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## Start Making Plans Today for the 2008 Reunion Red Wing Minnesota Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 16, 17, and 18, 2008

### A beautiful river town on the Mississippi

Reunion headquarters and hotel is the historic and fabulous St. James Hotel. Reservations call 1-800-252-1875, be sure to mention the Vawter Family Reunion for discounted pricing.

Sightseeing tentative plans:

Steam twin paddlewheel boat tour of on the "Pearl of the Lake". Air conditioned lower deck, open upper deck. VVV group fun for only \$10 per person plus lunch on Friday July 18.

Tour the Red Wing Pottery Company. The original pottery company is still in operation and ranks as one of the top 10 Minnesota shopping destinations. Watch potters at work and enjoy breakfast or lunch at the facility.

Welch Mill Canoeing and Tubing fun on the river. Short or all day trips. Family entertainment for young and old.

Mall of America, only one hour away by car.

Underwater Adventures Aquarium

Voted "World's Best Shark Encounter" by Discovery.com! Touch real sharks and stingrays at Minnesota's largest aquarium!

NASCAR Silicon Motor Speedway

The roar of 700 horse power engines and 195 mile per hour speeds are all part of this electrifying, high-tech indoor stock car racing competition.

LEGO® This enormous four-story LEGO showplace entertains guests of all ages and contains LEGO bricks to play with, models to look at, and sets to buy.

The Park at MOA™ The Park at MOA in Mall of America is the nation's largest indoor family theme park with more than 30 rides and seven acres of fun.

Roger F. Wicker (born July 5, 1951) is an American politician. He is a member of the Republican Party in the United States Senate.

Wicker previously served in the United States House of Representatives, representing Mississippi's 1st congressional district, which includes much of the northern portion of the state including Columbus, Oxford, Southaven, and Tupelo.

Wicker was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and political science and a law degree from the University of Mississippi where he was a brother of Sigma Nu. Wicker practiced law for several years before entering politics.



### **United States Senate**

At a press conference on December 31, 2007, Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour appointed Wicker to fill the Senate seat vacated by Trent Lott on December 18, 2007. He was sworn in by the clerk of the U.S. Senate just prior to that news conference.

Wicker is running for the remainder of Lott's term in the November special election. Wicker's resignation from the House will also trigger a special election to fill his House seat.

Wicker and his wife Gayle have three children: Margaret, a Capitol Hill staffer in Washington, D.C.; Caroline, an alumna of Ole Miss, who also currently works in D.C.; and McDaniel, an upperclassman at Ole Miss. The Wickers reside in Tupelo, where he is a deacon at First Baptist Church.

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An additional note from VVV Historian, James Vaughters.

### **“Congratulations, Cousin Roger”**

Mississippi has chosen a VVV as its newest US Senator, Roger Wicker, son of Judge Fred Wicker and the late Wordna Wicker. He was selected to fill the seat vacated by Trent Lott.

Roger and his wife Gayle have attended many reunions, beginning with the one in Virginia in 1980. Hopefully his new title will not prevent him from attending more.

He has been active in many facets of American Life that deal with U. S. History, including that of being a board member of the Civil War Preservation Trust.

Roger is a descendant of the colorful John Vawter (1778-1865), who was born during the Revolutionary War and died during the Civil War. He lived in North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama.

John married 4 times, had one son Allegany and 9 daughters, and is often mentioned at reunions as being famous for running a tipling house.

## Georgia - Vaughters Reunion - June 8, 2008

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia Vaughters Reunion will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at Bethel Baptist Church, 2 miles northeast of Dawsonville, GA on Highway 136. Charles Burt hosted the first one in 1999, 65 years after the big 74<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Rev. George R. Vaughters. It has been called various reunions over the years – descendants of James and Jane, Dawson County Vaughters, and Georgia Vaughters.

Schedule: 11:30 am Tour the cemetery, with 60 graves of Jane and her descendants  
12:15 pm Pictures on the church steps  
12:30 Covered dish dinner  
1:30 Story telling – of fathers this time. We have had grandfathers, great gf, great great, etc. etc.

Bring your favorite dish, photographs and stories. Contact Jim Vaughters Phone 303 771-3937

### **How Janice Rosenthal of Wilmette, IL, came into possession of the Bible of John C. Vawter:**

*In December of 2008 a man living in Denver, Colorado, was walking down the street and saw this Bible in a trash heap. He picked it up and sent it to his sister-in-law, who lived in Chicago, as a gag Christmas present. This woman worked with Janice Rosenthal's husband for many years and had heard of Janice's interest in genealogical research. Janice invited this woman to a dinner party Friday night, February 1, 2008, and she brought the Bible with her to Janice's home, and she asked Janice what she should do with it. Janice researched (on-line) all day Saturday Feb 2nd, and came up with the info below--which led Janice to Georgene Jurgensen, genealogist for the Vawter Family Association.*

### **FAMILY BIBLE OF JOHN C. & LUCINDA (JANES) VAWTER** New York: American Bible Society 1874

Marriages: John C. Vawter & Lucinda Janes was married Nov the 12 1840

Wm. A. Vawter & Mary E. Lyons was Married Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 188[0]?

*[The next four birth entries were recorded on the "Marriages" page]*

*[different hand]* John Lemuel Vawter was born July [2?] 1882

*[different hand? – different ink]* H.F. Homes Fredric Vawter Was born March 25 1884

*[again, in pencil]:* Homes Fredric Vawter was borned march 25 1884

*[different ink]* Charles Scott Vawter was born April 24th 1891

Births*[All births were written in same ink, same hand (matching the handwriting of the marriage of John & Lucinda above), except last entry was in different ink or pencil]*

John C. Vawter Born July the 28 1817

Lucinda Vawter Born Feb the 14 1818

*[11 children of John C. & Lucinda (Janes) Vawter]:*

Elizabeth A. Vawter Aug the 9 1841

Francis M. Vawter Dec the 3 1842

Nancy A. Vawter May the 22 1846

Cristifer [sic] C. Vawter March the 3 1848

Mary Jane Vawter July the 23 1849

Winifred S. Vawter Jan the 12 1851

Jesse T. Vawter Jan the 23 1853

Sarah E. Vawter May the 22 1854

Emma E. Vawter April the 15 1856

Wm. A. Vawter April the 6 1858

Susan C. Vawter June the 4 1861

*[John C.'s daughter-in-law, wife of his son William A.]:*

Mary Ellen Vawter was born May 17th 1863

*[Vawter is crossed out, and "Lyons" is written in below "Vawter"]*

Deaths: Jesse T. Vawter Died May the 11 1855

John C. Vawter October 14th 1881 *[date is very faint]*

Little Holmes F. Vawter Died June the 19 1886 (**prob s/o Wm. A. & Mary Ellen (Lyons) Vawter**)

John L. Vawter Died March 23 1890 (**prob s/o Wm. A. & Mary Ellen (Lyons) Vawter**)

**NOTE: It appears that Wm. A. & had only one surviving child: Charles Scott Vawter b. 1891.**

If you know of a direct descendant of this family line, please contact me, Georgene Jurgensen. John C. was the son of Beverly Vawter, son of Russell Vawter (brother of John Vawter of Elbert Co., GA), son of Richard, son of John Vawter of Virginia. Georgene is direct descendant from John's brother. I will have the Bible to show at the VVV Reunion in Red Wing, MN in July.

## In Memoriam

**VAWTER, JOHN S. "JAKE" (CANDYMAN), JR.**, age 80, of Morris, AL, passed away October 24, 2007. He is retired from Hays Aircraft. He is survived by his wife, Mary Frances Posey Vawter; sons, Mike (Ginny) DuBose and Dennis (Judy) DuBose; daughters, Pam (Mike) Blaylock, Rhonda (Jim) Freeman and Sylvia (Ken) Sullins; brother, Don Vawter; grandchildren, Carrie, Jennifer, Stacy, Katti, Jerred, Erik, Kyle, Tyler, Alyx, Ryan, Tracie, Erin, Jessica, Jennifer and Kevin; and 13 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Saturday from 12 to 2 at Roebuck Chapel. Funeral service will be Saturday, October 27, 2007 at 2:00 pm at Roebuck Chapel with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery. G.T. Robertson officiating. Ridout's Roebuck Chapel directing.

Three Rivers Publishing, Written by Rob Viehman Wednesday, 17 October 2007

**William Oliver Vawter** of Sullivan Missouri was born on Monday, April 16, 1923 in Kings Mill, Arkansas to James Monroe Vawter and Georgianna Miller Vawter. He passed away in his home on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at the age of 84 years, 5 months and 23 days. Bill married Elsie Alene Goodman on September 19, 1942 in Hardy, Arkansas and to this union seven children were born. Before retirement, Bill worked as a carpenter in commercial construction and was a member of the Carpenters Local Union. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, Bourbon, Missouri where he was active in soul winning. He also enjoyed playing the guitar, violin, mandolin, banjo and singing. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Carl, infant Harland and Eugene (Velma) Vawter; son, Mark Vawter; half-sister, Naomi Vawter and brother-in-law, Marlton Snow.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years of the home; children, Lindell (Bonnie) Vawter of Charlotte, North Carolina, Harold Vawter of Sullivan, Missouri, Michael (Judy) Vawter of Satellite Beach, Florida, Keith (Debbie) Vawter of Belle, Missouri, Debbie (Jimmy) Anderson of Stanton, Missouri, Kenny (Paula) Vawter of Sullivan, Missouri; daughter-in-law, Julie Vawter of St. Clair, Missouri; brother, Leon (Edith) Vawter of California; sisters-in-law, Jean Vawter of Highland, Arkansas, Ola Snow of Lonedell, Missouri; and brother-in-law, Stanley (Kay) Goodman of Cedar Hill, Missouri; 16 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Burial was at the Liberty Hill Cemetery, Hardy, Arkansas with sons and grandsons as pallbearers. All arrangements were under the direction of the Hutson Funeral Home, Cuba, Missouri.

**Nancy Parrack**, 52, of Saint Marys, KS, passed away Sun., Sept. 30, 2007 in Stormont-Villa Healthcare, Topeka, KS. She was born July 15, 1955, in Vancouver, WA, daughter of the late Raymond Peterson and Violet Abbott Peterson. Surviving are her husband, Richard Parrack of Saint Maries, KS; sons: Richard (Mindy) Parrack of Topeka, KS, and Joseph (Kelli) Pine of Maple Hills, KS; daughters: Nancy (Brian) Vawter of Topeka, KS, Sherri Parrack of Saint Maries, KS, and Elizabeth Pine of Saint Maries, KS; brothers: William Peterson of Camas, WA, and Donald (Debbie) Peterson of Edmund, OK; sisters: Lori (Joseph Lindquist) Peterson of Vancouver, WA, and Patricia (Don) Frey of La Pine, OR; and eleven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, and one brother, Randy Peterson. Services will be held at Hedges-Scott Funeral Home, Macks Creek, MO, Sat., Oct. 6, 2007, at 1:00pm. Interment will follow in the Macks Creek Cemetery. Friends will be received 7-9pm, Friday, October 5, 2007. Contributions may be made to the American Heart or American Diabetes Association.

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The Vindicator, Youngstown, OH, James J. Moody, 76

AUSTINTOWN – A funeral service will be held at noon Wednesday at Lane Funeral Home, Austintown Chapel for **James J. Moody** who passed away Saturday afternoon at Forum Health Northside Medical Center.

James was born March 8, 1931 in Weirton, W.VA., a son of the late James J. and Nellie (Vawter) Moody Sr.

He was a member of the Lake Milton Presbyterian Church, and an avid hunter and fisherman, who enjoyed frequent trips to Alaska and the Yukon.

His wife, the former Virginia Swartzfeger, whom he married September 23, 1949, passed away September 3, 2005.

James is survived by two daughters, Janet (Thomas) Diglaw of Austintown, and Debi (Dave) Richter of Newton Falls; four grandchildren: Jamison Diglaw, Tammy (Tom) Miller, Larissa (Ande) McElrath, and Erica (Matt) Kiraly; and a great grandson: Andrew McElrath.

## In Memoriam

God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst **David "Popcorn" Lee Vaughter**, Sr. on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at Salem Veteran's Hospital. He was born February 24, 1945 in Newport News, VA to the late James Vaughter and Lottie Jackson Vaughter. David was married to Barbara Thomas Vaughter. David attended Amherst County Public Schools and was then drafted in the Vietnam War where he served his country in the United States Army. In addition to his devoted wife, Barbara, and loving mother, Lottie, he leaves to cherish his memory one daughter, Evette Vaughter Anderson (Michael) and one son, David Lee Vaughter Jr. (Lynette) both of Charlotte, NC; one foster son, James "Jay" Randolph Vaughter III of Madison Heights, VA; three brothers, James "Duke" and Frank, of Madison Heights, VA, and Haywood (Virginia) of Baltimore, MD; one grandson, JaQuan Haskins of Concord, VA; three brother-in-laws, Steven Thomas (Brenda) and James Thomas (Cheryl), both of Madison Heights, VA, and Delmar Thomas (Deborah) of Amherst, VA; one sister-in-law, Brittany Thomas of Madison Heights, VA and a host of other relatives and friends. A funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m., Saturday, November 10, 2007, at Scott Zion Baptist Church with Reverend Gary Lee officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery. The family is receiving friends 1 hour prior to the service at the church. The cortege will assemble at the church. Military Rites will be provided by American Legion Post 16. Condolences can be emailed to [comfuneral@aol.com](mailto:comfuneral@aol.com). Community Funeral Home directing. Published in The News & Advance from 11/8/2007 - 11/10/2007.

Spokane native, **Donald G. Vawter**, 87, died January 9, 2008 in Twin Falls, Idaho. Donald was born on May 19, 1920 in Spokane, Washington, the son of Edgar and Lina (Jimeson) Vawter. He grew up in Spokane where he was graduated from Lewis and Clark High School. He enlisted in the Coast Guard during World War II and attended the Coast Guard Academy. He served on both coasts, the North Pacific, the Caribbean and on convoy duty in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Following the war, he attended Washington State College, where he met and married Margaret Schroeder on May 5, 1950. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. In 1954, he returned to civilian life, but continued in the Coast Guard Reserve, retiring as a Commander. He worked in personnel management and related fields in the aerospace industry in the Seattle area and later at Biles Coleman in Omak, Washington. He was a member of various professional and civic organizations, including the Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Association, Washington Association of Businessmen, Governor's Services Council, Governor's Planning Advisory Council, PENTAD, North Okanogan County Economic Development, the Red Cross, the Omak and Tonasket Chambers of Commerce, and Habitat for Humanity. He was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Penticton, BC.

He enjoyed fly fishing, pheasant hunting with his long time friends, swimming, diving, and small town living. He was an exceptional grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret; two daughters, Charlotte (Bill) Eberlein of Twin Falls and Sara Cavitt of Lancaster, Kentucky; three grandchildren, Bill, Chris, and Sara; and one brother, Robert (Jean) Vawter of Spokane, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Vernon Kenneth Vawter. A private family service was held in Twin Falls. Memorials may be made to North Okanogan Habitat for Humanity.

January 28, 2008. **Atwood, Evelyn Williamson**, 79, retired MAAP employee, died Saturday at NHC Healthcare. Services will be at 2 pm Tuesday at Bodkin Funeral Home with burial in Howse Cemetery. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Atwood, and a 50 year member of the Milan chapter of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Williamson, the wife of Radie Williamson; a son, Jackie Trawick of Atwood, a daughter, Nancy Trawick Fountain of Milan, a step-daughter, Panda Williamson of Norwalk, CA; four grandsons, Lee Trawick, David Fountain, Joseph Fountain and James Fountain and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Joe Trawick. Memorials may be sent to the Howse Cemetery Fund. Evelyn Vawter Trawick Williamson was a member of the VVV Association. Her father was Brooks Vawter and her mother was Mary Vawter. She was a cousin of Robert "Pete" M. Vawter.

## Hiram Wilhoit

Hiram Wilhoit b. 22 Jan 1798 Madison Co., VA d. 18 Aug 1876. Married (1) Mary Hobson Mosby and m. (2) Sophia Thornton. Sophia was the granddaughter of Thomas Coleman and Susanna Strother Hawkins (widow of Capt. Moses Hawkins). They had several children of whom one was Judge James T. Wilhoit, early postmaster of Versailles, KY. Hiram as the eldest son cared for the other children when his father died at an early age. Hiram's parents were Elijah and Nancy (Vawter) Wilhoit.

History of Kentucky, the Blue Grass State, Volume III, Illustrated, The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, Chicago - Louisville, 1928

### *Judge James T. Wilhoit*

*Important offices were filled by Judge James T. Wilhoit, whose spirit was of that vital and forceful nature which finds its highest expression in public service, and an unblemished record won for him the unqualified respect and confidence of the citizens of Versailles. He was known and honored throughout Woodford county and his demise on the 18th of June, 1923, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.*

*Judge Wilhoit was born January 10, 1853, on a farm near Mortonville, Kentucky, and was a son of Hiram and Sophia (Thornton) Wilhoit, the latter of whom was related to General Zachary Taylor through the Strother family. The paternal grandparents, Elijah and Nancy (Vawter) Wilhoit, settled on a farm near Mortonville in 1814 and the former died in 1815, while his widow passed away several years later at Jacksonville, Illinois. When seventeen years of age Hiram Wilhoit took charge of the homestead, which he subsequently sold to a son, and purchased a tract of land on the Kentucky river. There he followed the occupation of farming and also operated a sawmill, converting the logs that came down the river into commercial lumber. He built up a large industry, which he continued until after the Civil war, and then sold the business. He was a democrat of the Jackson type and served as a magistrate under the old constitution. He filled the office for many years and died at the age of seventy-nine. His commission was preserved by the subject of this sketch, who was also the possessor of other interesting documents, dating back for a century or more. One was a letter written by his grandfather in 1812 and he also had an old account book that belonged to Richard Vawter, the father of his grandmother, Nancy Vawter. In this book mention is made of transactions between Richard Vawter and Henry Field, Jr., of Madison county, Virginia, during the year 1792. It also refers to a stock of rum or brandy and a large yardage of "nigger cotton."*

*James T. Wilhoit was reared on the river farm and attended the public schools of that locality. At the age of nineteen he entered Kentucky University at Lexington but soon afterward returned to the homestead and followed agricultural pursuits until appointed deputy sheriff under Robert H. Stout. Mr. Wilhoit was elected sheriff January 1, 1898, and was the first incumbent of the office under the new constitution, serving for one term. When Judge Stout was called to the state bench Mr. Wilhoit was chosen by Governor Beckham as his successor in the office of county judge and filled out the unexpired term. He was then elected for the regular term of four years and his just and impartial administration of the law won for him high commendation. On May 16, 1914, he was appointed postmaster of Versailles and acted in that capacity until 1922, discharging his duties with characteristic efficiency and fidelity. The business of the office was greatly increased during that period, requiring the services of three clerks and six rural delivery carriers. He was a good citizen, a devoted husband and father and a loyal, steadfast friend, always following the course dictated by conscience and honor.*

*In 1874 Judge Wilhoit married Miss Alice Bohon, a native of Missouri and a daughter of George and Susan (Gray) Bohon. She was a child when her father died and her mother returned to Kentucky soon afterward. To Judge and Mrs. Wilhoit were born six children. John T., the youngest, was in the employ of the Standard Oil Company at Henderson, Kentucky, and died September 12, 1925. The others are: Martha, the wife of Wallace Johnson, who is engaged in farming in Woodford county; Hiram, who acts as cashier of the Woodford Bank & Trust Company; James C., who is a well known attorney of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Sophia, the wife of Victor Bradley, a successful lawyer, practicing at Versailles; and George B., a clerk in the local postoffice.*

*Note: Judge Wilhoit was related to both Wilhoit and the Strother families of Carter Co., Ky.*

## John Vawter's Ordinary in Essex County Virginia Ordinary: An Odd Name for A Tavern?



A modern traveler is unlikely to look for an “ordinary” when it’s time to find a place to eat and spend the night. But in the 17th and 18th centuries, “ordinary” was used to refer to a tavern meal regularly offered to the public at a fixed price. By extension, the term was also applied to the inn or tavern itself. The term was used less frequently by the early 1800s, and American travelers began using the French word “hotel” when asking for the nearest place to get a bed for the night.

By the late seventeenth century, most Virginia homes stocked wine and spirits in variety and in quantities exceeded only by such self-produced potations as pear wine and hard apple cider. A 1686 inventory of William Fauntleroy’s cellar in up-country Rappahannock County listed ninety gallons of rum, twenty-five gallons of lime juice, and twenty dozen bottles of wine.

John Vawter operated an Ordinary in Essex Co., VA on the original property he inherited of Bartholomew Vawter. The Ordinary was operated by family members at least through the Revolutionary War. The newspaper article from 1773 indicates it was still in operation likely by David Vawter, brother of John.

