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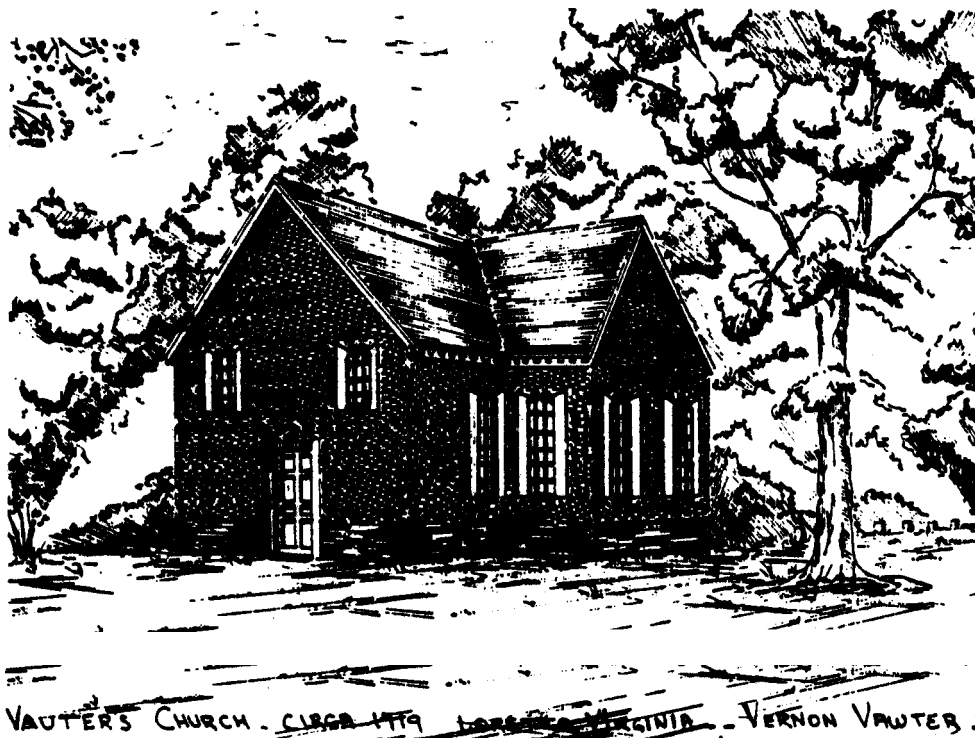
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MAKE PLANS FOR THE 1990 VVVFA REUNION

The 1990 reunion will herald the 13th annual VVVFA reunion which will be held in Richmond, Virginia, August 3, 4 and 5 in the Holiday Inn Downtown. Once again we will be meeting near the site of the "Vauter" church. See the president's letter for a list of the points of interest. The rooms will be \$45.00 plus tax for any number. Come Thursday afternoon to visit with your "early bird" cousins. Officers breakfast will be early Friday morning. Come one come all VVV's.



The above sketch of the "Vauter" church was made by Vernon Vawter. If interested, note paper with the above picture may be purchased from him as well as having the print framed with matte alone or with additional framing. Write: Vernon Vawter, 1822 7th St. Hot Springs AK 71913-5150.

VAUTER CHURCH

From: "Settlers, Southerners, Americans: The History of Essex County Virginia 1608-1984 by James S. Slaughter - Sent in by Bobbie Vawter Meeks of Arizona.

Vauters Church in upper Essex, one of the county's oldest structures, illustrates the rise of refined craftsmanship among Virginia builders. St. Anne's Parish in upper Essex built Vauters in 1719, relocating the church there from a site near the river at present-day Mount Pleasant. By this time, roads and trails made riding to church easier than sailing or rowing to service. John Vauter led the building of the church as a memorial to his father Bartholomew Vauter, on whose land the church was erected.

Vauter church is the eleventh oldest of forty-eight colonial churches still standing in Virginia. The masonry is among the finest of any colonial church. The builders probably fired the bricks on the site and manufactured the mortar from oyster shells.

