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As a public service, the following hints are offered for V/V/V planning to attend the Fourth Annual Reunion, Hot Springs, Arkansas, August 7, 8 & 9, Downtowner Motel:

- August 1: Get suitcases from attic, dust and leave open for easy access; shop for tooth paste, shoe polish, alkalaseltzer, tums, and film for camera.
- August 2: Attend Church, being sure to give two weeks' tithe to make up for being out on August 9. Shake hands with Minister and tell him of plans, being sure to mention strong affinity for Vawters and the Clergy thru the years; also mention that a religious service is traditionally held at reunion on Sunday morning.
- August 3: Decide on clothes to take; lay out for orderly packing at later date. Load camera.
- August 4: Reconsider clothing; make substitutions; lay out for orderly packing later. Go to bank for spending money; remember to allow \$1.00 extra for reunion registration fee; allow another \$5.00 for the Grayline Tour over Sugar Loaf Mountain via Black Snake Road, ending with a sip of the renowned mineral water.
- August 5: Reevaluate wardrobe; make changes; plan for leisurely packing later in day. Ask neighbors to pick up newspapers; check on fresh water for birds. Spend evening re-reading old VVV Newsletters; looking at reunion shapshots; putting family groups, names and faces together.
- August 6: Toss clothes in suitcase. Adjust thermostat. Leave for reunion. Relax. Enjoy.

Recent phone conversations with president Jim Vaughters, and V.P. Pete Vawter, indicate plans shaping up for the reunion. The Downtowner in Hot Springs reports reservations filling up. President Jim will send out his Reunion Schedule shortly.

Further on President Jim: He has just moved the family into their dream home. Note new address above. While on the subject, retrieve VVVNL #12 and correct address given there. That error due to the failure of your editors to correctly decipher presidential handwriting.

Presidential Look-alikes: Have you noticed the uncanny resemblance between President Jim and ABC News Commentator, Ted Koppel?

Query: Several VVV have been interested to know how many of the family association belong to MENSA. If those qualifying will modestly identify themselves, the total will be published in the next newsletter. If you have to ask for a clarification, forget it!

For your academic information, Beth Sabel has compiled a list of VVV Association members, according to state:

Alabama	2	Maine	-	Oregon	7
Alaska	-	Maryland	4	Pennsylvania	2
Arizona	14	Mass.	1	Rhode Island	-
Calif.	15	Michigan	3	S.C.	1
Colorado	7	Minn.	2	South Dakota	-
Conn.	1	Miss.	16	Tennessee	30
Delaware	2	Missouri	9	Texas	37
D.C.	-	Montana	1	Utah	-
Florida	10	Nebraska	2	Vermont	-
Georgia	10	Nevada	-	Virginia	14
Hawaii	1	New Hamp.	-	Washington	3
Idaho	-	N.J.	-	W. Virginia	2
Illinois	3	N.M.	1	Wisconsin	3
Indiana	4	N.Y.	8	Wyoming	-
Iowa	3	N.C.	4	England	1
Kansas	1	N.D.	-	Belgium	1
Kentucky	3	Ohio	4	Mexico	1
Louisiana	2	Oklahoma	34	Saudi Arabia	1

Of the 250-odd members, 5 families use the spelling "Vaughter"; 7, "Vaughters"; 70, "Vawter". Only the Church uses the spelling "Vauter".

FROM THE MAIL BAG:

A gracious letter from Mrs. Constance Bicknell Will, daughter of Grace Vawter Bicknell, contained kind words regarding the family organization; a check for her membership dues; and an offer for the Book Committee to examine her late mother's notes, at such time as publication becomes imminent.

A note from Hazel McCandless identifies Mrs. Orman Baker (VVVNL No. 12, P.2) as a descendant of Lindsey Vaughter, son of James. Likewise, the cousins of Mrs. Baker: Mrs. Jesse (Edna) Keen, 13235 NE 26th, Choctaw, Ok. 73020, and Betty Ann Dyer, 2515 Ridgecrest, Choctaw, Ok.

Hazel also introduces a cousin from the line of Richard II, son of John, Elbert Co., Ga.: Mrs. Jo Jasper, 3836 Kimball Ridge, Dallas, Tx. 75233.

A recent letter from Pat Morrissett Fowler, 29131 Florence, Garden City, Mich. 48135, included her lineage sheet, which can be identified on page 228 of the Bicknell book.

Florence Cupp Goodson, 4313 Ansley Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31904, identifies her line as Lindsey Vaughter, son of James, through the marriage of Winna Juliann Vaughter to Henry Alfred Waters. Same as Juanita Baker, Edna Keen, and Betty Ann Dyer (above).

