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1990 Annual National VVV Reunion

Everyone make plans to meet in Richmond, VA August 3, 4 & 5. The VVVFA voted to establish a tradition and to schedule a reunion every five years near the location of the "VAUTER" Church which was erected in 1731 in the parish of St. Anne, Essex County, VA. The church is listed on the National Historical Register and the name was misspelled in early records. Those who like to do research, you may visit the Archives.

As we did five years ago, the VVVFA will give a "love gift" for the VAUTER Church which will help us to perpetuate our VVV identity and history in a tangible way. Send your donations by check to the treasurer, Sue Vawter and made out to the VVV Family Association. All donations will be appreciated.

SOME EXCERPTS FROM THE Wm SNYDER VAWTER GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL
(Note date of letters)

L. E. Wills, M.D.
WAVERLY, OHIO

May, 5th. 1928

Mr. Wm. Vawter.
New-York, Dear Sir.

Thank you for your friendly and interesting letter. My family B. F. Wills and family of Wellston O (My Youngest Bro) and Dr. W. H. Johnson of this City went east on a motor trip I wish I had known of you at that time.

My only daughter was born in Colorado in 1904.

I have been back twice since then but we all expect to motor back this yr. expect to leave here the first of August and if we like the trip as well as we think we will go on to California.

When we come east again we will look you up and I expect that will be next year my sister who is(deceased) has two daughters married and live in Washington D.C.

I practiced my profession at Hot Springs Colorado from Dec. 1903 to Oct. 1906, one hundred and nine miles west of Denver on the western slope of the rockies.

I want to tell you about the Vaughters and Wills Family what little I know.

My great grand mother Vaughters maiden name was Mason. I do not know her given name her husband died when the

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children were small and they moved from VA. to within a few miles of this place in a one horse wagon she was a native of Philadelphia and had been a schoolteacher and she got so low on funds when she arrived here she took a number of private pupils to teach for a living.

The Family consisted of herself and five children the eldest was my Grand Father Richard Vaughters, next was John the Father of Mr. George Vaughters of Chillicothe 16 MI. North of here. He has been in a large wholesale house President of the St. car line and President of the Citizens Bank. He told me not long ago that the old family was as tough as pine knots.

The only girl in the family was the youngest her name was Mary she married Mark Landrum and lived and died at Piketon five miles south of this place her only daughter married James English one of the largest grain dealers near here in his day.

Dr. Thomas G. Vaughters was the next after John and the other Brother was named William.

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My Grand Father Richard Vaughters had three daughters, Margaret, Mary and Emma all are dead and so are their husbands.

My mother Mary died in April 21st and my father in Oct. 1895. There were nine of us. Richard Woodson who is now 67 yrs. lives on south St. Jackson O. followed R.R. and the mineing business and has been retired some 4 or 5 yrs. He has 3 Sons all married and in business doing well for themselves.

Next Dr. John William Who is located in wellston has a wife and one Son. Bro. John is 65 and yet very active in practice.

James Sanford was married had 4 Children a boy shot and killed him accidentally when he was 35 yrs. old.

Alonzo burned to death when 8 mos. old. I am Next.

Thomas died the day he was 2 yrs. old on my mothers lap on Sunday morning I was only 5 yrs. But rember the sad time well.

Benjamine Franklin my youngest Brother lives in Wellston O. he has a fine Family 2 Sons and 2 Daughters he is an insurance Agt. and Real estate man and does a fine business .

Mary Florence my oldest Sister lived at Washington C.H.O, (deceased) Had 6 children Verna my youngest sister has one Son and Lives at Chillicothe O.

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May, 16th 1928

Dear Mr. Vawter:

Yours of recent date rec'd My mothers name was Mary Ann Vaughters and My wife's Mother was Jennie Washburn I am incloseig Her history written by the Mayor of this place and read by Rev. H.E. Wilbur of our church. (M.E.) I know you not being acquainted with the family will not be so interesting but it will get us more acquaintd.

My Brother John William graduated at Ky. School of Medicine in 1892 Lousville Ky. I graduated at Ohio Medical University in 1897 Columbus O. My Daughter graduated O. State University 1926 in The Colledge of Education and has taught Home Economics 2 Yrs. and has been employed in the same school the 3rd time.

I will send you a clippings in this wk's local paper about them also one of myself Banker Watts and the Sect'y of State Clarence J. Brown are Cousins of Mrs. Wills.

The First time I go to Chillicothe I will see Mr. George Vaughters probably he will know the given name of his Grand Father and if he does will let you know at once would have written sooner but have been very busy.

Yours Faithfully,

L.E. Wills

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Dear Mr. Vawter:

I just learned after writing you yesterday that a Grand Daughter of Aunt Mary Vaughters Landrum Mrs. Edward Marshall lives at Flora, Ill.

Aunt Mary only had one daughter and she married Mr. James English a man of large business and a large family.

