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1992 REUNION

In just a few weeks, the VVV Association will be gathering in Nacogdoches, Texas, for the fifteenth annual reunion of the group. If you have not yet made your reservation, please be sure to do so today. Our hosts, John H. and Sue Vawter and their family, have been busy for the past year making plans. They promise a time of good food, fun and fellowship.

Headquarters for the reunion will be the Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center at 200 N. Fredonia St. Reservations can be made by writing the hotel, or by calling 1-800-594-5323. The room rate is \$49.00, plus 13% tax, and is for 1-4 people per room. Be sure to mention the Association to receive this discounted rate.

The reunion is a great time to see old friends/cousins, make new friends and add new cousins to the family tree. If you are not interested in genealogy, come anyway; you won't be bored.

VVV REUNION

30 JULY - 2 AUGUST 1992

NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

FIRST CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1790

This information is from the printed Schedules of the 1790 census as published by the Bureau of the Census in 1907-08, Keep in mind that schedules for some counties are missing. No schedules are known to exist for Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Virginia; apparently they were destroyed during the British attack on Washington during the War of 1812. The names listed here and on the Virginia state enumeration and Kentucky tax lists are probably part of our family. When reading the early records, it is often difficult to interpret some of the hand-writing, and errors are made when compiling indexes.

North Carolina, Salisbury District, Stokes County

VANTER, John

1 Free white male of 16 years and upward, including heads of families

4 Free white males under 16 years

4 Free white females including heads of families

South Carolina, Camden District, Richland County

VAUGHTERS, Cornelius

2 Free white males of 16 years and upward, including heads, of families

8 Free white females including heads of families

VIRGINIA

Records of the State Enumeration: 1782 to 1785

Essex County, District Five - 1783

VAWLER, Benjamin 5 White

Cumberland County - 1782

VAUTER, Samuel 10 White, 4 Black

Cumberland County - 1784

VANTER, Samuel 10 White Souls, 1 Dwelling, 2 Other Buildings

Essex County, District Six - 1783

VAWTER, William 6 White

KENTUCKY

"First Census of Kentucky" compiled from Tax Lists

Fayette County

VANTERS, William Tax List Date - 23 May 1789

Woodford County

VANTERS, William Tax List Date - 14 June 1790

SOME EARLY VIRGINIA MARRIAGES

(Not a complete list)

Anton, Thomas m. Patsey Vawter 21 Dec 1835 Essex County

Beasley, Adam m. Fanny Vawter 15 May 1799 Caroline County
(Another listing has the name as Beazeley, and 15 May 1797.)

Clarke, Walker m. Elizabeth Vawter 26 Jan 1802 Orange County

Coghill, Eli m. Elizabeth Vawter 10 May 1860 Essex County

Coleman, John m. Caroline Vawter 26 Feb 1874 Essex County

Dohony, James m. Wintifred Vawter 23 Feb 1775 Orange County
(Another listing has Dabony, James and Winifred Vawter.)

Harvey, Thomas m. Mary Vawter 4 Dec 1793 Cumberland County

Hopkins, John m. Elizabeth Vawter 14 Jan 1797 Rockingham County

Newman, Thomas m. Elizabeth Vawter 28 Dec 1747 Essex County

Pitts, Richard A. m. Alice Vawter 27 Jul 1865 Essex County

Shelton, Robert m. Alpha Vawter 2 Nov 1790 Culpeper county

Stapp, Achilles m. Margaret Vawter 27 Nov 1782 Orange County

Vaugter, Jesse m. Elizabeth Watts 22 Mar 1781 Culpeper County

Vaughters, Samuel m. Obedience Jackson 6 Jan 1797 Charlotte County

Vawter, Bartholomew m. Catharine Clarke 24 Dec 1823 Essex County

Vawter, Bartholomew m. Winifred, daughter of William Hodgson,
1698 Essex County (No month or day given)

Vawter, Benjamin m. Betsey Boulware 2 Oct 1821 Essex County

Vawter, Boulware m. Sally Berry 2 Nov 1786 Caroline County

Vawter, Bowler m. Sally Davis 27 Apr 1812 Essex County

Vawter, Bowler m. Elizabeth Thomas 25 Nov 1825 Essex County

Vawter, Chadwell m. Susanna Taylor 5 Oct 1816 Henry County

Vawter, Elliott m. Elizabeth Pollard 15 Mar 1828 Essex County

Vawter, James m. Mary Susan Gray 20 Feb 1879 Essex County

Vawter, Milton m. Lucy Anthony 12 Dec 1832 Essex County

Vawter, Richard m. Elizabeth Davis 24 Dec 1829 Essex County

Vawter, Richard m. Sally Vaughn 12 Jul 1787 Caroline County

Vawter, William m. Ann Ballard 16 Jan 1774 Orange County

Vawter, William E. m. Polly Anton 4 Jul 1836 Essex County

Walden, William m. Sally Vawter 7 Nov 1810 Essex County

Sources: Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia by Eva Eubank Wilkerson, and Some Virginia Marriages by Cecil D. McDonald, Jr. All names and dates are as given in these two sources, and may not agree with other records.

