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From: George F. Perkins - What Genealogy means to me.

SHARED TRADITIONS

We are all a product of our own experiences, times, character and traditions that have been past down to us from our ancestors through our parents.

No matter how great or small, or how long or short a man may live; he has made his contribution to the character of mankind through his relationships and actions with the people he has come in contact with. A child may only live a very few seconds and yet his life has left its imprint on his parents. Every ancestor therefore has played a role in shaping the world in which they lived, passing their personalities, character and traditions down through the generations. We choose from among these traits, add to them our own personal experiences to create the individual we are.

Our family consists of a conglomeration of different blends of cultural, sociological, religious, economic, and ethnic backgrounds. Through the study of our family genealogy we bring to life the hidden legacy that is our own ancestral identity. An ancestry that lives deep within us. The deeper we get into our genealogy, the more compassion, appreciation, and understanding we have for our ancestors as well as ourselves.

We represent a proud heritage; yet our vanity must never cloud our eyes. As with any family, ours has had its triumphs as well as its failures. Ours is not to judge. The influence on our lives differ greatly from the influences that effected our forefathers.

IN MEMORIAM

ORA WILEY WICKER died December 15, 1990 at her home in Tupelo, Mississippi at age 91. A native of Union County, MS., she had lived in Oklahoma when it was Indian Territory, and in West Texas when it was frontier. She was the oldest child of Thomas Street Wiley and Emma Ellen VAWTER.

She was married to Thomas Murry Wicker, who predeceased her in 1946. They were the parents of five children: Thomas Frederick, William Murry, James Kenneth, Charles Gibson and Mary Reese; four of whom survive her.

Denied a formal education in her youth, she insisted upon it for her children. At the age of 29 she realized her lifelong ambition for herself by entering nurses training at Baptist Hospital, Memphis, TN. Twenty-five years of hospital and private duty gave zest to her life at the stage when many women are settling back into the rocking chair. A second dream was realized when she was able to take art lessons at this time of her life.

Forced by arthritis to sell her Memphis home in 1984, Ora moved to Tupelo, MS. to be near her family. She was able to maintain semi-independence in her own home until the time of her death.

When the forerunner of the present VVV Family Association was attended in 1977 by Bill Vawter, Hazel McCandless, Paul H. Vaughter, Sr., the Wickers, and others, Ora wrote 25 post cards to her Oklahoma cousins who she has known and loved since her childhood. The result of that first encounter with the Vawter/Vaughters has resulted in a phenomenon which has lasted 14 years and shows no sign of stopping.

The 1986 VVVFA Reunion in Tupelo, MS. was dedicated jointly to Ora Wiley Wicker and Paul H. Vaughter, Sr.

Obituary From Days Gone By

James Mavity Vawter, Christian gentleman, minister, friend, was born of a family of preachers, in Jefferson Co., IN over three score and ten years ago, and for more than 40 years preached the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Brother Vawter began his education for the ministry at the college of the Bible, Lexington, KY. His first pastorate began at Miami, MO. in 1882. Then followed many fruitful ministries in Marion, IA.; Winfield and Salina, KS.; Poplar Bluff, Monroe City. Slater, Liberty, Lawson and Windsor, MO.; Charleston, IL., Omaha, NB.; and Sullivan, Jeffersonville and Corydon, IN. While at Charleston and Sullivan he led in building enterprises and left them with fine church homes. Time was often found in a busy life to do much evangelistic work.

In Corydon, his last work, he fell on sleep after a few days waiting for the end causes by a stroke of apoplexy. His body was laid away December 11, 1926 in the Jeffersonville cemetery where he served the congregation three different times for a total of 20 years.

His Christian courtesy, scholarly ability, unflinching humor, were finely shown last year at Bloomington, IN where he was the president of the Indiana State Convention of our churches.

To Mrs. Vawter and three children; Fred and Mary of Louisville, KY; and Richard of Des Moines, IA., we know that the words of hope and encouragement given to others in like bereavement by Brother Vawter, will return as doves to their windows.

