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TV

In a recent TV docudrama "Insanity on Trial", based on the 1881 case of Charles Guiteau, RON VAWTER played the part of Charles Guiteau. Guiteau claimed he had been instructed by God to assassinate President James A. Garfield. Guiteau participated in his own defense during the 72 day trial. There were also comments from historians.

Mount Edgcumbe - Valletort

(Editor/Esther Vawter - After hearing about the travels of Jean Robinson and seeing the Valletort at Mount Edgcumbe in England I wrote to my valuable Valletort source of family history, James L. Vawter of El Campo, TX 77437 for an explanation. Below is what he believes to be essentially the information I requested.)

Devonshire Pedigrees by John Tuckett display various genealogical charts, among which is that of Champernons.

Temp. Edward I, Richard Champernon married Joan, daughter of Joan Valletort. Joan brought the manor of Modbury to this marriage, and the Champernons became known, as of Modbury.

Two generations later another Richard Champernon married Elizabeth, daughter of Hugh Valletort, of North Tawton. Some generations later Richard and Elizabeth's descendant Jane Dernford, daughter of Stephen Dernford of Rome, married Piers Edgcumbe, the father of Sir Richard Edgcumbe, Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and Viscount Valletort. Jane brought Mount Edgcumbe to their marriage before it was known as Mount Edgcumbe. Its Ante-Mount Edgcumbe name was Vaultershome.

The Crown probably extended the Viscount Valletort title on the basis of part descendancy, and part landholdings. Vaultershome was in the Manor of Maker which was given to the ancient Valletorts by King Henry I. The gift also included the ancient Royal manors of Sutton, and Kings Tamerton. Sutton later became known in part as Sutton Vawter. These manors along with the Island of St. Nicholas, (now known as Drakes Island) which they also held just about took in all the land area around what is now known as Plymouth Harbor.

Mount Edgcumbe- Valletort cont.

However, the Edgcumbes; even though related to the Valletorts by blood are not Valletorts. They only hold the Viscount Valletort title. A modern parallel to this situation would be the Duke of Norfolk. The Queen might call him Norfolk when speaking to him and he would respond, but his true name is Howard. Norfolk is only his title name,

QUERY

From James H. Vawter, Route #1, Box 293, Kinsale, VA 22488 - Ph. (804) 472-2599 My father was James Samuel Vawter. I have very little information on his brothers and sisters.

One brother, *William Alfred Vawter, lived in Roanoke, VA. He, his wife, Mable, and his two children are buried there.

Uncle Alfred's one daughter, Agnes, married a Pat Patterson. I understand Agnes has a married daughter living in Virginia. I would like to locate her. Should anyone know of her, please let me know.

Genealogy of James H. Vawter

I Bartholomew Vawter, II Edward Vawter, III William Vawter, IV William Vawter, V John Henderson Vawter, VI John William Vawter b. 30 Sept. 1834, d. 5-22-1914
m. 25 Sept. 1866 To: Elizabeth Dew Kean

CHILDREN

1. John Alexander 8-29-1867, 4-30-1868
 2. Nelson Carlyle 12-23-1868, 12-10-1935
 3. Clara McDonald 1-23-1870, 4-24-1894
 - *4. William Alfred 5-7-1872, 6-16-1955
 5. Charles Kean 9-14-1873
 6. Andrew Elliott 2-1-1876, 6-9-1898
 7. JAMES SAMUEL
 8. Henry Alexander 10-21-1880, 6- -1948
- VII JAMES SAMUEL VAWTER b. 23 Feb. 1878, d. 22 July 1957, m. 28 Nov. 1900
To: Sophie Pile at Green Spring, Abingdon, VA

CHILDREN

1. Ray Alexander b. 6 March 1902, d. 9 Sept. 1945
m. 28 Aug. 1930 Methodist Episcopal Church, South Savage, MD
To: Francis Lillian Felton b. 24 June 1908, d. 18 Feb. 1989
- CHILDREN
1. Robert Henry 5-11-32
 2. John William 2-15-36
2. Margaret Elizabeth b. 27 May 1904, d. 18 June 1909
 3. Virginia Dare b. 13 July 1906, m. 6 Aug. 1935 Mt. Zion Church, Highland, MD
To: Paul Hicks Groseclose b. 11 June 1906, d. 8 April 1975

CHILDREN

1. William Taylor 1-21-37
 2. Keith Thomas 10-1-40
 3. Paul Douglas 10-8-45
4. Mary Elinor b. 14 April 1912, m. 13 Jan. 1938 Laurel, MD
To: James Wilson Shipley b. 1 Sept. 1914
- CHILDREN
1. Thomas Alan Shipley 8-29-41
 2. Patricia Lynn 5-4-45
5. James Henry b. 28 July 1913, m. 19 June 1938 at bride's home Fairview Farm,
To: Mary Evelyn Cissel b. 10 Aug. 1912 Howard Co., MD
- CHILDREN
1. Shirley Jean 11-28-45
 2. Ralph Courtney 11-13-47

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NEW MEMBERS

Becky Edwards Dinkins, Route #1, Box 51, Freeburg, IL 62243 (cousin of Fred Wicker)

Jerry Edwards, 262 Suburban Avenue, Concord, N. C. 28027 (cousin of Fred Wicker)

BIRTH

The grand-parents, Larry William & Jacqueline May Reimer Vaughters, of Woodland, CA. wish to announce that their son Lance William Vaughters and daughter-in-law, Sigrid Elizabeth Kohler Vaughters are the proud parents of Lucia Jacqueline Reimer Vaughters was born 18 September 1990 at 10:25 p.m.

