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1991 REUNION

The fourteenth annual reunion of the VVV Family Association was held in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 1-4 at the Best Western Midway Motor Lodge. The reunion was planned by Bruce and Linda Vawter, who did a great job with all of the arrangements. Some early birds arrived on Wednesday, July 31, and spent time visiting and catching up on family news of the past year. We will try to bring you a few of the highlights of this year's event.

THURSDAY

Registration began on Thursday afternoon and a reception was held that evening in the poolside area of the motel. At this same time, the hospitality room was opened and all were encouraged to visit the room to look at VVV memorabilia. Among the items on display were James Whitcomb Riley books, illustrated by Will Vawter; pictures of Vawter's Church in Virginia and of Trematon Castle in Cornwall, England; the Valletort Place sign that Donald D. Ritchie had rescued from the rubble in Plymouth, England during WW II; and a hand-painted sign, commemorating Vawter's Church, which had been donated by Mrs. Ralph E. Fall in 1982. These, and several other items, belong to the Association and will be on display at all future reunions. Also shown were two original Will Vawter pencil drawings that had recently been purchased by one of the members. Another member had made a video tape showing a Will Vawter seascape he had bought.

On the walls of the hospitality room were the ancestor charts which were started a few years ago by Esther Vawter. These charts have been color-coded by Sally Brown, with each child of Bartholomew and Winifred Vawter being represented by a different color. It is hoped that these colors can be used on name tags at the 1992 reunion.

FRIDAY

The meeting was called to order on Friday at 10:00 a.m. by the president, John H. Vawter, who also gave the invocation. Col. James S. Corbitt led the pledge to the American flag. The secretary's report was given by Beth Melton, and the treasurer's report by Sue Vawter. Following this, all present were asked to stand, introduce themselves, and tell of their relationship to the Vawter family.

After lunch, a car caravan made its way to Grant's Farm, which is owned by the Busch family and named for Ulysses S. Grant, who once owned a portion of the grounds. The 160-acre game preserve is home to about thirty different species of birds and animals, including the world-famous Clydesdale horses.

At 6:00 p.m. a pig roast was held in McDonnell Park. After the delicious picnic, the first of many door prizes were awarded. The creativity and imagination of VVV members is always evident in the variety of items donated.

SATURDAY

Saturday was spent visiting the St. Louis Riverfront. This is the area where the city began in 1764, and is the location of the Gateway Arch. Riding to the top of the Arch, viewing exhibits at the Museum of Westward Expansion, going for a riverboat cruise, and shopping at Laclede's Landing are just some of the activities and attractions that were available. One couple, who shall remain nameless, was seen indulging in giant banana splits at Victoria's Ice Cream Parlor. Shuttle busses provided transportation from the motel to the Riverfront.

SATURDAY EVENING

On Saturday evening, a buffet dinner was served, which was followed by a business meeting and memorial service. This meeting also marked the debut of the VVV Children's Chorus, directed by Ellen Wicker Cummings.

Special recognition was given the following:

Oldest present - Bill Vawter, age 83, Houston, Texas

Youngest present - Whitney Walker, age 19 months, Deland, Illinois
Traveling the farthest - Esther M. Vawter, W. Sacramento, California

Married the longest - Robert C. and Margaret Vawter, Newaygo, Michigan

Past presidents in attendance - Robert M. (Pete) Vawter, Milan, Tennessee

Robert L. Vawter, Middletown, Delaware

M. Glen Vawter, Normal, Illinois

The report of the 1991 Nominating Committee was given by Bill Vawter. He reported two resignations; Esther Vawter, as News Editor, and Beth Sabel, as Circulation Editor. The offices of Exchange and Circulation Editors were eliminated, with those duties to be assumed by the News Editor. Bonita Welch was elected to serve in that position. All other officers were re-elected.

John H. Vawter, president, named two committees:

1992 Nominating Committee- M. Glen Vawter, Normal, Illinois, Chairman
Duncan Brown, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Charles Burt, Dawsonville, Georgia
Robert M. Vawter, Milan, Tennessee
Fred Wicker, Pontotoc, Mississippi

By-Laws Committee- Beth Melton, Dallas, Texas, Chairman
Connie Bugos, Farmington, Illinois
Cheryl Glasgow, Buford, Georgia
Robert M. Vawter, Milan, Tennessee
Ken Wicker, Tupelo, Mississippi

Because of lack of action, the Constitution Committee, which was selected in 1989, was discontinued.

