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REUNION

The seventh National VVV Family Association Reunion was a great success thanks to the committee of Rev. John Vawter, Hazel McCandless, and Bill Vawter. Their thoughtfulness in renting a copy machine was appreciated. It was a surprise to see the great number who were on hand to register Thursday afternoon and evening.

There were 151 present from 19 states. There were 23 items brought for door prizes with beautiful examples of member handcraft.

Robert Vawter of Memphis, TN video taped our various gatherings.

Ora Wicker of Tennessee was the oldest member present- will be 84 in September.

Emily Jean DeFur of Tennessee was the youngest present - age five months - brought by her parents, Jim & Barbara Defer. The proud grandparents are Pete & Norma Vawter.

E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA. traveled the greatest distance.

Beth Sabel had on hand copies of the VVV-Vital-Vittles Cookbook. Two hundred copies were printed and they were a success. There are still copies available for \$5.50. Order from:; Beth Sable, 931 S. E. 33rd, Portland, OR 97214

An item of interest: Three great grand-daughters of John Taylor Vawter put the Cookbook together: Lucille Keir, B. Schneider, and Beth Sabel.

FRIDAY 10 a.m.

Rev. John Vawter gave the invocation and introduced Presiding Judge, Jack Pierce, who gave the welcome address. He stressed the importance of the family and that there should be a close relationship from the little ones to the grandparents. He told of living next door to Vawters for 15 to 20 years.

The business meeting opened with the reading of last years minutes from the Tulsa, OK reunion. The 1984 reunion is dedicated to those who have passed on this past year.

Jim Vaughters, Historian/Archivist, reported on the collection of VVVFA memorabilia. For those who bought VVV Directories there was an up-date supplement available.

R E U N I O N (cont.)

Bobbee Vawter of Middleton, DE reported on next years reunion. Tentative plans are to meet in Fredricksberg, VA August 2-3-4 with a visit to the VAUTER CHURCH.

F R I D A Y 1:30 p.m.

Beth Melton spoke on "What's in a Name". About three-fourths of those present did not have the VAWTER surname. She said, "I never was a VAWTER but my grandmother was." Beth spoke on the development of names and pointed out with a visual-aid listing the various spellings from Valletort down to the present. She said, "Names are the tags of identification by which individuals recognize each other." Her father helped her display and comment on their book of family history.

E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA reported on his research on the following lines: Little Joe Vawter's place in the VVV family (from Indiana reunion)

Tazwell Vawter line p. 402 Bicknell book (more in a future issue)

Mrs. R.E. Dunaway, TN. Bartholomew, Edward, THOMAS Ludwell, Thomas, David R.

Mrs. Joe Nash, TS. Bartholomew, Edward, THOMAS, Lemuel, Nancy.

Ann Martin Harpole, VA. Boulware, Edward, Samuel, DRUCILLA, Capt. Billy Martin

Susan Curtis, Iowa Bartholomew, Edward, Thomas, Edward, Hiram, John Wesley

Vawter

Elizabeth Smith, CA ancestor Nancy Vawter descends thru JOHN C. of line of Russell

Patti Darnell, TX ancestor Elizabeth Vawter descends thru Russell, Beverly, John C.

Three orphans, Martha 14, Josephine 12, Harriet 5, descent thru Russell, Bradford,

R. (Ruben) T., orphans.

E. B. Vaughters ended with a question and answer period.

D I N N E R M E E T I N G

Rev. Louis Meek of AR offered prayer before dinner. The speaker for the evening was Dr. James Corbin, Archeologist. Dr. Corbin divided time roughly into two time periods. BI - Before Invasion and AI - After Invasion. There were people living in North America 12,000 years ago. Invasion of European people came around 1492. He then spoke of the settling of eastern Texas and on the various digs in the area.

S A T U R D A Y 9:30 a.m.

