

### **Thomas Vawter<sup>3</sup>, (Edward<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>)**

Thomas Vawter b. ca 1740. Thomas and his son Edward both died ca 1815/16 in Buckingham Co., VA Married ca 1765 to Mary Elizabeth Pitt, dau. of Judge Pitt of Halifax Co., VA. Thomas was a surveyor of Montgomery Co. and lived in Cumberland and Buckingham Co., VA.

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In William Snyder Vawter’s notes of the 1920’s a memo from Mrs. Egbert R. Jones states that Mary Elizabeth Pitt died in 1796 on a visit to Mrs. Benj. Harrison in TN. No reference is made to where this information was obtained.

Found in *Turff & Twigg Vol. One The French Lands* by Priscilla Cabell pub. Richmond, VA. Chesterfield Co. (later Henrico) WB 1 p327 & OB 2 p473.

*Will of Andrew Amonnet dated 2 Sep 1761 w.p. 4 Feb 1764. Mentions wife Jane, Son John land next to George Sowell, Son Wm. land near John Rayle and Robert Wooldridge, Son Jacob, land next to Robert Wooldridge and Edward Wooldridge, Son Andrew land next to Wm. Wooldridge and John Martin. Daughter (4) Judith, Jane, Elizabeth and Magdlen Amonnet and youngest sons Jacob and Andrew. Wit: Thos. Vawter, Wm. Martin & Geo. Sowell.*

*Abstracts of Cumberland Co., VA Will Books 1 & 2, 1749-1782, by Katharine Reynolds, held at Ft. Wayne IN Library.*

Page 26. (Will book pg. 317) *Will of John Forsee pro. 27 Aug 1766, Brother Stephen Forsee, my four brothers, Stephen, Francis, Charles and William Forsee, my sister Mary Ann Maxey ex: Samuel Fournoy, Judith Bingley. Test: Thomas Bradley, William Bradley, Thomas Vawter.*

Thomas placed in ad in the VA Gazette 21 Jun 1770...”Notice of finding a bay mare about 4 ft. 4 or 5 inches high in Cumberland county, Va.”.

*Virginia Genealogist*, cont. from V. 22 p. 122 British Mercantile Claims 1775-1803  
Thomas Vawter. 3.4.8  $\frac{3}{4}$  open account, Cumberland Store. He says he has paid the debt.

Virginia Tax Payers list 1782-1783.

Buckingham Co. Thomas Vawter, 1 poll, 4 slaves

Buckingham County 1800 Tax List  
2 while males, 5 horses, 3 negros over 16

Virginia Residents petition to the VA House of Delegates 1785, Buckingham Co., VA Dated 29 Oct 1785 over 500 people of the area signed a petition that they were all against the State of VA levying an assessment on the people to support the ministry. (Teachers of Christian religion). They quote the Bill of Rights that no one should enjoy excessive privileges and that religion has existed for several hundreds of years without the aid of Civil Power. As a signer: Thomas Vawter

(GJNote: it goes on quite lengthy but definitely shows the desire for the separation of church and state. Most of the signers in the area were Huguenots and Thomas is seen as a witness to the Forsee will above, they all being Huguenots. Perhaps Thomas had joined into this religious group who came to VA to avoid religious persecution and to have freedom of choice)

In the will of his father Edward Vawter, dated 5 Dec 1798 proved 16 Aug 1779, Essex Co., VA and wife Elizabeth Boulware the following is found on the family of Thomas: *Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Vawter one and a half of said parts.*

*Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Edward Vawter, son of Thomas, half of one of said parts to be laid out chiefly in his education.*

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A letter dated 1 Dec 1900 to Mrs. Egbert Jones from Ella Sheppard Burnley: *"Over forty years ago (1860), my Uncle Dr. Wm. B. Harrison wrote a dictation of my grandmother Mary Vawter Harrison, a little history which he preserved and I now have regarding the Pitts and Vawters. Far back in Colonial days there came to this country one Vawter (inserted in a different hand is the name Edward). He had a son Thomas who received a liberal education in the schools of the old world. He was appointed Government Surveyor about the time Geo. Washington received a similar appointment. Thomas was surveying Montgomery County near the spot of the now famous Sulphur Springs. Thomas became enamored of a Miss Elizabeth Pitts who had just reached this country from England. Her father was a wealthy aristocrat, who came over with a fleet of his own. He opposed his daughter's marriage with young Vawter simply because the young man was poor...and the young couple eloped. The old gentleman afterwards realized the sterling worth and business ability of his son in law, and they were reconciled and lived most happily together."*

*"Of the children of Thomas and Elizabeth Pitts Vawter, I (Ella Burnley) only know that a daughter Mary Ann married a Mr. Chaffin of Prince Edward County, a son Edward married Sarah Lee, dau. of Joseph Lee of Cumberland County. The last named couple were my great grandparents. A daughter, Martha, married a Mr. Faris, a son Ludwell never married. A son Lemuel remarried and had five children, and a daughter Elisabeth, married a cousin named Vawter and had two children. I have heard my dear grandmother say that her father was one of the loveliest characters she ever knew. He was known as "The widow's friend" and had a great many widows and orphans estates to look after. You perhaps know he lived where Prince Edward, Buckingham and Cumberland Counties join. He had built the old house which is still standing and never been out of the family."*

On another page Mrs. Egbert Jones writes:

1. Mary Ann who married Mr. Chaffin of Prince Edward
2. Edward married Sarah Lee, dau. of Joseph Dabbs Lee
3. Martha married Mr. Fariss (John)
4. Ludwell never married
5. Lemuel remarried and had five children
6. Elizabeth married a cousin Vawter and had 2 children.

Children: Some information submitted by Pete H. Vawter, 509 Oaklawn, Milan, TN 78130. Also found in the Summer 1986 VVV family association newsletter, sent in by E. B. Vaughters.

+1. Mary Ann Vawter b. 1760/61 d. aft 1843 Clermont Co., OH m. 22 Aug 1778 Powhatan Co., VA to Christopher Chaffin/Chafin b 1757, Cumberland Co., VA d Aug or Oct 10, 1836 Tazewell Co., VA

2. Ludwell Vawter/Vaughter b. VA Unmarried by family information. No additional information known.

+3. Edward Vawter d. ca 1815/16 Buckingham Co., VA m. Sarah Lee. Sarah Lee's parents were Joseph Dabbs Lee and Anne Noel/Nowell.

In the will of his grandfather, Edward he is given the following: *Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Edward Vawter, son of Thomas, half of one of said parts to be laid out chiefly in his education.*

4. Elizabeth Vawter m. Thomas Vawter. (GJ: Thomas is not identified with a Vawter family) They lived in the Monroe Co., VA (WV) area. According to family tradition, were first cousins. In notes of family history by Mrs. Egbert Jones from 1900, found in Wm. Snyder Vawter's material is the following:

Eliz. Vawter wife of Thos. Vawter, legatees \_\_\_\_\_ of:

- a. Aggy Vawter estate 1821
- b. Samuel Vawter estate 1821

+5. Lemuel Vawter m. (1) Julia Wilson m. (2) 1797 to Obedience Jackson m. (3) 28 Aug 1828 to Kesia Gadsey.

6. Martha "Patsy" Vawter m. 20 Jun 1799 Charlotte Co., VA marriage record p. 280, shows Patsy Vaughter to John Faris, surety Ludwell Vaughter and Lemuel Vawter. Patsy was murdered by a slave girl in 1821 and the trail was started 4 Sep 1821, a copy has not been located. Children, Ludwell, Charles, John Jr., Thomas and Elizabeth Faris. No other information known, 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+

# of Foreigners not naturalized

Occupations: Agriculture, Commerce, Manufacturing Male Slaves < 14 Male Slaves 14-25 Male Slaves 26-44 Male

Slaves 45+ Female Slaves < under 14 Female Slaves 14-25 Female Slaves 26-44 Female Slaves 45+ Free Male

Negroes < 14 Free Male Negroes 14-25 Free Male Negroes 26-44 Free Male Negroes 45+ Free Female Negroes < 14

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

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Found in *Genealogical Records of Buckingham Co., VA*, Edith R. Whitley, 1994, the Woodson family p. 114,115. Edward Vawter lived in the SE corner of Buckingham where Cumberland and Prince Edward joins it. Woodson families also lived in the area. There is also a town named Curdsville in the vicinity (same source p. 82). The Curd family is related through the female lines of both Samuel and Lemuel Vawter.

In *Edward Pleasants Valentine papers*, Vol. II pub. By Valentine Museum, Richmond, VA in Woodson family file p1847. John Woodson, Planter of Cumberland Co. to Edward Vawter, 150 acres in Cumberland and Buckingham Co., part of the tract formerly owned by John Woodson (D.W.) deceased. 24 Feb 1797 D. B. 8 p55.

Edward Vawter was the son of Thomas Vawter and Mary Elizabeth Pitt. Edward was d. ca 1815 Buckingham Co., VA m. Sarah Lee who died after 1830 in Buckingham Co., VA. Sarah Lee's parents were Joseph Dabbs Lee and Anne Noel/Nowell and her grandfather is Charles Lee as shown in the wills below.

It is noted Edward and his father Thomas died the same year.

Simon Vawter, a family member by tradition only, whether he belongs in this family or another is unknown 1830 Census Index of Buckingham Co., VA page #298 Simon Vawter male age 40-50 one female age 40-50. , page #295 is Sarah Vawter.

A letter from Mr. Walker B. Blanton, a descendant of Chas. Lee. "My father carried on a coach business at Brown's Church. I find from his account books he made a coffin for Mrs. Edward Vawter (dau. of Joseph Lee) May 3, 1831. Mr. Edward Vawter died just previous to 1815".

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On 8 Jun 1808 The distribution of the estate of Charles Lee Sn'r dec. was made to the children  
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Barnett Lee, Jos. D. Lee, Jr., William N. Lee, John B. Fowler & wife and John Williams and wife.  
To Edward Vawter & wife  
By proportion of Estate Jos. D. Lee Total pounds 70.3.63/4  
To Cash paid by the Executor pounds 40.0.5 due from estate 30.3.1/3/4

Charlton/Lee Deed, 1767 - Cumberland Co. VA Deed Book 4, page 198- 31 July 1767 This indenture made  
in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven and on the thirty first day of July  
between Abraham Chalton and Joseph Lee both of Cumberland county witnesseth that the said Abraham  
Chalton for and in consideration of the sum of thirty pounds current money of Virginia the receipt whereof  
he doth hereby acknowledge and hath granted bargained sold whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and  
hath granted bargained sold alienated released and confirmed and by these presents for himself and his  
heirs doth grant bargain sell alien releases and confirm unto the said Joseph Lee and his heirs and assigns  
forever a certain parcel or tract of Land containing fifty acres it being a part of the parcel or tract of land  
whereon the said Chalton now lives situated lying and being in part of the parcel or tract of land whereon  
the said Chalton now lives situated lying and being in Cumberland county and on the north side of Great  
Guinea creek beginning at a corner beach on the north side Great Guinea creek thence on John  
Gannaways line north twenty degrees west one hundred and thirty four poles to a corner red oak thence  
north etc etc.

HEADS OF FAMILIES—VIRGINIA, 1784 - CUMBERLAND COUNTY  
Lee, Joseph 9 - 2 - 12 (Means 9 whites, 2 dwellings and 12 other buildings)

*4 June 1788 Cumberland County Will Book 1, Page 484 Will of Joseph Lee In the name of God Amen, I,  
Joseph Lee of the County of Cumberland and Parish of \_\_\_\_\_, being in my perfect sence and memory and  
do call to mind that there is a time and if it should please God to call me away, I desire my littly estate may  
be divided as follows - I desire that I should be buried in a decent manner, leaving it to the discretion of my  
Executors hereafter mentioned to be paid out of my Estate. I desire that my just debts may be paid. I give  
unto my son-in-law William Cox ten pounds current money of Virginia to be paid unto the said William Cox  
at my death. It is my desire that two negroes vis: Mourning and Gilley at my death should be hired out by  
my Executors hereafter mentioned for the benefit of all the children that is and shall be gotten of the body of  
my daughter Keziah Cox, but should she become a widow, I lend her the said Negroes and their increase  
during her widowhood or death or marriage. I give the above mentioned negroes their increase and all the  
money arising from the hire of them unto all the above mentioned children of the said Keziah Cox to be  
equally divided between them but should my daughter Keziah Cox and all her children die without issue  
then the said negroes with their increase to be equally divided between my other children hereafter  
mentioned. I lend unto my loving wife Ann Lee during her natural life, the plantation formerly held by William  
Lee, containing 150 acres of land and 50 acres of land to be taken from my other lands adjoining it in the  
most convenient manner for that and my other plantation and the houses to be repaired out of my Estate fit  
for her reception with the still that is thereon. The said plantation likewise I lend unto my loving wife Ann  
Lee as before as much of my stock and household furniture and plantation utensils as she may think  
proper, with five negroes vis: Sam, Sawney, Rachall, Hannah, Jinny and their increase, to raise and school  
the children, upon the boys to be taught the Rules of Three and the girls to be taught to read well. Likewise,  
I lend unto my loving wife Ann Lee six negroes, vis: Hagar, Juday, Harry, Nepton, Mitty, Jack and their  
increase to be kept by my loving wife Ann Lee until my children should marry or come of age, then to be  
delivered to them, beginning at the Eldest of the last negroes that is then alive to be valued and the said  
value to be taken out of his or her proportion of land rents or any other estate and in like manner with all the  
rest of my children as they come of age or money as fair as the said negroes and their increase will extend  
and after all my children hath one negro apiece, should any of the said negroes remain, to be equally  
divided between all of them, should any of them not have negro, they are to be maide equally with the rest  
in money or other estate likewise the different valuations of the negroes all to be maide equal further after  
my youngest child that is or shall become of age. The whole of my lands to be equally divided with all my  
other estate not otherwise bequeath between all my children that is or shall be, except my daughter Keziah  
Cox. I desire that after the death of my wife Ann Lee if before the youngest child comes of age all my estate  
except the land and negroes to be sold and the money to be equally divided between my children hereafter  
mentioned and the land to be disposed of in the same manner as my other land hereafter mentioned. It is*

my will and desire that 150 acres of land should be laid off for the plantation where I now live on, and the rest to be divided into three equal lots and the whole to be rented out annually until my youngest child that is with me now or may be born of my wife, Anne Lee, within twelve months after my death and the money arising from those rents to be equally divided among my children vs: Saymore Lee, Ann Lee, Sarah Lee, Joseph Dabbs Lee, Mary Lee, Charles Barnes Lee, William Nowell Lee and all that shall be born as before mentioned. It is my desire that after the death of my wife Anne Lee, if after the said youngest child comes of age, the whole of my estate both real and personal that I have lent her, to be equally divided between my children in the same manner as my lands before mentioned and it is my desire that if any of my children should die without heir that their portion should be equally divided between all my children except Keziah Cox. Lastly I constitute and appoint my loving wife, Anne Lee, Charles Lee and Matthew Cox my executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me hereafter made and I do appoint this my last will and testament in manner and form as aforesaid given under my hand this fourth day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight. s/ Joseph Lee Signed and sealed and delivered in presents of William Russell David Robertson Joseph Jones At a Court held for Cumberland County the 25th day of October 1790. This last Will and Testament of Joseph Lee deceased was exhibited in Court by Anne Lee, Charles Lee, Jr. and Matthew Cox, the Executors therein named and proved by William Russell and David Robertson two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said executors who made oath according to law certificates granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due fore on giving bond and security, whereupon they, with John Lee, Samuel Williams and Clifford Woodruff, entered into bond according to law. Teste: T. Woodson, D. C.

Probate of Joseph's will is shown in this material, there are not two Joseph Lee's but one is the will and the other a probate record.