A VVV DESCENDANT IS NAMED RHODES SCHOLAR

From: The Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY

Burt L. Monroe from Louisville is among 32 Americans named Rhodes Scholars for two years of study at Oxford University in England. Burt is presently enrolled in the Policy and Technology Masters Program at MIT (MA Institute of Technology). This years list contains 18 men and 14 women. Those receiving the scholarship have college and university fees paid and receive a stipend to cover living expenses. The Rhodes scholarships were established in 1902 by the estate of Cecil Rhodes, a British philanthropist and colonialist. Among the qualities sought in Rhodes scholars are proven intellectual and academic excellence, integrity, respect for others, and the ability to lead and to use talents fully.

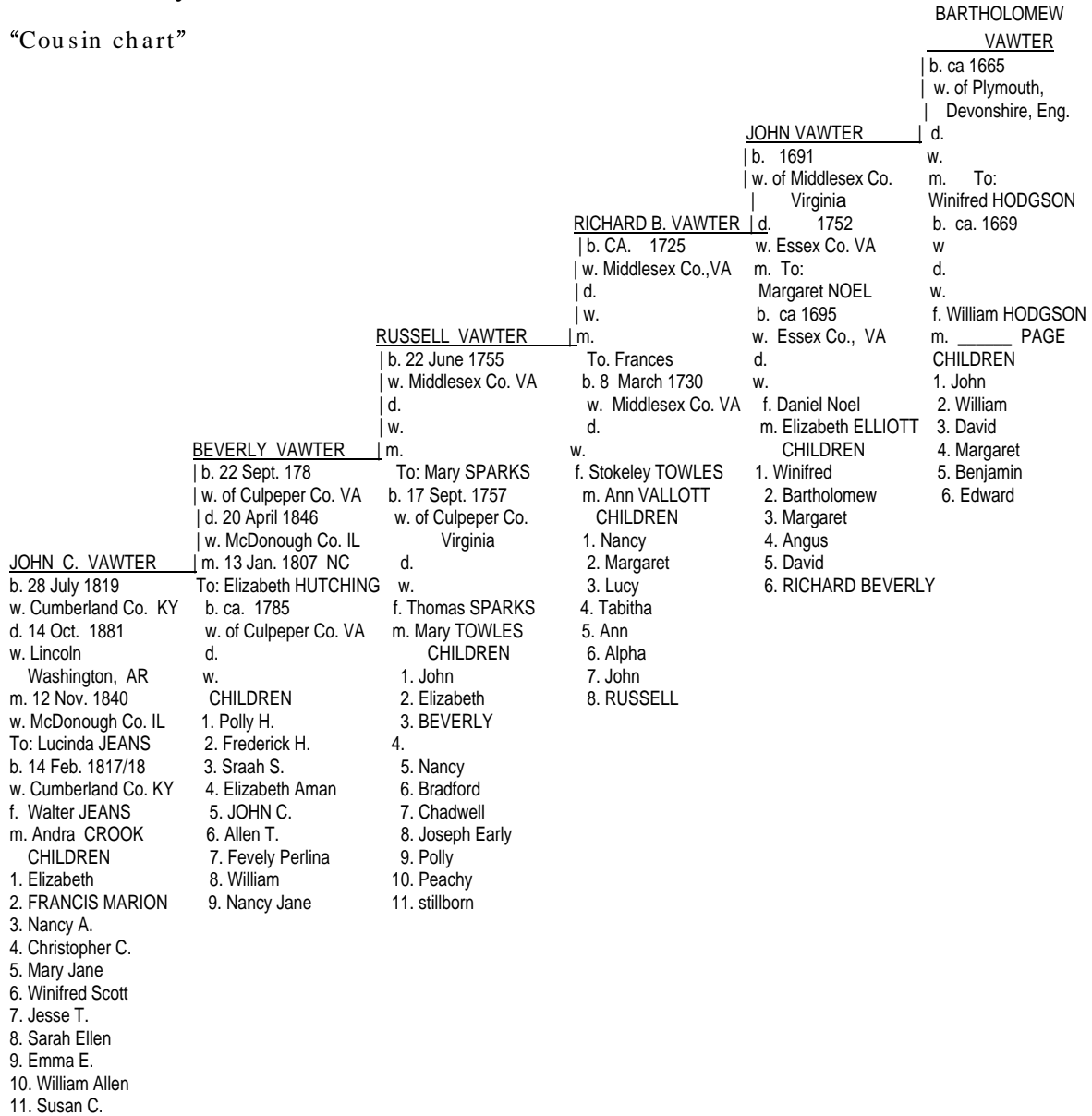
A story on Burt Monroe, AAAS Fellow, can be read in the Winter 1988 Newsletter.

