**Lemuel4 Vawter/Vaughter, (Thomas3, Edward2, Bartholomew1)**

Lemuel Vawter was the son of Thomas Vawter and Mary Elizabeth Pitt. A first marriage bef. 1797, is sent by Marian W. Rief email frief@mindspring.com writes “through research of the Thornton line the following information Betsy Vawter m. John Wyatt Thornton and that her parents were Lemuel Vawter and Julia Wilson”.

A second marriage is found for Lemuel: 5 Jan 1797 Samuel (sic) Vawter to Obedience Jackson, Sur. John Harvey. P. 260. Source: *Marriage Bonds and Minister’ Returns of Charlotte County, Virginia 1764-1815* by Catherine L. Knorr, self pub., 1951 p. 85. (GJNote: However, the following court material shows this to be Lemuel.)

*Charlotte Co., VA 18th Century Orphans & Others*, pub. 1989 by Joanne Lovelace Nance (N.W. Lapin Press, Charlottesville, VA) held at Ft. Wayne IN Library. p31

3 Sep 1798 court, William George, guardian to Obedience Jackson, orphan of Lewis Jackson, produced a receipt of Lemuel Vaughter who has intermarried with Obedience.

(GJNote: Obedience parents were Lewis Jackson and Fanny Richardson. Frances (Fanny) the daughter of Mary (Curd) Richardson. Fanny’s sister Agnes married Samuel Vaughter. John Harvey who gave surety on this marriage is again married to one of Mary (Curd) Richardson’s daughters, Ann. The confusion between these families is easy to understand as they were related by marriage and proximity)

Charlotte County Virginia, Virginia Archives Reel #46

5 Jan 1797. The condition of the above obligation is such that where as there is a marriage suddenly intended to be solomized between Lemuel Vaughter and Obedience Jackson. If therefore there be no lawful cause to obstruct the same then this obligation to be void also to remain in full force and virtue. Sealed and delivered in presence of Lemuel Vawter. Signed William George and John Harvey.

Sir: You will please to grant a licence for me to marry Lemuel Vawter, you will always (?unreadable). Test William George, John Harvey. Your most Obe., Obedience Jackson (her mark)

This is to certify that Lemuel Vawter is twenty-one years of age. Signed Thomas Vawter

Teste: John Vawter and Edward Vawter

National Archives, Seattle Branch, War 1812, Folder Index. Lemuel Vaughter, 4th reg., VA militia. Service under Lt. Col. McDowell, Lt. Col. (?) and Lt. Col. Chilton.

In a letter dated 1931 from Mrs. Carrie (John W.) Pope of Dallas, Texas, the following “I have the Wm. B. Harris Bible, quite old and the following information is found:

Nancy Vawter (my great grandmother on my mother’s side) was born 20 May 1806 in Buckingham Co., VA. Married 1822 to Wm. B. Harris of VA who died in Germantown, KY in 1876. There is a notation that says “Obedience Vawter departed this life 27 Apr 1827”. This is believed to be Nancy’s mother.

A third marriage of Lemuel is 27 Aug 1828 to Kesia Gadsey. Marriage bond 27 Aug 1828 record of Charlotte Co., VA and marriage 28 Aug 1828 Lemuel Vawter to Keziah Godsy. It is believed Keziah/Kisiah had children of a first marriage.

1820 Census Charlotte Co., VA Lemuel Vaughter page 29A. Family #230

1 m. under 10, 1 m. 10-16, 1 m. 45 & up; 1 f. under 10, 1 f. 16-18, 1 f. 18-26, 1 f. 26-45, 1 f. 45 & up. Six children still in the household at this time.

Census Index Records of Charlotte Co., VA

1840 Charlotte Family #169 Lemuel Vaughter

1850 Census Charlotte Co., VA p. 30A, family #443 taken 22 Aug 1850

Lemuel Vawter (Vauter) age 65 b. Powhatan Co., VA

Kisiah wife, age 53 b. Campbell Co., VA

Martha Vawter dau. age 20 b. Charlotte Co. VA

Merrit Vawter son age 12 b. Charlotte Co., VA

Children of Lemuel and Julia Wilson:

1. Elizabeth P. “Betsy” Vawter d. aft. 29 May 1829 and bef. 4 Oct 1830 m. 26 Sep 1815 John Wyatt Thornton.

**The marriage bond of John Wyatt Thornton and Elizabeth P. "Vawtner" was dated 26 September, 1815 in Prince Edward County, Va.  Father Lemuel "Vawtner" gave consent.  Surety was Owen L. Wood.  LDS microfilm JR1074, Pr. Edw. Co. M. B.s 1754-1850**

The following is from a genealogy "Thornton 1300-1900" by Lola Jane Carr-Bates, Job publishers, Brookneal, VA, 1917.