Cumberland County the 25th day of October 1790, The Will of Joseph Dabbs Lee Cumberland County, VA Will Book 2 p. 484 In the name of God amen. I Joseph Lee of the county of Cumberland and parish of Littleton(?) being in my perfect senses and memory and do call to mind that the Item: I desire that my little estate may be divided as followeth: Item: I desire that I should be buried in a decent manner leaving it to the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned to be paid out of my Estate. Item: I desire that my just debts may be paid. Item: I give to my Son in law William Cox ten pounds current money of Virginia to be paid unto the said William Cox at my death. Item: It is my desire that two Negroes Viz Mourning and Gilley at my death should be hired out by my Executors hereafter mentioned for the benefit of all the Item: I give the above mentioned Negroes with their Increase and all the money arising from the hire of them unto all the above mentioned children of the said Item: I lend unto my loving wife Anne Lee during her natural life the plantation formerly held by William Lee containing 150 acres of land and 50 acres of land Item: I desire that after the death of my wife Ann Lee if before the youngest child comes of age all my estate except the land and Negroes to be sold and the Item: It is my will and desire that 150 acres of land should be laid off for the plantation where I now live on and the rest to be divided into three equal lo Item: It is my desire that after the death of my wife Ann Lee if after the said youngest child comes of age the whole of my estate both real and personal that Lastly I constitute and appoint my loving wife Ann Lee, Charles Lee, Jun'r & Matthew Cox my executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking and maki Joseph Lee (L.S.) Signed sealed and delivered in presence of Wm. Russell David Robertson Joseph Johns At a court held for a Cumberland County the 25th day of October 1790 This last will and testament of Joseph Lee dec'd was exhibited in Court by Anne Lee, Charles Lee, Jr., and Matthew Cox, the executors therein named and proved Teste Tschr Woodson D C A Copy - Teste: Carol O. Henshaw, Deputy Clerk Circuit Court of Cumberland County, VA

9 November 1793 Cumberland Co. Will Book 3, p. 134 Prob: 25 March 1799 Will of Charles Lee, In the name of God Amen, this ninth day of November One Thousand Seven hundred and ninety three, I Charles Lee of Cumberland County and Parish of Littleton, being in perfect mind and sound memory, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say that first and principally I commend my sole to God that gave it and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, also as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bestore upon me, my Will and desire is that the same be divided as hereafter directed:

ITEM. I lend unto my beloved wife Anne Lee all my possessions that I am now posest with, during her life, and at her death my will and desire is that my son Charles shall have all my land that lies over the Ridge Path adjoining, of him upon paying the price value for the same. My will and desire is that all the remaining part of my land be sold and the money arising from the sale there of together with all the rest of my Estate real and personal be divided into five equal parts and each lot to be divided as after directed.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my son William Lee one of the lots above mentioned. I give to him and his Heirs forever.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my son John Lee one of the lots above mentioned. I give to him and his Heirs forever.

*ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Lee one of the lots above mentioned. I give to him and his heirs forever.*

*ITEM. I give unto my son Charles Lee one of the lots above mentioned. I give it to him and his heirs forever.*

*ITEM. I give and bequeath unto William Cox and Keziah his wife, one hundred pounds out of the remaining lot if there be so much, and then the balance of the said lot, if there be any, to be equally divided between Keziah Cox and all the rest of the children of the deceased Joseph Lee.*

*I give unto them and their heirs forever, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby disannulling all other Wills by me made, and do hereby appoint my wife Anne Lee, William Lee and Charles Lee, and Robert Smith, my executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year above written. Charles(X)Lee Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of: Robert Smith, James Baber, William Cox*

Cumberland Co., VA Book LL p. 157 25 Jul 1808. William Lee, brother of Joseph sold to Edward Vawter, county of Cumberland, VA for 130 pounds paid 16 Dec 1807 a tract of land lying on the waters of Guinea. 111 acres as lately allotted and divided by the court: William was a legatee of Joseph Lee, land was bounded by Edward Vawter, Joseph D. Lee and John Fowler. Signed William N. Lee, Wit: James Vaughn, Leander Cox, Horatio Cox and Charles Anderes. Noted: William Lee m. Avey Noel.

Cumberland Co., VA Book LL p. 157 11 Sep 1808. Joseph Dabbs Lee of Cumberland Co., sold to David Bolanton, 111 acres on Great Guinea Creek, his share of his father's estate. Wit: B. Whitehead, Benj. Allen and William Fowler.

The children of Edward and Sarah (Lee) Vawter:

1. Wyatt Lee Vawter d. bef. 1850 m. bond 26 Aug 1816 Cumberland Co., VA to Elizabeth R. (Rebecca) Harrison. Surety Nathaniel Peniek, Consent: Zadock Lackland, guardian for both of his wards. Teste: James Lackland. Elizabeth Rebecca Harrison's parents are Benjamin Harrison (Jr.) and Elizabeth Wilbourne. Elizabeth b. 1797 Buckingham Co., VA d. 1872 Columbia, TN and had married (1) to George Humphreys. (see Harrison inf. below) 1820 census index Buckingham Co., VA p. 55A  
Wyatt L. Vawter, 1 male 16-26, 1 female under 10, 2 f. 10-16, 1 f. 16-26, 1 f. over 45.  
(This is probably Wyatt, his wife Elizabeth, his mother Sarah and perhaps a couple of younger sisters and a female daughter)  
1830 Census Cumberland Co., VA Family #209 Wyatt L. Vawter

1850 Census State MS County Pontotoc Microfilm # M432-380  
HARRISON WILLIAM C 37 M COACH MAKER VA  
HARRISON MARTHA 31 F VA  
HARRISON LAURA 14 F VA X  
HARRISON LOUISA 10 F MS X  
HARRISON VIRGINIA 7 F MS X  
HARRISON MARY 4 F MS  
HARRISON NANCY 1 F MS  
VAUGHTER ELIZABETH R 50 F VA

2. Edward Buchanan Vawter b. 6 Mar 1809 likely Buckingham Co., VA d. 30 Jul 1878 Carroll Co., TN m. 4 Dec 1834 Martha McCune Layne. They removed to Carroll Co., TN ca 1847. A marriage record is found: Prince Edward Co., VA - Vawter, Edward B. - Layne, Martha (Mrs.)

Names of Prince Edward Co., Voters for Presidential elections

Edward B. Vawter address not shown

1850 Slave Schedule Carroll Co., TN

Female age 45, female age 25, male age 19 mulatto, male age 9 male age 6

1850 US Census Carroll Co., TN #265/265

Edward B. Vaughter age 40 farmer b. VA

Martha age 37 b. VA



John T. age 14 b. VA  
Andrew J age 9 b. VA  
Mary age 8 b. VA  
James age 7 b. VA  
Sarah F age 4 b. VA  
Lemuel age 2 b. TN  
Elizabeth age 5 months b. TN

1860 US slave schedule Carroll Co., VA  
Female age 60, female age 30, female age 30, male age 25 mulatto, male age 19, male age 16,  
female age 10, male age 9, male age 8, male age 7, female age 7 mulatto, male age 7, female  
age 4 mulatto, female age 4

1860 US Census Caroll Co., TN #265/265  
Edward B. Vaughter 40 Farmer b. VA  
Martha 37 b. VA  
John T. 14, Andrew Jackson 9, Mary J. 8 James Edward 7, Sarah E/F 4, all born in VA; Lemuel  
2 and Elizabeth 5 months both b. in TN.

1870 US Census Carroll, Co., TN #23/23  
Edward Vawter age 60 farmer b. VA  
Patsey age 60 b. VA  
Lemuel age 22 b. TN  
Mattie age 23 b. TN  
Amanda age 19 b. TN

Next door #24/24  
Buck Vawter age 40 farmer b. TN  
Harriet age 35 b. TN  
Amanda age 7 b. TN  
Mary age 5 b. TN  
Thomas age 3 b. TN  
Lemuel age 9 months b. TN

Children:

- a. John T. Vawter, killed in Civil War battle of Atlanta.

Tennessee Confederate Pensions

Sarah J. Vaughter – Husband John B. Vaughter

- b. Margaret A. Vawter d. 31 July 1846 in Virginia

- c. Andrew Jackson Vawter was b. VA 15 Apr 1840 d. 1917 m. Frances

Penelope Rhodes

In May, 1861, he enlisted at Jackson, MS in Captain Edward Williams' company of TN vol. Two months later he entered the Confederate service at Union City and his co. became Company 1 of the 12<sup>th</sup> Inf. Reg. Pvt. Vawter wearing a black hat and dressed in gray wool single-breasted frock coat with blue infantry trim posed in a photo with an 1816 flintlock conversion musket. He saw action at Battle of Belmont, Battle of Shiloh. Was wounded in 1862. He recovered to join Gen. Bragg's KY campaign. In the Battle of Murfreesboro, TN, he was wounded a second time. In 1862, his former commander organized the 20<sup>th</sup> TN Calvary reg. which he joined. He saw action at Okolona, Paducah, Fort Pillow and Brice's Crossroads. He was present when the Army of TN was decimated at Franklin & Nashville. His surrender and parole took place 9 May 1864 at Gainesville, AL.

- d. Mary S/J. Vawter

- e. James Edward Vawter, killed in Civil War battle of Atlanta, unmarried

- f. Sarah F. Vawter

- g. Robert Lemuel Vawter

h. Martha Elizabeth Vawter m. 2 or 3 times as shown below  
Williamson Co., TN marriage record  
Martha Elizabeth Vawter m. 24 Aug 1859 to Henry Huston Edwards  
Misc. TN marriage record also show a M. E. Vawter (female) m. W. H. Algee 28 Jun 1867  
Misc. TN marriage records show a M. A. Vawter m. G. L. Roper 18 May 1868

Gibson Co. TN, Vital Records, Death Cert. 1925  
Margrie Vawter b. 23 Mar 1840 TN d. 28 Feb 1925 bur. Double Springs. Died of influenza.  
Father Seth Howard NC, Mother Cynthie Algee b. TN, informant Hays Vawter  
Mrs. Betty Algee b. 15 Mar 1850 TN d. 2 Jun 1925 Milan, TN. Father Edward Vawter b. VA  
mother unknown, informant Edward Algee (relationship unlisted)  
1900 census - Tennessee, Gibson County, Roll 1571 Book 1, Page 98 7 JUNE 1900  
Nannie is listed as head of household Jul 1948 birth / Widow / Mother of 8 children - 7 living  
born in Alabama all parents listed as born in Alabama  
Samuel - son - birth Jan 1878 <hard to read 187x but lists age as 22> single born TN Father b  
VA Mother b AL  
< hard to read name > daughter female age 19 b Sept 1880 single born TN Father b VA  
Mother b AL  
Korine or Rorine daughter female age 16 b Jan 1884 single born TN Father b VA Mother b  
AL  
Robert son age 14 b March 1887 - difficult to read-does not look like 1886 single born TN  
Father b VA Mother b AL

Tennessee Confederate Pensions  
Sarah J. Vaughter – Husband John B. Vaughter  
Frances Vawter – Husband, Andrew Jackson Vawter  
Mergie Vawter – William H. Vawter

Gibson Co., TN - Cemeteries - Poplar Springs Baptist Church Cemetery  
Vawter Captola b. 08/29/1883, d. 12/17/1907 Wife of Sam Vawter  
Vawter Bob b. 03/10/1886, d. 01/13/1906  
Vawter Nannie Elizabeth b. 07/15/1848, d. 12/18/1906 Wife of Tom Vawter  
3. Thomas Lee Vawter m. 17 Sep 1827 to Agnes H. McCune. They too went to Carrol Co., TN  
ca 1847. Agnes and Martha are sisters. Marriage record of Prince Edward Co., VA. 1830  
Census Index Prince Edward Co., VA Family #099 Thomas L. Vawter

1850 US Census Carroll Co., TN #221/221 2<sup>nd</sup> dist.  
Thomas L. Vawter age 46 farmer b. VA  
Agnes H. age 43 b. VA  
All children b. VA, Sarah E age 20, Martha L. age 18, Thomas D. age 13, Watt R. age 11, Wm.  
H. age 9, Susan A age 7, Robt. G. age 5 and Virginia P age 3.

1860 US Census Carroll Co., TN#233/231  
Thos Vought (Vaughter) age 50 farmer b. VA  
Agnes H. age 52 b. VA  
Martha age 28 b. VA  
Wiatt R. age 20 b. VA  
Wm. H. age 18 b. VA  
Susan A. age 17 b. VA  
Robert age 15 b. VA

Next door to them is the Morris family connection, Mary being a daughter. Family #232/230  
John J. Morris age 29 b. VA  
Mary age 28 v. VA  
James age 6 b. TN

Sarah C. age 4 b. TN  
Joseph age 2 b. TN

1860 US Census Carroll Co., TN (Thomas son of Thomas and Agnes)  
Working as an overseer for Robert M Hunt  
Family #270/268 Robert M. Hurt age 42 value \$10,500/ \$60,000 b. VA  
Martha E. age 33 b. TN (children listed)  
Thomas Vaughter Jr. age 21 overseer b. VA

1870 US Census Carroll Co., TN Family #130  
Agnes Vawter age 62 Keeping house b. VA  
Martha age 38 b. VA  
Robert age 23 farmer b. VA  
Sarah age 22 b. TN  
Irvin age 5 b TN  
Ernest age 3 b. TN  
Alonzo 7 months b. TN

3a. Sarah E. Vawter b. 18 May 1830 d. 11 Dec 1901 Carroll Co., TN m. 11 Oct 1855 Carroll Co., TN to Richard David Mullins b. 14 Nov 1831 d. 27 Oct 1895 Carroll Co., TN. Children; John T., Virginia P., William A., Martha Ellen, James Mullins.

3b. Martha L. Vawter

3c. Mary Jane Vawter m. John D. Leach 11 Dec 1852

3d. Thomas D. Vawter m. Nancy E. Crotteman 24 Dec 1870

3e. Watt R. Vawter m. Fanny Wilks 7 May 1874

3f. William H. Vawter m. M. J. Harvell m. 2 Jan 1866 (GJNote: also seen as Margery Harrell) Tennessee Confederate Pensions shown as Margie Vawter, husband of William H. Vawter

3g. Robert G. Vawter m. Martha Hobbs 8 Jan 1863 (Marriage record shows name as George Vawter) Family Information says George went to MO

3i. Virginia P. Vawter

*Will of Robert McCune. Prince Edward Co., VA WB2 page 217*

*This indenture made the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1813. In the name of God amen, I Robert McCne being of sound mine and memory doth make and declare this my last will and testament. My will and desire is that my just debts be first paid, then a lend to my wife Agnes the land where on I now live during her natural life, and my negro man named Ned, together with household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils for the benefit of her Agnes, my wife and my nine children: Gordon, Robert, Polly, Sally, John, Susann, Agnes, Martha and Thomas Watson. Item: My will is that if my wife Agnes should move off of the land and any of my children, the land shall be a home for those who may choose to stay on the same, but if all should choose to leave it is my will that the land be rented out for the benefit of my youngest son who may then be alive by my executor hereafter named. Item; My will is that is my wife should die before T. Watson should arrive to the age of twenty one years that the land be a home for my children until my son T. Watson should become of lawful age, when I give the said tract of land to my son T. Watson, to him and his heirs forever, the balance of my estate to be equally divided among my chilfen or the heirs of their bodies. Item: If T. Watson should die before being of lawful age, my will is that in that Robert should heir my land, and if my son Robert should die my will is that Gordon shall heir my land, and if Gordon should die my will is that my land be equally divided among my daughters. Item: I do hereby appoint my two sons, Gordon McCune and Robert mcCune my executors to this my last will and testament. Given under my hand the day and year first about written. Robert McCune, witness: John Whitehead, Inbal Aladay, William Price, Teneacy Lundamon, Watson Lundamon*

4. Elizabeth Pitt Vawter b. 1794 d. 26 Mar 1852 Near Brown's Church Cumberland Co., VA m. Anderson Tinsley Blanton b.1794/96 Buckingham Co., VA d. 26 Mar 1852 Cumberland Co., VA Parents David Blanton (1760-1823) m. ca 1793 to Lucy Johns (1773-1859).

