



MILYNDA ANNETTE GUINN and four co-authors have been asked by the Dept. of Communication at the University of Oklahoma to submit a research paper to the Memphis State Undergraduate Honors Conference May 4. The paper is entitled, "Gender Interaction Between Speaker and Listener: A Study of Listening Comprehension and Speaker Effectiveness."

Miss Guinn will receive her B. A. degree in Communications May 14, 1983 from the University of Oklahoma and plans to pursue a Masters degree in Speech Pathology. Milynda is the daughter of George & Marcia Guinn of Norman, Oklahoma descending from John IV thru James Wesley Vawter and grand-daughter of Florence Fitzgerald and Silas Vawter, etc.

### OKLAHOMA PIONEERS

(Excerpts from story by Wordna Wicker, former editor - Issue #3 -1978)

JAMES WESLEY VAWTER, minister, teacher, landowner, and pioneer leader was born in Tippah Co., MS., December 26, 1869, the oldest child of Wm Jasper and Rebecca Jane (Sanford) Vawter, descending from John IV. He attended public school in Union Co., MS; migrated West at an early age to join relatives, and continued his education at Pilot Point, TX and Grayson College at Whiteright, TX. In 1849, while employed by the U. S. Government to teach English to the Choctaw Indians, he married Martha McCasson who was 3/4 Choctaw. Subsequently, he taught school and preached at Damron, Wilburton, Franklin, Eri Springs, Monroe and Lindsay, Oklahoma as a Methodist circuit rider.

While at Wilburton in 1899, he and D. L. Wood began publication of the WILBURTON GAZETTE. While at Lindsay, 1906-1908, he was instrumental in building a combination School-Church. In 1908 when the state was one year old he moved with his family to Oklahoma City at which time he joined the Church of the Nazarene. In 1909-1910 he and two other ministers are credited with the organization of the town of Bethany, outside of Oklahoma City. His was the second dwelling built when he moved there with his family in 1911.

While in Bethany, he and two fellow ministers founded the Oklahoma Holiness College, later called Bethany-Peniel College. While in Bethany he was a merchant and landowner providing monetary as well as moral support to the college for the balance of his life. In 1927 he became Bethany's City Clerk and served in that capacity until his accidental death December 14, 1933 as a result of a car-streetcar accident. He was buried in Bethany Cemetery.

From Dr. L. Paul Gresham of Bethany Nazarene College Archives: Both Oklahoma Holiness College and Bethany-Peniel College were institutions of the Church of the Nazarene. In 1955 the name was changed to Bethany Nazarene College. Rev. James W. Vawter served as President of the Board of Trustees of O.H.C. and lived across the street from the college. Dr. Gresham said he remembered when Rev. Vawter was killed.

Surviving him at his death were his widow, Martha, and the following children: Eula; Eunice; Ethel; Florence; Alice and Beatrice, twins; Albert and Elbert, twins; Zona; Silas; and Lillian. Two brothers and three sisters followed Rev. Vawter to the Oklahoma Territory. His brother Hubert and sister Emma (Vawter) Wiley returned to MS. His brother Asa, and sisters, Betty (Vawter) Reid, and Adelia (Vawter) Parker, lived out their lives in Oklahoma.

William Clayton Vaughters, P. O. Box 484, Citrus Heights, CA 95611 - He was born in 1915 in Davenport, Iowa; reared in Portland, OR., married Frances La Verne Boyd. After graduation from Pasadena Nazarene College served as a pastor.

In 1945 he and family went to Guatemala as missionaries where they served for ten years. Following this term of service he was appointed president of the Spanish American Seminary in San Antonio, Texas and served in this capacity for twenty years. In 1964 the honorary D. D. degree was conferred upon him. He retired in 1980, but still accepts speaking engagements and serves as interim pastor in surrounding churches.

His lineage is: Bartholomew, Benjamin, Richard, Richard, John, William H., William M., Warren, William Clayton Vaughters.

#### REMINISING

From Ted Vawter, 8175 Hooker, Westminster, CO 80030 - Grandma & Grandpa Churchwell (mother's parents) lived in Shelby Co., MO and at this time the land was unsettled and there were a lot of wild turkeys.

Come Thanksgiving time Grandpa and the boys decided they'd go turkey hunting. They left two muzzle loading guns at the house all loaded. After they had been gone about three hours, grandma (who was just a little thing weighing about 98 pounds) heard a gobble, gobble, gobble. She looked out the window and saw around 40 wild turkeys coming down toward the barn. She kept quiet, watched them go into the barn; then she grabbed both guns and ran to the fence where she could steady the gun on a fence post.

When those turkeys came out of the barn she pulled the trigger and got two big Toms. She fixed them right away, put them on to cook and had turkey dinner ready when grandpa and the boys returned from their Turkey hunt empty handed.