OF VALLETORTS AND HERALDRY: The letter in point came to your editor third or fourth hand, and purports to have been written by a professor of History at the University of Durham, at the behest of a friend of someone interested in the interpretation of the *Valletort-Vautort-Vautier-Vawter* Coat of Arms. (Note the

editor's strict attention to confidentiality of sources, as well as to accountability.) At this point your editor suggests pulling out the Bicknell Book for a look at the coat of arms; and now the quote: "Usually the (black) border indicates bastardy, or at best descent from a lesser branch of the family". A further note that the editor does not make the news, but merely reports it.

A note from Donald Ritchie, husband of the late Nancy Vawter Ritchie (VVVNL No. 10, P. 2) included a check for his family membership dues, plus that of his daughter, Mrs. Alice Vawter Ritchie Joy, 74 Cedar St. Derby; England. It is a pleasure to welcome Alice to the family and thereby add an English address to our mailing list, giving us even more international status.

Mr. Ritchie mentioned that his wife's sister, Margaret Vawter Bailey, 419 Gornto Lake Rd., Brandon, Fl. 33511, is an artist, and does oil paintings of the Vauter Church in Virginia. Anyone who might be interested in owning such a painting should contact Mrs. Bailey.

Shirley Vawter Byler reports that her niece, Lucille Ritchie Keir, has recently completed a textbook on Parliamentary Law to be used in the schools of Ohio, and is the subject of a biographical record in the Twelfth Edition of "Who's Who of American Women". Lucille plans to be at Hot Springs and bring her mother, Mary Ruth Vawter Ritchie, who is Shirley's look-alike stster.

Shirley also reports on a recent missions trip which husband, Roger Byler, made to Sao Paulo, Brazil with some 25 other workers. Perhaps Roger will tell us of some of his experiences while at the reunion.

Mrs. Erma Vawter, 6909 S, Miller, Oklahoma City, 73159 favored us with an invitation to that family's reunion in Sulphur, Ok. on June 20-21. Timing did not permit the Mississippi Vawters to attend, but perhaps one year we can make it. If Bishop Billy Mack Vawter will provide us with a resume of that reunion, we will use it in the next VVVNL.

A recent newcomer is Larry F. Wilcox, 9147 Tracy Ave., Baton Rouge, La. 70814, who shares the Vawter-Vanosdol line, as given in Bicknell. Larry is an Arkansas native and plans to be at the reunion.

Bonita Taylor Welch, R.R.1, Box 227, Scipio, Ind. 47273 has submitted lineage charts showing her triple Vawter descent from (1) Jesse, son of David; (2) Philemon, son of David; and (3) Anna, dau. of Richard Vawter and Frances Towles. This interesting line, also shared by Shirley Byler, Ted Vawter, Beth Sabel, and others, bears testimony to the fact that the Vawters have always liked one another. Bonita is interested in proof of the Revolutionary War service of Philemon Vawter. Maybe Shirley can be of help.

ANOTHER VAWTER NEWSLETTER: From Bonita Welch also came word of a Vawter quarterly, published by Willard C. (Bill) Grant, 36244 Canyon Drive, Westland, Mich. 48185.

A Sunday afternoon phone call resulted in a pleasant conversation with Cousin Bill, who admitted that he had published a newsletter primarily for the descendants of William and Mary Ravenell Vawter (P. 319, Bicknell) since early 1978. The editors readily agreed to an exchange, and Bill has already forwarded several back issues which will be on display at the Reunion. Makes one wonder if there might still be other Vawter life floating around out there somewhere.

A VAWTER DISCREPANCY: A couple of readers have commented on a possible mix-up in the lines of Juanita Sharpe Vawter (VVVNL No. 8, P. 4) and Mattie Smith Edmondson (VVVNL No. 7, P. 1). When lineage is given in paragraph form, it is sometimes difficult to keep generations straight. If these ladies, or some of their kin, will provide us charts on these families, we will attempt to get the record clear for posterity.

Mary Watkins Vawter, who md. Jackson Woods Smith, and Jennie Vawter, who md. Thos. Everett Smith, (VVVNL No. 12, P. 3) may well fall within the genealogy of the aforementioned families. There is a need for those who have such information to share it, so that when the Vawter Supplement is compiled it will be as complete as is possible.

Regarding Sarah E., Mary Jane, and Oscar Lee Vaughters, Carroll Co., Tn. (VVVNL No. 12, P. 2), could we have some assistance from V.P. Pete Vawter, or some of his kinsmen?