4a. Sarah Blanton b. ca 1812 m. John M. Hammeltree

4b. Mary Frances Blanton b. 1813 m. Seymour Reynolds

4c. George Wyatt Blanton b. 1 Apr 1814 d. 1870

4d. Edward Anderson Blanton b. Jan 1815 Cumberland Co., VA d. 10 Jan 1900 in Richmond, VA m. Mary Ann Elizabeth Miller b. 6 Aug 1818 Cumberland Co., VA d. 17 Aug 1901 Richmond, VA Parents John Miller and Sarah Ann Judith Walker.

4e. Alexander Monroe Blanton b. 1816 d. 1859 m. Martha Ames

4. James W. Vawter b. ca 1802 VA likely Caroline or Cumberland County. Deceased between 1860 and 1870 in Rockingham Co., VA as shown in the census record. Marriage record found in the *VA Historical Mag. Vol. 19* p 431, Caroline Co., Marriage. 26 Sep 1823 Jas. Vauter & Frances Murray.

John Murray 1732-1809, Title Earl of Dunmore, Lord Dunmore, grandfather of Frances Murray. Lord Dunmore was Governor of New York in 1770-71 and colonial Governor of Virginia 1771-1775. He was born in England, in 1774 led a campaign against the Indians and won a decisive victory over the Shawnee in the battle of Point Pleasant at the mouth of the Great Kanawha where it enters the Ohio River. An ardent loyalist, he dissolved the Virginia assembly in 1774 for its pro-revolutionary views and removed the powder magazine to English Warships. Forced to retreat to shipboard, he kept up a predatory warfare along the coast, burning Norfolk in 1776. He returned to England and was Governor of Bahamas in 1787-1796.

The marriage record below is incorrect. Further research has shown this to be James V. Achlin and not James Vawter. *Wm. & Mary Quarterly Vol. 7 Series 2 1927*, published Krause Reprint Corp, 1964 NY, p. 283, Cumberland Co., VA, Marriage Bonds by William Shepard. Jas. Vawter & Mildred D. Lee, Apr. by father, Charles Lee 11 Oct 1815.

Charles Lee by statement in the marriage bond of dau. Mildred Dabbs Lee to James V. Achen 11 Oct 1815. Surety Edmund P. Lee. Test: Sarah Guthrey Lee, signatures on bond, James V. Achen. "My daughter, Mildred Dabbs Lee wishes to change her situation, she is of lawful age and has my consent to marry Jas. V. Achen".

Charles Lee, Jr. Power of Attorney. State of TN, Franklin Co., circuit court, July Term 1822. Know all men by these presents that we James V. Acklin, Christopher Acklin, Alexander S. Acklin, John C. Turner, William J. Grills, Edmond P. Lee, Baldwin W. Lee, Charles P. Lee, John H. Lee and Arther A. Lee by his guardian Edmond P. Lee legatees of the estate of Charles Lee Dec'd and appoint Richard H. Lee of Franklin Co., TN our true and lawful attorney to sell land belonging to the estate of Charles Lee dec'd on Boiling Fork, 247 acres. Signed by all of above on 22 Mar 1821. Recorded DB D, page 394, Winchester, TN.

The Acklin men, James V. Acklin, Christopher Acklin and A. S. Acklin married 3 sisters and dau. of Charles Lee, namely Mary Ann Lee, Caty Bucher Lee and Sarah Gepson Lee. The remaining dau. Elizabeth Knight Lee married William Grills.

1830 Census Caroline County, VA Microfilm # 197  
James Vawter Head of household  
Males 2 between 20-30  
Female 1 age 5-10  
Female 1 age 20-30  
Slaves male 2 age 10-24, Female 2 under 10, 1 age 24-36

1850 Census Rockingham Co., VA, Reel #974 page 194  
James age 48 Shoemaker b. VA  
Frances age 48 b. VA  
Lemuel age 20 Shoemaker b. VA  
Margaret age 17 b. VA  
Sarah age 15 b. VA  
Dorothy age 13 b. VA  
William S. age 11 b. VA  
Darren Roberts 18 b. VA

1860 Census Rockingham Co., VA Reel # 1370 page 214 family # 1560, 8 Aug 1860  
Lemuel (shown as Samuel) Vaulters age 29 Shoemaker b. VA  
Sarah age 23 b. VA

Frances age 4, James age 2 both b. VA  
Also living with the family  
James age 58 Shoemaker  
Frances age 55 b. VA  
William S. age 21 Shoemaker b. VA  
Domestic Lucy Sipe age 18

1870 Census Rockingham Co., VA Reel #1679 p. 32 family #219 (family #221 is Margaret Vawter Monger)  
Lemuel Vawters age 39 Shoemaker b. VA  
Sally age 33 b. VA  
Fanny age 16, James age 12, Laura age 10, Mary age 8, Graves age 6, Richard age 4 and Frances age 60

Known Children of James and Frances (Murray) Vawter:

- a. Female born ca 1825-26 (as noted in 1830 census) Name unknown.
- b. Lemuel Vawter b. 6 Apr 1831 McGaheysville, VA (near Fredericksburg) d. 31 Sep 1887 Harrisonburg, VA m. 17 May 1854 McGaheysville, VA to Sarah E. Huntin b. 9 May 1837, New Market, VA d. 18 Sep 1908 North River, VA. Parents William Huntin and Anna J. Basye/Basge. Lemuel was a shoemaker and noted as a great vocal singer. He served in the Civil War Co. I 33<sup>rd</sup> Reg. VA Inf.

(GJNote: see 1860 and 1870 census above)

\1880 Census Rockingham Co., VA

Lemuel Vawter age 49, Sally age 43

Wm. J. (James) age 21, Luella (Laura) age 19, Margaret (Mary) age 16, Graves age 13, Fuller age 11, John H. age 9, Emma F. age 7 and Minnie age 4. (GJNote: from family information it would seem Florence was missed on this census)

- 1b. Frances Ann (Fannie) Vawter b. 12 May 1856 North River, VA d. 22 Nov 1904 North River, VA m. Prof. Wm. H. Smith

Marriage Index - SMITH males - Rockingham Co, Virginia

29 Sep 1878 William H. Smith Fannie A. Vawter, BK1 p. 158

*History of Shenandoah County VA* by John W. Wayland pub. 1937 p. 423. Wm. Harrison Smith became principal at the New Market Polytechnic Institute after 1875. In 1878 he married Frances Ann Vawter of New Market. They had 6 children. He died at the home of a daughter Mrs. Vasper Lewis at Roletta, ND 8 Dec 1924.

- 2b. James William Vawter b. 6 Nov 1858 North River, VA d. 10 Sep 1918 Staunton, VA. Married ?. Had a daughter Elizabeth "Bess" Vawter.

1900 Census Rockingham Co., VA mailbox Staunton, VA Living with the family of Jacob H. Warmsley as boarders, James W. Vaughter b. Jan 1860 and Bessie Vaughter b. May 1885 age 16.

- 3b. Laura L. Vawter b. 27 Oct 1860 North River m. Peter M. Meyerhoeffer

- 4b. Margaret "Maggie" Vawter b. 16 Mar 1864 North River d. 10 Sep 1914 m.

Peter H. Carpenter.

- 5b. Graves P. Vawter b. 9 Feb 1867 North River

- 6b. Fuller Richard Vawter (informant) b. 25 Feb 1869 North River, VA

- 7b. John Huntin Vawter b. 25 May 1871 North River d. 16 Jan 1896. Married

- 8b. Florence E. Vawter b. 28 Feb 1873 North River, VA m. Bud Carver

- 9b. Minnie M. Vawter b. 1 May 1876 North River, VA m. L. Lurty Tutwiler

*"I am replying to your of the the 29 letter; will say that I am pleased to receive your communication. I am and always have had a desire to investigate the history or genealogy of the Vawter name. Although I have never even had Mrs. E. P. Bicknell book to look over. However I would like to see it, if I knew where to get it. Now my friend, will not be ready for a few days yet to send you my and close relatives history but will give you some names , it might be well to write. On the first place my grand father James W. Vawter had three brothers as follows: George Vawter who went to state of MO in the year of about 1850, Bartholomew Vawter also went west and Samuel Vawter also left this part of VA, along about the same dates. Now as*

there are several families of Vawter's in Missouri and also W VA. and even scattered in most of the states of the union; which however I had a desire to trace in certain extent. Just about where they located and the count of offspring as it seem they were men about 50 when they left and we never got to keep in touch with each other much after.

Now I will proceed to give you some names of Vawters that I had letters from several years back.

Charles A. Vawter a professor Mathematics of Philadelphia, PA, whose father is dead but who before his death was originator of the large Miller Manuel School at Charlottesville, VA. his name was Charles and first cousin of my father. (Lemuel Vawter). You might write to W. A. Vawter of Bluefield W. Va who is train conductor. Frank P. Vawter is a traveling salesman located mostly at Hotel main Fort Smith Arkansas but raised somewhere in Missouri. Which I lost sight of and there is a Henry A. Vawter in Washington, D.C. Mrs. L. C. Andersen of Bainbridge Arks. who is a cousin of mine: coming through my mother's side of kin. and said mother was a Hunton of New Market VA Now this cousin wants me to send just such information as you ask for, so that she so she can be getting out her book so having it about ready for her, will be able to send to you both in about 1 week. I haven't so much new to write but some of my people has been two months giving me a family record. There were 9 in our family and I guess 5 blanks you sent will do OK. Thanking you for further I am Fuller R. Vawter."

Next letter sent 9 May 1928

"Here is some information I am sorry that I do not use a type writer . If you find anything you do not understand just write me. From some cousin some of our records are misplaced. Rev. Wm. L. Huntin Philladelphis whos father was a brother (John H. Huntin) to my mother Sarah E. Vawter nee Huntin. He could give the history of the Huntin generation. Let me know of anything else you want. F. R. Vawter."

Next letter sent 12 Jul 1928

"Dear Sir, in regard to your request about more information the line of the Vawter History I did the best I could on the report earlier. It is some what incomplete. It seems that our old family records got destroyed during the war between the states and as I wrote you before I cannot give the name of my great grandfather. and as I said before in a letter that my Grand father was James Vawter and had three brothers that went west about 65 years back. and there names were Bartholomew Vawter (Biblical) and the other brother was George.

When you get in a report from some of the descendants of these two particular names and about 70 years back starting who their father were, that will give you the name of my great grandfather. I have later learned that my G.Father and mother resided at at Fredericksburg, VA before moving to McGaheysville, VA so I missed stateing that they were married at the latter place. I hope you can help with regard to some of these matters. I have in my possession here the picture and location of the old Vawter Episcopal Chapel in Essex Co., VA dated back to 1720. I will mail to you. F. R. Vawter"

- c. Margaret A. Vawter b. ca 1833 VA m. 5 Jan 1854 Port Republic, Rockingham Co., VA to William H. Monger. Both are buried near Harrisonburg, VA at the Dayton Cemetery of Dayton, VA

Rockingham Co marriage index (males) shows marriage bond issued 3 Jan 1854 to William H. Monger and Margaret A. Vawter.

1870 Census Rockingham Co., VA family #221 (next to Lemuel family #219)

William Monger age 38 Wagonmaster Value \$1000/\$400 b. VA

Margaret age 37 b. VA

James M. age 15 b. VA

Isadora age 13 b. VA

Joseph age 12 b. VA

John age 11 b. VA

Benjamin age 10 b. VA

Edward age 9 b. VA

Elizabeth age 6 b. VA

Charles age 5 b. VA

- d. Sarah Vawter b. ca 1835 VA (shown in the 1850 census at home)
- e. Dorothy Vawter b. ca 1837 VA (shown in the 1850 census at home)
- f. William S. Vawter b. ca 1839 VA (shown in the 1850 census at home and the 1860 census unmarried in the household of brother Lemuel)6

6. Samuel Vawter b. ca 1785. Census record 1850 Charlotte Co., VA #443/443  
Samuel Vanter (Vawter), single, age 65 Planter born Powhatan VA .

7. Mary (Polly) Bell Vawter b. 17 Dec 1808 d. 21 Dec 1877 m. 20 Dec 1827 to Benjamin  
Wilbourne Harrison

1850 US Census Pontotoc Mississippi #1923  
William C. Harrison age 39 coach maker b. VA  
Martha age 31 b. VA  
Laura age 19 b. VA  
Louisa age 15 b. MS  
Virginia age 7 b. MS  
Mary age 4 b. MS  
Nancy age 1 b. MS  
Elizabeth R. Vaughter age 50 b. VA (Mary's sister)

1860 US Census Pontotoc MS #91/91  
William C. Harrison age 47 Page b. VA  
Martha M Harrison age 35 b. VA  
Laura A. age 23 b. VA  
Virginia age 16 b. MS  
Mary M age 13 b. MS  
Nancy R. age 11 b. MS  
Martha M. age 9 b. MS  
William H. age 5 b. MS  
Fanny P age 3 b. MS

8. Sarah Lee Vawter m. Royal Wyatt. No marriage record or other primary documents are  
proven. The census records provide some evidence.

1850 US Census Carroll Co., TN #292  
Royal Wyatt age 63 farming value \$600 b. VA  
Sarah age 50 b. VA  
Mary P. age 19 b. VA  
Paul J age 17 b. TN  
Silas R. age 17 b. TN

1860 US Census Carroll Co., TN #305/302  
James Wyatt age 41 Black smith \$1500/\$4125 b. VA  
Sara age 34 b. TN  
Elizabeth H age 9 b. TN  
Samantha C. age 7 b. TN  
John W. age 5 b. TN  
James E. age 3 b. TN  
Abram V. age 1 b. TN  
#306/303 Sarah Wyatt age 67 Farmer \$500/\$200 b. VA  
Silas Wyatt age 26 Laborer b. TN

1870 US Census Carroll Co., TN #128  
John Morris age 40 farmer b. VA  
Mary age 38 b. VA  
James age 16 farmer b. TN  
Kittie age 14 (female) b. TN  
Joseph age 12 b. TN  
Lucy age 5 b. TN  
Charly age 3 b. TN  
John 9 months b. TN

Henry S. Morris age 64 retired farmer b. VA  
Sarah Wyatt age 80 b. VA  
Silas Wyatt age 36 farmer b. VA  
Susan Wyatt age 28 b. VA

Family next door #129  
Isabelle Morris age 34 keeping house b. VA  
Eliza age 10 female b. Arkansas  
Hugh age 2 b. TN

Next door.....1870 US Census Carroll Co., TN Family #130  
Agnes Vawter age 62 Keeping house b. VA  
Martha age 38 b. VA  
Robert age 23 farmer b. VA  
Sarah age 22 b. TN  
Irvin age 5 b TN  
Ernest age 3 b. TN  
Alonzo 7 months b. TN

The wife of James Wyatt is found alive in 1900 US Census Carroll Co., TN #246/259  
S J. Wyatt head of household age 82 female b. TN/TN/TN  
A. V. Wyatt son age 50 b. TN/TN/TN  
Lockley daughter age 47 b. TN/TN/TN  
Robin son age 45 b. TN/TN/TN

Harrison Genealogy Repository on the Internet search Inforseek, done by Becky Bonner.  
Benjamin Harrison (Jr.) b. 15 Mar 1758 VA d. 25 Aug 1811 VA m. Elizabeth Wilbourne on 16  
Dec 1790. Benjamin was a planter who lived in Cumberland, Buckingham and Goochland Co.,  
VA. Children:  
Nancy Ann Harrison, (James) Cary Harrison, Lockey Priscilla Harrison, Mary Harrison, Martha  
Harrison, Elizabeth Rebecca Harrison (above), Benjamin Wilbourne Harrison (above)



## **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. However, the following court material shows this to be Lemuel.

