



## FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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MEMBER DUES: \$5.00 per year - payable in August to the VVV Association

## REUNION

The sixth National VVV Family Association Reunion is in the past. The only officer change is a new exchange editor, see above. From now on I will only print the full list of officers in the Fall #1, and Summer #4 issues.

A big "thank you" to GEORGE and SALLY Duncan of Tulsa for the great job they did in organizing the reunion. Thanks to them a copy machine was rented for our use. We appreciate them putting off their trip to England to organize and attend the reunion.

Thanks to SALLY DUNCAN for the idea and planning of the eight foot ancestor chart made on newsprint. Each person was asked to sign under their ancestor.

There were 110 present from 15 states. The top three states were: Oklahoma, Texas, and Tennessee.

BETH SABEL from Portland, OR. traveled the greatest distance.

VELMA TIDWELL, age 84, of Yukon, OK was the oldest member present (she is the niece of Rev. James Wesley Vawter, Oklahoma Pioneer - see story last issue).

LINDSAY DYER, age five (5) months, of Oklahoma, was the youngest in attendance.

There was one family with four (4) generations present: (1) EDNA KEEN, (2) BETTY ANN DYER, (3) ALLEN RAY DYER, (4) NATHAN ALLEN DYER.

FRANCES GUYNAS of El Paso, TX spoke to us on Friday afternoon. Her subject was the Brooklyn Bridge and its 100th anniversary. Her uncle Roland Vawter Keithley worked on it as an engineer.

WORDNA WICKER of Pontotoc, MS then acted as moderator for a round-table discussion on questions about the VVV Assoc., genealogy, and VVV questions in general.

A sympathy card was sent to Marvin Vawter whose wife passed away in June. A get well card was sent to E. B. Vaughters of Seattle who was in the hospital. A get well card was sent to Linda Vawter of Indiana (mother of our young Joe).

Friday evening the musical "Oklahoma" was seen in the out-door amphitheater at Discovery Land. The VVVFA, along with other groups, was introduced before the performance.

Saturday morning, E. B. VAUGHTERS had been scheduled to speak, but because of illness was unable to attend. In his place BETTIE NASH of Texas spoke to us about the National Society of Huguenots (silent "t"). A publication had been seen by several members which listed Bartholomew Vawter as a Huguenot. The Huguenots were a group of Protestants who fled from France in the 1500 & 1600's.

#### BANQUET

This reunion dedicated by President, Pete Vawter, to the memory of those who had passed away during the year since the Madison, IN reunion.

Three VVVFA members who left office last year were presented certificates designed and framed by VERNON & TRUDY VAWTER of AR. The officers were: James Vaughters, former President; Bettie Nash, former Secretary; Wordna Wicker former Newsletter Editor.

TED VAWTER of CO. gave the report of the nominating committee. We were reminded that our President and Vice-president only serve two consecutive years. It will be necessary to elect a new Vice-president next year. It was recommended that we have a second Vice-president so this officer will have a longer period of time to learn his next job.

The reunion committee recommended the next reunion be in Nacogdoches, Texas the first week end in August. Rev. John Vawter will be the on site coordinator. All are invited to stay over for the Sunday worship Service at 8:30 a.m. in the Methodist church across the street from our motel, the Fredonia Inn, 409-564-4665, Reservation clerk Tammy Molidar.

The reunion committee on "when shall we return to Virginia" brought the recommendation that we return to the site of the Vawter Church near Port Royal, VA in 1985 and every five years thereafter.

A member recommended that those who work with arts and crafts bring some items for display at the next reunion and that they also donate something for a door prize.

VERNON VAWTER of AK donated a painting which was won by DANIEL BYLER. FRANK ROBINSON donated a ceramic milk can which was won by our new member MADGE ELLIOTT.

A. LUCILLE KEIR, 119 W. Dunedin Rd., Columbus, OH 43214 announced the start of a VVV Cookbook with the following logo:

V awter(s) Vital Vittles

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Each family is asked to mail three recipes (any kind, including microwave) on 3 x 5 cards (typed if possible). If you know where they came from, give the source. Please put your name and address on each card to identify your VVV family.

