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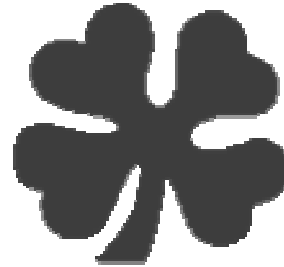
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**VVV Reunion for 2007 July 19-21, 2007  
Blackwater Falls State Park  
Davis - West Virginia  
Hosted by Ellen and Ned Cummings**

There are but a handful of rooms left, you must call as soon as possible. Have a great summer vacation and meet other family members from throughout the nation.

Phone 304-259-5216 or  
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Family fun and togetherness, great food, dancing and music, train rides, genealogy and sight seeing.  
Come to West Virginia.

See page 2 and 3 for complete details of the fun.  
Photo: Ellen checking out our fabulous vacation facility



2007 REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 19

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.....Registration
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.....Early Bird Dinner
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.....Introduction & Overview of Blackwater Falls Park
8:00 p.m.....Site Committee Meeting
9:00 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, July 20

7:00 a.m.....Breakfast
8:00 a.m.....Business Meeting
9:30 a.m.....Depart for Belington & Train Ride
4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.....1st Genealogy Session
6:00 p.m.-.....Dinner
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.....Music by the Cheat Mountain Corksniffers
folk music and square dancing.

Saturday, July 21

8:00.....Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30.....2nd Genealogy Session
10:30 – Noon .....3rd Genealogy Session

Or... You are free to enjoy the sights and activities available throughout the area.

7:00 p.m..... Annual Banquet
Invocation
Meal

Reunion Meal Plans
Thursday evening buffet of lasagna, spaghetti,
salad, bread, dessert, and beverage for \$9.95
Friday evening will be fried chicken, cole
slaw, vegetable, bread, dessert, beverage, for
\$11.95.
Saturday evening meal will be a three entree
buffet with all the trimmings for \$13.95.
Children under 12 are charged half price.
Additional information in the June Newsletter

Memorial Service
Love Offering for Vauter’s Church
Special Recognition
Youngest & Oldest
Couple Married Longest
Longest Distance Traveled
Roll Call of States
Final Registration Report
Invitation to 2006 Reunion
Door Prizes
Adjournment

Sunday, July 22

8:00 a.m.....Brief Service of Worship

Ellen Cummings has booked our association on the Tygart Flyer train for Friday, July 20th. This is for a 4 hour ride, leaving at 11:00 a.m. and returning at 3:00 in the afternoon. The drive from the lodge to Elkins, where the train departs, is approximately 45 minutes. We have reserved two cars for us, which seat 64 and 48. This looks like a fabulous experience. The fee will be \$15.00 per person, very reasonable, and a great buffet lunch at \$9.00.



**The New Tygart Flyer.** Travel in style aboard our premier rail excursion as you are transported deep into West Virginia's wilderness. The trip of 4 hours will feature two steep mountain grades, a unique "S curve" tunnel, several high bridges and many scenic mountain and river valley views.

As you travel onboard our trains, you begin to realize just how "wild" WILD, WONDERFUL WEST VIRGINIA really can be with over 350,000 acres of the Monongahela National Forest adjoining our route. Trips cover the entire length of the upper reaches of the Shaver's Fork River and extend along both forks of the Greenbrier River and a portion of the Tygart Valley River, too. These streams are some of the most isolated, picturesque bodies of water to be found anywhere and include waterfalls and cascades located in deep densely forested canyons, miles from the encroachments of civilization. We invite you to explore the "Wild Heart of West Virginia".



**After Dinner on Friday, July 20, Music and Entertainment and Square Dancing to the music of Cheat Mountain Corksniffers**

Gerry Milnes on fiddle, banjo and guitar; Jesse Milnes on fiddle and guitar; Sam Linkous on upright bass and guitar and Mary Alice Milnes, dance caller.

The Corksniffers play a wide variety of Old-Time music from West Virginia and beyond, from lively fiddle tunes and vocals to beautiful waltzes. They enjoy playing square dances and will have you tapping your toes and swinging your partner.

Gerry is a fulltime folklorist, author and filmmaker. Jesse is a fulltime award winning musician and instrument repairman. Sam has been playing Old-Time music for over 30 years and performed throughout the area. Mary Alice Milnes, a dance caller also teaches traditional dances.

Come one, come all.....A fun time will be had by all during and after our Friday night meal.

## **IN REMEMBRANCE**

### **The Central Virginian July 7, 2006 Robert F. Vawter**

Robert Franklin Vawter, 91, of Urbanna, formerly of Richmond, died Thursday, June 29, 2006.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 3 at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa.

He is survived by his daughter, Delores V. Terry of Richmond; a stepdaughter, Blythe Randolph of Atlanta, Georgia; a stepson, Deane Blythe of Troy, Michigan; and a brother, Clifton T. Vawter of Louisa.

He was a World War II United States Army veteran.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Central Middlesex Rescue Squad, Urbanna, VA 23175.

Woodward Funeral Home, Louisa, handled the arrangements

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### **The Desert Sun Palm Springs, CA July 15, 2006 Rafaela Vawter**

Rafaela Vawter, 60, of Cathedral City died July 5, 2006, in Palm Springs. She was born Dec. 15, 1945, to Rigoberto and Arsilia Pinon in San Juan, Texas. She married Frank Vawter on Feb. 23, 1987, in Cathedral City and was a homemaker. She is survived by two daughters, Laura Perez of Palm Springs and Arsilia Quintero of Cathedral City; three sons, Romeo Rodea of Desert Hot Springs, Gilbert Rodea of Indio and Ruben Rodea of Cathedral City; two sisters, Maria Garcia and Yolanda Aleman of Cathedral City; three brothers, Rigoberto and Manuel Pinon of Cathedral City and Juan Pinon of Palm Desert; and 18 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Vawter. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Wiefels & Son Funeral Directors in Palm Springs. Interment will be in San Juan, Texas, with Wiefels & Son Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

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### **McKenzie Banner, McKenzie, TN SHERRY EUGENE "BULL" BULLINGTON 1924-2006**

VALE: Sherry Eugene "Bull" Bullington, 81, of Vale died Sunday, October 15 at Life Care Center in Bruceton. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, October 17 at Dilday Funeral Home in Huntingdon with Rev. James Humphreys officiating. Interment followed in Pisgah Cemetery.

He was born September 22, 1924 in Carroll County to the late Paul and Olga Vawter Bullington. He was a member of New Hope Methodist Church, a retired employee at the Milan Arsenal, and a member of VFW Post 4349. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Bullington, and one daughter, Mary Bullington.

Survivors include: one daughter, Lynn Boothe of Huntingdon; three sons, Rodney Bullington of Atwood and Douglas Bullington and Dwight Bullington, both of Bruceton; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

### **Petit Jean County Headlight, Morrilton, AR, Faye S. Vaughter**

Faye Short Vaughter, 57, of Savannah, Ga., wife of Dr. James H. Vaughter died Thursday morning, Aug. 17, 2006, at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

Born in Morrilton, Ark., she was a daughter of the late Alvin Davis Short and Levoria Virginia (Hickman) Short. Faye was an active member of White Bluff United Methodist Church where she taught the senior high Sunday School class and was a member of the Seekers Sunday School Class.

She received her music degree from the University of Central Arkansas with an emphasis on piano. Faye previously served for more than 20 years as the pianist for the Bigelow Baptist Church, and was formerly a music teacher in the public schools in Arkansas, Tennessee and South Carolina.

Surviving are her husband of 14 years, Dr. James H. Vaughter of Savannah, Ga.; two sons, Donald L. Langston, Jr. and his wife, Peggy, of Bigelow, Ark., and Kevin L. Langston and his wife, Misty, of West Fork, Ark.; two brothers, including her twin brother, Ray G. Short and his wife, Libby, of Germantown, Tenn., and Bill A. Short and his wife, Judy, of Dallas, Texas; her brother-in-law, William R Vaughter Jr. of Savannah, Ga.; and six grandchildren, Jordan Langston, Spencer Langston, Madison Leach, Morgan Leach, Graham Langston and Abigail Langston.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Aug. 26, at Griffin Leggett Funeral Home in Conway, Ark.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that those who wish may make memorials to White Bluff United Methodist Church, 11911 White Bluff Road, Savannah, GA 31419.

Gamble Funeral Service, Savannah, is in charge of arrangements.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**The Coloradoan Oct 29, 2006 Fort Collins, CO. Phyllis Elizabeth Vawter Reed**, 90, passed away quietly at her home in Fort Collins on Oct. 12, 2006. Phyllis was the last surviving of six children of Bennie Beverly Vawter and Valera Crawford Vawter. She was born April 22, 1916, in Fowler. She attended public schools there, graduating from Fowler High School in 1934. Piano lessons in early childhood led to a lifelong love of music. As a student, Phyllis was soon in demand to play for meetings and functions of civic groups and service clubs. She enrolled at Colorado State Teachers' College (now University of Northern Colorado), learned to play the organ and obtained a teaching certificate in 1936. After teaching in Otero and Crowley county schools, Phyllis returned to Greeley and completed a bachelor of arts degree in 1942. She then taught first and second grade in Estes Park. There she met her future husband, Edward Reed, then on leave from military service. They married Jan. 2, 1946, after his discharge.

In Estes Park, the family grew from two to four with the births of a son and a daughter. The family moved to the thriving postwar Vet Village complex for G.I. Bill students and their families on Fort Collins' Colorado A & M College campus in 1951. After four years in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Phyllis and family settled permanently in Fort Collins in 1959. Here, Phyllis was a Colorado State University faculty wife until 1972. For 10 years after that, she worked first as the one-woman office staff of the locally based Ecology Consultants Inc., and then as a member of the Fort Collins office of Environmental Research and Technology.

First and foremost, however, Phyllis was a homemaker, a wonderful wife, and a loving caring mother and grandmother. She enjoyed gardening and the outdoors, crocheting and knitting, art and music, reading and genealogical research. Together with her husband, she spent a sabbatical year in Austria and traveled elsewhere in Europe and east Asia. Her life was long, full and happy.

Phyllis was preceded in death by two brothers, Alan and Max Vawter, and three sisters, Lillian Powers, Kathleen Stewart and Virginia Bradt. She is survived by a loving family: her husband of 60 years, Edward; a son, Dale, of Palo Alto, Calif.; a daughter, Jean Hauser, of Phoenix; two grandsons, Brian Hauser, of Dallas, and Geoffrey Hauser, of Phoenix; and a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. A celebration of life is planned for a future date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hospice Service of Larimer County.

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**The Herald-Sun 9 Apr 2006 DURHAM, NC - Mr. Leon Graham**, 78, died April 5, 2006. He served in the U.S. Army. He retired as a brick mason.

He was preceded in death by Eloise "Sweetnin" Joyner. They had four children: Robbin Jones (Leon), Faye Mims Barbee (James), Frank Mims and Rodney Williams.

He was married to Mary Graham and they had eight children: Robert Graham (Denise), Roy Lee, **Eva Vaughters** (Arnold), Leonard Graham, Janett Herring, Tracy Wilson, Stevens Graham, and Deon Johnson. He had four sisters, 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m., Holloway Funeral Home; visitation one hour prior to the funeral.

**The Daily News Journal Murfreesboro, TN, Florence Ella Vaughter Malone**, age 94 of Murfreesboro. died May 29, 2006 at Community Care of Rutherford County. She was the founder and operator of Malone's Residential Care Home.

South Bend Tribune (IN) July 23, 2006

**Marie V. Hawkins**, 97, formerly of Mishawaka, passed away in the early morning hours on Friday, July 21, 2006, in the Lutheran Home and Services of Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Marie was born on December 4, 1908, in Whitthorne, Tennessee, to the late **Horace and Emily (Burrow)Vawter**. In May 1953 she married Russell Hawkins in Milan, Tennessee. He preceded her in death on March 7, 1971. Marie was employed at Robertson's Department Store in South Bend. She retired in 1974 after being employed with Robertson's for 15 years.

Marie is survived by her daughter, Peggy Brown of Arlington Heights, Illinois, along with seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Ann St. John; a grandson, Larry St. John; three sisters and two brothers. Funeral services are to be held in the funeral chapel at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 25th, with Rev. Scott Smith officiating. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Mishawaka.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

*Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville The Times, Gainesville, Ga., July 10, 2006*

Havard B. Harben, 79, of Dawsonville died Sunday, July 9, 2006, at Northside Forsyth Hospital following a brief illness. A lifelong resident of Dawson County, Mr. Harben was a retired employee of Dawson County and was a member of Juno Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, Grady Harben; mother, Ida Reed Harben; and brothers, Herbert H. Harben, Roy D. Harben and Warren G. Harben.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Irene Burt Harben, Dawsonville; children, Stevie and Linda Harben and Vickie and W.C. Quarles, all of Dawsonville; grandson, Shannon Harben, Dawsonville; sisters and brothers-in-law, **Beatrice and George Vaughters** and Aline and Lawton Burt, all of Dawsonville; brothers and sisters-in-law, Clifton and Ruby Harben and Gary and Gail Harben, all of Dawsonville; sisters-in-law, Arlene Swafford, Luna Harben and Maude Harben, all of Dawsonville; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at Juno Baptist Church. The remains will be placed in state at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Tim Bidy and the Rev. Leonard W. Ridings will officiate. Interment will be in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Juno Baptist Church Building Fund, 3185 Elliott Family Parkway, Dawsonville, GA 30534.

*Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville The Times, Gainesville, Ga., Nov. 15, 2006*

Luna V. Harben, 84, of Dawsonville passed away Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at Gold City Convalescent Center following an extended illness. Mrs. Harben was a native and lifelong resident of Dawson County. She was a homemaker and a member of Bethel Baptist Church. Mrs. Harben was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Harben; daughter, Clara Bearden; son, Len Harben; an infant daughter; son-in-law, Dorsey Bearden; her parents, **Homer and Emma Vaughters**; brother and sister-in-law, **Boyd and Wilma Vaughters**; and a brother-in-law, Artis Bruce.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Ruby Jane and Garry Bearden, Dawsonville; son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd and Jan Harben, Dawsonville; sister, Lelia Bruce, Dawsonville; grandchildren, Carrie and Brooke Anderson, Clint and Jamey Bearden, Laura and Bo Cox, Deedra and Chad Cofield, Heather and Drew Allen, Sid Bearden, Samantha and David Crane; great-grandchildren, Grace Anderson, Rob Cox, Chris and Chase Cofield, Andrew and Janna Allen, Jacob Bearden and Leonard Crane. A large number of other relatives also survive.

Funeral services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, from Bethel Baptist Church. The Rev. Harold Evans, the Rev. Leonard W. Ridings and the Rev. Lawton Burt will officiate. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Flowers will be accepted. However, in lieu of flowers those desiring to do so may make contributions to the Bethel Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o **Clayton Vaughters** 3165 Highway 136 West, Dawsonville, GA 30534.

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**The Victoria Advocate, Victoria, TX, Gloria Vawter**

Gloria Vawter age 77 died Tuesday, 7 Feb 2006 El Campo, TX

**The Tuscaloosa News 13 Oct 2006 Willie Lee Vawters**

Moundville, Willie Lee Vawters, age 68, of Moundville, died Oct 11, 2006 at UAB Medical Center in Birmingham Services will be 2 p. m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Moundville, AL

Obituaries - 6/20/2006 By: North County Times and The Californian -

OCEANSIDE - Clara Beatrice Simpson, 87, died of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and heart disease, Friday, June 16, 2006, at the La Costa branch of the San Diego Hospice. Born Nov. 14, 1918, in Galeton, Colo., she lived in Oceanside for 20 years. Mrs. Simpson was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Howard Simpson.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Bert Powell, **Sandy and Jim Vawter**; son and daughter-in-law Steven and Hillary Simpson; son and companion Scott Simpson and Becky Davis; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Saturday, July 1, at her granddaughter, Tamara Tate's home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Habitat for Humanity, 10222 San Diego Mission Road, San Diego, CA 92108. Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills is handling the arrangements.

10/21/2006 The Cleveland, OH newspaper The Morning Journal  
Fred Deering to leave Erie MetroParks board By RICHARD PAYERCHIN , Sandusky Bureau Chief

**HURON TOWNSHIP -- A newcomer will take a seat on Erie MetroParks' board of commissioners at the beginning of 2007, replacing longtime Commissioner Fred Deering.**

Micah Vawters of Perkins Township will take a seat on the three-member board Jan. 1, according to the appointment made by Judge Roger E. Binette of the Erie County Common Pleas Court.

Vawters will take the seat held by Deering, who came to the park board after a decades-long career in other public service posts.

"As a close and personal family friend, I am confident Micah will prove to be a valuable asset to our community by serving on this board," Binette said. "He is a man of character, of integrity and honesty. As a man of faith, he has strong convictions of 'right and wrong,' and lives by those convictions daily. He is a humble man, willing to listen and learn from his fellow citizens. He is not a person who seeks the limelight, but chooses to be a leader by example. He understands the need for parks in our community and the benefits they offer. Yet, he holds a great respect for the property rights of our citizens, ensuring constitutional accountability of our government's actions."

A Medina native, Vawters is an Army Reserve veteran, a 14-year employee with Ford Motor Co. and a member of United Auto Workers Local 2000. A Democrat, Vawters will be the first African-American to serve as a commissioner on the board.

Vawters also is the husband of Binette's judicial administrator and official court reporter, Sherma Vawters, and their family has long enjoyed the using the parks with their two children for exercise, recreation, summer camps, scouting programs and soccer, the judge said.

Georgia Southern University is seeking nominations for the 2007 Golden Award, which honors the state's best composition teacher.

The Marv Vawter Scholarship provides \$1,500 to a student pursuing a career in advertising.

Applications are due by Dec. 15. They are available online at [www.savannahadfed.com](http://www.savannahadfed.com) or through area college financial aid offices. For additional information, please visit [www.savannahadfed.com](http://www.savannahadfed.com) or call (912) 507-7617.

## In Remembrance

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home, Canton, IL

**Donald Irvin Vawter**, December 4, 1938 - October 8, 2006, age 67 of 128 Pecan died Sunday October 8, 2006 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born on December 4, 1938 in Farmington to Harry and Edith (Gilstrap) Vawter. He married Alice Scott on November 3, 1957 in Farmington, she survives.

Also surviving are one son **Randy Lee Vawter** of Canton, one daughter Candy Lynn (Mike) Russell of Canton, one brother **Richard (Pat) Vawter** of Farmington, one sister Connie (Paul) Bugos of Farmington, three grandsons Shawn, Matt, and Phillip Russell all of Canton. Two granddaughters Katie(Tim) Peters of Chillicothe, and Kim Vawter of Canton. Also surviving are one aunt Mary Simpson of Peoria, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was a meat cutter for A&P Grocery in Canton for 18 years, he then worked as a meat merchandiser for several years, and he last worked at Sav-A-Lot grocery store in Pekin. He was a member of the Morning Star Lodge 734 AF & AM in Canton and the First Baptist Church in Canton.

Funeral services were held Thursday at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Canton, Rev. Keith Jones will officiate. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Canton. Memorials may be made to his church or the American Cancer Society, or to his Masonic Lodge.

**Post Independent (Denver) by Donna Gray Post Independent Staff, March 12,2006**

## **If anyone can answer the question " Will history repeat itself?," it's Glen Vawter**

Vawter was at ground zero in western Colorado during the oil shale boom and bust of the 1980s. He's back at it again as a consultant on an oil shale research project in the Piceance Basin.

He will speak about the history and future of oil shale in western Colorado at the Friends of the Library Winter Lecture Series at the Glenwood Springs Library, at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Even before the boom of the 1970s and '80s, when Vawter was an engineer with The Oil Shale Corp., a partner with Exxon in the Colony Oil Shale Project, the rock that burned was known as a precious resource.

Back in the 1920s, when automobiles were taking over mass transportation from the horse, gasoline was a relatively scarce commodity.

Before the big oil fields of Texas and California were discovered, "oil prices skyrocketed," Vawter said, "and that brought prospectors to Colorado."

Oil shale was known to the aboriginal inhabitants of Colorado, who may have used it for medicine, he said. Immigrants from Scotland brought a retort process, which involves heating the rock to release the liquid oil or kerosene, to America.

Before the turn of the century, oil from shale was used in lamps.

In the 1920s, entrepreneurs looking to strike it rich with oil shale set up a demonstration retort in Chicago to lure investors, Vawter said. "It was very promotional. There were a lot of scams."

By the mid-1920s, oil was discovered in quantity. Oil shale prices plummeted and the first bust was on in western Colorado. By World War II, the Navy was concerned about strategic supplies of oil and set aside land in Colorado and Utah as the Naval Oil Shale Reserve, to ensure the country had long-term supply.

The oil shale industry began moving toward commercial production in the 1960s, Vawter said, and that's when he first came into the picture. Even then people were worried about the future of oil especially in relation to OPEC - Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

In 1964, The Oil Shale Corp. was formed and Vawter came on as a petroleum engineer. He worked at Tosco, as the company came to be called, on a prototype retort process which Exxon used in its oil shale production at the Colony Project in Parachute, then called Grand Valley.

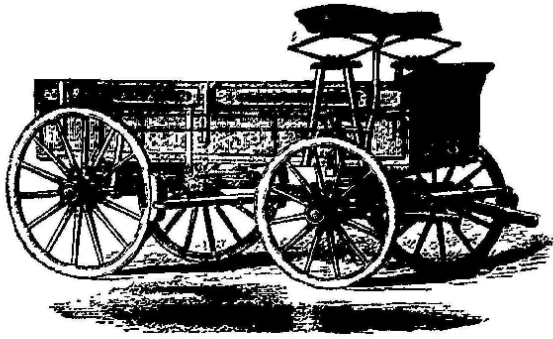
As many feared, OPEC curtailed oil supplies to the United States in 1972. Thus began the rush to find alternative sources of oil.