*Charlotte Co., VA 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

National Archives, Seattle Branch, War 1812, Folder Index. Lemuel Vaughter, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Godesy. 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

1830 Charlotte pg# 211 Beverly Vaughter

1840 Charlotte pg#168 Elisabeth Vawler

1840 Charlotte pg #169 Jesse Vawter

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

Lemuel Vawter 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 Paultte.
- 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 Paulet 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

3. William Vawter (no more is 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 Charlotte 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 and Keziah Godsey:

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

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 & G. E. Dennis

8. Martha S. Vawter b. ca 1830 Charlotte Co., VA

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

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

Wood/Woods family came from a "morph" of the name Learwood or Larwood. John Learwood (b. 1699 VA) m. Hannah Stovall (b. 1699 VA) & they had John Edmond Learwood (b. 1720) who m. Elizabeth Mills

### **Elliot Vawter3, (Edward2, Bartholomew1)**

Elliot, son of Edward Vawter and Elizabeth Boulware and is named in his father's will of 5 Dec 1778-16 Aug 1779 Essex Co., VA as follows: *Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Elliot Vawter two of said parts.*

*Lastly- I constitute and appoint Angus Vawter and Elliot Vawter my executors of this my last will and testament. Desiring that my estate not be appraised and that no inventory there on and that the executors be not obliged to give security.*

Elliot also was the executor of Angus3, (John2, Barth1) Vawters will, Essex Co. VA *And do constitute and appoint Messr. Ralph Rowzee & Elliot Vawter Executors to this my last will and Testament and in testimony herewith I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Mar 1785.*

Elliott served as executor to both Angus Vawter and Edward Vawter, both Angus and Edward connected to the Boulware families.

Orange County Virginia, Tithables 1734 - 1782 Part One. by Barbara Vines Little. 1988, (publisher not clearly stated)

p. 32 - 33 " County court Judgements February 1754, box 25 .... Elliot Vuorter 4 [tithes] "

p. 84 - 85 " A list of the number of Tithes in my Precincts august 1st 1766....

David Vauter 2 [tithes] .... Richard Bruce "

p. 90 - 91 " [1767] A List in my bounds and Number of Tiths pr. me Jeremh. Bryan ....

David Vaughter 2 [tithes] Thos. Dohoney 3 [tithes] "

p. 98 - 99 " 1768 Jeremiah Bryan his List of Sucker hunting tiths ....

Thos. Doughonney 4 [tithes] David Vautor 3 [tithes] "

p. 100-101 " County Court Judgements November 1769 , Box 37 ...

William Prics list for the yr 1769 ....Phillip vawters 1 [tithe] "

p. 104 [John Whites list for 1769] " David Vawter 2 tiths "

p. 108 " A list of the Tithables in the Precincts Wherein I John Griffen am Constable for the year 1769 ....Thomas Ballord 1 [tithe] William Vawters 1 [tithe] "

on page 114 is a list for 1782 that has William Vawter and Mary Rucker 1 tithe each.

*The Virginia Tax Payers List: 1782 to 1787* p 130 lists:

Elliot Vawter, 1 poll, Caroline Co., VA

Margaret Vawter, Caroline Co., VA

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)

*The Virginia Genealogist Vol. 20 #1 Jan-Mar 1976* p34, Heading: Cumberland Co. A list of Insolvents & Removals returned by John Lee, Deputy Sheriff for Henry Skipwith of Cumberland for the year 1789: (bottom of list) Elliott Vawter, of Buckingham Co., insolvent.

It is possible that this person is connected by the only information is by name only. Barrie Rosier email barrie@coastainow.net states he has information that Jenny and Reuben named their first child Alyett/Elliott Dean.

#### **Jenny Vawter**

A marriage record found in *Virginia Marriages early to 1800*, edited by Jordon R. Dodd, a research tool, transcribed by Liahona Research, Inc. found Orlando City Library, Orlando, FL Caroline Co., VA Jenny Vawter to John Dean 25 Feb 1792. This is also seen as John Reuben Dean.

Book *A Digest of Orange County Will Books 1783-1838*

Beasley, Mary (Widow of Bennet Beasley); Will made 12 Dec 1831, rec 26 Dec 1831. Exr. George Deane (refused) Sister Sarah Long only Legatee mentioned. James Long with Armistead Long and Reuben Dean his securities, granted admr.

It is unknown if these are connected.

Heads of Families - Orange County, 1782

Name of Head of Family	White	Black
Dearing, Robert Junr	5	2
Dearing, John	4	1
Dearing, Edward	4	11
Dear, John	5	1
Dear, Catherine	5	--

County history: Spotsylvania separated from 1720 from Essex, K & Q and King Wm counties. Orange separated from Spotsylvania in 1734. Augusta separated from Orange 1738-45. Frederick separated from Orange and Augusta 1738-45. Culpeper separated from Orange in 1748. Records could be found in any of these counties.

### **Benjamin Vawter<sup>3</sup> (Edward<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>)**

Benjamin b. 1735 -1765, is the son of Edward Vawter and wife Elizabeth Boulware. The census of Essex Co., VA would indicate he was still alive as late as 1820 and his wife (name unknown) is likely deceased by 1820 but a female age 60-70 is found in 1830 in Orange Co., with son Benjamin. She could be another family member or not counted in 1820.

A strong possibility is that he married this Elizabeth. She is not shown with any other husband and her location in Caroline and notation of husband in the service are strong connections. Also, a daughter is named Elizabeth.

In *Colonial Caroline, A History of Caroline Co., VA* by TE Campbell, Dietz Press, Richmond, VA, p377, 1780 Elizabeth Vaughter received £6 for husband, in service of Armed Forces. The explanation in the book states this was for woman destitute while their husbands were away in service.

He is listed in the will of his father Edward, 5 Dec 1778 proved 16 Aug 1779 Essex Co., VA.  
*Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Vawter and if he should die before he leaves the service of a soldier or has a lawful heir for his part to return to my estate.*  
*Item: I give Agnes Boulware, daughter of Benjamin Vawter five pounds.*  
(GJNote: this would likely mean that no male heirs were yet born to Benjamin before Dec 1778.)

These military records quite clearly indicate two different Benjamins served in the Revolutionary war. One is this Benjamin and the other is Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, unknown<sup>2</sup>, Barth<sup>1</sup> of Caroline and Lynchburg, VA. They are sorted out this additional records below.

Revolutionary War Records Volume 1, Virginia. Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh Washington D.C. 1936, pub. Lancaster Press, Lancaster PA.

p. 323 " (20) Virginia Military Land Warrants Virginia Military District of Ohio, Granted for Revolutionary War Services State and Navy Beginning February 14, 1782 ....

Number Warrantee (A) Person who performed the Service (B) Kind of Service (C) "

p. 381 " 739 Vawter, Benjamin Vawter, Benjamin State Line "

p. 387 " (21) Virginia Military Land Warrants Virginia Military District of Ohio, Granted for Revolutionary War Services State Continental Line Beginning Aug. 8, 1782....

Number Warrantees (A -B) Rank & Service (C) "

p. 516 " 4915 Vawter, Benjamin (James Taylor, assnee. of Jno. Self, rep.) Soldier 3 years "

Similarly in Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments. Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck. Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore MD, 19-- . p. 545

Vawter, Benjamin. Va. Private 4 Jun. 1783. 100 acres.

Vawter, Benjamin Va. Private 9 Aug. 1799. 100 acres.

Book - *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution 1775-1783* by John H. Gwathmey, The Dietz Press, Richmond, VA 1938

Vawler, Benjamin, Pvt. WD

Vawter, Benjamin, 2 Va, State Reg.

In book *Revolutionary War Records, VA.*, Continental Line Warrants, military district Ohio, pg. 516. Warrant #4915 Vawter, Benjamin (James Taylor, assignee. of Jno. Self, rep.) enlisted soldier for 3 years.

*Virginians in the Revolution*, p. 795. Benjamin Vawter served 2 VA., State Reg.

*Virginia County Records* (quarterly magazine) V.6, p57: in the House of Delegates list 1 Jan 1785 of Revolutionary Soldiers entitled to Land Warrants for 3 years service, Private State Line, Benjamin Vawter.

Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Vawter had his Commanding Officer and another witness file affidavits with the State of VA concerning his service, so Benjamin could get Bounty Land. This Benjamin Vawter enlisted in February 1777 for a three year tour in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment. He apparently

completed his tour of duty and was discharged by his commanding officer. His CO is identified as Thomas Upshaw, Captain 2nd VA regt. Capt. Upshaw filed this affidavit from Essex Co. VA. One Captain Lieut. William Miller of the 1st Regt. Artillery also testified as to Benjamin's service.

The career of Capt. Thomas Upshaw is well documented in Revolutionary War Records, Vol 1. Virginia, by G. M. Brumbaugh, 1937, p. 573. Capt. Upshaw enlisted in January 1777 as an ensign and rose to the rank of Captain by the time of his retirement in Feb. 1780. He later commanded militia troops at the siege of Yorktown. It is said that he was unmarried, but had a mother and two sisters who lived in Essex Co. VA. Capt. Upshaw lived with his mother after he left the service, but moved to Manchester, Chesterfield Co., VA shortly before his death in 1809. Capt. Upshaw's regt. is not identified in Brumbaugh or anywhere else I have seen, but it is stated by the Captain himself as the 2nd VA State Regt. in Benjamin's file.

In the 1783 Census of Essex VA (Capt.) Thomas Upshaw is listed immediately below one Tamzen Upshaw, who likely is his mother, and immediately above William Vawter, brother of Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Edward<sup>2</sup> Barth<sup>1</sup> Vawter. This means less than you might think, since the list for that district was alphabetised. The Upshaws and William Vawter were in District no. 6. - Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Edw<sup>2</sup> was in District 5. In any case the Essex Co. Benjamin Vawter, that is to say, Benj<sup>3</sup> Edw<sup>2</sup> is strongly suggested by these circumstances to be the one who served with Capt. Upshaw in the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia State Line. By a process of elimination it appears Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Richard<sup>3</sup> Unk<sup>2</sup> served in an unknown Regiment of the Continental line. Both completed 3 years as privates and obtained 100 acres of Bounty Land by Warrant.

Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Edward<sup>2</sup> Bartholomew Vawter enlisted in the 2nd Regiment of the VA state line in February 1777 under Capt. U - th - - and served for 3 years. He was regularly discharged by his commanding officer, Capt. Thomas Upshaw, who was a neighbor of Benjamin in Essex Co., VA in 1783. Benjamin obtained 100 acres of bounty land from the state of Virginia by BLW # 739. Here is the documentation.

1. Bounty Land Warrant files from Library of Virginia, copied by Joe McKee<sup>3</sup>-11-2000:

*Page 1 is a typewritten file card.*

Vawter, Benj. Soldier - Army.

Cert. (1) Capt. Lieut. - W. Miller

2) Capt. Lieut. - Thos. Upshaw

*Page 2 is a copy of the affidavits of Capt.'s Miller and Upshaw.*

" This may certify that Benjamin Vawter Enlisted with Capt. u-th -- sometime in febr 1777 for the term of three years in the State Service given under my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup>. of June 1783 Wm. Miller Capt. Lt. First Regt. Artillery.

I do certify that Benjamin Vawter enlisted himself as soldier in the service of this State under Edward u-th-- as above did faithfully tell Legally discharged by the commanding officer Thos. Upshaw Capt. 2nd. Virga Essex June 2, 1783 A copy Lt. Shackelford CBA. "

A military certificate filed with the Virginia Land Office is held by the Library of Virginia and is indexed.

" Vawter Benjamin, pvt. VL LO739 Box 195,4 1 item. "

(JM note: This is probably the same document as above.)

2. Revolutionary War Records Volume 1, Virginia. Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh Washington D.C. 1936, pub. Lancaster Press, Lancaster PA.

p. 323 " (20) Virginia Military Land Warrants Virginia Military District of Ohio, Granted for Revolutionary War Services State and Navy Beginning February 14, 1782 ....

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3. Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution 1775-1783, by John H. Gwathmey, the Dietz Press, Richmond VA 1938 p. 793. " Vawter, Benjamin 2 VA State Reg. "

First Census of the United States Heads of Families, Virginia 1783, Essex County, District No. 5, list of William Doane: Benjamin Vawters, 5 white

Essex County, Records of the State Enumeration 1782 to 1785,  
District Six 1783. William Vawter, 6 White people.

1810 VA Census p. 1320 print version (AIS, R. V. Jackson & G. R. Teeple Editors), Essex Co.  
Vanter, Benjamin Essex Co. VA p. 166, 00001 - 00001 - 30  
One male and one female over 45, plus 3 male slaves.

1820 Census Essex VA M33, roll 137, p. 41A. Benjamin Vawter 200011 - 200010  
Numbers mean: Under10, 10-16, 16-18, 18-26, 26-45, over 45, so this family is:  
2 males under 10, one male 26-45, one male over 45; 2 females under 10, 1 female 26-45.  
(GJNote: since all the other children are found in Orange Co., this may be Agnes who is unaccounted for. Perhaps she  
stayed in Essex, but her married name is unknown.)

Edward3 did not move to Orange Co., but likely died in Essex.  
Supplement to the 1810 Census of Virginia. Netti Schreiner-Yantis, Springfield, VA 1971. p. 0-6.  
1810 personal property tax list Orange Co., VA., May 16  
Vaughter, William 1 [tithe] 1 [slave] 1 [horse]  
Vaughter, Benjamin 1 [tithe] 0 [slave] 1 [horse] "

Mutual Assurance Policies issued in Caroline Co., VA.  
23 Sep 1813. George W. Graves of Poplar Valley insures his house on his lands between  
Benjamin Vawter, George Chapman and Baylor.

*Orange County Marriages 1747-1850* by John Vogt and T. William Keithley, Jr. Iberian  
Publishing Co., Athens GA. 1984. p. 252 (p. 129) b- bondsman p- permission  
Vawter Benjamin & Elizabeth Bell 24 Jan 1822; wit - Reynolds Chapman b- Boswell Bell  
Vawter Malinda & William Hudson 22 Dec 1819; wit - Richd M. Chapman b - Benj. Vawter  
Vawter, Mary & Thomas Loving 1 Nov 1813; wit - Richd M Chapman b - Benj Vawter  
Vawter Elizabeth & Walker Clark 26 Jan 1802; wit -Thos Landrum & John Lanses? b - Thos  
Landrum p - (permission of) Wm. Vawter

Children of Benjamin Vawter:

1. Agnes Boulware Vawter b. bef. 1778 as shown above in the will of her grandfather Edward  
Vawter. No more is known.

2. Elizabeth Vawter m. 26 Jan 1802 Orange Co., VA to Walker Clarke  
*Orange County Marriages 1747-1850* by John Vogt and T. William Keithley, Jr. Iberian  
Publishing Co., Athens GA. 1984. p. 252 (p. 129) b- bondsman p- permission  
Vawter Elizabeth & Walker Clark 26 Jan 1802; wit -Thos Landrum & John Lanses? b - Thos  
Landrum p - Wm. Vawter

(GJNote: the author below determined the "p" stated parentage but it was only stating  
permission and could have been given by another family member, this is William her brother)  
*Marriage records of City of Fredericksburg, and Orange, Spotsylvania, and Stafford Co., VA  
1722-1850* by Thresea Fisher p. 37.

Clarke, Walker & Elizabeth Vawter (d/o William Vawter); 26 Jan 1802. (GJ: this is in error)



## Benjamin4, (William3, Unknown2, Barth1)

According to family information, Benjamin Vawter d. 1860 m. 24 Jan 1822 to Elizabeth Bell. Children: Lucinda, Permelia, Amanda, none of these woman married. All lived to ages 50 to 70 years and are buried on family farm cemetery in VA. Two sons, Richard who went to TN and William Calvin Vawter.

