

VAWTER
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VAUGHTER('S)
FAMILY ASSOCIATION

July 26, 1982

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At last year's reunion Annie Stovall referred to her only living aunt, Aunt Coie. That aunt was Coie Mae Burt of Dawson County, Georgia. Billie Allen Jines later spoke of the maternal side of the Allen family, the Vaughtner line from Georgia. In her research she ran across Mrs. Hiram Solomon Andrew Jackson Vaughters, who moved from Dawson County to Madison, Georgia years ago. I will never forget the surprise and pride that I felt when I realized who it was they were talking about.

She was my last living grandparent. Throughout my life she and I often spent many hours, even days, talking about "the good old days and old timey folks". More than anyone else she instilled in me an appreciation of my ancestry. She was delighted when I became a member of the Vawter/Vauter/Vaughtner(s) Family Association.

On February 20 she suffered a stroke and on March 10 she passed away. I was fortunate enough to have a few days between those dates to talk with her. Conversation was easy because we had so many memories to share. Since this is my last year as president I want to exercise a little prerogative and dedicate this year's reunion to the memory of one of our strongest supporters, "Mama Vaughters". She loved us all.

Edna Reynolds, Pete Vawter, and Jimmie Corbitt have done all the work in preparing for the reunion. They have done a beautiful job and deserve our thanks and appreciation. Headquarters is old Vawter stomping grounds on the Ohio River. Clifty Inn at Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, Indiana, is still taking reservations. The telephone number is (812) 265-4135.

The planned events are enough to make Angus, Bartholomew, David, Jesse, and John stand up and cheer:

Thursday, August 5- Early arrivals

Friday, August 6-

8:00 A.M. Breakfast meeting of officers

9:00A.M.- 10:00 A.M. Registration. \$1.00 registration fee, \$5.00 annual dues.

10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. Welcome

Report of officers

Speaker- Marv Vawter

12 noon Lunch, Clifty Inn. Order from the menu.

1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. Bus tour of historic Madison

7:00 P.M. Dinner, Clifty Inn. \$6.25.
speaker- Willard Heiss, of the Indiana
Historical Society

Saturday, August 7-

9:00 A.M. Bus tour of Jennings County

9:15 A.M. Wirt Church and cemetery

10:00 A.M. Vawter Cemetery in Selmeir Forest

10:45 A.M. North Vernon Baptist Church

11:30 A.M. Lunch in Muscatatuck Park, served by senior
citizens club. \$3.00.

1:30 P.M. Slide show by Bonnie Wilson, tour guide. Vernon Baptist
Church. -

2:30 P.M. Tour of Vernon, browse around town

4:30 P.M. Buses return to Clifty Inn

7:00 P.M. Dinner, Clifty Inn. \$6.25.
Report of Nominating Committee
Meeting or Roundtable

Sunday, August 8-

9:00 A.M. Special worship service; Madison Baptist Church celebrating its
175th anniversary where Jesse Vawter attended

10:30 A.M. Report of 1983 Reunion Committee

12 noon Check-out time at Clifty Inn (unless you plan to stay that
night, as I do)

1:30 P.M. Auto caravan to William Vawter homestead and home of Walter
and Edna Reynolds, Campbell Township, Jennings County

We will be busy walking the ground our ancestors walked and hearing about them. The Indiana people are excited about our arrival and eager to show us around. The history of our family is the history of this country, and Indiana is one of the principal places where that history was made. That branch of the family produced Grace Vawter Bicknell's book, *The Vawter Family in America*, which speaks for itself.

We have a proud heritage to carry on. We have much to be thankful for, much to talk about, and much to look forward to. And I will have a couple of surprise guests to introduce.

Long live V/V/V

Sincerely
James C. Vaughters

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