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CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

Riverview Cemetery - Posey Township

single stone:

Vauter, Dillie R. 1864 - 1946
William H. 1861 - 1943

Vauter, W.W. 18 Jun 1859 - 30 Mar 1944

single stone:

Vauter, William H. b. 24 Apr 1831 (no death date)
Margaret,
His wife 4 Aug 1832 - 26 Mar 1895

single stone:

Vauter, John 13 Apr 1829 - 3 Mar 1919

Sarah Garmore,
his wife 28 Jul 1828 - 8 Jun 1912

Mead Cemetery - Posey Township

single stone:

Vauter, Sile (no dates)
Hannah (no dates)

Quercus Grove cemetery - Posey Township
single stone:

Vauter, Charlotte E.
wife of Wm. 8 Jan 1863 - 9 Oct 1893

Humphrey,
son of W. & C.E. 13 Jan 1885 - 4 Jul 1888

Carver Cemetery - York Township

Vauter, Mary, wife of J. d. 26 Sep 1892, aged 28y 3m 18d

[These inscriptions were taken from *Switzerland County, Indiana, Cemetery Inscriptions 1817-1985*, published in 1986 by Wanda L. Morford of Cincinnati.

VAWTER-SUMMERFIELD CEMETERY
JENNINGS COUNTY, INDIANA
INSCRIPTIONS OF VAWTERS AND RELATED FAMILIES

Beeman, Alice J. 10 Sep 1914 - 4 Apr 1920
Beeman, Mary E. 18 Nov 1911 - 23 Apr 1913

Burns, Jesse V. d. 12 Mar 1831
Son of M.M. & Maria Burns
aged 9 mos 3 dys

Burns, Maria 16 Dec 1809 - 7 Dec 1846
In memory of Maria Burns, consort of M.M. Burns,
who was born Dec 16, 1809, married Dec 16, 1828,
and died Dec 7, 1846, aged 36 years, 11 months, & 21
days. She left a husband and 7 children, father and mother,
6 brothers and 3 sisters to mourn her loss.
She was the daughter of Wm. and Frances Vawter.
Meekly she bore in faith and hope,
Her Heavenly fathers rod,
And passed from trouble here below,
To endless peace with God.

Carson, Lizzie 28 Dec 1898 - 6 Feb 1900
Daughter of E. & J. Carson
Carson, Martha J. 1 Mar 1837 - 26 Apr 1901

Clarkson, Elizabeth 30 Nov 1841 - 8 Jun 1884
Clarkson, Thomas 29 Sep 1832 - 6 May 1918

Feagler, Charles A. 24 Feb 1877 - 29 Apr 1926
Feagler, Ella R. Gardner 7 Aug 1860 - 20 Jan 1897
Feagler, Fred (no birth date) 22 May 1904
Feagler, James W. (no dates) Co K 54 IND INF
Feagler, Mary F. 24 Sep 1853 - 29 Mar 1879

Feagler, Mary L.	7 Dec 1825 - 01 Sep 1897
Feagler, Rev. Ormand	4 May 1819- 21 Aug 1876
Feagler, Ormand M.	7 Feb 1906 - 9 Feb 1906
Feagler, Vawter J.	22 Jul 1852 - 18 May 1906
Glover, Rev. David J.	(no birth date) 6 Feb 1863 aged 24 yrs 11 mos 24 dys
Grinstead, Anna H.	(no birth date) 18 Jul 1851 wife of L. P. Grinstead aged 32 yrs 5 mos 17 dys
Grinstead, Casper	(no dates) Co G 13th IND CAV
Grinstead, Clara B.	7 Oct 1869 - 30 Oct 1895 At Rest
Grinstead, Franklin P.	20 Sep 1853 - 24 Jan 1892
Grinstead, H.A.	(no dates) Co F 2 U.S. INF
Grinstead, John R.	24 Nov 1873 - 3 Aug 1908 A loved one from us has gone, A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.
Grinstead, Lewis P.	19 Aug 1812 - 3 Feb 1875
Grinstead, Lydia A. Beck	1857 - 1940
Grinstead, Mary A.	18 Jul 1846 (no death date) His wife [Wirt Grinstead] Asleep in Jesus
Grinstead, Nancy J.	1848 - 1928
[Grinstead], Rhoda A.	____?____ of Joseph Hunter ____?____ of L.P. Grinstead
Grinstead, Wm. J.	1876 - 1941
Grinstead, Wirt	28 Jul 1844 - 27 Feb 1877 Co B 6th IND INF
King, Absalom	1854 - 1951
King, Alzora	(no birth date) 9 Jan 1859 Daughter of G. & F. A. King, aged 15 dys
King, Ebert E.	1880 - 1905 Co G 2 U.S. INF
King, Eldo	4 Jul 1878- 5 Jul 1878
King, Ezra D.	29 Sep 1845 - 16 May 1852 Son of G. & F.A. King
King, Frances Vawter	7 Jun 1821 - 4 Nov 1909
King, Fred A.	26 Sep 1896 -30 Dec 1896
King, George	(no birth date) 3 Sep 1858, aged 44 yrs
King, Henry C.	1816 -- 15 Apr 1881 Martha, his wife
King, Margaret G.	1903 - 1904
King, Margaret J.	1853 - 1920

