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REUNION INFORMATION FROM ELLEN CUMMINGS

Dear VVV Family Association Members,

This is a reminder that July 14-16 and the 2005 Reunion of the VVV Family Association in Fredericksburg, Virginia, is almost here. If you have not yet made your reservation at the Wingate Inn, you are urged to do so as soon as possible. On July 1, all remaining rooms, which have been held for the Association, will be released. Room rates are \$75.00 for doubles and kings, and \$119.00 for suites. These are nice, big, modern rooms, with all the conveniences. In checking the records from five years ago, reunion room rates were \$99.00. This is a great deal, in an exceptionally nice hotel with a private location, and I think you will all be pleased.

Thanks for your patience in waiting for meal prices. Last fall I was told I would be dealing with a particular catering company. However, when I contacted the hotel this spring for catering details, I was told a brand new restaurant would be opening next door the first of June, and I would be dealing with them. Because the restaurant is not yet open, things are in a state of flux, and it has taken longer than expected for their catering service to supply me with meal choices and prices.

On the bright side, these prices are much better than what we would have had with the first arrangement. The hotel manager assures me the food will be top quality, and the restaurant staff members have been most helpful and accommodating. Below I have listed the menus and prices. The Saturday lunch will be provided by the ladies of Vauter's Church.

Friday Night Cookout	Saturday Buffet
Hamburgers	Lemon Herb Chicken Breast
Hotdogs	Portabello Pot Roast
Beef Brats	Rice Pilaf
Buttered Corn on the Cob	Vegetable Medley
Tossed Salad	Salad Bar
Watermelon	Rolls/Butter
Chocolate Chip Cookies	Assorted Pies
Iced Tea/Lemonade	Iced Tea/Coffee

We do need to have an approximate count for the meals, so please help by completing this form, and getting the information to me as soon as possible, by FAX, e-mail, phone, or US mail.

_____ Yes, I will attend the reunion. _____ No, I will not attend the reunion.

Friday Picnic: number of adults _____ (including children 12 and over) (\$16.00)
Number of children ages 5-11 _____ (\$8.00)

Saturday Lunch: number of adults _____ including children 12 and over) (\$12.00)
Number of children ages 5-11 _____ (\$6.00)

Saturday Dinner: number of adults _____ (including children 12 and over) (\$20.00)
Number of children ages 5-11 _____ (10.00)

Your name and the names of others attending with you:

There will be a reunion fee of \$10.00 per person, and \$20.00 per family, to off-set the meeting room fee, which the hotel charges.

We will play Human Bingo again this year, as it provides a unique opportunity for us to get to know the scope and diversity of our membership. Please give some thought to unique and interesting facts about those who will attend this year's reunion and pass this information along to me. You can also provide these factoids at the registration table, but getting them ahead of time will be helpful.

It is traditional for the Association to give a love offering to Vauter's Church. This is a small congregation that struggles with the upkeep of a historic building. Please prayerfully consider your gift to Vauter's Church.

Thanks for your prompt reply! I look forward to seeing you in July.

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REMINDERS

In the March newsletter, we encouraged all members to stay at the Wingate Inn. If you have not yet reserved a room, please do so today. As of several days ago, 35 of the 50 rooms being held for the association have been reserved. Any rooms remaining on July 1 will be released to the hotel and a higher rate will be charged. It may be possible to get more rooms, but Ellen must know of the need before July 1. Reservations can be made by calling 540-368-8000 or 866-333-6800. Be sure to state that you are with the Vawter Family Association to get the special rate. And please, do let Ellen know of your plans.

The VVV Singers, under the direction of Christy Glasgow, will perform on Friday evening. Rehearsal time will be during the Friday morning business session. Christy will be remembered as one of the original members of the VVV Children's Chorus. The group is open to anyone, regardless of age.

Also on Friday evening, we will be entertained by Mayme and Emma Graubard, with their Irish dancing. The girls are the granddaughters of Jackie Vawter Gruman of Wilkeson, Washington.

Always a highlight of the reunions is the drawing for door prizes on Saturday night. There is usually a wide variety of items as some people bring handcrafted items or something that is related to the area in which they live. Others donate a prize they purchase in the location of the reunion.

Laniel Vawter will be conducting the annual memorial service, using the names of those friends and relatives whose obituaries have appeared in the newsletters the past year. If you have others that you would like to have remembered, please contact Laniel so she can include your loved ones. Her e-mail is jessvawter@aol.com.