#### MEMORIAL

VERNON G. AMOS, died of a heart attack January 17, 1983 at the age of 70 in Jacksonville, Florida. His daughter Mary is a member of the VVVFA. He descends from Elliott Vawter, and Lucinda.

KEITH PIKE at age 72, died April 15, 1983 in Los Angeles, Calif. He was a retired California State Agriculture inspector. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Martha (Pike) Barker and three brothers, Cary, Rupert, and Randy Pike. He was a long time member who descends from John IV.

#### T V MOVIE

NANCY VAWTER was seen in the TV movie "Kentucky Woman" starring Cheryl Ladd. This production ran around the first of the year and Nancy played the part of "Aunt Minnifer".

Editor: This information was relayed to me by Paul Vawter, Sr. of IL. whose brother in Indianapolis, IN saw it and wrote to him about it. I am now in the process of tracking Nancy down. The movie was produce by "Walter Doniger Productions" on the 20th Century Fox property. When writing to 20th Century Fox, my reply was they had left the lot. Do any of you know of a more permanent location of "Walter Doniger Productions"? How many of you saw the TV movie "Kentucky Woman"?

From Helen MacPherson, 8574 Calis Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828 - Genealogical Gleanings in England, by Waters, p. 651 - Will of John Coke of Dorchester, in the County Of Dorset, mercer, 23 April 1641, proved 26 October 1641..... I give unto John Coke my son the moneys and goods that are in Mr. Smith's hands in New England and ten pounds more. The ten pounds given unto him by his late grand-father, MR VAWTER shall be paid out of a debt due unto the said MR. VAWTER by Wm Savage Esq. and Francis Matthews Esq." etc. ....

From James L. Vawter, Box 665, E1 Campo, Texas 77437 - Devonshire Wills and Administrations, Archdeaconry of Exeter.

Sara Vawter, Administrations -	1692 - Sidmouth
Elizabeth Vawter "	1693 - Bickleigh
Samuel Vawter, will	1678 - Whimble
Elizabeth Vater, will & Admin. 1679 -	Whimble
Roger Vaulter, will	1686 - Bickleigh
Mary Vauter, Admin.	1691 - Whimble
Robert Vawter, Admin.	1692 - Sidmouth

From E. B. Vaughters, 12015-1st Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98177 - From the pages of a Law Journal - Court proceedings of a suit involving the VALLETORT Sanitary Laundry Company which was having financial difficulty. The laundry was incorporated in 1896, Plymouth, England, and Thomas Garland, Esq. was the managing director. They were still in business in 1900 because they applied to the bank for further credit. (Editor: The question arises - was this laundry, named after the miner, or was it named after Valletort Place, Road, or Street? In the VVVFA memorabilia is a metal street sign "Valletort Place, brought back to the U.S. from WW II by Donald Ritchie after he found it in the rubble when German bombers had flattened the city of Plymouth, England. See issue #8, p.2)

From your editor: Cavaliers & Pioneers, Abstracts of Land Patents and Grants - abstracted by Nell Marion Nugent, Vol. I - 1623-1666, p. 339 - Mr. Martin Baker, 1750 acs. New Kent Co., 28 Nov. 1656. Trans. of 35 pers.....  
JOHN VAULTRES, etc.....

From your editor: Early VA Immigrants, by George Cabell Greer, 1623-1666, p. 338  
VAULTRES, JOHN 1656 by Martin Baker, New Kent Co., VA

From Betty Cox, 3254 Belvoir Blvd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122 - Cavaliers & Pioneers, Abstracts Of Land Patents and Grants Vol II 1666-1695, p. 372 - "John Salmond, 61 acs. Rappa. Co., on S. side of the River, 20 October 1691. Imp. of 2 pers; BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER, Mary Burkett."

From your editor: Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock & Essex Counties; VA., 1655-1900 by Eva Eubank Wilkeason, 1953, Richmond, VA., p. 240- BARTHOLOMEW VAWTER married Winifred, daughter of William Hodgson, 1698 - Book D9, p. 54.

From Mary Winningham, 4701 Willard Ave., Apt. 312, Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
KY Marriages, 1797-1865 - G. Glenn Clift.  
John W. Smith to NANCY VAWTER, Jessamine Co., May 1826

KY Obituaries, 1787-1854

"RICHARD VAWTER, died November 26, 1841 at an advanced age." from the Lexington Reporter, November 28.

"HENRY VAWTERS, an old citizen of Franklin Co., died Saturday, March 7, 1846. Coroner's verdict: Suicide by hanging", from the Lexington Reporter, March 14.