At the National Archives, Seattle Branch, War 1812 Folder Index. Benjamin Vauter, 9<sup>th</sup> Reg. (Boyd's) VA militia, Private.

The parentage of Benjamin Vawter and wife Elizabeth Bell come from their father's wills. A Digest of Orange County, Virginia Will Books 1734-1838. Ruth and Sam Sparacio, 1987. p. 115. "VAWTER, William

6. 97-98. will undated; rec 23 June 1823. EXS. son Benjamin, Clairbourne Graves. WIT. Benjamin Cooper, Clairbourn Graves, Henry Day. CH. Benjamin, Frances, Melinda (Hilson), Mary (Lower). BN. Charles Kinzer, Daniel Hord.

6. 153-154. Est appraisal rec 24 May 1824. "

( JM note: for Hilson read Hudson and for Lower read Loven. I'm sure the handwriting would allow these alternate spellings)

The Digest of Orange County Wills contain a number with the surname of Bell. It would appear that Roger Bell (will 1820) is the father of Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Bell, Will; George Bell, Will. John Bell, no Will [inv. 1790], John Bell Will; Roger Bell, Will; [1773], Roger Bell Will [1820] Sarah Bell, Will; Thomas Bell, Will [1795], Thomas Bell Will [1798], Thomas Bell Will [1803], Thomas W. Will; William, Will [1781], William Bell Will [1800].

A Digest of Orange County, Virginia Will Books 1734-1838. Ruth and Sam Sparacio, 1987. p. 8 " BELL, Roger

5. 348. Will made 25 Mar 1820; rec. 24 July 1820 EXX. wife Catherine, EX. son William B. Bell. WIT. Daniel Hord, Benjamin Vawter, William W. Collins. CH. William B., Elizabeth , Polly. BN. Thomas Coleman, George Morris. ( Margin note shows Henry C. Bell given administration Sept 1846.)

5. 357-359. Appraisal of negroes and other pers est 25 Aug 1820; rec. 28 Aug 1820.

6. 361-363 Set. acct. of William B. Bell Junr. EX. and Catherine Bell EXX; given 14 Aug 1826; rec 28 Aug 1826.

6. 376-379. sale at publick auction 17 Oct. 1822 rec. 27 Nov 182- [photocopy cropped] "

(JM Note: I suggest that William B. Bell is likely the same as the Boswell Bell who was security for the marriage of Elizabeth Bell and Benjamin Vawter in 1822)

## Heads of Families - Orange County, 1782

All the following are likely related to the Vawter lines:

Name of Head of Family	White	Black
Ballard, Philip	10	3
Ballard, Philip, Junr	5	--
Ballard, Philip, the younger	1	--
Ballard, Elijah	6	--
Beazley, James, Junr	3	1
Daughoney, Thomas	11	13
Daughoney, James	5	--
Stapp, Joshua	1	7
Stapp, Joshua, Junr	9	3
Stapp, Thomas	5	--
Stapp, Achilles	1	--
Wilholt, John	8	--
Bell, Thomas	10	33
Bell, John	8	20
Bell, William	2	17
Wharton, George	9	--
Hudson, Rush	8	3
Dear, Catherine	5	--
Dear, John	5	1

Reynolds, William 8 7

*Orange County Marriages 1747-1850* by John Vogt and T. William Keithley, Jr. Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA. 1984. p. 252 (p. 129) b- bondsman p- permission given by Vawter Benjamin & Elizabeth Bell 24 Jan 1822; wit - Reynolds Chapman b- Boswell Bell

Supplement to the 1810 Census of Virginia. Netti Schreiner-Yantis, Springfield, VA 1971. p. 0-6.

1810 personal property tax list Orange Co., VA., May 16

Vaughter, William 1 [tithe] 1 [slave] 1 [horse]

Vaughter, Benjamin 1 [tithe] 0 1 [horse] "

1850 Census of Orange Co., VA p. 250B, family 521, dwelling 524, 3 Dec. 1850.

Benjamin Vauters 63 M Farmer [Real Est.] \$500 b. VA

Lucinda " 27 F b. VA

Pamelia " 24 F b. VA

Amanda " 22 F b. VA

Frances " 62 F b. VA (unmarried sister of Benjamin)

1880 US census Orange, VA

Lucinda F. Vawter single head of household f. age 51 b. VA father b. VA mother b. VA

Amanda J. Vawter sister single age 47 b. VA

Submitted to William Snyder Vawter during 1928, is a letter from William Henry Vawter at Trevilians, VA.

*"Ben Vawter was born sometime in VA late 1700's. He married Elizabeth Bell in 1800's and from this union five children, Lucinda, Remelia, Amanda, William Calvin and Richard. Richard when grown left VA and located in TN where he married and never came back. The girls never married and lived to a good old age from 50 to 70 years. Ben was engaged in agriculture and lived all his life in Orange Co., VA died in 1860 and was buried at his home in the family cemetery."*

The daughters of Benjamin and Elizabeth Vawter never married, the sons are listed below:

1. "William Calvin Vawter was born about 1820 married Mary Jane Estes 1852 resulting in three children. Agnes Elizabeth, William Henry (writer) and Mary Jane Vawter. Mary having died in infancy. Wm Calvin enlisted in the army in 1861 in defense of the south, having contracted mesels (sic) in Aug 26 came home and died in a few days, leaving his wife with two little children to raise (sic), all of his personal possessions having been destroyed by the northern army. This left quite a burden on his wife, then came the liberation of his slaves, however with untiring energy his wife strove to success, living 77 years old when she passed away and went to receive her reward, and was layed to rest in the family burying ground at the old home in Louisa County, VA".

(GJNote: The writer is slightly confused on dates, in the 1850 census William is still single having married later in 1852, but he is gone by the 1860 census and the third child is Martha H and not Mary Jane, which was the mother's name.)

1850 Louisa County, VA Federal Census #1246

Downer	Robert G.	43	M	Farmer
Downer	Frances A.	38	F	
Downer	William	18	M	Carpenter
Downer	Lucy F.	15	F	
Downer	Mary B.	14	F	
Downer	Ruben	12	M	
Downer	Phebe G.	10	F	
Downer	Robert	7	M	
Downer	Mildred A.	3	F	
Vawter	William	26	M	Wheelwright

1860 Louisa Co., VA Census Index, Northern Dist. 765-840

Vawter Mary J 0811 346 346

Vawter	Agness E	0812 346 346
Vawter	Wm H	0812 346 346
Vawter	Martha N	0812 346 346

1880 US census Louisa Court House, Louisa, VA  
Mary J. Vawter (widow) female age 48 b. VA  
William H. Vawter son age 22 b. VA  
Ella S. daughter age 26 b. va  
Luther Poindexter mulatto servant age 6 b. VA

GJNote: Mary Jane Vawter is found in the Civil War pension application filed by VA Confederate veterans and widows military act of 1888, found in the VA Dept. of Accounts, The Library of VA. She received a widows pension.

a. Agnes Elizabeth Vawter b. 1852 d. 1924  
b. William Henry Vawter b. 16 Aug 1856 (submitter of information, alive 1928) m. 28 Oct 1878 to Ella Silom Terril  
Children  
Willis Hawthorn Vawter b. 27 Oct 1882 d. 15 Feb 1891 d. W Va.  
Mary Ann Vawter b. 25 Jan 1883 m. lives in Gordonville, VA  
Clifton Henry Vawter b. 25 Jun 1889 m. lives in Louisa VA (1928)  
Ernis Linwood Vawter b. 27 June 1894 m.

Another letter from William Henry dated 13 Apr 1928

*"Dear Sir, I am sending you such information as I am able too, all of our family records were destroyed during that dreadful war between the states, I was then six years old, therefore my information is limited and not far reaching. If worth anything to you, you can use it if not put it in the waste basket. I don't see how I could use your blanks, in other words don't know how to fill them in for you. Please excuse as I am 71 years old, nervous and can't write with pen. Would like to have a copy of your books when out. Resptly, WH Vawter"*

page 2 of letter.

*"William Henry Vawter was born Aug 16, 1856 married Ella Silom Terril 28 Oct 1878. This union resulted in four children William Hawthorn, Mary Anne, Clifton Henry and Ernis Linwood. His career has been very embarrassing our many differntlys to complaint him, having his store a dwelling (?) distroyed by fire. Twelve year ago, lost the use of both feet since then has been almost an invalid. Nearly five years ago his wife was paralyzed loosing the power of locomotion and withstanding all of this the all win Creator has blessed them with fifty summers together they are still hopeful and trusting."*  
( GJNote: He seems to be telling his life story, very difficult to read)

2. Richard B. Vauter. When he was grown he left Virginia and located in Tenn. where he married.

From Sandy Campbell, researcher of Richard email Vger53@aol.com, comes this:  
Richard B. Vauter b. 1829 VA d. 29 Sep 1913 Bowie, TX m. 7 Dec 1854 Madison Co., TN to Martha Ann Gregory. Enlisted Civil War with 12<sup>th</sup> TN Cavalry CSA (poss. Co. I) with other men from Haywood Co., TN.  
In 1873 Crockett Co., KY was formed form 4 other counties including Madision. The Vauter property was now part of Crockett.

1850 Census Orange Co., VA

In the household of Jessie B. Blades age 38 farmer b. VA  
wife Lucy A. age 28, Children John J. 4, Mary A. 2, Elenora 2 months all born VA  
Richard Vauters age 21, Overseer, b. VA.

Chambersville Cemetery, Collin County, Texas The Chambersville Cemetery has been in use in Collin County since 1853. It is located about 10 miles NNW of McKinney, Texas at the intersection of County Road #206 and #281.

Martha Vauter Row: P Lot: 7 Bdate: 4 Mar 1833 Ddate: 31 Jul 1887 Rmks: wife of R. B.

R. B. Vauter Row: P Lot: 6 Bdate: 23 Nov 1829 Ddate: 29 Sep 1913  
This cemetery is located next to a quaint Methodist Church.

Richard was in Bowie Texas visiting his daughter and was walking to the store to buy some tobacco. He was crossing the tracks when he was struck by a train and killed. It is thought he never heard it coming as he had become hard of hearing in later years.

In Texas, sons of Richard Vawter, William and Marcellus are found living in Paris, Lamar Co., TX and worked at the "Blades Drug Store". This is likely a connection to the Blades of VA.

Children of Richard Vauter and Martha Gregory

1. Junius Emmett Vauter b. 1855 TN d. 1923 San Antonio, TX. M. 7 May 1896 Madison Co., TN to Lizzie May Timberlake. Lizzie the dau. Of John Timberlake and Elizabeth Tomlinson.

Children: Samuel Emmett Vauter b. 198 TN d. TX, Fannie Mae Vauter b. 12 Sep 1902 Jackson, TN m. Ralph Marion Coston, 1925 in Boerne, TX and Robert E. Lee Vauter b. 1906 TN d. 1991 Corps Christ, TX m. Irene Belle Bernhardt in TX.

2. William W. Vauter b. 1859 TN d. 11 Dec 1933 Lamar Co., TX m. Virginia Belle (nee?)

3. Elizabeth C. Vauter b. 1861 TN

4. Sidneyham C. Vauter b. 1863 TN

5. Mary Aurelia Vauter b. 1865 TN m. Mr. Faust

6. Martha S. Vauter b. 1867 TN

7. Marcellus C. Vauter b. Mar 1870 TN d. 7 Feb 1931 in Petty, Lamar Co., TX

**Aaron Vauter<sup>5</sup>, (Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, unknown<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>)**

Aaron was b. 1765-1780 Essex Co., VA d. 1815 m. Winifred (nee?) b. 1775-1784, d. aft. 1820. Aaron's parents were Benjamin Vawter and Susannah (poss. Parker) of Caroline Co., VA. Aaron and his brother Moses left for KY to take up the land given Benjamin in service for the Revolutionary War. His certificate was filed with the Virginia Land office and is currently held by the Library of Virginia. In 1845, some of the land of Benjamin was being disposed and proof of Aaron's parentage is found. (GJNote: Brumfield Beazley is the grandson of Sarah Beasley who married cousin John Beasley, Sarah the daughter Phoebe Vawter, daughter of Benjamin Vawter and Susannah. The land in Caroline Co. of both the Vawter and Beasley families were in court records for settling of several estates.)

In consideration of the sum of one dollar to us severally, in hand paid, by Brumfield Beazley of the county of Caroline, we, whose names are hereto subscribed, and sales set have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Brumfield, his heirs and assigns our undivided right, title and interest in and to the land of which our late ancestor Benjamin Vawter died seized situate lying and being in the said county of Caroline- Consisting of our undivided shares in the lot of land allotted to Susanna Vawter, widow of said Benjamin, as dower, consisting of a House and lot on the east side of Baylors Mill pond, and a tract of [ ] acres, lying in the fork of said Mill pond, also our shares in the 2 lots of land allotted in the division of said Benjamin's lands, to his two sons Aaron and Moses (both of whom, are supposed to be dead, intestate, unmarried and without issue) and also our right title and interest, in a certain tract of 50 acres of land conveyed to said Benjamin, by a certain Edmond Beazley and Martha his wife by deed dated 3 December 1812 and of record in the Clerks Office of said county court to have and to hold our said undivided rights, title and interest severally and respectively whether acquired by descent, devise or purchase in and to the before mentioned lots or parcels of land, with all and every right and privilege appurtenant, or in any wise belonging thereto, to him and the said Brumfield Beazley, his heirs and assigns and to his and their proper use and behoof for ever – In witness where of we have hereto set our hands and affixed our Seals this 22 nd day of February 1846.

Signed: Silas P. Vawter, Robert Beazley, Henry S. Beazley, Lucy A. Beazley, R. V. Beazley, Silas Beazley, C. A. Beazley, Mortimore Jones, Susan Jones, William Coleman, Sarah Coleman, Mary Atkinson, W. V. Beazley.

Witness Peter Toombs, John R. Johnes, Charles Johnes and Ale Fleet as to Wm. Coleman & wife, Sarah Coleman

Witness A. L. Beazley and John Frawner as to W. V. Beazley

Buckingham County, to wit,

We William Walton and Clifford Cabell, Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid do hereby certify that Silas Vawter, Robert Beazley, Henry S. Beazley & Lucy Beazley party's to a certain deed bearing date of Bebruary 1845 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowleged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Caroline in order that the deed may be recorded given under our hand and seald 31 March 1845. Recorded in Caroline Co., VA 2 Jun 1846.

City of Richmond, to wit:

We James Evans and Wm. Allison Justices of the peace in the city to hereby certify that R. V. Beazley, Silas Beazley and C. A. Beazley party's to a certain deed bearing date 22 Feb 1845 and herto annexed personally appeared befoe us in our city afoaresaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and certify the said to Clerk of County Court of Caroline. Given on this 17 day of August 1846. Recorded in Caroline Co., 31 Aug 1846.

In the Clerks office of Caroline County Court August 13, 1855. This deed was this day proved before me in my office as to W. V. Beazley by oaths of A. L. Beazley and John Frawner and admitted to be him. Signed Geo. K. Taylor C. C.

Tax Books of Kentucky Counties. Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY (microfilm at Allen Co. Public Library)

reel 243, Lincoln Co., KY 1797-1811 tax lists.

Vauter or similar not found before 1807 or after 1809.

1807. dist. # 2. June 24 Vauter Aaron, Hanging Fork watercourse, 1 w m above 21, [no property

listed]

1808. dist. #1. Aaron Vauter, 1 w m above 21 [no property listed]

1809. dist. # 2. Aug. 24 Vaughter, Aaron 1 tithe [no property listed]

1810 Census of Kentucky (Printed version by AIS, 1974, Bountiful UT) p. 805.

" Vanter, Aron Lincoln Co. KY 137 30010 - 00010 -00 "

This suggests Aaron was born between 1765 - 1784. Died after Nov 1813 and bef 1820.

reel 127, Garrard Co., KY 1797-1819 tax lists.