We began our tour with five vans and nine cars. The first stop was at Millard's Crossing where a collection of old homes and other buildings had been moved to make a community setting. The next stop was at the Chamber of Commerce grounds where we saw students taking part in an archeology dig. Next was the stop at the Old Stone Fort where nine flags flew over the fort. Next was the Old University Nacogdoches building. With lights flashing our caravan of 14 vehicles drove thru a cemetery and on to Nacogdoches Lake for lunch. On the way on coming traffic thought we were a funeral procession so stopped by the side of the road. The driver of one vehicle removed his hat and held it over his heart as we passed by.

B A N Q U E T

Dr. Kenneth Lambert, minister of the First Methodist Church spoke on "Family".

The nominating committee gave their report: The slate as printed on page one, was elected.

The VVVFA have the following reunion invitations: Bonita Welch – Return to Indiana in 1986, Fred Wicker to Mississippi in 1987, and Charles Burt to Georgia in 1988.

The meeting ended with the drawing of the 23 items brought for door prizes. It would take too much space to list items and the winners. It was good to see so much participation and the enjoyment of all.

SUNDAY

At the 8:30 a.m. service in the First United Methodist Church little Emily Jean DeFur was baptized by Rev. John Vawter and Dr. Kenneth Lambert, pastor.

NEW OFFICER PROFILES

Vice President: M. Glen Vawter (Profile in last issue)

Associate Editor: Sara Jane Brown - Call her "Sally"

Born in Oklahoma and lived there most of her life. Married Duncan C. Brown and celebrated 40th wedding anniversary February 1984. They have four children and ten grandchildren. She has done Organization Consulting in her church and now coordinates and works on a diocese team that works with churches when they have internal conflict. Hobbies: Genealogy, collecting antique keys, travel, quilting, and reading. Descends: Bartholomew, Edward the Builder, William, Polly Vawter Kerr.

Exchange Editor, Bonita (Taylor) Welch (new last year, but no previous profile)

Born at North Vernon Indiana where she grew up and married Joe Welch. They have three boys. Bonita is organist for the First Methodist Church. Her hobbies are: Genealogy and collecting old books. She descends from: John, David, Jesse and Philemon, William, Jesse R., and Elizabeth (Vawter) Clarkson.

NEW MEMBERS

Maxine Joling, 4006 Ringer Lane, Wis. Rapids, WI 54494
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 John & Brenda Pike, 10518 DeVal Dr. Houston, TX 77040
 Jerry & Carolyn Cameron, Rt. 6, Box 340A, Cleveland, TX 77327
 Tommy & Martha Hudson, P. O. Box 162, Sherman, MS 38869
 Earl & Lula Mae Bolderjack, 500 S. Post Oak, Winnsboro, TX 75494
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 Roger G. & Margaret Vawter, 2007 Todd Dr., #8 Bloomington, IL 61701
 Bruce G. & Linda L. Vawter, 804 Brookdale Dr., Webster Grove, MO 63119
 Rev. Wayne G. & Carole Vawter, 200 Minnehaha St., Partage, WI 53901
 Robert L. Hackney, 1209 W. Jefferson, Naperville, IL 60540

David Vawter, youngest son of Philemon & Anna Vawter was born in Kentucky, Jan. 21, 1800. Married April 23, 1823 to Lucinda Glover, the sister of James Glover, who m. David's sister, Elizabeth Vawter.

David Vawter traded down the Ohio & Mississippi rivers, running to Natchez and New Orleans. In 1832 he built his first steamboat, the "Bravo". It ran between Natchitoches, LA, on the Red river, and Natchez or New Orleans, as the freight paid the best; but gradually Natchez was left out. He afterwards owned a number of steamboats running on the Mississippi, and as high up the Red river as possible. When he gave up the steamboat business he sold his Red river home and moved to Texas in May 1844 buying a tract of land.

David Vawter died July 13, 1845 and Lucinda December 20, 1857.

Family genealogy received from Mrs. D. H. Harpole (Ann), 3689 Peakwood Dr. S. Roanoke, VA. 24014 with help from E. B. Vaughters of Seattle, WA. (Others also descend from this line).