I am happy to present the "Cousin" chart of Bishop Billy Mack Vawter from Oklahoma. See chart below and the next page.

			<u>FRANCIS MARION VAWTER</u>
			b. 3 Dec. 1842
			w. McDonough Co., IL
		<u>JAMES VAWTER</u>	d. 31 Aug. 1906
		b. 17 July 1872	w. Southmayde,
		w. Leonard,	Grayson, TX
		Fannin, TX	m. 20 Feb. 1868
		d. 19 April, 1959	w. Grayson Co., Tx
	<u>OSCAR LEE VAWTER</u>	w. Gunter, Grayson TX	To: Martha Jane
	b. 13 Jan. 1898	m. 24 April 1892	DANIELS
	w. Sherman, Grayson	w. Leonard, Fannin TX	b. 1 Feb. 1845
	Texas	To Fannie Warren	w. Jackson Co., MO
<u>BILLY MACK VAWTER</u>	d. 6 Aug. 1975	GRISSOM	d. 14 Aug. 1937
b. 30 July 1927	w. Oklahoma City,	b. 13 Dec. 1871	w. Elgin, OK
w. Gilliland, Knox, TX	Oklahoma, OK	w. Union City, Obion	CHILDREN
m. 30 June 1949	To: Roxie Ann	Tennessee	1. Cora
w. Oklahoma City,	WILLIAMS	d. 18 July 1936	2. JAMES
Oklahoma, OK	b. 10 May 1908	w. Tioga, Grayson, TX	3. William M.
To Dorothy Marie SMITH	w. Azle, Tarrant, TX	CHILDREN	4. Frank
b. 4 Nov. 1928	d. 21 Nov. 1942	1. Effie Jane	5. Lilly
w. Chandler, Lincoln, OK.	w. Gilliland, Knox,	2. Tyre	6. Arthur
CHILDREN:	Texas	3. OSCAR LEE	
1. Diana Lyn	CHILDREN	4. Lillie May "Mary"	
2. William Dwight	1. Oscar Lee, Jr.	5. Ruby Belle	
3. Kenneth Mack	2. BILLY MACK	6. Claude	
	3. James Earl	7. Maggie	
	4. Joe Don	8. Roy	

Ancestors of:
 Bishop Billy Mack Vawter
 3618 S. W. 39th
 Oklahoma City, OK 73119-2918

“Cousin chart”



EXCERPTS FROM WILLIAM SNYDER VAWTER GENEALOGY

Historical Society of Montana

David Hilger, Librarian
Room 106, Capitol
Helena, Montana
July 13, 1931

William Snyder Vawter
83-10 35th Avenue
Jackson Heights, New York

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of July 8 there has been but one family of the name VAWTER in Montana or Helena of much prominence.

Col. J. Vawter for whom Vawter Street of Helena was named came to Montana in 1864 and to Helena in 1865. He had large business interests in the city until his death on May 9, 1877 which took place on the steamer, "Far West", on the upper Missouri River. Col. Vawter went to Marengo, Illinois to California in the Gold Rush of 1849, then returned to Winterset, Iowa, from there to Denver and from Denver to Montana in 1864.

He left two sons, Cornelius L. and John G., and one daughter. Cornelius died in Los Angeles, Dec. 29, 1926, age 76 years. He came to Montana with his father in 1869, lost his fortune in the panic of 1893. In 1898 he was appointed federal marshall for Nome, Alaska and from that time until 1922 was connected with the federal courts of that territory.

In 1926, John G. Vawter was living in Cooke City, Montana. At the time of his death in 1877 was 58 years old and while prominent in the territory of Montana had not held any public office.