Coincident to the buildup of the Colony Project, Tosco bought thousands of acres of land on Battlement Mesa for a subdivision to house all the workers who would come into the area when oil shale went to commercial production.

But that development did not play out as expected. Instead, the money for oil shale development dried up, helped along by a then record-breaking downturn in the stock market when the energy for oil shale deflated like a busted balloon. Tosco sold out its 40 percent share in Colony to Exxon, including its interest in Battlement Mesa. Exxon pulled out of Colony and Parachute on May 2, 1982.

Vawter stayed on in oil shale for several years working for Occidental Petroleum at its oil shale project in Utah. In the latest chapter of oil shale development, Vawter is once again at ground zero. Now employed as a consultant to EGL Resources, he is helping the company craft an experimental extraction process for removing oil from shale on a Bureau of Land Management lease in the Piceance Basin.

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**OVERLAND Freight Line.**

The Helena Independent newspaper 20 October 1875.  
Benton Items.  
Pekins train arrived from Cow Island yesterday, and the remainder of the freight of the Mead and Benton will be in during the coming week. Among the consignments are the following: W. S. Wetzel & Co, Benton 44,320 pounds; C. L. Vawter & Co., Helena, 2 wagons and 2,984 pounds; T. C. Power & Bro., Benton, 3 buggies and 15,667 pounds.....

The Independent Helena , March 10, 1875, advertisement of Vawter & Co., the ad to the left ran for several months in 1875 and 1876.

The Helena Independent 1 Jul 1881. St. Louis Flour, just received one carload Plant's Extra St. Louis Flour. C. L. Vawter, Broadway

John Grey Vawter and sons Cornelius L. , John G. (jr) and Benjamin S. were freighters, grocers and true western pioneers. The whole story of their lives can be found on the [www.vawterfamily.org](http://www.vawterfamily.org) website. John G, son of Philemon, son of David Vawter, also related to Richard Vawter thru wife of David Vawter, Anne. Both David and Richard sons of John, son of Bartholomew Vawter.

The Helena Daily Independent, Sunday, May 29, 1932 by A. Nash, narrated by John G. Vawter, Jr (Excerpted from a larger article, found on the website) The last Journey  
In 1877 Col. Vawter placed an order with the wholesale dealers in St. Louis for a load of groceries to be shipped by boat to Fort Benton. The old "Key West" was loaded, mostly with this order, and started up the Missouri river for Fort Benton, a 3,000 mile journey by the river route. Several days after it started on the trip, Col. Vawter and his son, John, boarded the boat at Yankton, Dakota territory, as it was then known. Fate had decreed that this should be the last trip for the pioneer merchant. The next morning after they started up the river, he complained that a pimple on the back of his neck was causing him trouble, and he requested his son to look at it and see what he could do to help. After inspection the son reported "no pimple there." A day or two later it had developed into a carbuncle of a malignant type. The merchant was suffering much pain, but he refused to land and seek the professional services of an army surgeon at one of the forts along the river. He regarded it as very important that he should go on to Fort Benton. An army surgeon boarded the boat at Fort Sully. He examined Col. Vawter and declared the case fraught with serious danger. He made the declaration that the patient would not reach Fort Benton alive. His advice was to land and seek medical attention at a hospital conveniently located near the Missouri river. Col. Vawter said to his son: "These doctors are trying to make me believe that I am going to die because of this little trouble on the back of my neck, but I am going on to Fort Benton." An army surgeon was secured at Fort Peck to accompany him on the trip to Fort Benton. When the boat reached a point near the mouth of the Musselshell river, the merchant passed peacefully away.

## A FRIEND

Around the corner I have a friend  
In this great city that has no end,  
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,  
And before I know it, a year is gone  
And I never see my old friend's face,  
For life is a swift and terrible race,  
He knows I like him just as well,  
As in the days when I rang his bell,  
And he rang mine.  
If, we were younger then,  
And now we are busy, tired men.  
Tired of playing a foolish game,  
Tired of trying to make a name.  
"Tomorrow" I say, "I will call on Jim"  
"Just to show that I'm thinking of him."  
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,  
And distance between us grows and grows.  
Around the corner - yet miles away,  
"Here's a telegram sir-"  
"Jim died today."  
And that's what we get and deserve  
in the end.  
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

If you love someone, tell them.  
Remember always to say what you mean.  
Never be afraid to express yourself.  
Take this opportunity to tell someone  
what they mean to you.  
Seize the day and have no regrets.  
Most importantly, stay close to your  
friends and family, for they have helped  
make you the person that you are today  
and are what it's all about anyway.



The Kinmundy Express", Kinmundy, Ill

Dec. 12, 1918: - Mrs. Mack HUMPHREY died at her home in Bridgeport on Tuesday following influenza. She is the daughter of J. H. VAWTER of Salem.

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1897 City Directory, Des Moines, IA page 571  
Vawter, Flora K. clk, res 1218 28<sup>th</sup>  
Vawter, Keith (Vawter & Sons), res 1218 28<sup>th</sup>  
Vawter Renn res 1218 28th  
Vawter & Sons (Keith Vawter), book store 1215 25<sup>th</sup>,  
res 1218 28<sup>th</sup>

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Tacoma, Washington 1921 City Directory page 758  
Vauter, Bessie A Sten r. 811 E. 63d  
- Jas A. (Clara K) agt. h. 811 E. 63d  
- Jas A. jr. r. 811 E. 63d

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Vawter, Bross (Alice) gro 6447 S. Puget Sound ave h.  
6402 S. Warner  
- Chas E. clk r. 6402 S. Warner  
- Clarence H. (Lillian) lab h 6014 S. Lawrence  
- Harry L. (Mary) clk h 5607 S. Clement Av

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DuPage County Register (Bensenville, IL) 21 July  
1939. Mrs. Paul E. Vawter will be hostess to friends  
from Evanston and Park Ridge at 1:00 o'clock  
luncheon bridge, tomorrow

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Cook County Herald (Arlington Heights, IL) 17 Jan  
1941. Mrs. Paul Vawter, So. Chestnut ave. was  
hostess Monday to eight guests who enjoyed a bridge

1902 Photograph of Charles E. Vawter, Industrial Educator, Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute later, Virginia State University. Captain Charles E. Vawter was rector of the Board of Visitors from 1902 until his death in 1905. Captain Vawter served in the Confederacy along with 3 of his brothers during the War Between the States.

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New Orleans Passenger Lists, 1820-1945  
Arrival Date: 24 Dec 1912 New Orleans, LA  
Departure from Bocas Del Toro and Colon,  
Panama  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Vawter both age 40 from  
Iowa  
Ship: Atenas

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"If you would not be forgotten,  
As soon as you are dead and rotten,  
Either write things worthy of reading,  
Or do things worthy of writing."  
--Benjamin Franklin, May 1738

**Vaughters Burkhalter, son of Sally Vaughters and Peter Burkhalter,  
grandson of Whorton Vaughters**

Tattnall-Liberty County GaArchives Deed.....Burkhalter, Vaughters - Waters, William August 2, 1850  
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<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/ga/gafiles.htm>

19 acres, originally part of 200 acres granted to William Ellis Written: August 2, 1850  
Recorded: November 7, 1850

Georgia, Tattnall County. This indenture made and entered into this second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty between William Waters of the one part and Vaughters Burkhalter of the other part. Witnesseth that the said William Waters for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars cash to him in hand paid at and before the signing sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold and conveyed unto the said Vaughters Burkhalter his heirs and assigns nineteen acres of land more or less it being a part of a tract of land granted to William Ellis said tract of land containing two hundred acres of land in Liberty County when surveyed but now Tattnall and on the waters of Beards Creek said granted being dated February 13th, 1806 as a plat of the same do represent. To have and to hold said tract or parcel of land unto him the said Vaughters Burkhalter her heirs and assigns together with all and singular the right members and appurtenances belonging thereto to his own use benefit and behalf forever in fee simple and I the said William Waters for myself my heirs and assigns the said bargained premises unto the said Vaughters Burkhalter his heirs and assigns will warrant and forever defend the right and title thereof against themselves from ever laying any manner or claim to the above mentioned premises in witness wharof the said William Waters hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed sealed and delivered in presents of Benj. F. Dowdy, Josiah Grooms Signed William Waters (L.S.) Georgia, Tattnall County

Personally appeared before me Charles Blount one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said county Benj. F. Dowdy and after being duly sworn deposeth and said that he saw William Waters sign seal and deliver the within deed and he also saw Josiah Grooms signs as a witness and the he signed as a witness also.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 18th of Oct. 1850., Charles Blount J.I.C.  
Recorded this 7 November 1850, James B. Smith Clerk

Benj.

**Bridwell Library Manuscript Letters and Documents Collection**

**Ministerial Orders and Ordination Certificates**

Fisher, Fred B., Local Preacher's License, 1902, July 15, Methodist Episcopal Church, North Indiana Annual Conference, Kokomo District, Grace Church Quarterly Conference, signed by H. N. Herrick, President, and Frank M. Vawter, Secretary, at Kokomo, Indiana. ADS

**GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS FROM REPORTED DEATHS**

**THE NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE 1915-1919; 1929** August 9, 1918. JULIA ELLEN JOHNSON daughter of Elliott and Julia Pack Vawter, born Mercer Co., W. Va., April 18, 1846; moved with parents to Monroe Co., W. Va.; married James M. Johnson, Oct. 31, 1867; died Bromhurst, W. Va., May 5, 1918.

*Winfield Courier*, August 21, 1884. (KS) A few of the faithful Democrats met in conclave last Saturday and elected as delegates to the state convention C. G. Thompson, D. Cole, R. Hite, E. Harned, T. McIntire, S. L. Gilbert, and Dr. Jamison Vawter. They meet in Topeka today (Wednesday) to re-nominate G. W. Glick.

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This is only a sample and is not complete of the U S Census for the Vawter/Vauter/Vaughter family. Many other spellings should not be dismissed as census takers were not always good spellers. Additional census records will continue in another issue.

Send your queries, questions, articles and other news to the editor, we would like to include as many family lines as possible. Family stories, recipes, pictures, events, birth, death and marriage. The newsletter is your bulletin board of information. Looking for someone or something special, send along a note, lots of people are looking for the same ancestors or family members.

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Vawter, George W. History of Greenville Community, Monroe County, West Virginia. 1928. (W975.478  
V291h) (excerpted)

The first house in Greenville was built for James Vawtor, uncle of the writer, and stood where Frank Maddy now lives. This home was built by John Houchins in 1844. The next house was a store constructed for the use of my father and uncle, James Vawter, and stood just about on the location of the present J. F. Maddy's store. The third house was the Logan-Shanklin home, in which he kept a hotel. There was a store house built about this date on the corner where R. H. Arnott's store now stands, in which Baldwin Ballard and his brother John carried on a general mercantile business. What is now Greenville was known at that time as Centerville. In the course of a lot sale in the town, John Houchins bought two lots, one opposite the Presbyterian Church, where he constructed a building, in which he ran a carding machine by horse-power. The Methodist Parsonage was built at a very early date. About the same time a dwelling house was put up by Jim Lawrence, in which Dr. Shannon Butt lived. Dr. Butt was the father of Dr. Henry Butt who had for years the largest country practice that any physician ever had in Monroe County. Not far from this time Anderson McNeer put up a tobacco factory, and his brother John a tannery.

The first school in the vicinity of Greenville was taught by William Shanklin to whom reference was made above. It was located in a house about half way between his own and that of John C. Ballard. The first school house in Greenville stood on the point of the ridge, below the Methodist Church. It had but one window, and that a small one containing eight panes of glass, size 8 by 10 inches. The earliest teacher mentioned was Henderson Ellis who certainly was on the job in 1857.

A brief history of Peterstown Community, West Virginia. This is an excerpt of a longer article.

The first home in what is now Peterstown was the Jim Ed. Spangler house, recently destroyed by fire. This house was built here by Christian Peters at some time shortly before the year 1800. Peterstown was laid off into lots and streets in 1801 by Peters and at first contained 18 1/2 acres. It became a town by the Act of the Virginia Legislature January 4, 1804, although at that time there were no more than two houses here. The first trustees or council were William Vaughter, Edward Willis, John McCroskey, Henry McDaniel and Hugh Caperton. Probably none of them lived in Peters town at that time and some of them never lived in the town.

### Black Hawk War ca 1832, western Frontier (IL)

Mary H.6 Vawter, Beverly<sup>5</sup>, Russell<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Barth<sup>1</sup>

Mary "Polly" H. Vawter b. 14 Dec 1807 d. 3 Aug 1840 McDonough Co., IL

Furnished by Marvin T. Jones, 7890 158<sup>th</sup> Ave., SE Wyndmere, ND 58081, from the book *Some Descendants of Ephraim Pennington, Rowan Co., NC, including those of Pennington Point, McDonough Co., IL* by Marvin T. Jones. Private pub.

Thomas Jefferson Pennington b. 10 Mar 1810 East Fork Ck, Barren Co., KY d. 27 Sep 1875 Industry, McDonough Co., IL. He m. (1) 29 Nov 1827 Monroe Co., KY to Polly Vawter m. (2) 15 Apr 1841, Industry, McDonough Co., IL to Mary Jane Smithers dau. of Thomas Smithers and Nancy Anderson. Thomas was the son of John Stewart Pennington. He was but 17 when he married Polly, soon after marriage they moved to McDonough Co., IL. In 1832, Thomas joined a battalion of men which was raised in the county to serve in the Black Hawk War. They marched to Oquawka and were stationed there for the purpose of guarding the frontier. "They were out eighty-six days, but performed no special service. They drew their rations regularly ate heartily, played euchre, and visited the friendly Indian camps on the opposite side of the river."

## David and Lucinda (Glover) Vawter Old VVV Recipe

David was the 9<sup>th</sup> child of Philemon Vawter (David Vawter and Mary Offitt) and Anne Vawter (Richard Vawter and Frances Towles). David and Richard, sons of John Vawter, son of Bartholomew.

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

From the book *Romantic Recipes of the Old South*, copy right 1950 by Imperial Sugar Co., Sugar Land, TX comes the following:

The Vawter Plantation in Louisiana was a center of hospitality, as were many of the plantations of the south. Governors, senators, writers and artists were among its guests. All were enthralled by the unusual foods prepared by the wrinkled colored cook. They especially complimented the Sorghum Molasses Cookies and often asked for them on subsequent visits.

### Cookies

1 cup molasses	1 cup boiling water	2 teaspoons salt
1 cup sugar	1 tablespoon ginger	6 cups flour (enough for stiff dough)
1 cup butter	4 teaspoons soda	

Combine molasses, butter and sugar in sauce pan; place over low heat until mixture begins to boil. Add 1 cup boiling water and ginger. Pour into large mixing bowl and stir in 2 teaspoons of soda. (This makes a foamy mixture) Add flour sifted with salt and remaining 2 teaspoons of soda. Mix well. Chill dough and then roll thin and cut into desired shape. Place 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake in moderately hot oven (375) for 10-12 min. Makes 7 dozen, 3 inch cookies.

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

### Louisiana Census

1840 David Vauters Claiborne Parish page 112

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

#431 Vauter Lucenda 45 F W widow KY REMARKS: Lucenda Glover Vawter w/o David Vawter

Vauter John 21 M W Clerk KY - REMARKS: m Mary Durkee

Vauter David 15 M W IN - REMARKS: M.D. m. Nancy Weir

Vauter Martha 12 F W IN - REMARKS: m J. C. White

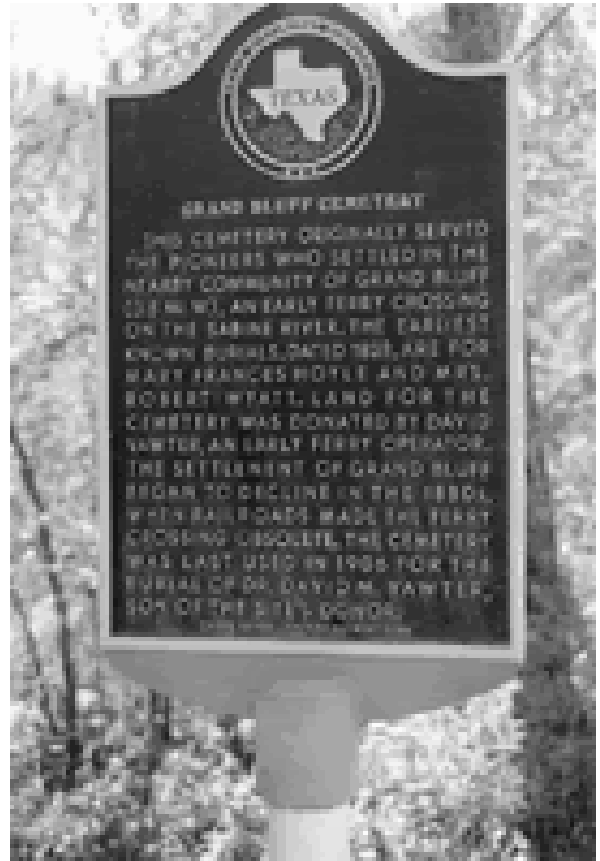
Vauter Eugene F. 4 M W TX

A grandson of Lucinda relates this story about the river:

George Lewis Vawter writes to Grace Vawter Bicknell for her book *Vawter Family in America* of 1905. "An account of the family would not be complete without the mention of "Uncle Allen" the old negro slave, who ran the Grand Bluff ferry boat for fifteen years as a slave and many more years as a free man. On account of debt, his father and mother and himself were afraid of being sold apart, and so his mother sent him to Lewis Vawter to see if he would buy them for the David Vawter estate. This he did and thus "Uncle Allen" "Aunt Lydie" and "Uncle Dick" came into the family. "They helped in the care of my mother's family", said G. L. Vawter, "but it was the contract of sale that 'Aunt Lydie' was never to have to 'wash clothes'."

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

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



*Above is the marker of the Grand Bluff Cemetery and the grave at the left is thought to be that of David Vawter.*

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

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

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

*Grand Bluff was named a voting box in 1848 and the court cut Mrs. Vawter's fees to only half the usual price. Later that year a citizens petition from Grand Bluff asked the court to rescind the August orders as unfair. The Court studied and revoked the order as unjust and unfair. By 1848 John Vawter was named as election judge. In 1852, Lucinda Vawter was charged \$20 for a ferry license, several times the amount charged any of the ferryman in the county. From this time until bridges were built, Grand Bluff license cost a greater fee than any other in the county, evidently because it was most in demand.*

Virginia Landmarks Register February 19, 1980  
National Register of Historic Places: May 7, 1980.



Vawter Hall (original building shown in 1908 at right) and the old President's House, two of the oldest buildings at Virginia State University, make up the historic core of the oldest state-supported college for blacks in the United States. The school was chartered in 1882 at the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute to fulfill a pledge to the Readjuster party, led by former Confederate general William Mahone, to establish a state institute for higher learning for blacks.

Vawter Hall is named for **Charles Erastus Vawter Sr.**

Vawter served as a member of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College Board of Visitors from 1886 to 1900 and rector of the board from 1889 to 1900.

Vawter led the push to make Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College a true technical school. He personally recruited President John McBryde from the University of South Carolina and used his influence to get the Edison Company to install a power plant on campus. Some even say it was Vawter's idea to add the words "and Polytechnic Institute" to the school's name, which happened in 1896.

**Charles Vawter, Sr**

**Residence hall built:** Vawter hall



was first

Occupied in fall 1962.

**Construction firm:** Carneal & Johnston

**Dedication Date:** May 16, 1966

**Community:** Presidents/Upper Quad

**Type:** Single-sex (male), traditional-style

**Number of residents:** 326

**Staff:** Graduate hall director: 1

Resident advisors: 6

**References:**

"Heroes and Heroines Set in Stone," by Su Clauson-Wickerand

Netta Smith, in the fall 1995 issue of *Virginia Tech Magazine*.

University Archives of Virginia Tech, *Historical Data Book*, Section 6.5.

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The year 1895 marked the beginning of the Mathematics Department as a separate department when it was split from the Civil Engineering Department. For several years, the Mathematics Department consisted of a professor, an assistant professor, an instructor, and a couple of assistants. The Acting Professor of Mathematics at this time was David S. Shanks, who was also Commandant of Cadets.



With the arrival of Charles W. Vawter, Jr. (shown at left) in 1898, the Mathematics and Physics Departments merged. This would last until 1904, at which time the Mathematics Department again became a separate department and would remain so up to the present. Vawter's title was Professor of Mathematics and Physics (although he was only Acting Professor his first year). His father was Rector of the Board of Visitors, and also held a degree in mathematics (from the University of Virginia). When the Mathematics and Physics Departments split in 1904, Vawter became Professor of Physics. Actually, at this time, the term department was used to designate a larger unit, much like the modern day designation of a college. In particular, mathematics was part of the Academic Department. However, from 1904 on, mathematics was in its own unit corresponding to the modern-day department. Thus the term Mathematics Department is appropriate.

Burlington Daily Times (Burlington, NC) 21 May 1931

Widely Known Electric Device Inventor Dead - Philadelphia, May 21. Charles Erastus Vawter, widely known inventor of more than 200 radio and electric devices died today of the burns received in an explosion at his laboratory in his home in the Germantown section of the city today. The explosion occurred while Mr. Vawter, a former professor of physics at V. P. I. was experimenting with a high tension ignition system for airplanes on Tuesday. His wife, Mrs. Rachel Vawter was severely burned on the hands when she attempted to extinguish Vawter's clothing by wrapping him in a bed quilt. A member of a family prominent in Virginia educational circles, Mr. Vawter when a young man entered the teaching profession as a member of the faculty of V. P. I. About 10 years ago he retired to devote his time to experimental work in electricity.