I Bartholomew Vawter

Children: John, William, David, Margaret, Benjamin, EDWARD (the builder).

II Edward Born ca. 1700, d. 1779

Children: SAMUEL, William, Thomas, Elliott, James, Benjamin.

III Samuel b. ___ d. 1788 (will signed 20 Feb. 1788 & Proved 24 Nov. 1788)

m. (1) ___?___ m. (2) 1763 to Agnes Richardson b. ca 1743. d. 1818

Sons by 1st wife: Samuel II b ca 1759, d. 1818 (estate settled Charlotte Co. 1818)

Elliott (killed in Rev. War 1777, Benjamin

Children by 2nd wife: Agnes Richardson (birth dates estimated)

1. John b. ca 1765, d. ca 1815 in Prince Edward Co., where estate was settled.

Children: (1) Belinda & (2) Salone – both died young.

(3) Julia Ann m. 20 Dec. 1827 to Richard Woodson

Children: William M., m. Mary M. Brightwell, Berry H.,

Bettie W., m. ___ Dickerson, & Richard D.

(4) John R. & (5) male – died young.

2. Clement b ca. 1767, died before 1820, m. 17 Sept. 1788 to Sarah Johnson

Children: (1) Peggy (Margaret) m. 10 Jan. 1821 to Tyre Bowman

(2) John I.

(3) Sally (Sarah) m. 27 Feb. 1821 to Jordan Hall

(4) Clement R. (invalid)

(5) Patsy (Martha) m. Jan. 1827 to Adam Hall

(6) Beverly (William), (7) Jesse, (8) Drucilla

(9) Pricilla m. 26 Nov. 1830 Ewell Smith

Children: Columbus, and Joseph

3. Elliott b. ca 1769, d. 1813 in Prince Edward Co., VA (Have estate settlement.)

4. Mary (Polly) b ca. 1773/74, m. Thomas Harvey (B.W.) (put B.W. after name)

Children: (1) William B., m. Susan E.

(2) Clement b. 1803, m. 28 Oct. 1826 to Nancy E. Fore, b. 1810

(3) George

(4) Cyrene m. _____ Johnson

(5) Nancy Branch

Children: Mary Elizabeth & Susan Ann

5. Elizabeth b. ca. 1774/75, d. ca. 1859 Charlotte Co., VA. – was a spinster.

(will signed 7 May 1856, proved 8 March 1859)

6. Jesse b. ca. 1776/1777, living in 1835.

Children: (1) William B. b. 1808. m 2 Mandy Neal

Children: Mary Watkins & Sarah H.

(2) Jesse Richardson b. 1810, m. Virginia America Smith

Children: William, Virginia, Jesse Lee

(3) Others ?

7. DRUCILLA b. 15 July 1778, d. 5 Nov. 1856 Weakley Co. TN (moved from Halifax Co. VA) m. 1798-1800 to Thomas Martin b. 10 May 1776. d 24 Nov. 1854.

Children: (1) Elizabeth E. m. John F. Farmer

(2) Mary C., m. Francis T. Williams

(3) WILLIAM m. SARAH GLASS

(4) Caroline m. David K. Nowlin

(5) Susan m. James Adams, Jr.

(6) Martha m. ___ Higgs

(7) Malinda m. Thomas Glass

8. Beverly b. ca. 1780, d. ca 1835 in Charlotte Co., VA. (have copy of settlement)

9. Peggy b. ca. 1785, m. Thomas Sims, In 1850 census (lived in Campbell Co.,

VA.) Children: (1) Samuel (2) Cyrene, m. 16 Oct. 1846 to John Puckett.

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STEAMBOAT and THE TORCH

B. Van Osdol-Schneider, 4029-1 Memory Lane, Wichita, KS 67212 sends this newspaper story of her brother who is a retired Captain, 133rd Infantry, 34th Division.