Mrs. Marshall is the only one I know anything about she married her Husband in the same place I did my wife while she was teaching in the Public schools of Omega, O. 5 miles from this place. Mr. Marshall is a Telegraph Operator or was the last time I knew anything about them.

I wish you would remember me to the Marshalls or if you care you can inclose this to them. Mrs. Wills knew them better than I did.

Yours Truly,

L.E. Wills

Leonidas Edward Wills son of John Lee Wills and Mary Ann Vaughters
(FULL name of husband) (father's FULL name) (mother's FULL name)

who was born (date) Aug 29th, 1870 In (place) Jackson Co. Ohio

and died (date) _____ in (place) _____

was married (date) Dec. 25th, 1900 In (place) Omega Ohio to

Georgia Elliott McCoffin dau of Robert Scott McCoffin and Jennie Washburn
(FULL name of wife) (father's FULL name) (mother's FULL name)

who was born (date) Dec. 14th 1879 in (place) Omega Ohio

and died (date) _____ in (place) _____

Their address (or survivor's) is Waverly O. 100 East 1st st.

Children: 1. Marion Wills b. Aug 1904 in Hot Sulphur Springs Colo.
in _____ m ? (~~yes~~ or no) address Waverly Ohio

Give 2. Robert Lee Wills b. July 3, 1910 in Omega Ohio
FULL in _____ m ? (~~yes~~ or no) address Waverly Ohio
Names

3. Richard Vaughters Wills b. Aug. 1st, 1918 in Waverly Ohio
in _____ m ? (~~yes~~ or no) address Waverly Ohio

Richard Woodson Wills son of John Lee Wills and Mary Ann Vaughters
(FULL name of husband) (father's FULL name) (mother's FULL name)

who was born (date) Sept 19th, 1860 In (place) Jackson County Ohio

and died (date) _____ in (place) _____

was married (date) Sept. 28th, 1882 In (place) Jackson County Ohio to

Mary Ann Harper dau of Calvin Nathan Harper and Jemima Cooper
(FULL name of wife) (father's FULL name) (mother's FULL name)

who was born (date) Dec. 24th 1861 in (place) Jackson County Ohio

and died (date) _____ in (place) _____

Their address (or survivor's) is 177 South St. Jackson, Ohio

Children: 1. Harry Rodney Wills b. June 7, 1884 in Coalton, Ohio. d.
in _____ m ? (~~yes~~ or no) address Arcanum Ohio

Give 2. Carl Clifton Wills b. Feb. 5 1887 in Jackson Ohio. d.
FULL in _____ m ? (yes or no) yes address Wellston, Ohio
Names

3. Oral Clyde Wills b. Dec. 30. 1890 in Coalton, Ohio
in _____ m ? (yes or no)yes address Wellston, Ohio

“COUSIN CHART”

Ancestors of Pete M. Vawter s/o Andrew Minor Vawter

Pete M. Vawter
509 Oaklawn
Milan, TN 38138

EDWARD VAWTER

| b. ca 1700
| d. 1779
| m.

THOMAS VAWTER

| b. 1738
| d. 1804
| m.

To: Elizabeth
Boulware

b.
d.

To: Elizabeth Pitt

CHILDREN

EDWARD VAWTER

| b. ca. 1745
| d. 1815 VA
| m.
To: Sarah Lee

b.
d.
Children
1. Mary Ann

1. Samuel
2. William
3. THOMAS
4. Elliott
5. James
6. Benjamin
7. Margaret

EDWARD B VAWTER

| b. 3-6-1809
| d. 7-30-1878
| m.

b.
d.
CHILDREN
1. Elizabeth
2. Harriet
3. Mary Belle

2. EDWARD
3. Martha
4. Ludwell
5. Lemuel
6. Ellizabeth

ANDREW JACKSON
VAWTER

| b. 4-5-1840
| w. Virginia
| d. 3-5-1917
| w. Shady Grove, TN.

b.
d.
CHILDREN
1. John T.
2. Margaret A.

4. Pennelia
5. Wyatt L.
6. Thomas L.
7. EDWARD B.

AMBROSE JACKSON V.

b. 4-14-1876
D. 8-11-1917
m.
To: Eva Minor
b.
d.

| m.
To: Frances Rhodes
b.
d.

3. ANDREW JACKSON
4. Mary S.
5. James E.
6. Sarah F.
7. Robert Lemuel
8. Martha Elizabeth

8. Sarah L.
9. Simon

Children:
1. Olga Lorene
2. ANDREW MINOR
3. Ida Mae
4. A. J.

3. Martha Jane
4. AMBROSE JACKSON
5. Oscar Lee
6. Osa Pearl
7. Murna M.
8. John Rhodes

(Note: Both John T.
and James E. were
killed at battle of
Atlanta)

ANDREW JACKSON VAWTER

Andrew Jackson Vawter was born in Virginia on 15 April 1840 to Edward B. Vawter & Martha McCune. (See cousin chart)

In May of 1861 Andrew Vawter enlisted at Jackson, MS in Captain Edward Williams' company of TN volunteers. Two months later he entered the Confederate service at Union City and his company became Company 1 of the 12th TN Inf. Reg.