1710 – In Virginia there was no charge to any traveler for their hospitality and overnight stay. Tobacco was a commodity and used as a means of exchange. The Virginia magistrates limited the number of ordinaries to one at the court house and one at the wharf of each county. They were usually limited to selling beer and cider. 1720 – The Virginia ordinaries had abundant supplies of liquor. They also had imported Malaga, Canary, and Madera wines.

Essex Co Deed Book 18, John Vawter

p.125                    22 Sep 1725        Jacob Laton & John Vawter obtained a license to keep an Ordinary at Laton’s house at Southern’s Ferry, provide good wholesom & Cleanly lodging and diet for Travelers and Stableage & fodder and provender or pasturage and provender as the Season require for horses for one year. Shall not suffer any unlawfull gameing nor on the Sabbath day suffer any person to tipple or Drink more than is necessary or this be void.

p.246-247            17 Jan 1726/27    John Vawter & Jeremiah Biswell obtained a license to keep an ordinary at the house of John Vawter, John doth constantly find and provide in his Ordinary good wholesome & Cleanly lodging and diet for travellers and Stableage or pasturage depending on season for horses and during term of one year shall not suffer or permit any unlawfull Gameing in his house nor on the Sabath day suffer any to tiple or drink more than is necessary or this be void.



p. 263                    20 Jun 1727        John Wrideings, William Gray & John Vawter obtained a lycence to keep an Ordinary at the house of John Wrideings and that John constantly find & provide in his Ordinary good wholesom & cleanly lodging & diett for traveler and Stableage fodder and provender as the season shall require for their horses for one year and shall not suffer any unlawfull gameing in his house nor on the Sabath suffer any to tipple more than is necessary or this be void.

Shown at the left is a typical baker’s oven, used at Ordinaries and large plantations.

Colonial American tavern (publik house, ordinary) prices were set by law. Food was generally included with the price of room. Urban taverns offered a wider range of services, including both public and private dining facilities. These establishments offered meals to the general public. Menus were nonexistent; prices were fixed.

William Byrd of Westover plantation wrote that at Caroline Courthouse, “Colonel Armistead and Colonel Will Beverly have each of ’em erected an ordinary well supplied with wine and other polite liquors,” and “besides these, there is a rum ordinary for persons of more vulgar taste.” Not much later, planter Robert Beverly said, “Their richer sort generally brew their small beer with Malt, which they have from England. . . . the poorer sort brew their Beer with Molasses and Bran. Their strong drink is Madeira Wine.”

During the Revolutionary war, inflation was rampant. Ordinary and Tavern owners had limited supplies and money was not standardized from area to area. This is but a small portion, but interesting in it shows the inflation of food and lodging during the war and the hardships endured in Virginia.

MARCH, 1781. Ordinary rates: dinner, \$25; breakfast, \$20; corn per gallon, \$10.



Green Dragon Tavern.

AUGUST, 1781 Ordinary rates: dinner, \$50; breakfast, \$40; corn per gallon, \$50; hay or fodder per night, \$50.

AUGUST, 1783 Ordinary rates: "hott diet," 21 cents; cold diet, 17 cents; lodging, 8 cents; corn or oats per gallon, or pasturage one night, 8 cents; ats per sheaf, 6 cents; "tody made of Rum with Loaf Shugar," per quart, 25 cents; the same with brown sugar, 17 cents; whiskey per gallon, \$1.33; apple brandy, 83 cents; peach brandy, \$1.67.

MAY 1786 Ordinary rates: warm diet, 41 cents; cold diet, 33 cents; lodging, 10 cents; good cider per gallon, 67 cents; country-made beer, 10 cents; good "Shampaign," \$4.

NOVEMBER, 1786 12 people were fined for selling liquor without a license.

JANUARY, 1793 Ordinary rates: sleeping in feather bed, 8 cents; in chaff bed, 5 cents.

One activity that certainly occurred in every colonial tavern was toasting.

"To the King's Health!" probably being the most common. Here we present a small collection of old toasts that our ancestors may well have uttered.

Here's to our ancestors! Without them where would we be? - Flagon and Trencher Traditional Toast

Good company, good wine, good welcome, make good people. - Shakespeare

Better to pay the tavern keeper than the druggist. - Spanish proverb

Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. - Benjamin Franklin

Revolutionary Toast: To the militia: Invincible in peace; invisible in war.

Americans of that period loved song and dance, and taverns were important in eighteenth-century public life. Nothing in twenty-first century America is comparable. Taverns of the 1700s were partially museums, gentlemen's clubs, circuses, schools, and business offices. They were the grandfather of the nineteenth-century saloon, and the great-grandfather of the modern American nightclub.

Gambling was widespread. Patrons could participate in raffles, and card and dice games, and bet on cockfights and horse races.

Historical evidence shows that dancing and singing were integral to tavern life in British North America. Trained musicians did play at inns, and patrons did sing to entertain themselves. What they performed is less well known. Historical records don't say much about specific selections. There was not a class of tunes specifically known as tavern music. Although somewhat altered in content and meaning, well-known surviving songs include "Three Blind Mice," "Pop Goes the Weasel," "The Bear Went over the Mountain," "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," and, of course, "Yankee Doodle."

By the eighteenth century, traditional songs had been passed orally from generation to generation.

Children often learned these songs from parents and grandparents, and, as adults, taught them to their children. Although the origin and creators were largely unknown, traditional songs survived for decades and sometimes for centuries.



At left: Kilmarnock VA, first known as Steptoe's Ordinary when it was settled in 1719. This would have been similar to the house that was John Vawter's ordinary.

Though the oral transmission of these songs was a powerful force in the 1700s, there also was interest in preserving them in written form.

Individuals collected them and published anthologies of traditional music. Thomas Jefferson shelved some of these works in his music library. Music for drinking songs, country dances, and English, Scottish, and Irish airs rested near works by Vivaldi, Handel, and Haydn. Jefferson also liked playing fiddle tunes heard at local gatherings according to

### Typical Ordinary Foods

#### Side Dishes

Kale & Onions  
Pickled Cucumbers  
Pickled Onions  
Boiled Potatoes  
Fried Potatoes

#### Entree

Onion Pie  
Egg Pie  
Johnny Cakes  
Slapjacks  
Mush (Grits)  
Pea Soup

#### Dessert

Apple Pie  
Apple Dumplings

historian Gilbert Chase in *America's Music: From the Pilgrims to the Present*.

Particularly popular in Virginia in the 1750s and later was Scottish music, Turner said. Scottish music was in vogue in London during the period. Virginians who wanted to keep up with current English fashion eagerly embraced these tunes. In his later years, George Washington developed a fondness for these songs and encouraged his granddaughters to perform them for him. Scottish music also was enjoyed by the many Scots who settled and worked in Virginia.

In eighteenth-century America, taverns were also called inns, ordinaries, and public houses. Found in rural and urban areas, they primarily provided overnight lodging for travelers. Owners usually served alcoholic beverages and sometimes meals. Colonial governments heavily regulated inn operations, but quality varied greatly.



At Right: Virginia, Tappahannock, Scots Arms Tavern, c. 1680, the oldest building in town, has been owned continuously by the Derieux family for more than a century. It is now a private residence. At Left: actual 1700's Windsor chair used in many ordinaries.



Metheglin was one of the favorite drinks of the American colonies. It was a favorite of Kentucky for over a hundred years. In Virginia, large plantations of honey locust trees were planted for the sweet beans. The beans were ground and mixed with honey, and fermented.

Rum Punch was quite popular throughout New England and Virginia. It was made with oranges, lemons, limes, and pineapples, and a dash of rum. Sister Brandish of Harvard College baked homemade bread, and brewed her own beer. Good stuff!!!! Many colonial taverns had their own specialty small beers. The residents brewed sassafras, birch, and spruce beers. They boiled roots and herbs with pumpkins and apple parings, and added sweeteners, such as maple syrup and molasses.



*Not all was hard work and religious causes in the early colonies; rogues, harlots and others also sought their fortunes in the new lands. Punishment was harsh and swift but the right to have your day in court was already laying the foundation for the country. Here is but a small glimpse of the other side of life in Colonial Virginia.*

*Essex Co Order Book 1716-1723 Part II, 18 Nov 1718, Nathaniel Fogg being brought before this Court for picking a Travelling mans Pocket, the Court on hearing of ye Evidences are of opinion sd Fogg is guilty of ye fact & also that he be ought to be punished here for sd Crime. It is therefore ordered ye Sheriff give sd Fogg on his bare back twenty one lashes well laid on at ye Publick Whipping Post of this County then to be discharged.*

*From the Essex County Deed Book 18 p. 265-267, 21 Jun 1727.*

*To the Worshipful Court, Nathaniel Fogg humbly showeth. The court on 18 Nov 1718 had accused Nathaniel Fogg for picking a travelling mans pockett. In 1718, came and called to provide testimony was one Dennis Canaday "a man of very Evill Character" who swear he did see between Fogg's fingers a milled shilling and the petitioner (Fogg) now should suffer corporall punishment which accordinly he was accused with out being admitted to plead or provide for his innocency. Now Fogg states he is a man of "unblameable character" who is now ready to prove his innocence. (GJNote: 9 years after the fact seems a long time to get a court case resolved even by today's standards.)*

*So, John Smith came to the court and stated what he saw: That he was at the Ordinary at the Old Court House when John Hutchison was there drinking and continued for a space of 2 days after which Nathaniel Fogg came and together went to drinking with Hutchison and after Fogg had been there some time asked Hutchison if he would play at cards for a half a pint of Rumm and after Fogg won the Rum they went on to play for money and then they went to quarrelling and the said Hutchinson knocked down Fogg and he (John Smith) parted them and carried off Fogg into another House. Then Francis Coughland came in and asked what was the matter about and he told Coughland that Huchison and Fogg had been quarrelling & fighting and that Fogg had pick'd his pockett. Coughland and Smith now proceeded to investigate and when Fogg returned they searched him to see if he had Hutchinson's money but they could find nothing but the money Fogg had borrowed from John Smith that morning. Then John Smith said that Hutchison had ripped the sole of his shoe and took out some money and pretended that Fogg had stole it from his pockett.*

*Next to court came Thomas Davis and he being sworn says that he heard some time later Nathaniel Fogg had been accused for a supposed Robbery. The accuser John Hutchinson was at the house of Peter Dudley and being asked if he was the same man who accused Fogg he said he was. Mr. Davis asked how poor Fogg did and the Rogue (Hutchinson) said he did accuse Fogg wrongfully and then he departed from the area and had money for himself and Natl Fogg has suffered enough.*

Vaulter's Ordinary, Essex Co., VA, Dated 19 Aug 1773

Williamsburg, VA, publisher Purdie & Dixon, page 2 Col. 2 . By This time it is likely that David Vawter, son of Bartholomew was running the Ordinary. John Vawter was deceased and the only 2 sons in Essex were Angus and David. David was a merchant and businessman so was most likely to be running the tavern, or at least his family members. David served as a guard in the Revolutionary War and was active in the area. (Note the letters that look like "f" are pronounced "s")

WESTMORELAND, August 9, 1773.

**ON Friday, the 6th Instant, escaped from**

Vaulter's Ordinary, in Essex County, near Micon's, through the Connivance of *Cornelius Slavin* and his Wife, in whose Custody they were (for being handcuffed they could not have made their Escape if they had not been let loose on Purpose) two Runaway white Servant Men, whom *Simmons Ewrit* was bringing from *New London*, in *Bedford County*, to their Master, *Richard Lee*, in *Westmoreland County*, namely, **WILLIAM WALKER**, alias **SMITH**, a Convict, and by Trade a Gardener; he is slim made, has white Teeth, which he shows when he speaks or laughs, short straight black Hair, blue Eyes, thin Visage, a coarſe Voice and a Cough, and has a remarkable Swing in his Walk.—**THOMAS PUTTREL**, an indented Servant, by Trade a Butcher, and understands Gardening and Farming; he is a truncky well made Man, round faced, with a fair Complexion, Hazel Eyes, brown Hair, which curls in his Neck, white Teeth, which he shows when he speaks or grins, and talks quick. He had a Butcher's Steel with him. The above Servants are meanly clothed, unless they have a Wallet of *Ewrit's* Clothes with them, which was in *Slavin's* Custody, is miſſing, and contained two Pair of Leather and Nankin Breeches, a Nankin Jacket, two Pair of white Thread and one Pair of black Worſted Stockings, a Glaſs Pocket Bottle, a white Hickory Stick, with a Dagger in it and a Powder Ferret to it. When *Ewrit* called at *Slavin's* in the Evening, in Order to induce him to ſtay all Night, *Slavin* told him the Smallpox and Flux were at *Leeds* and *Hobb's Hole*, and in almost every Houſe on the Road between his Ordinary and thoſe Places; and the next Morning he would not get his Horſe for him, which obliging him to go after the Horſe himſelf, in his Abſence the Servants were allowed to make their Escape. *Ewrit* alſo ſays *Slavin* called the Servants Fools for attempting to make their Escape by Land, and told them they ſhould have gone off by Water to *Norfolk*, which makes it probable they will attempt to paſs for Sailors. I will give a Reward of **FIVE POUNDS** for each of them, if they are ſecured in any Jail ſo that I get them, or are delivered to me in *Westmoreland County*.

RICHARD LEE.

WILLIAMSBURG, August 12, 1773.

**RUN away from the Subscriber, on Sunday**

the 8th Instant, during divine Service, an Apprentice Boy named *William Bolton*; he is nineteen Years old, about five Feet ſix Inches high, clumsy made, with a very fair Countenance, light coloured Hair rather curly, has loſt his upper ſore Teeth, and is very apt to ſwear and lie. He had on and took with him a Pompadour Coat and Jacket, and an old white Cloth Jacket, a Pair of Osnabrug Trousers, one Osnabrug and one Linen Shirt, his Stockings and Shoes were old. He ran away once before, when a Handful of Shavings were offered as a Reward for any Perſon who would apprehend him. All Perſons are forbid to harbour or employ him.

JAMES GARDNER, Carpenter.

P. S. If *Charles Winſrie Chandler* will return, in four Weeks from the Date of this Advertiser, he ſhall be rewarded with

quett they will call on us, in Order to ſettle and pay off their Accounts, between this and the 10th of *October* next. All who fail to do ſo may depend on being ſued immediately after that Time.

JOHN VALENTINE,  
GABRIEL GALT.

**SUPPOSED to be taken through Miſtake,**

from Mr. *John New's*, on the laſt Court Day at *Glouceſter*, a new Set of SINGLE CAAISE HARNESS mounted and ſtudded with Braſs. Any Perſon having the ſame, I ſhall be obliged to him to ſend it to Mr. *John New's*, when the old one left inſtead of the other will be returned.

(11)

JON. PUNDERSON.

**AT Leeds Town, on the 1st Day of next**

*September* (the Day of the Races) will be offered for Sale, for ready Money or Bills on *London*, an exceeding valuable and HIGH BLOODED MARE imported from *London*, for private Uſe, about five Years ago, together with four of her Deſcendants by *Fearnaught*, *Partner*, and *Nabob*. Alſo a NEGRO COACHMAN about 27 Years of Age, who has been uſed to the Stable and Carriage from his Infancy, is complete in Size for Box and Poſſibility, and is remarkably healthy and ſober.

(2)

NORTH CAROLINA, HALIFAX County, &c.

**EGBERT HAYWOOD, Justice of the**

Peace for the County aforeſaid, to all Sheriffs, Mayors, Conſtables, and Headdoroughts, within his Majesty's Province of *North Carolina*, greeting: Whereas *Littlebury Weſt*, of *Cheſterfield County*, in the Colony of *Virginia*, was lately a Priſoner in the Cuſtody of *Lacey Simmons*, Conſtable, being charged of extorting from one *Iſaac Taylor*, of this County, ten Half Johanneses, three Doubloons, and eight or ten Guineas, whereof he is convicted, as this Day appears to me; and for as much as it has been duly proved before me that the aforeſaid *Littlebury Weſt* has eſcaped, and is gone at large, therefore, in his Majesty's Name, I command you, and every of you, in your reſpective Towns, Counties, Cities, and Precincts, to ſeize and retake the ſaid *Littlebury Weſt*, and him ſafely to convey to the publick Jail, and deliver to the Keeper thereof, together with this Warrant: And I charge and command you the Sheriff, or Keeper of the ſaid Priſon, to receive into your Jail and Cuſtody the Body of the ſaid *Littlebury Weſt*, and him there ſafely to keep until he ſhall be diſcharged by due Courſe of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, this 22d Day of *July*, 1773.

(11)

E. HAYWOOD.

PORTSMOUTH, August 10, 1773.

**I INTEND for Scotland in a few Weeks.**

(11)

DAVID MELDRUM.

YORK TOWN, August 11, 1773.

1771-WILL- JOSEPH NOEL Essex Co., VA "Balance of estate to be divided among all children:

Tabatha, Anne, Easter, Rose & Molley [Polly]. Negro Sam to be sold if necessary to pay

debts. Exec: Wife Mary Noell, Reuben Noell, Richard Noell, Caleb Noell.

Signed, Joseph Noell. Witt: Wm Cavanaugh, Leonard Andrews, Angus Vawter, Boulware Vawter. "Proved 15 Apr 1771 by Angus Vawter and rec Further proved 17 June 1771 by Richard Noel, one of the executors, and ordered to probate.

Georgene's Note: The newspaper article at the left is extremely difficult to read, but I thought most interesting in its original form. I have rewritten the text on Vaulter's Ordinary which is the large article on the left hand side. It reads:

Westmoreland April 9, 1773

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**Rose Myers Vawter, photo**

**Mark Spaulding Studios, Madison, IND**

1930 US Census Osgood, Ripley IN #226/230  
Bernard Vawter head age 55 b. IN  
Rose wife age 54 b. In  
James F. Gilbert roomer age 38 b. Ky

1920 US Census Osgood, Ripley, IN #287  
Brainard Vawters age 45 b. IN  
Rose wife age 45 b. IN

## Bartholomew Vawter, Wine Maker of South Carolina, son of John Vawter, grandson of Bartholomew Vawter

The lawmakers adhered to the policy of favoring domestic viticulture. Wine made in the Colony from native grapes had been sent to England, where "the best palates well approved of it." It was then the general impression that if the planters continued to "prosecute the propagation of vineyards as industriously as they had begun it," The proprietors of the Colony had sent to the planters choice European grape vines for transplantation, and encouraged wine making in many ways. The only impediment in the way of a rapid



development of viticulture appeared at that time to consist in the want of skilled vintners. Indeed, as late as 1779 Alexander Hewitt, in his history of the Colony, expressed the belief, that he wrote, "European grapes, have been transplanted, and several attempts made to raise wine; but so overshadowed are the vines planted in the woods, and so foggy is the season of the year when they ripen, that they seldom come to maturity. But as excellent grapes have been raised in gardens where they are exposed to the sun, we are apt to believe that proper methods have not been taken for encouraging that branch of agriculture, considering its great importance in a national view."

No methods whatever could have made viticulture a favored occupation, so long as cheap rum monopolized the drink market. Indeed, after the rum habit was once firmly established, it would have been somewhat difficult, even under the most favorable conditions, to introduce either brewing or wine making, because, owing to the change in the taste of drinkers, there would have been no demand for either beer or wine. If during the first century, or even half century, rum had been as difficult to obtain and consequently as expensive as European spirits, the colonists would in all probability have brought viticulture or brewing to that stage of development which would have answered the domestic demand. We have it on the authority of a contemporaneous writer, that as early as 1680, Mr. Lynch, "an ingenious planter," had raised "barley of which he intended to make malt for brewing English beer and ale." He had all the necessary utensils for that purpose, and would probably have succeeded himself and found successful imitators, if it had not been for the rapid development of the rum traffic.

Bartholomew Vawter, grandson of Bartholomew Vawter inherited the original Essex Co., VA lands and sold the Vawter estate to James Garnett. The claim that Mrs. Garnett made that the Vawter's Church was on her land and therefore under her protection is based on this land purchase. It pinpoints exactly where Bartholomew and Winifred lived. John, son of Bartholomew 1<sup>st</sup>, inherited as the oldest son and John passed this land on to his oldest son Bartholomew. Bartholomew 3<sup>rd</sup> generation, sold his final land holdings in Virginia in 1758 to his brother David Vawter. David sold this land and the original lands of the Vawter family ceased to exist.

Bartholomew Vawter went to South Carolina about 1760 and is listed as a Vintner. He would have continued the trading business that his father and grandfather had long begun. He very likely traveled to Jamestown and up the Rappahannock as his plantation was on the Santee River. Travel and trade would also have included Barbadoes and England.

*Essex County Deeds 1745-1749* (On margin Orig. Deed delivd. To Bartho: Vawter 3 Mar 1750)  
pp. 387-390.