Vawter-Summerfield Cemetery (con't)

Lewis, Charles	(no birth date) 1 Jun 1853, 33 yrs
Lewis, Charles	1821 - 1865
Lewis, Charlotta	1822 - 1900 His wife [Charles Lewis]
Lewis, Henry S.	(no birth date) 17 Sep 1875 Son of S. & A. J. Lewis aged 14 yrs 1 mo 12 dys
Lewis, James	(no birth date) 16 Feb 1861 Son of S. & A. J. Lewis aged 11 yrs 8 mos 21 dys
Lewis, Smith	(no birth date) 5 Apr 1866 Son of S. & A. J. Lewis aged 11 yrs 8 mos 3 dys
Lewis, Stephen	(no birth date) 13 Jul 1861 aged 31 yrs 8 mos
Moncrief, Caleb S.	(no birth date) 17 Oct 1859 Son of M. & M.E. Moncrief aged 1 yr 6 mos 15 dys
Parks, Allen	(no death date) 14 Sep 1864 aged 67 yrs 11 mos 21 dys He left a wife and seven children and numerous relatives to mourn his loss
Parks, Allen S.	9 Nov 1837 (no death date)
Parks, Flora M.	25 Jul 1864 - 4 Oct 1871
Parks, Margaret	(no birth date) 12 Oct 1878 aged 82 yrs 8 dys She joined the Baptist Church in her 13th year. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course.
Parks, Mary J.	12 Jul 1839 - 12 Mar 1900 Wife of Allen S. Parks
Stott, Vawter	(no birth date) 12 Mar 1835 Son of J. & E. Stott, aged 2 yrs 10 mos 5 dys
Tiffany, Charles	25 Jul 1853 - 21 Jul 1917
Tiffany, Maria L.	31 Jan 1850 - 5 Apr 1920 Wife [of Charles]
Umensetter, Arletta	1 Apr 1847 - 31 Dec 1931 Wife of W.R. Umensetter
Umensetter, Charles	(no birth date) 21 Dec 1877 Son of W.R. & A. Umensetter aged 4 yrs 3 mos 2 dys
Umensetter, Clara	18 Aug 1870 - 26 Mar 1970
Umensetter, Edith	(no birth date) 10 Nov 1878 Daughter of W.R. & A. Umensetter, aged 28 dys
Umensetter, Rich D.	(no dates) Co 6 82nd IND INF
Umensetter, Wilson, R.	9 Jan 1841 - 13 Oct 1895

Vawter, Anna	(no birth date) 21 Jul 1845 Consort of Philemon Vawter In the 88th year of her age
Vawter, Frances	(no birth date) 26 Oct 1869 Wife of William Vawter aged 82 yrs 2 mos 15 dys
Vawter, Philemon	(no birth date) 15 Apr 1814 aged 52 yrs 6 mos 2 dys In early life he made a profession of the religion of Jesus Christ and adorned that profession during life. He left a widow 5 sons and 4 daughters with many other rela- tions and acquaintances to mourn his loss.
Vawter, Elder Wm.	(no birth date) 17 Jul 1868 aged 85 yrs 3 mos 15 dys
Wagner, Lewis	(no dates) 16 U.S. Inf War of 1812

This cemetery was read by Bonita Welch and her sons, Darren and Alan, in 1982. It has been printed in its entirety in *The Family of Albert and Josie Vawter*, by Shirley Vawter Byler, and by the Indiana Historical Society in *The Hoosier Genealogist* and *Indiana Source Book V*.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR NEWS FROM *Tipton Times*
FOR THE 160th & 161st REGIMENTS
Reprinted in *Indiana Genealogist*, December 1997, Vol. 8 Issue 4.