Every morning Perry "Steamboat" Van Osdol chugs three miles around a track in Hutchinson KS on his bad foot, holding a 3-pound hitching ball aloft.

He is 66, a retired Army man whose foot was shot up by a sniper on the beach at Anzie, Italy in 1944 during World War II.

On June 9, the hitching ball will be replaced by the official torch of the 1984 Summer Olympic Games and Steamboat will run one kilometer with it through Independence, Kansas. "I call it a fast walk", says Steamboat. "I've gotten to where I can do just a little bit of a jog and make it in about seven minutes.

He is working on his speed with the help of his wife of 45 years, Hazel also known as Tugboat, who trains him. The reason for all the training is that Steamboat is determined to waive the exemption for the handicapped torch bearer and try to do his kilometer, in the regulation time.

His sponsor is International Sambassadors of the Good Samaritan Club (good Sam), a RV travel organization of which he has been a long time member. Steamboat & Tugboat spend only six to eight weeks at home each year.

Steamboat was given his nickname after his war injury. During his use of sodium pentathol and while under its influence he'd emit guttural whistles that sounded like a steamboat.

Now he files his taxes under the name, and it's on all his mail. "Steamboat" will be engraved on the torch he carries which will belong to him after his run.

"Steamboat" descends from: John Vawter, David, Philemon & Ann, Jesse, Margaret, William & Frances, John Taylor, and Catherine Vawter Van Oseol.

SHARE WITH US YOUR FAMILY STORIES

We are asking that you search the recesses of your mind and share with us some stories you have heard of the family. These stories are sometimes called anecdotes. They may be tragedies, funny animal, happy, travel, or just about anything. They may be only a couple of lines or a whole page. Don't dig any skeletons out of the closet that had better be kept hid ! But every family has stories that reveal the life and times and the people of years gone by.

Also, we urge you to write down for your own descendants some of the special events of your own life.

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

NAME _____ NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(give your VVV line on back) PHONE _____

MEMORIAL

Robert Earle Jines died in May at his home after a lingering illness. Born March 4, 1919 near Ravenden, AR, the son of Robert E. & Gertrude Park Jines. He married Billie Allen in 1947. A veteran of WW II in the U.S. Army, the publisher of the Pea Ridge Graphic, later Graphic-Scene, and now THE TIMES of Pea Ridge Country. He attended the Hot Springs VVVFA Reunion- 1981.

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QUERIES

David M. McDonald, Beloit College Box 994, Beloit, WI 53511

Seek information regarding descendants of Rev. Philemon Vawter 1819-1894, son of Beverly & Elizabeth (Crawford) Vawter; who married Anne Humphreys for a book on descendants of the Humphreys family. Any information welcome.

Donald D. Vawter, 133 Marie Road, Carlotta, CA 95528

My parents are Jamison Shepard & Edith Elizabeth (Doyle) Vawter (P. 312 Bicknell) I would dearly like to find my cousins BARBARA or PATRICIA VAWTER, daughter of Milton Ballard Vawter (312 Bicknell); and CHARLOTTE VAWTER, daughter of Muriel Ben Vawter (also p.312) & Edwin Hill of San Marino. Any help would be welcome.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The VVV-Vital-Vittles Cookbook was a great success! For members who didn't get their recipes in, we are starting Volume II. Everyone can contribute, especially these whose recipes weren't in Volume I (which will soon be a collector's item.) Send in three or more recipes as soon as possible so we can get them organized for printing for the next reunion. Type or print on 3 X 5 cards with name and address on each. Mail recipes to: B. Van Osdol-Schneider, 4019-1 Memory Lane, Wichita, KS 67212

A reprint of The Vawter Family in America by Grace Vawter Bicknell may be ordered from Mrs. Walter Reynolds, R. Rt., #1, Butlerville, IN 47223. Price is \$6.00.

The VVV Directory of 1,200 VVV names and addresses can be purchased for \$6.50 from the treasurer Hazel (Vawter) McCandless, Box 366, Cushing, TX 75760.

