



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Winter 1992

p. 1

Volume 17 No. 2

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Billy M. Vawter, 3618 W. 39th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73119
VICE-PRESIDENT: Robert L. Vawter, 6171 E. 52nd Street, Newaygo, MI 49337
SECRETARY: Beth Melton, 1211 Casa Vale, Dallas, TX 75218
TREASURER: Sue Vawter, Route 6 Box 370, Nacogdoches, TX 75961
HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST: Norma Vawter, 1075 Oaklawn Drive, Milan, TN 38358
NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Bonita Welch, RR 1 Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273
ASSOCIATE EDITOR: Sally Brown, 3016 Madison, Tulsa, OK 74114

GLEANINGS FROM NACOGDOCHES COUNTY, TEXAS
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY CEMETERY RECORDS
Compiled and Edited by Carolyn Reeves Ericson

Volume I:

Vawter, Georgie L. b. 20 Sep 1883, d. 29 Sep 1952; daughter of Jack and Mary Etta Landers Wilburn; married Theodore Vawter; buried Bethel Cemetery

Volume II:

Pitman, Herman Burnett b. 1 Oct 1898, Cushing, d. 16 Aug 1969; son of Henry and Sarah Vawter Pitman; married Ethel Weaver, 6 Mar 1920; buried Sunset Memorial Park

Volume III:

Vawter, Infant d. 1897; child of L.D. and M. Vawter; buried Fenton Cemetery
Vawter, L.D. b. 10 Nov 1876, d. 2 May 1968; married Mattie Fenton;
buried Fenton Cemetery
Vawter, Mattie b. 28 Aug 1878, d. I Jul 1941; daughter of Allen
and Emma Bullock Fenton; buried Fenton Cemetery
Vawter, Mino O. b. 1907, d. 1915; daughter of L.D. and Mattie Fenton Vawter; buried
Fenton Cemetery
Vawter, Ovid D. b. 8 Feb 1934, d. 4 Jul 1934; buried Fenton Cemetery
McCandless, Robert N. b. 6 Jun 1903, d. 17 Oct 1963; married Hazel I. Vawter; buried
Cushing Cemetery
Davis, Mattie b. 2 Oct 1885, Carthage, d. 16 Feb 1970; daughter of D.Y. and Louisa Ann
Davis Gammage; married 1st Julian D. Vawter, 21 Dec 1906; married 2nd Weldon
E. Davis, 1931; buried Cushing Cemetery
Davis, Weldon E. b. 16 Dec 1875, d. 5 Mar 1949; married
Mrs. Mattie B. Gammage Vawter; buried Cushing Cemetery
Vawter, Julian D. b. 10 Nov 1883, d. 4 Sep 1922; married Mattie B. Gammage; Mason;
buried Cushing Cemetery

Volume V:

Vawter, Baby no dates, unmarked grave, buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Vawter, Francis b. 1 Feb 1830, d. 3 Mar 1915; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery

- Vawter, Josephine Elmina Bullock b. 26 Mar 1863, d. 23 Dec 1899; daughter of James Franklin and Mary Jane Russell Bullock; married 1st Prior J. Parrott, 22 May 1879; married 2nd Theodore Vawter, 20 April 1882; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery
- Vawter, Theodore b. 6 Sep 1862, d. 19 Dec 1936; son of Lorenzo Dow and Frances Vawter; married 1st Josephine Elmina Bullock, 20 Apr 1882; married 2nd Georgia Lorene Wilburn, 28 Jan 1904; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery
- Vawter, H.A. b. 4 Jul 1879, Linn Flat, died young; unmarked grave; son of William James and Harriett Annie Rogers Vawter; buried Linn Flat Cemetery
- Vawter, Harriett Annie Rogers b. 2 May 1847, Georgia, d. 1879, Linn Flat; unmarked grave; daughter of Augustus and Harriett Hightower Rogers; 1st wife of William James Vawter; married 26 Jan 1869; buried Linn Flat Cemetery
- Vawter, John b. 21 Dec 1839, Alabama, d. 21 Aug 1862; unmarked grave; son of Lorenzo Dow and Elizabeth Dawson Vawter; C.S.A., Linn Flat Co. of 12-month Men for Coast Service buried Linn Flat Cemetery
- Vawter, John Homer b. 7 Aug 1905, d. 30 Jan 1974; buried Bethel Cemetery
- Vawter, Thomas H. b. 17 Nov 1844, Lafayette Co., Mississippi, d. 11 Jan 1862; son of Lorenzo Dow and Elizabeth Dawson Vawter; C.S.A. Private, Linn Flat Co. of 12-month Men; burial place unknown
- Seelbach, Lavina Hamilton b. 5 Dec 1870, d. 3 Feb 1962; daughter of Andrew Shanklin and Louisa Jane Vawter Hamilton; married John William Seelbach; buried Helpenstell Cemetery
- Hamilton, Infant b. and d. 1869; unmarked grave; son of Andrew Shanklin and Louisa Jane Vawter Hamilton; buried Clifton Cemetery
- Smith F.M. b. about 1832, Huntsville, Alabama, d. 26 Oct 1900; married 1st in 1858 in Alabama; married 2nd ____ Vawter; C.S.A. Co. D 14th Alabama Regiment; burial place not given

THE PEOPLE OF NACOGDOCHES COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR

by Carolyn Reeves Ericson

Smith, F. Marion

Born - About 1832, Huntsville, Alabama

Died - 26 Oct 1900 by hanging

Spouse - Alpha Frances Vawter, married 30 Aug 1896

Comments - Shot his sister-in-law, Elmina Bullock Vawter. Convicted and hanged.

THE PEOPLE OF NACOGDOCHES COUNTY IN 1860 - LINN FLAT BEAT

L.D. Vawters	Age 49	Male	White	Farmerb. Tennessee
John Vawters	Age 21	Male	White	Farmerb. Alabama
William Vawters	Age 19	Male	White	Farmerb. Mississippi
Thomas Vawters	Age 16	Male	White	Farmerb. Mississippi
Asa Vawters	Age 14	Male	White	Farmerb. Mississippi
Louisa Vawters	Age 11	Female	White	b. Mississippi
Robert Vawter	Age 9	Female	White	b. Mississippi