Private George Vawter

"George Vawter, 19, died at Camp Hamilton, Lexington, Kentucky, October 8, 1898 of typhoid fever after a brief illness. He was the son of Miles Vawter. Pure patriotism prompted him to enlist and he was among the first of the Tipton [Indiana] boys who signed the muster roll. His desire to serve his Country caused him to give his age as 21, when in fact he was nearly two years under the legal limit. He was a good soldier, a great favorite with the officers and men of the company, and his death was a heavy blow to his comrades. The body was brought back to his home here for interment and after appropriate services at the Christian church, of which the deceased was a member, was consigned to its last resting place in the Sandbank cemetery with military honors. On this day which means so much to the parents of the boys who return, let a tear fall in memory of this brave lad who went gayly away with them but came not back."

A roster of Company I gives the name as George P. Vawters; a list of those killed has George Vawter. See the April 1997 VVV newsletter for a query from Georgene Jurgenson regarding this elusive Vawter. Can anyone identify George's father Miles Vawter?

This obituary appeared in the *Banner Plain Dealer*, North Vernon, Indiana, 1 August 1894. It had been reprinted from the Santa Monica (California) *Outlook*.

Williamson Dunn Vawter

"Williamson Dunn Vawter died in Santa Monica last Tuesday afternoon after a painful illness of several weeks at the ripe old age of 79 years. He performed life's tasks faithfully and nobly, and when he could no longer bear the burden, he laid it down and peacefully and calmly entered upon his final rest.

"Mr. Vawter was born August 28th, 1815, in Jefferson county, Indiana, near the town of Madison. He moved at an early day to the town of Vernon, where he engaged most of the time in merchandising, for many years, and always held a prominent post in directing the local affairs in that part of the 'Hoosier' state. In 1835 he was married to Mary C. Crowder, who died in 1851. The following year he married Charlotte M. Knowlton, who has preceded him to the grave only a few months.

"Mr. Vawter came to California in 1875, and was accompanied, we believe, by an unknown family. His son Charles died here in Santa Monica, in 1879, and later on his daughter, Mrs. Harwood, died in Australia. After a brief stay in Pasadena he came to Santa Monica, being one of the first purchasers in the newly founded 'city by the sea,' which was then attracting special attention in every quarter of the country, as well as in other lands. His first venture was a general merchandising establishment, then he started a lumber yard; then a planing mill; then he assisted in organizing the First National Bank of Santa Monica, of which he was the first President. About the close of the dullest season that began to disappear in 1886, he secured a franchise and built a short section of street railway, and continued to operate it at a loss for some time. His faith in the future led him to extend this road, until it reached from the southern limits of the town to the Soldiers' Home, a distance of five miles, and he lived to see the line reach a paying basis, though it is not yet a 'bonanza.'"

Williamson Dunn Vawter was the son of William and Frances Vawter, and grandson of Jesse and Elizabeth Watts Vawter and Philemon and Anna Vawter. He died 10 July 1894.

QUERY

From: Georgene Jurgenson, 910 Palmer Lane, Palm Harbor FL 34685 e-mail: RVJ1207@msn.com

Found on the internet: Louise Vawter 1946, player for Sakatoon Grey Cab Ramblers. Does anyone know about this team and its location? Please send any information.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

"Republicans like to say their party is one big family, but Rep. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) really means it. At a Mississippi GOP fund raiser where Sen. Fred Thompson (R-Tenn.) was a featured guest, Wicker revealed that he and the senator are cousins.

"The relationship is distant - they are fifth cousins once removed. Wicker's mother, Wordna, a genealogist, discovered the relationship.

"The Senator and representative share ancestors John and Rhoda Vawter.

"Is there a family resemblance? Both are Republicans in their second term in Congress, and both are attorneys.

