



## **FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

June 24, 1985

### REUNION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Speaking for the Reunion Committee, you are personally invited to attend the eighth annual nationwide VVV Reunion at the Howard Johnson's Motel, located at the junction of Route 1 & 1-95, South Fredericksburg, Va., August 1, 2, & 3 1985.

The efforts of James Vawter, Mrs. Helen Garnet, Carolyn Cole, and my daughter, Rosemary Raysor, who has spent many hours keeping my correspondence in order deserves our thanks and appreciation for outstanding work in preparing for the reunion.

Trying to keep within past formats, the tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 1:

8:00 am: Registration  
Breakfast meeting of officers

10:00 am:  
Call to order  
Invocation - Rev. Donald Place  
Welcome - (Rev. Donald Place or Jim Vawter) Jim is  
trying to schedule a local person to welcome  
us from the Fredericksburg area.  
Business meeting

12:00 noon: Lunch  
(on your own)

1:30 pm: Speaker  
(Banquet Room)  
Topic: Fredericksburg

7:00 pm: Dinner  
(Banquet Room)  
Grace: Rev. Roger Byler  
Speakers: 1. Jim Vaughters  
Topic: Update of VVV Book and  
2. Jim will speak on the VVV's in England as researched by James  
Lanier Vawter  
3. Fred Wicker  
Topic: 1986 VVV Reunion in  
Mississippi

Door prizes

Saturday, August 2, 1985:

- 8:30 am: Bus Tour  
Fredericksburg area  
Vauter Church  
Guides: Jim Vawter  
Rev. Ralph Fall
- 12:00 noon: Luncheon  
Vauter Church  
Lunch at Mrs. Helen Garnett (Elmwood)  
Speaker: Rev. Ralph Fall
- 7:00 pm: Dinner  
(Banquet Room)  
Grace - Rev. Roger Byler  
Speaker - Robert L. Vawter  
Committee Reports  
Election of Officers  
Memorial Service - Wordna Wicker  
Official Invitation - Fred Wicker  
Benediction  
Door Prizes

Sunday, August 3, 1985:

- 11:30 am: Worship Service  
Vauter Church

Check out time at the Howard Johnson's is 12:00 noon for those leaving on Sunday.

Appointment of Committees: The chairperson is the first person named.  
1986 Mississippi Committee: Fred Wicker and Wordna Wicker.

Nominating Committee: Ted Vawter, Vernon Vawter, Col. James Corbitt, Bettie Nash, Frank Robinson, and Charles Burt.

Registration committee: Glenn Vawter, Betsy Miller, Barbara DeFur, Sandra Robinson, Norma Vaughters, Sue Vawter. Louise Vanover, and Jim DeFur.

Committee for return to Madison, Indiana Reunion: Bonita Welch, Edna Reynolds, Shirley Byler, and Vernon Vawter.

The door prizes have continued to be a gift from our talented VVV members. This was a tremendous success at the 1984 Nacogdoches Reunion. I think we all are looking forward to winning one of these. Don't forget to bring your contributions for crafts to the reunion with you.. This was a recommendation of Amos Crouch in Hot Springs and was a popular event last year. If you will notice that we are giving out the door prizes at the last event of both Friday and Saturday this year.

The first volume of the Association Cook Book was received with such appreciation, a second volume of the VVV Vital Vittles (cook book) will be available at the 1985 Fredericksburg Reunion. As I understand, we will have a few copies of the first volume available also. So if you missed getting the first volume, you

can get both first and second volumes there.

As our News Editor, Esther Vawter, stated in the summer newsletter, the VVVFA will give a "love gift" for the Vauter Church which will help us perpetuate the VVV identity and history in a tangible way. Mail your donations to Hazel Vawter McCandless, Box 66, Cushing, Tx. 75218 before July 15, 1985. After July 15th, send the donations to me here in Delaware Box 464, Bayview, Middletown, De 19709. Donna and I will see that Hazel receives them at the reunion. I understand that Hazel will be leaving for Georgia, July 15, 1985 and will go on to the reunion from there.

Those of you coming, can contribute at the reunion if you wish. We are hoping to be able to make a generous "love gift". The gift given in 1980 reunion at Port Royal, Va. was very well received.

Rev. Ralph Fall (retired minister of the Vauter Church) is an Honorary VVV member has agreed to act as a tour guide for one of the buses and will speak at the luncheon at the Vauter Church on Saturday, August 2, 1985. The topic will be about the history of the area and the Vauter Church. Rev. Fall has stated he is looking forward to meeting the Vawters again and we're also looking forward to meeting and talking with Rev. Fall again this year.

We originally were to have our luncheon at the Parish House (Vauter Church) on Saturday, but Mrs. Garnett feels the space at the Parish House is limited and her home at Elmwood is much better equipped for us. Elmwood as some of you may remember is only a short distance from the Church. Along with being beautiful, it is very historical. We are grateful for the opportunity to visit Mrs. Garnett at Elmwood again.

Donna and I spent two days at the Howard Johnson's in Fredericksburg, June 21 and 22. We visited the Vauter Church and drove up to Elmwood (a short distance from the Church) and talked with Mrs. Garnett by phone the following day (she was in Richmond the day we were at Elmwood). She stated that she would try to have the silver chalice available for us while we are there.

The Bobbee Vawter family is looking forward to seeing you in Fredericksburg, Va.

The Howard Johnson's still has rooms available, call today and make your reservations. The number is 703-898-1800 - ask for Carolyn Cole and mention the Vawter Reunion.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Vawter

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