This indenture made 18 Nov 1749, between John Vawter of Essex and Bartholomew Vawter eldest son of said John Vawter. Witnesseth that John Vawter in consideration of love and good will doth bear toward his loving son Bartholomew for the sum of 5 shillings give and confirm a tract of land lying in St. Anns Parish in Essex at the head of Blackburn's Creek, containing 150 acres together

will all profitts, quitrents excepted. Signed Jno: Vawter. Wit: Robert Harbin, Thomas Tiller, Willo: Pugh, Winifred Vawter, Saml. Browne, Angus Vawter. On 21 Nov 1749 the deed was delivered by the oath of Thomas Tiller, Willoughby Pugh and Winifred Vawter. Test John Lee, Cclerk.  
*Essex County Deeds 1749-1752*. pp 294-298.

(On margin: Original delivered to Capt. Jas: Garnett Decr. 6th 1752, 26th Geo:2d)

this indenture made the Twentieth day of janry in year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Fifty two between Bartholomew Vawter of County of Essex, Planter, of one part and James Garnett of same County of other part. Witnesseth that Bartholomew Vawter in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and Forty one pounds current money of Virginia in hand well and truly paid by James Garnett, by these presents doth release and sell unto James Garnett his heirs all that parcell of land which Bartholomew Vawter (Grand Father to the said Bartholomew Vawter party to these presents) purchased from John Hawkins deced. containing by estimation One hundred and fifty acres more or less lying on the head of Blackburns Creek and on the Long Bridge Swamp and joyning to the land which John Vawter deced purchased of Buckingham Brown deced. & on the Land which the said James Garnett purchased of Thos: and Young Hawkins, Together with all houses barnes stables orchards gardens marshes swamps profits & appurtenances to the same belonging; To have and to hold the parcel of land & premises unto James Garnett his heirs and James Garnett his heirs paying the rents and services which hereafter become due unto our Sovereign Lord the King only excepted & foreprized: In witness whereof the party first above named to this Indenture his hand and seal hath set the day and year above written. Signed and Sealed in presence of Robert Smith, John Jones, Muscoe Garnett, Angus Vawter, Signed Bartholomew Vawter.

The next deed shows exactly where Bartholomew lived in SC where the Santee and Congaree merge at Columbia, SC. A dam, in 1997, called Saluda is located just west of Columbia. The Santee river flows to the Atlantic and empties about 30 miles or so north of Charlestown. It also branches off straight to Charlestown and would make ship travel back to Virginia fairly easy.

Book A-4 pp. 348-355. 17 & 18 July 1765 L&R

Bartholomew Vawter, vintner, & Ann his wife, to Peter Hay, planter, both of The Congarees, for 1000 pounds currency, 2 tracts on NE side of Santee (Congaree) River, in Craven Co.; (note Craven county covered half the state at that date) 100 a. bounding NE on vacant land; SE on John Pearson; SW on vacant land & John Fairchild; NW on John Fairchild; also 100 a. bounding NW on a vacant land; SW on vacant land. Whereas on 4 July 1749 Gov. James Glen granted said 200 a. to John Fairchild; which by L&R dated 3 & 4 July 1750 Fairchild sold to John Pearson; who by L&R dated 2 & 3 Feb 1761 sold to Bartholomew Vawter; & whereas on 5 Sept. 1750 Gov. James Glen granted said 100 a. to John Fairchild; who by L&R dated 6&7 Nov 1753 sold to Philip Raiford; who by L&R dated 24 & 25 Sept. 1760 sold to Bartholomew Vawter; now Vawter sells both tracts to Hay. Wit: John Thomas, Sr., Benjamin Bell (a Quaker), Daniel Dwight. Before Philip Pearson, J. P. on 2 Oct 1770. Recorded 12 Jan 1773 by William Rugeley, Henry Rugeley, Register.

(Note: there is a Peter Hay found in Isle of Wright Co., VA in 1748 but not known if this is a connection.)

Book S-3 pp. 65-70 28 & 29 Sept 1761 L&R. Edward Hollis, cooper, to William Howell, planter, Vawter & John Taylor; SE on John Taylor & Raiford's Creek; SW on Raiford's Creek; NW on John Fairchild, Esq. & Raiford's Lake or Creek. Whereas on 1 Jan. 1745 Gov. James Glen granted Solomon McGraw 200 a. on N side Santee (Congaree) River, opposite Saxegotha

Township, bounding NW on Philip Raiford, Jr. (now Bartholomew Vawter) & on John Fairchild; NE on John Pearson (formerly said Vawter);.....(more legal not important).

Book- *Abstracts Of the Wills of State of SC 1760-1784*. by Caroline T. Moore, p. 157.

Will book SS 1771-1774. Peter Hay, Craven County. Wife: Elizabeth, residue of estate. Sons and Daus in law [step-children?]: (children of Gilbert Gibson). Mentions: land I purchased of Bartholomew Vawter to be sold; to Bartholomew Vawter, land where he now lives. Exors: wife; David Hay; Bartholomew Vawter. Wit: Joel Threewits, Jemina Threewits, Richard Strother. Dated 28 Jun 1767 probate 1 May 1771. R: nd. p. 21.

## WWII Registration Cards State of Virginia

Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897

Clifton Henry Vawter age 53 b. 24 Jun 1888 Louisa, Louisa, VA  
Contact: Mrs. C. H. Vawter, Louisa, VA  
Employment: Self employed

David Daggett Vawter age 60 b. 8 Mar 1882 Appomatox, VA  
Contact: Mrs. Sarah L. Vawter  
Employment: 117 French, Wilmington, New Castle Del.

Elliott Vawter age 59 b. 16 Aug 1882, Bells Valley, VA  
Contact: Mrs. Natalie Vawter  
Employment: Barrows & Co Huntington, WV

Ernest Linwood Vawter age 48 b. 14 Jun 1894 Louisa, VA  
Contact: Mrs. Virginia R. Vawter, Trevilians, VA  
Employment: None listed

Eugene Raymond Vawter age 48 b. 18 Dec 1893 Ansted, WV  
Contact: Charles E. Vawter, brother  
Employment: Board of Ed Fayetteville, WV

Henry Alexander Vawter age 61 b. 21 Oct 1880 Alleghany Co., VA  
Contact: Mrs. Rose Vawter North Tazwell, VA  
Employment: US Gov, Fort Belvoir

James Gilchrest Vawter age 54 2 Feb 1888 Essex, VA  
Contact: Mr. P. A. Hott Henrico, VA  
Employment: P. A. Hott

James Henry Vawter age 56 b. 28 Feb 1886 Monroe Co., WV  
Contact: Mrs. William F. Vawter, Vienna, VA  
Employment: Public Bldg Admin, Washington, DC

James Samuel Vawter age 64 b. 23 Feb 1878 Hematite, VA  
Contact: Mrs. James S. Vawter  
Employment: Gen AO, US Gov.

Robert Gwinn Vawter age 46 b. 9 May 1895 Greenville, Monroe, WV  
Contact: Mrs. R. G. Vawter  
Employment: Chesapeake and Ohio RR

Tom Henry Vawter age 51 b. 5 Jul 1890 Appomatox Co., VA (black)  
Contact: Lucy Johnson  
Employment: self employed could not read or write

## Colonial Beer, Ale and Mead

Used as a daily drink as water was many times contaminated, these drinks were used by men, women and children. Alcoholic “medicines” were used to treat a variety of ailments and were “cures” for all kinds of daily problems. These 3 recipes would have been used by the Vawter families in early Colonial Virginia and stills were usually the first thing built as families headed west. The alcohol levels were mild and the distilling process killed off germs and helped with sanitation problems. Jamaican Rum was imported and widely available to all of the Colonial areas.

### George Washington's Recipe for Beer

George Washington was a devout beer lover. In particular, he was fond of the dark, English-style brew known as *porter*, and always demanded that an ample supply of it be kept on hand at Mount Vernon, his Virginia estate. However, it was not porter, but rather “small beer,” for which Washington once recorded an early recipe. Preserved in the manuscript collections of the New York Public Library is a notebook kept by Washington, which includes the following hand-written recipe.

#### **"To Make Small Beer**

**Take a large Sifter [Sifter] full of Bran Hops to your Taste. -- Boil these 3 hours then strain out 30 Gall[ons] into a cooler put in 3 Gall[ons] Molasses while the Beer is Scalding hot or rather draw the Molasses into the cooler & St[r]ain the Beer on it while boiling Hot. let this stand till it is little more than Blood warm then put in a quart of Yea[s]t if the Weather is very Cold cover it over with a Blank[et] & let it Work in the Cooler 24 hours then put it into the Cask -- leave the bung open till it is almost don[e] Working -- Bottle it that day Week it was Brewed."**

### Colonial Ale Jan, 2003 by Dan Mauer

Using a handwritten recipe unearthed at an eighteenth-century Virginia plantation in Henrico County, a home brewer and archaeologist recreated Mrs. Cary's Good Ale, a homemade, all-malt beer from a colonial kitchen.

#### Mrs. Cary's Good Ale

Take 3 Bushels malt 1/2 high & 1/2 Pail dryâd let your water boil then & put into your Mashing tubb, When the Steem is gone off, so as you may see your face; then put your malt, & after mashing it well then cover it with a blanket, Let it stand 2 hours, then draw it off Slow, then boil it three or four hours, till the hops curdles. When boiled Enough, cool a little, & work that with your yest, & so put the rest of your wort in as it cools, which must be let in small Tubs, let it work till your yest begins to curdle then turn it up & stop your Barrel when it has done working; Note to Every Bushels malt a Quarter of pound of hops.

Until fairly modern times (about the 16th Century) mead was the alcoholic drink of choice and not, as most people assume, wine or beer. The term, honeymoon, comes from this period when it was the custom to have a 30 day celebration period after a wedding. During this time mead was drunk in copious amounts.

#### OLD WORLD MEDIEVAL MEAD (HONEY WINE)

1 gallon of water, 4 cups of honey, 3 chopped nutmegs, pulp of 1 large or 2 small lemons.

Boil water, honey, and nutmegs for 30 minutes or until white froth ceases to rise. Skim off froth as it boils.

Allow to

cool for 24 hours. Squeeze out the juice of 1 large lemon, then add the remainder of the lemon. Stir mixture for 2 minutes. Strain and pour into quart bottles with screw on type caps. Place on snugly but not too tightly. Keep in a cool place where it won't do any damage if the caps pop off from the expanding liquids and gasses. Allow to stand for about a month. If you open the bottles daily and release the pressure, you shouldn't have any trouble with the caps popping off.

Nutmeg is the most widely used spice or flavoring agent in mead. Spicing it is largely a matter of choice though. Some people use ginger while others use cinnamon. Some even use combinations of spices and flavors. Spices and flavors I've heard of being used are mint, vanilla, eggs, lemon, anise, brandy, clove, allspice, and some very peculiar combinations which I won't bother to list. All I can say is, there's no accounting for taste sometimes.





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**July 16, 17, and 18, 2008**

**A beautiful river town on the Mississippi**

Steam twin paddlewheel boat tour of on the "Pearl of the Lake". Air conditioned lower deck, open upper deck. VVV group fun for only \$10 per person plus lunch on Friday July 18.

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2008

# Vawter Vauter Vaughter(s)

Family Association Reunion  
Red Wing, Minnesota

## REGISTRATION

Name Of Each

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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 2008 (if not paid) Includes Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Night Mexican Buffet - Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ 11.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Night Mexican Buffet - Child \_\_\_\_\_ @ 6.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Night Southern Buffet - Adult \_\_\_\_\_ @ 13.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Night Southern Buffet - Child \_\_\_\_\_ @ 7.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Paddle Wheel Boat Ride \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Box Lunch on Boat \_\_\_\_\_ @ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

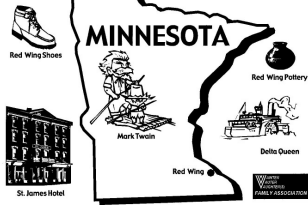
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TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

## 2008 VVV Reunion Shirts Order Information:

### Vawter-Vauter-Vaughters Family Reunion



Red Wing, Minnesota  
July 16, 17, 18, 2008

The 2008 Reunion shirt is a royal blue with lime green lettering. The shirt front shows the state of Minnesota with Red Wing marked. Also on the front are icons for Red Wing Shoes, Red Wing Pottery, Mark Twain, Delta Queen, St. James Hotel, and the VVV logo. The back has the various spellings of our name as before.

**Choice of sizes:** Small, Medium, Large, XLarge, XXLarge and XXXLarge

**Cost:** \$16.00 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 **June 20, 2008**

The VVV Association is pleased to have “Mark Twain” on our Paddle Boat cruise, Friday July 18. The cost was contributed by Phil Vaughtner and Fred Wicker. Be sure to thank them when you join your family “cousins” on this unique experience.



The writings, lectures and after dinner speeches which made Mark Twain beloved around the world, have come alive again to be experienced by audiences young and old through the performances of actor/writer and Twain scholar Michael Bateson.

Tailoring Mark Twain’s own words to meet the unique needs and subject requested in a wide variety of settings, Michael creates an authentic, unique and accurate Twain experience with every performance. Southern Buffet

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Wednesday Night buffet: Mexican Entrees: Spanish Rice, Black Beans, and Make Your Own Taco. Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Milk

Thursday Night Buffet: Fried Chicken or BBQ Ribs, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Salad, Bread and Dessert. Coffee, Tea or Milk.

Friday Lunch on the Paddle Boat. Sandwich of croissant/bread, ham, turkey, or roast beef, coleslaw, Cookie, and can of soda or water.

Friday Night Buffet: Pork Chop w/mushroom sauce, Italian Baked Chicken, assorted vegetables, dessert. Coffee, Tea or Milk.

Volunteers are needed for the registration tables, the food lines and cars to the paddleboat. Contact any officer or Ellen Cummings at email [ellenwickerc@aol.com](mailto:ellenwickerc@aol.com) or call 757.464.2963. Thanks to all members past and present for their continuous help and generosity.



# In Memoriam

Alamogordo, NM. **Margaret Vaughter Dougharty**, 82, of Alamogordo, died Monday, March, 3, 2008, at home, surrounded by family. She was born on August 2, 1925 in Clovis, New Mexico, the fourth daughter of **Bill and Bonnie Vaughter**, who preceded her in death, along with her sisters, Rhea Vaughter Cottle of Clovis and Marion Vaughter Moore of Abilene, Texas. She was a graduate of Clovis High School and Hardin Simmons University, where she met her husband of 58 years, Bernard W. Dougharty, who died in 2004. For 53 years they served in Southern Baptist churches and associations throughout New Mexico (Rosedale, Springer, Anthony, Santa Fe, and Alamogordo). She was known and loved as a mother, grandmother, aunt, teacher, mentor, volunteer, neighbor, and dear friend. Survivors include her sister, Aline Boney of Clovis; four children, Philip W. Dougharty of Buffalo, New York, Bonnie L. Dougharty of Yukon, Oklahoma, J. Daniel Dougharty and his wife Chris of Espanola, New Mexico, and W. Houston Dougharty and his wife Kimberly P. of Grinnell, Iowa; grandchildren Kristina P. Dougharty of Albuquerque, Kayla McDuffie of Espanola, and Allie G. Dougharty, and Fen Wright Dougharty of Grinnell; and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Alamogordo, 13<sup>th</sup> St. & Michigan Ave., with the Reverend Francis L. Wilson, Dr. Bill Campbell, and the Reverend Bart Montgomery officiating. Interment will follow in Monte Vista Cemetery in Alamogordo. Pallbearers will be her children, and the honorary pallbearers will be the men of the Adult Five Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church of Alamogordo. Special thanks to the many church friends, neighbors, caregivers, doctors, nurses, and others who have been so kind to Margaret and her family.

The Norman Transcript, Norman, OK - Services for **Joe Don Vawter**, 75, will be 1 p.m. today at the Alameda Church of Christ. Mr. Vawter was born to Oscar Lee and Roxie Ann (Williams) Vawter on Feb. 21, 1933. in Sherman, Texas. He died Sunday, March 2, at Norman Regional Hospital. Mr. Vawter was preceded in death by his parents and wife Peggy. Those who survive him include sons Don (Donna) Vawter and Joseph Vawter; daughters Judy (Danny) Powell and LeeAnn (Ray) Idell; brothers Billy (Virginia) Vawter and James (Mary) Vawter; sister-in-law Erme Vawter; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

**Mrs. Virginia Vawter Guldenschuh** passed away on Saturday, February 16, 2008. She is survived by her husband Ralph. Mrs. Guldenschuh was last known to be living in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Mrs. Guldenschuh attended Sacred Heart High School. The family will receive friends from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at the Eternal Hills Funeral Home, 3594 Stone Mountain Highway, Snellville, Georgia. A Rosary will follow from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. A memorial Mass will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22nd at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia in Mrs. Guldenschuh's memory. Immediately following the service the family will host a memorial dinner at Always Fresh Neighborhood Market located at 5385 Five Forks Trickum Road in Stone Mountain, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in memory of Virginia Vawter Guldenschuh to the American Cancer Society, 6500 Sugarloaf Parkway, Suite 260, Duluth, Georgia 30097 or the American Hospice Foundation, 2120 L. Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20037.

Jeff County News, KS. **William Louis Vawter Sr.**, 78, Meriden, died March 18, 2008, at his residence. He was born April 6, 1929, in Meriden, the son of Alfred Zane and Ethel Barney Vawter. He was a 1948 graduate of Auburn High School, Auburn, and served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. He moved back to his home place in the Meriden area in 1961. He married Agonia Koci. They were divorced. They had two children, Ron Vawter, Topeka, and Marvin Vawter, Fort Worth, Texas. He married Emma Lou Carpenter 1955. They had three children, William L. Vawter Jr. Derby, Shirley Vawter, Milledgeville, Ga., and Sherrie Lynne Leiker, Topeka. He also leaves nine grandchildren and one great-grandson. Mr. Vawter worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. for five years and retired from the 7UP Bottling Plant in Topeka after 33 years. He delivered the Topeka Capital Journal in the Meriden area for 10 years. He served as a charter member and past president of the Topeka SunRise Optimist Club for 19 years. He was a cub master and leader of the Meriden Cub Scouts for four years and served on the Fairview Election Board for over 15 years. He was a charter and life member of the VFW Post 10815 and served as chaplain at Meriden. He was a member of the Moose Lodge No. 555 of Topeka since 1967 and a member of the American Legion Post 400, Topeka, since 1974. Funeral services were March 21 at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, Topeka. Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery with military honors provided by American Legion Post 400. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Thelma Vawter Vinson** - MEDINA, TN- Funeral services for Mrs. Thelma Vawter Vinson, 91, will be held at 2:00 P. M. Friday March 7, 2008 from the chapel of Replogle-Lawrence Funeral Home with Rev. George McMinn officiating. Burial will follow in Gibson County Memory Gardens. Mrs. Vinson died Wednesday March 5, 2008 at her home. She was born in Carroll County, TN the daughter of the late Talmadge and Gretta Bogle Vawter and was educated in the county schools. Mrs. Vinson, a longtime resident of Medina was a member of First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray C. Vinson on November 11, 1991 and a son, Robert Vinson of Arizona. She leaves seven children, Thelma Alford and husband, Millard of Gibson, TN, Mary Czernik of Medina, Dorothy Lenckus of Illinois, Mildred Boyce of Ohio, Billy Vinson of Humboldt, Dewayne Vinson and wife, Faye and Wanda Foster all of Medina; twenty six grandchildren; fifty six great-grandchildren; seventeen great-great grandchildren; nieces; nephews; family and friends Pallbearers to serve are Marvin Vinson, Charles Vinson, Ben Vinson, James Bland, Charles Foster and Anthony Alford. Visitation with the family will be from 5:00 P. M. until 8:00 P. M. today at the funeral home. Replogle-Lawrence Funeral Home Medina, TN. This obituary was published in the Jackson Sun on Mar 6, 2008.

