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VAWTER - SONG WRITER

From the book Sacred Solos & Duets No. 1, compiled by J.E. Sturgis, published in 1925 by The Standard Publishing Co., of Cincinnati, OH you will find the song: "Sometimes", copyrighted in 1913 by C. R. L. Vawter. His line descends from Philemon & Ann Vawter (See Bicknell p. 329).

BIG REVIVAL IS BEING HELD AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

From: North Vernon Sun, North Vernon, IN 24 June 1910 (C.R.L. Vawter)

The revival meetings in progress at the Christian church are now engrossing the attention of the christian people of N. Vernon. These meetings which began Sunday are being led by VAWTER, Tuttle and VAWTER of Kansas City, MO., who are among the leading evangelists working among the Christian churches. They have just closed a very successful campaign at Middlesborough, KY., and their time is now taken until the first of February.

C. R. L. VAWTER, the evangelists, is the head of the party and a native of Kentucky having been born near Maysville in that state. He is a graduate of Transylvania University, which is the oldest college west of the Alleghenies. He has held meetings from the great lakes to the gulf and from coast to coast. In several states he has broken the record for accessions in a single church meeting.

Mr. Vawter has his work well in hand. He never lags nor do his helpers. There are no dry moments in his sermons; no going to sleep before him. He preaches the gospel in love and constantly appeals and asks men to appeal to the bible. He has no quarrel with those who differ from him, but believes that the thing to do is to remember that the other may be honest and may love God sincerely and is therefore entitled to respect and consideration. He uses no notes and has no stand in front of him.

The meetings as conducted by Mr. Vawter are very spiritual and while doctrinal differences are discussed it is not done in a partisan way. The evangelist says: "I will tell you what I believe and why I believe it. Let's talk the matter over."

Wallace Tuttle, the director of music, ..... Mrs. Vawter, the accompanist of the party, is a daughter of the south and possesses a very charming personality. She received her musical education under the best instructors in Louisville, and is a master of her work. She has a rich, mellow contralto voice which she uses very effectively in solo and duet work. A large share of her husband's success in his work is due to her assistance.

The closing meeting was held at the Philbarg theatre which was packed both at the afternoon and night meeting.

The evangelists left this city for Bennington Gap, VA.

This story has been written up by Sally Brown of OK - Associate Editor

VELMA READ TIDWELL of Yukon, Oklahoma, who is 91 years young, wrote to Esther Vawter to tell her about a happy time in her life. This letter was in response to Esther's request for family stories in the last newsletter.

In the 1930's Velma and her husband Robert, and their son, Don, lived in a number of places in California. They particularly enjoyed living in Danville because it was the place where a number of movies were filmed. A movie company had many filming stages there with all the props and equipment needed for picture making. Robert Tidwell was hired by the movie company to be the caretaker. Velma, Robert, and Don were often hired by the movie company to be extras in films. Velma especially enjoyed being in films about the frontier days. She treasures a picture of herself dressed in her costumes for one of those films.

Velma's parents, Margaret Elizabeth Vawter Read and John Robert Read, had moved by covered wagon to Lindsay in Indian Territory when Velma was a very small child. Then when she was about fifteen years old they moved to Bethany, OK. where she and Robert met. Much later after living in California for a number of years, the family moved back to Oklahoma in 1941. Velma hopes to come to the VVV Reunion in Virginia.

(Note: Sally phoned Velma to ask her the name of her grandparents, but she didn't remember. However, she did know that she is a double cousin with Ora Wicker. Can someone come up with her line?)

#### QUERY

From: Jennifer J. Taylor, 2322 - 169th Place S.E., Bothell, WA 98012

My 5th g-grandmother, Mary Ann Vawter, b. in Essex Co., VA in Aug. 1761 d. in Clermont, OH on 4 June 1841. She married Christopher Chaffin in Powhatan Co., VA on 22 Aug. 1778. Who are the parents of Mary Ann Vawter?

#### NOTICE

It has been the policy of the VVVFA that all VVV's age 80 or over are eligible for free membership and newsletter.

Beth Sabel, 931 S.E. 33rd Ave., Portland, OR 97214-4279 (who is our circulation Editor) wants ALL members who receive this newsletter to reply by letter or postcard with your TYPED return address or a return address sticker. If you are 80 or over also state that. Many people are receiving the newsletter at no charge. We, your officers council, will meet in August to go over the roll. We want those who are eligible to receive their newsletter. So, please answer.

#### NEW MEMBER

Joyce Carter, 5810 Par Four Drive, Houston, TX 77088 Line: Bartholomew & Winifred (Hodgson/Hodges) Vawter, Benjamin, Richard, Edward, Hiram & Mary (Polly)(Good)Vawter.

