**Clement4, (Samuel3, Edward2, Barth1)**

Clement Vawter is the son of Samuel Vawter and Agnes Richardson. Samuel’s inventory of estate is found in Cumberland Co., VA, 1789. Clement died ca 1819, Patrick Co., VA Inventory of estate 20 Feb 1819. The 1820 census Patrick Co. lists head of household “Sally” Vawter.

There is no proof of this connection but interesting is John Clements connected to Clement Vawter’s grandfather, Edward. Perhaps this is where the name is derived, they were neighbors. Further study is needed. Essex Co., Deed Book 1738-1742. pp. 211-213. 17 Mar 1740. From a line in Samuel Browne’s old field then a straight line toward the Burying Place in Job Spearmans old field until it cometh to the said Spearman’s line then to John Clements land being 50 acres Wit: Wm. Thomas, Elizabeth Browne and Edward Vawter.

(GJNote: Saml Browne and wife Elizabeth sold land to John Clements, the mention of the “burying place” is the graveyard of the Vauter’s Church of today.)

John Poole conducted a dancing school at Prince Edward (VA) County Court house about 1784. His fee was 150 lbs. tobacco for 6 months instructions, 3 times per month. One of the students was Clement Vawter.

In *William & Mary Quarterly* Vol. 7 series 2 1927. P282, Cumberland Co. VA marriage bonds.

Clement Vawter & Sarah Johnson. 17 Sep 1788. Signed Clement Vawter & James Johnston, teste, Edward Vawter. Surety James A. Spencer. Found in *Marriage Records 1749-1840 Cumberland Co., VA* compiled by Katherine B. Elliott, South Hill, VA 1984, father of Sarah, William Johnson.

Caroline County Court Records, VA, June 1788 (Minute Book July 1787 – Sept 1797)

On Motion of Clement Vawter administrator on the estate of Elliott Vawter dec’d is granted him oath adms. Bond acknldg and ord. Rec.

Caroline Co., Order Book 1787-1789 part 2) FHL# 0030840.

November 1788: Clement Vawter Administrator of Elliott Vawter, Plaintiff against James Rennolds/Runnolds, Defendant for Debt. (Note: this case lasted until November 1789 when the Court found for the Defendant)

William Snyder Vawter’s material of the 1920’s states: Lemuel Vawter, son of Thomas m. Sally Johnson. Lemuel was born ca 1781. Children were: Jessie Richardson b. 17 May 1809 d. Apr 1888, William b. ca 1811, John b. ca 1813, 2 daughters and another son unnamed.

This information is incorrect as we have a marriage record that shows Clement Vawter m. Sally Johnson in 1788 and Lemuel would have been but 7 years old. However, the families of Lemuel, Thomas and Samuel are all connected by marriage.

Patrick Co., VA Wills and Inventory p. 301 dated 20 Feb 1819. Inventory of the estate of Clement Vaughter by William Carter, Samuel Hamby, J. Tatun, Jas. Howell. Hogs, cattle, horse, 1 still, house furniture, copper tools, plantation tools, 8 books, 5 beds and furniture. No total returned.

1820 Patrick Co., VA census page 120A. Head of Household Sally Vawter.

Males 1 under 10, 2 10/16, 1 16/18,1 18-26. Females 1 10-16, 3 16/26, 1 over 45.

Children of Clement and Sarah (Johnson) Vawter known:

1. Margaret “Peggy” N. Vawter b. 1798 d. 23 Jul 1853 (age 55) m. 10 Jan 1821 to H. Tyre Bowman deceased before 1853. Marriage Records of Patrick Co., VA 1791-1850.

*Patrick Co., VA death Records 1853-1870*.

Name: Bowman, Margaret, DOD 23 Jul 1853 Age 55, Parent Vaughters, Husband Tyre Bowman, deceased. Informant Loel (sic) Bowman, son

1850 US Census Patrick Co., VA family #669

Margaret Bowman age 50 all born VA

Joel Bowman age 18

Margaret Bowman age 16

Joel Bowman b. 22 Nov 1841 Grayson, VA d. 5 Mar 1889 Caroll Co., VA bur. Jesse Dickson Cemetery m. Susan Ann Dickens b. 1845 d 1929.