**SARAH MARGARET "SALLY" AYDELOTT VAWTER**, 101, of Houston, Texas, was called to her Lord and Savior on March 27, 2008. Sally was preceded in death by her **Husband L.G. "Bill" Vawter** and Brother Commander William L. Aydelott. Born on February 20th, 1907, she was born into, as she called, a "Family on the Move"; and living in several cities throughout Tennessee before her family settled roots in New Orleans at the age of 14. She had a remarkable memory recalling fond memories from her early childhood to her latter years. From her years in Tennessee, she experienced the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights in the South) in Memphis, oil lamps, outhouses for bath-rooms, days when phone operators could locate anyone in town, and when old fashion drug stores had soda fountains. As a young girl, she remembered riding horses on bareback, fishing for crawfish in ponds, selling lemonade under a tree, and having snowball wars with neighborhood kids. Sally was a dedicated and devout Christian; she had a big heart and a loving spirit. During World War I, her caring soul offered her support to our soldiers by knitting wash cloths, selling Liberty Bonds, and included them in her prayers to even giving a young man who enlisted her Sunday School Bible for protection. The birth of her brother William in 1919 made a deep impression on her life. Later in life, he became a Commander in the U.S. Naval Air Corps having flown F6F3 Hellcats to Helicopters; and once met Winston Churchill during World War II. After moving to New Orleans, she graduated high school and entered into Newcomb College of Tulane, School of Business. Unfortunately, her time in college was cut short due to her father's ailing health and the Depression of 1929. She began her professional career in banking, which afforded her the opportunity to see the world. She often told stories of the time she and a girlfriend took several cruises to Cuba. But, it was a vacation to the Texas Hill Country in the summer of her early thirties that would change her life forever. It was at a Dude Ranch in the town of Bandera, Texas where she met the love of her life and future husband, Bill Vawter, who was also vacationing there from Houston. The couple married shortly thereafter and Sally later moved to Houston to embark on their long journey together. They established their roots and built a thriving insurance business. Sally's office and secretarial skills played a major role in its success. They were active members at their Church and throughout the community with civic activities; and shared a love for dance and travel. They became members of a Ballroom Dance Club, which led to Bill winning awards for his dancing abilities; and of course Sally by his side in her beautiful gowns. Their retirement came in 1987 when they moved into Bayou Manor Retirement Community; a place where they would later celebrate their 50th Anniversary. As they established throughout their life, they remained active in their retirement community. Sally was a longtime member of the Eastern Star, DAR, and Bethany United Methodist Church. Sally is survived by her nieces Sharon Fender of Asheville, North Carolina; Candice and Mark Smothers of Sevierville, Tennessee; Bobbie Jean and Bill Young of Corsicana; and her nephews Julian "JC" and Betty Vanover of Houston; Van and Joan Vanover of Sour Lake; Gerry and Camille Vanover of Austin; Paul and Lisa Vanover of Indiana; and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews. She will be Remembered and Loved by All that she touched in Life. Her warm and dear smile with eyes full of love and compassion will truly be missed. Sally will forever be a source of Life, Love, and Strength. The Family would like to thank all who knew her, loved her, and prayed for her; and thank the staff at Bayou Manor for their loving support and compassion; and SamaritanCare Hospice for providing comfort and peace in Sally's final days. And would like to send a special thank you to Shelley Vanover, R.N., her great niece, for her tremendous love and dedication when Sally needed her most; and special thanks to Van and Joan Vanover for always being loyal and steadfast by her side; and one she could always depend on. The family held a private graveside service on Monday, the 31st of March, 2008 at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home in Houston, TX. The Memorial Service will be conducted at 2 pm on Sunday, the 6th of April, at Bayou Manor Retirement Community, 4141 S. Braeswood in Houston. Published in the Houston Chronicle on 4/2/2008.

**Vernon R. Vawter** of Hot Springs, Arkansas a long time member and contributor to the VVV Family Association passed away March 26, 2008. He was born on October 20, 1923. If any family member has an obituary, please send to the newsletter to be published in the next edition.

### **Notes, News and Comments.**

Note from **Ruby Andersen**, I'm a distant cousin in CA (descendent of Lucy Vawter). I recently discovered the VVV family website. It's great! Patricia Renton sent me the December newsletter. I'm including a check for \$20.00 and request a year's subscription for myself and my mother. Ruby Andersen, Lucille Anderson, 207 N. Main, N. Salt Lake, UT 84054. Thanks for your part in expanding family ties! God Bless You!

Note from **Maureen Neal**, Dear Laneil, Enclosed is my \$10 for membership dues for the VVV Family Assoc. I have emailed my family tree to the email address provided. I am very excited about finding this website and a large group of my family. To assist with placing me, here are my basics: Maureen Collins Neal, daughter of Gwendolyn Vawter Collins daughter of Irvin John (or John Irvin) Vawter, son of Everett E. Vawter, son of John S. Vawter, son of Jesse R. Vawter, son of David Vawter, son of John Vawter, son of Bartholomew. Thanks again and I look forward to hearing from everyone and anyone. Your cousin, Maureen Neal

From **WH Dougharty**, Vice President, Grinnell College. Our mother loved the VVV newsletter. The most recent version arrived last Monday, the day she died. Please send the newsletter to her daughter (my sister): Bonnie Dougharty.

My name is **Patti Darnell** and I am a member of the VVV Association. I live near Dallas and tonight we are having some nasty weather moving in. So I shut down my computer and grabbed the VVV newsletter that came in today's mail and went to bed to read. I got to page 3 and that's when I almost had a heart attack! I am a direct descendent of John C. Vawter and I can't believe his Bible has had such a journey - and survived the "trip"- and found it's way into the hands of the Society!! God still works in mysterious ways doesn't He! John C. Vawter is my 3rd great- grandfather through his oldest child Elizabeth A. who married John A. Miller. Their daughter Alice A. married John Dyer. They had a son Jesse Dyer who married Beda Mae Siebman. Their daughter Lovene was my mother who passed away in 2003.

When I saw the info about the Bible I jumped out of bed and turned my computer back on (surely lightening won't strike now!) so that I could e-mail you (Georgene). I am so thrilled that the Bible has been rescued and thanks so much for putting the info in the newsletter. Thank you, Patti

Phone call from **William L. Clark**, NC. Just moved and wanted to make sure I did not miss a single copy of the newsletter. I have enjoyed reading the history, got a chuckle about the recipe for George Washington's beer. Lots of interesting things that makes our family so great. Thanks.

Hi cousins: A new member of the VVV Association is looking for someone to contact concerning Wanda Gould. Wanda was the daughter of **Everett E Vawter**. I finally found her in the 1930 census in Macon, MO. She was born about 1922. I did not have her listed in Everett's family. Wanda was listed as a new member of the VVV in 1983. Address St. Louis Missouri. She attended reunions in 1984, 1985, 1989 and 1991. Does anyone remember her, or know who would be close kin? Thanks Patricia Renton (email & address on page 1)

## Mary Howey Muray Vawter 1871 - 1950

A landscape painter, Mary Vawter was the first wife of painter Will Vawter. She studied in Baltimore and at the Art Students League. She was an accomplished poet and a great fan of poet James Riley whom she came to Indiana to meet and hopefully marry. But instead she married his friend, Will Vawter in 1906, and the couple moved to Brown County, Indiana and renovated a farm which they both tended. However, they divorced in 1923.

She exhibited at the Hoosier Salon and at the J.P. Speed Museum.



## John William Vawter - Will Vawter 1871-1941

Over 12 book references, 116 auction records, exhibited in the Brown County Art Gallery & Museum, Indiana  
A landscape painter known for his loose, Impressionist style, Will Vawter was raised in Greenfield, Indiana and began his career as an illustrator. His first assignments were for James Whitcomb Riley, a successful poet who was also a resident of Greenfield.

Vawter and his wife of two years moved to Brown County, Indiana in 1908, and for the next fifteen years, he worked on magazine illustration assignments. In 1923, he divorced and moved into a small apartment in downtown Nashville, from where he became more involved in oil painting. In 1925, he exhibited and won the prize for best winter scene at the first Hoosier Salon exhibit. He also exhibited at the Brown County Art Gallery Association.



## David Vawter, son of Bartholomew Vawter and Winifred Hodgson

David is the son of Bartholomew Vawter and Winifred Hodgson and probably born bef 1699. By the deed below it would seem David Vawter died single as his inheritance reverted back to John Vawter. John sold this land in 1735 so his death occurred prior to this date and he is shown alive as late as Sep 1727.

In the will of his father Bartholomew 16 Sep 1717 - 17 Sep 1717, Essex Co., VA, he was given part of the Hodgson lands near William, his brother. *Item to my son David Vawter the other half part of my land in the forrest that is next to Daniel Nowell to him and his heirs forever.* He was not yet 21 at the time of the will but was noted as follows in the will: *Item I will that my son David Vawter be of age for to act and do for himself after my decease.*

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

*Essex Co. Deed Book 20, 20 May 1735 - 20 Feb 1738.*

Pp6-10, This indenture made 19 & 20 May 1735 between John Vawter of the Parish of St. Ann in the County of Essex gent. of one part and Patrick Donoho of the same parish & County Witnesseth that the sd John Vawter for the sum Six thousand pounds of Lawfull Tobacco and Cask containing the same doth hereby confirm unto the sd Patrick Donoho in his actual possession being of the parcell of land hereafter mentioned by virtue of Indenture of Bargain and Sale and Statute for transferring uses into possession all that tract of land Swamp and Marsh containing One Hundred and fifty acres (150) being in the aforesd Parish & County it being the half part of a tract of land formerly belonging to Bartholomew Vawter (late of the aforesd County decd) and by him in his Last Will and Testament bequeathed unto his Son David Vawter and by the death of the Sd David Vawter it be-came the possession of John Vawter party to these presents the sd One hundred and fifty acres bounded by the lands of Hugh Carey, James Bouleware, James Landrum Junr. and Cornelius Noell and including the plantation whereon Wm. Short now dwells... In present of Thos. Hawkins, Jerome Armer, John Bates, signed John Vawter. At court held Essex Couty 20 day of May 1735 Margaret said wife of John freely relinquished her dower and convey land to sd Patrick is recorded.

## Switzerland County Biographies

*History of Switzerland County, Indiana 1885.*  
Chicago: Weakley, Harraman & Co., Publishers, 1885.

**WILLIAM H. VAWTER**, farmer, Posey Township, son of William Vawter, was born in Jefferson County, Ind., in 1832. He grew to maturity in his native county (to sixteen years of age), engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in 1848 came to this county and located in York Township where he remained one year, then removed to Posey where he has ever since resided. December 9, 1860, he married Margaret GARMORE, daughter of Jacob Garmore, and by this wife has five children, all living: William, Benjamin, Jacob, Stephen and Fannie. William was married, in September, 1882 to Dillie SHAFFER, daughter of C.B. Shaffer, and they have one child, Bertha. In his early years, Mr. Vawter was employed as farm hand at wages for about three years, and then purchased a team and farmed rented land till the fall of 1863, when he purchased eighty-seven acres of his present farm, to which he has added till he now owns 118 acres. He has succeeded fairly, and by industry, economy and good business management has gained a competency very creditable to his energy. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity; does a general farming business, keeping what stock the farm will support. He made his first trip to New Orleans in boating produce in 1855, and since that has made two others, one in 1858 and the last in 1878. Aside from this he has engaged entirely in the pursuit of agriculture.

A letter written at the end of the Civil War by a friend of Lemuel Vawter shows the frustration of continuing the fighting. A portion of the letter containing Lem Vawters name is shown at the right.

That same January (1865) the prisoner exchange cartel that had been suspended in 1863 was once again functioning, and prisoners could realistically look forward to their release. On returning south in March, John and Thomas Read met in Richmond at the home of their cousin, William H. Read, before proceeding to the Valley. The final wartime letter in the correspondence, dated [26 March](#), suggests that Thomas Read planned to rejoin the army — despite the apparent entreaties of his close friend Lemuel Vawter to "throw off the yoke".

Waynesboro, March 26th/65

Dear Father & Mother,

I send you a few lines by W. Arnold to let you know that I am again in Dixie, & at Mr. White's, I got here last night, & found them all well; my health is very good at present, though I suffered some before leaving Pt. Lookout with Rheumatism, but since getting out of prison, breathing the pure air, & getting more to eat, I have picked up, & feel as well as ever. I landed at Richmond on the 18th, & staid at Cous. William's, & at Camp Lee till Tuesday evening when I left on the cars for Lynchburg; from there I came to Amherst C. H. from which place we had to walk some forty miles to Mr. White's. Cous. William treat us very kindly. Forgot to say that I fell in with Bro. John there, but he left a day before me, I suppose he is at home by this time; he had been at Cous. W's a week already & was anxious to get home, but I couldn't get off in time to come with him. W. Arnold came all the way from Richmond with me & I would like to go on to N.M. with him, but Mattie has stopped me & I cant say how soon I shall be able to come to see you. I want to see you before my furlough is out if nothing happens to the contrary. Love to all, I will let Mattie finish.

Your affect. Son, T.G. Read

Dear Mother

Griffin is at home, once more, it seemed to me sometimes that he was never to get here, but our Heavenly Father has preserved him & brought him back safely. I've been looking for him at any hour for the last month. It seems a strange Providence that he & John should meet in Richmond. I hope John is at home by this time. Tell him to look at "Martha" a good while & then come & see the rest of us. I wrote to you & Mary Kagey just before the Yanks came up. I had not heard from Betty for two or three weeks until Saturday, I heard that Lije was better. Griffin & I will go down to see him after he gets rested. I've had no horse to ride or I would have gone down before now. The Yanks got our best horse, he was a first rate one. They did not get here. Tell Henry that a Mr. Grove from Edinburg was here last week; told me to give his love to Henry's family when I wrote. Tell Aunt Ann I wish she could see **the letter Griffin got from Lem Vawter He wanted G. to "throw off the yoke."** I suppose he wanted another deserter to join his crowd. Tell Aunt Ann please to write to me. You & she and John must come up & see us. Tell father I would be glad to see him. Sister Lucy has a young son.

Your devoted  
Mattie

Cous. William & wife send you their best respects.

According to the *Official Records* the worst month at Point Lookout was February 1865, when 223 prisoners died (out of a population of over 12,000, the largest in the system). The worst month at Rock Island was January 1865, with 108 deaths among 6634 prisoners.

Thomas G. Read died on 3 January 1895 in the Richmond, Virginia Soldiers Home. John Henry Read was still living in New Market, Shenandoah County, in 1908.

Letter March 26, 1865  
Waynesboro, Augusta County,  
Virginia Thomas Griffin Read [with  
postscript of Martha White Read]

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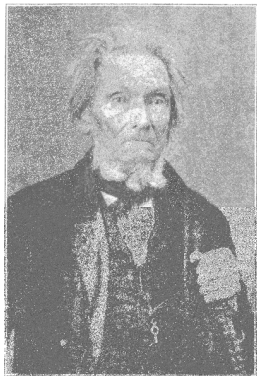
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Jesse Vawter some of his family in pictures, this is found on the Arleigh Kerr website  
<http://www.users.qwest.net/~arleighkerr/vawter.htm>

Born in 1755, died in 1838. He married Elizabeth Watts (daughter of John and Sarah Watts). During the Revolutionary War, Jesse served in Capt John Camp's Company, First Virginia Regulars under Col. George Gibson. Jesse and Elizabeth had nine children: John, William, James (b. 1783), Frances, Mary, Sarah, Julia, Achilles, and Ann. Jesse gravesite is shown.



**Born:** Dec 2, 1755 in Virginia  
**Died:** March 20, 1838  
**Buried:** Wirt Cemetery, on SR 7, just north of Madison Indiana



James Vawter Born in 1783, died in 1872. He married Sarah Watts (b. 1796) and had at least one son, James S. Vawter (b. 1831).

James S. Vawter  
 May 9, 1831 to Aug. 5, 1881



Married Pheba Almeda Rawlings (Rollins) in 1864 and had two daughters, Effie (b. 1872) and Ada. James lived most of his life in Jefferson and Johnson Counties, Indiana.  
 He was a grocer and postmaster.

Pheba died 7-13-1887

Effie Almeda Vawter Kerr  
 Aug. 10, 1872 to Feb. 26, 1921

Born in North Madison, IN, died in Billings, MT. Married [George Scott Kerr](#) and had three children, Stanley Ingomar Lycurgus Kerr, Arleigh Robert Kerr, and Reese Vawter Kerr.



## Mobridge, SD police history, including John G. Vawter, Jr.

Mobridge was not much different in law enforcement problems from any other frontier settlement when the town sprang up around 1906. And its marshals and constables, who enforced the early-day laws, gradually evolved into today's police force.

Bert Dekker was one of the earliest known peace officers in Mobridge, teamed up with A. E. Flick, who was a justice of the peace. The first person ever arrested in the new town in 1907 was a cowboy who rode his horse into one of the four "blind pigs" (a term used in the early 1900s for a bar or lounge) that were operating in Mobridge before the sale of liquor became legal.

The cowpoke was fined five dollars, with Dekker, the arresting officer, and Flick, the J.P., splitting the fine, as was customary in frontier towns. That partnership between law and order, typified by the justice and the cop, helped maintain decorum in a community which tended toward disregard for the law.

Each blind pig had an orchestra playing every night, including Sundays, while most of them had gambling halls in the rear - with dice, roulette, poker and Black Jack tables. On pay days, the town swarmed with workers out to live it up and those were the only days when the lone policeman would be busy.

*"Burglars battered up the door of Comstock's warehouse last evening in an attempt to gain entrance, but failed,"* reported the Mobridge News on July 29, 1910. *"If such things are going to become common, someone will have to begin to agitate things so we will have a night police."*

Whether or not this comment served as the impetus, a "night watchman" empowered with police functions thereupon went on duty.



"Revenuers" - Mobridge-style - are these representatives of law and order, around 1917. The kegs seen in the foreground of the picture to the left had been seized as evidence in an illegal liquor trafficking deal, and their contents poured off forthwith. The only upshot of that deed was that the case was thrown out of court for *lack of evidence*. Seen in the photo, left to right, are Chief of Police Dan House, Captain Guy P. Squires, Chaplin of Camp Pontis (and guiding light behind the establishment of the "Mobridge Purity League"), Judge J. G. Vawter, and Police & Fire Commissioner Orson Clark.

## John Vawter of Henry County, Tennessee, Law Marshal

*Arkansas City Republican*, July 5, 1884. Among the telegraphic reports will be seen the shooting of John Vawter by a desperado. The gentleman is a brother to our fellow townsmen, J. and M. B. Vawter. [TELEGRAPHIC: PAGE ONE.] Monday intelligence reached Louisville, Kentucky, of a shooting and fatal wounding of John Vawter, town marshal at Turner Station, Henry County, Kentucky, at that place Saturday by a desperado named Lucien Evans. An old grudge was the cause of the shooting. A warrant was sworn out for Evans arrest, but he surrounded himself with eight desperate companions, who leveled guns at the officers and defied them, and finally forced them to leave. Vawter is Evans fifth victim.

*Arkansas City Republican*, July 5, 1884. The latest reports from the Dr. Vawters' brother contain the cheering intelligence that he is rapidly recovering.

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Henry County, KY - Newspapers: Carrollton Democrat, Miscellaneous  
November 14, 1885 Page 5 Column 2  
John Vawter Killed Lucian Evans.

On Tuesday, at Turners Station Lucian Evans was shot and killed by John Vawter. Of course, Evans was a bad man, in a certain sense, but he has a large number of influential friends, embracing some of the best citizens of the county. It will be remembered that when they had a difficulty over a year ago these same friends were severe against Vawter, asserting that he was the worst man of the two. Evans was harmless when sober. Vawter has many friends. The only particulars we have of the killing is the following dispatch to the Courier-Journal of Friday: "News reached this place by telephone this morning that a shooting affair had taken place at Turner's Station, in Henry County, in which Lucian Evans was shot and instantly killed by John Vawter. A little over a year ago Evans and Vawter had a difficulty at a hotel at Turner's Station, in which Vawter was cut and shot by Evans, who was afterward tried in Circuit Court and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year. Evans at that time made a threat that he would kill John Vawter as soon as his term expired. He was released only a short time since, and when he met Vawter, who was accompanied by his little child, he (Evans) drew his revolver and fired two shots at Vawter without effect. Whereupon Vawter drew his revolver and fired, and the ball taking effect in the region of Evans' heart, killing him instantly. No examining trial has been held as yet.

November 24, 1885, Page 1 Column 2 After the shooting of Lucien Evans last week J. W. Vawter surrendered at once to the officers. His examining trial was held Saturday, and as the killing was clearly in self-defense he was acquitted.

The Wellsboro Agitator (Wellsboro, PA) 17 Nov 1885

He did Not Keep His Oath

A year ago Luther Evans and John Vaughter, of Kentucky, quarreled, and the latter was seriously shot and cut by Evans, who was sent to the penitentiary for one year. Evans swore that he would kill Vaughter when he obtained his freedom, and meeting him last Thursday at Turner's Station, Ky., he fired twice at him. Vaughter was not injured, but returned the fire, killing Evans instantly.

Grandfather of John was Jesse Vawter b. 16 Aug 1784 Holston river near where three states, VA, NC and TN now join. d. ca 1832 Oldham Co., KY m. 29 Jan 1807 Franklin Co., KY to Frances Ann Watts. They lived in Oldham Co., KY. Marriage Record: found in the *KY Registor State Historical Society* publication Jan 1915 p. 85. 1807 Jesse Vawter & Fanny Watts consent John Watts father, Bondsman D. T. Elliston, Franklin Co., KY

Father of John was John F. Vawter m. 25 May 1840 Mary E. Nichols. John lived in Milton, KY. Marriage record of Henry Co., KY shows Mary E. Nicholas. Children MB Vawter, John Vawter (marshall), Wallace Vawter, Mary Vawter, Frances (Fanny) Vawter, Harriet Vawter, Mildred (Milly) Vawter, Jamison (James) Vawter and Drucilla Vawter.

28	355	355	John Vawter	39	M	Woolcarder & Miller
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30			John Vawter	18	M	"
31			Frances Vawter	14	F	
32			Harriet Vawter	13	F	
33			Mildred Vawter	11	F	
34			Mary Vawter	8	F	
35			James Vawter	5	M	
36			Dousilla Vawter	2	F	

John Vawter, Trimble Co KY 1860 US census, shows John as a young man with his family. He has left the family in 1870 and not located in the census. By 1880 he is in Henry Co., KY shown as a marshal of the law.