Compiler: W. T. Vawter
Address: 702 Wigley
State: Mineola, Tx 75773

ANCESTOR CHART
151

			16 <u>David Vawter</u> B. ca 1800 KY D. 1845 Texas
		8 <u>John Milton Vawter</u> B. 23 March 1828 PB. Kentucky M.23 March 1852	17 <u>Lucinda Glover</u> B. ca 1805 KY D. ca 1857 TX
	4. <u>Thomas Milton Vawter</u> B. 8 May 1857 PB. Panola Co. TX M. 13 March 1881 D. ca 1935 PD.Harrison Co. TX	D. 9 February 1909 PD. Timpson, Tx 	18 <u>William L. Durkee</u> B. D. ca 1850 TX
	2 <u>John Thomas Vawter</u> B. 18 April 1882 PB. Beckville, Tx M. 16 December 1905 D. 12 July 1947 PD Marshall, Texas 	9 <u>Mary Grigsby Durkee</u> B.10 August 1836 PB Mississippi M. 23 March 1852 D. 22 June 1918 PD. Timpson, TX	19 <u>Mary Ann Weir</u> B. ca 1811 D. Ca 1883
	5 <u>Hannah Magnolia Carter</u> B. 4 February 1857 PB. Rusk County, Texas M. 13 March 1881 D. ca 1936 PD. Harrison Co. TX	10 <u>James S. Carter</u> B. 15 Feb. 1811 PB. North Carolina M. 10 Dec. 1835 D.19 August 1887 PD. Kilgore, Tx.	20 <u>Alexander Carter</u> B. 1784 VA D. 1844 Miss.
	1 <u>William Thomas Vawter</u> B. 10 February 1911 PB. Marshall, Texas M. 16 July 1933 D PD	11 <u>Hannah Malvina Weir</u> B. 21 April 1814 PB. Rockbridge Co.VA M. 10 December 1835 D. 12 February 1883 PD. Longview, TX	21 <u>Mary (Polly) Davis</u> B. ca 1789 N.C. D. 1844 Miss.
			22 <u>Andrew Reid Weir</u> B. 1755 VA D. 1821 VA.
			23 <u>Mary (Polly)Grigsby</u> B. 1774 LA. D. 1836 Miss.
			24 <u>Frederick Anderson</u> B ca 1763 D 1814 Miss
		12 <u>Rufus Maxfield Anderson</u> B ca 1813 PB Mississippi M. 2 July 1850 D. 4 January 1857 PD Harrison Co. TX	25 <u>Abigail</u> B. ca 1772 D. 1847 Texas
			26 <u>Wm Wakefield Hall</u> B. ca 1790 D. 28 July 1854
		13 <u>Anne Josephine Hall</u> B. ca 1834 PB. Alabama M. 2 July 1850 D. 14 February 1889 PD. Harrison Co., TX	27 <u>Pamela Shropshire</u> B. 1799 D. 25 August 1849
	3 <u>Hattie Jane Anderson</u> B. 15 December 1878 PB. Harrison County, Texas M. 16 December 1905 D.. 8 June 1968 PD. Marshall, Texas	14 <u>John Calvin Fields</u> B. ca 1830 PB Alabama M. 13 March 1855 D. ca 1890 PD Harrison Co. TX	28 <u>Joseph Fields</u> B. 1785 S.C. D. 7 Nov. 1851 TX
			29 <u>Sarah H.</u> B. 1790 S.C. D. 1861 Texas
		15 <u>Salina Jane Sudduth</u> B. 1834-41 PB. Alabama M. 13 March 1855 D. ca 1861	30 <u>David Burton Sudduth</u> B. ca 1800 D. 1859 Texas
			31 <u>Sophia (?)</u> B. D.

Ida Larrett Orr
(Spouse of No. 1)

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY FAMILIES
Compiled by the Nacogdoches County Genealogical Society

LORENZO DOW VAWTER

Lorenzo Dow Vawter, born Williamson County, Tennessee, 12 May 1812, died at age 85 in Nacogdoches County, Texas, 17 March 1897, buried in the Linn Flat, Texas, Cemetery. Son of Richard and Cynthia McGuire Vawter who married 11 November 1806 in Elbert County, Georgia.

So far as known, Lorenzo Dow had one brother and four sisters. Asa Monroe married Martha Madden and lived in Mississippi, Martha W. married John M. Priest and lived in Tennessee, Sarah W. married Hiram Franklin Tennison and lived in Mississippi, Alpha Frances married 1st Smith Voss, 2nd Joseph Trotter and lived in Mississippi, Nancy M. married Samuel Marcum and lived in Mississippi.

Richard Vawter died 1827, Lawrence County, Tennessee. Cynthia Vawter married 2nd John Ray and lived in Lawrence County.

Lorenzo Dow Vawter was the grandson of John and Franky Ward Vawter of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia; great grandson of Richard and Frances Towles Vawter of Virginia; great-great grandson of John and Margaret Noel Vawter of Virginia; and great-great-great grandson of Bartholomew and Winifred Hodgson Vawter of Virginia.

Lorenzo Dow married Elizabeth Dawson 17 March 1839, Limestone County, Alabama, and by 1840 they had moved to Lafayette County, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Ezekiel and Hannah McFaddin Dawson.

Lorenzo Dow was a stage driver. It was told that when he was within five miles of his destination he would blow a horn, one toot for each passenger so that proper amount of food would be prepared by the time he reached the tavern. When he moved to Texas sometime between 1858 and 1860, he became a farmer.