"Acting runs in the family, too. Thompson has appeared in several films, including 'In the Line of Fire' and 'The Hunt for Red October.' Wicker made his stage debut in a Tupelo, Miss. production of 'Bye Bye Birdie,' and performed in this year's benefit production "State of the Union" at the Arena Stage.

"According to Wicker's office, Thompson noted that the relationship comes through a family named Allen. He noted, 'The Allens made a lot of whiskey, and the Thompsons drank most of it.'"

This article appeared in The Hill, a newspaper published each Wednesday by Capitol Hill Publishing Co. covering activities on Capitol Hill. It was sent by Wordna Wicker of Pontotoc, Mississippi, mother of Roger Wicker.

The relationship came to light by the publication of a history of the Allen family by Granville Allen, 201 N Pine St., Box 211, Florence A1 35630. Granville attended the two reunions in Mississippi and descends from John Vawter IV of Old Tishomingo, Miss. thru his daughter, Malinda, who married Robert Barnes Allen.

This book is available from Granville and is hardbound, has about 450 pages, with maps and pictures. The cost is \$50.00. This price may not include postage, so please contact him before ordering. His phone number is 205-766-8086.

CONGRATULATIONS

Eric and Alison Vawter Boissonnas are the parents of a son, Remi Thomas Boissonnas, born on 27 March 1997 in Bethesda, Maryland. Remi is the grandson of Alfred Thomas Vawter II of Union Springs, New York, and the late Catherine Bloom Vawter. Great-grandfather was Walter Bachman Vawter and great-great-grandfather was Alfred Thomas Vawter. Remi and his parents live in Ithaca, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vaughters celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, 9 November 1997, at Bethel Baptist Church in Dawsonville, Georgia. They are the aunt and uncle of VVV treasurer, Charles Burt.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Harold Andrew Vawters, 80, of Columbus, Ohio, died 14 March 1997 at Grant Hospital in Columbus. He was born 18 June 1916 in Columbus the son of Andrew Franklin and Elizabeth Howard Vawters.

He retired in July 1981 after serving as a member of The Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #189 and had been employed by Honeywell, Inc. as a Field Service Engineer for 28 years. He had been a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Venie M. Davis Vawters; a son, Stephen Ray Vawters of Columbus; grandchildren, Ransford Andrew Vawters, U.S.C.G., and Maggie Marie Vawters at home; brothers, Howard S. Vawters and William F. Vawters; sisters, Irma J. Maddox of Vacaville, California, Wilma E. Yount of W Palm Beach, Florida, and Thelma Sue Ashton of McConnellsville, Ohio.

The funeral service was held at Hillcrest Baptist Church with burial at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Columbus.

Harold was a member of the Association and had attended several reunions.

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Calvin A. Krapf, 64, of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, died 9 December 1997 at Lehigh Valley Hospital. He was born 18 June 1933 in Tamaqua, the son of Calvin A. and Lois Wonn Krapf.

He served with the Army in the Korean War, and was a head helicopter mechanic in the Vietnam War. Before retiring from the Army after 21 years of active duty and 7 years in the reserves, he was a computer technician. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, Willora Glee VanOsdol Krapf; a son, Allen A. Krapf of Tamaqua; daughters, Stacey R. Krapf of Pen Argyl and Debra Cabe of Olympia, Washington; brothers, William Krapf of Reading, Pennsylvania, Phillip Krapf of Valencia, California, and Clifford Krapf of Mount Joy; a sister, Marian Haney of Modesto, California; and a grandchild, Holly Ann Krapf.

The funeral service was held on 13 December 1997 with burial at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Frackville, Pennsylvania.

Calvin attended several VVV reunions with his wife, Glee. He died from injuries suffered in a fall while putting up Christmas lights on December 7, 1997.

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Eloise Gardiner Southward, 75, of Tishomingo, Mississippi, died 9 September 1997. She was a descendant of John Vawter IV through his daughter, Nancy, who married John Wesley McDougal.

She was a longtime employee of the Tishomingo County Welfare Office and later served as Tishomingo City Clerk. She was active in the Methodist Church, the Tishomingo County Historical Society and other community and civic organizations.

Surviving are her husband, Hal B. Southward Sr.; a son, Hal B. Southward Jr.; and a grandson, Blake Southward, all of Tishomingo.

Eloise had been a member of the VVV Association for many years and attended the two Mississippi reunions.

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