Send no later than January 1, 1984.

#### SUNDAY

VVVFA members attended worship at Tulsa Central Church of the Nazarene in memory of Rev. James Wesley Vawter. Oklahoma Pioneer. co-founder of the city of Bethany, OK, also Bethany Church of the Nazarene and Bethany Nazarene College.

MEMBER PROFILE

WALLACE READ VAWTER (Wally) was born 19 October 1902 at Denver, Colorado and is the son of Everett B. & Helen (Read) Vawter, page 151 Bicknell. Wallace has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Purdue and one year at George Washington Law School. He was married 18 October 1925 to Helen Cripe. Their children are: Read, Jane, and Nancy.

He has worked as an engineer for Flood Control and River and Harbor Operations, also with Estimate Division Bureau of the Budget, Washington. He and his wife, Helen, have lived in Mexico since his retirement twenty years ago.

T V MOVIE

The mystery of who the NANCY VAWTER is who played Aunt Minnifer in Kentucky Woman (see last issue) has been solved.

Her father WALLACE READ VAWTER (above) wrote to me and gave me the following information:

Nancy Vawter is married to Lewis Palter and uses her maiden name at times in acting. She was graduated from Wellesley College and attended the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. She has performed in off Broadway and had many major roles in stock and regional theater. Her credits over the years include: Directing, teaching, costuming, coaching, and her own radio show. Her husband has appeared in over 70 TV shows and is head of acting at the California Institute of the Arts.

ANCESTORAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

MRS B. L. MONROE, JR. (ROSE) is Registrar of her DAR chapter in Kentucky.

COL. JAMES CORBITT of Tennessee is a member of the Society of Cincinnati (members are descendants of the officers who served under George Washington).

BILL GRANT of Michigan has membership in the following: Detroit Metropolitan chapter of the SAR of which he is Secretary, Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan of which he is State Treasurer, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Confederate Descendant Society.

BETTIE NASH of Texas has membership in the following: DAR, Huguenot Society, Magna Carta Dames, Colonial Dames 17th Century, Daughters of 1812, Daughters of American Colonies, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Descendants of the Plantagenets, Descendants of the Royal Order of the Garter, and Descendants of the Crown of Charlemagne.

POSSESSORS OF ORIGINAL VAWTER FAMILY IN AMERICA

HARRY L. VAWTER of Farmington, Illinois

SARA A. HOCKMUTH of Des Moines, Iowa who received hers in 1943 thru her grandmother, SARAH (VAWTER) GRINSTEAD who is listed on page 133.

LOUISE (VAWTER) LEE of Jupiter, Florida descends from JEPHTHA D. VAWTER JAY VAWTER, son of PAUL VAWTER SR. of Illinois.

DOROTHY I. VAWTER of Covina, CA Desc. Jesse, William & Frances.

FLORENCE (VAWTER) FITZGERALD of Elmore City, OK Desc. from Rev. James Wesley Vawter

B. VAN OSDOL SCHNEIDER of Wichita, KS Desc. from Jesse, William & Frances.

GLEANINGS

From MARY WINNINGHAN, 4701 Willard Ave., Apt. 312, Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
Kentucky Genealogist Vol. 10 #2 1968 - Deed Book J, page 308, Nov. 1, 1804

Indenture between WILLIAM VAWTER of Woodford Co., KY, and Daniel Feagan, of  
Clermont Co., OH - land in Mason Co. on North Fork of Licking river, where Vawters  
2,513 acres crosses the line of Tabb's survey near John Kenton's line. Witnesses: David  
Rowland, EDW. F. VAWTER, JAMESON VAWTER, John Kercheval & Lewis Craig.