1870 US Census, Palmyra, Trimble, KY #70/70

John Vawter age 49 Widow woolcarder

Harriet age 21

Mildred age 19

Mary age 17

Wallace age 14 or 16 attending school

Druzilla age 11

1880 Census Henry Co., KY, Turner's Station

John Vawters age 36 occ. Marshall b. KY fb. KY mb. KY

Robbin wife age 33 b. KY fb. KY mb. KY

Hattie Minor niece age 16 b. KY

Susie Minor niece age 7 b. Ky

Susie Smith servant age 20

Notty Johnson boarder age 43

1910 US Census, Campbellsburg, Henry Co., KY

John W. Vawter age 65 b. KY

Robbie M. Vawter age 62 b. KY

Julian Flemming age 16 nephew b. KY

1920 US Federal Census, Campbellsburg, Henry Co., KY

John W. Vawter age 75 b. KY

Robbie M. Vawter age 71 b. KY

Kentucky Death Index, 1911-2000

John W. Vawter d. 11 May 1930 Jefferson, Ky age 86 vol. 25 cert# 1222

## John Grey Vawter Home in Winterset Iowa, location of the famed “Bridges of Madison County”

Winterset Madisonian newspaper (Winterset, IA) 18 Jul 1956  
Stone Houses Span Years to Early Days,  
Pre civil war architecture lives in these old structures



From the standpoint of impressiveness of appearance, the large stone house on the east side of First street, two blocks south of the square is one of the most outstanding old residences in Winterset.

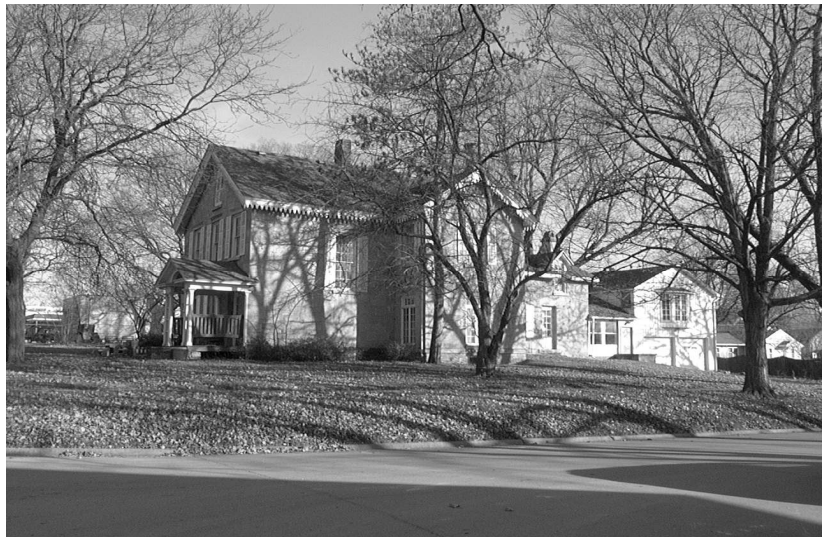
It was built by J. G. Vawter, probably before the Civil war, and later sold in 1869 to W. W. McKnight, a banker.

Later it was sold to the J. M. Robbins family and after their death became the property of their youngest daughter...

In 1987 the home of John Grey and Elizabeth S. Vawter located at 223 S. First St. Winterset, Madison Co., IA was placed on the national register of historic places.

Register #87001692. Architect Caleb Clark, part of Legacy in Stone: The settlement Era of Madison County, Iowa Territory.

John Grey is the son of Elliot Vawter, son of Philemon Vawter, son of David Vawter.



1860 Federal Census Madison County, Iowa  
JG Vawter age 40 b. KY lived city of Winterset  
Elizabeth age 35 b. Scotland  
CL Vawter age 8 b. Illinois (Cornelius Lansing)  
JG Vawter age 1 b. Iowa (John Grey, jr.)  
Two more children were born to the family, Anna Elizabeth b. 31 Jan 1864 Denver, Colorado  
and Benjamin Stewart Vawter b. ca 1866 IL. 3 additional children did not live to maturity.



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## Colonel Vawter Day Festival

**September 13, 2008 and September 19, 2009  
Morgantown, Indiana**

This event is held the third Saturday of September every year in honor of one of Morgantown's most successful merchants in the 1800's. Activities include: vendors, food, pork chop dinner, live music, entertainment, games, car show and fireworks.

**Hours: 9:00 am – fireworks at dusk, free admission, free parking**  
**Contact info: Audrey Lasiter; [amiller122@hotmail.com](mailto:amiller122@hotmail.com); 812.597.4551**

Nestled in the picturesque countryside about 12 miles north of Nashville, Morgantown has been a quiet secret. Midway between Indianapolis' suburban sprawl and Brown County's rusticity, Morgantown is a quaint charmer. This small Midwestern farm town, untouched by the chaos of today's fast paced world. Morgantown is packed with a variety of family oriented attractions. Family restaurants still serve true down home cooking to families and they welcome visitors.

## In Memoriam

**Gary Vawter**, a loving and devoted father, son, and brother, went to eternal peace Tuesday, July 8, 2008. He was born in San Antonio, TX on March 11, 1953 to the proud parents of Glenn and Vera Vawter. After graduating from Pasadena High School in 1971, Gary joined the U.S. Air Force and served his country for four years. After fulfilling his obligations of service, he graduated from Texas A&M University in 1979 with a degree in building construction. He then was accepted as a candidate in the Air Force Officer Training School. Following his father's footsteps, Gary made a career of the military serving for approximately 23 years. During those years he traveled the world and was stationed in many locations such as Japan, Europe, Hawaii, the island of Okinawa, the Azores and many more locations across this great country. He was well respected by his peers in his field of expertise, from his position at the Pentagon to his position in NATO at Shape in Belgium. After retirement from the Air Force with a rank of Lieutenant Colonel, he worked in the field of construction before moving on to a position as project manager at the Architect of the U.S. Capital in Washington D.C. for several years. To Gary, family was the center of his world. He was the orchestrator, conductor and motivator for all family games and activities, even the silly ones. He insisted that all joined in to play whether you liked them or not. He was the one who created the palate and from that palate painted memories upon the canvas of life. Family traditions and memories were what life was all about for him, that connection and that bond was paramount. He lived life to the fullest and will be deeply missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his mother Vera Vawter; the loves of his life his children James, Kristopher and Samantha Vawter and Linda; sisters; Tammy Hye-Knudsen (husband Carl) and Glenna Bettis (husband Skipper); brother David Vawter; nieces and nephews Morgan Miller, Evan Hye-Knudsen, Cassie Bettis, and Colby Bettis, as well as countless cousins who he considered brothers and sisters as well as many loyal friends. Gary is preceded in death by his father Glenn Vawter and niece baby Hayley Miller. Gary's final wish was that he be brought home to Texas to rest. A gathering and visitation will be held Tuesday, July 15, 2008, from 5 to 8pm at Fairmont Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 6777 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, TX 77505. A celebration of Gary's life will be held Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at 10am at First Baptist Church of Pasadena, 7500 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, TX 77505. Dr. Jon Redmond will be officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Cemetery. Many lives were richly blessed by knowing Gary and his memory shall remain in their hearts forever.

**Cathy (KK) Vawter**, 57, Topeka passed away July 20, 2008. Cathy was born April 6, 1951 in Leavenworth KS the daughter of Bernard and Monace (Hakes) Mader. She graduated from Mayetta High School and attended Washburn University. Cathy married Larry Vawter December 18, 1982 in Holton KS. Cathy worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield for 17 years; she retired in September of 2007. Cathy was very involved in Scouting and active in her church activities. She loved her grandchildren. She was a creative scrap booker and talented seamstress. Survivors include her husband, Larry Vawter, who lost his best friend and wife; children, Jason Hamilton (Kristen), Jennifer Anderson (Steve), all of Frisco TX, Jamie Hamilton (Kelley), Silver Lake, Larry Vawter, II (Tracey) Hawaii, Charles Vawter (Catalina), Topeka, Joe Vawter (Kathleen), Topeka;

14 grandchildren; sister, Jackie Hays (Bob), Topeka, brothers Mike Mader (Kathy), Centennial CO and Andy Mader, Topeka, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Karen Hill and brother-in-law, Bob Hill. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday, July 25, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th St, Topeka KS 66617. Cathy donated her body to the University of Kansas Medical Center and Northwestern University for ALS (Lou Gehrig) research, private interment will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Hospice Care, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka KS 66606 and ALS Foundation, 6950 Squibb Rd., Suite 210, Mission KS 66202. Online condolences may be sent to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

**George W. Vaughters**, March 14, 1924 – March 8, 2008, 83, of Dawsonville died Saturday March 8, 2008 at his residence following a period of declining health. A lifelong resident of Dawson County, Mr. Vaughters retired as a Road Construction Supervisor with Georgia Craft after 32 years of service. He was a member and deacon of Juno Baptist Church and was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. George R. and Minnie McClure Vaughters and several sisters and brothers. Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Beatrice H. Vaughters, Dawsonville; children, Donald Vaughters, Epworth, Becky and Wayne McCord, Dawsonville, Randall and Ann Vaughters, Villa Rica, Cindy and Mike Ensley, Epworth; daughter in law, Jeanette Vaughters, Dawsonville; sister, Iva Bannister, Ball Ground; brother, Lloyd "Flem" Vaughters, Dawsonville; special caregiver, Kim Hamby, 10 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and a number of other relatives. Funeral services will be held Monday March 10, 2008 at 2 o'clock at Juno Baptist Church. Rev. Dennis Bottoms, Rev. Tim Bidy and Rev. Harold Evans will officiate. Interment in the church cemetery. Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, GA.

**Vernon Ray Vawter**, born October, 20, 1923, in Hot Springs, AR, died on March 26, 2008. He was the son of Roy A. Vawter and Viola Riley Vawter, also of Hot Springs. He was retired and a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII, serving in the South Pacific and European Theater. He was also a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a life-long member of DAV, an artist, and charter member of the Southern Artist Association of Hot Springs. He also served as president and was a charter member of a traditional Artist Guild. He was a charter member of the Edelweiss German-American club of Hot Springs and served many years as president. He was a member of First Lutheran Church of Hot Springs, AR. He was predeceased by his parents, two daughters, Viola Louise Vawter and Verna Lee Miller, two brothers Ruel J. and Elton L. Vawter, and one sister, Opal Herndon. He is survived by his wife, Edeltraud (Trudy) Borde Vawter of Hot Springs, his daughter, Vicki Lynne Vawter of Lake Geneva, WI, eight grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Tilli Vawter, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held in the Chapel at Gross Funeral Home on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 11:00 am with the Reverend Jon Beyer officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, March 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Gross Funeral Home. Entombment will be in the mausoleum at Crestview Cemetery. Honorary Pallbearers are members of the Edelweiss German-American Club of Hot Springs, Dr. Bimlender Sharma, and the staff of St. Joseph's Cardiology Care Clinic. Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the First Lutheran Church of Hot Springs.

This is just a small sample of pictures of the 2008 reunion. Check out more pictures and highlights at the Vawter Family website. The address is [vawterfamily.org](http://vawterfamily.org), also check out the family tree and other pictures from past reunions. If you have any additional pictures or information on the 2008 reunion send them to the Newsletter.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

REGISTERED AT 2008 REUNION – Red Wing, Minnesota

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Kaitlin Johnston

Patricia Renton.....Texas  
Phil Vaughter  
J W Vawter  
Di Vawter  
John H Vawter  
Sue Vawter  
Jesse Vawter  
Laneil Vawter

Fred Wicker.....Mississippi  
Ken Wicker  
Norma Wicker  
Ellen Cummings.....Virginia  
Ned Cummings

Garry Vawter.....California  
Dale Vawter  
Donna Vawter  
Phyllis Vawter  
Ashley Vawter

Robert Vawter.....Delaware  
Donna Vawter  
2 guests

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Caroline Vawter  
Barry Guinagh  
Rebecca Guinagh

Maxine Joling.....Wisconsin  
Judith Aue  
Priscilla Aue  
Peter Joling  
Jordan Joling  
Sarah Peterson  
Patricia Cook.....Michigan

Erma Vawter.....Oklahoma  
Melinda Powell  
Shirley Troyer  
Sharon Coursey

Zoe Vaughter.....Minnesota  
Andrew Hatori  
Alex Hatori

Shirley Beasley.....Illinois  
Gerald Beasley

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Dylan Bugos  
Tyler Bugos

Chad Bugos .....Arkansas  
Brooke Bugos  
Austin Bugos

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Linda Vawter  
Jason Vawter  
Kelly Day

Georgene Jurgensen.....Missouri  
Halle Downing.....Kansas  
Ethan Downing .....Kansas  
Alicia Jurgensen.....Wisconsin

Patricia Vawter Klein.....Michigan  
Dorothy Vawter.....New York

**The 2008 VVV Reunion was held at Red Wing, MN, July 16, 17, 18.**

Over 60 people were in attendance and the reunion located at the historic St. James Hotel. Highlights included the tour of the historic Sheldon Theater and the Paddle Wheel Boat Ride on the “Pearl of the Lake”. On board was a Mark Twain impersonator for storytelling. Entertainment included VVV junior members who led us in song and flute, piano and violin solos, they were a special treat.

The banquet on Friday night was the highlight of the event.

Shirley Beasley did the memorial service at the banquet.

Jordan Johnston had a power point demo. of the San Diego 2009 upcoming reunion location, showing points of interest.

Donna and Robert Vawter were longest married.

Caroline Vawter was the oldest and Brooke Bugos the youngest.

Sarah Peterson (piano) and Jason Vawter (violin) both played for us.

Bruce and Linda gave out the door prizes and Ken and Norma did the auction. Over \$700 was raised for the event.



A special thank you to outgoing President J. W. Vawter. His service of 2 years has been great. New President, Jordan Johnston gives a small token of appreciation at the Friday Night banquet.

**Major Lee Vawter (M L)** was the son of Alfred F. Vawter of Missouri. He and family traveled to Texas where his father and brother were druggists. The adventurous M L left home during WWI and traveled by ship to California to seek his fortune. He was rewarded with land, sun and opportunity in the rapidly expanding Los Angeles area.

1910 US Census Victoria Ward 3, Victoria, TX  
Alfred F. Vawter age 68 b. MO fb VA mb. VA Druggist  
Emma G. Vawter age 59 b. MO fb. MO mb. MO  
Alfred F. Vawter jr. age 26 b. MO shoe store salesman  
Frances L. Vawter age 25 b. MO druggist  
Major L. Vawter age 19 b. MO bookkeeper lumber yard

California Passenger and Crew Lists 1893-1957, ML Vawter arrival date 12 Dec 1918 age 28 b. Missouri, USA  
Ship Enterprise, San Francisco, CA

WWI Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918 Major Lee Vawter, born 18 Aug 1890 Missouri, residence Los Angeles CA

1930 US Census Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
M. L. Vawter age 37 b. MO Property Value \$10,000  
Ruby Vawter age 27 b. CA married 7 years

Arcadia Tribune (Arcadia, CA) 22 Apr 1932 Arcadia Gains Another House  
Florence Avenue Residence Will Be Fine Addition When Constructed  
Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Vawter of Los Angeles will be the next property owner residents of the city of Arcadia. A permit for \$4500 was taken out Saturday from the office of Building Inspector Glen B. Watson for a residence at 2131 Florence avenue.

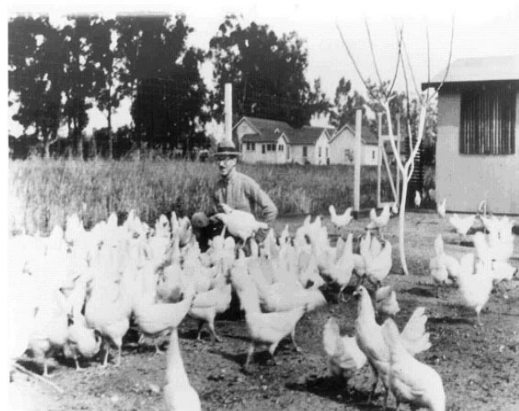
Cartwright and Huffman, Limited, of Los Angeles, are to be the builders of the frame and stucco dwelling, which will be two stories, contain six rooms and two baths.

A fireplace will be a feature of the house, which will have hardwood floors, while the roof will be tile. As soon as it is completed Mr. and Mrs. Vawter will move into their new home in Arcadia.

### **Arcadia's Chicken Ranches**

Long-time Arcadia poultry man Roy H. Pike on his chicken ranch on West Lemon Avenue, circa 1928. Before Arcadia became the community of homes, it was known for its large chicken ranches.

In support of World War I in 1918, the United States Department of Agriculture encouraged every family in the Arcadia-Monrovia-Duarte area to keep six hens and to eat white meat so that red meats could be sent abroad to our soldiers. Patriotic Arcadians complied and poultry raising became a way of life here throughout the 1920s to the mid-1940s. After World War II, ranchers abandoned their coops when they learned they could make more money by turning their land into subdivisions and housing. By January 1, 1961, large-scale poultry farming had been outlawed in the city of Arcadia.



Arcadia Tribune,(Arcadia, CA) 24 Feb 1933  
Thieves Get Fifty Chickens in Raid

M. L. Vawter, Florence Ave Rancher, Victim of Night. Fifty Rhode Island Red chickens were stolen from the ranch of M. L. Vawter, 2431 Florence avenue, last Friday, by thieves believed to be members of a gang that have been making raids on chicken ranches in the Arcadia area for some time.

Using wire cutters or pliers, the thieves went through the fence around the chicken house, and evidently transported their loot secretly to a truck parked nearby. Captain Grady Pardue investigator with Deputy Sheriff Collins of the sheriff's office farm theft detail, found some evidence that may lead to a conviction, it further clues are uncovered.

Arcadia Tribune (Arcadia, CA) 25 Aug 1933

Burglary Nets Thief Only Four Cold Bottles

Four bottles of beer was all that a burglar got Wednesday when he invaded the home of M. L. Vawter, 2431 Florence avenue, according to police reports.

Entrance was made through a French door on the side of the house, evidently, but nothing but the beer was missing when police and Vawter went over the house.



New York Passenger Lists 1820-1957 (1951)

Major L. Lee b. ca 1891 age 61 departure port Southampton, England, Ship name Mauretania

Port of arrival New York, New York

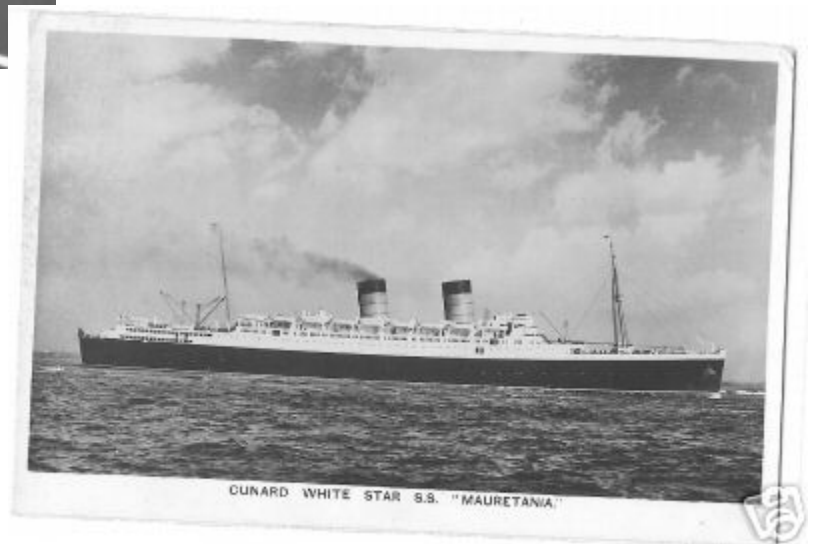
Nativity: Missouri

Ruby E. Vawter age 50 b. CA

Address: 1722 Burtonway, Bakersfield, CA

5 pieces of luggage

Shown at left the first class dining room, below a photo from 1950.



After World War II, The *Mauretania* was given a complete overhaul and was returned to commercial service in 1947, making her first post-war crossing on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The two first roundtrips were from Liverpool to New York, and the ships route was then changed to Southampton-New York instead.

Observers with a keen eye could see that the *Mauretania* was more or less a smaller replica of the second *Queen*. It was not only her two-funnel exterior that made them alike, it was also the late Art Deco-style interiors that brought them together. The *Mauretania* was often rightfully called the *Queen Elizabeth's* 'first cousin'.

The two *Queens* (Mary and Elizabeth) maintained Cunard White Star's transatlantic express service, with the *Mauretania* operating as a relief ship, making transatlantic crossing when she was needed. Otherwise she sailed every three weeks calling at Southampton, Le Havre, Cobh and New York. Beginning in 1947, the *Mauretania* was also used as a part-time cruise ship in the winter season, making voyages to the West Indies and the Caribbean. Such 'dollar-earning cruises' became an important part in rebuilding the British economy.