“John Wyatt Thornton married first Betsy Vawter, daughter of Lemuel and Julia Wilson Vawter. To this union were born; Anne Sterling- no DOB, Mary Jane, June 4, 1824, Elizabeth, no DOB, John Lemuel, May 29, 1829. The said John Wyatt Thornton married secondly, Agnes Paulette. Children to this union are as follows: Francis Holcombe, Aug 25, 1832, Anne Richardson, Richard, Rebecca, and Presley Lacy Wyatt.”

John Wyatt Thornton m. (2) 4 Oct 1830 Brunswick, Virginia to Tabitha Agnes Paulette

John Wyatt Thornton’s parents were Francis Thornton and Lucy L. Ligon. Other family member state the wife name as Miss Lacy.

Thornton researchers have found as many as nine children of these marriages.

John Thornton and (1) Elizabeth Vawter children:

2a. Ann Sterling Thornton

2b. Mary Jane Thornton b. 4 Jun 1824 m. C. T. C. Carr. Parents John Carr and Catherine Royster of Halifax Co., VA John and Catherine m. ca 1810.

2c. Elizabeth Thornton

2d. John Lemuel Thornton

John Thornton m. (2) 4 Oct 1830 Charlotte Co., VA to Tabitha Agnes Paulette

Children:

2e. Francis Holcombe Thornton b. 25 Aug 1832, Holcombe was the given name of Agnes’ father, Holcombe Paulette.

2f. Ann Richardson Thornton b. 1833

2g. Richard Thornton

2h. Rebecca Thornton

2i. Presley Lacy Wyatt Thornton. Presley left his first wife and 2 sons at the end of the Civil War, one named John Wyatt Thornton. He remarried to Anna Jones and had 2 more children, named Lacy Bolling Thornton and Paulette Ratcliffe Thornton.

John died shortly after 1840. Tabitha Agnes Paulett Thornton m. William Austin in 1845, Charlotte Co., VA

Children of Lemuel and Obedience Jackson:

2. Frances “Besta” Vawter m. 14 Nov 1818 to John H. Thackston. Marriage record of Charlotte Co., VA . The census would indicate Frances may have died, poss. In childbirth. No John is found in 1830 or 1840 census records.

1820 Census Charlotte Co., VA taken 7 Aug 1820

John Thackston Male 1 age 26-44 Female 1 age under 10

3. William Vawter (no more known)

4. Nancy Vawter b. 20 May 1806 Buckingham Co., VA d. 1876 Germantown, KY m. 2 Oct 1822 to William Bailey Harris. Marriage record Charlotte Co. Bond 22 Sept 1822. William B. Harris, & Nancy Vawter dau. of Lemuel Vawter who gave his personal consent. Sur. Lemuel Vawter, married 2 Oct 1822 by Joshua Worley p. 55.

Children: Thomas Lemuel Harris b. near Charlotte Co., VA, Robert Edward Harris, William Rae Harris, Mary Bailey Harris, Joseph Jackson Harris and Francis Ann Harris.

William B. Harris was a wit: to the following marriage Charllote Co. 1816-1850.

21 Dec 1819 Richmond Harris m. Sally Allen dau. of Reubin Allen who consents. Sur. Anderson Allen. Wit. Wm. B. Harris.

Children of Lemuel Vawter and Keziah Godsey:

6. Mary Jane Vawter m. 9 April 1845 to Elijah B. Green. Marriage record found in Prince Edward Co., VA, father listed as Lemuel Vawter.

1850 Slave Schedule, Charlotte Co., VA Elijah B. Green

1860 US Census Charlotte Co., VA family #306

Elijah B. Green age 52 farmer b. VA

Mary J. Green age 38 b. VA

Louisa M. Green age 6 b. VA

Susan C. Green age 3 b. VA

1870 US Census Walton, Charlotte Co., VA family #63 (next to sister #64 Julia Johnson)

Mary Green age 52 b. VA

Louisa Green age 16 b. VA

Susan Green age 12 b. VA

7. Julia W. Vawter m. 18 Dec 1849 to John R. Johnson. Marriage record of Charlotte Co., VA

John R. Johnson & Julia W. Vawter, dau. of Lemuel Vawter. Surety. William J. Johnson, Wit. Martha S. Vawter