JAMESON VAWTER

This autobiography was written about 1928 by Jameson Vawter and sent to his son, William Snyder Vawter. For the most part, it is presented as originally written. Jameson Vawter was born in Milton, Kentucky, 18 September 1856. His father being a miller, he first learned the milling business in Milton. In 1874 he went to Georgetown, Colorado, and was ore sampler at the Stewart Reduction Works until the mill burned in November 1875.

In 1876 he returned to Milton and entered the office of Dr. E.M. Wiley for the study of medicine. He graduated in the Medical Department of the University of Louisville on 28 February 1878 and was elected coroner of Trimble County, Kentucky, that same year.

He went to Louisville in the spring of 1879 and entered the office of Dr. Dudley S. Reynolds to make a specialty of eye and ear diseases. On account of ill health, he left Kentucky in November 1879 and settled in Arkansas City, Kansas, for the practice of his profession.

When the Cherokee Strip opened for settlement, Dr. Vawter went to the town of Santa Fe, Oklahoma, which is now Newkirk, the county seat of Kay County. He helped organize the city government of Santa Fe, and was the first mayor of said city. He was also the first treasurer of Kay County.

He practiced medicine in Ponca City, Oklahoma, for three years, moved to Columbia, Missouri, where he resided five years, then returned to Arkansas City, where he is now living and is a practicing physician. He has also practiced medicine in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Jameson Vawter was married in Milton, Trimble County, Kentucky, 17 Nov 1884, to Sallie Giltner Snyder, daughter of William and Delia Snyder, who was born in Trimble County 3 September 1860, and died 21 April 1893 in Arkansas City, Kansas.

Jameson Vawter was married second at Paris, Kentucky, 13 November 1894, to Adah C. Vivion, daughter of Irvin and Mary Ann Vivion, who was born in Boone County, Missouri, 4 September 1870, and died 22 March 1904 in Columbia, Missouri.

Children of Jameson and Sallie Vawter:

Delia S. Vawter, born in Arkansas City, Kansas, 3 September 1885. She is now a primary teacher in the schools of Arkansas City.

F. Bruce Vawter, born in Arkansas City, Kansas, 22 December 1886. He is now chief clerk in the division superintendent's office of the Railway Mail Service in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jameson Vawter, born in Arkansas City, Kansas, 21 April 1889. He is now professor of civil engineering in the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Wiley R. Vawter, born in Carroll County, Kentucky, 3 April 1891; died in Arkansas City, Kansas, 23 January 1918. He was a window decorator of ability.

William S. Vawter, born in Arkansas City, Kansas, 29 March 1893. He was a telegrapher and was in the employ of the Western Union for a number of years in Los Angeles, California, as complaint supervisor. He is now living in New York City.

Children of Jameson and Adah Vawter:

Adah Mary Vawter, born in Arkansas City, Kansas, 20 October 1895. She was married in Arkansas City to Lester L. Howenstine of Manhattan, Kansas. They are now living in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Lena Virginia Vivion Vawter, born in Ponca City, Oklahoma, 14 June 1899. She was married 31 May 1920 at Newkirk, Oklahoma, to Samuel Webster Payden. They are now living at 525 N. First Street, Arkansas City, Kansas.

CLARENCE MERRILL AND EDYTHE BARRICKLOW VAWTER

Among the papers of William Snyder Vawter was this clipping regarding the deaths of Clarence Merrill and Eythe Barricklow Vawter in 1926.

Pastor and Wife Killed, Son Safe in Auto Crash
South Bend, Ind., Dec. 17. - (Special) The Rev, C.M. Vawter, 50, and his wife were instantly killed this afternoon when an east bound New York Central mail train struck their automobile in Oseola, Ind. Their son John, seven, suffered only minor hurts although carried half a mile with the wreckage of the car.

In his book, "Those Were the Days," Paul Edward Vawter, of Hightstown, New Jersey, recalls the deaths of his parents. He was a sophomore at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, at the time.