California Death Index 1940-1997

Major Lee Vawter Male b. 18 Aug 1890 Missouri d. 26 Jul 1958 Los Angeles, CA

Mother's maiden name Major, Fathers name Vawter

Social Security Death Index

Ruby Vawter b. 6 May 1902, died Dec 1976 CA, last address 91011 LaCanada Flintridge, Los Angeles

**Los Angeles County Biographies**  
**William D. Vawter and sons**  
**William S. Vawter and Edwin James Vawter**

An Illustrated History of Los Angeles County, California – Chicago, The Lewis Publishing Company, 1889

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Transcribed by Kathy Sedler

**W. D. VAWTER** is a native of Indiana, and was born in Jefferson County in 1815, son of William and Frances Vawter. His mother's maiden name was also Vawter; she was a native of Virginia. His father claimed to be a native of Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina; because he was born where these States corner. He moved first to Jefferson County, Indiana, and later to Jennings County, where he was a successful farmer until his death.

The subject of this sketch was married in 1834 to Miss Mary Crowder, of Maryland, by whom he had six children, whose names are as follows: Mary E., wife of Ward Leavitt, of Santa Monica; May, who married Dr. Harwood, with whom she went to Australia and there died in the city of Sidney; Jennie C.; Mattie, wife of S. Vawter, editor and proprietor of the Daily Call, La Fayette, Indiana; W. S. Vawter, manager of the Santa Monica Lumber and Mill Company; E. J. Vawter, cashier of the First National Bank, Santa Monica. In 1852 Mr. Vawter married Charlotte A. Knowlton, a native of Massachusetts. From this union two children have been born: Miss Emma, and C. K. Vawter, who died in Santa Monica. The subject of this sketch came to Los Angeles County in 1875, and was one of the original members of the Indiana Colony. This colony bought land where Pasadena now stands. His original purchase was sixty acres in Pasadena. This was divided into lots and sold. He subsequently purchased sixty acres. Mr. Vawter and his sons bought 100 acres of the Lucas Ranch, south of Santa Monica, and they have recently sold fifty acres of it at \$1,000 per acre. He owns valuable lots and property in the "city by the sea," where he resides. On first coming here he engaged in the mercantile business, owning all of the original stock. In 1887 a company was organized for carrying on the lumber and milling business, of which his son, W. S. Vawter, is manager. Mr. Vawter has been a very successful man. His life has been one of great activity. He is now in his seventy-fourth year, and he is always actively and profitably engaged. As a citizen he is highly respected. Politically he is a Republican, having voted for William H. Harrison in 1836. For a number of years he served as postmaster at Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana.



W. D. VAWTER.

Vawter Historic District Development in Santa Monica CA - The Third Street Neighborhood Historic District. The Third Street Neighborhood Historic District possesses aesthetic significance to Santa Monica in that the area displays a high percentage of original, turn of the century, structures, a consistency in building type, primarily the California bungalow.

The Third Street Neighborhood Historic District possesses historical economic significance to Santa Monica in that the Vawter family, leading developers of the Neighborhood, were also influential in the economic success of Ocean Park through the founding and operation of Ocean Park's first bank and through the ownership and operation of one of Ocean Park's earliest businesses and tourist attractions, the Ocean Park Floral Company. In addition, the development of piers, bathhouses and hotels stimulated growth in the Ocean Park area by providing jobs and attracting both residents and visitors to Ocean Park and to the Third Street Neighborhood.

1885 picture at right is Third Street between Utah and Oregon.

The Third Street Neighborhood Historic District possesses historic significance to Santa Monica in that the neighborhood is associated with many prominent early City residents, including the Vawter, Hostetter and Archer families, and Abbot Kinney. The Vawters subdivided the District into residential lots, and also assisted in the establishment of Ocean Park's first water company and Santa Monica's first regular transportation service to Ocean Park. Moses Hostetter and his son William were both Neighborhood residents (2601 Second Street and 237 Beach Street, respectively). Moses Hostetter was a member of the Santa Monica Board of Trustees between 1896 and 1900, serving as chairman of the police, fire, and light committees. Alvin Archer constructed the American Colonial Revival home at 245 Hill Street and was also a founder of Ocean Park's first volunteer fire brigade. His wife, Louetta, was Ocean Park's first postwoman. Abbot Kinney, before developing "Venice of America," owned property on the west side of Second Street in the District, and also gave Ocean Park its name, naming the area after the eucalyptus groves planted by the Vawters near South Santa Monica Beach.



(Prior code § 9630; added by Ord. No. 1535CCS, adopted 8/7/90; amended by Ord. No. 1590CCS § 1, adopted 7/23/91)



Ocean Park Beach 1900

*Sixty years in Southern California, 1853-1913*, containing the reminiscences of Harris Newmark.

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Another pioneer Santa Monica family was that of William D. Vawter who, with his sons, W. S. and E. J., originally members of the Indiana Colony at Pasadena, removed to the beach in 1875.

My relations with these gentlemen were quite intimate when they conducted a general merchandise business, that being but one of their numerous enterprises. Of late years, W. S. Vawter has twice been Postmaster at Santa Monica.

Ocean Park, California "One of the oldest sections of Santa Monica, Ocean Park had its beginning in 1893 when the Santa Fe Railroad constructed a passenger station and baggage room at what is now the intersection of Hill Street and Neilson Way and planted a few trees and grass on nearby plot of ground that was then called Ocean Park. The name clung and eventually was extended to the entire area. The original station was razed in 1920. There is some evidence that the trees had been planted before 1893 by either W.S. Vawter or E.J. Vawter, who wished to improve their real estate tract. Ocean Park, comprising the area south of Pico and west of Lincoln, is rich in notable sites.

### Santa Monica's third street history

The Third Street Historic District was officially designated in 1990 and is Santa Monica's first historic district. Architecturally, the buildings chronicle the evolution of design from the Victorian era through the revival styles of the 1920s and 1930s. Ocean Park, formerly called South Santa Monica, was originally settled by the Vawter family in 1884. The Vawters subdivided their property and established South Santa Monica's first bank, the first water company, a carnation farm, the first Presbyterian church, and a horse car line connecting it to the rest of Santa Monica. Not long after, The Crystal Springs Bathhouse and Plunge was built--the first South Santa Monica beach attraction. Visionary developer Abbot Kinney helped turn South Santa Monica into a beach resort later called Ocean Park. Soon, year-round residents began to populate the area.

1880 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA #393/464

W. D. Vawter age 64 Merchant IN

Charlotte age 60 wife Mass

Jane age 38 dau. IN

Emma age 26 dau IN

E. J. Clarke age 26 visitor IN

E. J. Vawter age 31 druggist IN

Laura age 29 wife IN

1880 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA #501

W. S. Vawter age 34 Clerk IN/IN/IN

Sarah Vawter age 28 IN/IN/IN

Mary Vawter age 19 IN/IN/IN

1900 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA #363

William S. Vawter age 55 b. Apt 1845 married 32 years IN/IN/IN

Sarah M. wife age 47 b. Aug 1852 married 32 years IN/IN/IN 2 children one living

John R. Moore son in law age 34 b. Aug 1865 married 6 years WA/OH/VA

Mary C. daughter age 30 b. Nov 1869 married six years No children IN/IN/IN

#364 (next door)

Edwin J. Vawter age 51 b. Apr 1848 married 12 years IN/IN/IN

Belle wife age 43 b. Apr 1856 married 12 years NY/Scot/NY No children

Obituary notices - Los Angeles, CA 1893 - Death Record

Vawter – In Santa Monica, December 27, Charlotte A. Vawter, wife of W. D. Vawter aged 74 years. Funeral from the family residence, at 10:30 am Friday, December 29, 1893. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

The Mountain Democrat (Placerville, CA) 28 Jan 1893

Senator John P. Jones of Nevada and other capitalists have purchased the controlling interest in the First National Bank of Santa Monica, they having purchased the stock heretofore owned by W. D. Vawter, W. S. Vawter and E. J. Vawter. This will cause a complete change in the directory of the institution.

Los Angeles, CA 1894 - Death Record.

Vawter – At Santa Monica, July 10, 1894, W. D. Vawter aged 79 years. Funeral from the family residence Thursday July 12, 1894 at 10:30 am. Friends invited without further notice.

The Arizona Republican, 3 Nov 1895

E. J. Vawter, the well-known banker and capitalist of Santa Monica, is in the city and will remain for a few days, with a view to investment. He is under the chaperonage of his old friend, Hon. W. T. Smith, and will there fore not go far astray.

The Arizona Republican, 9 Nov 1895

E. J. Vawter, the Santa Monica Banker, was so much pleased with the valley that he returned yesterday accompanied by his brother, W. S. Vawter, and the two will remain several days investigating the resources of the country. They have ample capital and are likely to become heavy investors.

The Arizona Republican, 12 Nov 1895

E. J. and W. S. Vawter, bankers and capitalists of Santa Monica, Cal., left last night over the Southern Pacific on their return, after spending several days in looking over the valley. They are so pleased with what they have noted that they will shortly return and will in all likelihood here locate.

California State Roster, 1899 Gov. & Military Records

E. J. Vawter, res: Santa Monica, Los Angeles Co.

William Vawter res: San Jacinto, Riverside Co.

1899 Los Angeles, CA (newspaper)

Edwin James Vawter, Jr. a native of Indiana, aged 27 years, and a resident of Santa Monica, and Bessie Melvina Channell, a native of Kansas, aged 25 years, and a resident of Los Angeles.

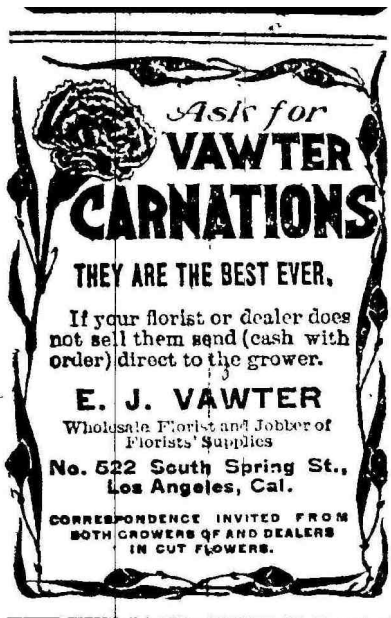
The Arizona Republican (Phoenix, AZ) 17 Jan 1904

The Security Savings Bank having acquired all of the stock of the Main Street Savings Bank, the two banks have been united and consolidated and the Main Street Savings Bank, on January 11, 1904, moved to the quarters of the Security Savings Bank, on the NE corner of Main and Second Streets.

Depositors of the Main Street Savings Bank are respectfully requested to present their pass books at the Security Savings Bank, where Mr. T. L. Duque and Mr. E. J. Vawter, jr will be present to facilitate the transfer of accounts.

The consolidation of the two banks is confidently believed to be to the mutual convenience and interest of stockholders and depositors. The Security Savings Bank is the largest bank of Southern California with resources of \$6,100,000.

Vawter Carnation Advertising from The Arizona Republican 21 Jan 1904



Tournament of roses parade and Vawter Flowers.

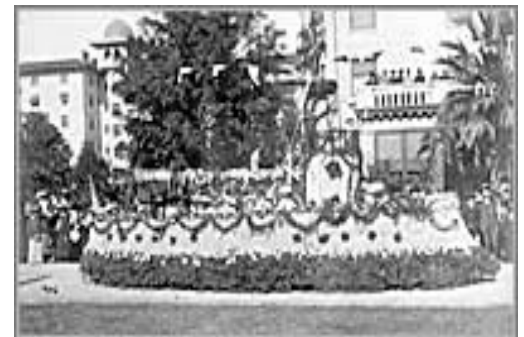
The year was 1890, the 1st Tournament of Roses was founded by members of Pasadena's Valley Hunt Club. The members were former residents of the East Coast and Midwest and were eager to exhibit their new home's mild winter weather.

...And that is the humble beginnings of the Tournament of Roses. Neighbors proud of their new surroundings, wanted to display they're Californian cooperative spirit with a festival parade of flower-decorated horses and buggies and an afternoon of public games.



1901 was the first year that motorized vehicles were allowed as float entries. Back then motorized vehicles seemed nothing more than a luxury toy like item for those who could afford it. Since there was little enthusiasm for the autos, they were forced to appear at the rear of the Parade so as not to scare the horses.

1905 First Rose Queen, Hallie Woods, reigns over New Year's Day festivities. Miss Woods, chosen by her classmates at Pasadena High School, made her own gown and helped decorate the float upon which she rode. Parade held on Jan. 2.



The era of spectacular floats began in 1908 with a 41-foot whale that spouted carnation scented perfume 25 feet in the air; an 86-foot orange; and a 35-foot airship.

Oxnard Courier (Oxnard, CA) 25 Sep 1908

Local Bankers are members of Association

They form part of State Clearing House Organization

Representatives of the various banks comprised in the fifth district of the State Clearinghouse Association met Saturday.....included  
C. J. Vawter, jr, Ocean Park (GJNote: this is E. J. Vawter, jr)

Oxnard Courier (Oxnard, CA) 25 Dec 1908

Those who were in the city yesterday attending the meeting were: (among others) E. J. Vawter, Oceanside

California State Roster, 1909 Gov & Military Records

E. J. Vawter, res: Ocean Park, Los Angeles Co.

E. J. Vawter, Jr. res: Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.

John T. Vawter, architect, southern dist. Los Angeles Co.

US Census 1900 Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA #148

Mary E. Leavitt head age 63 b. Oct 1836 widow 2 children 1 living IN/IN/MD (sister of Jennie and Emma)

Florence M. Leavitt dau. age 34 b. Aug 1865 IN/NY/IN single

#149 next door

Jennie C. Vawter head age 60 b. Apr 1840 IN/IN/MD single

Emma K. Vawter sister age 46 b. Aug 1853 IN/IN/MD single

1910 US Census Santa Monica Ward 5, Los Angeles, CA #350

William S. Vawter age 57 married 43 years IN/IN/MD

Sarah M. wife age 57 married 43 years IN/IN/IN 2 children 1 living

Minnie L. Pack servant age 32 CA/CT/WS

Everett P. Vawter cousin age 16 single IN/IN/IN

James H. Vawter cousin age 11 single CA/IN/IN

1910 US Census Santa Monica Ward, Los Angeles, CA

Edwin J. Vawter, Jr. age 38 married 11 yr IN/IN/IN

Bessie Vawer age 35 married 11 yr 2 children 2 living KS/ Canada/Canada

Marjorie D. Vawter age 7 CA/IN/KS

Edwina H. Vawter age 2 CA/IN/KS (GJNote: she is also shown as Helen E.)

Kate Duff age 50 widow 3 children none living b. Ireland servant

Mabel G. Channell age 32 Sister in law single b. KS/Canada/Canada

1920 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA # 529

Sarah Vawter head age 66 widow IN/IN/IN

Minnie Post housekeeper age 42 single CA/CT/WS

James Vawter cousin age 21 single CA/IN/IN

New York Passenger Lists 1820-1957

Bessie Vawter age 48 b. 29 Jan 1878 KS

Marjorie Vawter dau. age 22 b. 12 Mar 1904 Ocean Park, CA

Edwina Vawter dau age 18 b. 12 May 1908 Ocean Park, CA

Address: 3115 Fourth St., Ocean Park, CA

Departure: Cherbourg, France

Arrival: 10 Mar 1926 New York, NY

Ship Adania

Los Angeles, CA 1929 - Death Record

Vawter. In Santa Monica Sarah M. Vawter aged 77 years, beloved mother of Mrs. John Rigdon Moore and Mrs. Mary Etta Hilty; cousin of James H. Vawter. Services Wednesday at 2 pm from residence, 1304 Second street, Santa Monica. Todd & Lealie, directors. (GJNote: Mary Hilty seems to be Mary E. Leavitt sister in law)

1920 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA #262

Mary E. Leavitt age 83 head widow IN/IN/MD

Florence M. Leavitt daughter age 54 single IN/NY/IN

Nellie Vawter cousin age 23 single CA/IN/IN

#262 next door

Jane Cravens Vawter head age 79 single IN/IN/MD

Emma K. Vawter sister age 66 single IN/IN/MD

Nellie is found in the 1900 US Census Bakersfield, Kern, CA

Sherman Vawter head age 35 b. Jan 1865 married 12 years IN/IN/IN

Emma J. wife age 29 b. Dec 1870 married 12 years IN/OH/IN 5 children 3 living

Everett son age 6 b. Sep 1893 CA/IN/IN

Nellie dau. age 3 b. Jul 1896 CA/IN/IN

1930 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA

Everett F. Vawter head age 36 b. CA

Agnes R. wife age 40 b. CA

William E. Vawter son age 4 yr 9 mo b. CA

James H. brother age 31 single b. CA

Minnie L. Post age 51 servant

1930 US Census Santa Monica, Los Angeles, CA

Bessie C. Vawter head age 56 RE Value \$25,000 widow married 25 yar b. KS/Can/Can

Helen E. Vawter age 22 dau single b. CA/IN/KS

1930 Los Angeles, CA (newspaper)Dealey – Vawter

Samuel D. Dealey, 23; Helen E. Vawter, 23.

Bessie Vawter age 62 b. ca 1874

Arrival 2 May 1935 Los Angeles, CA

Departure Honolulu, HI

Ship Lurline

Arrival 6 Jun 1936 Los Angeles, CA

Departure Honolulu, HI

Ship Lurline

Historical Newspapers Los Angeles, CA 1938

Vater, Mrs. Aramantha C. Vawter Vater, beloved mother of A. Eugenie Vater of 826 Fifth Street, Santa Monica; sister of Emma K. Vawter of Santa Monica and aunt of Mrs. John Regdon Moore of Los Angeles. Services Tuesday 2 pm at the chapel of Todd & Leslie, Santa Monica.

Vater Funeral Will Be Today

Santa Monica, Feb 28. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 pm tomorrow at the chapel of Todd and Leslie for Mrs. Armantha C. Vawter Vater 96 years of age, daughter of one of Santa Monica's pioneer families. She died Saturday at her home, 826 Fifth Street.

She had been active in club, social and church work until declining health forced her to retire from active life about five years ago.

California Death Index, 1940-1997

Bessie Vawter b. 29 Jan 1874 KS

d. 13 Jun 1945 Los Angeles, CA

Mother's maiden name: Thompson father's surname Channell

Emma Knowlton Vawter mother's maiden name Knowlton

b. 21 Aug 1853 IN d. 1 Jun 1943 Los Angeles, CA

Agnes R. Vawter b. 19 Dec 1889 CA

d. 15 Mar 1972 Los Angeles, CA

James Henry Vawter b. 19 Oct 1898

d. 11 Jun 1956 Los Angeles, CA mother's maiden name May

Everett F. Vawter b. 8 Sep 1893 CA

d. 5 Jan 1970 Los Angeles, CA

## FOR FACTORY SITE

Oakland may have one of the largest office supply and furniture factories in the country, if arrangements being made by William C. Vawter, head of the Baker-Vawter Office Supply Company, of Benton Harbor, Mich., are carried out. Vawter has been in Oakland for several days past, looking into local factory sites, and is also considering other sites about the bay. He left today to inspect properties in Richmond and other cities and will return to the Hotel Oakland, where he is making his headquarters, at the end of the week.

Vawter says that Eastern firms doing a heavy business on the coast must in many cases establish branches here rather than ship goods during the present car shortage and high freight rates.

Los Angeles CA City Directories, 1888-90

1888 William C. Vawter, 82 S. Los Angeles, Los Angeles

Business: Thomas M. Joseph

Occupation: horse shoer

1890 William C. Vawter, 724 S. Main, Los Angeles

Occupation: Black smith

Historical Newspaper 1921

William Vawter

The body of William Vawter a member of the Baker-Vawter company, office equipment manufacturers of Benton harbor, Mich., who died Sunday at a private hospital here, was sent to Benton Harbor by H. M. Patterson and son. He was spending the winter in Atlanta. He is survived by his widow; one daughter, Miss C. Vawter of St. Joseph, Mich.; two sons, George H. and William A. Vawter, jr. of Benton Harbor; one sister, Mrs. Ernest P. Bicknell, of Washington, DC and one brother Frank M. Vawter of Toronto, Canada.

Los Angeles, CA 1931

**Vawter, Minnie L. Vawter**, October 6, loving wife of **Alfred T. Vawter**; loving mother of Ernest, Robert and Walter Vawter, Mrs. Robert Oles and Mrs. Alfred Du Fault. Funeral services Thursday, October 8, 10:30 am at Bede A. Johnson's mortuary, 3827 Whittier Boulevard

Woman Asks Mate Be Declared Dead

San Francisco, Feb 26, Mrs. Florence B. Vawter, mother of four children and wife of Henry Francis Vawter, missing San Francisco patrolman, who disappeared August 18, 1922, today petitioned a superior court to declare him legally dead. She did this so that she may collect \$2400 insurance from the Widows and orphans Benefit association of the police department.

