**Martha “Patsy” Vawter4, Thomas3, Edward2, Bartholomew1**

Martha “Patsy” Vaughter b. ca 1778 m. 24 Jan 1799 Charlotte Co., VA marriage record p. 280 to John Faris/Farriss.

Record states: This day Lemuel Vaughters and Ludwell Vaughter came before me and made oath that Patsy Vaughter, their sister, is a person of twenty one years of age and that they are inhabitants of the County of Charlotte and come to be married to John Faris as he also is upward of twenty one years of age. Under my hand this 24 Day January 1799. Stephen B(?),

The name also seen as Pharis and Farris of Scotch-Irish descent.

1810 Charlotte Co., VA Census

Family #48 10 FARIS John 3 1 0 1 0 - 0 0 0 1 0 - 0 0

M<10 10-16 16-26 26-45 45 F<10 10-16 16-26 26-45 45 FREE - SLAVE

3 male under 10, 1 male 10-16, one male 26-45 one female 26-45. No slaves.

1820 Census Campbell Co. Virginia Dist: Lynchburg pp. 111-121, County pp. 121-150 Microfilm # Microcopy 33, Roll 129

Last Name, First Name

Males < 10 Males 10-15 Males 16-18 Males 18-25 Males 26-44 Males 45+

Females < 10 Females 10-15 Females 16-18 Females 18-25 Females 26-44 Females 45+

Faris, Benjamin 2 2 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 7 0 0 3 4 0 0 2 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Faris, John 2 2 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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Faris, John A. 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Faris, Jesse 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Faris, William 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 4 0 0 3 2 0 0 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Faris, Valentine 1 0 0 0 0 1 3 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Faris, John Jr. 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 3 0 0 3 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Vawter, Benj 4 2 0 3 2 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 8 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Patsy was murdered by a slave girl in 1821 and the trail was started 4 Sep 1821 Charlotte county OR Bk 23 page 117. From the records the following is found:

Charles Fariss was at school. It was a Tuesday, Aug. 28, 1821, in Charlotte County, Virginia (maybe even near the town of Charlotte Court House). Pat, a family slave, came and told Charles that his mother was dead. This happened about 12:30 p.m. Charles and the slave went home. As soon as he saw her, Charles could tell that his mother had been murdered; and, judging from the flies around her body, that his mother had been dead for some time. (Charles might have been as old as eighteen. Ludwell Fariss, who was out of school it appears, gave testimony at the trial, also, and identified himself as Charles’ brother. An Elizabeth Fariss also testified.)

The mother of these children was Martha Faris / Fariss. She was referred to as Patsy Vaughter when she married John Faris, soon after Jan. 24, 1799. Her brothers Lemuel Vaughters [sic] and Ludwell Vaughter had confirmed, for a Charlotte County marriage bond, that Patsy was of age of consent to agree to marry John.

At the trial on Sep. 29, 1821, held over from Sep. 4, it was revealed that Pat said she had run to the schoolhouse to tell the children about their mother as soon as she found Martha. However, she had apparently changed clothes and she had stopped to talk to several people on the way. Pat had stopped at the home of Mrs. Drucilla Harvey where she said that her mistress’ wounds were on her head and shoulders. When asked, in the presence of John Ford, why Pat did not try to revive Martha with camphor, Pat said, “… a bushel of camphor would not bring her to, for that the side of her head, and all along down here (bringing her hand down her head, shoulder, and arm) was beaten all to pieces.” (GJNote: Drucilla Harvey is a cousin of Martha’s and a daughter of Samuel Vawter/Vaughter)

Richard W. Gaines gave witness that it appeared that Martha had been attacked from behind by a left-handed person. However, he said that there was no evidence of the wounds to the shoulder at first examination. It was only after he talked to John Ford (after Ford’s conversation with Pat) that Gaines knew to have the shoulder examined, as these wounds were hidden by Martha’s garments. Further, he testified that “… her skull was so broken that it would give way by pressing it any where [sic] and that the brains would run out and were runing [sic] out at her right ear and that he is confident that the wounds aforesaid produced her death.”

John Farriss “Senr.” testified that he had left town on Monday, that he could not find the clothes Pat had been wearing when he left town, and that the slave, Pat, “works left handed.”

Rose and Christian, slave women and friends of Pat, revealed that Pat told them that she took “great liberties” in her dealings with her mistress, Martha Fariss. Rose “wondered that [Pat’s] *master* did not whip her instead of her mistress. [Pat] Said that her master ‘would not whip her to save her mistresses life’.” On Monday, Pat went to Christian and said “… that she had recd on the evening before a whipping with a Cow hide and that her mistress should not be there long — that she [Pat] was not born in a thicket to be seared by a cricket.”

Pat was found guilty; and, that Pat “…for the offence aforesaid [should] be hanged by the neck untill [sic] She be dead … on Saturday the 3rd day of October next 1821 between the hours of 12 in the forenoon and two oclock in the afternoon of the Same day at the Court house of the Said County.” Additionally it states, “The Court values the Said Pat at three hundred + fifty dollars.”

Family information says the children of John and Martha “Patsy” (Vaughter) Faris are Ludwell Faris, Charles Faris, John Faris, Thomas Faris, Elizabeth Faris. The court records show the children as Ludwell, Charles and Elizabeth, but other children may have been too young to be mentioned.

1. Ludwell Faris stated as son in court records , this Ludwell below, appears to have been born in 1810 and would be too young to be the correct Ludwell who seemed to be an adult in the trial of 1821. However, family information states this is correct so further information would be needed.