Melissa Vawter, daughter of John H. and Sue Vawter, issued an invitation to hold the 1992 reunion in Nacogdoches, Texas, and this was unanimously accepted.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Preceding the memorial service, a piano and violin duet, "Near to the Heart of God," was presented by Ila Vawter and Ellen Cummings. The service was conducted by Fred and Wordna Wicker, assisted by their granddaughters, Rebecca Cummings and Caroline Wicker. Those remembered were:

1. Scott Vawter, age 82, died 27 October 1990 in Indianapolis, Indiana
2. Albert Grant Vawter, age 66, died 6 August 1990 in Chesterton, Indiana
3. Ora Wiley Wicker, age 91, died 15 December 1990 in Tupelo, Mississippi
4. Lester D. Vawter, age 84, died 1 July 1991 in Hot Springs, Arkansas
5. Florence Beeman, age 85, died 16 April 1991 in Columbus, Indiana
6. John Mendenhall, died 5 April 1991 in Toledo, Ohio
7. Richard D. Vawter, age 75, died 30 May 1990 in Omaha, Nebraska
8. Royce L. Burt, age 51, died 20 September 1990 in Athens, Alabama
9. Keith L. Evans, age 23, died 20 April 1991 in Dawsonville, Georgia
10. Clifton B. Reid, age 94, died 6 June 1991 in Corinth, Mississippi
11. Helen Corbitt Byrn, age 85, died 26 October 1990 in Dickson, Tennessee
12. Edna Vawter Pinson, age 83, died 2 May 1991 in Milan, Tennessee
13. Carl David Vawter, age 55, died 3 August 1990 in Atwood, Tennessee
14. Mattie B. Edmondton, age 97, died 17 July 1991 in Nashville, Tennessee

SUNDAY MORNING

On Sunday morning, a worship service was led by the Rev. Wayne Vawter. The text used for his message was Joshua 24. Wayne and his wife, Carol, closed the service with a duet, "Lord, I Give My Life to Thee."

RESIGNATIONS

It was with regret that the resignations of Esther Vawter and Beth Sabel were accepted. Esther had served as News Editor for nine years, and was Associate Editor before that. Beth had served as Circulation Editor since August 1979.

Much of the success of the VVV Association is due to the newsletter keeping people in touch. To Esther and Beth, and to Wordna Wicker who first started the newsletter, we say "Thank You."

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					John Vawter, Sr. (JOHN III)
					b.
					w. VA
				JAMES VAUGHTER	d.
				b. ? 8 Mar 1794	w. Elbert Co. GA
				w. Stokes Co. VA	To: (1) Franky Ward
				d. 2 May 1836	b.
				w. ? Franklin Co. GA	w.
				m. To: Jane	d. 1791 or 1792
				b. 9 Mar 1794	w.
				w.	CHILDREN
				d. 12 Jan 1884	1. John
				w. Dawson Co. GA	2. Richard
				CHILDREN	3. JAMES
				1. William	4. Franky
				2. Hiram	5. Elizabeth
				3. Lucinda	6. Nancy
				4. Elizabeth	7. Richard (II)
				5. LINZY	To: (2)
				6. Viny	Joanna Vernon
				7. Delia	b.
				8. Lydia	w.
				9. Jane	d.
				10. Eliza	w.
					m.
					CHILDREN
					1. William
					2. Linsey
					3. Russell

			George Robeson VAUGHTERS
			b. 29 May 1860
			w. Dawson Co. GA
			d. 30 Mar. 1936
	William Oscar VAUGHTERS		w. Dawson Co. GA
Annie Marian	b. 6 July 1881		m. 1 Sept 1880
Vaughters Burt	w. Dawson Co. GA.	To: Epsy Catherine	
STOVALL	d. 13 Mar 1964	Bennett	
b. 13 Feb 1908	w. Cumming, GA	b. 7 Aug 1861	
w. Dawson Co. GA	m. 3 Sept 1905	w.	
d.	To: Maggie Dora	d. 18 July 1916	
w.	Brice	w. Dawson Co. GA	
m. 28 Aug 1927	b. 6 July 1872	CHILDREN	
To: (1) Elbert	w. Dawson Co. GA	1. WILLIAM OSCAR	
Henry Burt	d. 23 Jan 1946	2. Linzy	
b. 14 May 1906	w. Gainesville GA.	3. Homer Charles	
w. Dawson Co. GA	CHLDREN	4. Anis Docia	
d. 15 Jan 1957	1. Infant	5. Hiram Solomon	
w. Gainesville, GA	2. ANNIE MARIAN	Andrew Jackson	
CHILDREN	3. George William	6. Eva M.C.	
1. CHARLES ELDON	4. Silvey Brice	7. Pearlje Jane	
2. Royce Lane	5. Grace Pauline	8. Lela	
To: (2) William Stovall	6. Flora May	9. Coa	
		To: (2) Minnie McClure	
		b. 15 June 1888	
		w.	
		d. 6 June 1952	
		w. Dawson Co. GA	
		m. 3 Sept. 1921	
		CHILDREN	
		1. Iva	
		2. George Wesley	
		3. Lloyd Flem	