1880 US Census Carroll Co., VA

Joel Bowman age 38

Susan A. Bowman age 36

Louisa Bowman age 10

John C. Bowman age 8

Nancy M. E. Bowman age 6 (aka: Matilda Elizabeth Bowman 1873-1957)

Amanda Ida Bowman age 4

Joel Victor Bowman age 2

2. Sarah “Sally” Vawter b. ca 1800 d. bet. 1860-1870 Patrick Co., VA m. 27 Feb 1821, VA to Jordan Hall b. ca 1797-1800 VA alive 1870 Patrick Co., VA, Marriage Records of Patrick Co., VA 1791-1850 Tyre Bowman Surety.

1850 Census Patrick Co., VA M432, roll 967 p. 395 Worth District, en. 16 Oct 1850

Family 695/697 Jordan Hall age 53 m b. VA Farmer $500

Sarah age 50 f b. VA

Julia age 19, Adam age 16, A. Jackson age 14 and Mary age 12 all b. VA

1860 Patrick Co., Va Census (South) page 967 Family # 116

Hall Jordan 63 M

Hall Sarah 60 F

Hall Andrew 22 M 1,500 500

Hall Mary Jane 21 F

1870 Dan River Patrick Co., VA

Jordan Hull age 70

Mary Goin age 35

Elizabeth Goin age 3

Emily Goin age 2

3. Martha “Patsy” Vawter m. Jan 1827 to Adam Hall. Marriage Records of Patrick Co., VA 1791-1850. Both of the following census could be the correct Patsy. More research is needed.

1850 US Census Louisa Co., VA family #190 (all b. VA)

Patsy Hall age 50

William Hall age 22

Caswell Hall age 19

George Hall age 20

Amelia Hall age 40

Bertha Hall age 17

1850 US Census Hanover Co., VA

Patsy Hall age 55

William Hall age 24

Caswell Hall age 20

Martha Hall age 17

4. Drucilla Vawter m. 26 Nov 1830 to Ewell Smith. Children known are Columbus and Joseph Smith. Marriage Records of Patrick Co., VA 1791-1850.

1850 US Census So. Dist, Patrick Co., VA family #476

Eael Smith age 42

Massey Smith age 37

Columbus Smith age 19

Joseph Smith age 17

William Smith age 14

Colvin Smith age 12

Albert Smith age 7

Susan Smith age 2

Mary Mankin age 72

1870 US Census Dan River, Patrick Co., VA Joseph S. Smith age 37 single land value $1500

1880 US Census Dan River, Patrick Co., VA Joseph S. Smith age 47 single farmer

5. Clement Reed Vawter b. ca 1805 VA, No issue known

1840 Census Patrick Co., VA, Family #043 Reed Vaughter

1850 Census Patrick VA M432, roll 967, p. 391, en. 11 Oct 1850

Family # 596/630 Clement R. Vawter 45 m. farmer (living alone)

1860 VA CENSUS Patrick Co.(South) pg. 967- 968

Family # 124 Israel William 45 M

Israel Mariah 45 F

Israel Zachariah T. 14 M

Israel Winfield S. 11 M

Israel Martha F. 9 F

Israel Mary J. 7 F

Vauter Clement R. 55 M Gentleman 500 500

Griffin Sarah J. 30 F

1870 Census Patrick Co., VA, Dan River District

Vaughter, Reed age 65 b. VA farmer value $1400

Living with the family of Ja. W. Stanley age 38, Ann age 22, John S age 5, Serilda F age 2 Mary E. age 1, who were all born NC

6. William Beverly Vawter b. 30 Jan 1807 d. 29 Nov 1860 m. 30 Dec 1846 to Amanda Margaret (nee: Neal) Goodman b. 19 Aug 1823 d. 2 Aug 1850. J. P. was J. L. Haynes.