This 1908 photograph of Vawter Hall Academic Building, was constructed as the industrial building. Vawter building was also used as the ladies dormitory and the school dairy. Called the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute it was later named Virginia State University. The photo of the original Vawter Hall is in the Special Collection, University Archives, Copyright VSU Library and Media Services.

Charles E. Vawter Sr, son of John Henderson Vawter, son of William Vawter, Jr, son of William Vawter all of Monroe Co., Virginia/West Virginia; William (sr) son of Edward Vawter, son of Bartholomew Vawter of Virginia

Charles Erastus Vawter, Sr. was born 9 Jun 1841 m. 24 Jul 1866 to Virginia Longley of TN. Obituary at the right, from the Washington Post Oct 27, 1905

Children: Mary Longley Vawter m. Harrison Robertson; Josephine Vawter m. Stonewall Tempkins; Charles Erastus Vawter; Lenora Leigh Vawter; James Elliot Vawter; Virginia Longley Vawter and Edmund Longley Vawter.

Vawter, Charles E. Private, Sergeant, Co. D 27 VA Infantry (6 VA Infantry)

Vaughter, Charles E. Captain, Co. D Battalion VA Sharpshooters, Entered Monroe

Guards May 1861, then 27<sup>th</sup> Reg. Stonewall Brigade, appted Capt. Of Sharpshooters in 1862, captured and imprisoned in Ft. Delaware in Mar 1865, released Jun 1865. At the close of the war he returned to Emory & Henry, from which he was graduated in 1866. He then taught in Chattanooga till 1868, when he entered the University of Virginia for a special course in mathematics. In the same year he was elected Professor of Mathematics in his alma mater, where he taught till he was made President of the famous Miller Training School in Albemarle Co., in 1878.

Charlottesville, Oct. 27.—Capt. Charles E. Vawter, superintendent of the Miller Manual Labor School and a leading authority on manual training in the South, died from diabetes at 7 o'clock this morning at the superintendent's residence at that institution. Capt. Vawter's health has been delicate for several years. Capt. Vawter was born in Monroe county, now West Virginia, June 9, 1841, the son of John H. Vawter, who represented his county in the Virginia legislature for twenty-four years. He entered Emory and Henry College in 1858. On the beginning of hostilities between the States, Vawter, then twenty years of age, joined the Stonewall Brigade, and from private rose to captain when but little beyond his majority. His career as a soldier ended with imprisonment from March to June, in 1865, in Fort Delaware. The war ended, Captain Vawter re-entered Emory and Henry College and was graduated the following year (1866), and then matriculated in the University of Virginia for a special course in mathematics. He was professor of this subject in Emory and Henry ten years, and until his election in June, 1878, as superintendent of the just established Manual Labor School, founded on a gift of Samuel Miller which made it the best endowed institution of the kind, privately founded, in the South. For seventeen years he was a member of the board of visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, of Blacksburg. For a time he was rector of the board of visitors of the Virginia Colored and Normal Industrial Institute, of Petersburg, and an active member of the Co-operative Education Commission. He was also a member of the Methodist orphanage board, at Richmond, always a lay delegate to the annual conferences of this church, and was superintendent of Sunday-school work in the county of Albemarle. Capt. Vawter's wife was Miss Virginia Longley, daughter of Prof. Edmund Longley, of Emory and Henry College. She and seven children survive.

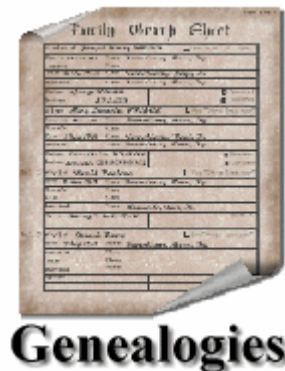


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**Colonel Vawter Day Festival, September 15, 2007 Sat 8:00AM-9:00PM**  
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Arts and craft vendors, entertainment, music, car show, games, pork chop dinner, period reenactments of 1800s.  
Association Memberships: Indiana State Festival Association  
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See Pages 2 and 3 for complete schedule of activities for the Vawter, Vauter, Vaughter(s) 2007 reunion in West Virginia  
Located at beautiful Blackwater Falls Lodge  
Volunteers are always needed and we invite any members whether your first reunion or if you have attended many to come forward, Norma Wicker would welcome assistance at the registration table. Please contact any officer above or Norma by email or phone.

2007

# Vawter Vauter Vaughter(s)

Family Association Reunion  
Blackwater Falls, West Virginia

## REGISTRATION

Name Of Each

Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Per Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Per Family \_\_\_\_\_ @ 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion Fee Per Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion Fee Per Family \_\_\_\_\_ @ 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Dues for 2007 (if not paid) Includes Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Night Pasta Buffet - Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Night Pasta Buffet - Child \_\_\_\_\_ @ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Train Trip on Flying "W" \_\_\_\_\_ @ 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Buffet Lunch on Train \_\_\_\_\_ @ 9.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Dinner - Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ 12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Dinner - Child \_\_\_\_\_ @ 6.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Banquet - Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ 14.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Banquet - Child \_\_\_\_\_ @ 7.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL**

2007 REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 19

- 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.....Registration
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.....Early Bird Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.....Introduction & Overview of Blackwater Falls Park
- 8:00 p.m.....Site Committee Meeting
- 9:00 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, July 20

- 7:00 a.m.....Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m.....Business Meeting
- 9:30 a.m.....Depart for Belington & Train Ride
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.....1<sup>st</sup> Genealogy Session
- 6:00 p.m.-.....Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.....Music by the Cheat Mountain Corksniffers  
folk music and square dancing.

Saturday, July 21

- 8:00.....Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:30.....2nd Genealogy Session
- 10:30 – Noon .....3rd Genealogy Session

Or... You are free to enjoy the sights and activities available throughout the area.

- 7:00 p.m..... Annual Banquet  
Invocation  
Meal  
Memorial Service  
Offering for Vauter’s Church  
**Special Recognition**  
Youngest & Oldest  
Couple Married Longest  
Longest Distance Traveled  
Roll Call of States  
Final Registration Report  
Invitation to 2008 Reunion  
Door Prizes  
Adjournment

**2007 VVV Reunion Shirts**  
 The 2007 Reunion shirt is light khaki color with navy lettering. The shirt shows the waterfalls at Blackwater Falls State Park and the state of West Virginia on the front. The back has the various spellings of our name as before.

**Choice of sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X large, XX Large & XXX Large**  
**Cost:** \$15.00 picked up at reunion; \$4.50 extra to mail

**Send Check & Order** To: Jesse Vawter, 11506 Sagecountry Dr., Houston, TX 77089

**Order Deadline:** Check and order received by Jesse - June 22, 2007

Sunday, July 22

- 8:00 a.m.....Brief Service of Worship

## In Memoriam

**Richard Jacob Vawter** born Indiana on Oct. 17, 1940, departed on Nov. 21, 2006 resided in Indianapolis, IN.

Richard Jacob Vawter, 66, of Indianapolis, passed away Nov. 21, 2006.

He served his country honorably in the Navy, and was a firefighter with the Fort Harrison Fire Department. He also worked for Stewart Warner.

Richard is survived by his wife Gail Vawter, 3 children, 2 grandchildren, sisters Sharon England and Ruth Dailey; brothers Orville Vawter Jr., John Vawter, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by Elizabeth, Orville Sr., Fred Vawter, and Frank Vawter.

Visitation will be Fri Nov 24th from 9am to Noon, with the funeral at Noon, at Soldier's Memorial Chapel at Fort Harrison, 5626 Lawton Loop East. He will be laid to rest at Marion National Cemetery with military honors.

Graveside services for **Timothy Wright**, 46, of Fort Towson, Okla., were held at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, in Swink Cemetery in Swink, Okla., with Bro. Jim Earnest officiating, under the direction of Miller & Miller Funeral Home of Hugo, Okla. Mr. Wright died Dec. 5, 2006, in Paris.

He was a very dedicated worker for Hobbs Bonded Fiber where he worked as a Supervisor; and he was of the Baptist faith.

Timothy was born June 2, 1960, in Mexia, the son of Sam E. Wright and Johnnie Ree (Cobb) Bennett and lived in the Fort Towson area for one year. He loved bull riding, horses, old cows and playing the guitar. He really loved his mother, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, his Grandparents; W.A. Cobb and Johnnie Lou Cobb, **Ora Lee Vawters** and John Wright.

Survivors include his mother, Johnnie Ree Bennett; three brothers: Terry Wright of Hugo, Okla.; Jackie Wright of Fort Towson, Okla.; and Randy Wright of Jacksonville; and two sisters: Susan Lenamond of Groesbeck and Donna Cameron of New Summerfield.

Dawson County News in January 2007 **Ola V. Swafford**, July 30 1918 - January 3, 2007

Ola V. Swafford, 88, of Dawsonville, GA died Wednesday at Chestatee Regional Hospital following an extended illness. Born in Dawson County to the late **Linzey and Tomie Vaughters**, she was a homemaker and had worked for Elliott Manufacturing Co. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl B. Swafford; sisters, Lula Thompson and Alice Disharoon; brother, Charlie Vaughters; and one grandson.

Survivors include her daughter, Sue Kimberley, Dallas, GA; sisters, Eler Tanner and Flara Waters, both of Dawsonville; one granddaughter, Audrey Matthews, Villa Rica, GA; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

Funeral services are scheduled for 3:30pm Saturday, January 6, 2007, at Bethel Baptist Church. The Rev. Harold Evans, the Rev. Lawton Burt, The Rev. Leonard W. Ridinigs and the Rev. Phillip Burt will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, GA in charge of arrangements.

Ola attended two VVV reunions, one in Texas and one in Georgia. Ola's daughter, Sue Kimberley, has attended several reunions.

**Vawter-Miller, Vernalee "Kathy"** - RACINE - Vernalee 'Kathy' Vawter-Miller, 62, of Racine WI died Thursday October 26, 2006, at her residence. Born on May 20, 1944.

Published in the Racine Journal Times on 10/29/2006.

WCF Courier, the Cedar Valley's paper, AURORA — **Hope Patrice Miculinich**, 32, of Aurora, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Jan. 18.

She was born Jan. 6, 1975, in Oelwein, daughter of Ronald James and Shirley Mae Clark Vawter. She married Jere Douglas Miculinich on Sept. 9, 1995, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oelwein.

Mrs. Miculinich graduated from Oelwein Community High School in 1993. She worked at Bland's Flowers, Independence, and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oelwein.

Survivors include: her husband; two sons, Logan and Cole, both at home; her parents of Hazleton; a sister, Charity (David) Erdelt of Independence; a brother, Ryan (Shelly) Vawter of Hazleton; paternal grandmother, Helen Vawter of Hazleton; maternal stepgrandmother, Bertha Clark of Oelwein; mother- and father-in-law, Jane and John Miculinich of Oelwein; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: paternal grandfather, Gerald W. Vawter; and maternal grandparents, Floyd and Iva Clark.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, both in Oelwein. Public visitation from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Jamison-Schmitz Funeral Home, Oelwein. where there will be a 7:30 p.m. parish Scripture service.

Hope was the best wife, mother, daughter, sister, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law and aunt anyone could wish for. She will be dearly missed.

## In Memoriam

**FOREST KING VAWTER** Forest K. Vawter passed peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by his family on February 9, 2007. Forest was born June 12, 1925 to Harry and Mary Vawter. He was a lifelong resident of Tacoma, attending Visitation Grade School and Lincoln High School before joining the Merchant Marines during WWII, serving in the South Pacific and Alaska. He married Clementine Hoffman (his wife of 59 years) in 1946 and worked for Ma Bell for 37 years. Forest was preceded in death by his father, Harry, his mother Mary and sister, Harriet. He is survived by his wife Clementine and sons Paul Vawter, and John (Pam) Vawter, and daughter, Linda Vawter and 5 grandchildren, Alan Vawter, Jacob Vawter, Isaac Vawter, Jessica (Casey) Neeley, and Zac (Jennifer) Vawter. Mass will be at Church of the Visitation, in Tacoma, at 11:00 am, Saturday the 17th of February. Donations can be made to Visitation school in Forest's name, in lieu of flowers. Arrangements by Piper-Morley-Mellinger Funeral Directors. Published in the News Tribune (Tacoma) on 2/14/2007

**Donald Edward Chastain** went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning, January 2, 2007 after a battle with cancer. Donald was born December 9, 1933 in Stillwater, OK to Daniel Edward Chastain and Mamie Ethel (Waters) Chastain. His parent's bought a farm around Parkland, OK in 1939. He attended school in Parkland and Agra, OK.

July 1954 Donald moved to Tulsa, OK to work for Coca Cola where he was employed for 11 years. On December 17, 1954 Donald was united in marriage to Marquette Butler of Agra, OK. Donald had also worked for the Fram Corporation for five and a half years, was a house painter for three years, and then was employed by Sun Oil Company for ten years which was the job he retired from in 1983.

Donald is survived by his wife Marquette of the home, his children Donal Chastain of Broken Arrow, OK, Debbie Lollis and husband Eric of Sperry, OK, Regina Willaby and husband Brian of Springfield MO and Frank Chastain wife Jana of Broken Arrow, OK.

Donald was very proud of his grandchildren and loved to brag to others of their accomplishments. He will be dearly missed by his grandchildren, Michael Willaby and wife Amanda of Springfield, Missouri, Christopher Willaby of Springfield, MO, Tiffany Lollis and Fiancee Larry White of Norman, OK, Evan Lollis of Sperry, OK, Nicole and Joey Green of Broken Arrow, OK, Heather and Kyle Fisher of Broken Arrow, OK. Donald was preceded in death by his parents Daniel and Mamie (Waters) Chastain.

Donald loved to tinker with lawn mowers and constantly repaired them for various friends and his children. He also loved stock car races and together with his best friend Melvin Collins they built and raced a stock car during the 1960's.

The Washington Post, Feb 2007. **Ann O'Rourke Gaskins Sims**, 72, former operations manager for the Georgia Pacific Corp. in Landover, died of congestive heart failure Feb. 17 at the Mariner nursing home in Laurel. She was a Laurel resident. Mrs. Sims worked for the lumber company for 25 years, progressing from a secretary to the first female salesperson and finally to operations manager. She retired in 1992. She was born in West Orange, N.J., married William Harry Gaskins in 1956 and lived in Baltimore, Minneapolis, Houston and Palos Verdes, Calif., over the next decade. In 1967, they settled in Laurel. She was a volunteer for St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville. Her first husband died in 1983. Survivors include her husband of 18 years, Bob Sims of Laurel; three children from her first marriage, William Harry Gaskins, Lori Joan Hicks and **Nancy Jean Vawter**, all of Laurel; a sister; seven granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

### Georgia Vaughters Reunion

**The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Georgia Vaughters Reunion will be  
Sunday, June 10 at the  
Bethel Baptist Church, Dawson County**

The schedule is different this year:

- 11:00 am Visit cemetery and grave of the 60 Vaughters descendants - decorated with American flags
- 12:15 pm Picture on the front of the steps of the church
- 12:30 pm Covered Dish Dinner
- 1:30 pm Family History with each table of descendants introducing themselves and telling stories of their ancestors.

Please bring your cousins, your favorite stories and pictures and your favorite covered dish.

## In Memoriam

The Meridian Star Newspaper. Meridian MS. **Woodrow W. Vawters**

South West Motors employee. Services for Woodrow W. Vawters will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Horem Baptist Church in the Whynot Community with the Rev. John Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Herman Cemetery in York, Ala. Enterprise Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Vawters, 27, of Montgomery, Ala., died Saturday, April 7, 2007, in Montgomery.

Survivors include his mother, Dorothy Henry; step-father, Robert Henry; his father, Woodrow Washington Jr.; four brothers and three sisters.

Thursday, April 12, 2007 Lewiston Tribune, Lewiston, ID

**Myrtle Marguerite Vawter** passed away of natural causes at Wedgwood Terrace in Lewiston, Tuesday, April 10, 2007. She was born in Chinook, Mont., Jan. 17, 1913, to Francis and Ollie Molyneaux.

In 1932, she married George Laughton. In 1935, they had a son, George Laughton Jr. The couple divorced in 1939. In 1974, she married Arthur Vawter. They made their home in Grangeville, but after the death of her husband in 1993 she lived alone until 2004, when she moved to Lewiston.

During the time they lived in Grangeville, they traveled throughout the Northwest to visit with relatives and friends and just to see the scenery.

Myrtle became deaf as an infant and Arthur learned the sign language alphabet so they could communicate. Myrtle attended the State School for the Blind and Deaf at Boulder, Mont., for 11 years. In school she learned sign language but in later life there wasn't many others to speak it with her. Therefore, communication was difficult and sometimes life was lonely.

Survivors are a son, George Laughton and his wife, Louise of Steptoe, Wash.; two granddaughters, Lorraine Brannan of Pullman and Rosa McGuire of Spokane; two great-granddaughters, Pamela Brannan Rogers and Danyle McGuire; and one great-grandson, Shain McGuire. Also there are six step-children, Velda Hogaboam, Melba Ashburn, Glenn Vawter, Ellis Vawter, Erma Hund, and Skip Vawter.

Myrtle was the only girl and the last one to pass away in the Molyneaux family. Her five brothers were Clarence Molyneaux, Alfred Molyneaux, Verlin Molyneaux, Wayne Molyneaux, and Francis Molyneaux.

Even though Myrtle couldn't talk she made many friends with her laughter. The people of Wedgwood Terrace became her friends. Love lives on in little things that stir the heart and mean so much. Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

The Purcell Register, Purcell, OK Funeral services for **Naomi Ruth Henderson**, 76, of Lexington were held April 10, 2007 at Johnson Road Baptist Church with Duane Elmore and Barry Clagg officiating. Interment was at Lexington Cemetery under the direction of Wadley's Funeral Service in Purcell.

Mrs. Henderson died April 7, 2007 at her daughter's home east of Lexington.

She was born Nov. 28, 1930 in Lindsey, the **daughter of Herbert and Vernessa (Vawter) Clagg**. She was reared in the Bryant Community close to Lindsey, attending school in Wayne. She had lived in the McClain/Cleveland area all her life.

Mrs. Henderson was a homemaker and worked at Chickasaw Hills Restaurant as a dishwasher.

She was a member of the Purcell Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Phillip Clagg and Isaac Clagg and two grandsons, Christopher Peltier and Jerry Henderson. Survivors include one son, Randy Henderson; six daughters, Patricia Richardson and her husband, Richard, Teresa Peltier and her husband, Calvin, Debbie Short and her husband, Benny, Marsha Brown and her husband, Donnie, Pam Short and her husband, Larry, and Kathy Weidman and her husband, Mark; one brother, David Clagg; three sisters, Lillian Murray, Anna Baker and Evalena Ballard; 11 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Chad Short, Donnie Brown Jr., Timmy Short, Jason Short, Robbie Short, Jeffrey Weidman, Calin Weidman and Eric Short. Honorary pallbearers were Richard Richardson, Calvin Peltier, Bennie Short, Donnie Brown Sr., Larry Short and Mark Weidman.

The Independent Mail, ANDERSON, SC — **Mr. Robert Jeffrey Vaughter**, age 46, of 1032 West Park Drive, Anderson, SC, died Friday, March 30, 2007 at his residence.

Born in Elberton, GA on October 26, 1960, he was a graduate of Anderson College and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church in Abbeville, SC and attended Good Hope Baptist Church in Iva, SC. Survivors include his mother, Jean Smith Freeman and step father, Thomas Carey Freeman, of Iva; brother, Kent Vaughter and his wife, Susan of Iva; aunt, Joan Smith Roberts of Starr; nephews, Brooks Vaughter and his wife, Cathryn of Starr, Joseph Rhodes and Hunter Vaughter of Iva; nieces, Kasey Vaughter, Madison and Josh Martin all of Boiling Springs; special friends, Ken Atkins and Earline Phillips of Williamston and father, Robert Tate Vaughter of Georgia.

The Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2007 at 3:00 pm at Good Hope Baptist Church in Iva officiated by the Reverend Dr. Robbie Garrett. Interment will follow in Iva City Cemetery.

## In Memoriam

**Robert W. Miller**, 79, of New Haven died Friday, March 2, 2007 at Parkview Hospital. Born in Fort Wayne to Roland and Emma Miller, he was a member of St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven and its Holy Name Society. The U.S. Navy WWII veteran retired in 1982 after 34 years of service with International Harvester. He played on the Decatur Moose softball team that won the National Championship in 1947. He also played baseball with the Decatur Klenks in the Senior Federation League in Fort Wayne. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lucille A. (Gerardot); daughters, Yvonne (Larry) Raudenbush of Decatur, **Cynthia (Michael) Vawter of Fort Wayne**, Annette (Bill) Farr of Monroeville, Lisa (Christopher) Mann of Ossian, Lora (Kent) Witte of Fort Wayne; brothers, Bryce J. (Esther) Miller of Decatur, Kay B. (Marilyn) Miller; sister, Marjorie Furthmiller of New Haven; ten grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial is 11:00 a.m. Monday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven with calling one hour prior. E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Hwy. 930 E., New Haven, IN Burial is in church cemetery.