Very truly yours,

David Hilger, Librarian

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GEORGE W. VAWTER
b. 23 Nov. 1840, Culpeper Co., VA
d. 18 Sept. 1887
m. 24 Dec. 1861
To: Mary SIMPSON
b. 14 Nov. 1839
d. 13 April 1885

- CHILDREN:
1. Emma O.
 2. Samuel T.
 3. William M.
 4. Ada A.
 5. Ida Bell
 6. Smith
 7. Cora Ellen (Cory)

GEORGE TAYLOR VAWTER
b. 10 Sept. 1817 Culpeper Co., VA
d. 2 April 1894 Tipton, IN
m.
To: Charlotte VOGLER
b.
d. 16 Aug. 1893 Tipton, IN

- CHILDREN:
1. GEORGE W.
 2. John M.
 3. Samuel M.
 4. Rosalie A.
 5. Emma S.
 6. Ada (Ady-Elly)
 7. William (Bill)

MEMORIAL

Virgil M. Clarkson, Indianapolis, died Friday, 20 October 1898 (1989?). He was born in Butlerville, Indiana, on 27 March 1911 to Thomas O. and Lena Miles Clarkson. He was an Army veteran of World War II and retired on 1970 from Central Motor Parts in Indianapolis. His wife and two infant children preceded him in death. Surviving are two nephews and four nieces, including Bonita Welch.

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Thomas M. Clarkson, Butlerville, Indiana, died 16 November 1989 of injuries received about four hours earlier in a traffic accident. His wife was seriously injured. He was born in Butlerville on 18 March 1909 to Thomas O. and Lena Miles Clarkson. He was a retired poultry and egg dealer and had also owned and operated a cattle trucking business. An avid sports fan, he and his wife attended most of the Jennings County High School sports activities. He had a portion of his barn loft fixed so young people could use it as an indoor basketball court. Surviving are his wife, Ada Klayer Clarkson; two daughters, Marilyn Detraz of Milan, and Majorie Roseberry of Columbus; three grandchildren; two nephews, and two nieces, including Bonita Welch.

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M. Duane Vawter, 54 of Indianapolis, died 28 November 1989. He was a self-employed electronics technician, and an Army veteran. Survivors: wife Carol Derbin Vawter; sister, Diane Lawrence; brothers, Nelson G. & Raymond G. Vawter Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beth Sabel would like to locate two books she has loaned out: The Family of Albert & Josie Vawter by Shirley Byler and her book on Castles. If you have either of these two books, please let her know.

Don't forget to bring your "door prize" donations of hobby or craft work. We all look forward to the fun of these door prizes.

From your Editor Esther Vawter - The DEADLINE for sending me stories and genealogy material for the Newsletter is by the 20th of the months of: Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. We should have a variety of items in our newsletters, which we can have if you will send me stories. I can only print what you send to me.

Our VVVF Association voted to give up the idea of up-dating the book, The Vawter Family in America by Bicknell. It was felt the job would be too big and we would end up with too many volumes costing too much. In its place it was decided to include genealogy in each issue of the newsletter. This is especially important when Bicknell left out of her book all the VVV's with the Vaughter(s) spelling. This is also important because copies of our newsletter is mailed to libraries, historical and genealogy societies.

I challenge each of you to be a newsletter reporter for your own family and branch.

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$7.00 PER YEAR - DUE AND PAYABLE IN AUGUST TO: VVVF ASSOCIATION

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A FAMILY MEETING

The Vernon Banner - Vernon, IN., 16 April 1863

From: Bonita Welch, Exchange Editor, R. R. #1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273

The remaining members of the family of Elder Jesse Vawter, who died March 20 1838, in the 83rd year of his age, met many of their relatives and friends, seventy four in number, at the residence of James Vawter, Sen., near North Madison, the 2nd day of April, in honor of the 80th birthday of Elder William and James Vawter, twin brothers. The united ages of the only survivors, two brothers and two sisters, amounted to 299 years. Seldom have we ever witnessed a gathering of so many very aged persons, among whom we will mention the names of our esteemed christian friends, Elder Wm. T. Stott, age 75, Elias Stapp 77, Mathew Wise 74, and A. Moncrief 66 years. There were also present many friends and relatives from Vernon, among whom was the widows of Achilas Vawter and Elder John Vawter.

It was indeed good to be there and look upon the faces of those aged ones, who, like the sturdy forest oaks, have weathered the storms of many winters. Truly the scenes witnessed upon that occasion will not soon be erased from memory. We were forcibly impressed with the words of the prophet, "Behold ! this day I am going the way of all the earth."

One remarkable circumstance was the meeting of all the children (nine in number) of James Vawter and their wives (one excepted) and children, numbering in all twenty-six, another thing which gave us great pleasure to witness, was the union and good will existing among the family and friends, and we were led to exclaim, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity !"

