



FAMILY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Summer 1993

p. 1

Volume 17 No. 4

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

Membership is \$7.00 per year, and can be paid at the annual reunion or sent to the treasurer at any time.

VVV REUNION

5-8 August

Oklahoma City

Ramada Inn
800 S. Meridian
Just off I-40
West side of city

Phone numbers:
1-406-942-0040
1 800-228-2828
Mention the Association to
get the special rate.

1993 REUNION EVENTS

Thursday, August 5: Early registration and dinner.

Friday, August 6: Bus tour of Oklahoma City, including a stop at the Cowboy Hall of Fame for a guided tour lasting about 1 ½ hours. The bus will pass many places that some may want to visit on their own on Saturday. Among those places are the campus of Southern Nazarene College, Bethany Cemetery, Remington Park Race Track, Myriad Gardens and Crystal Bridge, Oklahoma State Capitol grounds (with its oil wells), and Nichols Hills.

On Friday evening there will be a dinner, followed by the always popular door prizes.

Saturday, August 7: William Dwight Vawter, son of hosts Bill and Dorothy Vawter, will lead a tour of the Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Everyone is encouraged to bring their pedigree charts. This tour will leave the motel at 10:00 a.m. and go by car caravan.

Following the Saturday evening dinner, several events that are becoming a tradition will occur. We will once again be entertained by the VVV Children's Chorus, under the direction of Ellen Cummings. All children are invited to be a part of this chorus. There will be the annual roll call of states represented, recognition of the oldest and youngest present and of those who traveled the farthest to attend, and election of officers. Fred and Wordna Wicker will conduct the Memorial Service to honor the memory of those who have passed on during the year. And, of course, more door prizes will be given away.

While it may seem that the weekend is filled with planned events, you can be assured there will be ample time to visit with old and new friends. The conference room will be ours for the duration of the reunion and a copy machine has been rented.

If you have never attended a VVV reunion, you may be wondering why we need two nights to give away door prizes! That is because of the number of items we usually have to give away. Some people bring hand crafted items, others bring something that is significant to their area. The variety is always amazing.

COSTS

Motel room	\$39.00 plus tax
Two queen size beds or one king size	
Thursday dinner	\$ 7.00 with tax
Friday dinner	\$ 7.00 with tax
Saturday dinner	\$14.00 with tax
Friday bus tour	\$ 6.00
Cowboy Hall of Fame	\$ 4.00 Adults
	\$ 2.00 13-18 yrs
	\$ 1.00 12 & under

WILL AND SETTLEMENT OF RICHARD VAWTER
MADISON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, WILL BOOK NO. 1, 1793-1804

Sent by Faye Davidson of Bolivar, Tennessee, a descendant of Richard and Frances Towles Vawter.

Page 386: In the name of God, amen, I, Richard Vawter, of the County of Madison and State of Virginia, being weak in body but perfect in mind calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, doth make this my last Will and Testament revoking all others by me heretofore made. Imprimis, I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried in a Christian-like manner; and as to my worldly goods, I give and bequeath in form following: Item, I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law, Elijah Wilhoit, the tract of land whereon he lives, on condition of his paying unto my 3 daughters, Margaret Breedlove, Lucy Finks and Tabitha Rouse, the sum of one hundred dollars each as three annual payments, the first payment to be due on the first day of January after my decease. Item, It is my will and desire that the one acre of land on which the Church stands and its appurtenances be sold to the highest bidder by my Executors and the money arising from such sale be equally divided between my daughters, Ann Vawter and Alpha Shelton, now citizens of the State of Kentucky. Item, it is my will and desire that my two sons, John Vawter and Russell Vawter remain satisfied with that part of my Estate, I have already given them. Lastly, I constitute and appoint Elijah Wilhoit, Sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed my seal this first day of March one thousand eight hundred and three.

N B - The word money in line
16 underlined before signed.
(spacing different)

Richard his
 X Vawter
 mark

Test - John Bradford
 Whitfield Early
 William Early

At a Court held for Madison County, the 24th day of March 1803, this last Will and Testament of Richard Vawter, dec'd, was exhibited and proved by the oaths of John Bradford, Whitfield Early and William Early, witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded; and upon motion of Elijah Wilhoit, the Executor, therein named, a probate thereof in due form is granted him; he having made oath thereto and entered into bond with Security according to law.