**MARY H. LOFTON** Jan. 1, 1923 - March 16, 2007. Mary Hazel Parks Lofton, 84, 774 Old Highway 111, died at Wayne Memorial Hospital, surrounded by her family. She was born in Wayne County to the late Elijah and Elizabeth Parks. Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church in Seven Springs with the Elder Anthony Davis Sr. officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

She is survived by a daughter, **Annette Vaughter** and husband, Robert, of Virginia Beach, Va.; sons, Prentice Lofton and wife, Mary, of Newark, N.J., Herbert Lofton Jr. and wife, Sharon, of Virginia Beach, Va., and DeLeak Lofton of Goldsboro; sisters, Bettie Marie Boykin and husband, Monte, of Mount Olive, and Jean P. Whitfield and husband, Lenston, of Goldsboro; brothers, Robert Parks of Seven Springs, Paul Parks of Goldsboro, Bobby Parks and wife, Velma, of Portsmouth, Va., and Ellis Leon Parks of Newark, N.J.; one brother-in-law, King Lofton of Seven Springs; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Lofton Sr.; a son, Curtis Lofton; a daughter, Geraldine Knox; a sister, Pearlie P. Harris; and four brothers, James, John, Thomas and King Parks. Arrangements are with Hamilton Funeral Home, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Published in Obituaries on March 18, 2007 10:18 AM

### **Start Making Plans Today for the 2008 Reunion Red Wing Minnesota, July 17, 18, 19 2008 A beautiful river town on the Mississippi**

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**summit daily news**  
October 9, 2006

BRECKENRIDGE - Sitting on the bright couches inside The

Cellar restaurant in Breckenridge before starting what will likely be a 12-hour workday, chef de cuisine Matthew Vawter-Beaird is asked what his forte as a chef is. He chuckles and says:

"That's the most common question chefs get asked - that and what's your favorite dish, but I don't have an answer for either."

However, when asked if there is a culinary process he particularly enjoys doing his answer is braising, a time-consuming method of cooking that uses moist heat.

"So much time and effort goes into it, and when it's done you can taste the time and effort," he explained.

Young Vawter-Beaird, 21, is enthusiastic, yet soft-spoken, and he is reluctant to talk about his accomplishments. However, like a well-braised coq au vin, they speak for themselves.

This fall, Vawter-Beaird, a 2003 Summit High School graduate and alum of the ProStart program, is scheduled to speak at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs in front of the Colorado Restaurant Association on behalf of ProStart, a program that gives high school students an opportunity to learn about the culinary arts. In high school he won Colorado's "Best Teen Chef in America" competition, netting in \$16,000 in scholarships, and was ranked sixth in the national competition. He also studied under Chef David Welch at the Keystone Ranch and attended the Colorado Mountain Culinary Institute. Vawter-Beaird is now the chef de cuisine under Executive Chef Michael Weist at The Cellar in Breckenridge.

In fact, Vawter-Beaird's parents, Jim Beaird and Kathy Vawter-Beaird, said that he has so little time to see them that they often go to eat at The Cellar, not only for the fine food, but also to see their son.

"We have to go visit him at the restaurant if we want to see him. He just turned 21 in August, and we had to go to the restaurant on his birthday to see him," Kathy Vawter-Beaird said.

However, his parents are proud of his work ethic.

"If you talk to anyone that knows Matthew, that's what they will say. He's so dedicated to his work. He even comes in on his days off to do prep work," Jim said.

Vawter-Beaird's dedication impresses John Buchanan, the owner of The Cellar, as well. Buchanan described his work ethic as "off the charts."

"He is a tremendous young man and has a great attitude about not only learning new things, but also taking care of things on a day-to-day basis in a way that you would not expect from somebody so young."

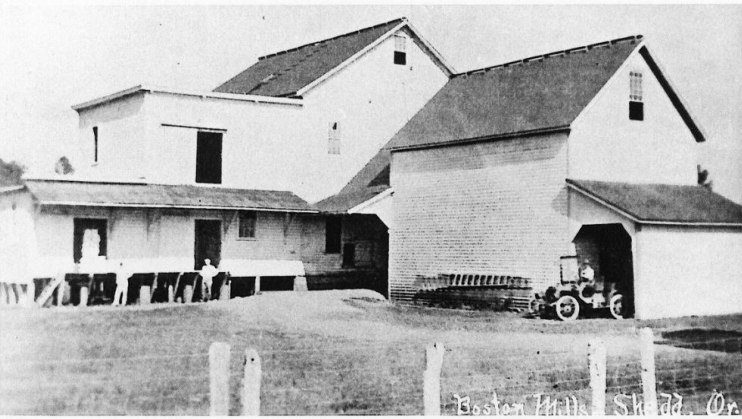


## Boston Mills, Oregon

R. C. Finley selected a "site on the Calapooia just northwest of the butte where Americus Savage lived as a perfect location for intercepting valley traffic headed north to the new Albany mill. . ." In 1858, "Savage agreed to sell some of his land and about 1858 Finley and his partners, Alexander Brandon and P. V. Crawford, began building the mill." On December 1, 1858, Finley purchased the right to build a dam across the Calapooia on the R. M. Elder DLC south of the Savage claim and 'to operate a race on said dam, for milling purposes'.

"Finley obtained Territorial water rights in 1858, one year before Oregon became a state. When the mill at Crawfordsville ceased to operate, in the late 1940s the Boston-Thompson mill became owner of the number one water rights on the Calapooia River." {Shedd by LCHS members Margaret Carey and Patricia Hainline, p 10-11}

Clara Thompson continued, "Americus Savage sold land to P. V. Crawford and R. C. Finley on which was built the 'Boston Mills', still operating there, though now known as 'Thompson's Mill.'



"My father's brother, Uncle Tom Brandon, married a daughter of R. C. Finley, father's mill partner. Her name was Eliza Finley. She still lives at Halsey at a very advanced age. 'Aunt Eliza's' sister, Finley's oldest daughter [Sarah], married Cyrus Vawter who was also a very early miller at the Finley Mill at Crawfordsville. Thus the Finley's became more or less connected by marriage to all of his hired millers. . ." {PS, Vol 4, p 14-15}

The interview with James Vawter Crawford and Mary P. (Cowgill) (Crawford) Coon continued. "Philemon Vawter Crawford finally went into partnership with Richard C. Finley, the pioneer mill builder who established the old flouring mill

a short distance below Crawfordsville in 1858. Together Crawford and Finley promoted the building of a new mill on the Calapooia River a mile or so east of Shedd. That mill they named the 'Boston Mill,' and a town called 'New Boston' sprung up around it. The exact date of the building of the Boston Mill we do not know, but it was sometime in the late 1850's [1858]. It was burned down in 1862, but was rebuilt almost immediately. It is still standing and in use, now owned by the Thompson Brothers. The town of New Boston ceased to exist soon after the coming of the railroad and the establishment of Shedd Station. {Vol 1, p 94-95} [On August 5, 1862, a son, Beverly Vawter Crawford, was born at the Boston Mill . That mill is still operating although it is owned by David and Merlene Babits. The Boston Mill Society has made an offer to purchase the mill for use as an interpretive center for the agriculture, industry and social life of the Willamette Valley.]

Andreas' History of the State of Nebraska, Thayer, County: Churches: *Presbyterian*.--This denomination, by Rev. Mr. Cunningham, was organized in 1875. They hold meetings in the Methodist Church alternate Sabbaths. They have thirty-five members at present. The first pastor was Rev. George Schults, followed by **J. B. Vawter**, who was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Charles Brouillette, in 1882. (GJNote: this is John Beverly Vawter)

### Civil War Military Records for Company A, 13th MS Regiment Surnames L- Y (no Z)

Quinn, David -- Printer at Louisville, MS. Age 27. Enlisted May 1861 at Corinth, MS. Discharged for disability June 6, 1861. Reenlisted Apr 27, 1862 at Marietta, GA. Exchanged from Phillips, GA Legion for R.A. Vauters. Wounded at Charlestown, VA Sept 13, 1862. Furloughed home for 60 days Nov 29, 1862 through Jan 24, 1863. Wounded at Maryland Heights and furloughed home July 2, 1863. Retired July 30, 1864. Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Mississippi --Thirteenth Infantry. U. S. National Archives, Microcopy 269, Roll 210.

### **The VVV Reunion to be held in West Virginia, July 2007 salutes the first Vawter family of West Virginia**

William Vawter<sup>3</sup>, (Edward<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>), came to settle in Monroe Co., VA (WV) in it's earliest times. William and his son William (jr) came from Orange Co., VA to settle land in Monroe Co. William Vawter is the only Vawter who served in the French & Indian War of 1758. While William never served in the Revolutionary War, he did supply provisions, which allows for a Rev. War marker on his grave. He received 200 acres of land for his military service in the French & Indian War, which he sold. His land in Monroe Co., VA came from Treasury Warrants. His son, William (jr) actually came first to Monroe county and traveled back and forth to Orange Co., VA, William (sr) finally settling permanently in 1795. A fascinating diary of William and the family Bible records offer a unique glimpse into the founding of early America and the opening of the Western frontier.

William was the son of Edward Vawter and wife Elizabeth Boulware.

He is found receiving a portion of his fathers estate, 5 Dec 1778-16 Aug 1779, Essex Co., VA as follows: *Item: I give and bequeath to my son William Vawter one of said parts together with what he has of my estate in his hands.*

The birth and death dates are found in *The Vawter Family in America* by Grace Vawter Bicknell, Pub Hollenbeck Press, 1905, Indianapolis, IN, as b. 6 May 1735 VA d. 6 Mar 1815 Monroe Co., VA. These birth and death dates seem to be substantiated by Bible information, it is the marriage records that present the biggest question. Marriages of Orange County Virginia 1747-1810, compiled and published by Catherine L. Knorr, 1959, Pine Bluff, AR. p. 92.

" 16 January 1774. William Vawter and Anne Ballard. Found in Deed Book 17. Notation: by banns. Both of St. Thomas' Parish. p. 2 " William (jur) was born 10 years before Williams' marriage to Anne and a first marriage is not yet found. Other children of William and his first wife are not known. Anne was almost 41 years old and no children are known of William and Anne.

William's service in the French and Indian War is found in the Orange County Virginia early records. In 1758 an expedition, the second one, was set on foot for the capture of Fort Duquesne, (the modern Pittsburg, then believed to be in the limits of Augusta County), under General Forbes, a British officer. Washington was commander of the Virginia troops which consisted of two regiments, his own and Col. William Byrd's, about two thousand men in all. A Colonel Bouquet, of Pennsylvania, commanded the advanced division of the army, and Captain Hogg, of Augusta, had a company in Washington's regiment. The fort was finally captured, but the loss in Washington's regiment alone was 6 officers and 62 privates. October. Daniel McClayland, Colonel Byrd's regiment, 1759. William Vawter, sergeant, John Fumes, (Furnace), Hogg's rangers.

William was still in Orange Co in 1781 and shows his patriotism for the Revolutionary War

Book – "Patriots of the Upcountry Orange County, Virginia in the Revolution" by William H. B. Thomas, Orange Co. Bicentennial Commission, 1976.

p. 109 William Vawter for 60 lbs. fodder, 2 bushels corn and 30 diets for the Shenandoah and Frederick volunteers, certified by Capt. William Jennings, Jan. 15, 1781; and 2 bushels corn and ½ bushel potatoes for the Rockingham Militia, certified by Jacob Lincoln QM, Oct. 20 1781.

William was granted land in Monroe Co. under two treasury warrants # 300 and # 2146 issued 15 Mar 1782. Those numbers, but not the dates or the acreages, correspond to Bounty Land Warrants # 300 issued to Capt. Abraham Hite, 2000 acres on 7 Apr. 1783, and # 2146 issued Daniel Donnakin, 100 acres on 18 Dec 1783, respectively. Those warrants were for land in the Military district of Ohio or in Kentucky anyway and not in Virginia at all. Bounty Land was granted outside the present day boundaries of Virginia and West Virginia. This proves that William never received land for service in the Revolutionary War.

Book - *Sims Index to Land Grants In West Virginia* (no author info.) lists several land deeds by William Sr., William Jr and William Jr's children

William Vawter (Jr)	125 A	Rich Creek	1795 Book 3 page 302
William Vawter (Sr)	378 A	Muddy Run	1801 Book 5 page 549
William Vawter (Sr.)(Vawler)	214 A	Hans Creek	17 Apr 1805 Book 1 page 93 ,214 acres on the waters of Hans Creek in the Elk Lick Branch adjoining the land of Jeremiah Crawford

The 1787 Census of Virginia., Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love. Genealogical Books in Print, Springfield, Virginia 1987, p. 651 - Rockingham County Personal Property Tax List 1787 - List " A "

" Vauters, William, self charged with tax, 0 males between 16 -21, 1 black above 16, no blacks under 16, 3 horses, 7 cattle "

Greenbrier County (West) Virginia Records Vol. 2, Larry G. Shuck, Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA 1989. 1796 Greenbrier Co., VA personal property tax list, p. 158, 159.

Mar 26 Vawter William Jr. 1 6 1 1

Jul 6 Vawter William Sr. 1 2 - 1 "

The family still held the original diary in 1920 in West Virginia, its location now is unknown.

From the dairy of William Vawter:

- 1790 Sept 8 Wm. Terrell started for Greenbrier  
Dec. 21 went home.
- 1791 Jan 21 Set in again  
Feb. 16 All settled 1.6.10 (denotes money)  
Nov 21 Had house covered  
Dec 21 Went home  
Dec 22 Set out to see Tom  
Dec 25 Got there
- 1792 Jan 2 Started for home  
Jan 4 Got there  
Jan 29 Got hurt with horse.  
Feb 29 Got steer from Thornhill  
Feb 29 Got hurt with horse  
June 30 Gave in taxable property, Josua, Negro Will, Beasts, Etc.  
Sep. 30 Amer Ballard came to see us. Went away Nov 25.  
Dec 19 Billy started to Georgia
- 1793 Feb 7 Read burial. Thornhill's girl.  
Feb 25 Billy returned from Georgia  
Oct 5 Billy left us to take small pox.
- 1794 Wm. Vawter left Rockingham (Mar.5<sup>th</sup>)pencil note- This is Wm. Sr.  
Mar 17 Reached Monroe County at night, expenses 18s besides liquor  
May 3 We finished planting corn  
May 12 Renewed Cabin  
May 17 Received letter from Billy  
May 19 Moved into new house  
Aug 20 Billy started to Orange  
Sep 12 Billy returned
- 1795 Jan 29 Lucy Ballard married  
Feb 12 Wm. Vawter married  
Apr 3 Moved to Richey's place.  
May 3 Horses went off  
May 9 Joshua returned from hunting horses, got his own.  
May 15 Went after my horse  
May 17 Got him  
May 18 came home  
Aug 11 Went to Roger Kilpatricks  
Sep 13 left home  
Oct 7 Got home, all well
- 1796 Apr 7 Moved to Rich Creek

(Additional diary information will be discussed at the upcoming VVV reunion)

No will has been located on William or Anne. The family Bible records are as follows:

On 7 Mar 1928, a letter was sent to William Snyder Vawter who was researching the Vawter lines. The letter was sent to John E. Vawter (son of Elliott, son of William Boulware Vawter, son of William Vawter) and forwarded to John E.'s son Elliott Vawter. Mr. Elliott Vawter sent the information found in the family Bible's on birth, death and marriage records.

Family Records –Death (this is but a small portion of the records)

Ann Vawter, Mother of Wm. Vawter Jr., died May the 20<sup>th</sup>, 1814.

Wm. Vawter, Jr. died on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 1815.

Family Records – Birth

Wm. Vawter, son of Edward and Elizabeth Vawter, was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1735.

Ann, wife of Wm. Vawter and daughter of Thomas and Sarah Ballard, was born the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, 1733.

The Larew-Vawter Cemetery is located off Hans Creek Road in Monroe Co., VA.

Vawter, William (no marker) 6 May 1735 Essex County, VA d. 6 Mar 1815 Monroe Co., VA, Rev Marker

Vawter, Anne Ballard, his wife, b 23 Oct 1733 Spotsylvania County, VA died 24 May 1814.

## Riverside Cemetery, Byers, Clay County, Texas USA



Interments – 1560

No Stone  
Ada Gordan Vaughter  
Birth 1881  
Death: Jun. 15, 1959  
Inscription: parents  
S H & ??  
Note: wf of Herman Dennis

No Stone  
Herman Dennis Vaughter MD  
Birth 1867  
Death Sep 11, 1940



No stone  
Nina Fern Vaughter  
Birth: Jan 15, 1936  
Death: Jul 12, 1936

Spencer H. Vaughter  
Birth: Feb 20, 1837  
Death: Feb 17, 1924  
Inscription: parents Hiram & Glenn  
Note: Civil War Veteran, C S A

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## Nashville National Cemetery

1420 Gallatin Pike South  
Nashville, Davidson County, USA  
23,074 Interments



Andrew F. Vaughter  
Birth: May 22, 1920  
Death: Jan 31, 1983  
Plot: DD, 211

GJNote: The article below is about Louis Vawter, son of the Monroe County West Virginia Vawters. The early dates and information are full of errors and should not be used as genealogical fact.

Louis A. Vawter History of Montana, by Joaquin Miller, 1894  
USGENWEB Montana Archives May be copied for non-profit purposes.

Dr. Louis A. Vawter, one of the leading physicians of Boulder, was born in West Virginia, October 22, 1840. Edward Vawter, the first of the family in this country, came from England to Virginia in the early part of the seventeenth century. He settled in Essex County where his two sons, Edward and William were born and both served on the Colonial side in the Revolutionary War. William, the grandfather of our subject, secured the appointment of Government Surveyor from the Governor of Virginia, moved to West Virginia in 1791, and pushed as far down as the mouth of the Kanawha River and there met and married Miss Margaret Henderson, a native of Point Pleasant West Virginia and a daughter of James Henderson. After their marriage they located on Hans Creek, Monroe County, that state, where they lived until death, the husband dying at the age of eighty six years and the wife reached the age of ninety years. Six children, three sons and three daughters were born to that union.

The eldest child, Jonah Vawter, the father of our subject, was born at the old homestead in West Virginia in 1800. He inherited his father's estate and continued to reside there until his death in 1878 at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a successful planter and prominent citizen and represented his district several terms in the Legislature. In 1827 he married Miss Clara S. Peck, a native of Giles County, Pennsylvania and they had thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to years of maturity. The mother died in 1882 at the age of seventy-two years. They were worthy members of the Methodist Church for many years. Louis A. Vawter, the third child in order of birth, received his primary education under a private tutor, later attended the Union Academy in Union and then entered the Emery & Henry College, in Washington County, WV graduating from the latter institution in 1854. He was then for a short time engaged in engineering, after which he turned his attention to the study of medicine under Dr. E.W. Peck of Red Sulphur Springs. In 1860 Mr. Vawter received his first course of lectures at Richmond Virginia. At the opening of the late war, in 1861 he entered the Confederate service, as Captain of volunteer infantry, Thirtieth Battalion, was taken prisoner at the battle of Winchester, September 19, 1864 and held at Fort Delaware until in July 1865 when he was set at liberty. Returning to his home in West Virginia the Doctor had charge of his father's plantation for a time. During the winter of 1867-8 he took a course of lectures at Cincinnati in the Ohio Medical College in the latter year began the practice of his profession at Ballardsville, West Virginia and from that time until 1882 practiced medicine with R.E. Barnett in Hancock County, Indiana. Dr. Barnett died during the latter year and our subject then received the appointment of Physician to the Round Valley Indian Agency in California. He resigned his position there in 1884 and came to Montana where he followed his profession at Radersburg, Jefferson County, until 1893. Since that time he has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Boulder. The Doctor is also interested in mining interests in Montana, but has given his undivided attention to his chosen profession. Dr. Vawter was formerly identified with the Democratic Party but is now decidedly in favor of the free coinage of silver.

### **The Rochester Sentinal, Published in Michigan every Saturday by Bitters and Daniels**

Saturday, August 10, 1878

Rochester has three good flouring mills, and they compose a grinding trio that is hard to beat. There is the EMPIRE, in the central part of town, under the management of Benj. VAWTER... We missed the Fallstafian form of our old-time acquaintance, William WALLACE, from that establishment. The ROCHESTER MILLS, an old land mark of the town, is under the management of JESSE JESSEN & CO.... The mill at the north end of town, with an outrageously long Indian name, is the big dumpling in the pot. This mill is under the management of Messrs, LEITER & HICKMAN.

### **March 17, 1930 Tennessee Republican**

**Pinson-Vawter**

Sunday, Jan. 2: FRED PINSON and MISS EDNA VAWTER drove to the home of Esquire J. B. BOST and were united in marriage. They were accompanied by SIDNEY JONES, MISS GLADYS HALL and MISS PAULINE PINSON, sister of the groom. After the ceremony they drove to the home of the groom where a bountiful dinner was enjoyed. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. VAWTER near Atwood, a graduate of McLemoresville Collegiate Institute, talented young lady. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. PINSON near Atwood, a splendid young man.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U-2007

1. NAME (Print)  
 Elliott Vawter  
 (First) (Middle) (Last)

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)  
 1204-11th St Huntington Cabell Va  
 (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS  
 Same  
 (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE 9391

5. AGE IN YEARS 39

6. PLACE OF BIRTH Beels Valley Va  
 (Town or county) Va  
 (State or country)

DATE OF BIRTH Aug 16 1882  
 (Mo) (Day) (Yr.)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS  
 Mrs Natalie Vawter 1204 11th St City

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS  
 Barrows & Co Huntington Va

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS  
 1st Nat Bk Bldg Huntington Cabell Va  
 (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

16-21630-1 Elliott Vawter  
 (Registrant's signature)

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over)

WWII Registration - Elliott Vawter, son of John E. Vawter (son of Elliott, son of William Boulware Vawter, son of William Vawter) Elliott had the original diary of William Vawter and Bible that had all the birth, death and marriage records of the West Virginia Vawter line. He forwarded all this information to William Snyder Vawter in 1928 and is preserved today by the VVV Association. William (sr), son of Edward, son of Bartholomew Vawter of VA

Daily Democratic Times (Lima, OH) 19 May 1885

Natural Gas Explosion

Digging for Water a Hoosier Farmer Released the Pent up Vapor

Brookville, Ind, May 19. Considerable excitement was created by the report that a gas explosion had taken place on the farm of **Joseph M. Vawter**, living about two miles east of here, the particulars of which are as follows:

Several days ago Mr. Vawter finding that his springs were going dry, concluded that he would dig a well, and accordingly set several hands to work to do it, but which, up to the present time, has proved unsuccessful. The hands have now dug a distance of sixty-three feet and have only struck about three inches of water, which is very remarkable, as they are now several feet below the bed of Little Cedar creek.