1811. July 13th Aaron Vauter, 1 w m ab. 21, 4 horses

1812. May 13, Aran Vaulter, 1 w m ab. 21, 2 horses

1813. April 17, Aaron Vauter, 1 w m ab. 21

1814. no Vauter or similar, found

1815. Winny Vaughter, 0 w m ab. 21, 1 horse

1816-1819 not found

1820 Census of Kentucky, M33 roll 21, Garrard County, p. 102

" Winny Vauter 010000 - 30010 "

Winny is the wife of Aaron and mother of William Vauter, this suggest her DoB, from both was between 1775-1784. Following this assumption further, it would seem William might have had some brothers and sisters, of the ages shown in the two census records. It looks very possible Aaron died before 1820, since Winny was the head of the household then. Garrard, Lincoln and Mercer Counties are all in central Kentucky and adjoin each other, in part.

reel 128., Garrard Co., KY 1820 - ? tax lists

1822. Wineford Vaughter, 0 w m ab. 21, 3 children, no. of school age - 8

No Vaughter/Vauter listed 1823-1829.

A letter from the KY Adj. General's Office dated 1931 states:

Private in Capt. James Davidson' Co., KY Mounted Infantry, commanded by Col. Richard M. Johnson from 20 May 1813 to 19 Nov 1813, Private Aaron Vawter.

Proof of his descendants is not yet completely verified, but John and Lois Vawter email lavawter@skynet.net and Nona at email NFT36@aol.com and feels this line is as follows. Additionally some material contributed by John Vawter, 1511 Birch Dr. Elkhart, IN 67514, given him by his grandfather Jesse Monroe Vawter, son of William and Matilda. This information published in the Summer 1993 VVV Family Newsletter.

Ripley Co., Indiana Original Land Purchases

James Vawter page 23 Book 1- 22 Aug 1818

William Vawter page 23 Book 1- 21 Oct 1818

Benjamin Vawter page 85 Book 2- 1 Mar 1832

Children of this line:

1. Henry Vawter b. ca. 1800, d. 7 March 1846 Franklin Co., KY

Marriage record of Franklin Co., KY, Henry Vawter m. 5 Nov 1817 Fanny Martin.

Marriage Bonds and Consents 1811-1830 Mercer County, Kentucky, V. 3. by Alma Ray Sanders Ison and Rebecca Wilson Conover, Britton's Printing Service, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, 1973. p.

141 " Vawter, Henry and Jane Jones. August 11, 1820 Bondsman: Edmond Burris, who certifies bride's age is twenty-one"

1829 South Dist. Franklin Co., KY Tax List: Vaughter, Henry \$200

Book- Kentucky obituaries, 1787-1854, Lexington Report of March 14.

"Henry Vawters, an old citizen of Franklin Co., died Saturday, Mar 7, 1846.

Coroner's verdict: Suicide by Hanging"

2. William Vauter b. 4 Sep 1803 Goochland Co., VA d. 1882 Ripley Co., IN m. 16/17 Feb 1824 Mercer Co., KY to Matilda Carter. Matilda b. 13 Apr 1797 VA d. 10 Mar 1882 Ripley Co., IN and William died after Mar 1882. Matilda Carter's parents are Martin Carter and Nancy Page. William was one of five men who started the Shelby Christian Church Ripley Co., IN on 13 May 1855, William served as a deacon. Both are buried at the church cemetery. Shown starting in 1830 census through 1870 census of Shelby Twp., Versailles, Ripley Co., IN. Matilda m. 17 Feb 1824 to William Vauter. Marriage Bond, Mercer Co., Kentucky, dated 16 Feb 1824, Commonwealth of Kentucky the sum of 50 pounds current money. Seal dated 17th Feb 1824. Bond Book 1817-1824  
Winifred Vauter hereby signed for her son, William Vauter to marry Matilda Carter on 16 Feb 1824. In a letter written by Nona Thompson 12 Jul 1985, she found that Jesse Carter (brother or uncle?) signed on their marriage record, and is on the 1809 Lincoln Co., Kentucky tax roll.

Marriage Bonds and Consents 1811-1830 Mercer County, Kentucky, V. 3. by Alma Ray Sanders Ison and Rebecca Wilson Conover, Britton's Printing Service, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, 1973. p. 141" Vanter, William and Matilda Carter, February 17, 1824 Bondsman: Robert Fallis Bride's [sic] mother: Wineford Vanter Teste.: Robert Currens and Robert K. Fallis"

reel 283, Mercer Co., KY tax lists  
1824, Valter, William 1 w m ab. 21, 1 horse

1850 Census of Ripley Co., IN M432, roll 169, Shelby Township, p. 345 family and dwelling 326/329, 21 Sep 1850.  
William Vawters 47 M Farmer \$300 Va.  
Matilda " 53 F Va.  
William " 18 M farmer Ind.  
Nancy " 15 F Ind.  
Isaac " 11 M " [ sic ? Jesse??]  
Susan " 9 F "

Several deeds are also found:

3 Jan 1846 sold 80 A to Garret Henry Shreiver, DB M page 523  
1 Apr 1865 William and Matilda gave 80 A to Edwin & Susan Flint in consideration of their maintenance during their natural life. DB Vol. 34 p317  
3 Aug 1866 William purchased 80 A from Edwin & Susan Flint DB Vol. 36  
19 Mar 1867 Sold 80 A to John Matheny for suitable food, clothes and lodging and pay necessary funeral expenses, Ripley Co., DB 37 p 393.  
20 Oct 1875 Deeded 80 A to Jesse M. Vauter to furnish necessities for rest of William & Matilda's life and pay funeral arrangements. DB Vol. 47 p 260

The Carter lineage is:

Children of Giles and Hannah Carter, Sr. are: (all born in Henrico Co., Virginia)

1. Theodorick Carter, b. abt 1669, d. 1737, m. Elizabeth
2. Susannah Carter, b. abt 1671, m. (2nd) Thomas Williamson
3. Mary Carter, b. abt 1674, m. Thomas Davis
4. Ann Carter, b. abt 1677, m. James Davis
5. Giles Carter, b. abt 1682, m. Mary Povall

Researched by Leona Gertrude Ferrell Madsen, 6th gg dau.

F.VA. H3a, pt.2, p.256, Will of Giles Carter

F.VA.H3a, pt. 1, p. 133, Jan. 1680, Dep. of Giles Carter, age 46 years;

H3a, pt.1, p.139, Will of James Crews;

Gen. Memoir of Giles Carter, p. 108.

Children of Robert and Mary Carter are:

1. Robert Carter, b. abt 1729, Cumberland Co., Virginia, m. Lucy \_\_\_\_\_
2. Susanna Carter, b. abt 1731
3. Charles Carter, b. abt 1733, m. 24 Jun 1756 to Judith Carter, will probated 20 Oct 1777
4. Thomas Carter, b. abt 1735
5. Mary Carter, b. abt 1737
6. John Carter, b. abt 1739

Sources: Will of Robert Carter (Gen.Soc. Call #7312 pt. 2, bk 1, p. 183)

Will of Robert Povall of Henrico Co., VA -- Gr fa of husb

(Gen Soc. Call #B11Da, p. 1303) ;

Will of Giles Carter, Sr. (Gen.Soc. Call #7559 Pt. 2, p. 256)

Will of Robert Povall, Jr. (same ref as for Robert Sr.);

Deeds of Cumberland Co., VA, Bk 2, p. 276, Bk 3, p. 57, 58

The Douglas Register, p. 14

Most available records of Henrico, Cumberland, Goochland, Powhattan, C-City, and Prince Edward Counties have been searched.

Robert Carter d. 20 May 1759, found in Wills, Cumberland Co., VA. Note: probated on this date.

Sources: Nona Thompson research and:

Anna Kay Swinney and her uncle, Marion T. Jackson, Professor at Indiana State University.

The Douglas Register, p. 14, also birth & bapt. record; Will of Charles Carter (Gen.Soc.Call #7525 bk 12 p. 57)

Will of Robert Carter, Cumberland Will Bk. 1, p. 183; Deeds of Cumberland, Book 2, p. 276; Bk. 3, p. 55, 58, 209, 211; Bk. 4, p. 43.

Record submitted by: Mrs. A. F. Madsen, 961 E. Claremont Dr., Bountiful, UT 84010

LDS Temple Ordinance Data.

Charles Carter m. 24 Jun 1756 to Judith Madden at Goochland Co., VA.

Children of Charles Carter and Judith Madden are: (all born in Cumberland Co., Virginia)

1. Sally Carter, b. abt 1760
2. Martin Carter, b. 7 Apr 1763, d. abt 1842
3. Judith Carter, b. 30 Jan 1765
4. Jacob Carter, b. 9 Oct 1766
5. Patty Carter, b. 23 Dec. 1768
6. Jesse Carter, b. abt 1771
7. William Carter, b. abt 1773
8. Betty Carter, b. abt 1775
9. Molly Carter, b. abt 1776

Source: Douglas Register, p. 14

Will of Charles Carter, Genealogy Society Call #7525, Bk. 12, p. 57

Will of Robert Carter, Cumberland Will Book 1, p. 183

Deeds of Cumberland, Bk. 2, p. 276

Bk. 3, p. 55, 58, 59, 209, 211

Bk. 4, p. 43

Charles Carter served in Revolutionary War before 1777. He died 20 Oct 1777 Cumberland Co., VA. Probate 20 Oct 1777 Pension

Goochland Co. Court Records 1793 to 1803, File 69, signed by Jas. Bates et al.

Acknowledgment of pension granted Judith Carter by the October Session 1792 by John Guerrant. Deposition 28 Dec 1795 that Judith Carter was the widow of Charles Carter, a Private who died in the Service of the United States. Certificates authorizing pension approved by the Executive 1795 to 1801. Receipts to Matt Vaughan, et al, signed by Judith Carter, et al, witnessed by Geo. Smith and Tho Bates. Warrant endorsements by J. Pendleton, et al of Henrico Co. Requests for payment to Arch Bryce, et al, witnessed by R. Lewis Jr. and John Bryce.

Judith Madden b. 17 Jul 1757 Licking Hole, Goochland Co., VA

Martin Carter, b. 7 Apr 1763 in Goochland Co., VA

Found on 1810 Kentucky tax list by Nona Thompson

Virginia Revolutionary War Pensions Abstracted, by Dorman



Martin Carter #S30911:

On 9 Aug 1832, Mercer Co., Kentucky, Martin (X) Carter, in his 70th year, declares he was born in Goochland Co., Virginia and resided there during the Revolutionary War. In the fall of 1778 he was drafted to guard the British prisoners at Albemarle Barracks, which he performed three times of one month each under Capt. Jos. Leak, Elisha Leak and Capt. Curd. In the fall of 1781 he was drafted and was stationed as a guard four months at Cabin Point under Capt. Hatcher of Col. Morris' regiment.

On ( Aug 1832, Mercer Co., Kentucky, Jesse Roberts and Claibourn Bradshaw declare they served with Martin Carter in the militia of Virginia at Albemarle Barracks and at Cabin Point. Martin Carter of Mercer Co., Kentucky, private in the company of Capt. Leak in the regiment of Col. Morris in the Virginia militia for seven months from 1778, was placed on the Kentucky pension roll at \$23.33 per annum under the Act of 1832. Certificate 496 was issued 11 Sep. 1832.

Martin Carter m. Nancy (Nansey) Page 17 Oct 1791 in Goochland Co., VA.

From Records of the Shawnee Run Baptist Church, located in East Mercer Co., Kentucky:  
Nansey Carter - 1810 (possible time joined)

Martin Carter - 1817 (on list of members "Excluded")

Son, William Carter - 1819 Dismissed

Jesse Carter

Children of Martin and Nansey Page Carter are:

1. Rebecks Carter, b. abt 1790 or 1791, m. 6 Jan 1820 Abraham Darland, Mercer Co., KY
2. Jesse Carter, b. after 1790 Goochland Co., VA, m. 28 Feb 1820 Sally Rice, Mercer Co., KY
3. Charles Carter, b. 1794 Goochland Co., VA, m. Permelia ? abt 1816, Mercer Co., KY
4. Matilda Carter, b. 13 Apr 1796 Goochland Co., VA, d. 10 Mar 1882 Ripley Co., IN, burial Shelby Christian Church Cem., in an unmarked grave; m. 16 Feb 1824 William Vauter, Mercer Co., KY.
5. William W. Carter, b. abt 1799 Goochland Co., VA, went to KY at age 10; d. 8 Nov 1881 Mercer Co., KY (possible), m. 5 Sep 1821 to Phoebe Vanderipe, Mercer Co., KY
6. Nancy Carter, b. aft 1805 Mercer Co., KY (poss.), m. 1825 - 1826 Willis Noell, Mercer Co., KY (poss.)
7. John Carter, b. aft 1809 Mercer Co., KY (poss.), no known spouse  
Nancy was b. 1776 in VA, d. 1810 in KY.  
Martin and Nancy lived prior to his death at Danville, KY.  
Martin d. abt 1842 in Mercer Co., KY

Children of William and Matilda (Carter) Vawter:

a. Martha Ann Vawter/Vauter b. 20 Oct 1824 KY d. aft 1900 Indian Terr. m. 28 Oct 1841 Jefferson Co., IN to William Baker b. ca 1822 KY seen 1840 Lancaster Twp., Jefferson Co., IN census single.

William Baker and family are seen starting with the 1850 Census in Shelby Twp., Ripley Co., IN, 1860 Census Hancock Twp., Morgan Co., MO and the 1870 Census Gainesville Cook Co., TX

1a. Joseph Baker b. 1843 IN d. bef. 1920 Tushka, Atoka Co., OK

2a. Matilda Jane Baker b. 6 Apr 1844 IN d. 5 Feb 1924 Tecumseh, OK m. 28

Dec 1876 Cooke, TX to John Mathis White.

3a. Robert Baker b. Sep 1846 IN d. aft. 1910

4a. Nancy Baker b. 1847 IN

5a. William Baker b. 1849 IN

6a. Hannah G. Baker b. 1851 or 1852 IN

7a. Martha Ellen Baker b. Apr 1854 IN n, 7 Jan 1878 Cooke, TX to William M.

Hall

8a. Franklin b. Baker b. 1857 IN

9a. Mary E. Baker b. 4 Jun 1859 Morgan Co., MO d. 18 Apr 1928 Boggy Depot,

Atoka Co., OK

10a. Sarah T. Baker b. 1862 Morgan Co., MO

11a. John S. Baker b. 1866 Morgan Co., MO

b. Mary Jane Vawter b. 1826 KY m. 6 Jul 1848 Ripley Co., IN to John F. Sailors/Saylor  
(Marriage Record of Ripley Co., IN)  
Ripley County, INDIANA: 1850 Census Index  
SAILORS 218A-237B-238A-299B

- 1b. Cynthia Ann Sailors b. 1835 IN
- 2b. Leucetta Sailors b. 1836 IN
- 3b. William Sailors b. 1838 IN
- 4b. David Sailors b. 1843 IN
- 5b. Elizabeth Sailors b. 1846 IN
- 6b. Marietta Sailors b. 1849 IN

c. John Wesley Vauter b. 13 Apr 1827 IN d. 3 Mar 1918 Patriot, Switzerland Co., IN bur.  
Eastview Cem. m. 5 July 1856 to Sarah J. Garmore bur. Eastview Cem.

- c1. Minne B. Vauter b. 1870 IN
- c2. Walter W. Vauter b. 1875 IN

d. Henry L. Vauter b. ca 1829 d. Higgins, TX m. 3 Jul 1867 to Mary Ann Robinson.  
Henry was in Civil War, taken prisoner in Andersonville and Bell Island. Had a daughter Ida.