Elizabeth Dawson Vawter died 28 July 1858; whether in Mississippi or en-route to Texas is not known. Their children were: John R., 1839-1862; William James, 1841-1916; Thomas Henry, 1844-1862; Asa Monroe, 1845-1875; Louisa Jane, 1849-1875; Juliann, 1851-1887; Robert Newton, 1854-1937. Lorenzo Dow married 2nd Mrs. Frances McNeil, 2 November 1861, Nacogdoches County, Texas. They had three children: Theodore, 1862-1936; Andrew Donaldson, 1867-1870; Alpha Frances, 1870-1930.

Theodore Vawter, the eldest son of Lorenzo Dow and Frances McNeil Vawter, was married first to Mrs. Josephine Elmina Bullock Parrott, called "Mina." Mina was killed by a brother-in-law, F. Marion Smith, over a property settlement. F. Marion Smith was the husband of Theodore's sister, Alpha Frances. He was convicted for this crime and died by hanging on 26 October 1900.

[This is a portion of a biographical sketch written by Hazel Vawter McCandless, a descendent of Lorenzo Dow Vawter. Hazel was treasurer of the WVV Family Association from 1978 until her death in 1989.]

SOME NACOGDOCHES COUNTY MARRIAGES

L. D. Vawter - Mrs. Frances McNeil	14 Nov 1861
Wm. J. Vawter - H. H. Rogers	26 Jan 1869
W. J. Vawter - Caroline Holbrook	24 Feb 1881
Theodore Vawter - J. E. Bullock	20 Apr 1882
F. M. Smith - A. F. Vawters	30 Aug 1896
Elbert Vawter - Minnie O. Mixon	19 Nov 1896
T. J. Johnson - Ada Vawter	29 Dec 1898

"THOSE WERE THE DAYS"

By Paul Edward Vawter

"Dad was out of bed about four-thirty on Monday mornings (wash days) to build a fire in the kitchen stove. He heated cistern water in a large copper boiler in preparation for the day's activities. The iron-free rainwater eliminated the need for any softening agent. He moved about quickly and was delighted when our clothes were hung outside to dry before any of our neighbors'. He was typically a competitor.

"Dad manned the hand-operated washing machine. Each load required eight minutes of washing. He kept his key-wind watch open and placed where he could keep tab on the time. These were known as vest-pocket watches with a cover that opened and closed. They were also quite bulky.

"When time for the wash cycle had passed, Dad turned the wringer handle while Mother fed the clothes through into a tub of cold rinse water. White and colored clothes were always washed and rinsed separately to avoid any cross-coloring. Bluing was added to the rinse water for white clothes, ensuring continued whiteness. I never understood why bluing didn't turn clothes blue. But I never did have any knowledge of chemistry. After the rinse, the clothes were again passed through the wringer into a large wicker basket, ready to be hung outside to dry. For Mother and Dad, clothes and dishes were never rinsed, they were "renched." That was a reflection of Southern Indiana rhetoric. Their pronunciation is not in the dictionary.

"Outside, the wire clothes line had to be cleaned with a damp cloth. Mother wore a special apron made only to hold clothes pins. Reaching upward to hang wet clothes was not an easy chore. But she never complained.

"After drying, Mother removed and folded the clothes as she placed them in the basket. On freezing cold days, the clothes were stiff with ice. Mother's hands became painfully cold, even when wearing gloves. I felt so sorry for her. She rubbed her hands together over the stove for warmth. Her ordeal comes to mind whenever I use an electric clothes dryer. The next day, Mother completed the laundry operation at the ironing board, being very exacting as to folding and putting the clothes away."

VVV RELATED ITEMS FOR SALE

VVV Family Association Decal, 3" x 3", perfect size for your car windshield \$1.00 plus a s.a.s.e. Order from: John H. Vawter, Route 6 Box 370, Nacogdoches, TX 75961.