Vawter left home in 1922 to walk his beat. He has not been seen by friends or relatives since. After a man has been missing seven years the law presumes him dead.

Oakland Tribune (Oakland  
17 Oct 1933 (article)

Oakland Tribune  
(Oakland,CA)  
20 Oct 1933

S. F. Judge Frees Man  
"Legally Dead"  
San Francisco, Oct 20.  
Since no complaint was  
filed against him and  
there was no proof to  
show that he was guilty  
of conspiracy, Henry F.  
Vawter, former San  
Francisco policeman,  
was freed here yesterday  
by Municipal Judge  
Sylvain Lazarus.  
Vawter disappeared  
fourteen years ago  
following his dismissal  
from the police force,  
and seven years ago his  
wife, mother of four  
children, had him declared  
legally dead and collected  
\$2400 from the Widow's  
and Orphans' Association  
pension fund. He re-  
appeared here recently.  
Members of the association  
said they would take no  
action.

# LEGALLY DEAD MAN'S WIDOW TO KEEP STATUS

## Wife and Four Children Say There Will Be No Resur- rection of Enoch Arden

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 17 —  
There is to be no resurrection for  
the legally dead Henry Vawter, as  
far as his wife and four children  
are concerned.

For 11 years Mrs. Florence Vaw-  
ter thought her husband to be dead,  
and mourned for him. Today after  
discovering that he had merely  
been staying away from home all  
that time, she declared her inten-  
tion of keeping the status of widow,  
which the law gave her four years  
ago.

But the police department faced  
about the \$2400 that was paid to  
Mrs. Vawter out of the Widows' and  
Orphans' Pension Fund after the  
courts, in 1929, had declared her  
husband, a former police officer, to  
be legally dead.

### BELIEVED HER RIGHT

It was generally believed that the  
action of the court had given Mrs.  
Vawter a legal right to the money,  
regardless of the fact that her hus-  
band has now been discovered to  
have been alive all the time.

Vawter's existence was discov-  
ered accidentally yesterday, when  
Policeman John Houlihan went to  
investigate complaints that a man  
named Frank Smith was running a  
"necktie racket." He took Smith to  
the Hall of Justice for questioning,  
and there Lieutenant James Malloy  
saw him and rubbed his eyes

### DENIES IDENTITY

"Hello, Henry," he said.

Smith shook his head "Frank's  
the name," he said

Malloy went and got Patrolman  
William Boyle, secretary of the Po-  
lice Widows and Orphans Fund  
"Ever see this man?" he asked  
Boyle

"Sure," said Boyle "I paid his  
widow \$2400 out of the fund after  
he was declared legally dead four  
years ago. It's Henry Vawter."

"Sure you're Henry Vawter," said  
Malloy. "Don't you remember—you  
were in the department three years,  
and I was your sergeant!"

Still Smith shook his head. They  
searched him and found a news-  
paper clipping four years old tell-  
ing how Mrs. Vawter had had him  
declared legally dead after he had  
been missing seven years, so that  
she could collect her widow's  
money from the fund. Still he de-  
nied it. They sent for Mrs Vawter,  
and she came and identified him as  
her husband.

Not till then did he give in and  
admit his identity. He said he had  
spent 10 years in Sacramento re-  
turning to San Francisco a year  
ago.

### WIFE TURNS AWAY

Mrs Vawter turned away from  
him, refusing even to tell him how  
"George" was. George is one of  
their four sons, and was sick at the  
time the father disappeared. Mrs  
Vawter said today that she had  
been left with the care of the four  
children, and had had to accept  
county aid for a number of years

"They're all fine and strong now  
—no thanks to their father," she said  
today. "None of us want him back"

The police are holding Vawter on  
a "\$1000 vag" charge, pending the  
possible filing of charges in the  
"necktie racket" affair

(CA)

further

## Sgt John B. Vawter

Birth: 1839

Death: 1897

First Sergeant, Company C, 4th Regiment,  
Kentucky Mounted Infantry, Grand Army of the  
Republic, Civil War. Wife, Flora Keith, 1851-1933.

Burial:

Oak Ridge Cemetery

West Liberty

Muscatine County

Iowa, USA

No other Vawter's listed in this cemetery



## Mississippi Land Patents Database: Alcorn County - Surname M-Z

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These land records represent the transfer of public lands to private ownership. In most cases they represent purchase of the land by individuals from the United States Government. Others are the result of homesteading, Indian cessions or treaties, or bounty lands given to military veterans.

This database of more than 225,000 records can be browsed and is based on the original raw database of the General Land Office, a precursor to the Bureau of Land Management.

The BLM is in the process of scanning and putting on-line all of these records for you to see and print out for your own use. <http://www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov> The database this introduction is appended to may contain errors the BLM has corrected as they double checked every record while scanning the documents. Once you have found an entry of interest in this database, be sure to double check it against the BLM web site.

The county designation in this database represents what county the land is in today, not what county it was at the time the individual took possession of the land, as county boundaries have changed many times over the years. You can view current county maps at the Mississippi Department of Transportation web site:

<http://www.gomdot.com/divisions/intermodalplanning/resources.aspx?div=onlinemaps>

NAME	MI SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	MERIDIAN	TOTAL_ACRE	SIGN_DATE
VAWTER JOHN	35	3S	8E	CHICKASAW	160	1843/06/15
VAWTER ALLEGANY	1	4S	8E	CHICKASAW	160.59	1843/11/28
VAWTER JOHN	26	3S	8E	CHICKASAW	159.92	1843/06/15
VAWTER JOHN	35	3S	8E	CHICKASAW	147.81	1843/06/15



**FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

Website: [www.vawterfamily.org](http://www.vawterfamily.org)

Dedicated to finding Vauter(s), Vawter(s), Vaughter(s)

**Newsletter**

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2010 Richmond VA including a trip to Vauter's Church, VA ,  
2011 Land Between The Lakes, KY

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And you may also pay for a gift membership.**

**If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please let us know.**

The 2009 VVV Reunion will be held in San Diego, California in July. The date is pending because of the hotel rates. A much better rate is available Tuesday thru Thursday. This is a popular tourist area and there are no bargains!! The reunion is in the planning stage at this time, but the most likely location is the Handlery Hotel and Resort. They will provide a hospitality suite which we hope will be large enough for meetings. There is a restaurant and also larger meetings rooms if we need them.

“Just minutes from Sea World, the Zoo, Old Town, museums, beaches, world-class shopping, downtown and the Convention Center, The Handlery Hotel & Resort is perfectly located for experiencing all San Diego has to offer.”

The Handlery website is [handlery.com](http://handlery.com). On the **VVV website** you will find more information about the general area. It is a great place for a vacation and seeing your extended family too.

The last page of this newsletter is a form for your family line. **If we are missing any information**, especially from 1960 back, please fill out this form and send it in. We are still trying to update and correct our family tree. If it is easier to email it, that is fine too. And if you have any questions, please let us know.

## In Remembrance

The Advocate, Louisiana. **Wenonah Wilson 'Nonie' Vawter**,. A homemaker and a resident of Fort Worth, Texas, she died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008. Nonie was 81, born July 17, 1927, in Baton Rouge. Memorial service at Thompson's, Harveson and Cole Funeral Home, Fort Worth, on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. Private burial at a later date. Survived by her husband of 60 years, **Jack. L. Vawter**; four daughters, Ann Haynes, Sue Huffman, Jane Ethridge, and Mary Ownby and husband Terry; two sons, Jack L. Vawter Jr., and Scott Vawter and wife Glynell; sister, Regina "Jeanie" Hall, Baton Rouge; brother, Mike Wilson, Baton Rouge; 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Pearl LeBoeuf Wilson; sister, Pearl Wilson Book; and brother, Bobby Wilson. She graduated from Baton Rouge High School and attended LSU.

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Virginia Ingram Williams. Services for Mrs. Williams will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Ligon and Bobo Funeral Home with Rev. Billy Trice officiating. Interment will be in the Woodlawn Memorial Park in Nashville. Visitation will be 9 a.m. Tuesday until service time.

Mrs. Williams, 93, of the Norene Community, died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008 at Quality Care Nursing Home. Born in Rutherford County, she was a homemaker and a member of the Fall Creek Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, **Homer and Ida Vaughter Ingram**; her husbands, Aubrey Howse and Marvin Williams; three brothers, Jack, Dude and Howard Ingram; two sisters, Elsie Barrett and Margaret Floyd. Survivors include a sister, Francis Davis of Murfreesboro; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Daily Democrat, Woodland, CA. On Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, the precious earthly life of **Jacqueline (Reimer) Vaughters** gently and peacefully ended here. Her soul was rescued from a body racked by the terrible tortures of unrelenting cancer and she was spirited away to the loving presence of her Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jacque was born on Oct. 25, 1941, to Henry J. and Marion J. Reimer. She spent most of her childhood and teen years on a small farm just north of Zamora with her parents and four younger brothers, Jim, Jon, Thomas and Jerry. She was preceded in death by her mother, father and brother, Jon, and is survived by her husband of 48 years, **Larry Vaughters**; son, Lance Vaughters his wife Sigrid and their children Lydia, Lucia, Lucas, Seth, Shem and Saije; as well as by daughter and husband, Tobia and Paul Sanders. She is also survived by many nephews, nieces, and cousins. Jacque drank deeply and zestfully of the life God gave her, compassionately loving and helping people in need wherever she could and fearlessly championing for the rights of many who were being exploited, hurt and in need of protection. She was an excellent Christian counselor and encourager. Our lives have been greatly influenced by our dearly beloved Jacque and our hearts will treasure the memories of you, Jacque, til we too are freed from this life! Jacque was a longtime historian and typist at The Daily Democrat, where she prepared daily columns covering local history. She also wrote stories about local families, and events from Yolo County's past, as well as did copywriting, including obituaries. A viewing for Jacque is scheduled at McNary's Funeral Chapel, 458 College St., in Woodland, from noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14. A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Woodland Cemetery on West Street. McNary's is assisting the family with arrangements.

Submitted by Bonita Welch. **Tatum Warren Thomas Magner**, son of Jason Daryl and Summer Beree Taylor Magner of North Vernon, Ind., was stillborn at 1:58 p.m. Friday, September 12, 2008, at Schneck Medical Center in Seymour, Ind.

A graveside service was conducted Tuesday, September 16, at Vernon Cemetery with the Rev. Richard L. Burcham officiating. Tatum's father was pallbearer. Tatum's cousins, John Williams, C. J. Taylor and Shea Lilian Taylor, placed roses on the casket and presented roses to his parents. A white dove was released as "Come to Jesus" was played. Surviving with his parents are grandparents, Tom and Diana Taylor of North Vernon, Christina Pate of North Vernon and Joseph Magner of Silver Spring, Maryland; and great-grandparents, Norma Martin of North Vernon, Everett and Carol Pate of North Vernon and Margaret Magner of Silver Spring.

He was preceded in death by great-grandparents, Roy and Hilda Clarkson Taylor, William and Audrey Hall Brown and Warren Magner. Tatum's mother, Summer, is the niece of association member and former newsletter editor, Bonita Welch, and attended the 1995 reunion in Ashland, Virginia. She had just returned to the States from Nairobi, Kenya, having graduated from high school at the International School of Kenya, where her father was superintendent. Summer graduated from Ohio University in 2001 with a degree in Spanish. She is employed in human resources and as a Spanish interpreter.

To Patricia Renton From Zoe Vaughter at [zoev@aol.com](mailto:zoev@aol.com)

Dear Patricia,

Hi, hope all is well!! It's cousins Zoe, Alex and Andy!

You are probably not aware that my son Alex needs a kidney transplant soon and I am planning on donating one of my kidneys for him. My church, St Martin's by-the-Lake, Wayzata, MN, is doing fundraising and would like the names and contact information of all my relatives. I have my near relatives but am wondering if there is a list of the Vaughter, Vaughters, Vawter relatives that they could use to make a phone call, send an email or regular mail to ask for any support in this effort. It will be a one time request and no one will be 'harassed". There are several women from the church who are coordinating this and they asked me to get a list of names of everyone that might like to make a tax-deductible contribution through St Martin's Church and support us through the transplant process and recovery.

Please feel free to spread the word. The relatives can email me directly but we will also be putting Alex Hatori (my son) on the [www.Caringbridge.com](http://www.Caringbridge.com) website as soon as we are able. Alex and I are going to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester at the end of the week for his initial work up. We will keep people posted through the Caringbridge website as we move forward.

Thanks Patricia for your help with this!!

Love, Cousins Zoe Vaughter, Alex and Andy Hatori Minnesota

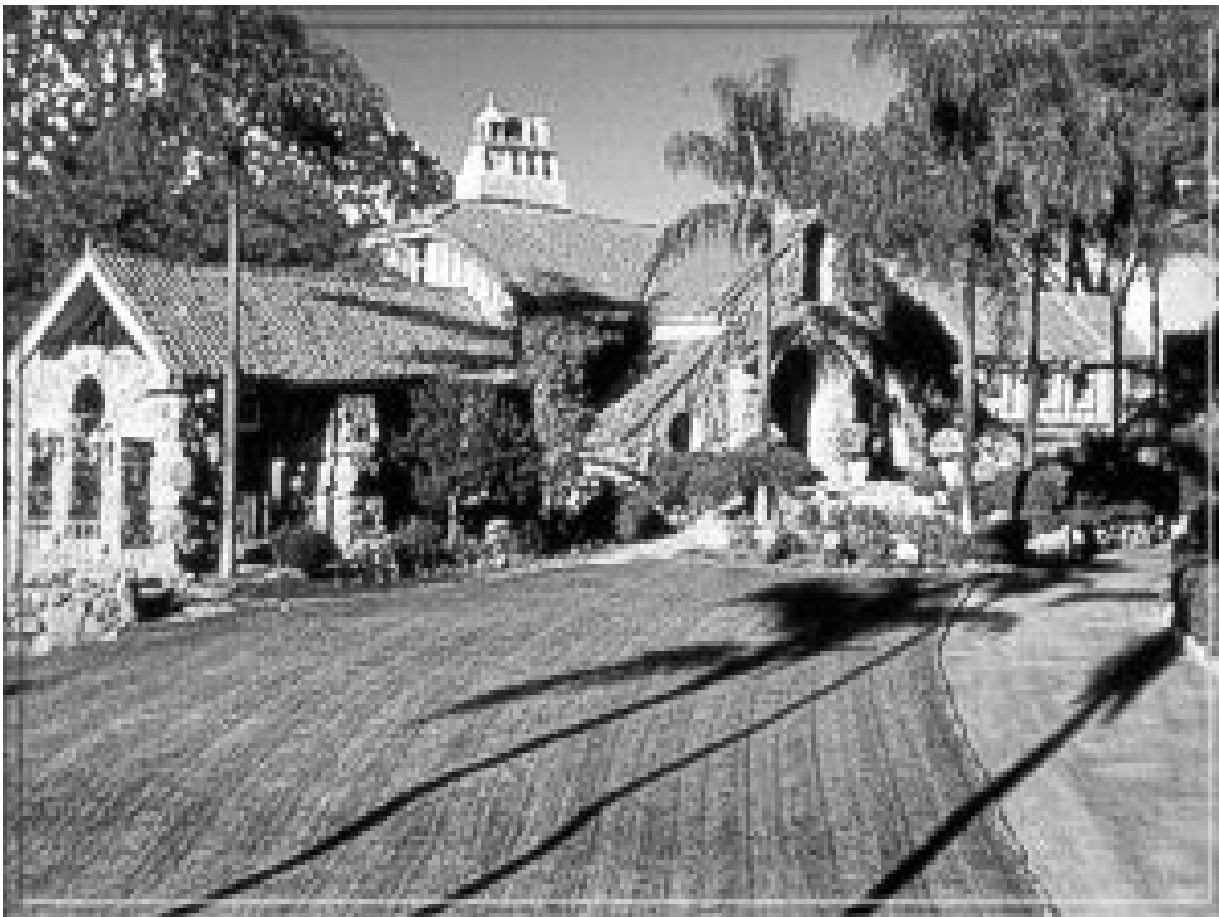
Zoe and family joined other VVV members at the recent Red Wing, MN reunion. Any information can be requested thru the website or email.

## **Mt. Woodson Castle History**

The land upon which the Mt. Woodson Castle stands is notable as part of the original 320-acre homestead of Dr. Marshall Clay Woodson. A surgeon in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, Dr. Woodson settled the property in 1875. After achieving local prominence, Mt. Woodson was named in his honor. Designed by John Vawter and Emmor B. Weaver, the Mt. Woodson Castle masterfully combines English cottage and French castle influences with virtues indigenous to early Southern California.

In 1909, a renowned and eccentric Southern California couturier named Amy Strong purchased the Woodson estate. Over the next several years, Strong devoted herself to the design and construction of her dream home. Strong, who created dress designs for some of the nation's wealthiest women, traveled frequently to Europe to purchase fabrics and handmade laces. It was during these trips that she was inspired by English cottage architecture, the castles of France and the windmills of the Netherlands, all of which heavily influenced the design of her home.

Construction on Strong's home began in 1916 and was completed five years later at the total cost of \$50,000. This 12,000-square-foot, 27 room architectural treasure embodies the California Craftsman and Mission Revival movements prevalent at the end of the 19th century. The spectacular result was unlike anything local residents had seen before. It quickly became known as the Amy Strong "Castle," not only for its sheer size, but for its meticulous attention to detail and luxuries that included hot circulating water, a telephone, a Dutch oven and electricity.



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<http://www.sandiegohistory.org/journal/82summer/strong.htm>

... talents of her architects, Emmor Brooke Weaver and John Terrell Vawter and the philosophy of the Craftsman Movement. The ideals emphasized harmony between the individual and the environment, the intensive involvement of the artist with their materials, and the blending of the primitive...

... Strong hired Weaver and Vawter. They pitched tents on the site for their own accommodations, drew renderings and blueprints and molded ideas into structural realities. For unknown reasons, actual construction did not begin until 1916...

... Strong, with the architectural genius of Emmor Weaver and John Vawter, and the physical labor of local Ramona workmen, constructed in the rural backcountry of San Diego, a home that epitomized the ideals and attitudes of the Craftsman Movement. It stands today...

... Two years later, Weaver and John Vawter drew the plans for Amy Strong's Ramona home. David Gebhard and Robert Winter eds. A Guide to Architecture in Los Angeles and Southern California (Santa Barbara: Peregrine Smith...

... Weaver and Vawter had been classmates at the University of Illinois School of Architecture, Weaver graduating in 1903 and Vawter the following year. Told to move to a warmer climate, Weaver arrived in San Diego...

... Vawter, after leaving school studied in Paris and traveled throughout Europe recording architectural scenes in drawings, etchings and water colors. The two formed a brief partnership in San Diego (prior to 1910...

... Weaver's talents of combining rustic elements was complemented by John Vawter's knowledge of European architectural elements. Vawter's style was, like Weaver's, "refreshing and personal," Andersen, California Design, p. 137.

... Since Vawter's stay in San Diego was brief, he is recognized as a Los Angeles area architect. This acreage had originally been settled by Marshall Clay Woodson, a Kentucky doctor,...

## National Registry of Historic Places, designed by John Terrell Vawter

Considered an architectural treasure, the historic "Amy Strong Estate" is the center-piece of the resort site. The 12,000 square foot stone mansion, known as "The Mt. Woodson Castle", was completed in 1921. It is highly regarded for its eclectic blend of Early California Arts and Crafts exterior and interior design elements, as evidenced by its inclusion on The National Registry of Historic Places. The conceptual site plans that have been approved contemplate incorporating the Historic Estate into a "boutique" resort consisting of casitas, suites and rooms with supporting spa and fine restaurant facilities.

An 'Adaptive Reuse Study' has been completed confirming the feasibility of the proposed commercial adaptation. The improvements fully utilize this facility and its unique potential, while maintaining its historic ambience and charm.



The Mt. Woodson Resort is within a 375-acre gated, master planned community, recognized by The National Association of Homebuilders as the "Best In The Nation - Project of the Year" in 1993.

## Food Timeline--historic American Christmas dinner menus

The following menus, both authentic and extrapolated, represent a progression of Anglo-American Christmas dinners.



### 17TH CENTURY ENGLAND

Cookbooks at this time were written by and for the wealthy. The following menu reflects what an English nobleman might have served his guests at Christmas. Some early American settlers might have considered these foods "traditional" holiday fare, even though they probably set a simpler table. Note: the Pilgrims in 17th century Plimoth, as true with many early New England settlers, did not celebrate Christmas at this time.

[1685]

"A Bill of Fare for Christmas Day, and how to set the Meat in Order.: Oysters. 1. A collar of brawn. 2. Stewed Broth of Mutton marrow bones. 3. A grand Sallet. 4. A pottage of caponets. 5. A breast of veal in stoffado. 6. A boild partridge. 7. A chine of beef, or surloin roast. 8. Minced pies. 9. A Jegote of mutton with anchove sauce. 10. A made dish of sweet-bread. 11. A swan roast. 12. A pasty of venison. 13. A kid with a pudding in his belly. 14. A steak pie. 15. A hanch of venison roasted. 16. A turkey roast and stuck with cloves. 17. A made dish of chickens in puff paste. 18. Two bran geese roasted, one larded. 19. Two large capons, one larded. 20. A Custard.