2005 REUNION SCHEDULE (REVISED)

Thursday, July 14

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.....Registration
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.....President's Reception
8:00 p.m.Executive Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m.....Reunion Site Committee Meeting

Friday, July 15

Complimentary Breakfast
8:30-9:00 a.m.....Registration
9:00 a.m.....Opening of Reunion
 Welcome, Ringing of Cowbell, Invocation and Pledge
 Official Welcome to Fredericksburg
 Preliminary Registration Report & Business Meeting
10:30 a.m. – Noon.....Genealogy Session #1
Lunch on Your Own
Spend the afternoon touring historic Fredericksburg
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.....Dinner
 Irish Dancing – Mayme and Emma Graubard
 VVV Singers
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.....Genealogy Session #2

Saturday, July 16

Complimentary Breakfast
9:00 a.m.....Depart for Vauter's Church
Noon.....Lunch at the Church
1:00 p.m.....Depart for the Glebe
6:30 p.m.....Annual Banquet
 Human Bingo
 Invocation
 Meal
 Memorial Service
 Love Offering for Vauter's Church
 Special Recognition
 Youngest and Oldest, Couple Married the Longest, Traveled the Farthest Distance
 Roll Call of States
 Final Registration Report
 Invitation to 2006 Reunion
 Door Prizes
 Adjournment

Sunday, July 17

Complimentary Breakfast
9:00 a.m.....Worship Service at Vauter's Church
10:00 a.m.....Coffee and Light Refreshments

BEVERLY SPARKS VAWTER

During the 1920s and 30s, William Snyder Vawter contacted many members of the Vawter family with the hope of updating “The Vawter Family in America”. Although he was unable to complete the project, much of the material he collected has been preserved and several VVV Association members have copies.

Emma C. Rector, of Wellington, Kansas, submitted the following information on her family. Her letter was dated January 1, 1930. We have printed it as written by Mrs. Rector, making no corrections in spelling or grammar. Some punctuation has been added for easier reading. A brief letter written two years earlier and signed by Mrs. Rector differs a little from the 1930 letter. That information is inserted and enclosed with [brackets.]

“I am the daughter of Beverly Sparks Vawter [born in Stokes Co., North Carolina, May 1, 1819], he being the son of Chadwell Vawter and Susan Taylor Vawter. They moved from the state of Virginia, Cullpepper County to Stokes County now Forsythe County, North Carolina. My father married Miss Harriet Jane Lasley [born June 3, 1821] of Virginia she being the daughter of an old and fine family of Gentrys. Her mother was Nancy Gentry. I do not remember what her father’s first name was. Six children were born to my father and mother, in North Carolina. They moved to Knox County Illinois in October 1853. Six children were born to them in Illinois. My father and Uncle William Vawter, his wife (Regina Roberts) and some other folks came, together, in 1852. My Uncle William died in 1859.

“They rented land and farmed, had bad crops and hardships that come to everyone in a new territory but managed to live and be happy. Finally good crops brought them out of difficulties. He finally became a successful farmer and stock raiser. But while he succeeded in some things he had bad luck in others. He loved to entertain – sometimes three families spending the week at our home. Was a good provider. He loved to read. I remember one time I went to call him to dinner. He laughed and said he would rather read his paper than to eat. He sold out in Illinois in the year of 1877, came to Sumner county near Belle Plaine, Kansas. Loved by everyone, he was converted at a Baptist Revival. It was the month of January and they had to cut the ice on the Ninnescah river. He live a good christian the rest of his life. Seven years later he died very suddenly on July 2nd 1885. Burried in Wellington.

“Mother was a sweet and loving mother. She was a great comfort. She passed away March 12, 1902. But three of the twelve childred are now living; Mrs. Sarah Moore, widow of J. K. Moore, a Civil War veteran – living in Wellington. Brother George Allen Vawter lives in Adair, Illinois, and myself, Mrs Edward Tiffin Rector. My husband was born in Circilville, Ohio, [March 31, 1850]. We were married January 23, 1878 and celebrated our Golden Wedding anniversary on the 23d day of January 1928. Our four childred presentind us with a lovely gold mounted Chimes clock. We greatly appreciated it. Five children were born to us: Clara West born August 30, 1880. Our daughters Mrs Cora Rector Ford and Mrs. Helen Edawyn Persons live in Fresno, California. Rex Tiffin Arthur

Rector, State Secretary of the Kansas Retailers' Ass'n lives in Wichita, Kansas. Major Elton Rector living in Wellington. My husband is a Mason and I am an Eastern Star. Both of our sons are 32nd degree Masons and Nobles of the Mystic Shrine."

Children of Beverly Sparks Vawter:

Joseph William Vawter	Died in infancy
Joseph Chadwell Vawter	Died in action in Civil War [in the earlier letter, his name is given as Josiah
James Madison Vawter	Died in Illinois [died on 24 th birthday]
Samuel Taylor Vawter	Died in Kansas [born January 13, 1850; died August 14, 1923
Henri Anderson Vawter	Died in Kansas [Henry; born November 16, 1852; died May 7, 1928]
Sara Ann Vawter	Living in Wellington [Sarah; born February 24, 1854; widow of John Kesno Moore, who was born in Bloominton, Ill.
Mary Jane Vawter	Died in Kansas [born May 10, 1855; died October 29, 1924]
Paulina Francis Vawter	Died in Illinois {Frances; born May 8, 1856; died December 11, 1923]
Emma Carolyn Vawter	Living in Wellington [born March 4, 1858]
Elizabeth Bessie Vawter	Died in Kansas [Elizabeth Burse; born March 6, 1860; died December 8, 1926]
George Allen Vawter	Living in Adair, Illinois [born March 23, 1863]
Susan Priscilla Vawter	Died in Illinois [died in infancy]