1860 US Census Charlotte Co., VA family # 302 all b. VA

Jno R. Johnson age 31

Julia W. Johnson age 25

Mary S. Johnson age 10

Westley T. Johnson age 8

Lemuel G. Johnson age 4

Elnora Johnson age 3

Martha J. Johnson age 2

Martha J. Vawser age 30

1870 US Census Walton, Charlotte Co., VA family #64 all born VA

John Johnson age 43

Julia Johnson age 40

Wesley Johnson age 17

Lemuel Johnson age 15

Elnora Johnson age 13

Martha Johnson age 11

Lucy Johnson age 9

William Johnson age 3

Louisa Johnson age 1

1880 US Census Lunenburg Co., VA Dist 138, #221

Lemuel G. Johnson age 25 b. VA farmer

Rosa B. Johnson age 22 b. VA wife

William H. Bugby age 23 b. VA laborer

1880 US Census Walton, Charlotte Co., VA

Wesley T. Johnson age 26 b. VA

Alice A. Johnson age 24

Ethel G. Johnson age 1

1910 US Census Pleasant Grove, Lunenburg Co., VA Dist 21 family #191

Wesley T. Johnson age 54 m. 32 yr. b. VA

Alice T. Johnson age 52 m. 32 yr. b. VA 6 children 4 living

Effie F. Johnson age 29 female b. VA

Sula C. Johnson age 18 female b. VA

Flossie C. Johnson age 12 female b. VA

Also living with them is daughter Ethel G.

Robert C. Crafton age 40 b. VA

Ethel G. Crafton age 32 b. VA

Mamie K. Crafton age 10

Jacob R. Crafton age 6

Robert L. Crafton age 3

1920 US Census Lunenburg Co., VA Family #36 (next to Wesley G. Johnson #35)

Ethel G. Crafton age 40 widow renting b. VA/VA/VA

Jacob R. Crafton age 17

Brownay R. Crafton age 15

Robt L. Crafton age 12

Connie G. Crafton age 9

Evelyn M. Crafton age 5

Grace B. Crafton age 3

Family # 35 Wesley G. Johnson age 66

Alice A. Johnson age 64 wife

Effie Johnson age 32 single dau

Lula age 23 single dau

Winne (?) R. Johnson age 10 gr.son

Bennie Johnson age 4 gr. Son

Hazel Johnson age 9 gr. daughter

8. Martha J. Vawter b. ca 1830 Charlotte Co., VA In 1850 she was still living at home with parents (see above Samuel)

1860 Census Charlotte Co., VA shown as Martha J. Vawser age 30 single, living with sister Julia W. Johnson and John R. Johnson

9. Merrit G. Vawter/Vaughter b. ca 1838 Charlotte Co., VA

Merritt Vawter enlisted 18 Jul 1861 Charlotte, VA Confederacy as private Company I, 56th Infantry Regiment VA, died of disease Company I, 56th Infantry Regiment Virginia on 28 Apr 1862 at Emory College Hospital, Washington Co., VA. Called the Emory and Henry Cemetery.

Book-*Charlotte County Rich Indeed*, pub. 1979 by Charlotte County Board of Supervisors, VA

Page 475-476 Pensioners of the War of 1812

Thomas Harvey, B. W. (Butterwood Creek)

Merit G. Vaughter, minor of Lemuel Vawter, deceased

Thomas Harvey and Polly Harvey

Page 476-477 Muster Roll of War in Defense of Virginia (Civil War)

Merritt Vaughter

Likely another daughter as the location and dates match with this family, no final proof is found, but a man named Owen L. Wood was surety for Betsy Vawter and John Thornton’s marriage. Likely this is the Owen Larwood in the marriage license.

Margaret Vawter b. ca 1769-1775. A marriage record found in Buckingham Co., VA, from a list of marriages performed by Rev. Rene Chastain, Baptist Minister: 14 Apr 1789, Owen Larwood and Peggy Vauters

1810 US Census Charlotte Co., VA

Owen L. Wood

Male 1 age 16-25, 1 age over 45

Females 3 age under 10, 2 females age 10-15, 1 female age 16-25, 1 female age 26-44

6 slaves

Inventory payment of minors, Prince Edward County 1825 Estate of John Vawter decd (son of Samuel Vawter)

February 1817 paid to Owen L. Wood and Malkins account Trent,

No proof this is a child, but age and location need to be studied.

1810 US Census Charlotte Co., VA

Thomas Wood, Male 1 age 16-25, 5 slaves

1820 US Census, Charlotte Co., VA

Thomas Wood, Male 1 under 10, 1 age 26-44

Female 1 age 16-25, 11 slaves