Vawter, Vauter, Vaughter(s) Vital Vittles (Cook Book) Volume 1, published in 1984, 81 pages; Volume 2, published in 1985, 107 pages. Both are paperback, spiral bound. \$7.50 each, including postage. Order from: Bonita Welch, RR 1 Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273.

The Family of Albert and Josie Vawter, published 1985, hardbound, 539 pages with index. Contains much information about the ancestors of Albert Vawter. \$40.00 plus \$3.00 postage. Order from the author: Shirley Vawter Byler, Route 1 Box 319, Sweeny, TX 77480.

Valletort Coat of Arms T-shirts. These T-shirts were a popular item at the reunion last August. The coat of arms is in full color. Size extra large only. \$15.00 each plus \$3.00 postage. Order from: Gary Vawter, 5513 Jester Dr., Garland, TX 75044

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?



IN REMEMBRANCE

Helen Cripe Vawter, 88, died 28 Aug 1992 at her home in Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico. She was born in Frankfort, Indiana, and attended Purdue University where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She married Wallace Read Vawter in 1925. He preceded her in death in 1988. The couple lived in five states, Thailand and Indonesia during his 30-year government career as an engineer, fiscal officer, and foreign service officer. They moved to Ajijic in 1963.

She was active in the Lake Chapala Society Library and the Lakeside Garden Guild for many years. In Denver, Colorado, she had been president of the Newcomers Club and in Bangkok, president of the American Society and the Women's Club.

Surviving are a son, W. Read Vawter; two daughters, Jane Leary and Nancy Palter; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In 1982, Helen and Wallace traveled from their home in Mexico to attend the VVV reunion in Madison, Indiana.

* * * * *

M. Glen Vawter, 74, of Normal, Illinois, died 25 Sep 1992 at St. Joseph Medical Center. He was born 23 Sep 1918, son of David Guy and Myrtle McCoy Vawter. He was a retired carpenter and a veteran of World War II.

Memberships included the Mohammed Shrine of Peoria, Bloomington Consistory, Carpenters Local 63, and Disabled American Veterans. He was also a member and past master of the Normal Masonic Lodge and a former member of the Bloomington Barbershoppers. He attended Calvary Baptist Church in Normal.

Surviving are his wife, May C. Jordan Vawter; four sons, Rev. Wayne G. Vawter, Lake Mills, Wisconsin; Bruce G. Vawter, Sappington, Missouri; Roger G. Vawter, Hudson, Illinois; and Rev. Gary G. Vawter, Burton, Michigan; a daughter, Shirley K. Beasley, Farmer City, Illinois; a brother, Lowell G. Vawter, Bloomington, Illinois; three sisters, Allene Powell and Wilma Schapmire, both of Cooksville, Illinois; and May Schapmire, Bloomington, Illinois; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Two brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Glen was active in the VVV Family Association and had served as president. He and his family were hosts for the 1987 reunion in Normal.

* * * * *

Mary Vawter, 97, of Louisville, Kentucky, died 13 October 1992 at Humana Hospital-Suburban in Louisville.

She was a native of Charleston, Illinois, and a member of First Christian Church, Daughters of the American Revolution and American Legion Post 35 Auxiliary, all in Jeffersonville, Indiana. She was the widow of former Jeffersonville Mayor Homer Vawter, who served from 1938 to 1942.

Surviving are two nieces, Joan Lloyd and Beverly Hughes, both of Louisville.

THANK YOU!

A "Thank you" to W. Read Vawter of Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico, for his generous donation to the VVV Family Association. He is the son of the late Wallace Read and Helen Cripe Vawter.

"Thank you," too, to all who have helped by sending obituaries and other information for the newsletter, and to those who have sent a change of address card when moving.

Any help is always greatly appreciated.

This document was created with Win2PDF available at <http://www.daneprairie.com>.
The unregistered version of Win2PDF is for evaluation or non-commercial use only.