Teste - John Walker, Jr., C.M.C.

Page 387: Know all men by these presents that we, Elijah Wilhoit and John Wilhoit, are held and firmly bound unto Merry Walker, Daniel Field, Daniel Gaines and Joshua Leather, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Madison County now setting in the sum of two thousand dollars to which payment well and truly be made to the said Justices or their successors for the time being; we bind ourselves and each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators,

(Page 4 - Summer 1993)

jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 24th day of March 1803, and in the 27th year of the Commonwealth. The condition of this obligation is that if the said Elijah Wilhoit, Executor of the last Will and Testament, with the Will annexed of all goods, chattles and credits of Richard Vawter, dec'd., do make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular, the goods, chattles and credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of the said Elijah Wilhoit or into the hands or possession of any other person for him and the same so made to exhibit into County Court of Madison at such time as he shall be thereto required by the said Court and the same goods, chattles and credits do well and truly administer according to law and make a just and true account of his actings and doings therein, when thereunto required by the said Court and further do well and truly pay all and deliver all the Legacies contained and specified in the said Will as far as the said goods, chattles and credits will extend according to the value thereof and as the law shall permit him, then this obligation to be void or else remain in full force.

Signed & acknowledged in
presence of the Court

Elijah Wilhoit (seal)
John Wilhoit (seal)

At a Court held for Madison County on Thursday, 24th day of March 1803, the above Bond was acknowledged and ordered to be recorded.

Teste - John Walker Jr., C.M.C.

Page 396: Inventory of Richard Vawter - In obedience to an order of the worshipful Court of Madison County to us directed, we the Subscribers being duly sworn have proceeded to appraise the Estate of Richard Vawter, dec'd., as follows:

1 small chest, 1 small stand & old bedstead	1.75
1 old man's saddle & old saddle bags	1.00
2 jugs, 4 bottles, 1 wine glass, 1 lantern	1.00
1 case razor & hone, 2 books	3.00
	L 6.75

John Bradford
William Early
Whitfield Early

At a Court held and continued for Madison County, the 29th of April 1803, this account of appraisement of the Estate of Richard Vawter was exhibited into Court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste - John Walker Jr., C.M.C.

[See the spring 1993 VVV newsletter for the will of Frances Towles Vawter, widow of Richard Vawter.]

INFORMATION FOR NEWSLETTER

Thank you to everyone who has been sending items for the newsletter. Please note my new address. We haven't moved – our county is getting ready for 911 service.

WILLIAM AND MATILDA CARTER VAUTER

This information was contributed by John Vawter, 1511 Birch Drive, Elkhart, IN 46514. Much of it came from his grandfather, Jesse Monroe Vawter, a son of William and Matilda Carter Vauter. John would like to hear from anyone who can help him with this line.

William Vauter b. 4 September 1803, Virginia, married Matilda Carter b. 13 April 1797, Virginia. They first went to Kentucky, and then to Ripley, Co., Indiana. Both died in 1882, and are buried in unmarked graves in the Shelby Christian Church Cemetery in Ripley Co., Indiana. William was one of five deacons and elders who organized the Shelby Christian Church in 1855. They were the parents of 10 children:

- 1) John Wesley Vauter
- 2) Henry Vauter - Volunteered in the Civil War, was a prisoner in Andersonville.
- 3) William Vauter, Jr.
- 4) Jesse Monroe Vauter - [information follows]
- 5) Benjamin Vauter - Died at the age of seven or eight.
- 6) Edmond Vauter - Killed at the age of ten or eleven by being kicked by a horse.
- 7) Susan Vauter - Married Edmund Flint.
- 8) Martha Vauter - Married Jim Baker and "went west."
- 9) Jane Vauter - Married _____ Saylor, lived near Muncie, IN.
- 10) Nancy Vauter - Married John Matheny.