VVV CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Certainly a highlight of the Saturday night meeting was the first appearance of the VVV Children's Chorus, under the direction of Ellen Wicker Cummings. Accompanist was Margie Vawter. The children sang several songs, including "The Bible Tells Me So" and "The Happy Wanderer." Krista Glasgow, age four, sang a solo, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." She is the daughter of Steve and Cheryl Glasgow and grand-daughter of Charles and Betty Burt. Everyone enjoyed the children's performance and we were all happy to learn that this is planned to be an annual event.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As you know by now, the VVV Association has a different news editor, and she needs your help! Here are some suggestions of things you can send to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter:

- Obituaries (current and past)
- Engagement and marriage announcements
- Birth announcements
- Family news - graduations, awards, etc.
- Family charts and group sheets
- Stories from the past and family traditions
- News of other Vawter, Vauter, Vaughter(s) reunions
- Gleanings from books and newspapers
- Queries

The list is endless. Just remember we do not accept "items for sale" unless it is VVV related.

ABOUT DUES

For some time now, we have been attempting to correct and update our mailing list. Please check the way your newsletter is addressed and notify us of any changes that should be made. If a red "X" appears on your address label, you need to send dues in order to avoid missing future newsletters.

It is not necessary for those who paid dues at the reunion to pay again in January, as that was for the coming year. All others should try to remember to pay in January. Anyone over the age of 80 is entitled to complimentary newsletters, but we are not always aware of a member's age so we do need to be notified.

Corrections in addresses should be sent to the news editor, Bonita Welch, and dues should be sent to the treasurer, Sue Vawter. Addresses for both can be found at the beginning of the newsletter.

This issue is being sent to several of the family who have been members of the Association in the past. We hope their interest will be renewed.

VVV MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ATTENDED THE REUNION

CALIFORNIA

Omer and Helen Johnson
Esther M. Vawter

DELAWARE

Raymond L. and Marlyn Holder
Marcella McAlpin
Jackie McAlpin
Mary Vawter
Robert L. III
Amanda
Jesse
Robert L. and Donna Vawter

GEORGIA

Charles and Betty Burt
John Carlson Jr.
Cheryl Burt Glasgow
Timothy
Krista
Lula Thompson
Flora Vaughters Waters

ILLINOIS

Gerald and Shirley Beasley
Connie Vawter Bugos
Todd
Garlin and Elma Crouch
Harry A. Crouch
Sister Lynette Crouch
Harry and Edith Vawter
M. Glen and May Vawter
Roger and Margie Vawter
Rhonda Walker
Christopher
Whitney

INDIANA

Bonita Welch

KENTUCKY

Mike and Michelle Alexander
Mark Beasley

MICHIGAN

Jeannine Cook
Robert C. and Margaret Vawter
Robert L. and Ila Vawter

MISSISSIPPI

Fred and Wordna Wicker
Caroline Wicker
McDaniel Wicker
Ken and Norma Wicker
Tom and Pearl Wiley

MISSOURI

Wanda Gould
Roy and Kate Harrell
Carolyn W. Merritt
Anne E. Vawter
Bruce and Linda Vawter
Lori Vawter
Jason Benson

OKLAHOMA

Woody and Edna Bowers
Duncan and Sally Brown
Oscar L. and Erma Vawter
Shirley Troyer

TENNESSEE

James S. and Alliene Corbitt
Robert M. and Norma Vawter
Paul and Lynn Weekley

TEXAS

Danny and Renae Chaviers
Eric
Stephanie
Joe and Beth Melton
Bill and Sally Vawter
Billy M. and Dorothy Vawter
James E. and Mary Vawter
John H. and Sue Vawter
Melinda Vawter

VIRGINIA

Ellen Cummings
Rebecca
Frederick

WISCONSIN

Evert and Maxine Joling
Wayne and Carole Vawter

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