EARLY SETTLERS OF SANGAMON COUNTY – 1876 By John Carroll Power

PULLIAM, ROBERT, was born April 12, 1776, in Henry county, Va. His father, John Pulliam, emigrated to Kentucky when Robert was a boy, and the family moved from there to Illinois, arriving in 1796, in what was then called the New Design settlement, now a part of Monroe county. The next year they moved into a settlement in the district of St. Louis, in what was then locally known as "New Spain." They moved to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and a few years later to Randolph county, Ill., near where the town of Red Bud now stands. In 1802 Robert Pulliam improved a farm a few miles east of Belleville, St. Clair county, and about 1803 he settled in the American Bottom, near the Bluff, six or seven miles below the present city of Alton. Mary Stout was born April 9, 1776, but the locality is not known. Robert Pulliam and Mary Stout were married Sept. 13, 1804. In 1815 they moved to St. Clair county, and in the fall of 1817, leaving his family in St. Clair county, he, with two or three hired men, and a woman by the name of Strickland--sister of one of the hired men--to cook for them, he came to Sugar creek and built a cabin in the timber, on the east side of the creek. The land is now owned by James Scott, and is situated nearly three-quarters of a mile west of a point ten and a half miles due south of Springfield, on a line with Sixth street. When the government survey was made it was found to be on the southwest quarter of section twenty-one, township fourteen north, range five west, and is now in Ball township. That is believed to have been, without doubt, the first habitation of any kind built by white men in what is now Sangamon county. Mr. Pulliam brought with him a herd of cattle and some horses. The growth of grass, which had been luxuriant for ages, afforded ample grazing when there was not any snow. When that covered the ground Mr. P. had the men cut down elm trees, and the stock would live on the buds until the snow passed away. The cabin was built in a forest, composed principally of sugar trees. As the spring approached, Mr. Pulliam put his men to work and made sugar. As the season advanced, and caused the grass to grow, he collected his horses and cattle and returned to his family in St. Clair county in the spring of 1818. He remained there until the spring of 1819, when he came, with all his family, back to Sugar creek, to find his cabin occupied by Zachariah Peter. See his name. Robert Pulliam had six children in Madison and St. Clair counties, namely--

MARY, born Oct. 7, 1814, in Madison county, married in Sangamon county, April 19, 1835, to Ludwell P. Fariss. They had four children, and both died at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. One of the daughters is now (1876) the wife of Dr. McBride, of Decatur, Illinois.

1840 US Census Henry Co., Iowa Terr

L. P. Fariss 1 female(?) age 20 to 29 (GJNote: census is very light and difficult to read)

1850 US Census Center, Henry Co., Iowa

L.P. Fariss age 40 male b. VA farmer

Amelia Fariss age 24 b. PA (GJNote: her age is 34/35 per history)

Martin Fariss age 14 b. IL

Eliza Fariss age 12 b. Iowa

Mary Fariss age 8 b. Iowa

John Fariss age 6 b. Iowa

Milo Fariss age 3 b. Iowa

Charles Fariss age 1 b. Iowa

2. Thomas C. Faris b. ca 1802-04 VA m. ca 1835 Campbell Co., VA to Eliza S. Talbot

1840 US Census Campell Co., VA

Thomas C. Fariss

1 male under 5, 1 male age 20 to 29, 1 female age 20 to 29

Slaves 1 male 10 to 23, 2 male age 24 to 35, 1 female under 10, 1 female age 24 to 35.

1850 US Census Slave Schedule …Thomas C. Faris

1 male age 48, 1 female age 25, 1 female age 20, 1 male age 10, 1 male age 4, 1 male age 1

1850 US Census Campbell Co., VA

Thomas C. Faires age 47

Eliza Faires age 35

William D. Faires age 11

Martha A. Faires age 9

Pauline E. F. Faires age 4

Eliza T. Faires age 1

1860 US Census Campbell Co., VA

Thos. C. Farriss age 56 b. VA

Eliza L. Farriss age 45

William D. Farriss age 21

Paulina E. F. Farris age 16

Eliza J. Farriss age 10 (female)

Henrietta Farriss age 8

Robt. M. Farriss age 6

1870 US Census Campbell Co., VA Lynchburg

Thomas C. Faris age 67

William D. Faris age 31

Robert M. Faris age 16

Eliza S. Thomas age 20

James R. Thomas age 1

1880 US Census Campbell Co., VA

Lewis Thomas age 39 Merchant b. VA

Eliza Thomas age 29 wife

Robert. Thomas age 11 son

Charlie Thomas age 9 son

Thos. Thomas age 6 son

Mattie Thomas age 4 daughter

Lewis Thomas age 1 son

Thos. Faris age 76 father in law farmer

1880 US Census Campbell Co., VA

Robt. Fares age 26 single Merchant

Archie Bevell age 20 boarder, clerk in store

Possible marriage for Pauline E. F. Faris (Unproven)

1870 US Census Campbell Co., VA

E. F. Dawson age 26 female keeping house

Seth W. Dawson age 8

Lilian Dawson age 7

1880 US Census Campbell Co., VA #132/157

Robert W. Thurman age 34

Ella G. age 24 wife

Edward P. age 13 son

Mary Thurman age 52 mother

Lilian Dawson age 18 cousin

Alice Christian age 35 servant

Willie Christian age 13 servant

 3. John Faris age below would be before the marriage of parents, but should be researched further

1850 US Census Campbell Co., VA Lynchburg

John Fariss age 52 Brickmaker $7000

Martha W. Fariss age 49

Asa Palmer age 50 laborer

James Pitts age 20 laborer

1860 US Census Campbell Co., VA

John Fariss age 62

Martha Fariss age 57