By Fred R. Davies

## GLEANINGS

From a publication giving Bible records contributed by Mrs. J.T. Wilson of GA

Names and ages of HENRY VAUGHTER'S children:

Dealy - - - - -	12-8-1885
Deely	11-?-1887 (d. 1964, invalid)
Mary	6-22-1888
Lovey	2-22-1892
Awthar	11-18-1893

Linzey Vaughters was married 5-14-1857 to Kesiah Marinda Hicks in Lumpkin Co., GA

Jane Vaughters, the wife of James Vaughters was born 3-9-1794

Children:

William (J) - - - - -	9-24-1812
Hiram (s)	11-?-1814
Lucinda	5-13-1816
Elizabeth	2-21-1818
Linzy	6-28-1820
Viny	8-13-1823
Delia	2-26-1825
Lydia	4-27-1827
Jane	4-27-1829
Eliza (A)	4-13-1831

Jackson Bennett was born 3-24-1848 (son of Jane Vaughters)

Kisiah Marinda Hix was born 10-24-1835

Henry Vaughters b. 5-13-1864

Hiram Bennett Singleton Vaughter b. 4-20-1866

Information taken from marriage records of Lumpkin & Dawson Co. tombstones and application for 12 months support of widows.

Elizabeth m. 12-28-1846 Robert Stone and William C. Anderson who d. 4-5-1868

ANDERSON issue: Tabbitha m. 7-4-1870 Rev. Wm J. Hyde

Ireny d. 1922, m. 1-27-1866 James Lewis Green, s/o a Union soldier

Mary Jane d. 1-5-1929, m. 10-19-1867 William Andrews

Sealy Caroline m. 12-23-1869 James Kelly

Jordan L. b. 8-12-1864, d. 9-17-1942, m. Elizabeth Kate Kelly

James Robert b. 3-16-1860, d. 9-28-1931, m. 12-6-1877

Sarah Frances Burt m. 2nd Mamie Nelms

George (Bud) m. 11-26-1882 Emily Jane Cohlins (Collins)

Names and ages of George and Epsy Vaughters children:

George R. - - - - -	5-29-1860
Epsy Catherine	8-7-1861, m. 9-1-1880
William Asker (Oscar)	7-6-1881
Linzey	10-12-1883
Homer C.	4-4-1885
Anis Docia	11-1-1887
Hiram Solomon	6-28-1891
Erva M.C.	9-25-1892
Pearlie Jane	11-25-1894, d. 9-18-1895
Lela	11-28-1895
Coa	3-2-1898

Lydia m. Thomas Nix

Jane m, 1-5-1847 Robert Bennett, she d. 7-25-1912

Eliza m. 2-7-1857 Elijah Blackburn, who d. 9-2-1862

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From John Carlson Jr. , Colbert, GA



Staff Photo By Kay Shiver

### **A Christmas keepsake**

Herbert Hoover was President of the United States and Charles Lindbergh had made his historic transatlantic flight three years before John Carlson, Jr. received this all-metal replica of the *Spirit of St. Louis* as a Christmas gift from Santa Claus. Mr. Carlson keeps the 60-year-old plane as a keepsake and has had it repainted once in its lifetime.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Joyce Carter, 5810 Par Four Drive, Houston, TX 77088

Cecil M. Cupp, 1213 Luhe Street, Orangeburg, S.C. 29115

### **REUNION**

I hope many of you out there are working on craft items for door prizes, if you are not gifted along craft lines you are permitted to purchase, something and bring it along. We had many beautiful items last year.

Which state will have the most attending the reunion; Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee or Texas? Last year it was Illinois (maybe because it was held there). Will Missouri have the most this year? I am anxious to see.

PROFILE

CHARLES ERASTUS VAWTER, Born 9 June 1841 in Monroe County, VA (now W. VA.), d. 27 October 1905; son of John Henderson and Clara (Peck) Vawter.

His father, a farmer and civil engineer, at the age of sixty joined the Confederate army with his four sons, and all five in time became captains.

Charles, who entered Emory and Henry College in 1858, left upon the outbreak of the war to enlist in the Monroe County Guards, a part of the "Stonewall Brigade." He soon proved himself a leader; he was appointed a captain of sharpshooters in 1862 and served in the field until March 1865, when he was captured and imprisoned in Fort Delaware. Released in June, he returned to Emory and Henry, where he graduated in 1866 and in July of that year married Virginia Longley, daughter of Prof. Edmund Longley. Seven children were born of this union, all survived their father.

After teaching for a year, he entered the University of Virginia, graduated in mathematics with distinction, was elected professor of mathematics and teacher of Hebrew at Emory and Henry. Taking office in 1868, he served this institution for ten years.