"The second course for the same Mess. Oranges and Lemons. 1. A Young lamb or kid. 2. Two couple of rabbits, two larded. 3. A pig souc't with tongues. 4. Three ducks, one larded. 5. Three pheasants, 1 larded. 6. A Swan Pye. 7. Three brace of partridge, three larded. 8. Made dish in puff paste. 9. Bolonia sausages, and anChoves, mushrooms, and Cavieate, and pickled oysters in a dish. 10. Six teels, three larded. 11. A Gammon of Westphalia Bacon. 12. Ten plovers, five larded. 13. A quince Pye, or warden pye. 14. Six woodcocks, 3 larded. 15. A standing Tart in puff-paste, preserved fruits, Pippins &c. 16. A dish of Larks. 17. Six dried neats tongues. 18. Sturgeon. 19. Powdered Geese. Jellies."

---The Accomplisht Cook, Robert May, facsimile 1685 edition [Prospect Books:Devon] 2000 (pages unnumbered)

### 1700-1839--COLONIAL & EARLY AMERICA

Most late 18th and early 19th century cookbooks do not contain menus or "bills of fare," except, perhaps by season. What we know about Christmas dinners in this period is gleaned primarily from journals, letters, household inventories, and other primary sources. Most of the following menus are drawn by culinary historians and gifted chefs who have endeavored to replicate authentic period meals. Many contain modernized recipes.

[1769]

Christmas Brunch: Holiday Egg Nog, Virginia Ham, Beaten Biscuits, Corn Pudding, Chicken and Oyster Pie, Pumpkin Chips, Cucumber Pickle, Claret, Mincemeat Pie, Filbert Pudding, Honey Flummery, Plum Pudding, Madeira, Coffee, Walnuts."

---The Thirteen Colonies Cookbook, Mary Donovan et al [Montclair Historical Society: Montclair NJ] (p. 185)

[1770s]

Christmas Day: Wassail, Cheese Wafers, Williamsburg Inn Chilled Crab Gumbo, Roast Young Tom Turkey, Fresh Mushroom Dressing, King's Arms Tavern Creamed Celery with Pecans, Heart of Lettuce, Russian Dressing, Eggnog Pie and/or Ambrosia, Mince Pie with Rum Butter Sauce."

---The Williamsburg Cookbook, Traditional and Contemporary Recipes Initially Compiled and Adapted by Letha Booth and the Staff of Colonial Williamsburg with Commentary by Joan Parry Dutton, updated and enlarged [Colonial Williamsburg Foundation:Williamsburg VA] 1975 (p. 15)

[NOTE: Christmas in Colonial Virginia, Colonial Williamsburg]

[1770s]

Holiday menu at City Tavern, Philadelphia: Colonial inspired modern menu

[1790s]

"Christmas Dinner at Mount Vernon: An Onion Soup Call'd the King's Soup, Oysters on the Half Shell, Broiled Salt Roe Hering, Boiled Rockfish, Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Mutton Chops, Roast Suckling Pig, Roast Turkey with Chestnut Stuffing, Round of Cold Boiled Beef with Horse-radish Sauce, Cold Baked Virginia Ham, Lima Beans, Baked Acorn Squash, Baked Celery with Slivered Almonds, Hominy Pudding, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Cantaloupe Pickle, Spiced Peaches in Brandy, Spiced Cranberries, Mincemeat Pie, Apple Pie, Cherry Pie, Chess Tarts, Blancmange, Plums in Wine Jelly, Snowballs, Indian Pudding, Great Cake, Ice Cream, Plum Pudding, Fruits, Nuts, Raisins, Port, Madeira."

---The American Heritage Cookbook and Illustrated History of American Eating & Drinking, American Heritage Magazine [American Heritage Publishing Co.:New York] 1964 (p. 420)

[1847]

"To Arrange a Christmas Dinner. Place a high pyramid of evergreens (made as before directed) in the centre of the table. Let a roasted turkey of uncommon size occupy the middle or centre of one side of the table, on one end let there be a cold boiled ham, and at the other, fricasseed chicken or a roast pig; with the turkey serve mashed potatoes and turnips, boiled onions and dressed celery, or other salad with apple sauce--near the ham place fried or mashed potatoes and pickles or mangoes: and with the pig or fricassee, the same as with the turkey; large pitchers of sweet cider (or where that is not desired, ice water) should be placed diagonally opposite each other, on two corners of the table; boiled turkey with oyster sauce may occupy the place of the fricassee, or instead, a fine oyster pie. For dessert, there should be only two very large and ornamental mince pies, one sufficiently large that each of the company may be helped from it, in token of common interest, is desirable. Ice creams and jellies and jams and ripe fruits and nuts, with sweet cider and syrup water of different sorts, or wines, complete the dessert. Biscuit and jelly sandwich may be served at dessert, or paste puffs and charlotte de russe or blancmange with strands of jelly."

---Mrs. Crowen's American Lady's Cookery Book, Mrs. T. J. Crowen [Dick & Fitzgerald:New York] 1847 (p. 404-5)

SILAS STRIBLING, son of Thomas and Sarah (Vawter) STRIBLING, was born September 7, 1823; married Sarah A. Keith, December 28, 1845, in Paris Crossing, Indiana. He learned the tanning business, then for twenty years repaired watches and clocks, and for a while took pictures, keeping the farm going all the time. He wrote much poetry which was greatly appreciated by his friends and neighbors. His wife, Sarah Keith, was the daughter of James and Lucy KEITH. The Keiths originally came from Carolina to Kentucky, and then James came to Indiana. Although they had no children of their own, Silas Stribling and his wife reared Lydia CONGDON, Silas CONGDON, Lottie YAUGER, who married G. W. DODD, and Floyd HILLERMAN, and they kept for several years, Roy SMITH and James KEITH. The Vawter family in America, p. 233

## Memories of the Life of Irvin J. Vawter By Maureen Neal

It was a cold February day. The drive to my apartment from my parents was drab and mundane. I was looking forward to a warm bath and snuggling in to watch a movie. My roommate was in her room reading when I arrived home, so I prepared for my bath. As the phone rang I felt both irritated and anxious at the same time. It was my mother. Her usual upbeat, cheerful voice sounded much different than it did 2 hours ago. Her father, my grandfather, had been in a car accident. He was not hurt in the accident but while waiting for the police he suffered a major heart attack and died. I stood there stunned, then told her I would be right home and hung up.

Driving home my mind was not on the road, rather in a kind of auto-pilot since I had driven this route too many times. My mind drifted to my grandfather. Irvin Vawter, a man that in my eyes was bigger than life. Irvin was a “make it happen” type of guy. He knew what he was doing no matter what obstacles got in the way. And everyone who knew him was going to miss him immensely.

Irvin was an oil man. It was in his blood. It started when he was a youth, merely 16 yrs old. (These of course are stories I was told when I was young. How accurate they are I am uncertain, but some have been documented in newspaper articles.) He worked in gas stations, which back in those days were also the mechanics garage. Eventually he owned his own station in St. Louis City on North Broadway. Owning his own station put him in close contact with people in the oil business. The story goes that he soon left his station and became a “wildcatter”. Wildcat is defined in the dictionary as “an oil well drilled in an area not previously known to have oil”. So he was a person that would study the geology of land to determine if there was the possibility of oil under the surface and then proceed to drill in those areas. Sometimes they found oil, other times they did not.

I was born in Albany Kentucky. Their home in Albany is where my first memories of my grandfather start. Although I was born there, we did not live there. We called St. Louis home. Summers in Albany were always different but in a good way. There were the summers they took us to Gatlinburg Tennessee, summers spent at the local country club swimming our days away, or just playing around in the backyard. There was always something to do. I loved the house in Albany. My father told me it originally was a small cabin and that he and my grandfather slowly added on the remainder of the house. It had a central corridor with an east and west wing, what today would be called a rambling ranch. And sidewalks, there were plenty of sidewalks plus porches at every door. That was another summer activity I participated in, though not voluntarily. Each summer my sister and I were given the “privilege” of painting all the sidewalks and porches a bright red. I hated the job, especially as I got older, but in the end it was always worth it because our reward for doing it was our pick of activity before it was time to go home.

My mother’s parents divorced before I was born, both remarrying. My step-grandmother (which I called grandma Ethel) was not a cook. My grandfather used to joke that the only time she actually cooked breakfast was when we were there. I remember waking up every morning to the aroma of breakfast cooking. I would wander into the kitchen and grandpa would be sitting in his recliner in the kitchen working a crossword puzzle watching grandma cook.

They settled in Albany because of oil. I have located records to show that they explored different places, from Oklahoma to Ohio but found their biggest “wells” in Kentucky. After World War II, my parents lived in Albany with them. My father worked in the oil fields with my grandfather. This was all before I was born. Sometime in the 1950’s my parents moved back to St. Louis.

The kitchen was the heart of their home. Everything happened there. I remember when I was little my grandfather used to tease me. He had lost a thumb and part of his index finger in an accident many years ago on an oil field. He used to tell me if I didn’t do what I was told by my parents that I would loose my fingers too, because that was what happened to him! When he started listening, his fingers quit falling off!

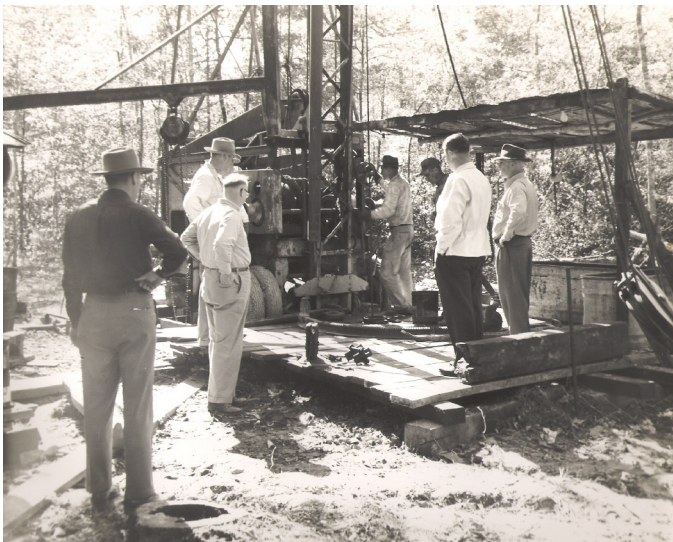
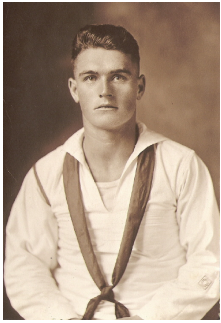
In the early 1970’s my grandparents sold the house in Albany. I cried and still get sad thinking about it today. But, they had “bigger and better” things going on in Tennessee. Wildcatting in Oneida and living in the local motel was taking a lot out of them so they decided it was best to permanently move there.

For a child, the summers in Oneida were ok but nothing could beat Albany. My grandfather was one of three men who discovered the “West Oneida” fields, which I believe are still working to this day. He set up an office just outside Oneida and was a very prominent man in this city.

Still thinking of him, I arrived home to find my mother a mess. We packed quickly and headed out to Oneida. Driving was the only option because there were no airports close to Oneida. The drive took 13 hours. It was a very long trip.

Since the death of my grandmother Ethel in 2000, I have inherited all the family records, which are newspaper articles, ledgers, pictures and mineral deeds.

Irvin John Vawter  
dob: 1/10/1898 Nowata, Oklahoma dod: 2/7/1978 Oneida, Tennessee  
interned: Albany Cemetery, Albany Kentucky  
Mother: Mahala A. Sanders Father: Everett E. Vawter  
Grandmother: Elizabeth Grinstead Grandfather: John S. Vawter  
Great Grandmother: Sarah Parks Great Grandfather: Jesse R. Vawter



**Top Clockwise:**

1. Irvin J. Vawter, Navy – WWI
2. Irvin J. & Ethel A. Cunningham Vawter, undated photo
3. Irvin J. Vawter & Gwendolyn L. Vawter Collins (my mother, his daughter) at 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, one month before Irvin's death
4. Irvin J. Vawter, left, & friend, Navy – WWI
5. Irvin J. Vawter (middle) with partners at oil well in Kentucky
6. Site of an oil drill, Irvin J Vawter on left, Harry T. Collins (my father) 2nd on left
7. Oil Well Drilling Rig, Kentucky. Irvin J. Vawter on right.

## John Vawter and Janet Coleman Married in a Kansas Blizzard

"Holding Down" a Northwest Kansas Claim, 1885-1888

Edited by Kenneth Wiggins Porter

Autumn, 1956 (Vol. 22, No. 3), pages 220 to 235; (excerpted)

Since mother and I were alone on the claim I have greater reason to remember the blizzard of 1887-1888 than the more important storm of the winter of 1885-1886. A cloud came up suddenly out of the northwest, resembling an immense windrow of tumbleweeds of unbelievable size and extent, rolling over and over with tremendous rapidity. As the cloud rolled the colors changed -- white, blue, green, black. The cows and calf were safe enough in the sod-barn, but the half-grown hogs had little protection -- only a pen of four-inch unplanned boards with a shelter of weeds, long grass, fodder, and such material over one corner. Mother hit on the plan of pulling our tent over the pen and fastening it under the corners so that it couldn't blow away. Anyone who has ever tried to control that much muslin in the gale of a blizzard knows we had a real job on our hands. We finally succeeded, but not before it had once gotten away from us and had engulfed both mother and the pigs. After the feat had been accomplished this episode was pretty funny, but had the hogs been full-grown it might have been tragic.

The storm lasted the remainder of the afternoon, all night, and until evening of the next day, when we were able to get out and tend the stock -- milking, drawing and carrying water to the cows and hogs, cutting hay from the stack and bringing in shocks of fodder for the cows, feeding the pigs and chickens. We frosted our fingers, but considered that of little consequence. [19]

One of our neighbor girls, Janet Coleman, was married in the winter of 1887-1888 to John Vawter. The Coleman house, always neatly kept, was made as attractive as possible and a very nice wedding supper was served to about two dozen guests; I distinctly remember the delicious watermelon preserves. The couple settled on a claim near Oakley and by hard work, keen management, and good luck made quite a financial success. The minister who performed the ceremony had been brought a distance of 20 or 25 miles, probably from Fremont. [20]

He and his wife stayed all night with us and I was fascinated by his method of conducting family worship, which we never omitted. He stood in front of the stove and repeated from memory the 22nd chapter of Revelation, beginning "And he showed me a pure river of water of life clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb," clear through the 21 verses without hesitating, concluding with a uniquely worded prayer. This preacher was the widely known Uncle Jack Langley, for many years a circuit rider in western Kansas, whom we were to meet in his own congregation in Fremont in the summer of 1889.

19. *Ibid.*, pp. 228-230, describes the blizzard of January 12, 1888, although, rather curiously, no mention is made of the historically far more important blizzards of 1886 and 1887 which virtually destroyed the Plains cattle industry.

20. Fremont, in west central Graham county, is now Morland. It was organized in 1886 and named for the famous explorer, general, and first Republican presidential candidate, but when the railroad came several years later it was renamed for a railroad official. -- *Kansas: A Guide to the Sunflower State*, pp. 332, 333.

1880 US Census Washington, Page, IA #128

Robert W. Vawter age 47 farmer KY

Mary M. age 43 wife IA

Alonzo age 21 farm laborer b. IL

John age 17 son IL

Granville age 15 son IL

Hiram E. age 8 son IL

William S. age 7 son IL

Birdie P. age 3 dau IL

1900 US Census Randall, Thomas, KS

John H. Vawter age 34 b. Sep 1862 IL/KY/IA married 13 years

Janet Vawter age 32 b. Jan 1868 IL/OH/PA married 13 years 2 children 2 living

Robert H. Vawter age 9 son b. Jul 1890 KS/IL/IL

John E. Vawter age 8 b. May 1892 KS/IL/IL

1910 US Census Randall, Thomas, KS  
John D. Vawter age 47 married 23 years IL/KY/IA  
Janet Vawter age 42 married 23 years IL/OH/PA 2 child 2 living  
Robert H. Vawter age 19 KS/IL/IL  
John E. Vawter age 17 KS/IL/IL

1920 US Census Oakley, Logan, KS #19  
John Vawter head age 57 b. IL  
Janet Vawter age 52 b. IL

1930 US Census Oakley, Logan, KS #272  
John B. Vawter age 67 value of prop \$4000 age 24 at marriage b. IL  
Janet Vawter wife age 62 age 19 at marriage b. IL

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## Rogers - American Civil War



[Cleveland C. Rogers](#) was born on May 5, 1844 in Jefferson County. He was the son of Charles M. Rogers and Elizabeth **Wise** (whose father was Mathew Wise). He was a great grandson of Jesse **Vawter**. Cleveland served in the Jefferson County Militia in 1862. He enlisted in the 13th Indiana Cavalry as a private, in February of 1864. He was discharged at the end of the war as a sergeant. While serving with Company C near Huntsville, Alabama, Cleveland contracted malaria and dysentery, which virtually incapacitated him until his death in 1912, near Yakima, Washington. He married Louisa J. **Taylor**, daughter of Thomas S. Taylor, a blacksmith near Madison, on November 8, 1868. The couple moved to Columbia, Indiana. They had eight children. Louisa and Cleveland are buried in a local cemetery at Zillah, Washington.

The inscription on the photograph was apparently written by my grandfather, who married Cleveland's grand-daughter. It reads "Cleveland C. Rogers in the war of 1863."

[Courtesy of Mark Danielson.](#)

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The Arizona Republican, 12 Ap 1907

The territorial board of pharmacy yesterday closed a two days' session, the following were examined as licentiates: including others, Frank Vawter.

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Charleston Mail (Charleston, WV) 18 Dec 1915

Vawter Buys Goods

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

## Thomas M. Vawter born Jefferson Co., IN died Los Angeles, CA

The Van Nuys News (Van Nuys, CA) 11 Nov 1948

Members of the Northridge Community Methodist Church (pictured below), armed with paint brushes, scrub brushes, brooms, dust pans and hammers, will gather at the church Saturday to put finished touches on the new addition..... There were jobs for everybody, including 85 year old Thomas Vawter, 18608 Chase St., who cleaned windows.

1870 US Census Madison, Jefferson, IN

James M. Vawter age 82

Eliza age 76

John age 36

Lydia age 30

William 11

Alice age 9

James age 7

Thomas age 5

Laura age 3

All b. IN



1900 US Census Madison, Jefferson, IN

Thomas M. Vawter b. May 1864 age 36 married 10y b. IN

Fannie M. wife b. Nov 1864 age 35 b. IN

1910 US Census Wickenburg, Maricopa, Arizona

Thomas M. Vawter age 44 b. IN fb. IN mb. IN

Fannie M. age 43 b. IN fb. IN mb. IN

1920 US Census Los Angeles, dist 61 Los Angeles, CA

Thomas M. Vawter age 54 b. IN

Tanni M Vawter age 54 b. IN

California death index 1940-1997 Thomas Vawter b. 22 May 1864 IN d. 13 Aug 1959 Los Angeles, CA

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Washington District of Columbus, 1906

Staunton, April 6, Miss Jennie V. Keyser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keyser, was married to James W. Vawter Wednesday evening at the manse of the Second Presbyterian Church by Rev. Dr. W. N. Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Vawter will make their future home here, where Mr. Vawter is engaged in business.

Washington District of Columbus, 1908

Radford, Jan 3 – Miss Bessie, the daughter of J. W. Vawter, of Stauton, was married Monday evening to Emmet Roberts, a young business man of East Radford. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. W. Wosencraft, of the Presbyterian church, at the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. Signey Wilson, with who she has been staying in Columbus, Ohio.

Washington, District of Columbia, 1910

Fredericksburg, April 30, Clifton Vawter and Miss Isa Massie, of Louisa county, were married Thursday at Gold Mine Church, the Rev. C. C. Davis officiating.

Washington District of Columbia, 1918, Special to the Washington Post

Miss Vawter to Marry Lieut. Bell

Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 6 Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall Tompkins, of New York City, formerly of Crozet, this county announces the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Vawter to Cecil Paul Bell, lieutenant in the United States reserve corps.

Information on your VAWTER-VAUTER-VAUGHTER(S) line:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(ladies show maiden name)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FATHER OR MOTHER (VAWTER LINE)

\_\_\_\_\_

(ladies show maiden name)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GRANDPARENT (VAWTER LINE)

\_\_\_\_\_

(ladies show maiden name)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GREAT-GRANDPARENT (VAWTER LINE)

\_\_\_\_\_

(ladies show maiden name)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GG GRANDPARENT (VAWTER LINE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ladies show maiden name)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GGG GRANDPARENT (VAWTER LINE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ladies show maiden name)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GGGG GRANDPARENT (VAWTER LINE)

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(ladies show maiden name)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE BORN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

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