Marriage record of Rutherford Co., TN 1804-1850 shows Amanda M. Goodman and William B. Vaughter 30 Dec 1846.

Family notes: Amanda was given a slave named Julian (with child) value $1000. Amanda, William B. and Sarah H. are all buried at the Neal Graveyard, later known as the Hance Carter Cemetery, near LaVergne, TN.

Amanda Margaret Neal m. (1) 8 Mar 1843 to Edmond Goodman b. 6 Apr 1814 d. 6 Jun 1845. They had one daughter, Margaret Elizabeth Goodman b. 4 Apr 1844 d. 5 Apr 1899 m. 22 Feb 1860 in Rutherford Co., TN to Hance Hamilton Thompson Carter b. 1 Nov 1841 d. 6 Jun 1910.

Edmond Goodman was m. (1) to Amanda’s sister, Elizabeth Neal who d. 9 Jan 1842. Bondsman for Elizabeth Neal and Edmond Goodman was William Vawter (ref. Archives of marriage, Nashville, TN).

1850 Census Rutherford Co., TN #517

Wm B Vawter age 42 b. VA

Sarah H age 2 b. TN

Mary W. age 2/12 b. TN

Amanda age 27 b. TN

6a. Sarah H. Vawter b. 20 Dec 1847 d. 1850

6b. Mary Watkins Vawter b. 24 Feb 1850 d. 19 Mar 1914 m. 7 Feb 1871 to Jackson Woods Smith b. 5 Feb 1848 d. 17 Feb 1907. Children: Fannie Mable Smith, Lillian Claire Smith, Maggie Watkins Smith and Jackson Watkins Smith. Family Notes: Mary W. Vawter was given a slave name Sarah value $780.

The connection between William Beverly and Jesse Richardson is noted by this family story. In 1850, Amanda Vawter, William’s wife died leaving a young daughter named Mary Watkins Vawter, then only a few months old, and her daughter by her former marriage Margaret Elizabeth Goodman, then about six. William B. Vawter was left to rear a step daughter and his own infant daughter. The time frame is unclear, but some time later, Mary Watkins Vawter was taken by William to his brother Jesse Richardson Vawter to rear. Presumable this occurs after Jesse’s marriage to Virginia America Blackman (nee: Smith). The fact remains that no one disputes that this child was raised with Jesse and Virginia’s children. Though Mary Watkins Vawter was a first cousin, she was always regarded as an older sister.

Mary Watkins Vawter married to Jackson Woods Smith and Virginia America married Thomas Everett Smith. The closeness of this family remained for many, many years. The only male left to carry the name became Jesse Lee Vawter who had 9 children.

7. Jesse Richardson Vawter b.17 Jan or May 1809 Patrick Co., VA d. 9 Jan 1888, (also noted d. Apr and Oct) Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., TN m. 9 Jan 1855 to Virginia America Smith (Marriage Records of Rutherford Co., TN 1804-1872) Virginia America b. 16 Jan 1827 Murfreesboro, TN d. 6 Oct 1892 Murfreesboro.

Virginia America’s first husband, Lazarus “Lad” Blackman d. 28 Aug 1852, leaving her 2 daughters and a son. After “Lad’s death” Virginia America turned her large two story brick house into a boarding hosue, one of her boarders was Jesse Richardson Vawter, thus the connection.

Virginia America’s father was William “Capt. Billy” Smith and her mother was Cecily Catherine (nee: Morton) Morton. She was their only child. William Smith b. 11 Sep 1782 d. 2 Jul 1833 was 45 and Cecily Catherine b. 1780-85 d. unknown, was nearing the end of her child bearing years. There is no record of “Capt. Billy” being previously married however Cecily Catherine Morton’s first husband was a distant cousin, Joseph Morton, son of James Morton, Youngest Lieutenant of the Rev. War (see William and Mary College Quarterly Vol XI- series 2, 1931 pp210-220 for further Morton family of Virginia history). After the death of "Capt. Billy" Smith, Virginia America married a third time to Robert Smith. There were no children from this marriage.