William Vawter and Charles Holmes got down on their hands and knees to look into the well, when Mr. Vawter struck a match to light a cigar, which fell into the well and in an instant a terrible explosion took place, the flames of which shot up a distance of nearly ten feet, seriously, though it is not thought fatally, wounding Mr. Vawter, his face, arms and hands being frightfully burned, and it is feared that he may lose his eyesight while Mr. Holmes was more fortunate, escaping with only a slight burn on the face and hands.

As this is the first discovery of gas in this county, it has created no little amount of talk, and many of our citizens are in favor of exploring this well to see if a vein can't be struck by which it can be found in paying quantities. Meanwhile people are flocking to and from the well to see and hear the rumbling noise of the gas, which can be heard for quite a distance.



## **FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

### **BYLAWS of the VAWTER, VAUTER, VAUGHTER(s) FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

#### **Article I Name/Meeting**

The name of this Association shall be The Vawter, Vauter, Vaughter(s) Family Association and shall be referred to as The VVV Family Association.

The meetings of the VVV Family Association shall consist of an Annual Meeting and such other meetings as may be approved by the Executive Committee. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the Third Weekend of July. The location of the Annual Meeting will be voted on at the business session. Every fifth year the Association shall return to the state of Virginia. The Annual Meeting shall begin on Friday Morning and conclude at the Saturday evening banquet. The agenda of the Annual Meeting shall include any necessary election of officers and presentation of business matters, supplemented by such other general activities as may be desired by the Executive Committee.

#### **Article II Membership/Dues**

Membership shall be open to all descendants of Bartholomew Vawter and their families as well as any other Vawter, Vauter, Vaughter(s) descendants. Payment of the annual dues shall determine membership. The annual dues per member of the Family Association shall be as determined by the Executive Committee. Additional contributions may be requested according to the financial needs of the Family Association in administering its programs. Membership shall be from January 1 though December 31 of each year. Dues shall be due by December 31 for the following year. Each current member will receive the VVV Family Newsletter as published.

#### **Article III Officers**

The elected officers of the Family Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, two (2) Assistant Treasurers, a Newsletter Editor, an Associate Newsletter Editor, a Historian, and an Archivist. The election of officers shall be held in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Family Association. The terms of office shall begin at the close of the business session in which the officers are elected and shall cover a period of two years. All officers except the President and Vice-President shall be eligible for re-election. Failure to hold the Annual Meeting or any election of officers shall not disorganize the Family Association. In said situation, the current officers shall maintain their positions.

Upon the resignation or other circumstances of the loss of an officer, that vacancy may be filled by the Executive Committee until an election can be held at the next Annual Meeting.

#### **Article IV Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall consist of all current officers and all past Presidents. The Executive Committee shall set up committees and make special assignments as necessary in administering the programs of the Family Association. Committee appointments and special assignments shall be temporary or permanent, but such appointments and assignments shall be considered as fulfilled at the time new elections of officers are held.

#### **Article V Duties**

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee and/or officers to represent the Family Association during the interval between Annual Meetings. The Executive Committee shall fill official vacancies until the next Annual Meeting.

All matters brought before the Executive Committee as authorized in the Amended Bylaws of this Association shall be determined by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee, and in the case of a tie vote, the presiding officer shall have the deciding vote.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the *President* to preside at all meetings of the Family Association, to preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, and to exercise general supervision over the Family Association. It shall be the duty of the President to call special meetings of the Executive Committee as necessary for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Family Association during the period between Annual Meetings. The President may appoint special committees as necessary and shall be an Ex-officio Member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

The President shall appoint the chairman of the Nominating Committee at the Executive Committee meeting for the current year. Up to four (4) additional with a minimum of two (2) members shall be chosen from members present at current meeting with the approval from the president. This committee shall meet at the Annual Meeting and bring their report to the closing meeting for vote of the members present.

The President shall authorize the Treasurer to make payments and distributions which are in furtherance of the objective of this Association.

The President shall submit to the Family Association at the Annual Meeting, a report of all official acts of the Executive Committee, together with any other important information and recommendations.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the *Vice-President* to carry out the policies of the Family Association by developing and administering specific programs as assigned by the President of the Executive Committee. During the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. Upon resignation or demise of the President, the Vice-President shall automatically advance to the position of President. The Executive Committee shall then name a Vice-President who will serve until the next regular Annual Meeting.

At the conclusion of a President's two-year term the Vice-President shall automatically be nominated as the next President.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the *Secretary* to keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Family Association and of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall keep a complete register of the members of this Association, together with their places of residence, and perform such other secretarial duties as the President or Executive Committee may direct. In the absence of the Secretary at an Executive Committee meeting, the President may designate an acting Secretary to function for that meeting.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the *Treasurer* to receive and keep an accurate record of all dues, contributions, and other monies received by and in behalf of the Family Association. If desired by the Executive Committee, the Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Association. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received in the name of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be approved by the Executive Committee. All expenditures and disbursements on behalf of the Association shall be through the Treasurer and only by approval of the President, or the Vice-President in the President's absence.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the two (2) Assistant Treasurers to help the Treasurer in all the duties of that person, to be alternate signatories on all accounts of the Family Association, to audit the records of the Treasurer, to succeed to the office of the Treasurer in the event of resignation or demise of the Treasurer, and to perform such tasks as directed by the President.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the *Newsletter Editor* to publish on a regular basis, as determined by the Executive Committee, a family newsletter and distribute to all current members of the Association to keep them informed of the events and activities of the Association and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee. The Newsletter Editor and the Treasurer shall work together to maintain a current membership list. These newsletters will be sent to genealogical libraries.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the *Associate Newsletter Editor* to help the Newsletter Editor wherever needed in the publishing of the Association Newsletter.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the *Historian* to arrange at least one genealogy session at each Annual Meeting, to research the family history, and to communicate with other persons who research the family history.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the *Archivist* to collect, store, and manage the memorabilia that have been acquired by the Association. The Archivist must keep, inventory and should bring such historical items to the Annual Meetings.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the *Host Chairman* to make all the plans and arrangements and prepare the agenda for the Annual Meeting. These plans should be coordinated with the President for that year.

The position of Host Chairman is a voluntary post which is approved by the members present at the Annual Meeting.

Section 12. All officers and members of committees, whether elected or appointed, shall perform the duty and/or assignments without receiving any monetary remuneration whatsoever, except that the Treasurer shall be authorized and empowered to repay monies actually expended for and in behalf of the Association upon approval of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may accept on behalf of the Association any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes or for a special purpose of the Association.

## Article VI

## Amendments

The Bylaws of the VVV Family Association may be amended, altered or added to by a majority two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting or by absentee ballot, provided that written notice of at least ten days is given to the membership so stating the amendment to be voted upon when voting is necessary by absentee ballot.

1880 US Census Peru, Miami, IN  
Benjamin Vawter age 37 works in I M Co. Factory  
Sarah A. Vawter age 33  
Orion Vawter age 14 call currier in factory  
Alfred H. Vawter age 11 runs elevator in factory  
Edmund R. Vawter age 5

1900 US Census Rochester, Fulton Indiana  
Benjamin Vawter age 56 b. Aug 1843 IN/KY/OH married 36 years occupation Miller  
Sarah Ann wife age 53 b. May 1847 IN/OH/NJ married 36 years 11 children 5 living  
Mary L. dau age 16 b. Feb 1884 IN/IN/IN  
Lovina B. dau age 14 b. Jan 1886 IN/IN/IN

## **Burial: Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester Fulton County, Indiana, USA**

Edward Ramsey Vawter  
Birth: Aug. 14, 1874  
Rochester  
Fulton County  
Indiana, USA  
Death: Jan. 8, 1951  
Rochester  
Fulton County  
Indiana, USA

Edward Vawter was the son of Benjamin and Sarah Vawter.

He was survived by his siblings:  
Mrs. Harley Woodcox (Rochester)  
Mrs. Archie Woodfield (Indianapolis)

He married Minnie D. Hostedler in Chicago, Illinois June 06, 1900.

Their children were:  
Mrs. Irving Tarrant (Hinsdale, ILL)  
Mrs. Robert Fisher (Rochester, IN)  
Mrs. Miriam Alexander (preceeded him in death)

He was the member of Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church of Rochester and served faithfully as a Sunday School teacher for 45 years. He was also an official of the administrative council of the church.

He was retired from the Rochester Steam Laundry which he owned and operated for many years.

Alfred (Bert) Vawter  
Birth: Mar. 1, 1868  
Rochester  
Fulton County  
Indiana, USA  
Death: Nov. 9, 1943  
Rochester  
Fulton County  
Indiana, USA

Alfred (Bert) Vawter was the son of Benjamin and Sarah Vawter, and except for a brief period where he lived in Omaha, Nebraska, lived in the Rochester Indiana area all of his life.

He married Laura Ellen Hochstedler on October 24th 1895.

He passed away in his home, and at the time of his death, he was survived by his wife, a daughter, Hope McKelvey; two sisters, Mrs. Harl Woodcox and Mrs. Arthur Woodfield.

A brother, Ed, preceeded him in death.

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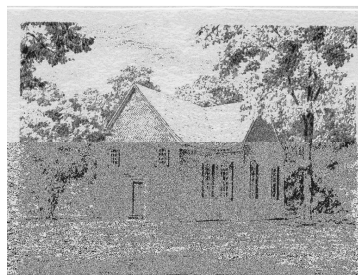
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**Important Notice concerning your Dues.**

Many people continue to receive the newsletter without paying the small dues that we ask to cover printing and distributing expenses. Starting with the first issue to 2008, the newsletter will be distributed only to those family members who have paid during 2007. Please take a moment and check to see if you have paid. If not, send your \$10.00 to Laneil Vawter 11506 Sagecountry Houston, TX 77089. Make checks payable to the VVV Family. Why not send \$10.00 for other members of your family at the same time, your kids, aunts or cousins would love to hear more about our great organization. Don't miss an upcoming issue, packed with lots more information.

**Congratulations to Past President Phil Vaughter**

**He was elected Exalted Ruler (president) of the 116 year old Elks Lodge in Austin, Texas earlier this year. This Fraternal Organization has over 450 Austin members, & does charity work thru youth of the community, & works with Veterans in the area. Phil also attended the national convention this summer and continues to work for the organization and community.**

Complete details of the July Reunion in West Virginia including some great pictures will be forthcoming in the December issue of the VVV Newsletter. If you have any stories or notes of interest concerning the reunion, genealogy or other VVV information you would like to see published, send it along to Georgene Jurgensen, address listed above.

The following article was written by Melba Vawter Ashburn, 3427 Syringa Dr., Lewiston, ID 83501. It was published in the local newspaper. Melba attended the VVV reunion in Colorado and has been an active genealogist and avid supporter of the VVV organization.

### **Feelings After A Stroke, Melba Ashburn**

My life changed forever on January 29, 2005. Now it's two and one half years since I suffered a severe stroke. My family and friends say I look fine, but I don't feel fine. I want to share with you some of my feelings. I was seventy-nine-years old and I was healthy and active. I had a teacher with a master's degree and an author. I entertained with my keyboard many times each month and in addition I read poetry, which was a hobby. I was called the "train lady" and wrote and did programs about the Camas Prairie Railroad. I was president of the Alpha Delta Kappa, (Women Educators Honorary Sorority) and was involved in the Congregational Presbyterian Church, Retired Educators, Retired Rail roaders, line dancing, and much more. In a matter of minutes I had gone from being able to communicate normally to one who was unable to convey even the most basic words. It was a blood clot.

Since the brain damage is in the left cerebral hemisphere that controls speech I have aphasia and also my right side is weak and numb. I have no feeling for hot or cold in my right side. If my shoe falls off my right foot I don't feel it. When I am sewing I can't feel the needle. When I am typing on a computer I constantly must look at the right hand keys. I have read a lot about strokes. I read if my back hurts it may be because of the gait when I walk. My back always hurts. X-rays were taken and I go to a therapist and I have exercises that I do daily.

I am a stroke survivor as I fight for recovery. I pray because I'm not in this alone. Remember the hymn, "Be still, my soul; for God will undertake to guide in future days as in the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;...Be still, my soul; for God is on your side." I am very thankful that I have many people who pray with me and for me. At first, I was angry with God. But I finally came to a point that God allowed the stroke to happen for a reason. Maybe I had the stroke because I needed to slow down.

While I was in the hospital I realized I had difficulty with my vocabulary. I felt my life was over. The doctors said there was so much damage in my brain that I should go to a nursing home. One day the doctor came in and I had written a note to him (because I couldn't say it) "I want to die". He didn't react. Maybe he couldn't read my writing. I felt my life was over and I was devastated and horrified.

Aphasia is a speech-language disorder. I like it when I read, "It must be made clear that the breakdown is in language not intelligence." I had six months of speech therapy from Brandy Sullivan and I made great gains, but I needed more. At that point, however, my daughter, Julie, went with me to the doctor. The doctor told us that I would not get any better. But I needed hope. I believe with determination and practice I am getting better. I remember when I could barely talk, read or write. I not only had speech therapy, but also physical and occupation therapy.

I am still insecure about my speech and fluency. I avoid starting conversations and when I speak there are lots of hesitations. Family and friends need to be patient, because I am trying to find the right words to say. Sometimes I am ignored when I try to talk because I am so slow. During my exercise class I had everyone's attention and I wanted to say "I will demonstrate." They waited, but I couldn't say "demonstrate." There are so many words that I can't say, but I can say 'Tsceminicum.' I belong to the Tsceminicum Club and tsceminicum is an Indian word that means 'where two rivers meet.'

I lost numbers; I couldn't count and still have trouble with it. Daily I practiced writing my zip code, address and phone number. The therapist spent much time in teaching me to write checks and to put the clock hands in the correct position. I had to learn 'five after three' is written '3:05' and 'twenty-five after midnight' is written '12:25.' I learned the difference between the numbers – six, sixteen, sixty, and six hundred.

At first Brandy taught like I was a first grader when the words were one syllable, like comb, fan, rose, and map. Every day she showed pictures and I was graded on how many I could say. I tried to sing the "ABC Song." I still don't know the whole alphabet. My therapist started with simple sentences – 'How are you?' and later 'The store had a sale' and then advanced to 'The family had their pictures taken.' My therapist wrote every name of my family and I worked on that for months.

I go to church every week, but I still can't say "The Lord's Prayer." We sing but I can't keep up and we have the Prayer of Confession and I'm too slow.

The Wall Street Journal published an article "Restoring Lost Speech after a Stroke." The article focused on how people continue to make progress with aphasia for years. That is good news. I believe a group approach in providing speech therapy to stroke survivors would be meaningful. I belong to "Life after Stroke" which is a stroke education group and is sponsored by St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Cooperation with the American Stroke Association. WE support and encourage one another but many stroke survivors don't have aphasia.

I am thankful to my God. I live in my home, drive my car (only in town and during daylight), and I love my friends and family. I organized the Scholarship in memory of my daughter, Diane Wilmonen, it pays \$500.00 annually to a deserving college student from the Congregational Presbyterian Church. Fatigue is with me always. But I play the piano for groups a few times every month, (my keyboard is too heavy to carry), I am trying to learn to read poetry again.

Aphasia is impairment and I need time to communicate. Speaking takes more time and sometimes is extremely difficult. I have problems with my right side, and improve my speech, I practice reading aloud. Some people think that I am a miracle, but the most important thing is THERE IS LIFE AFTER A STROKE!

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Fulton County IN Obits, 1943 The News-Sentinel. Tuesday, November 9, 1943

**Alfred (Bert) VAWTER**, 75, well-known citizen, passed away 7:50 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home, 316 North Main street, this city. Death came in the wake of a stroke which he suffered Monday evening. Mr. Vawter had been in failing health for the past several months but his condition had not been regarded as extremely grave, until he was stricken yesterday.

For over a score or more of years he was employed in the ROCHESTER STEAM LAUNDRY, which was operated by his brother, **Ed VAWTER**. He retired from the business several years ago and was employed by the Erie railroad. Mr. Vawter had a host of friends throughout Rochester and Fulton county.

Alfred, **son of Benjamin and Sarah VAWTER**, was born March 1st, 1868 in Rochester. All of his life was spent in this city with the exception of a few years' residency in Omaha, Neb.

On October 24th, 1895, he was united in marriage with Laura Ellen HOCHSTEDLER. Mr. Vawter was a member of the Masonic Order and the Presbyterian church of this city.

Survivors are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Hope McKELVEY, of South Bend; two sisters, Mrs. Harl WOODCOX, of Rochester; Mrs. Arthur WOODFIELD, of Indianapolis; and a grandson, Robert McKELVEY, of this city.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon, two o'clock at the Foster funeral home. Rev. G. McGEE of the Presbyterian church will be in charge of the rites. The Masonic Order will give its graveside ritual at the I.O.O.F. cemetery where interment will be made. The body will lie in state at the Foster funeral home where friends may pay their respects .

# In Memoriam

**Marcus Dale Vawter** of St. Clair, Missouri, husband of Julie (Poe) Vawter and son of William Oliver and Elsie Alene (Goodman) Vawter, passed away Friday, June 8, 2007 at the age of 51 years.

Marcus was born in July of 1955 at St. Louis, Missouri. He honorably served his country with the U.S. Air force and on August 10, 2002 he was united in marriage to Julie Poe at Sullivan, Missouri. After their marriage the family resided in St. Clair. Marcus was a 31 year employee for Altiva (the former Jefferson-Smurfit) as a maintenance supervisor. He was known as a kind and generous person who had a happy countenance and loved his grandchildren. He was especially fond of four wheeling and water sports particularly jet skiing. Marcus also enjoyed hunting and model airplanes, computer games and traveling. His organizational memberships included Local 5056M Teamsters and True Vine Baptist Church of Sullivan.

Along with his wife Julie, Marcus is survived by; five children, Tabitha Vawter and fiancée Kory Christensen, Stephanie Vawter, Tresa Seals, Shawn and Eric Kelly; six grandchildren, Taylor Michelle, Kamryn Jo, Kaleb Marcus, Kaitlynn Ann, Dominic and Kasondra Seals; five brothers, Lindell Vawter of the state of North Carolina, Harold Vawter of Sullivan, Missouri, Mike Vawter of the state of Florida, Keith Vawter of Rolla, Missouri and Kenny Vawter of Sullivan; one sister, Debbie Anderson of Sullivan; other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 11, 2007 from the First Baptist Church, Villa Ridge, Missouri with Pastor Roger Johnson officiating. Interment was in Liberty Hill Cemetery, Highland, Arkansas. Funeral arrangements were under the care of the Eaton Funeral Home, Sullivan, Missouri.

GALVESTON, TX — **Beverly J. Vawter**, 64, Galveston, died at 3:10 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2007, in her residence.

Born Dec. 21, 1942, in Kokomo, she was the daughter of Robert E. and Agnes L. "Sally" Hicks McBride. She was first married in 1964 to John Williams and in 1974 she was re-married to Farrell Vawter, who preceded in death on Jan. 31, 1996.

She was a retired hairdresser. She owned and operated the Hen House Beauty Shop in Galveston until 1983.

She was a member of the Galveston Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir, Order of the Eastern Star in Galveston and was a Past Rainbow Grand Officer. She was also a member of the Knotty Knitters Club. She was one of the sweetest Christian ladies on Earth, according to her family. Vawter is survived by a daughter, Tracey Sallee, Galveston; three grandsons, Ryan and wife, Alisha, Adam and Tony, all of Galveston; one great grandson, Michael; and a sister-in-law, Sharon Vawter, Debury, Fla. Her parents and husband preceded her in death. Murray-Weaver Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

**Maxine Vawter** By York, NE News-Times Staff

Maxine Vawter, 87, of Oakley, Kan., died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at Logan County Manor in Oakley. She was born Sept. 24, 1919, at Lorraine, Kan., the daughter of Charles D. and Theresa R. Groth Schmidt. She was a homemaker who lived 60 years in the Oakley area. She married John W. Vawter on Dec. 20, 1943, at Mountain Lakes, N.J. She was a member of the United Methodist Church at Oakley, earned a bachelor's degree in music from Kansas State University, worked as a music teacher and a substitute teacher, and was a member of the Homemaker's Club. Survivors include a son, John D. (Lana) Vawter of Wichita, Kan.; daughter, Beverly A. (Dennis) Nelson of Benedict; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Theresa Schmidt; husband, John Vawter who died July 1, 2002; brothers, Oliver and Dallas Schmidt; sisters, Eunice Dean and Edna Janzen. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. Pastor Sheryl Johnson will officiate. Burial will be at the Oakley Cemetery.

Indy Star, Hamilton Co., IN. McLean, Phillip A. September 8, 2007

**Phillip Andrew McLean** 88, longtime Zionsville resident, died September 6, 2007. Mr. McLean was born July 19, 1919 in Marion County. He was a World War II Army Veteran, a retired mechanic from Citizens Gas, and a longtime member Colonial Hills Baptist Church. Mr. McLean is survived by his children, **Katheryn J. Vawter**, Phillip S. McLean, and Charlotte A. Lipe; eight grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Minervia McLean, in 2004. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m., Sunday, September 9, 2007 at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center, Zionsville. A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Monday, September 10, 2007 at the funeral center. Burial with military honors will follow at Zionsville Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Gideons International or Colonial Hills Baptist Church.