- d1. Walter Vauter b. 1866
- d2. Mattie V. Vauter b. 1868
- d3. Charles Vauter b. 1870
- d4. Mary G. Vauter b. 1875
- d5. Bertha M. Vauter b. 1876

e. Nancy Vawter b. ca 1835 IN d. Indianapolis, IN, bur. Crown Hill Cem., Indianapolis m.  
2 Jun 1854 Jennings Co., IN to John Matheney

- e1. Alma Matheney b. 1856 IN
- e2. Albert Matheney b. 1858 IN

f. Jesse Monroe Vawter/Vauter (note name spelling) b. 13 May 1838 Jefferson Co., IN d.  
17 Jan 1925 m. 18 Apr 1877 Ripley Co., IN to Martha Melissa West b. 3 Jan 1850 d. 29 May  
1925. Both are bur. At West Fork Cem. Jefferson Co., IN

1f. Pearl Amy Vauter/Vawter b. 2 Nov 1877 d. 5 Feb 1961 Ripley Co., IN. The  
spelling of Vauter was changed during her school years and brothers and sisters used  
Vawter. She m. 2 Jan 1898 to Jesse Means b. 1 Mar 1870 d. 13 Feb 1965. No children

2f. Sherl Monroe Vauter b. 4 Sep 1879 d. 1949 Indianapolis, IN. He m. (1)  
Stacia Cronin/Kronen, three children, Louis Valentine Vawter, Irene Vawter and  
unknown. He m. (2) Gertrude Hibler Clampitt.

3f. Carl Emmet Vauter b. 29 Jan 1881 d. 19 Jul 1947 He. m. (1) Frankie (nee?)  
m. (2) Lila Phillips and went to Genoa, TX about 1907. Three children Clyde, Martha  
and Evelyn.

4f. Roxie Anna Vawter b. 29 Mar 1883 m. ca 1905 Daniel Flint. Nine Children:  
Wilma Pearl, Marvin Nela, Dallas D., Dilver C., Mildred, Bernard, Frienda, Gerald, and  
Virgia.

5f.. James Thomas Vawter b. 25 Sep 1886 Ripley Co., IN d. 24 Jan 1982  
Indianapolis, IN m. 14 Apr 1918 Cass Co., IN to Ina Ruby Gore b. 21 Nov 1894 Cass  
Co., IN d. 23 Jun 1987. Both bur. at the Anderson Cem., Indianapolis, IN. Two sons,  
John Elden Vawter, IN and James Thomas Vawter, Jr.

6f. Clara Faye Vawter b. 15 Dec 1893. m. Frank Leineweber. Eight children:  
Charles Harley, Ruby Pearl, Lillian Marie, James Franklin, Gertrude Mae, Robert  
Wayne, Betty Jo and Charles Graham Leineweber.

g. Susan Vawter b. 1841 d. 1895 IN m. Edwin Flint

- 1g. William or Willard Flint b. 1863
- 2g. John Flint b. 1865 d. 2 Mar 1885
- 3g. Luther Flint b. 1867 d. young
- 4g. Omar Flint b. 1869 d. 1952
- 5g. Brigham Flint b. 1873 d. young
- 6g. Columbus Flint b. 1877 d. 1960

7g. Jesse Flint b. 1879 d. 1960

8g. Calvin Charles Flint b. 1881 d. 1909

Shelby Cemetery, IN. Located in IN, this cemetery is approx. three miles north of Haney's Corner, three miles northwest of Benham, and six miles south of Versailles; and east of State Road 421. There are about 47 unmarked graves in the Shelby Cemetery.

Vauter, William 1804 1882 Unmarked grave

Vauter, Matilda (Carter) 1796 1888 w/o Wm. Vauter Unmarked grave

Flint, Russell C. 1908 1944

Flint, Edwin 1838 1904 (Unmarked grave) Married 1APR1860

Flint, Susan (Vauter) 1842 AUG1895 (Unmarked grave) w/o Edwin Flint

Flint, John 1865 2MAR1885 (Unmarked grave) s/o Edwin & Susan Flint

Flint, Columbus 9MAR1877 30OCT1960 (Unmarked grave) s/o Edwin & Susan Flint

Flint, Addie M. Larison 1MAY1882 26MAY1970 w/o Columbus Flint NOTE: Mrs. Addie Flint was buried at Eager, Arizona

Flint, Calvin Charles 31JAN1881 21JAN1909 s/o Edwin & Susan Flint (Unmarked)

Flint, Jesse 1879 1883 s/o Edwin & Susan Flint (Unmarked grave)

Flint, Brigham 1873 ~ s/o Edwin & Susan Flint died young (Unmarked grave)

Flint, Luther 1867 ~ s/o Edwin & Susan Flint died young (Unmarked grave)

Flint, Florine Pearl 1913 1914 d/o Columbus & Addie M. Flint (Unmarked grave)

Flint, Josie Cole 1882 1909 w/o Omer Flint

Flint, Omer 1869 1952

Flint, Rose 1890 1957

h. Benjamin Vawter died age 7 or 8.

i. Edmond Vauter Killed at age of 10 or 11 by being kicked by a horse/mule.

j. William H. Vauter (Jr.) b. 24 Apr 1832 IN d. 26 March 1895 IN m. Margaret Garmore

3. Benjamin Vauter b. 6 July 1806 Mercer Co., KY, d. 14 December 1880 Ripley Co., IN m. 22 March 1836 Jefferson Co., IN to Frances Means; b. 2 Aug. 1815 Jessamine Co., KY, d. 25 July 1912, Ripley Co., IN.

Indiana State Library Genealogy Division "U-V-W-X-Y-Z" Indiana Marriages Through 1850

"Vawter" <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us>

Bride or Groom Spouse County Date Remarks

" Benjamin VAWTER Frances MEANS Jefferson 22 Mar 1836 "

1850 Census of Ripley Co., IN M432, roll 169, Shelby Township, p. 324B family - dwelling 27/28

Benjamin Vawter 44 M Farmer \$1400 Ky.

Frances Vawter 35 F Ky.

Benj O. Mastin 19 m Farmer Ky.

Lutitia Mastin 7 f la. "

(JM note; la. = Indiana. I don't know who the MASTINs are.)

Ripley County Indiana Will Records 1821-1896 Bks. A - E. copied by Ruth M. Slevin, typescript at Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN. p. 317

" VAWTER, Benjamin Bk D pp 168,169 Dtd 8 Sept 1869 Rec 27 Dec 1880

Wife - Frances Vawter

Heir - Malinda, Frances, and Ellsberry

Exec - Wife Frances Vawter

Wit - James M. Gee, F. G. O'Neal "

Brown Township Cemetery Records Ripley County, Indiana. Ripley County Historical Society, Versailles, IN, 1984. p. 21 (inscriptions from the Baptist Cemetery at Cross Plains, Indiana.)

"Vauter, Benjamin born in Mercer Co., Ky. died Dec. 14, 1880 aged 74 yrs. 5mos. & 8 days

Vauter, Frances born in Jessamine Co., Ky. Aug. 2 1815, died July 25, 1912."

( JM note: This cemetery is about 5 or 10 miles from the cemetery where William and Matilda

Vauter are buried. No other Vauters are buried here.)

4. Edmond R. Vawter b. ca. 1810, Lincoln Co., KY d. bef. 1864 Johnson Co., IN, m. (1) 16 Oct. 1832 Mercer Co., KY, to Sarah B. Fallis b. ca. 1812 KY d. 4 Apr 1857, granddau. of Isaac and Elizabeth Fallis.

(JM note: I suggest Edmond to be a member of Aaron and Winifred's family because of the following pieces of circumstantial evidence- the location of Edmonds marriage in Mercer Co. KY, - Edmond had a son named Aaron - the bondsman for Edmond's marriage, R. K. Fallis, was the same as the bondsman on William Vawter's marriage, Robert K. Fallis.)

Isaac Fallis is shown in Mercer Co., KY early tax record with 2 horses and 11 cattle and 1 slave. Isaac Fallis in 1810 census of KY had 5 horses and 24 cattle. He is not shown in the 1820 census of KY. There is a William Fallis located near Logansport, IN in 1837. David Fallis m. Abigail McMakin in Switzerland Co, IN in Sep 7 1829. The names of Fallis are not common in the area

Land deeds of Johnson Co., IN  
13 Aug 1831 Sec. 32 Tp. 13 to E.R. Vawter  
12 Aug 1833 Sec. 16 to E. R. Vawter

Marriage Bonds and Consents 1831-1850 Mercer County, Kentucky, also a few heretofore unpublished ones for years 1794-1830. by Harrodsburg Historical Society, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, 1983.p. 101

" Vanters, Edmond R. and Sallie B. Fallis - 16 Oct 1832 Bo: R. K. Fallis Con: Isaac and Elizabeth Fallis, grandparents of bride, who state she is over 21. Wit: P. J. Fallis. Groom may be E. R. Vauters. "

Greenlawn Cemetery Records Edmund R. Vawter, Co. G. 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry- Indiana (no date)  
Greenlawn Cemetery Records Sally B. Vawter, wife of Edmund, d. 4 Apr 1857 age 45 year 10 months.

1850 Census of Johnson Co., IN p. 26, Pleasant township, 2 Sep 1850, 167/167  
Edmond R. Vawter 40 M Farmer \$600 Kentucky  
Sarah B. " 39 F "  
John B. " 14 M Indiana (at school)  
Aaron " 11 M " "  
Benjamin " 8 M " "  
Sarah L. " 4 F "

Johnson Co., IN deed book P p.61  
Edward R. Vawter to Jeremiah Vaught (no relation) 40 acres West side of NE ¼ of SW ¼ Sec 15 Tp.14 R4. Signed Edmund R. Vawter and Sally B. Vawter his wife June 1853. Attested Samuel Vawter. (Note: this land is about 1 1/4 mi. from Whiteland, IN)

Edmund R. Vawter m. (2) 2 Aug 1858 to Lydia A. Adams (Johnson Co., IN marriage records).

Entry of Deeds Johnson Co., IN  
18 Feb 1861 E. R. Vawter to G. Adams (land located near Franklin, IN)  
5 Dec 1862 Smith Vawter to John T. Vawter. (land from Old plat of Franklin, IN)  
15 Jun 1867 David G. Vawter and Louisa his wife to Reason Slack

Settlement of his estate Johnson Co., IN,  
Edmund Vawer dec. estate Adm. P. K. Parr Vawter vs. Vawter  
On Dec. 10, 1864, Peterson Parr was paid \$8.56 for his work as administrator. A sum was paid for delinquent taxes on lots #3 and 4 in the town of west Franklin (original settlement area). David G. Vawter received the sum of \$82.55, Lydia (widow) got \$97.39 and John T. Vawter received \$4.20 in a judgment settled 10 Dec 1864.

Deed Book Y p. 474, Lydia Vawter to D. G. Vawter for \$50 lot #3 in Franklin.  
Deed Book I p. 159, 29 Dec 1865 G. D. Vawter to Rhoda Parr for \$5.00 lot #14 in Franklin West Additon  
Deed Book 2, p. 509, 3 Apr 1867, Lydia Vawter to Thomas Woolen for \$2.50, part of SW ¼ 14-12-4

Edmond Vawter Children:

- a. John B. Vawter, b. ca. 1836 IN
  - b. Aaron Vawter, b. ca. 1839 IN
  - c. Benjamin Vawter, b. ca. 1842 IN
  - d. Sarah L. Vawter, b. ca. 1846 IN
  - e. Louisiana W. Vawter b. aft 1850 IN. Johnson County Court House records Feb 1867.
- Box 87. Benjamin Vawter guardian of Louisiana Vawter
- f. Susan Edna Vawter/Overturf b. 15 Jan 1857 Franklin, Johnson Co., IN d. 30 Nov 1944, bur. Flatrock, Ripley, IN

In the 1860 census she is shown with father Edmund and family at age 3. Her mother Sally d. 3 months after her birth. Susan went to live with Edmund's sister in 1860, Nancy Vawter Overturf (Mrs. Henry) in Ripley Co., IN. She was enumerated in the 1860 census in Ripley Co again. Nancy and Henry had no other children and adopted Susan and changed her name. Nancy died and Henry Overturf m. (2) 1869 to Mrs. Rebecca Hart. Edna married her school teacher Theodore French in 1873 when she was 16. She received inheritance from Henry Overturf. Susan Edna Vawter/Overturf m. 6 Apr 1873 to Theodore F. French b. 25 Jun 1859 Flatrock, Ripley Co., IN. d. 1 May 1931. Given money in the estate of Henry Overturf, she and Theodore purchased 80 A. in Flatrock, Theodore purchased 160 A. more. They had the following children: Nora French m. Mr. Warman, Cora Bell French m. Mr. Tucker, Stella French b. 1891 d. 1986 in FL, Clyde French m. Adelyn Jackson, Nancy French m. Henry Williams and Russell French m. Margaret (nee?).

5. Nancy Vawter, b. ca. 1818 Garrard Co. KY, d. aft. 1850, m. Henry Overturf 26 Oct. 1837 Ripley Co., IN (Ripley Co., IN Marriage Records)

1850 Census of Ripley Co., IN, M432, roll 169, Shelby township, p. 331. fam and dw. 124/127 Henry Overturf 35 M Farmer \$800 Ind.

Nancy " 32 F Ky.

*Obit of Henry Overturf (no date). Mr. Henry Overturf departed this life Feb. 13 after an illness of about 4 weeks. He was born near Canaan in 1815, being 76 years, 9 months and 18 days old. He has always been a resident of Ripley county and has lived at Holton for about 50 years. He united with the M.E. church in early youth and has always been a faithful and leading member in the church until death. He was married to Nancy Vawter in 1836 with whom he lived happily for more than 33 years, when death visited him and deprived him of his companion. The deceased was of a retiring disposition and enjoyed the love and respect of his relatives and friends, He was always kind to the needy and poor and was a great help to the community. He will be sadly missed among his relatives and friends. He was again married to Mrs. Rebecca Hart in 1869, with whom he lived until death. He leaves a wife, an adopted daughter, 5 sisters and one brother and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death. His father, mother, five sisters and two brothers having preceded him to the spirit land. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Foster, after which he was laid to rest in Holton cemetery on Monday, Feb. 15.*

6. Lucinda Vawter, b. ca. 1810-1820 Garrard Co., KY?, m. 17 May 1838 Ripley Co., IN to Thomas Blair, Ripley Co., IN Marriage Records  
Ripley County, INDIANA: 1850 Census Index  
BLAIR 227B-230A-236B-303B-304A

Since this next Vawter was born well after the death of Aaron, she may be a grandchild or belong to another line. But, she married into the Overturf family and is likely related to this line. Susan Vawter, b. ca. 1822, Garrard Co., KY?, d. aft. 1850,, m. Samuel Overturf, 18 February 1840, Ripley Co., IN. (Ripley Co., IN Marriage Records)

1850 Census of Ripley Co., IN, M432, roll 169, Shelby township, p. 332. fam and dw. 128/131  
Samuel Overturf 30 M Farmer \$1000 Ind.  
Susan " 28 F Ind.  
Jacob H. " 8 M "  
Nancy R. " 6 F "  
William M. " 5 M "  
Jonathon C. " 4 M "  
Frances M. " 1 M "

This Sarah E. Vawter is not placed with a family, they were in Ripley Co., IN.