The pocket book West Wild Wind written by VVVFA member Carolyn Vaughter can be purchased by making a check out to her for \$4.00 and mailing it with order to: Bill Vawter, 3019 Conway St., Houston, TX 77025

Glen & Mary Vawter of IL received a phone call while at the reunion giving them news that they were grandparents for the 13th time – grand-daughter Sarah Ruth.

Thanks to Ann Harpole for the family genealogy on page (4) four. Grace Vawter Bicknell wrote very little about EDWARD, the Builder (p. 382) and nothing about his son Samuel. I hope this information will benefit other members of this branch.

The Names of Those Attending the VVVFA Reunion - 1984 - TX

From the registration I have tried to assign everyone to their respective state. Since the state was not given at the time of registration I may have made some errors in placing your name under the correct state. I have done the best could and I hope you will forgive any errors.

The top states in attendance were Texas, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

ARIZONA
Louis & Bobbie Meek

ARKANSAS
Alma V. Allen
Lester D. Vawter
Vernon & Trudy Vawter

CALIFORNIA
Esther Vawter
Glenn & Marge Vawter
Patrick & Connie McBride
(7 stood at BANQUET state roll call)

COLORADO
Jim Vaughters

DELAWARE
Bobbee & Donna Vawter

FLORIDA
Dave Vaughter

GEORGIA
Alice Disharoon
Anne Stovall
Charles & Betty Burt
Chuck Burt

ILLINOIS
M. Glen & May Vawter
Shirley Beasley

INDIANA
Walter & Edna Reynolds
Joe & Bonita Welch

KANSAS
B. Van Osdol-Schneider

LOUISIANA
Aureline Vawter Slade
Helen Vawter Agnew & David L.

MISSISSIPPI
Mary Reese
James & Norma Wicker
William & Allene Wiley
Tom & Pearl Wiley
Emery & Clarice Mayers
Tommy & Martha Hudson
Fred & Wordna Wicker

MISSOURI
Addie Edwards
Wanda Gould
Pearly Shields

OHIO
Wllard & Lucille Keir

OKLAHOMA
Duncan & Sally Brown
Silas & Ora Vawter
Pat & Dena Morrison
J. & Brad Morrison

OREGON
Beth Sabel

TENNESSEE
Ora Wicker
Frank & Sandra Robinson
John & William Robinson
Jimmy & Norma Vaughters
Pete & Norma Vawter
Jim & Barbara DeFur
Emily Jean DeFur
Frances Warren
Juanita Crockett
(16 stood for state roll call)

TEXAS
Bill & Sally Vawter
Mark & Bettie Nash
Joe & Beth Melton
Louise Vanover

TEXAS (Cont.)

Betsy Miller
Hazel Vawter McCandless
John & Sue Vawter
JW, Melinda, Mike
Ann, Julie Renae
Danny & Eric
Roger & Shirley Byler
Daniel Byler
Jean Hubbard
Thelma Shattuck
Jo Jasper
Mildred Childers
Catherine Hall
Tracy & Kathryn Maddux
Lewis & Evelyn Vawter
Ralph & Kathryn Robertson
Emily Zaharopoulos
Jonathan & Christopher
Nita Roosin
Mina Helpinstill
Phil & Adele Milliger
Juanita Baker
Earl & Lula Mae Bolerjack
David, Jean & Matt Byler
Gregg Howard
Theressa Howard
Phil, Peggy & Courtney Vaughter
Emalone V. Cooper
Helen Putnam
Jerry & Carolyn Cameron
Elizabeth Jenkins
Garry Vawter
Fred L. Van Osdol
Vondalla Van Osdol
Pat & Maurice Michel
John & Brenda Pike
Mark Disharoon
Dorothy Cross
Kay Pitts
William Young
Bobbie Jean Young

WASHINGTON

E. B. Vaughters

(Names I didn't know where to place)

Robert L. & Janet Vawter
Helen & Dee Johnson

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