Villager Journal Newspaper. **Carl Vawter**, 81, of Ash Flat, Ark., died July 5, 2007, at the Fulton County Hospital in Salem, Ark. He was born July 11, 1925, in King Mills, Ark., the son of the late **James Monroe Vawter** and Georgianna (Miller) Vawter. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II. He worked many years as a farmer. He was a Christian and a member of the Assembly of God Church in Highland. He is survived by: his wife, Jean Vawter; one son, Rene? Vawter of Huntsville, Ala.; two brothers, Leon Vawter of Port Hueneme, Calif., and William Vawter of Sullivan, Mo.; and three grandchildren, Jason, Greg and Stacey. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Eugene Vawer. Funeral services were held July 9 at the Highland Assembly of God Church with Rev. Tim Turner officiating. Burial was in the Liberty Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Tri-County Funeral Home of Highland, Ark.



## **Start Making Plans Today for the 2008 Reunion Red Wing Minnesota, July 17, 18, 19 2008 A beautiful river town on the Mississippi**

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## **In Memoriam**

Gordie Vaughter Spencer, Aunt of Dr. Paul H. Vaughter, Past VVV Historian and Phil Vaughter, Past VVV President.

**Gordie Ramona Vaughter** was born on August 4, 1913 in Ada, OK. She grew up in Oklahoma City and had three brothers and two sisters. She graduated from Central High in Oklahoma City. Having a heart for missions and Africa, she began and finished, the Carver School of Missions in Louisville, KY (now Southern Seminary). Instead of doing missions on foreign soil, she felt called to be the Youth Director of 2 churches, FBC Shawnee, OK and FBC Cushing, OK.

When she was attending a conference in Falls Creek, OK Conference Center, she met Gilbert Spencer, a young preacher from OK. They fell in love and married on Dec. 23, 1946 at FBC Shawnee, OK. After they married, they moved to Kansas City, MO so Gilbert could enroll in Mid Western Seminary. Gordie supported and took an active part in her husband's ministry while he pastored churches in Kansas City, Tulsa, and two churches in Oklahoma City. While in Oklahoma City, Gordie was secretary in the Wesley Hospital School of Nursing.

Feeling God's call to CA, Gilbert and Gordie moved to Moorpark in the early 60's to pastor First Baptist Church there. With the Lord's help, Gilbert started and grew First Baptist church in Simi Valley for 7 years. Other pastorates were in Edgemont near Riverside, Collegedale BC in San Bernardino and several interim pastorates. Not only was Gordie a busy mom and pastor's wife, she also worked as secretary for Riverside Public Schools, California Baptist University, and was a LVN at Parkview Hospital and Riverside Community Hospital. After Gilbert's retirement, Gilbert and Gordie joined Magnolia Ave. Baptist Church. Following Gilbert's death, Gordie lived in Colton with her son David and then moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico in November 2004. She returned to CA in September 2005 and lived at Baswell's Chateau Villa, a retirement home in Redlands. Gordie celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, August 4, and was gifted to be with the Lord at day's end. Gordie is survived by her son David, 2 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 7 nephews and 4 nieces.

James Vaughters, VVV Historian, 5981 S Lima St., Englewood, CO 80111, has added some corrections, updates and additional information on previous VVV newsletter articles. We continue to add to our knowledge and thank everyone who continues to contribute to our family history.

From Jim: Correction to the Newsletter, the information on the picture page of Riverside Cemetery, Byers, Texas got lost in transcription or translation. (Editors note: many items are taken from the internet and should be used only as a guide until more accurate information can be found)

1. Ada Gordan should be Ada Gordon. Parents SH & ?? they are Samuel Hiram and Sarah E. Williams, married 1866 in Franklin County, Georgia. Wife of Herman – should be Hiram Dennis.
2. Herman Dennis Vaughter MD should be Hiram

Samuel Vaughter lived with Hiram, his first born, in the last few years of his life. The only document in the courthouse that mentions Samuel is his death record signed by Hiram Dennis Vaughter.

3. Spencer H. Vaughter should be Samuel
4. Parents Hiram and Glenn should read: Hiram S. Vaughter (1814-1853) and Elizabeth Glenn (1814-1870), Married 1832 Franklin County

At the invitation of Carolyn Chapin, great granddaughter of Samuel, I (Jim) went to Byers and the cemetery. She has all the data on Samuel and all of his kids. Sarah died in Ark. or OK, but Carolyn didn't know where she is buried.

Notes on Samuel: Teacher in Franklin Co., before Civil War. 1<sup>st</sup> St., C. K, Georgia 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, Army of Tennessee Barton's Brigade. Captured at Champion Hill, MS May 16, 1863 as Grant moved toward Vicksburg. POW at Upper Sandusky, OH (on lake Erie) Paroled at Point Lookout, Maryland March 1865. Walked home. Samuel's pension application, Georgia State Archives:

Were you ever captured? "yes"

When? "May 16, 1863"

Where? "Big Black's River"

By whose authority did you surrender? (The question sought the name of his commanding officer)

His answer was "Federal, I reckon"

#### Wily Words

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I am my own grandpa!

Many many years ago  
When I was twenty three,  
I got married to a widow  
Who was pretty as could be.

This widow had a grown-up daughter  
Who had hair of red.  
My father fell in love with her,  
And soon the two were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law  
And changed my very life.  
My daughter was my mother,  
For she was my father's wife.

To complicate the matters worse,  
Although it brought me joy,  
I soon became the father  
Of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became  
A brother-in-law to dad.  
And so became my uncle,  
Though it made me very sad.

For if he was my uncle,  
Then that also made him brother  
To the widow's grown-up daughter  
Who, of course, was my step-mother.

Father's wife then had a son,  
Who kept them on the run.  
And he became my grandson,  
For he was my daughter's son.

My wife is now my mother's mother  
And it makes me blue.  
Because, although she is my wife,  
She's my grandmother too.

If my wife is my grandmother,  
Then I am her grandchild.  
And every time I think of it,  
It simply drives me wild.

For now I have become  
The strangest case you ever saw.  
As the husband of my grandmother,  
I am my own grandpa!

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

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

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

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

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

## ADAM AND TABITHA (VAWTER) ROUSE

By Karen Bowman, MD, Leawood, KS

(The editor of this paper would like to correspond with anyone interested in this family. My E-mail address is PBowman@kc.rr.com, I am the great great granddaughter of William Jamison and Julia Magdalene (Straney) Rouse. Karen Bowman) Karen has attended several VVV reunions including the most recent in West Virginia.

Adam Rouse was son of Martin and Frances Rouse. The maiden name of Frances Rouse is unknown. Martin Rouse, whose will was dated July 11, 1802, and probated Jan. 26, 1809, in Madison Co., VA., was the son of John and Mary Rausch. John Rausch was first known in VA. when he patented 610 acres of land on the First Fork of the Rapidan River, Sept. 28, 1728.<sup>1</sup> John Rausch is discussed in "The Germanna Record."<sup>2</sup>

Adam Rouse was born between Dec., 1762 and Mar., 1763 most likely in Madison Vo., VA. according to statements he made.<sup>3 4</sup> He married Tabitha Vawter on Nov. 17, 1795 in Madison Co., VA. The minister was William Carpenter.<sup>5</sup> Tabitha, born in Albemarle Co., VA.,<sup>6</sup> was the daughter of Richard and Frances (Towles) Vawter.<sup>5</sup>

Mabel Blair Rouse, a great granddaughter of Adam Rouse, stated he was an auctioneer.

Adam Rouse served in the American Revolution and applied for a pension. The Va. Revolutionary Pension Applications on July 11, 1832 state: "Madison Co., VA. Adam Rouse of said county, age 69, declares John Breedlove and Henry Towles, both now of Madison Co., were drafted in Aug. or Sept., 1781 to serve two months in the militia. Rouse was drafted at the same time, the only duty he was called upon to perform."<sup>7</sup>

On Mar. 7, 1833 in VA. Revolutionary Pension records, it states: "Adam Rouse, Madison Co., VA., Mar. 7, 1833, age 70, declares he was drafted from Culpeper Co., in 1781. It was the only tour he performed."<sup>4</sup>

In VA. Revolutionary War records, it states: "Adam Rouse, Madison Co., VA., 80 years old was at the siege of York and surrender of Cornwallis and after peace was declared Maj. Welch spent the remainder of his life in the same Co. with him. (Dec. 14, 1843)"<sup>3</sup>

The will of Adam Rouse was probated Jan. 28, 1847 in Madison Co., VA.<sup>8</sup> His will listed two sons, William and Jameson V., and two daughters, Harritt Collins and Alpha Rouse.

Jameson V. Rouse, called "Major" was born in 1806.

He died in 1896, probably in Madison Co., VA. He married, first, May 20, 1833 in Madison Co., VA. to Elizabeth Canady.<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth Canady (also spelled Kennedy) was born in 1801. They had one daughter, Laura, born 1839, who married James Nash.

James Vawter Rouse married a second time to Mary Francis Braussen.

They had three children, Francis Jameson, Edgar Marcellus and Charles William. Francis Jameson, born Aug. 16, 1853, died July 10, 1920, married Areland Lafayette Marsteller. Edgar Marcellus Rouse married Alice

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<sup>1</sup> Spotsylvania County, Va. Grants Book 14, p. 110.

<sup>2</sup> Charles H. Huffman, "The Germanna Record", Number 6, 1965.

<sup>3</sup> Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, Revolutionary War Records, VA., Vol. 1, 1976, p. 576.

<sup>4</sup> VA. Revolutionary Pensions. Vol. 15.

<sup>5</sup> Madison Co., VA. Marriage Records, Vol. 1, p. 246 and 276.

<sup>6</sup> Nancy E. Rouse. John Rouse of VA. and his Descendants, 1717-1980. Whiporwill Publishing Co., 1982, pp. 193-197.

<sup>7</sup> John Frederick Dorman, VA. Revolutionary Pension Applications. Vol. 10, p. 1965, p. 4.

<sup>8</sup> Madison Co., VA., Will book 8, p. 117.

Whitmore. Their children were Mabel Blair, born Nov. 16, 1883; Edgar Hubert, born Mar. 5, 1885; Mary Rosella, born Mar. 4, 1887; Willa Jane; Shirley Jameson, born June 30, 1889 and married Oct. 4, 1911 to William W. Ashby; William Archie, born Aug. 28, 1895; Grace Marguerite, born Apr. 11, 1900 and married Dec. 27, 1919 to Evan Hamilton Ashby, M. D.; and Alice Pauline, born Jan. 4, 1903, and married 1938 to Clyde Delmar Stevens. Edgar Hubert, son of Edgar Marcellus and Alice (Whitmore) Rouse, married Annie E. Button, born 1882, died 1933, and he married a second time to Lillian Biddles Parker on May 19, 1937. The children of Edgar Hubert and Annie E. (Button) Rouse were Hubert Blair, born Oct. 31, 1912 and married to Franchon Remond; and Alice Elizabeth, born Apr. 12, 1918 and married to Jackson Wayland Griffin. The children of Hubert Blair and Franchon (Remond) Rouse were James Blair, born Aug. 12, 1944; and Janet Elizabeth, born Dec. 5, 1946. The children of Jackson Wayland and Alice Elizabeth (Rouse) Griffin were Ann Elizabeth, born June 22, 1937; and Jack Davis Griffen, born Dec. 6, 1949.<sup>6</sup> (Griffin and Griffen were both in the reference)

Alpha Rouse, daughter of Adam and Tabitha (Vawter) Rouse, was born 1798 and married June 3, 1851 to George W. Bickers.<sup>6</sup>

Harriet Rouse, daughter of Adam and Tabitha (Vawter) Rouse, married Dec. 17, 1831 to William Collins.<sup>6</sup>

William V. Rouse, son of Adam and Tabitha (Vawter) Rouse, was born between 1796 and 1800 based on the date of his parent's marriage and the 1840 federal census records of Hardin Co., KY.

His son, Reuben T. Rouse, stated that both of his parents were born in Culpeper Co., VA.

William Rouse married Frances Carver on Oct. 27, 1815 in Madison Co., VA.

The parents of Fannie Carver are unknown. The most likely possible parents located by the editor are Noel Carver and Excey Beck who married Dec. 4, 1797 in Albemarle Co., VA. The children of Noel and Excey (Beck) Carver as listed in the real estate conveyance of Noel Carver in Bedford Co., VA. in 1813 were Fanny, Reuben, Matilda, Tandy, and Lucy.

William V. Rouse was deceased by Dec. 18, 1848 according to Order Book M., page 44, in Hardin Co., KY.

The children of William V. and Fanny (Carver) Rouse were Martha M. born about 1817, and married to Alexander Gilmore on Mar. 25, 1845 in Hardin Co., KY.; Granville V., born about 1819 who married first Nancy T. McHatton on Jan. 19, 1841 in Boone Co., KY, and then Emily McHatton on Apr. 2, 1846 in Boone Co., KY.;

James Albert, born Jan. 5, 1821 and married June 12, 1849 to Elizabeth Ann Harl; Eliza M., born June 15, 1823 and married to William Noel Shaw on Mar. 25, 1839 in Boone Co., KY.; Tabartha, born about 1829 and married Apr. 13, 1857 to James Head;

Mollie, also known as Mary Matilda, born May, 1833 and married Oct. 18, 1857 to James Matthias Gaugh; Omega, born about 1834;

Reuben T., born 1836 and married Sept. 10, 1865 in Daviess Co., KY. to Louisa J. Cosler; and Noah C., born about 1841 and married Feb. 10, 1859 in Meade Co., KY. to Isabella Whaling.

William Jamison Rouse was also a son of William and Frances (Carver) Rouse. He was born June 27, 1825 in Madison Co., VA.

He married Barbara Ann Brown in Hardin Co., KY. on Aug. 10, 1847.

He married her sister, Margaret (Brown) Straney, on Sept. 18, 1862 at the Catholic Church in Hardin Co., KY. The marriage license is located at Meade Co., KY.

Finally, he married the daughter of James H. and Rosella (Brown) Straney. Rosella (Brown) Straney was the sister of Barbara Ann and Margaret Brown. He married Julia Magdalene Straney in Garnettsville, KY. on May 30, 1864.

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Chambersville Cemetery  
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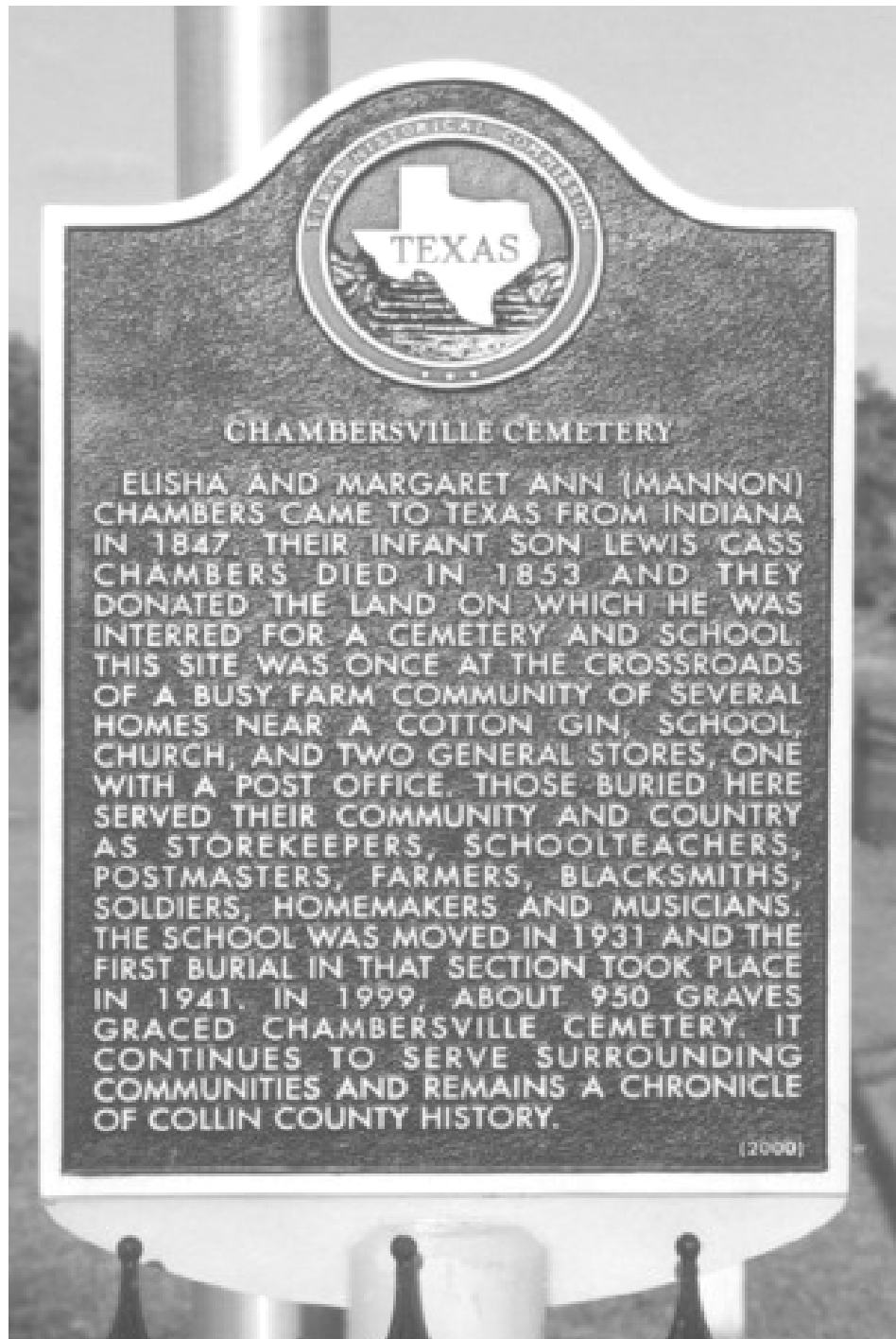
Martha Vauter  
b. Mary 4, 1833  
d. Jul 31, 1887

R. B. Vauter  
b. Nov 23, 1829  
d. Sep 29, 1913

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**Richard B.5, Benjamin4,  
William3, Unknown2,  
Bartholomew1 Vawter**

Benjamin Vawter d. 1860 m. 24  
Jan 1822 to Elizabeth Bell.  
Children: Lucinda, Permelia,  
Amanda, none of these woman  
married. All lived to ages 50 to  
70 years and are buried on  
family farm cemetery in VA.  
Two sons, Richard who went to  
TN and William Calvin Vawter  
from VA.



Richard B. Vauter. When he was grown he left Virginia and located in Tennessee where he married. From Sandy Campbell, researcher of Richard email Vger53@aol.com, comes this:  
Richard B. Vauter b. 1829 VA d. 29 Sep 1913 Bowie, TX m. 7 Dec 1854 Madison Co., TN to Martha Ann Gregory. Enlisted Civil War with 12<sup>th</sup> TN Cavalry CSA (poss. Co. I) with other men from Haywood Co., TN. Richard was in Bowie Texas, visiting his daughter and was walking to the store to buy some tobacco. He was crossing the tracks when he was struck by a train and killed. It is thought he never heard it coming as he had become hard of hearing in later years.

**VAWTER, MN;** a small village of the Soo Line in section 6 of Bellevue, was platted in the summer of 1908. It had a post office, 1922-40. Located west of Hwy 10 in Morrison County, Minnesota, about 95 miles north and west of Minneapolis.



This county, established February 25, 1856, was named in honor of William and Allan Morrison. The older of these brothers, William, was born in Montreal, March 7, 1785, and died on Morrison's Island, near Sorel, Canada, August 7, 1866. He entered the service of the XY Fur Company in 1802, coming to Grand Portage, Leech Lake, and the headwaters of Crow Wing River. From 1805 to 1816 he was engaged there for a new company formed by the coalition of the XY and North West Companies. Later, through ten years, he was in the service of the American Fur Company, under John Jacob Astor, and established a series of trading posts on or near the northern boundary of Minnesota from Grand Portage west to Lake of the Woods. In 1826 he retired, and afterward lived in Canada. During his journeys as a fur trader he explored a large region of northern Minnesota.

Block house at Fort Ripley. 1895

By Mary Warner Copyright 2001, Morrison County Historical Society Two towns that have disappeared from the Morrison County landscape are Dixville and Vawter. The town of Vawter was founded in 1908 in northern Bellevue Township. The Minneapolis and Saulte Ste. Marie Railroad (Soo Line) had the town platted as it put in lines from Duluth to western Minnesota. The Soo Line apparently ran through John Schmolke's property and he supposedly gave the town its name by commenting that there was "vater" everywhere. The truth of this legend is unknown, but the town grew to include a grain elevator, several stores, the Vawter Community Church, and a school. A postal drop was established in the community in 1922. Farmers near the town used Vawter to ship their goods via the railroad to markets in Duluth. By the 1940s, this shipping service and the post office were discontinued and the town disappeared.

Vawter still shows up on current plat maps, so my husband and I took a drive to go find signs of the village. When we got to the spot, all we saw were a number of private homes, one of which had some suspicious-looking, grass-covered humps of dirt. There is no visible evidence of Vawter left. Will Dixville and Vawter eventually become like the legendary Atlantis? Only time will tell.