#### VVV TRIVIA

According to a recently published book, The Rating Guide to Life in America's Small Cities, our annual VVV reunions have been held in three of the top 30 cities. Fredericksburg, VA. (1985 reunion) is listed as #3; Gainesville, GA (1988) is 15th and Columbus, IN., (1987) is 27th. Hmmm.....Which came first, the VVV's or the quality?  
From: Bonita Welch of IN.



I Russell VAWTER  
II Beverly VAWTER  
III Allan Taylor VAWTER  
b. Nov. 1830 Cumberland Co., KY  
d. 4 Nov. 1904 Macomb, IL  
m. 4 March 1854 Macomb, IL  
To: Florinda Elizabeth Kellogg  
b. 8 June 1836 Ohio  
d. 1925 Macomb, IL

CHILDREN:

1. Lemuel Ervin b. 11 July 1855  
d. 19 May 1925
2. Ada b. 1856, d. 1857
3. George Allan b. 4 Jan. 1858
4. John N. b. 1859, d. 1887
5. Annie b. 1861, d. 1861
6. Thomas b. 1862, d. 1862
7. Harry Milton b. 1864

I Russell VAWTER  
II Chadwell VAWTER  
b. 14 Sept. 1790  
m. Susan Taylor

CHILDREN.

1. George T.
2. Pauline
3. Beverly S.
4. William
5. Matilda
6. Sophronia
7. Josiah

(All born about the 1830's)

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William Henry Black, son of Henry Black and Mary Allison b. 28 Nov. 1846, IL., d. 15  
Jan. 1920 Macomb, IL m. 11 Jan. 1874 Macomb, IL  
To: Elizabeth Jane VAWTER, daughter of William Bradford VAWTER and Emma  
Stevenson b. 9 March 1854 Macomb, IL

CHILDREN: 1. Charles LeRoy b. 1 March 1880 Macomb, IL  
2. Bertha Ellen b. 12 Feb. 1882 Macomb, IL  
3. Jessie Blanch b. 21 March 1884 Macomb, IL  
4. Ruth Jane b. 31 Jan. 1886 Macomb, IL

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Anderson Tinsley Blanton, son of David Blanton and Lucy Johns  
b. 1794 d. 26 March 1832, Cumberland Co., VA  
m. Elizabeth Pitt VAWTER, daughter of Edward VAWTER and Sarah Lee  
b. 1774 Buckingham Co., VA  
d. TN

CHILDREN: 1. Sarah b. 1812, m. John M. Hammeltree  
2. Mary Frances b. 1813, m. Seymour Reynolds  
3. George Wyatt b. 1 April 1814, d. 1870  
4. Edward Anderson b. Jan. 1815 Cumberland Co., VA  
d. 10 Jan. 1900 Richmond, VA  
5. Alexander Monroe b. 1816, d. 1859

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Emily Kyle VAWTER, daughter of John Elliott VAWTER and Emily Kyle Rudisill  
b. 1 Aug. 1888 Powellton, W. VA m. 29 Oct. 1916 Ansted, W. VA  
To: Dr. L. O. Fox, son of Dr. G. W. Fox and Ada Hess Fox  
b. 1888 Fayette Co., W. VA

CHILDREN: 1. Lorah Otho b. 7 April 1919  
2. George b. 27 April 1923

MEMORIAL

B. (Bessie) E. Van Osdol-Schneider, born 19 August 1911 near Epworth, MO died 25 March 1990 in Wichita, KS at age 78. She was a school teacher for 42 years, 39 of them in KS. She retired in 1976 having taught the last 13 years as an instructor of Journalism and English. Survivors include her sisters, Mrs. A. L. Keck, Mrs. Marvin W. Brigman and Mrs. Rex Bowman as well as her brothers, Perry H. Van Osdol and Elton and a half-brother George.

B. Van Osdol-Schneider designed flyers for two of our reunions which were mailed out to History and Genealogical Societies as well as newspapers to announce our reunion. She also illustrated Volume I and II of our VVV Vital Vittles cook books.

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Hubert B. Vawter, 79 of Hot Springs died 13 October 1989. He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Survivors include two daughters, Patsy Poole and Charlotte Tillman, one brother, Lester Vawter and one sister, Alma (Vawter) Allen, all of Hot Springs.

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Dr. Gordon Fuller Vawter, a pediatric pathologist and medical school professor of MA died at age 67. Dr. Vawter was Associate Pathologist In-Chief at Children's hospital, at which he worked for more than three decades, also was a professor of pathology at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Vawter was born in Benton Harbor, MI. He is survived by his wife, the former Gabriele Meyer, a daughter, Dorothy Vawter of Minneapolis; two sons, Wm Vawter of Salt Lake City and Thomas Vawter of Natick, MA.; and two sisters, Dorothy Robb of Captiva, FL., and Virginia Storr of Toronto.