"I rode the interurban to Osceola. Just before stepping off the car, I had a strange premonition the Dad and Mother had been in a minor automobile accident. I walked the short distance to the parsonage. The entire house was lighted. There was probably a social affair. I would surprise everybody.

"I was greeted at the door by several people and told that Mother and Dad were gone; they had been fatally struck that afternoon by a train. John was in the hospital with a scalp wound. As with many people who have experienced sudden tragedy, I was in complete disbelief; these things happen to others, certainly not to me. Mary K., in noting my expression of incredulity, nodded, it was really true. I was completely traumatized to a point I couldn't cry.

"The next twenty-four hours were going to be hectic; I would be making important and vital decisions affecting the family's future. I suddenly became aware of the extent to which we had depended on my parents. I would now be responsible for our family since I was the eldest (18). However, Mary K. had matured much beyond her age (14), and Harold (13) was fast developing. There was no question in my mind about our capability to succeed.

"The next day I learned the details of events leading to the accident and how it came about. Mother and Dad, with John in the back seat, were visiting members of the congregation who were ill or in need of comfort; this was a part of pastoral duties. They were doing this today "because Paul is coming home tomorrow." The railroad crossing was "protected" by an electric "ding-ding" warning bell. It wasn't adequate for passengers in a closed car, especially on a snowy and windy day. They obviously didn't see the train coming. The wrecked car and occupants remained on the front of the engine until the train was brought to a stop.

"Of greatest concern to me at the time was the future of our family. It was most important to all of us that we remain together as a family and that I continue my college education. This was a problem that would have to be met later."

Dues are \$7.00 per year, and can be sent to:

VVV Family Association c/o Sue Vawter, RR 6 Box 390, Nacogdoches, TX 75961

A NEW VAUGHTERS

Congratulations to Lance William and Sigrid Elizabeth Kohler Vaughters of Windsor, Ontario on the birth of their son, Lucas William Vaughters, who was born 10 March 1992. Lucas weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and is the grand-son of Larry William Vaughters of Woodland, California, and great-grandson of William Clayton Vaughters of Temple City, California.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Dallas C. Pickett, 76, of North Vernon, Indiana, died 15 April 1992 at Norton Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. He was born 24 August 1915 in Ripley County, Indiana, son of Alva and Bertha Wilson Pickett.

A retired attorney, he was a member of the Indiana Bar Association and the Indianapolis Bar Association. He was a graduate of Franklin College and graduated from law school in Memphis, Tennessee. He also belonged to the Murat Shrine and the Scottish Rite in Indianapolis and the Southport Masonic Lodge. He attended Zion Baptist Church in Jennings County, Indiana.

Surviving are four brothers, Raymond Pickett of Indianapolis; Denver Pickett of Apple Valley, California; Ralph Pickett of Ames, Iowa; and Milton Pickett of Kokomo, Indiana; two sisters, Neva Findley of Seymour, Indiana; and Nina Duckett of Milpitas, California; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Maurice Pickett. Dallas was the nephew of Edna Reynolds of Butlerville, Indiana.

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Elmer E. Vawter, 72, of Shelbyville, Indiana, died 30 January 1990. He had been a self-employed carpenter before retiring, and was a member of Lewis Creek Baptist Church, south of Shelbyville.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy Sears and Virginia McConnell; a stepdaughter, Grena Conway; four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. Preceding him in death was his wife, Thelma Mummert Vawter.

(Can anyone send more information on Elmer E. Vawter?)

A CORRECTION

A name was misspelled in the Spring 1992 newsletter in the announcement of the birth of Christopher Swiatek. Please note that the great-grandmother should be Mina Vawter, not Nina.

Mina Vawter was born in Nacogdoches, Texas, in 1891, and was named after two Minas. The first was Mary Elmina Cunningham, wife of Joel Vincent Hamilton, born in Linn Flat, Nacogdoches County, in 1866. The other Mina was the wife of Theodore Vawter of Appleby, Texas. Theodore was the son of Lorenzo Dow Vawter and his second wife, Frances Fowler McNeil.

Thanks to Helen Dart Johnson of Fullerton, California, for sending this correction in the spelling of her mother's name.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to M. Glen and May Vawter, 33 Delaine Dr., Normal, IL 61761, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

In honor of this special occasion, their children are hosting an Open House on Sunday, 28 June 1992, from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. It will be held in the Fireside Room of Calvary Baptist Church, 1017 N. School St., Normal, Illinois.

Glen is a past president of the VVV Association.

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