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**Minnesota pioneer sketches**, from the personal recollections and observations of a pioneer resident, by Frank G. O'Brien. Illustrated. Minneapolis, Minn., H.H.S. Rowell, 1904

Summary - At the age of twelve, Frank G. O'Brien (1843-1920) moved from Maine to Minnesota with his father and siblings, settling in Anoka County in 1855. Minnesota Pioneer Sketches is a collection of newspaper feature articles written by O'Brien that are here published in book form.

**THEN AND NOW (excerpted)**

Up the hill, corner of Second street, was the home of Ed Lippincott, the popular blacksmith and city marshal; between second and University of the left was the little white schoolhouse of Mrs. Butterfield, from whose window peered the face of the tiny maiden who in time became my wife. At the right there was naught but scrub oak. On the corner of University avenue was the little story-and-a-half house of Sam L. Vawter, the druggist; directly opposite was the then mansion of a house with a whole block of city property surrounding it, the home of Dr. S. H. Chute.

The history of the City of Saint Paul pub. 1869, page 434.

Died, January 15, Samuel L. Vawter, a prominent merchant.

Minneapolis, Minnesota 1909 City Directory page 1603

Vawter, Walter W. lumber 110 Lumber Exch r. 121 Elmwood pl

The Helena Independent 24 Jun 1881 Mr. Ben S. Vawter arrived from Chicago by Wednesday's coach. He is a brother of C. L. Vawter.

1890-92 Duluth, Minnesota Directory

1890, 1891 Benjamin S. Vawter

506 Clough Ave, Superior, MN

Occupation: Bill poster

John G. (jr), another brother, was in Minnesota and North Dakota during this time. His daughter, Elizabeth was born in Minnesota in 1886 and Lillian in North Dakota 1888. John (jr) also worked at a bank during this time in North Dakota. Benjamin likely was still single at this time.

**Food Rationing** was introduced at the start of World War II to make sure everyone got a fair share of available food. Food Imports stopped and a variety of fruits and vegetables were not available. Meat, butter, eggs and sugar were also in short supply and recipe books were published that used alternative ingredients in place of these. Carrots and Potatoes were used in cake making and so were leftovers. Bins were provided so that scraps of food could be collected and used to feed farm animals

**Back in 1946, just after the Second World War there were still many food shortages.**

People were only allowed so much of some particularly scarce foods. Food had to be shared out as equally as possible the way this was done was through a system called rationing. Every member of every family would have had a ration book and it gave precise details of the amounts of certain types of food that you were allowed during one week.

Some of the amounts were:

**Bacon and ham:** 4oz (100g)

**Meat:** To the value of 1s.2d (6p today).Sausages were not rationed but difficult to obtain; offal was originally unrationed but sometimes formed part of the meat ration.

**Cheese:** 2oz(50g) sometimes it went up to 4oz (100g) and even up to 8oz (225g).

**Margarine:** 4oz (100g)

**Butter:** 2oz (50g).

**Milk:** 3 pints(1800ml) occasionally dropping to 2 pints (1200ml). Household milk (skimmed or dried) was available : 1 packet per four weeks.

**Sugar:** 8oz (225g).

**Jam:** 1lb (450g) every two months.

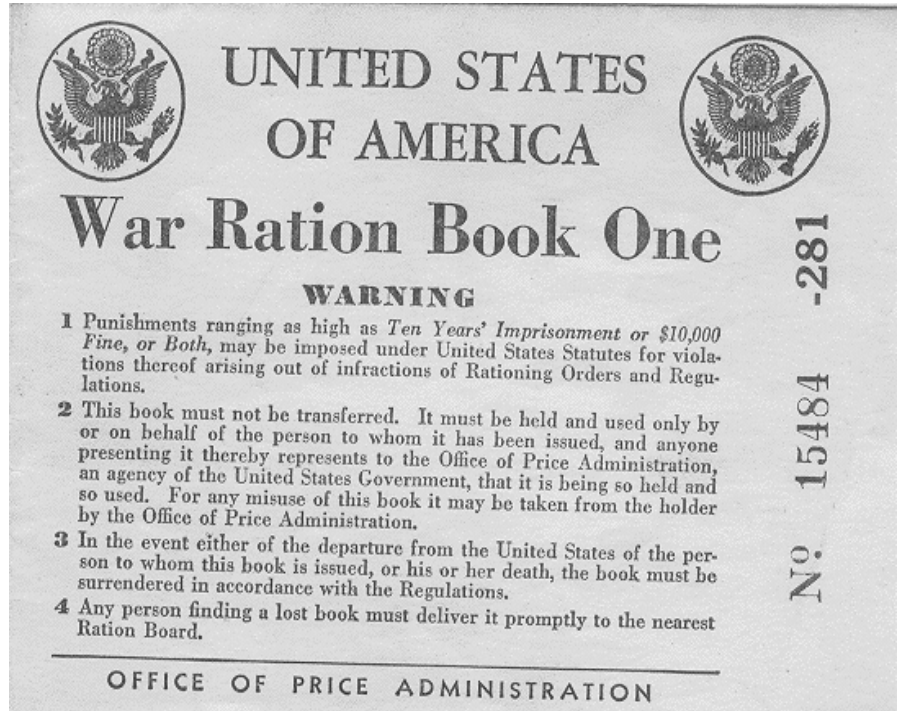
**Tea:**2oz (50g).

**Eggs:** 1fresh egg a week if available but often only one every two weeks. Dried eggs 1 packet every four weeks.

**Sweets:** 12oz (350g) every four weeks

**Can you imagine living for a week on these amounts of food?**

The National Milk Scheme was set up in 1940 to ensure that pregnant women and children under 5 received a pint of milk a day. It was available free or at cheaper prices, depending on your income. The scheme was widened to include more people as milk production was increased. In times of milk shortages, dried milk powder known as Household Milk was available as a substitute.



Cover of War Ration Book One from World War II (image enlarged)

**Below is a sample of recipes created by innovative cooks during rationing.**

### Fried Rolled Oats and Bacon

Place leftover rolled oats in a greased mold. When cold, slice 1/2-inch thick. Dredge in flour and dip in beaten egg which has been thinned with 1 tablespoon water. Fry 6 slices of bacon until crisp, remove from fat and drain. Fry oatmeal slices in all the bacon fat until brown on both sides. Serve with bacon slices.

WAR CAKE (This recipe uses WWII ration ingredients.)

1 large box of raisins (with seeds or seeded)  
3 cups of water  
1 cup of shortening  
1 tsp salt  
1 Tbsp. of baking soda  
1 Tbsp. of all spice  
1 Tbsp. nutmeg  
4 full cups and 2 scant cups of flour

#### THE FROSTING:

2 cups sugar  
1/8 tsp. cornstarch  
1/4 tsp salt  
3 Tbsp. cocoa (rounded)  
Just enough Half & Half cream  
1 patty butter  
1/2 tsp vanilla

THE CAKE: Simmer 1 large box of raisins in 2 cups of water, for 15 minutes. Remove from stove top and add 1 cup shortening, add salt, baking soda, 1 cup of cold water, all spice, & nutmeg. Add flour and mix together well. Bake at 350 degrees until done. Let cake cool before making frosting.

THE FROSTING: Mix above frosting ingredients except Half & Half, butter & vanilla, together. Then, add just enough Half & Half to make frosting sloppy. Cook frosting to soft ball stage. Add butter and vanilla, let cool then beat to spreading consistency.

TREASURED TRADITION: Sarah Glesner says her great grandmother created this recipe for Northland Cookies during WWII rationing, when butter was unavailable. Sarah and her family enjoy these cookies with coffee before and after meals during the holidays each year. (GJNote: my grandmother, Martha Dunn, daughter in law of Ada Vawter Dunn, made this cookie every week when we came to Sunday dinner, we called them "Grandma Cookies")

Northland Cookies Makes approximately 8 dozen

6 T shortening  
1/2 t salt  
1 c packed brown sugar  
1/2 t cinnamon  
1 3/4 c sifted flour  
1/4 c cold water  
1 t baking soda  
1/4 c blanched almonds, cut fine

Cream shortening. Add sugar gradually, then cream thoroughly. Sift flour, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon and stir into creamed mixture, alternating with water. (Sarah's great grandmother recommended always starting and ending with the flour mixture.) Blend in finely cut almonds.

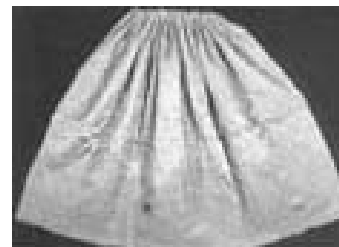
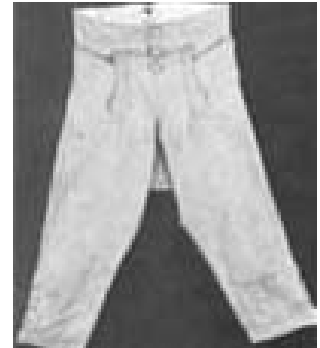
Make two small rolls out of the dough. Wrap in wax paper and chill overnight. (To avoid the dough drying out, be sure to wrap it tightly.)

The next day, cut rolls into very fine slices and remove from wax paper immediately. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake about 6 minutes at 400 degrees.

Bartholomew Vawter's inventory of estate from 1717 Essex County Virginia, contained a large amount of fabrics. Many plantations stock piled fabric for family and servants. These would have been imported from England. The definition of some of the fabrics is interesting. An ell was approximately 1.25 yards by measure.

Portion of the inventory of Bartholomew Vawter

3 ¾ yds of Kersey	0.07.0
4 felt hats	0.08.0
11 ½ ys of kersey	1.07.6
3 ½ yds of penestone	0.10.0
5 yds of pladd	0.08.6
5 ¼ yds scotch searge	0.06.6
2 ½ yds of shalleene, 8 ¾ stuf	0.07.6
14 yds of damask	0.14.0
6 ¼ yds scotch cloth	0.05.6
4 ¼ yds of irish lining (linen)	0.04.3
1 diaper table cloth	0.03.0
4 yds of irish lining (linen)	0.03.4
10 ¾ yds English lining	0.04.5
35 yds Lancaster lining	1.15.0
20 ydsof white ozenbrigs	0.13.4
12 ells of dowlas	0.15.0
17 yds of scotch lining	0.14.2
16 ½ yds of irish lining (linen)	0.16.0
25 yards of ditto	1.02.0
20 ½ yds of sheeting lining	1.10.0
21 ¾ yds of brown sheeting lining	1.02.0
7 ½ ells of brown ozenbrigs	1.05.0
12 ¼ yds of fine check	1.18.0
7 ½ yds of corse ditto check	0.08.6
4 yds of beco lining	0.02.4
17 yds of white demety	0.17.6
6 ½ yds of bed tick	0.08.0
6 ½ yds of boulster ditto	0.05.0



Cloth was often named after the place that was first known for making it or that specialized in especially fine products of a particular type. We have several examples in the list. Worsted, which was a common fabric in early America, is a cloth made of long-stapled wool combed straight and smooth before spinning, first known as cloth of Worthstede. Kersey, another common fabric often used for stockings, is a coarse woolen cloth with a woven pattern that may have originated in Kersey, Suffolk.

Osenberg has its origins began in Osnabruck, Germany, date uncertain, for which the fabric was named. It was a coarse, strong, plain-weave tow linen often left in its natural color. Fabric might have been similar to or a type of canvas, dowlas or sackcloth, all coarse linens used for cloak bags and cases and clothing for lower classes in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Today's name and spelling is due to the English corruption of Osnaburg but in former days

it was also spelled Osenbreges, Ossenbrydge, Ostenbriges, Ozenbridg[e], Osburow, Osenbrigs, Oz- Osnabrigs -brug, Ozenbrigs, Ossenburgs and Osnaburgh.

Kersey is said to be named for a village in England where from the 11th to 15th century a large woolen trade thrived. Originally it was a coarse, narrow, twill woven woolen cloth. A heavy, compact goods fulfilled to conceal the threads and finished with a short nap. Kersey was used for military clothing throughout Europe and North America. By the time of the American Civil War it had been standard fabric for army trousers and greatcoats since early in the century. Both 54 and 27 inch wide kerseys were listed by the Quartermaster for army use.

Manchester is woolen cloth from Manchester, England. Holland is a fine linen originally imported to England from Holland; later the name applied to any fine linen.

Stamell is a good quality worsted or linsey woolsey, generally red. The word derives from the red stamin dye. Frieze refers to a napped or piled woolen cloth, originally Irish.

Shag was a thick-piled cloth with a nap, generally of worsted, often used for linings. Its opposite might be stuff, which is also a worsted, but distinguished from other woolen clothes by the absence of any nap or pile.

Diaper has nothing to do with babies. It is a linen cloth patterned by opposite reflections from its surface.

Then we come to the great mystery. What is inkle? The Cunnington's dictionary came to the rescue. It is a kind of linen tape, sometimes white but usually colored, used as a cheap binding by the lower classes.

Bluefield Daily Telegraph (Bluefield, WV) 11 Mar 1905

Death Claims Miss Patsy Kean

The death occurred at 9:30 last night, at the home of her cousin, W. A. Vawter, on Lee street. Miss Patsy Kean, whose desperate illness has been noted in these columns. Her mother and two brothers were with her when the end came. Miss Kean who was only fifteen years of age, was a student at Graham College, and it was just three weeks ago last night when she first became sick.....physicians pronounced her illness typhoid fever.

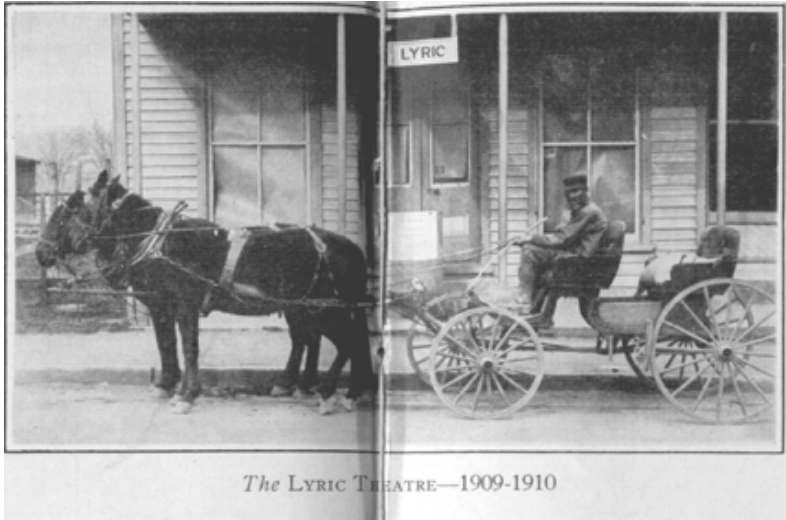
The Burlington Weekly Hawkeye (21 Sep 1882)

Iowa Christian Convention

Resolutions committee, J. B. Vawter, S. Ely and H. A. Kerr

Evangelizing, J. H. Painter, A. J. Garrison and J. B. Vawer, state Evangelists, made each an extensive and interesting report of successful work. S. Ely supplemented their reports by a verbal statement of his evangelistic statement of a general character, resulting in some two hundred new accessions.

Reports of state evangelists show that there are over one hundred regular Christian ministers in Iowa, membership in the state over twenty thousand, several new houses of worship built during the year, with other encouraging signs of success.



## The Lyric Theatre: A Look

### Back at the Beginnings

### History and Early Homes of the Lyric



The original Lyric Theatre in Blacksburg, VA was opened September 7, 1909, by S. R. Minter, former head of the electric service department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and R. R. Moyer, a student at V. P. I. The theatre was at that time in the building opposite the old military laboratory on a site later occupied first by a boarding house and restaurant and then by G. W. Hills & Store on Main Street.

The Lyric was bought in January, 1910 by R. A. Payne, and moved to the building later occupied by the G. C. Department store. This building was eventually brick-veneered. In June, 1910, Mr. Payne sold the theatre to C. E. Vawter, a member of the V. P. I. faculty. Mr. Vawter sold the theatre to Argabrite Brothers in 1913; they in turn sold it to J. A. Karnes and J. B. Fogleman, former treasurer of the college, in 1915.

Julia Ann Vaughter, parentage unknown. Julia married Terry Utley Wade son of Vincent Anderson Wade and Phoebe Utley. They married 7 Oct 1880 Rockwall, Rockwall Co., TX. One child known Lola Mae Wade b. 21 Aug 1887.

Wilson County News - Thursday, May 22, 1941. Funeral services for John Nelson VAUGHTER, 73, were conducted at the Hurricane Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. OWEN, pastor. Mr. VAUGHTER died in a local hospital Saturday morning after a brief illness. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lilly VAUGHTER; one son, Roy Wilson VAUGHTER; and 4 nephews. Burial was in Hurricane Cemetery with Ligon & Son in charge.

Allen Cemetery, Lexington, Lauderdale County, AL  
Melinda (Vaughter) Allen, wife of Robert Allen

Newport News Public Library, Newport, VA Times Herald  
Vawter, Edmund Longly, d. 11 Sep 1912



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### Important Notice Concerning Your Dues.

It's holiday time and now would be the best time to spend \$20, \$30 even \$50 and buy VVV newsletter and dues for the upcoming year. Children, cousins, parents even friends would love to know more about our great organization. Send your check for \$10 per subscription and dues to Laneil Vawter 11506 Sagecountry, Houston, TX 77089. Make check payable to the VVV family.

If you are receiving the newsletter and have not paid during 2007, this will be the last newsletter you will receive. Don't miss out on the current news, obituaries, upcoming reunions and family history. It's only \$10. Envelopes are enclosed in the newsletter to help remind you of unpaid dues. Don't set it aside, mail today. The VVV continues to expand and grow and everyone is an important part.

Does anyone have any information on this publication by Grace Vawter Bicknell? It would be very interesting to have a copy for our organization. Is anyone aware of any other publications by Grace? If anyone is in Washington DC perhaps they can put this on the list to try and locate.

Bicknell, Grace Vawter. The Inhabited Alleys of Washington, D.C. Committee on Housing, Woman's Welfare Department, 1912

# Black Water Falls State Park, Davis, WV, Reunion 2007.

July 19, 20 and 21 we came together for the annual VVV reunion. With more than 100 in attendance from across the US, we converged on West Virginia. Hosted superbly by Ned and Ellen Cummings and a host of volunteers, this was one of the most beautiful and cool Julys for everyone in attendance. Genealogy, good friends and loads of good food, plus a train ride thru the fantastic WV countryside were just a small part of 3 fun filled days. Pictures from top to bottom, left to right. 1. Beautiful Blackwater Falls Lodge. 2. Opening ceremony and information on the park. 3. Genealogy session, showing the original quilt from the revised version of the 1905 Bicknell Book, the Vawter Family in America. 4. One of the many falls and beautiful scenery. 5. Cheat Mountain Corksniffers old time music and entertainment 6. Let the dancing begin.



More Pictures 7. The dancing lasted into the night. 8. Even sore feet didn't slow us down. 9 The New Tygert Flyer, 4 hours of WV beauty. 10. The conductors, all aboard. 11. Train travel was fun. 12. A happy group of VVV travelers.



Picture 13. Wind power a part of our future. 14. Thankfully that was not our train track 15 and 16. Beautiful Blackwater Falls 17. Saturday Night Banquet with President J. W. Vawter presiding. 18. VVV Memorial Service honoring 34 family members



Jeanette Vawter, who resides at 3737 W. 116<sup>th</sup> St, Zionsville, In 46077 recently sent some poetry of her late husband Dewey Vawter. She says "I know he wouldn't mind sharing them from his published and copy wried poem book". Here are the 3 she sent along, all by Dewey Vawter.

#### Just a kid

I'm just a normal kind of kid, Like many kids my age. So why does everyone I know Measure me with a strickter gauge? I have the same desires and hopes As everyone today, So please do not disown me, if I should slip or go astray. Sometimes I slip and stumble, And fall flat upon my face. The only thing that saved my hide, Was God's own gentle grace. I don't live up to my potential; I'm falling short right now. Perhaps I could do better If you would show me how. I've a lot of growing up to do, And that's really hard you see. I need a lot of help with this, Why not share your life with me? You're older and much wiser, I'm sure that this is true. But what good is all that wisdom, If you keep it all for you?

#### Criticize

Who among us has great wisdom, who among us stands so tall? That they can say to our Lord Jesus, "Thank you, Lord, I know it all?"

Who among us is so mighty, that he or she can stand alone? Who among us is so holy, that they can cast the first death stone?

Do we know what God is doing, when our brother tries and tries? Are we so righteous that we can see through The Masters holy eyes?

Why find fault with what others do and criticize their mistakes? Jump in and lend a hand and build them up for goodness sakes.

Do we say to our brother, "You have an eye splinter so it seems?" And wonder why your vision is blurred, when in your eyes there are some beams.

What makes us so perfect, have we God's wisdom deep inside? Or do we find fault with other, just to boost our foolish pride?

Better ponder what you're going to say; don't speak an idle word. For when it comes from your lips, it is forever heard.

Put your brother on your back, and carry him if you must. God has given you His love to spread; this is a sacred trust.

Be careful how you judge me, or you may find to your dismay. That how you judge me now, is how you'll be judged that day.

#### Bloodthirsty Barbara

Early in the morning while you are still in bed, You think you hear the breakfast cart, But it's a nurse instead. You hear, "Good morning, Mr. Patient, I'm sure that you won't mind, I need a little blood, just a gallon will do fine."

It's Bloodthirsty Barbara; she's part of the staff, She makes you want to run and hide, But instead you start to laugh.

A tray full of needles, cotton balls and duct tape; You lay there and tremble, For you know there's no escape. She wears a big smile and turns on the charm, As she tightens the tourniquet, Around your good arm.

Your veins turn to jelly; they all run and hide, But you keep on grinning; You must save your pride.