One thing alone cast a shadow o'er the flitting mind, was one whose counsels we often had, and whose voice mingled with ours, since last we met one year ago in Vernon, was not with us. His voice (Elder John Vawter's) was hushed in death, and another had shortly previous (Achilas Vawter) gone to the spirit land. Two brothers and two sisters of that once large family stood alone, like aged forest trees, reminding us that even the age of an octogenarian is but short, and their words seemed almost like those from the dead. Oh how our hearts beat in love as we remember that perhaps in a few months they too would be slumbering with the silent dead.

Friend after friend departs,
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no Union here of hearts,
That finds not here an end.

And again as we thought of the future our hearts beat with joy when lifes toils are over, we all may meet and have a glorious reunion "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VVV PRESIDENT

Dear VVV Cousins:

Your president spent last November 8 thru 13 in Richmond, Virginia making plans for your 1990 VVV REUNION, to be held August 3,4 & 5. Robert M.(Bobby) and Donna Vawter, from Delaware, joined me on Friday, November 10, and we were able to make most of the arrangements necessary for a great family gathering. We decided on a hotel which is close to downtown Richmond. It is 12 blocks from Capitol Square, site of the Virginia State, Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, and the Old Bell Tower, a tourist information center, a half block away is the Virginia State Library and Archives, with it's excellent genealogical and historical records, and the Old City Hall. Two blocks away is the John Marshall House, and just across the street is the present City Hall where, from the sky walk at the top, you get an excellent bird's eye view of Richmond. Another three blocks and you are at the White House of the Confederacy and the Confederate Museum. Within 5 miles of the hotel is St. John's Church, where Patrick Henry gave his, "...give me liberty or give me death," speech. There are also 8 more museums within this radius. You are within a 60 mile radius of Vauter's Church, Fredericksburg, Tapahannock, Williamsburg, Yorktown and Petersburg. Whee ! I must sound like the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

The hotel, Holiday Inn Downtown, is charging us \$45.00, plus tax, per day for a room with one to four occupants. They have nice, large rooms, large convenient meeting rooms and free valet parking. Breakfast will be on your own, but they will have a breakfast bar buffet to speed up our morning routine.

Friday, August 3, after our opening session, we will hear Mr. Charles Kalbe, of the Virginia State Library and Archives, who will explain to us what material is available and how to find it. After lunch, we will go to Capitol Square where we will have a guided tour of the Capitol Building, then you are free to tour whatever you desire on your own. Friday night is our informal dinner, which will be served buffet style. After dinner we will have a speaker, an open discussion and door prizes.

On Saturday, August 4, we will travel by chartered bus to Vauter's Church and then 3 miles away to the Wheatland Plantation, where the ladies of the church will serve us a picnic lunch in the garden. Nearby, is Wheatland's dock and wharf, it is the only original steamboat wharf remaining on the Rappahannock River. Wheatland is owned by Mr. Fielding Lewis Dickinson, whose great, great grandfather, Fielding Lewis, was the husband of Betty Washington, a sister of George Washington. Those of you who attended the reunion in 1985 at Fredericksburg may have toured Kenmore, The Fielding Lewis home with the ornately decorated ceilings. If you tour the Virginia Capitol Building, be sure to pay close attention to the magnificent Houdon statue of Washington, the only statue of Washington ever sculptured from life. When you meet Mr. Dickinson, note the facial features. The Washington genes apparently go far, far back. The Saturday night dinner will be a sit-down meal. After dinner we will have our election of officers, memorial service for those who have departed, the youngest and oldest persons present, who traveled furthest, door prizes, etc..

Sunday August 5, you will be on your own. If enough interest is shown, we will try to arrange for a special 11:30 morning church service at Vauter's Church. Transportation to this service would have to be by private auto. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in going to such a service, since it will take some time to make these arrangements.

As you know, in the past, we have always given a love fund to the church. We will do the same again this year. I hope you will be generous and open your hearts and purses wide. Also, will you begin to think of something you can donate for a door prize. Any item of craft or hobby will be appreciated.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you in August. Bobby, Donna and I have tried to make this reunion educational, interesting and thoroughly enjoyable. We realize that it will be more expensive than some of the others because of the distance traveled, the necessity of chartering busses and the fact that it is in a larger city. But, remember that this is the region from which we all descended and is the fountain-head which produced our glorious nation. More of our history, both family and national, originated from this area than from any other place. Let us strive to have a record attendance this year.

Long live VVV,

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