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Response to Issue No.1 of the Newsletter has been gratifying. Word has gotten around and 17 new V/V's have been added to the mailing list since the reunion(s) in Oklahoma in July. In order to properly introduce and identify the newcomers, a bit of review is necessary.

Hopefully, you will recall, the brothers, Richard, James, and John, Jr., sons of John Vawter, Sr. by his first marriage, who were in Stokes Co., N.C. and Elbert Co., Ga. ca. 1780-1820; and whose descendants met at Lake Murray in July. From descendants of these three brothers, the following additions to the Newsletter mailing list have been made:

From the tribe of Richard:

- (1) James Lanier (Jim)Vawter, El Campo, Texas
- (2) Jesse L. Vawter, Houston, Texas
- (3) Jesse Franklin Vawter, Eagle Lake, Texas
- (4) Mrs. Faye Tennyson Davidson, Bolivar, Tennessee
- (5) Mrs. Elizabeth Ervin, Jackson, Tennessee

From the tribe of James:

- (1) James C. Vaughters, Aurora, Colorado
- (2) Douglas Vaughters, Athens, Georgia

From the tribe of John,Jr.

- (1) Hubert B. Vawter, Little Rock, Arkansas
- (2) Lester Vawter, Little Rock, Arkansas
- (3) Clifton Reid, Iuka, Mississippi
- (4) Mrs. Willard Nixon, Iuka, Mississippi

AT THIS POINT, A BRIEF TIME-OUT WHILE WE ISSUE NEW NUMBERS TO OUR PLAYERS IN ORDER TO CO-ORDINATE WITH THE VAWTER FAMILY HISTORY OF HAZEL McCANDLESS. HEREAFTER JOHN,JR. WILL BE KNOWN AS JOHN IV, AND JOHN, SR. WILL BE KNOWN AS JOHN III. THE NECESSITY FOR THE NUMBERS WILL BECOME APPARENT AS WE TRAVEL BACKWARD INTO TIME.

It is now our pleasure to present the second wife of John III (alias John, Sr), who was Joanna Vernon. By that marriage, there were the following-offspring: William, Richard II, Elizabeth, Nancy, Lindsey, and Russell. Proceeding with the introduction of the new subscribers to the newsletter, from the tribe of Russell., son of John III and Joanna Vernon, we welcome:

- (1) Robert (Bob) Vawter, Tampa, Florida.

Moving backward into time one generation from Elbert Co., Ga., we find that John Vawter III had a brother in Stokes Co., N.C. whose name was Russell. From the tribe of Russell, brother of John III, we acknowledge:

- (1) Billy Mack Vawter who joined the V/V's in Oklahoma City for the second of the reunions. Russell and John III were the sons of Richard Vawter and Frances Towles of Essex, Madison, and Culpeper Co., Va.

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Moving backward into time one additional generation, we note that Richard Vawter (father of Russell and John III) was the son of John Vawter, II, and Margaret Noell, of Orange, Essex, and Culpeper Co., Va. In addition to Richard, their offspring were: Winifred, Bartholomew, Margaret, Angus, and David. From the tribe of David, brother of Richard and son of John II and Margaret, we welcome:

(1) The Rev. Bruce Vawter, DePaul University, Chicago, Ill.

Four additional V/V's have been welcomed, but not yet positively identified: (1) Vernon Vawter, Rt. 1, Box 335-C, Hot Springs, Ark. 71968, whose forebearers were Roy A., James Harvey, James M. and James M.; and who were in Indiana and Missouri before coming to Arkansas. From the VAWTER FAMILY HISTORY, "David Vawter (son of John II and Margaret Noell) had three sons, Philemon, Jesse, and William, who migrated to North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana". It is documented that Rev. Bruce Vawter is a descendant of the above named Jesse. It is quite likely that Vernon Vawter descends from either Jesse, or one of the other two. Proof of Vernon's line is needed.

Also unidentified are:

(2) Woodford C. Vawter, 207 Virginia, Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

(3) Helen Vawter Carr, 107 N. Springfield, Berryville, Ark. 72616

(4) Mrs. Dave Wells, 1719 So. Tyler, Little Rock, Ark. 72200 brother and sisters, descendants of Dr. Fred Loomis Vawter and Rev. Beverly P. Vawter, of Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana.

ON THE SUBJECT OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS: James Wesley Vawter, of the tribe of John IV, was probably the editor of the WILBURTON GAZETTE in 1899. A family history states that one of his daughters was born in Wilburton in 1899. James Wesley Vawter was a minister and teacher in Oklahoma in Territorial and early statehood days. His biography will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The V/V who was editor of the OKMULGEE DAILY TIMES ca. 1932-35 has not yet been identified.

ON THE SUBJECT OF TWINS: Vernon Vawter reports two sets of twins on his branch of the family; his aunt, Hattie Vawter Herron of Hot Springs, Ark. had twin sons; his aunt, Virgie Vawter Riley of Houston, Texas, had twin grandsons. Paul Vaughter, Jr. reports one set of twins, his great-aunts, Jessie and Bessie, the daughters of Samuel and Sarah Vaughter. Added to the three sets of twins represented at the reunions, this makes a total of six sets in a span of 100 years. It is doubtful twins can be considered a V/V trademark.

ON THE SUBJECT OF LONGEVITY: Our congratulations to Jesse Franklin Vawter, Eagle Lake, Texas, who celebrated his 91st birthday in November. It may well be that longevity is a V/V trademark. We will appreciate having the names of all V/V's who have lived to be 90 or older.

ON THE SUBJECT OF FAMILY REUNION: Inquiries have been made as to date and place for reunion(s) for the summer of 1978. The heads of the clans who formulate such policy will hopefully have announcements ready for publication in the March 1978 issue of the Newsletter.

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