She prods you and pokes you, Until your arm turns deep red, Then she replies, "I'm sorry sir, I'm at the wrong bed."

# Christmas Customs

By Emma L. Powers

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Christmas in colonial Virginia was very different from our twentieth-century celebration. Eighteenth-century customs don't take long to recount: church, dinner, dancing, some evergreens, visiting--and more and better of these very same for those who could afford more.

Our present Christmas customs derive from a wide array of inspirations, nearly as various and numerous as the immigrants who settled this vast country. Most of the ways Americans celebrate the midwinter holiday came about in the nineteenth century, but we're extraordinarily attached to our traditions and feel sure that they must be very old and supremely significant. What follows is a capsule history of some of our most loved Christmas customs.

**Christmas, a children's holiday?** No eighteenth-century sources highlight the importance of children at Christmastime--or of Christmas to children in particular. For instance, Philip Vickers Fithian's December 18, 1773, diary entry about exciting holiday events mentions: "the *Balls*, the *Fox-hunts*, the fine *entertainments*. . ." None was meant for kids, and the youngsters were cordially not invited to attend. Sally Cary Fairfax was old enough to keep a journal and old enough to attend a ball at Christmas 1771, so she was not one of the "tiny tots with their eyes all aglow." The emphasis on Christmas as a magical time for children came about in the nineteenth century. We must thank the Dutch and Germans in particular for centering Christmas in the home and within the family circle.

**Gift giving.** Williamsburg shopkeepers of the eighteenth century placed ads noting items appropriate as holiday gifts, but New Year's was as likely a time as December 25 for bestowing gifts. Cash tips, little books, and sweets in small quantities were given by masters or parents to dependents, whether slaves, servants, apprentices, or children. It seems to have worked in only one direction: children and others did not exchange gifts.

**Christmas cards.** Printers have been cashing in on Christmas since the eighteenth century--at least in London and other large cities. Schoolboys (only the young males) filled in with their best penmanship pages pre-printed with special holiday borders. "Christmas pieces" they were called. But the Christmas card *per se* was a nineteenth-century English invention.

**Garlands and greens.** Decorations for the midwinter holidays consisted of whatever natural materials looked attractive at the bleakest time of year--evergreens, berries, forced blossoms--and the necessary candles and fires. No early Virginia sources tell us how, or even *if*, colonists decorated their homes for

the holidays, so we must rely on eighteenth-century English prints. Of the precious few--only half a dozen--that show interior Christmas decorations, a large cluster of mistletoe is always the major feature for obvious reasons. Otherwise, plain sprigs of holly or bay fill vases and other containers of all sorts or stand flat against windowpanes.

**Christmas trees.** The first written reference to a Christmas tree dates from the seventeenth century when a candle-lighted tree astonished residents of Strasbourg. By the nineteenth century a few of the "German toys" appeared in London. But these foreign oddities were not yet accepted. When a print of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's very domestic circle around a decorated tree at Windsor Castle appeared in the *Illustrated London News* in 1848, the custom truly caught on.

At about the same time, Charles Minnegerode, a German professor at the College of William and Mary, trimmed a small evergreen to delight the children at the St. George Tucker House. Martha Vandergrift, aged 95, recalled the grand occasion, and her story appeared in the *Richmond News Leader* on December 25, 1928. Presumably Mrs. Vandergrift remembered the tree and who decorated it more clearly than she did the date. The newspaper gave 1845 as the time, three years after Minnegerode's arrival in Williamsburg. Perhaps the first Christmas tree cheered the Tucker household as early as 1842.

**Christmas foods and beverages.** Everyone wants more and better things to eat and drink for a celebration. Finances nearly always control the possibilities. In eighteenth-century Virginia, of course, the rich had more on the table at Christmas and on any other day, too, but even the gentry faced limits in winter. December was the right time for slaughtering, so fresh meat of all sorts they had, as well as some seafood. Preserving fruits and vegetables was problematic for a December holiday. Then as now, beef, goose, ham, and turkey counted as holiday favorites; some households also insisted on fish, oysters, mincemeat pies, and brandied peaches. No one dish epitomized the Christmas feast in colonial Virginia.

Wines, brandy, rum punches, and other alcoholic beverages went plentifully around the table on December 25 in well-to-do households. Others had less because they could afford less. Slave owners gave out portions of rum and other liquors to their workers at Christmastime to keep slaves at the home quarter during their few days off work. People with a quantity of alcohol in them were more likely to stay close to home than to run away or travel long distances to visit family.

**Length of the Christmas season.** Eighteenth-century Anglicans prepared to celebrate the Nativity during Advent, a penitential season in the church's calendar. December 25, not a movable feast, began a festive season of considerable duration. The twelve days of Christmas lasted until January 6, also called Twelfth Day or Epiphany. Colonial Virginians thought Twelfth Night a good occasion for balls, parties, and weddings. There seems to have been no special notice of New Year's Eve in colonial days. Celebrants in the eighteenth century saw Christmas Day itself as only the first day of festivities. Probably because customs then were fewer and preparations simpler, colonial Virginians looked to the twelve days beyond December 25 as a way to extend and more fully savor the most joyful season of the year.

## CHRISTMAS TIME.

*Arkansas City Traveler*, December 15, 1880

The names of the various committees having in charge the Christmas tree festivities to be held at the Presbyterian church, were handed in last week, but were unavoidably crowded out, and are presented in this issue, as follows.

Committee on Procuring Tree: Messrs. John Walker, M. B. Vawter, S. B. Reed, A. Gardner, R. Hutchison, C. L. Swarts.

Committee on Receiving Presents: Misses Clara Finley, Alma Dixon, Kate Hawkins, May Roland, May Benedict, Lizzie Guthrie, Mary Thomas, and Messrs. F. W. Farrar, C. M. Swarts, Dr. Vawter, Robert Maxwell.

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### The Winning Ticket

An Article From the Lafayette Daily Courier

Thursday, October 11, 1888

The Courier is privileged to present its readers today with the portraits and brief biographical sketches of the gentlemen who have been selected by the Republicans of Tippecanoe County as candidates for the several local offices to be filled at the election to be held on the 6th day of November next.....The ticket offered by the Republicans, individually and collectively, is a good one, and a full vote will elect each and every one of them by a handsome majority.



EVERETT B. VAWTER - Candidate for Surveyor, was born in Jennings County, Indiana, August 23, 1859, and with his parents removed to Lafayette in 1864, and has resided here since. His father, P. C. Vawter, was a practical surveyor and civil engineer, and young Vawter devoted all his time out of school hours to learning his profession, and under the careful guidance of his father, at the age of nineteen, had grown to be a practical surveyor and civil engineer. In 1882 the senior Vawter was defeated by S. K. Richards for surveyor, and young Vawter was thrown temporarily out of employment. He turned his attention to contracting for the next two years, not giving up the idea of pursuing his chosen profession. He was associated with J. W. Newton, a prominent contractor, and in this business acquired a knowledge of the cost of labor and material that was of great practical value in this branch of the engineering profession. In the summer of 1884 the Republicans in need of a candidate, (his father having been appointed the city engineer of Lafayette), young Vawter was nominated as against worthy

competition, Thomas Cory, and pitted against his father's old opponent, S. K. Richards. In this campaign, as well as in 1886 (at which time he was nominated by acclamation), he was elected by handsome majorities, the last time over 1,100. During the time he has been in office he has shown his high ability for the discharge of its duties. He is withal a clever, genial and accommodating gentleman. Mr. Vawter is unmarried, and the *Courier* wants to say to the young ladies if they allow him to slip through their hands they will miss a prize in the matrimonial lottery.



# A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER

Menu from *Godey's Lady's Book*, December 1890

Prepare an authentic Victorian Christmas dinner from oysters to pate, from turkey to quail, with punch, fancy cakes and coffee.

Raw Oysters  
Bouillon  
Fried smelts.....Sauce tartare  
Potatoes a la Maitre d' Hotel  
Sweetbread Pates.....Peas  
Roast Turkey.....Cranberry Sauce  
Roman Punch  
Quail with Truffles.....Rice Croquettes  
Parisian Salad  
Crackers and Cheese  
Nesselrode Pudding.....Fancy Cakes  
Fruit.....Coffee

## All I Want For Christmas

Dear Santa:  
Don't bring me new dishes;  
I don't need a new kind of game.  
Genealogists have peculiar wishes:  
For Christmas I just want a surname  
A new washing machine would be  
But it isn't the desire of my life.  
I've just found an ancestor's birth  
Now I need the name of his wife.  
My heart doesn't yearn for a ring  
that would put a real diamond to shame.  
What I want is a much cheaper thing:  
Please give me Martha's last name.  
To see my heart singing with joy,  
Don't bring me a red leather suitcase.  
Bring me a genealogist's toy:  
A surname, with dates and a place.



## Celebrating a Colonial Christmas at Vauter's Church in Essex County Virginia

Christmas Day was just the beginning of the celebration of the Yuletide for the Vawter family in Colonial Virginia.

John, Edward, Augustine, Richard, William, David, Benjamin and Margaret would have continued the traditions their parents Bartholomew and Winifred Hodgson Vawter started at the church they helped to found and build.



Virginians continued their holiday observances -- both reverent and merry -- throughout the Twelve Days of Christmas and even on to Candlemas on February 2. Most were Anglicans, members of the Established Church in Virginia, and their observances followed the church calendar: December 26 was St. Stephen's Day; December 27 was Saint John the Evangelist Day; December 28 was Holy Innocents Day; January 6 was Twelfth Day or Epiphany.

On Christmas Eve, colonial Virginians decorated their churches with green boughs and hung garlands of holly, pine, ivy, magnolia, and mistletoe from the church roof, walls, pillars, galleries, pews and pulpits. They also decorated their homes with evergreens, symbols of eternal life. Pomander balls made with cloves and oranges brought scents of the season. Both houses and churches were strewn with lavender, rosemary, and bay.

Fruits decorated the dining table in pyramid form. They were too precious to be used in wreaths and garlands as we do today.

The Virginians carried on the customs of Medieval England, including the bringing in and burning of a huge Yule Log, usually of oak. Originally a Norse custom, it was said to bring good luck to the house in the coming year. They also continued the custom of hanging mistletoe kissing balls.

Christmas Day morning began with gunfire as every man fired his musket to announce the start of the holiday. Folks would also set off strings of firecrackers and bang on pots and pans -- anything for noise.

However, to the inhabitants of the various colonies, there were differences of opinion on how to celebrate -- or not celebrate -- Christmas.

Any celebration of Christmas was outlawed in most of New England until early in the 19th century. Massachusetts forbade "the observance of any such day as Christmas or the like..." Connecticut banned the reading of the Book of Common Prayer, the keeping of Christmas and saints' days, the making of mince pies, the playing of cards, or performing on any musical instruments. Colonial Virginians did just the opposite -- and more.

"Nothing is now to be heard of in conversation, but the balls, the Fox-hunts, the fine entertainments, and the good fellowship, which are to be exhibited at the approaching Christmas," wrote Philip Fithian on December 18, 1773. He was a young divinity student from Princeton University, tutor to the children of wealthy planter Robert Carter, who lit his great hall with hundreds of candles.

Christmas carols were in the air. They sang many of the same ones we sing today: Joy to the World, The Snow Lay on the Ground, The First Noel, God Rest You Merry Gentlemen, The Holly and the Ivy, I Saw Three Ships, Lully Lullay (The Coventry Carol).

In the early 1770s, the Reverend James Marye, Jr., rector of St. George's Parish in Fredericksburg from 1768 to 1780, composed a Christmas hymn for metrical singing:

Assist Me, Muse divine! To sing the Morn  
On which the Saviour of Mankind was born  
But oh! What Numbers to the Theme can rise?  
Unless kind Angels aid me from the skies?  
Methinks I see the tuneful Host descend  
And with Officious Joy the scene attend.  
Hark, by their hymns directed on the Road,  
The gladsome Shepherds find the nascent God!  
And view the Infant conscious of his Birth,  
Smiling bespeak Salvation to the Earth!



As Christmas neared, plantation kitchens were a hive of activity. In 1746, a London magazine reported: "All over the Colony, an universal Hospitality reigns, with full tables and open doors."

Family, friends and even strangers would come and sometimes stay for weeks. Guests needed no invitations. It was Southern hospitality at its finest.

Parties sometimes began before breakfast. Dancers seemed never to tire. Philip Fithian entered the Carter ballroom and admired the minuets and country dances which had begun at breakfast and continued until 2 p.m. After dinner, the dancing started up again until it was too dark to dance.

On Christmas Day the "groaning board" in wealthy households would offer beef, goose, ham, turkey, fish, oysters, mincemeat pies, brandied peaches, fruit cakes and plum puddings. There were often a dozen kinds of desserts.

Drink was usually strong and included egg nog, the traditional English wassail bowl, a punch of spiced wine or ale with apples. Port and Madiera were favorite wines. George Washington, whose Christmas toast was "All our friends," had his own recipe for egg nog. It was a potent libation.

Presents were usually quite modest: a kiss and a small toy for children and simple best wishes for friends. However, newly-married George Washington had other ideas. In 1759, he made this Christmas list for his two stepchildren: "A bird on Bellows, A Cuckoo, A turnabout parrot, A Grocers Shop, An Aviary, A Prussian Dragoon, A Man Smoakg, 6 Small Books for Children, 1 Fash. dres Baby & other toys."

Feasting and merrymaking continued throughout the season. Sally Fairfax wrote in 1771: "On Thursday, the 26 of decem. Mama made 6 mince pies, & 7 custards, 13 tarts, 1 chicking pye and 4 pudings for the ball."

Twelfth Night, January 6, was "the traditional last fling of the Christmas season," as described in the book, Christmas in Colonial and Early America. It was also a traditional time for weddings: George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married on Twelfth Night of 1759 at her home near Williamsburg.

## Colonial Style Bed Linens

While we all know about blankets few of us have ever heard of a bed rug or 'rugg'. Yet bed rugs were widely used in the 1600s. In his dictionary written of 1755 Samuel Johnson defined bed ruggs as "*course, nappy coverlets used for mean beds*". These rugs are believed to have been knotted shag although we cannot be sure, as there are no surviving examples of these early bed rugs. These bed rugs were manufactured in England using lesser grade wool. By the mid 1700s bed rugs appear to have been owned by rich and poor alike.

Part of the Inventory of the Estate of Bartholomew Vawter 1717 Essex Co., VA,  
John Vawter, executor.

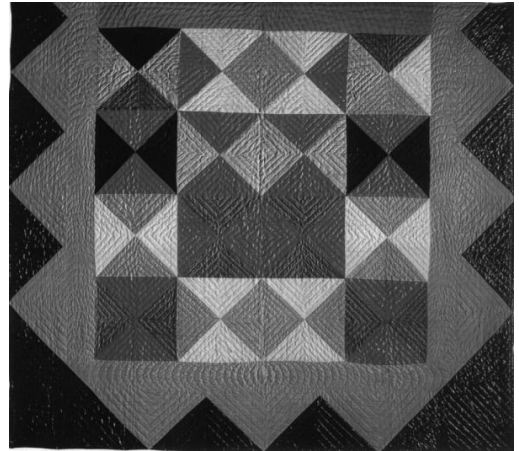
The funds are shown as pounds.shillings.penny

1 feather-bed and 2 boulders, Rugg, Blankers, sheets and beedstead	5.00.0
1 old featherbed and flat boulder, rug, sheets, blanket and old featherbed and bedstead	3.00.0
5 old rugs & 5 old blankets & an old bolster	1.00.0

18 July 1727 Will of John Ellitts of the County of Essex and Parish of St. Mary's, being grown old, dated 15 Jan. 1725.. . .To my son John a feather bed bought of John Vawter and the green rugg and blanketts and bolster and pillows and a pair of sheets and his choice of my two guns .....

One wonders if there was variety in quality or if old bed rugs were simply passed on to those in need. Most of what we know has been found through early records of ownership and words on a list don't tell the whole story.

Quite a different type of bed rug began to appear in the late 1700s and continued to be made into the 1800s. A few examples of these hand made rugs can be found in museums today. The transition between the manufactured bed rugs and the decorative hand worked rugs is uncertain but one possibility might be found in the patriotism of many women preceding and during the Revolutionary war. These women were determined to put their hands to work making their own products rather than buy anything imported from England.



Textile researcher Lynne Bassett explains that hand made bed rugs were done with needle and yarn usually on a wool backing. Many were embroidered with a running stitch left loopy on the top. The tufts could be cut giving a shaggy appearance. Others were flat-embroidered in a variety of darning stitches. She points out, "*The definitive characteristic, though, seems to be that they were completely covered with stitching of some sort, either in a solid color, or worked in a decorative pattern.*"

Sketch of the Original Stone Church, St. Charles, IL by Mr. Jack Vawter, Christmas, 1973



If any V/V/V family members have information about Jack Vawter please send into the newsletter or website. We would like to know if he has other artwork to share with the association.

Obituaries of Historical Newspapers  
New York, New York, 1916

Mrs. Charlotte Hobart Vawter of Indianapolis, Ind. Said to be a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, died on Sunday at a hospital in Easton, Md.

New York, New York, 1931  
William D. Allen

Chicago, Oct 11 William D. Allen, 75, Evanston manufacturer, died suddenly last night. He was born Oct. 12, 1855 in Hartford, Conn., graduated from Yale University in 1878 and came here two years later, founding the W. D. Allen Manufacturing Company, a general mill supply house. His widow, a daughter Mrs. Harry Vawter of Scarsdale, N. Y. and two grandchildren survive him

Washington, District of Columbia, 1906

Weaver – On Wednesday, Feb 21, 1906 at 12 pm at the residence of her daughter, 1459 Pierce place northwest, Fannie Muse Weaver, beloved wife of George O. Weaver and devoted mother of Lindsay, Lida, Lockwood, Oscar, Mabel Weaver and Mrs. Sara Vawter. Funeral Sunday Feb 25, at 10m from Nineteenth Street Baptist Church. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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Resolved, that the senate is ready to proceed to the election of an assessor, under the act to provide for the production, sale and distribution of salt, and that nominations have been made for that office only for the southwestern section of the state. The names of gentlemen in nomination are *Arthur C. Cummings* of Abingdon, and *Elliott Vawter* of Mercer. Mr. RICHARDSON nominated *Elliott Vawter* of Mercer.

*Elliott Vawter* received . . . . . 33

The joint order of the day for the election of five assessors, under the act entitled an act for the production, sale and distribution of salt in this commonwealth, was taken up. Mr. RICHARDSON withdrew the name of *Elliott Vawter*.

## VVV Family Reunion, Red Wing, Minnesota, July 16, 17, 18, 2008

The Reunion headquarters and hotel is the historic and fabulous St. James Hotel. Reservations call 1-800-252-1875, cost is \$99 per night.

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Friday July 18, 2008 Cost \$15 per person "Pearl of the Lake" is a



modern day replica of the grand riverboats that traveled on the Mississippi River in the 1800's. True to tradition, her only means of propulsion is the twin paddlewheels in the stern. Her name emphasizes the historic significance shared by paddlewheel boats and the freshwater pearl industry on the upper Mississippi River. The mussels that produce fresh water pearls are very sensitive to pollution and an important indicator of water clarity. It is our mission to help educate people about the history and environmental factors that impact our great River. The Pearl has a fully enclosed lower deck with air conditioning, and an open upper deck that seats 52.

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Amish Acres, Historic Farm and Heritage Resort, Nappanee, Indiana  
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places  
A relocated hand hewn barn built by John T. Vawter in 1874 near Lake Wawasee, IN  
is used as the main restaurant.



### **The Restaurant Barn at Amish Acres Home of the Award Winning Threshers Dinner**

For over three decades Amish Acres family style restaurant has been serving the same menu amid the beams of the old barn restaurant.

Perhaps this recipe was made by the family of John T. Vawter, as it is a favorite in many

areas of the Midwest. As the very earliest settlers came across America, they brought with them the staples of their diet - long-lasting nonperishables that would survive a long trip. These staples were flour, brown sugar, molasses, lard, salt, and spices. Arriving in the new land, they had to live pretty much on what they had brought with them until the next growing season. The women, being master of the art of "making do," concocted a pie from the limited selection that could be found in the larder. This resourcefulness led to the creation of shoofly pie.

### **Amish Acres Famous Shoo Fly Pie**

1 unbaked 9" [pie crust](#)

#### **Crumb Topping:**

1 C flour  
1/2 C light [brown sugar](#)  
1 tsp. [cinnamon](#)  
1/2 tsp. [nutmeg](#)  
1/3 C [butter](#)

**Serves 6-8** whipped [cream](#) for topping

#### **Liquid Bottom**

1 C boiling water  
1/2 C light [molasses](#)  
1/2 C dark [corn syrup](#)  
1 tsp. [baking soda](#)  
1 [egg](#), beaten



**note:** You can make this pie using a full cup of molasses instead of the molasses/corn syrup mixture, but I find the flavor to be a little stronger than my liking, which is why I recommend the mixture. Preheat oven to 325° F. Mix the crumb topping ingredients together with a pastry blender until well mixed and mixture resemble fine crumbs. Set aside. Crumb topping is a bit of misnomer as the crumbs will be absorbed into the liquid bottom layer, but we'll get to this later.

Mix molasses and corn syrup, add boiling water and stir to mix. Add baking soda and beaten egg and mix well. Spoon into an unbaked piecrust. Spoon the crumb mixture over the top of the pie. Place the pie on a baking sheet covered in aluminum foil, (trust me, if the pie shell overflows you don't want burning sugar syrup all over your oven) and bake for about 40 minutes or until pie is medium set and dark brown. Serve warm or chilled, top with whipped cream.