In 1878 Vawter was selected to build and organize the Miller Manual Labor School of Albemarle County, VA. This school was founded by a bequest of Samuel Miller of \$1,250,000 in Virginia state certificates; Vawter persuaded the legislature to pass an act which preserved its endowment to the school and aided other schools in Virginia holding similar certificates.

Vawter came to his task with enthusiasm, rich experience, and clear views on education. The Miller school, an institution for orphan boys and girls, established on a farm, with buildings and shops especially erected and equipped, offered him a rare opportunity to realize his ideal of a school that would train the mind and hand together. He made it his life work to build here an industrial school which became a model for all the South and caused him to be recognized as a leader in the new education. He had great influence in promoting the development of industrial education in the public schools throughout the country.

He was a member of the state board of education and rendered valuable service in organizing the public schools of Virginia; he served as chairman of the board of trustees of the Normal and Industrial School for girls at Farmville, VA., which became a State Teachers' College; he was also chairman of the board of the Normal and Industrial Institute for Negroes at Petersburg and of the state board of charities and corrections. For a number of years he was rector of the board of trustees of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and aided President J. M. McBryde in shaping the policies of that institution. He took great interest in the work of the Conference for Education in the South, which he helped to organize in 1898, taking a part in all of their meetings and speaking wherever he could help. He had also a large part in the educational work of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South); he was a trustee for Emory and Henry College, and president for many years of the Virginia Sunday School Association.

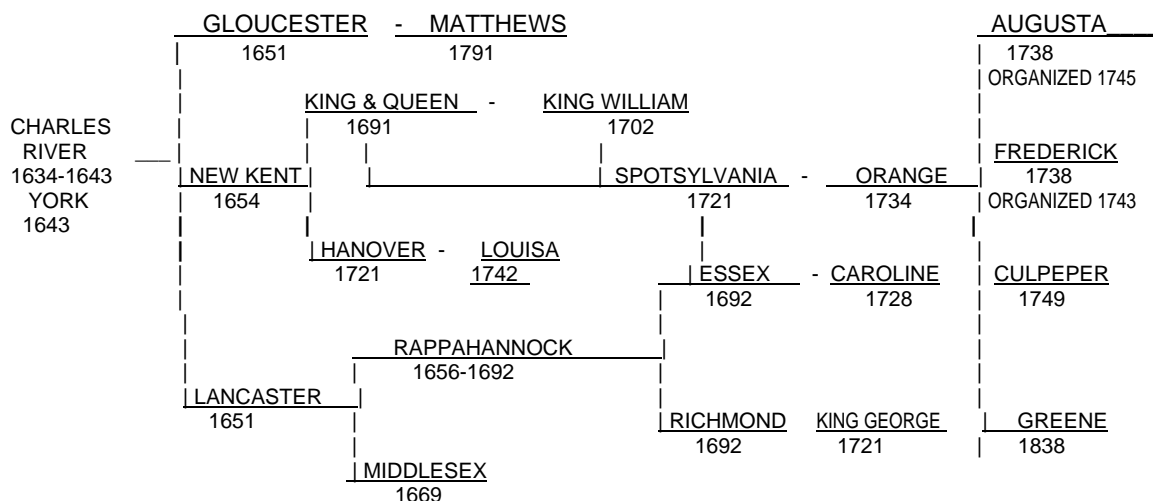
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DESCENT OF COUNTIES  
IN THE  
DIOCESE OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA  
FROM

*CHARLES RIVER - YORK COUNTY*



NOTE: LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, WAS TAKEN FROM YORK COUNTY; AREA NORTH OF THE RIVER WAS TAKEN FROM NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Bobbee Vawter of DE says the reunion Memory Album will be mailed out the latter part of March. The company are late because of equipment problems.

Birthday - Mary Carlson will be 91 on June 15. Her address is: Herdmont Health Care Center, Elberton, GA 30635.

Birth - Esther & Virgil Vawter of W. Sacramento, CA wish to announce the birth of a grandson born 15 January. The proud parents are Brian L. & Tammie Vawter of Fresno, CA.

Report all change of address to: Bobbie Meek, 20025 106th Drive, Sun City, AZ 85373-1010

We no longer have someone to prepare an index of people's names in our newsletters. If anyone who has a computer feels like taking on this job notify president, John H. Vawter of Nacogdoches, TX.

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