page 275.

VAWTER, WILLIAM I., of Medford, president of the Jackson County Bank, was born in Linn County, March 24, 1863, and graduated from the University of Oregon in 1886. He was principal of the Eugene public schools till 1888, when he established the bank at Medford. He is an earnest Republican, has been a delegate to county and state conventions and league meetings, a member of the congressional and state central committees, and chairman of the county central committee.

-Posted to the Genforum Vawter Family site by  
Tony Larson

## Elusive Ancestor - Poem by Merrell Kenworthy

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.  
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.  
He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.  
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.  
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.  
His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list  
of passengers to U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.  
So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.  
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;  
but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.  
No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.  
To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,  
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES.

## GREAT GIFT IDEA...VVV MEMBERSHIP

**Looking for a quick holiday gift idea for children,  
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Tennessee State Library and Archives,  
Military Records, TN Confederate Pension  
Applications (soldiers and widows)

NAME: Vaughter, John B.  
WIDOW: Vaughter, Sarah J.

PENSION #: W4200  
COUNTY: Rutherford

NAME: Vawter, A.J.  
PENSION #: S7505

COUNTY: Carroll  
UNIT: 12th Inf.

NAME: Vawter, Andrew Jackson.  
WIDOW: Vawter, Frances

PENSION #: W6861  
COUNTY: Gibson

NAME: Vawter, William H.  
WIDOW: Vawter, Margie

PENSION #: W1678  
COUNTY: Gibson

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Vauter(s), Vawter(s), Vaughter(s) in the  
Civil War

An index of service found by number, no names  
were given in this brief index.

Vauter 12 conf, 11 union

Vauters 2 conf, 2 union

Vawter 46 conf, 24 union

Vawters 4 conf, 8 union

Vaughter 18 conf, 3 union

Vaughters 4 conf, 1 union

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Clay Co., TX - History: Byers High  
School Yearbook 1923

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The following individuals are identified  
in the 1923 Hornet, the first yearbook  
of Byers High School, Byers, TX.

Class status was listed only for juniors  
and seniors.

Vaughter, Gordon, jr

Vaughter, Hall, sr

## Page-Vawter House, Fayette, West Virginia –From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Page-Vawter House in the town of Ansted in Fayette County, West Virginia was built in 1898 by company carpenters of the Gauley Mountain Coal Company for the family of William Nelson Page, who was company president. The palatial white Victorian mansion is located on a knoll in the middle of town. William and Emma (née Gilham) Page raised their four children there, attended by a staff of 8 servants. According to author and railroad historian H. Reid in his book *The Virginian Railway* (Kalmbach, 1961), it was in this mansion that Page developed the plans for the coal-hauling Virginian Railway, which was financed by industrialist Henry Huddleston Rogers and became the "Richest Little Railroad in the World" after its completion in 1909. The nearby railroad town of Page was named for him. The mansion was later occupied by the family of Dr. Gene Vawter. In the 21st century, it still stands as evidence of the once-thriving coal business. The Page-Vawter mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This could be a stop on your trip to West Virginia next summer. Make your reservations today for a great upcoming reunion July 19-21, 2007.**

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Journal of the Senate of the United States of America, 1789-1873  
THURSDAY, January 24, 1850.

Page 106, Mr. Walker, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom the documents relating to the claim of William Vawters were referred, reported the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to: Resolved, That the claim of the legal representatives of William Vawters being, as appears, for half pay, and there being law for the settlement of such claims, the memorial and accompanying documents be referred to the Secretary of the Interior for settlement.

The following letter (sent by email in October 2006) from Ellen is painting a beautiful picture of next summer's VVV reunion. Remember if you don't have your reservations in by December 31, you might not get a room. Of course, we will miss the fall colors, but I bet the green of summer will be a sight to behold.

Hello everyone!

Ned and I are ensconced at Blackwater Falls Lodge in Davis, West Virginia, after a six hour car trip, which was a study in contrasts. The temperature was 70 degrees when we left Virginia Beach at 9:00 this morning and the foliage summer green. When we rolled into the lodge parking lot at 3:30, the temperature was 42 degrees and the fall colors were at peak.

The rounded, heavily forested mountains of West Virginia were an amazing mass of the most vibrant shades of yellow, rust, red, orange, and green. It was absolutely breath taking. The mountain sides appeared to be carpeted in these brilliant colors. I couldn't stop saying, "Look! Look! Look!" like a five-year-old child. Acres and acres and miles and miles of this color extended as far as the eye could see, so brilliant it almost didn't seem real.

I was bundled in all the layers I could find, while Ned still wore flip flops and short sleeves (Hey I'm from the beach!). Well, I'm from the beach, too, but I've got enough sense to cover up when the temperature is in the low 40s.

Along the way, we were treated to the sight of rocky, shallow bottomed mountain streams, sheer rock faces, some covered with moss, sumac, and other colorful vines, and swaying, foot bridges suspended over chasms. We crossed the Eastern Continental Divide, and the south branch of the Potomac River. An abundance of cows, sheep and goats grazed amidst all the color. I hadn't thought about "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" in years, but seeing one of these very large horned animals made me ever so glad I wasn't the troll under the bridge.

This is my 3rd or 4th trip to West Virginia, and still one of my favorite places to "get away." I decided at least ten years ago that this state is one of the best kept secrets in the country. Now I'm not so sure it's a secret any more. There's entirely too much development, and there have been remarkable and disturbing changes since my first trip in the early 1990s.

Ned's and my purpose in making this trip is to plan our family reunion which will take place here in July of 2007. Now, to borrow words from Peggy Noonan, "I'm not sure I want any more outsiders like me coming here," discovering the vast, wild beauty, and contributing to the "improvements" which are all too apparent. Still, one can't stop progress, and I suppose the best course of action is to encourage people to see this amazing state before it suffers any further modernization.

We should sleep well tonight. I'll be under all the blankets I can find!

Love, Ellen

**VVV Reunion in 2007, July 19-21, 2007**  
**Blackwater Falls State Park, West Virginia**  
**Hosted by Ellen and Ned Cummings**  
**You must make Reservations by December 31, 2006 to guarantee a room, Make**  
**it an extra Holiday Gift this year, and have a great summer next year**  
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#### Old VVV Family Recipes

This recipe below has floated around the internet for a long time. Does anyone have any "old" family recipes they would like to share. If anyone knows which family Mavis belongs to, please let me know. Georgene

#### GREEN TOMATO RELISH BY MAVIS VAWTER

Serving Size : 11 Pints

| Amount | Measure | Ingredient -- Preparation Method    |
|--------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 4      | qt      | Green tomatoes, chopped, - unpeeled |
| 1      | qt      | Onions finely chopped               |
| 2      | c       | Bell pepper, chopped                |
| 1/2    | c       | Hot peppers, chopped                |
| 2 1/2  | c       | White vinegar                       |
| 1/4    | c       | Pickling salt (not iodized)         |
| 1      | t       | Pickling spices                     |
| 4      | c       | White vinegar                       |

After vegetables are chopped, drain off liquid and discard. Combine ingredients in a dutch oven, bring to a boil and boil 20 minutes. Pour into hot sterilized pint jars. Leave 1/2-inch at top of jar. Put on hot lids and rings. Process 10 minutes in boiling water bath.