(Sent to me by Paul E. Vawter of N.J. who says he saw the obituary in many papers including The New York Times. Paul believes he is related to the Vawter family who owned and operated the firm of Baker-Vawter who mfg. bookkeeping forms etc. since they were located in Benton Harbor, MI)

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Vivian Elizabeth Thompson, 88 died 12 Jan 1990 in Annapolis, MD. She was a former resident of North Vernon, IN where she and her husband, Albert B. Thompson, owned and operated the Park and Ritz theaters.

Mrs. Thompson was born in Madison, IN., the daughter of William D. & Daisy Wooden. Survivors are two children, Judith Thorpe and Richard Thompson; a brother, Paul Wooden. She was preceded in death by her husband. Her line: Jesse & Elizabeth (Watts) Vawter, Sarah (Vawter) & Thomas Stribling, Artemecia (Stribling) & Michael Wolf, Elizabeth Wolf & Milton H. Wooden, William D. Wooden & Daisy. (See Bicknell p. 219 & 236)

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

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## FINAL REUNION NOTES

Remember to bring your craft items for our drawing.

Come prepared to take part in all the activities.

If you want to do research, the Holiday Inn Downtown is located ½ block from the Virginia State Library and Archives.

Saturday you will enjoy visiting "Vawter's Church" and then on to Wheatland Plantation for a picnic lunch. Nearby is Wheatland's dock & wharf, the only steamboat wharf remaining on the Rappahannock River.

Hope to see you there !!!

### FLASH

I, Esther Vawter, your news editor would like to share room and expense with a single lady coming to the reunion, to take in Thursday night thru Saturday night. Please write or phone me: 1713 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916) 371-9156.

### SHIRLEY BYLER'S "VAWTER" BOOK

Her book "The Family of Albert & Josie Vawter" is divided into two sections. Section I provides information on the descendants of Albert Vawter, son of John Taylor Vawter.

Section II begins on page 234 and goes thru 522 providing information on the early Virginia families connected with the Vawters, such as: Noel, Page, Gibs, Stokley, Vallott, Towles, Tucker, Hodgson, etc. Also, in this section you will find the Vawter line down to Jesse Vawter & Elizabeth Watts and Philemon Vawter & Anna Vawter. Many VVVFA members descend from these two couples.

If they are still available, the cost was \$40.00 plus \$2.50 for postage and handling. Contact Shirley Byler, Rt. 1, Box 319, Sweene, TX 77480

### E.B. VAWTER'S GENEALOGY NOTES

For a long time now, I have been researching the family of William & Mary (Rucker) Vawter – the brother of Bicknell's Jesse & Philemon – who had settled in Woodford Co. KY. I recently found the marriage bonds, signed by William Vawter and Elliott Rucker and witnessed by an unknown son of William, John R. Vawter. They name William's daughter, Maria Vawter married George W. Rucker and his son David Jameson Vawter married to Harriot Rucker, children of Elliott Rucker.

I also found Winifred Hodgson (Hodges) grandparents to be Thomas & Elizabeth (Allen) Page. This makes two more generations to her ancestors.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VVV PRESIDENT

Dear VVV Cousins:

With the approach of summer, my excitement over the forthcoming VVV Family Reunion increases, and I hope that yours does too. I just received a letter from Mrs. Muscoe Garnett, and she tells me that the ladies of Vauter's Church met on May 14 to plan for their role in our reunion. The menu on Saturday, August 4, is to be an old fashioned "Country-Style Virginia Picnic." It will feature barbecued meat, home grown-vegetables from the ladies gardens, cantaloupe and watermelon, pastries and soft drinks. On Sunday, August 5, the ladies look forward to our attending the 10:30 A.M. services at Vauter's Church. After services, They are planning a special coffee party in the parish house in our honor.

In my last "President's Message," I neglected to mention that there is a riverboat tour that goes from Tappahannock, up the Rappahannock River for 20 miles to Leedstown. From there, busses take you to Ingleside Plantation Winery, which is a National Historic Registered place. An optional lunch, at extra cost, is served there. On the return trip, the boat stops at the wharf at Wheatland Plantation, where our picnic is being held on Aug. 4. This is not a part of our planned activities because it takes from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.. Any of you who may be interested in taking this trip on your own, can obtain more information from the address listed below. It is advisable to make reservations early since this is a very popular cruise.

Rappahannock River Cruise  
Warsaw, VA, 22572  
Telephone: (804) 333-4656

Because this is the end of my second term as president, and probably the last opportunity I will have to address many of you directly, I want to take this occasion to thank all of you for allowing me to have the honor of being your president. If I have been derelict in my duties, or have slighted anyone, I assure you that it was unintentional and only the result of my ignorance. My sincere wish is that each and every one of you could come to the 1990 reunion so that I could tell each of you personally how I feel.

Long Live VVV

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