From COL. JAMES S. CORBITT, 118 Gardner Ave., Martin, TN 38237  
Culpeper Co., VA Deed Index - Richmond, VA

VAWTER, John to RUCKER, Ephraim - BK A-121 Recorded 3-15-1749 (700  
acres patent 20 July 1736)

VAWTER, John to VAWTER, Angus- BK A-126 Recorded 3-15-1749

VAWTER, John to VAWTER, Richard of Orange Co. BK A-131 Recorded 3-15-  
1749

VAWTER, Bartholomew to VAWTER, David BK C-112 Recorded 3-16-1758

From ESTHER M. VAWTER 1713 Merkley Ave., W. Sacramento, CA 95691  
BRIDE BONDSMAN

Caroline Co., VA Marriage Bonds 1787-1852

Fanny VAWTER to Adam Beazley - 15 May 1799 - Rev. J. Sorrell

Jenny VAWTER to John Dean - 25 Feb. 1792 - Rev. John Sorrell

Isabella VAWTER to John Whittio - 2 April 1832 - James Parker

Prince Edward Co., VA Marriage Bonds 1755-1866

Mary Jane VAWTER to E. B. Green - 9 April 1845 - Lemuel VAWTER

Elizabeth P. VAWTER to John W. Thornton- 26 Sept. 1815 - Lemuel VAWTER (father)

Julian VAWTER to Richard Woodson - 20 Dec. 1827

Essex Co., VA marriage Bonds 1804-1861

Patsy VAWTER to Thomas Anton 21 Dec. 1835 James Anton-father, Alexander  
VAWTER -father

Elizabeth VAWTER to Eli Coghill - 10 May 1860 - John & Polly Coghill, pts.

Sally VAWTER to William Walden - 7 Nov. 1810 - Boulware VAWTER

Culpeper Co., VA marriage - 1781-1815

Alpha VAWTER to Robert Shelton - 2 Nov. 1790-Minister Wm.Carpenter, Luthern - p. 81

NEW MEMBERS

Harry A. Crouch, 828 W. Walnut, Chaltham, IL 62629 (Sorry I left you out previously)

Grace Upshaw, 6225 Green Meadows, Memphis, TN 38119 (Desc. Drucilla Vauter dau.  
Of Samuel Vauter & wife of Thomas Martin)

Wanda N. Gould. 442 Cameron Rd., St Louis, MO 63137 (dau. of Everett VAWTER and  
desc. William VAWTER, page 131 in Bicknell).

Mrs. Joan Coleman. Box 61 Dighton, KS 67839 (g-grandparents Alonzo & Mary Vawter of  
Waldo, KS

Myrtle Jemison. 1112 Stratford Sr., #2 New Port Richey, FL 33552 (husband Willard  
(deceased) is grandson of William & Mary Ravenel VAWTER)

Edward M. & Jetta Stapp, 109 S. Indianwood Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74012 (desc.

Jesse's sister Margaret VAWTER married Achilles Stapp).

Margaret Jeffres, 2336 S.W.44, Oklahoma City, OK 73119 (desc. John Wesley VAWTER).

Madge T. Elliott. 1804½ Fairway Dr., Dodge City, KS 67801

Florence Lowe, Rush Springs, OK

Sharron Dyer, Harrah, OK

Jennie O'Connor Morgan, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Harry & Edith Vawter. Farmington, IL

We express Sympathy to MARVIN VAWTER, 11205 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64114 at the death of his wife BESS VAWTER, on 20 June 1983. Desc. from William bro. Jesse.

The mother of BONITA WELCH, R.R. #1, Box 227, Scipio, IN 47273, HILDA (CLARKSON) TAYLOR of North Vernon, IN passed away 16 July 1983. Desc. from Jesse R. VAWTER & Sarah Parks, page 128 Bicknell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETH SABEL - Mary Ensing said all clerks at the Ramada Inn in Tulsa agreed that the VAWTERS should be proud to belong to the VVV group, everyone was so considerate. The personnel at the lodge was glad to serve us, "they are beautiful people".

From Historian/Archivist - JIM VAUGHTERS: Three new items were donated to the VVVFA memorabilia collection - one 11x14 framed color photo of the VAUTER CHURCH, one of the Valletort Castle, and a B&W of the Castle, all three donated by Beth Sabel and her sister and brother-in-law Garrit & Alberta Vander Mei. Also a loose leaf binder of pages with pictures and a running conversational description of the ground and remains of the Valletort Castle by Dorothy I. Vawter (sister of Beth Sabel).