Children of Beverly Vawter & Harriet Vawter, who they married

Samuel T.	Married Ellen White of Rogers, Arkansas
Henri A.	Married Sarah E. Hughes of Peck, Kansas
Mary Jane	Married Daniel Munson of McComb, Illinois
Paulina F.	Married Theodore Herndon of Industry, Ill.
Elizabeth B.	Married Charles H. Lovingfoss of Wellington, Kans.
Emma C.	Married Edward Tiffin Rector of Circleville, Ohio. In Wellington, Kansas
George A.	Married Cora Ruth of Penningtons Point, Ill, living in Adair, Ill

Children born to each son and daughter

Born to – Samuel F. Vawter:
Siloie Harriet – died in infancy

John – Married Edna Cole in Kansas
Hattie – Married George Anthony in Kansas
Nola Fern – Married Mr. Moordy, living in Missouri
 Born to – John Vawter; one child – died in infancy
 Hattie Anthony; six children
 Nola Fern Moordy: five children – two living – three dead

Born to – Mary Jane Munson: four children
 Theodore – died in New Mexico
 Lula Frances Moore – living in Kansas City, Mo.
 Gertrude Inez Widney – living in Kansas City, Mo.
 Daisy Mae – died in New York City
 The wife of Dr. Ames Judd M.D. of New York City.

Born to – Henri A. Vawter
 Henrietta – married Frank Miles, living at Cunningham, Kans., five children
 Stella – married Charles Gamble, living at Kingston, Kans., two children
 Ruby – married Walter Mercer, living at Peck, Kansas, two children
 Jewel – married Albert Clugston, living at Industry, Ill., on child

Born to - Pauline F. Herndon:
 Beulah – died in infancy
 Sturl Arthur – married, lives Industry, Ill.
 Nola Fern – died in Illinois, age 21

Born to - Elizabeth B. Lovingfoss:
 Harold H. – married Fae Rash in Wellington, Kansas, one child
 Charles H. – lives at Dallas, Texas

Born to – George A. Vawter:
 Burdett
 Bertha Lorraine – lives at Adair, Ill.

Born to – Edward Tiffin and Emma C. Rector:
 Cora – married Walter A. Ford in San Francisco, Calif., liv at Fresno, Calif.
 Rex Tiffin Arthur – living in Kansas City, Mo., and Wichita, Kans.
 Helen Edawyn – married to Harry L. Persons at Wellington, Kans.
 Major Elton – lives at Wellington, Kansas

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At the reunion in Colorado Springs last summer, Jordan Johnston of Goodyear, Arizona, took on the project of building a website for the association. It is now online and can be found at www.vawterfamily.org.

Jordan is the son of Patricia Vawter Renton of Pipe Creek, Texas, who has contributed material for the website. Jordan and Patricia deserve a big “THANK YOU” for all the work that has gone into this. Be sure to check it out and let them know what you think.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Molly Ann Hall and Brian Christopher Stundick of Rosedale, Maryland, announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Molly is the daughter of Douglas and Judy Thorpe of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of North Vernon, Indiana. She is a graduate of Broadneck High School and Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Maryland. She is a registered nurse in the field of neonatal care.

Her fiancé is the son of Walter and Bernadette Stundick of Kingsville, Maryland. He is a graduate of Loyola High School and Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland, and earned a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University. He is self-employed in real estate.

The wedding is planned for August 20 at St. Michaels Catholic Church in St. Michaels, Maryland.

Molly's parents are members of the VVV Association and have attended several reunions.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Martha Jane Woolman Rankin

Martha Jane Wollman Rankin, 78, of Big Spring, Texas, died Friday, March 5, 2005, in a Lubbock, Texas, hospital.

Mrs. Rankin was raised in North Vernon, Indiana, and graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. She was a music teacher for six years before becoming a homemaker. She and her husband moved to Big Spring in November 2003 after living in Avon, Indiana, for many years. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church; the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as regent a number of times; and the International Travel Study Club in Avon. She was active with Meals on Wheels for 25 years and enjoyed genealogy.

The funeral service was held in Avon. Burial was at Vernon Cemetery in Vernon, Indiana.

Born April 23, 1926, in Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Rankin was the daughter of Earl and Nina Lewis Woolman. She married David L. Rankin on June 6, 1948, in North Vernon.

Surviving with her husband are sons, Jonathan L. Rankin of Plantersville, Texas, and Andrew D. Rankin of Big Spring; and three grandsons, Kaleb, Jakob and Marcus Rankin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Dorothy Ann Blackwood.

Mrs. Rankin's mother was the great-granddaughter of Alexander and Nancy Vawter Lewis. This family can be found on page 351 of "The Vawter Family in America."

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