Rena & Rockie Jacobson, Rt. 2, Box 157A, Orofino, Idaho 83544

Carl W. Cupp, 5166 S. Birmingham Dr., Tulsa, OK 74105 (bro. of Edith Goodson)  
Lineage: James Vaughters, Linzey, Winna Julian (Vaughters) Waters.

A. R. Walters, 6428 Morningside Dr., E1 Paso, TX 79904

Margaret V. Bailey, 419 Gornto Lake Rd., Brandon, FL 33511 (dau. Rose Whitley Vawter)

Porter W. Gilford, 9107 Devonshire, Dallas, TX 75209

Marvin E. Vaughter, 21 Fairfield Dr., N. Little Rock, AR 72116

Rev. & Mrs. Wm C. Vaughters, P. O. Box 484, Citrus Heights, CA 95611

Mrs. Shirley V. Beasley, 603 N. Main St., Farmers City, IL 61842- Lineage: John, John, David, Philemon, Beverly, James, Albert, D. Guy, M. Glen Vawter.

Helen MacPherson, 8574 Calais Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828 (she is happy to have received a reply to her query in the last issue. James L. Vawter of E1 Campo, TX gave her the names of other VVV's in Dorset, England).

Mr. & Mrs. Wm W. Dyer. 1144 Hedge Lane, Padycah, KY 42001

Jayne C. Ladd, P. O. Box 33, Tillar, AR 71670

#### FROM THE EDITOR

**CORRECTION:** In the article "Lost Cemetery" in the last issue I mistakenly inserted the name VAWTER when listing "Sarah Julia Sterrett" buried in the Grand Bluff Cemetery. This Sarah is the daughter of Sarah Julia (Vawter) Sterrett. Another daughter, Polly, is buried beside Sarah.

In this issue I am starting a section called "GLEANINGS". In this section I would like to use miscellaneous data sent to me by YOU about any VVV. With each item PLEASE give me the name of your source and page number if in a book. I will contribute also as I discover data in the various libraries I visit. Do not fail to contribute to this section.

I would be interested in hearing from all the VVV's who are members of an ancestral society such as SAR, DAR, Colonial, Magna Carta, etc. Also, state whether you hold local or state office and name the office.

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

Colonel James S. & Allinne Corbitt, 118 Gardner Ave., Martin, TN 38237 celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, April 12, 1983.

Mr. & Mrs. Emery Mayer, Rt. 1, Hickory Flat, MS who were married April 1, 1983 celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

From Paul E. Vawter, 3801 Mission Hill Rd., Northenoak, IL 60662 - Son, Jay has written two chapters in the college text book, "Managing Investment Portfolios - A Dynamic Process" composed of 712 pages and thirteen other writers.

From Louise Vawter Lee, 300 AIA Apt. M206, Jupiter, FL 33458 - The Agriculture Dept. of the State of Illinois has granted Louise V. & David V. Lee the "Centennial Family Farm" award as recognition for the family having owned the land continually for over one hundred (100) years. (Editor: Their story will be in the next issue)

Brian L. Vawter, 1713 Merkle Ave., W. Sacramento, CA 95691 (son of Ed.) As staff photographer of the Sacramento City College paper "Express" won second place in the statewide news photo competition at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Conference.

The VVV Directory of almost 1,200 VVV's may be purchased through the treasurer, Hazel McCandless for \$6.50. The names are arranged by state and it comes in very handy when you want to contact a member or any other VVV in a particular state.

Beth Sabel would like for you to bring your VVV Directory to the reunion to update, make corrections, and get the computer number assigned to each name.

#### QUERIES

Jayne C. Ladd, P. O. Box 33, Tillar, AR 71670 - I know nothing of my VAWTER ancestry other than that Elizabeth Vawter was born in Essex Co., VA and married in 1747 to Thomas Newman, born ca. 1731 in Essex Co., VA and died in 1777 in Prince William Co., VA. Can anyone place my Elizabeth Vawter?

Poeter W. Gifford, 9107 Devonshire, Dallas, Texas 75209 - I have been searching many years for information regarding Mary Rucker Vawter, the second wife of James Renfro, Sr. He was born ca. 1727 in VA and died in either 1801 or 1807 in Lincoln Co, KY . His first wife was Lydia\_\_\_\_\_ and together they had seven children. Can you place this Mary Vawter in any of your Vawter genealogy?

Betty Cox, 3254 Belvoir Blvd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122 - Julia Vawter, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Watts) Vawter married February 16, 1815, Jefferson Co., IN. to Matthew Wise who was born May 28, 1788 in VA. Where in VA was he born and who were his parents?

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#### LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 39th ALBERT GRANT VAWTER REUNION will be held at LEXINGTON PARK, LEXINGTON, ILLINOIS on AUGUST 14, 1983 at 12:00 noon.

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