MEMORIAL

Patsy Vawter Poole died Tuesday, July 31 1990 at age 52. Patsy is the youngest daughter of Hubert B. Vawter and a niece of Alma V. Allen. She leaves her husband Orville Poole, five sons, five grand-children, sister, Charlotte Tillman, and an uncle, Lester D. Vawter.

Scott Vawter age 82 died Thursday, 27 October 1990 in Indianapolis, IN. He had been a machine repairman at Allison Transmission Division of General Motors Corp. for 25 years, retiring in 1969. He was the widower of Josephine Bowers Vawter, survivors: sons, Steven L. and Donald Scott Vawter; sisters, Catherine Rasdall and Martha Fishel; brother, George Vawter, eight grand-children and five g-grand-children.

BRIDGEPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This church was established in the late Autumn of 1846 in the village of Bridgeport. For many years they had been members of the South Benson Baptist Church. On the beginning pages of the original record of this church appears the following: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, being Disciples of Jesus Christ, do this day form and constitute ourselves into a church of Christ to be known by the name of The Church of God at Bridgeport. Given under our hands this 7th day of November, 1846". Twenty five names are listed.

Land was given to this church by Mary Bailey Jenkins, a charter member, a tract between the Farmdale Road and South Benson Creek, and on this the first Christian Church of Bridgeport was erected at a point about 450 yards south of the Frankfort-Shelbyville road. (Hopkins Co., KY)

Forty pastors have served the Bridgeport Christian Church through the 109 years (1846-1955) of its existence one of whom was J. M. VAWTER. (Editor - Does anyone know where this Vawter fits in?)

JAMES VAWTER HOME

From: The Early Architecture of Madison, IN by John T. Windle & Robert M. Taylor, Jr. p. 73 #31 - Vawter - Coleman House

The land occupied by this house at 1534 Crozier Avenue was given to the city of North Madison by James Vawter for a school and meetinghouse. Probably built shortly after 1843, it shows many of the characteristics of Georgian architecture, such as the dormer windows, the slope of the roof, and the short windows on the first floor. In the interior there is a baseboard but no cornice, a chair rail, and a twisting staircase rising in one corner of the living room. The fireplace at the east end of the building has disappeared. The entire building is crude in its construction, giving credence to the idea that it was built by volunteers. The present owners are Perry and Virginia Coleman. (Published 1986)

From: David M. McDonald, 405 Bernard Dr. Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-3409

HISTORY OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

P. 454 under the title, Eighth Annual Meeting

Cantrall's Grove, in the north part of the county, was the place selected for the eighth annual meeting, and the Menard county old settlers had been invited to meet with the old settlers of Sangamon. The meeting was late in being called to order. Rev. Mr. Vawter of Cantrall delivered the address of welcome and prayer.

p. 992 under the title, Second Rochester Christian Church:

In September 1877 our new meeting house, thirty-six by fifty-six feet was ready for use, and the dedication sermon was preached by Elder W. W. Everest, President of Eureka College. In December 1877, Elder P. Vawter held a protracted meeting, which resulted in sixteen to twenty additions to the church.

p. 1049 under the title, Religious:

The Christian Church of Williamsville had as pastors,Philemon Vawter, July 1873-1874.

p. 1050 under the title of Barclay:

The Barclay Christian Church was organized in 1837 and was known as the Wolf Creek Christian Church. The name of Elder Vawter is on the list of ministers.

GLEANINGS

In The Virginia Genealogist Vol. 20, #1 Jan. - Mar. 1976, p. 34, Heading: Cumberland Co.

A list of Insolvents & Removals Returned by John Lee, Deputy Sheriff for Henry Skipwith of Cumberland for the year 1788.

At the bottom of the list appears, Elliott Vawter, insolvent.

In The Virginia Genealogist Vol. 27, #3 July- Sept. 1983

David Vauter, Orange. Died at the Albemarle Barracks during the war, worth nothing at all. He lived near to William Lucas of Orange and his widow lived near him several years after the death of her husband in great distress.

In The Virginia Genealogist Vol. 27, #2 April - June 1983

Peter Rucker, Culpeper. Removed to New Orleans about the commencement of the American Revolution.

In the Journal of the Greenbrier Historical Society, Vol. III, #5 1979 (W. VA.)

Marriage Licenses in the MARRIAGE RECORD 1 A

William Vaters and Peggy Henderson 12 Feb. 1795 by J. Kobber

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WILLIAM VAWTER - MARY RUCKER

The original Marriage Bond of WILLIAM VAWTER & MARY RUCKER, with James Stapp, surety, of date, 19 June 1784, with the following note to the clerk - - - -

Sir.

Be pleased to grant a license for wedlock between Wm Vawter and Mary Rucker and this shall oblige me to keep you harmless and indemnify you for so long.

MARY RUCKER
June 18th, 1784

To the Clk. Orange Ct.

Test: Achilles Stapp
James Stapp

The following license is with said papers

Orange County Ct.

Whereas there is a marriage suddenly intended to be solemnized between William Vawter and Mary Rucker, spinster, both of the aforesaid County, I do hereby certify that the said Mary Rucker is of lawful age (unreadable) and at the time the said William Vawter with James Stamp his surety entered into bond in my office in the sum of fifty pounds current money payable to the Commonwealth, with condition that there is no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage. Given under my hand this 19th day of June 1784

Test:
James Taylor C.O.C.

To JAMES MADISON Gent. First Justice
Com. of the peace for said County.

(This would indicate William Vawter & Mary Rucker were married by James Madison later the 4th President of the U. S.)

All of the above From: E. B. Vaughters of Seattle. WA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1991 VVVFA Reunion - St. Louis Aug. 2, 3, & 4 - Bruce Vawter Host.

VVVFA cook books, Vol. 1 & 2 VVV Vital Vittles available for \$7.00 each which includes postage and handling.

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