EDNA & WALTER REYNOLDS, R. R. #1, Butlerville, IN 47223, who were married 12 May 1933 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

TED & LYDIA VAWTER will be traveling this fall. Sept. 14 to Acopoco for a week, and Oct. 11 to Hawaii for two weeks (Lydia's son is stationed in Hawaii).

From MRS. BURT MONROE, JR. (Rose) P. O. Box 23447, Louisville, KY 40223, Established as a memorial for her mother Charlotte Sawyer, "The Charlotte Sawyer Memorial Daffodill Trail", in the Botanic Gardens at Memphis, TN. The trail has 2,700 bulbs and 40 varieties. She descends from Drucilla VAWTER & Thomas Martin.

MR. BURT MONROE, JR. is chairman of the Biology Dept. at the University of Louisville. He and wife, Rose, spent almost a year in Honduras as newlyweds while he conducted on-site research for his Ph.D. Dissertation on the birds there. He is chairman of the A.O.U. (Amer. Ornithologist's Union) Checklist Committee (branch of Zoology on birds). The new Checklist of American Birds for the first time include Hawaii, Central America, and the West Indies. Burt wrote the Ms. for the book to be published this summer. He and others spent many hours and years gathering information.

REUNION NEXT YEAR- NACOGDOCHES

Nacogdoches is the oldest town in Texas with two of the oldest roads in North America intersecting it, located north of Houston. It is rich in Texas heritage, historic old homes, and some brick streets. The territory was first explored in 1542 by DeSoto. In 1685, the French came to Nacogdoches and found a tribe of Indians with pale skin and hair, and blue eyes. (Ed. Make plans now to attend)

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$5.00 PER YEAR - DUE AND PAYABLE IN AUGUST TO VVVV ASSOCIATION Mail to: Hazel McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, TX 75760

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

(Give your VVV line on back) PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Imogene Terrell, 2600 N. Towry Dr., Midwest City, OK 73110

I saw an item in the newspaper about the VVV reunion and was interested in knowing if I could be one of the relations. My grandfather's name is James Wesley VAWTER and he married Martha Ann McCasson (Part Indian).

Mrs. Helen Baker, 905 N. Jefferson, Wellington, KS 67152

I saw the VVV announcement in The Genealogy Helper. I am trying to find descendants of Sarah (Sadie) McClaskey who married \_\_\_\_\_? Vawter and they lived in California. They had a girl named Madie.

M. Glen Vawter, 33 Delaine Dr., Normal, IL 61761

I am trying to find any descendants of Cyrus Vawter who's line was John I, John II, David, Philemon, Beverly, and James Crawford Vawter - see Bicknell page 331. James Crawford Vawter actually had nine children of whom Cyrus and my grandfather, Albert Grant Vawter, were two.

Robert A. Van Dyne, 1849 Roberts, Salina, KS 67~01

I saw the VVV announcement in The Genealogy Helper. John Henry Amerine/Amrine came to America in 1754. He is reported born in 1732 to the parents of Henry Amerine and Florette Vattier. Is the above name familiar? Can you give me any leads to the origin of the name?

Bill Grant, 36244 Canyon Dr. Westland, MI 48185

I need any biographical information on Jesse Vawter, son of Philemon & Anna Vawter who married Florence Ann Watts.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

After this issue our new mailing list will consist of the enclosed list of people PLUS new members who paid their dues at the reunion. If your name is not on the list and you have paid your dues, please notify our treasurer Hazel (Vawter) McCandless.

If at any time you do not receive your copy of the newsletter by the end of September, December, or March, please notify our Circulating Editor, Beth Sabel.

The photo copy machine was put to a lot of use at the reunion: I brought all the photo copy material I had made of VVV's & Valletort from the Mormon Library. It was all put out on a table to be copied by anyone.

Dorothy Vawter (wife of Bishop B. Mack Vawter) brought VAWTER census records for those interested to copy.

Two large prints, sketched by Will Vawter, were brought and many made photo copies of them.

I invite you to collect material during the year that you can share with other VVV'S at the next reunion with hopes we can have the use of a copy machine.

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