Pvt. Vawter wearing a black hat and dressed in a gray wool single-breasted frock coat with blue infantry trim posed with an 1816 flintlock conversion musket. Pvt. Vawter saw action at: Battle of Belmont, Battle of Shiloh in 1862 where he was wounded. He recovered in time to join his regiment for Gen. Bragg's KY Campaign. In the Battle of Murfreesboro, TN he received his second wound.

In 1864 Pvt. Vawter' s former commander organized the 20th TN Cavalry Reg. which he joined. He saw action at Okolona, Paducah, Fort Pillow and Brice's Crossroads. He was also present when the Army of TN was decimated at Franklin & Nashville. His surrender and parole took place May 9, 1865 at Gainsville, AL.

Andrew Jackson Vawter is the g-grandfather of Pete M. Vawter (See Cousin chart).

MEMORIAL

Walter (Bud) Spink, born 22 Oct. 1923, died 16 Nov. in Boring, OR. He is survived by his wife Eleanor Marie (Vawter) Spink; two daughters, Alice Marie Lewis, Betty Jean Carter and two sons, Walter Stewart III and Willis Vernon. (Note: Eleanor is the sister of our circulating editor, Beth Sabel)

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Malcolm Gordon Vaughters, Jr. of Byhalia, MS died 4 May 1989 at age 47. He is survived by a daughter, Christina Marie Vaughters of Byhalia; a sister, Mrs. Beverly Medlin and two nieces, Lisa & Tina Medlin, all of Memphis, TN. (Note: Malcolm is the nephew of James & Norma Vaughters of Memphis, TN)

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From: The Indianapolis Star 10-20-89. Paul E. Vawter age 56 died 13 October. He was a tool and die maker for Allison Transmission Div. of Gen. Motors for 30 yrs. He was a member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church and a Navy Veteran. He is survived by his wife Rosalie Medjesky Vawter; sons Mark & Michael, daughter, Cheryl Sears and six grandchildren.

NEWS

Eric Stoltz was recently seen by some VVV members in the TV movie "Deep Cover". See newsletter of Summer 1985 p. 20 & Summer 1987 p. 23 for more about Stoltz and the movies he has appeared in in the past. (From Jesse Vawter line)

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$7.00 PER YEAR - DUE AND PAYABLE IN AUGUST TO: VVVF ASSOCIATION

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OLD AURORA COLONY

From: Old Aurora Colony Historical Society, P. O. Box 202, Aurora, OR 97002

Dear VVV Family Association:

Some of your ancestors were members of Dr. Wm Keil's Aurora Colony. They participated in one of America's most interesting social experiments, a Christian Communal Society, which lasted for over forty years.

Most descendants know about the colony's music, famous hotel, and fine craftsmanship in construction, but there is much more. The museum exhibits colony artifacts and offers interpretive programs studying colony life. It also contains a library housing photographs, documents, letters and other material pertinent to the colony story which is special because descendants have considered the museum as a permanent place for their family treasures.

The museum complex has grown to include five buildings all of which are filled with artifacts loaned or donated by colony descendants. We want to inform you about our services and to ask that you consider helping us preserve the colony's heritage.

MEMBERSHIP: Entitles you to a monthly newsletter and free admission to the museum. Individual \$10. Family \$15, Supporting \$25, Sustaining \$50, Donor \$100.

DONATIONS: and/or loans: We actively collect colony artifacts for preservation, research and exhibition. We hope you will consider our collection.

RESEARCH: We would like the opportunity to visit your homes and view your collection. We want to learn as much about the colony as possible.

VOLUNTEERS: For museum activities, tours and research assistants.

(Line: John Taylor Vawter s/o Wm & Frances and John's son Edward lived in Dr. Keil's Colony)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Monroe who won top honors in a science fair composing seven KY counties (See Summer 1989) went on to the International Science & Engineering Fair in Pittsburg where he won first place in the zoology category. He also won second place in the entomology category. He is also to be included in the 1989-90 edition of "Who's Who Among High School Students".

Roger Byler was installed this year as the president of his local S.A.R. chapter. He has proven seven ancestors who were involved in the Revolutionary War.

Jay Vawter was chosen for the 1989 C. Stewart Sheppard Award from the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts. This award is given to one of the financial industry's leaders for outstanding contributions, effort and leadership. Mr. Vawter is senior vice president of Stein Roe & Farnham, Inc. Investment Counsel, New York City.

Jay Vawter was also recently elected to the board of Trustees of the Princeton Theological Seminary. His grandfather, Clarence, graduated from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N.J. in 1913. Jay is the son of Paul E. Vawter of N.J.

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