Jesse Monroe Vauter was married in 1877 to Martha Melissa West. Their children were:

- 1) Pearl Amy Vawter - b. 2 November 1877, d. 5 February 1961. The spelling of "Vauter" was changed by Pearl Amy during her school years. All of her brothers and sisters began using "Vawter." She married Jesse Means on 2 January 1898. He was b. 1 March 1870 and d. 13 February 1965. They had no children.
- 2) Shearl Monroe Vawter - b. 4 September 1879, d. 1949. He married first, Stacia Cronin (or Kronen). Married second Gertrude Hibler Clampitt. Three children by first marriage, Louis Valentine, Irene and (--?--).
- 3) Carl Emmett Vawter - b. 29 January 1881, d. 19 July 1947. He married Lila Phillips and went to Genoa, Texas, about 1907. Three children, Clyde, Martha and Evelyn.
- 4) Roxie Anna Vawter- b. 29 March 1883. Married Daniel Flint. They had nine children, Wilma Pearl, Marvin Neal, Dallas D., Dilver C., Mildred, Bernard, Frieda, Gerald and Virgia.
- 5) James Thomas Vawter - b. 25 September 1886-87. He was married 14 April 1918 to Ina Ruby Gore. Two sons, John Elden Vawter of Elkart, Indiana, and James Thomas Vawter, Jr
- 6) Clara Faye Vawter- b. 15 December 1893. Married Frank Leineweber. Eight children, Charles Harley, Ruby Pearl, Lillian Marie, James Franklin, Gertrude Mae, Robert Wayne, Betty Jo and Charles Graham.

CONGRATULATIONS

Matthew Taylor Vaughters was born 23 October 1992 to Mark and Lenore Weathers Vaughters of Oxford, Mississippi. Grandparents are Lowell and Bonnie Vaughters, also of Oxford. Great-grandparents are Norma Vaughters of Southaven, Mississippi, and the late James L. "Jimmy" Vaughters. This is Norma's first great-grandchild.

Walter and Edna Reynolds of Butlerville, Indiana, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 8 with a family gathering at their home.

Wendy Waters has been selected as the STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) Student of Dawson County, Georgia, High School for the 1992-93 school year. She was chosen on the basis of her SAT scores and class ranking. She has been active in many organizations during her high school years, and has numerous awards. Wendy is the daughter of Johnny and Eva Jo Waters and the granddaughter of Association member Flara Vaughters Waters of Dawsonville, Georgia.

"THOSE WERE THE DAYS"

by Paul Edward Vawter

"It was not uncommon, at the time, for a young child to accompany an older brother or sister to school as a guest for the day. Although she was not related, Dad arranged for me to accompany Gladys Hummel, a neighbor girl, age twelve. The date was February 14, 1912. The experience for me was new and exciting. Gladys and I shared the same desk.

"On our way home, we met our family doctor. He gave me a small bottle filled with colored candy. He had done this before. He also told me there was a present waiting for me at home. A present. How nice! Dad met me at the door, took me to the bedroom and showed me my present - a new baby sister named Mary Katheryne. I don't recall my reaction. This was a completely new experience.

"The following year, on May 26, the same process was repeated exactly. This time I had a baby brother, christened Harold Leroy. Although I adjusted to two additions in my family I eventually became aware of an unmistakable decline in the number of Christmas presents addressed to 'Paul'."

Paul Edward Vawter's parents were Clarence Merrill and Edythe Barricklow Vawter. Paul has graciously donated a copy of his book, "*Those Were the Days*," to be used to share his family's experiences with others. In the book, Paul states, "Reminiscing is not complete without including both happy and unhappy experiences. They must be accepted as a normal way of life."

If you have reminiscences of your family to share, please send them and they will be used as space allows. Perhaps you have memories of family celebrations, recollections of grandparents, family tragedies - any events from the past.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Effie Reece Chambers, 79, of Dahlonega, Georgia, died on 1 February 1993. She owned and operated a upholstery shop for many years. She was the daughter of Isaac and Delia Vaughters Reece, and the granddaughter of Henry and Annie Caine Vaughters.

Survivors include two sisters, Ira Gaddis of Dahlonega, and Pearl McDonald of Albany, Georgia; and two brothers, Herman Reece of Alpharetta, Georgia, and Auzie Reece of Dawsonville, Georgia.