Three children of Lazarus Blackman and Virginia A. Smith:

1. Alfred Watson Blackman b. 14 Sep 1846

2. Cicelia Elizabeth Blackman b. 9 Sep 1848 m. Dr. Rafe Hall

3. Mattie America Blackman b. 2 Sep 1850 m. (1) Sam Buchanan (2) Tom Richardson

Three children of Jesse R. Vawter and Virginia A. Smith Blackman:

a. William Alexander Vawter b. 30 Sep 1857 Murfreesboro, TN. Died unmarried.

William died a sad death, according to family members William was engaged to a young woman , Nannie Batey Peebles. Both attended a house party and Christmas dance some miles from Williams’ home. He reportedly danced til midnight but decided to ride home instead of staying with the host as was customary. He apparently had worked up quite a sweat and his clothes froze to him before he reached home by horseback. He literally “caught his death of cold” and died in a few days. He had given his fiancee a pearl handled knife which is still in the family as she married into another branch of the family and has passed it down.

b. Virginia America Vawter b. 3 May 1860 Murfreesboro, TN d. 6 Jan 1928 Smyrna, TN m. 12 Nov 1878 Rutherford Co., TN to Thomas Everett Smith b. 20 Feb 1856 d. 7/9 Dec 1935 bur. Mapleview Cem., Smyrna, TN. Children: William Vawter Smith, Jessie Lee Smith, Virginia America “Mec” Smith, Herbart Mahlon Smith, Anne Watkins “Annie Watt” Smith (mother of Martha Batey Uffleman), Claude Clinton “Chip” Smith (father of Virginia S. White), Martha Buchanan “Mattie B” Smith and John Locke “Jerry” Smith.

A small farm journal, belonging to Jesse R., is still held in the family by Martha Batey Uffleman (g. grandau.). Besides noting the crops and buying seed and feed there are only a few notations to tell of his life. Noted by the family as a man of few words the following two comments by Jesse.

As the days of the Battle of Murfreesboro (Stones River) raged on, Jesse R. was living right outside Murfreesboro and practically in the smoke of the battle but his only comment was “it rained hard today”. When dau. Virginia America was born this comment “baby girl born today”. One must wonder how his mind worked through both the joy and sorrow of those times.

Most of the above information was submitted by Virginia Smith White, 63 Jameswood Ave., Savannah, GA 31406 a direct descendant of Virginia America and Gladys Elizabeth Gooch, a direct descendant of William Beverly Vawter. This information is derived from Bible, Cemetery and and TN Archives in addition to direct family tradition and research.

c. Jesse Lee Vawter (source for his family information) b. 13 Aug 1863 Murfreesboro, TN m. 15 Oct 1884 Lake Weir, FL to Annie Jones Dillard b. 16 Jan 1867, Augusta, GA. Parents Toliver Dillard and Annie Cook. Children: William Dillard Vawter, Bessie Lee Vawter, Jesse Richardson Vawter, Samuel Buchanan Vawter, Thomas Smith Vawter, Malvin Dewitt Vawter, Juanita Sharpe Vawter, Dewitt Talmage Vawter and Virginia America Vawter.

Jesse Lee (son) Vawter stated in several letters to William Snyder Vawter in the 1920’s that *“Adam Hall is the son of my father’s sister. Columbus Smith is a son of my father’s sister and William Vawter Smith of Smyrma TN is a son of my sister Jennie”. He states Jesse Richardson Vawter had 3 brothers and 2 sisters, names were William Vawter and John Vawter and he forgot the others. He has only seen cousin Adam Hall and cousin Columbus Smith. Adam Hall went to Denver, CO and Smith went to KS. He states it has been 45 years since he was in TN. His father’s brother, William, has three granddaughters and another family member William Vawter Smith and all live in Smyrna, TN.”*

(GJNote: Jesse Lee left out a grandson, Jackson Watkins “Watt” Smith.)