Your editor and E.B. Vaughters of Seattle have, for a couple of years, endeavored to untangle the lineage of Mrs. Egbert Jones, Holly Springs, Ms. (Bicknell, P.386). Documentation has proven that the relationship, as stated, could not possibly be true. However, your editor has maintained that a woman of Mrs. Jones' stature, i.e., DAR, Garden Clubs, Civic work, was not mistaken about her Vawter grandparents. E.B. has now located proof in new material in the Compendium by Vicus that Edward Vawter (son of Thos.), married Sarah Lee, dau. of Joseph Lee and Anne Noel. If Anne Noel was related to Margaret Noel, wife of John Vawter, then we could squeeze out a little kinship. Is there a Noel authority in the house?

If there were more researchers like E.B. Vaughters, there would be fewer Vawter mysteries. Which brings us to the next CLASS ASSIGNMENT FOR THE ASSOCIATION, to-wit: On page 402 of Bicknell is a list entitled "Other Vawters", which Grace Bicknell had located, but could not include in the book because of lack-of proper identification. In this enlightened year of 1981, some 76 years after the Bicknell book was copyrighted, it should be possible to spot these Vawters on the family tree. There are 13 items (oops) on this list, and they may be referred to consecutively by number in sending in your answers. Results will be given in the next VVVNL. Class dismissed.

Y'ALL COME! The descendants of John Vawter IV cordially invite you to a Wine and Cheese Party Friday night, August 7, at the Downtowner - room number will be announced later. The wine will be provided courtesy of the cellar of Bill Wiley, Nettleton, Ms. Ginger ale will also be available. This is the only invitation you will receive. John Vawter would have wanted you to come.

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July 24, 1981

REUNION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our fourth annual nationwide reunion is ready to happen! We are returning to the area of the first one in 1978 -- Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Downtowner Motor Inn is brave enough to handle the crowd this year. The address is 135 Central Avenue, Telephone (501) 624-5521.

Vernon and Pete have done a tremendous job of planning the meeting. There is no substitute for having a local person make the arrangements. Now you know why Vernon was on the reunion committee for this year!

The three days of August 7, 8 and 9 should be enough for us to get our business done, do some sightseeing, and catch up on the visiting. I think there will be some serious genealogy work this year. Perhaps some of the nagging questions of the past few years can be answered if we really put our minds to it.

The schedule will be as follows:

Friday, August 7:

7:30 a.m. Breakfast meeting of officers, Dining room

10.00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Registration, Pay for Friday and Saturday dinners, \$1.00 registration fee, and \$5.00 dues. Mezzanine.

6.00 p.m. Dinner, Dining room

7.00 p.m. Meeting, Crown Room (second floor).

Speaker - Billy Jines, author of "Tracks of the Allen Family". If you live in Arkansas and don't know the Allens, it's time you met them.
Report of Membership and Newsletter Committee.

Saturday, August 8:

Mid-morning Shirley Byler would like to lead a discussion concerning John (Bartholomew, Angus, and who knows what else). Bring your thinking caps and research notes. Crown Room.

Saturday, August 8 (continued):

6:00 p.m. Dinner, Dining room

7:00 p.m. Meeting, Crown Room

V/V/V Roundtable. The traditional highlight of every reunion.

Report of Nominating Committee.

Sunday, August 9:

9:00 a.m. Devotional, Rev. Roger Byler, Crown Room

10:00 a.m. Meeting, Crown Room.

Speaker - Larry Wilcox, on the Indiana/Missouri Vawters

Report of 1982 Reunion Committee

Noon Adjourn

(Note: The Downtowner is unable to cater either breakfast or lunch on Sunday. We can meet either in their dining room or another restaurant nearby, however. We will check on this when we arrive.)

Here is the appointment of committees:

Membership and Newsletter - Beth Sabel, Wordna Wicker, Esther Vawter, Lorene Graham, Dave Vawter and Bill Vawter.

Nominating Committee - Ted Vawter, Paul Vaughter, Jr., Betsy Miller, James L. Vaughters, and Ellen Wicker.

1982 Reunion Committee - Edna Reynolds, Pete Vawter, Jimmie Corbitt, Shirley Byler and Ron Vawter.

This year's reunion seems to be a good time to stand back, take stock of the heritage of our family and our country, and appreciate what we have accomplished and what we stand for. We have come a long way as an organization in our few years. Let's keep moving forward. Long live V/V/V.

Sincerely,

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