* * * * *

John Edgar Taylor, 86, of Memphis, Tennessee, died on 17 February 1993 after a short illness. He was a former employee of the Agency of International Development in the former Saigon, Vietnam, and was retired director of environmental health in Nashville. He was a past president of Shelby Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Hazel Steele Taylor; three daughters, Patricia Eldon Harvey of Magnolia, Mississippi, Jean Marie Stockton of Dallas, and Joan Sanford Hagburg of Vail, Colorado; two sons, John Taylor, Jr. and William S. Taylor, both of Memphis; 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

John and Hazel attended many VVV reunions: They had shared their slides of a visit to England, including the grounds and remains of Trematon Castle in Cornwall, which was once owned by a Valletort (Vawter.)

* * * * *

Bettie D. "Betsy" Miller, 57, of Kenedy, Texas, died on 4 March 1993. She was born 20 March 1935 in Austin, Texas, the daughter of Mark J. and Bettie D. Huling Nash. On 24 August 1957, she was married to Henry A. Miller and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Hanly A. Miller of Bryan, Texas, David N. Miller of Kenedy, and James I. Miller of Aransas Pass, Texas; a brother, Mark J. Nash of Lampasas, Texas; a grandson, Steven James Miller, and a granddaughter, Holly Rene Miller.

Betsy and her parents had been active in the Association, and served in many capacities. Her son, Jim, designed the logo that is used by the Association.

* * * * *

George William Vaughters, 83, of Dawsonville, Georgia, died on 7 March 1993 at his residence. He was born 14 March 1909 in Dawson County, Georgia, the son of William Oscar and Maggie Dora Brice Vaughters. He was a retired farmer and had been a barber.

Survivors include his wife, Era Vaughters; three daughters, Dorothy Ayers and Brenda Hathcock, both of Dawsonville, and Linda Perkins of Daytona Beach, Florida; a son, David Vaughters of Wayne, Michigan; a sister, Annie Stovall of Dawsonville; a brother, Silvey Vaughters of Lithonia, Georgia; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was the uncle of Charles Burt.

Alliene Jenkins Corbitt, 79, of Martin, Tennessee, died on 9 March 1992 at her home. She was born 6 May 1913 in Paragould, Arkansas, the daughter of Louis Gordon and Alliene Mitchell Jenkins. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the James Buckley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Surviving are her husband, Col. James S. Corbitt, a son, Jim Corbitt of New Johnsonville, Tennessee; a daughter, Betty Callis of Martin; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Alliene attended the reunions faithfully for many years with her husband.

* * * * *

Annie Vaughters Burt Stovall, 85, of Dawsonville, Georgia, died on 2 April 1993. She was born 13 February 1908 in Dawson County, Georgia, the daughter of William Oscar and Maggie Dora Brice Vaughters. She retired from MacDougald Construction Company after more than 25 years of service.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Charles E. and Betty Burt of Dawsonville; a brother, Silvey Vaughters of Lithonia, Georgia; six grandchildren, Pam Burt, Ellen McDaris, Cheryl Glasgow, Chuck Burt, Todd Burt, and Curtis Burt; five great-grandchildren. A son, Royce L. Burt preceded her in death.

Annie had attended many reunions. A chart of her family can be found in the fall 1991 newsletter.

* * * * *

Arthur D. Vawter, 93, of Grangeville, Idaho, died on 10 April 1993. He was born 30 June 1899 in Scandia, Kansas, the son of Cyrus B. and Elizabeth Goodwin Vawter. He retired from the Camas Prairie Railroad in Lewiston, Idaho, in 1962.

Surviving are his wife, Myrtle Laughton Vawter; three daughters, Velda Hogaboam of Grangeville, Melba Ashburn and Erma Hund, both of Lewiston; three sons, Glenn Vawter of Grangeville, Ellis Vawter of St. Maries, Idaho, Arvin Vawter of Sacramento, California; 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two wives, Gladys Parks Vawter and Blanche Clark Vawter.

See the spring 1993 newsletter for a more complete biography.

* * * * *

Erna Vawter Greer, 99, of Milan, Tennessee, died on 20 May 1993 after being hit by a car. She was born 3 January 1894 in Gibson County, Tennessee, the daughter of Robert Horace and Emily Ann Burrow Vawter. She was a self-employed seamstress.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Herbert Sisco of Milan, and Marie Hawkins of Mishawaka, Indiana; two granddaughters; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her husband, Preston Greer, and son, Felix Greer.

See the spring 1992 and spring 1993 newsletters for stories about Mrs. Greer.

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.