David W Brown 1816 - 1891m. Ann Eliza Winslow 1818 - 1896

Children

James P Brown 1838 - 1912 m. Harriet Bradshaw 1847 -

Francis Marion Brown 1840 - 1913 m. Pruey W Wise 1846 - 1882

Sarah J Brown 1842 -

Eliza J Brown 1843 - 1887 m. James W Ruby 1836 - 1891

Albert Brown 1844 m. Sarah E Vawter

Mary J Brown 1845 -

Ellen J Brown 1847 - 1882

Niles Miller Brown 1849 - 1927 m. Mary Elizabeth Palmer

Merritt Brown 1855 - m. May Robins

Arilla Brown 1857 - 1919m. [1] James W Ruby 1836 - 1891 m. [2] Andrew Ruby 1818 - 1912

### **Winifred Vawter<sup>3</sup>, (John<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>)**

Winifred was the daughter of John Vawter and Margaret Noel. John and Margaret were likely married at the time of the death of Bartholomew Vawter in Sep 1717. She is shown as Winifred Vawter in the will of her father and Winifred McBen/McBane in the will of her mother so she married sometime bet. 1750 -52 to Daniel McBen/McBane. It seems likely she was still in Essex Co., VA at the time of her mothers death in Oct 1756.

In the will of her father John Vawter 3 May 1748 - 16 Nov 1752 Culpeper Co., VA the following land was given: *3rdly. To daughter Winifred Vawter, 130 acres which was given me by my father-in-law Daniel Noel.*

In the will of her mother Margaret (Noel) Vawter 21 Oct 1756, Culpeper co., VA, the following is noted: *I give to my son David Vawter what money he owed me and the crops, household furniture and the tools which he has of mine in his possession, he paying his sister Winefred Mcben fifty shillings current money. All the remainder of my estate to my two sons Richard Vawter and Angus Vawter and my daughter Winfred McBen.*

*Essex County Deeds 1745-1749* (On margin Orig. Deed delivd. To Bartho: Vawter 3 Mar 1750) pp. 387-390. This indenture made 18 Nov 1749, between John Vawter of Essex and Bartholomew Vawter eldest son of said John Vawter. Witnesseth that John Vawter in consideration of love and good will doth bear toward his loving son Bartholomew for the sum of 5 shillings give and confirm a tract of land lying in St. Anns Parish in Essex at the head of Blackburn's Creek, containing 150 acres together with all profits, quitrents excepted. Signed Jno: Vawter. Wit: Robert Harbin, Thomas Tiller, Willo: Pugh, Winifred Vawter, Saml. Browne, Angus Vawter. On 21 Nov 1749 the deed was delivered by the oath of Thomas Tiller, Willoughby Pugh and Winifred Vawter. Test John Lee, Cclerk.

*Essex County Deed 1745-1749*, pp. 380-382 (On margin: Origl. Deed deliv'd to Bartho: Vawter for Winifred Vawter ye 3d. day of March 1750)  
This indenture made this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and forty nine between John Vawter of the County of Essex in Colony of Virginia of one part and Winifred Vawter of the same County and Colony of other part; Witnesseth that John Vawter for the love and good will that he hath for his Daughter, Winifred Vawter, and also for the consideration of Five shillings current money of Virginia doth by these presents grant sell and confirm unto Winifred Vawter her heirs one certain tract of land lying in the County and Colony aforesaid, it being the land John Vawter formerly had conveyed to him from his Father in Law Daniel Noell, by deed bearing date of Eighteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and Forty five, being bounded, Beginning at a marked Sweet Gum tree standing in an Old Field, thence North Ten degrees East crossing the Road one hundred and ten pole to a red Oak, thence South seventy & five degrees East ninety and three poles to a red Oak, corner tree to John Andrews Land, thence with the said Andrews line South eighty and six pole to the angle of a red Oak and Hicory, corner trees to the aforesaid Andrews Land thence West one hundred and four pole to a Stake, thence North twenty and five degrees West ten pole to the first mentioned beginning tree, including and containing the just quantity of sixty and two acres of Land, Together withall appurtenances rents and services; To have and to hold the above Sixty and Two acres of land and premises unto Winifred Vawter her heirs, the Quit rents only excepted; In Witness whereof the said John Vawter hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed in presence of Bartho. Vawter, Willo. Pugh, Daniel Thomas, John Noell.  
21 Nov 1749 Bartholomew Vawter, Willoughby Pugh and Daniel Thomas made Oath that they did see John Vawter deed to Winifred Vawter the above land.

Prior to her marriage Winifred rented out this land to Willoughby Pugh. Found in Essex Co. Deed 1745-149 pp. 395-398 18 Nov 1749 between Winifred Vawter and Willoughby Pugh to farm 60 acres of Land (deed as shown above) for 16 years paying during the first two years quit rents, then 14 years to Winifred Vawter and heirs yearly rents of one pound fifteen shillings.

Willoughby shall not build any house except framed work with mortice and Tenant according to the custom of VA or other building without consent of Winifred. Willoughby Pugh should have Liberty of Wood and Bark and said Land for Tanning and Turning and shall not be denied to profit thereby what he can at convenient times make use of. Wit: Bartho: Vawter, Augus: Vawter, Saml. Browne. Signed Winifred Vawter  
(GJNote: the above is Augustine not Angus Vawter)

Essex Co. VA Deeds 1752-1754 pp. 102-104 (On Margin: Original Deed deliv'd to Mr. Thos: Andrews 26<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1752.)

This indenture made the Seventeenth day of August in year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred & fifty two between Daniel Mackbane of St. Anns Parish in Essex County of one part & Winifred his Wife & Thomas Andrews of said Parish and County of other part: Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Fourty Five pounds current money of Virginia to Daniel Mackbane in hand paid by Thomas Andrews by these present the said Daniel Mackbane & Winifred his Wife doth release sell & confirm unto Thomas Andrew his heirs all that parcel of land containing by estimation Sixty two acres of land be the same more or less lyng in the Parish & County aforesaid being bounded, Beginning at a marked Sweet Gum tree standing in an Old field, then North ten degrees East ninety & three poles to a red Oak corner of John Andrews land, then with the sd. Andrews line South eighty & six pole to the angle of a red Oak and Hickory, corner trees to sd Andrews Land, thence West one hundred & four pole to a Stake, then North twenty five degrees West ten pole to the first mentioned beginning: Together with all houses orchards profits and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging; To have and to hold the said parcel of Land with every of their rights members & appurtenances unto Thomas Andrews his heirs, said Thomas Andrews his heirs paying the rents and performing the services hereafter becoming due and payable to our Sovereign Lord the King his heirs and Successors shall warrant & defend by these presents against all person; In witness whereof the parties first above named to this Indenture hath set their hands and seals this day and year above written. Signed in presence of Edward Vawter 15, Mark Andrews, Samuel Noel. Signed Daniel McBane and Winifred McBane.

18 Aug 1752 Daniel McBane and Winifred his wife acknowledged her dower.

(GJNote: John Vawter is dead by Jan 1752, brother Edward 15 was still alive at this date)

A Poll of Freeholders for Electing Burgess in Essex County taken 15 Jan 1752/53.

Thos: Newman	Bartho: Vawter	Thos: Tinsley	Charles Breedlove
Ambrose Vawter (prob. Angus)	Danl. McBenn	Edward Vawter	



### **Bartholomew Vawter<sup>3</sup>, (John<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>)**

Bartholomew was the son of John Vawter and Margaret Noel was born in Essex Co., VA John, the son of Bartholomew Vawter and Margaret, the daughter of Daniel Noel. Bartholomew m. Ann (possibly Hay). He moved from Culpeper Co., VA to Craven Co., SC ca 1759-60. The Hay family is found in SC in the 1750's. Bartholomew is found by deed in 1762 connected to the Hay family, he was probably married Ann shortly after coming to SC. Bartholomew had one known son, Cornelius H. Vawter/Vaughter, perhaps another son and several daughters.

*Essex Co. Deed Book 1736-1742*, pp 175-179 10 & 11 Dec 1740. Thomas Lilley of St. Ann's planter and Thomas Jameson of Parrish of Brunswick, King George Co. Thomas Lilley for the sum of 8 pounds current money of VA granted unto Thomas Jameson 70 A in St. Ann's being all that tract of land which was given in the last will and Testament of Richard Edwards late of the Co. of Essex deced bearing date 13 Jun 1722 unto Thomas Lilley and now in the actual possession of Thomas Jameson by virtue of Indenture on one year. Wit: John Vawter, Bartholomew Vawter and Richard Vawter.

In the will of his father John Vawter, 1752, the following: *that one third part be my loving wife's, Margaret Vawter and the rest to be equally divided amongst my children, namely: Winfred, Bartholomew, Richard, Margaret Rucker, Angus and David Vawter.*  
*All the land I purchased of Young Hawkins I lend to my wife Margaret during her natural life with a piece of Kings land surveyed by Major Robert Brook to be enclosed by a double pattant, in all by estimation one hundred and fifty acres, she making no waste or sales of any of the appurtenances thereon and after her decease my will is that it to be my son Bartholomew Vawter's, he paying therefore to my son Angus Vawter twenty pounds current money and to my son David Vawter fifty pounds current money.*

*Essex County Deed 1749-1752* pp. 113-115 (Orig. POA devd. To Bartholomew Vawter 22 Oct 1751). Know all men by these presents that I John Vawter of the County of Essex in VA but now designed for to depart this county to the county of Culpeper do make my son Bartholomew Vawter of sd County of Essex my true and lawfull attorney for and in the name to ask all debts sums of money, bills, bonds or judgments that are due to me unon their payment thereof to give a receipt for me and in my name to the partie of who received. I empower my attorney to make sale and deliver all estate that I have in the county of Essex both real and person, especially one certain tract of land lying on Occupatia Swamp which was conveyed to me by Mr. Young Hawkins by deeds of lease and release date 12 Oct 1749, which sd land I received by virtue of Power of attorney I had of Richard Ripley bearing date 20 Apr 1742 and he may in my name give Deed of Bargain and sale. In witness whereof dated Dec 1750. Signed John Vawter, Wit: Thomas Watson, William Clemens, Thos. Goode, Angus Vawter.

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pp. 387-390. This indenture made 18 Nov 1749, between John Vawter of Essex and Bartholomew Vawter eldest son of said John Vawter. Witnesseth that John Vawter in consideration of love and good will doth bear toward his loving son Bartholomew for the sum of 5 shillings give and confirm a tract of land lying in St. Anns Parish in Essex at the head of Blackburn's Creek, containing 150 acres together will all profitts, quitrents excepted. Signed Jno: Vawter. Wit: Robert Harbin, Thomas Tiller, Will: Pugh, Winifred Vawter, Saml. Browne, Angus Vawter. On 21 Nov 1749 the deed was delivered by the oath of Thomas Tiller, Willoughby Pugh and Winifred Vawter. Test John Lee, Cclerk.

#### *Essex County Deeds 1749-1752*. pp 294-298.

(On margin: Original delivered to Capt. Jas: Garnett Decr. 6th 1752, 26th Geo:2d)

this indenture made the Twentieth day of janry in year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Fifty two between Bartholomew Vawter of County of Essex, Planter, of one part and James Garnett of same County of other part. Witnesseth that Bartholomew Vawter in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and Forty one pounds current money of Virginia in hand well and truly

paid by James Garnett, by these presents doth release and sell unto James Garnett his heirs all that parcell of land which Bartholomew Vawter (Grand Father to the said Bartholomew Vawter party to these presents) purchased from John Hawkins deced. containing by estimation One hundred and fifty acres more or less lying on the head of Blackburns Creek and on the Long Bridge Swamp and joyning to the land which John Vawter deced purchased of Buckingham Brown deced. & on the Land which the said James Garnett purchased of Thos: and Young Hawkins, Together with all houses barnes stables orchards gardens marshes swamps profits & appurtenances to the same belonging; To have and to hold the parcel of land & premises unto James Garnett his heirs and James Garnett his heirs paying the rents and services which hereafter become due unto our Sovereign Lord the King only excepted & foreprized: In witness whereof the party first above named to this Indenture his hand and seal hath set the day and year above written. Signed and Sealed in presence of Robert Smith, John Jones, Muscoe Garnett, Angus Vawter, Signed Bartholomew Vawter.

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Ambrose Vawter (prob. Angus)	Danl. McBenn	Edward Vawter	

Culpeper Co., VA Deed Book Vol. 1 page 448-49 19 Oct. 1752. John Powell of Brumfield Parish, Culpeper County, to James Rucker of same. For 5 shillings current money. 376 acres...corner to Francis Conway...over the mountain...on the side of a steep mountain... corner to Capt. John Frogg...crossing the mountain again... signed John Powell. Wit: Thos. Rucker, Russil Hill and Bartholomew Vawter.

Source: Library of Virginia, Will Book A, 1749-1770 Culpeper Co, VA Reel 31, pages 93-94

Will: Robert Tureman, Culpeper Co, VA (1753)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I Robert Tureman, being sick and weak but in perfect sense and memory do make this my Last Will and Testament and what it hath pleased almighty God of his great goodness to give me, I leave in manner following:

Imprimis: I give to my daughter Susanna Tureman one negro girl named Mott, to her and her heirs forever, and in case my daughter Susanna Tureman die without heir of her body, the said negro girl is to fall to my daughter Ann Tureman and her heirs forever. Item: I give to my son George Tureman two hundred acres of land to him and his heirs forever, after the death of my wife Ann Tureman to whom I lend the said land until her decease. Item: The rest of my estate I lend to my loving wife Ann Tureman during her life and after her death to be equally divided between my four youngest children, vizt: George Tureman, Ignatius Tureman, Ann Tureman, Robert Tureman. Lastly, I constitute and ordain my loving wife Ann Tureman and Mr. William Booten Executrix and Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this seventh day of \_\_\_\_\_ (left blank) one thousand seven hundred and fifty three. N.B. If either of my four youngest children die before they are one and twenty years old, I give their part or parts of my estate to my daughter Susanna Tureman. his Robert X Tureman (L.) mark Signed, sealed, published & declared in presence of: Bartholomew Vauter and William W Bohannon

At a Court held for the County of Culpeper  
Thursday, the 21st day of February 1754

This Last Will and Testament of Robert Tureman, dec'd, was proved by the oaths of Bartholomew Vauter and William Bohannon, witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and William Booten, one of the Executors therein named renounced the burthen thereof. And At a Court held for the County of Culpeper Thursday, the 15th day of August 1754

The said Will was proved by Ann Tureman, the Executrix and on her motion, Certificate is granted her for obtaining a Probat thereof in due form, she having given security as the law directs. Test Roger Dixon, Cl.Cur.

Culpeper Co., VA. Deed book B p253, 10 Mar 1755 Between John Powell of the Parish of Brumfield, County of Culpeper and Bartholomew Vawter of the same parish and county for the sum of 15 pounds current Virginia money, Bartholomew purchased 1 parcel of land, containing 100 acres. Bounded line of John Rucker to corner of John Rucker and Wm. Eddings to eastern most line of Thomas Rucker. Signed John Powell wit: Jeremiah Pearce, John Offill, Thomas Freeman and David Vawter. Recorded 20 Mar 1755.

p. 256-60. 21 Mar 1755. John Powell and Mary his wife of Culpeper Co., to Francis Kirtley of same. Lease and release.....

In the early 1900's, Henry Strother, a Vawter researcher went to VA and copied from some old Order Books of Orange Co. This material was sent to William Snyder Vawter who was doing

research during the 1920's and 1930's for an update on the Grace Vawter Bicknell book. His research was never published but contains more than 2000 pages of information.

Old Order Book of Orange Co., VA (no book number)

page 375, May 1752 Richard Vawter

page 251 Aug 1756 Bartholomew Vawter

page 9 May 1763, David Vawter by his deed in 14, p. 16 conveys to McFarland 300 acres in Orange Co. in full for patent granted John Vawter and Philip Slagdale.

page 447, July 1767 David Vawter was granted a road from Benj. Head and Richard Durrett to the river at Crawford's Ford

page 48, Nov 1779 David Vawter

page 140, Sept 1774 Richard Vawter.

In 1758 Bartholomew seems to have sold land to brother David. (A copy of the deed is needed) *Index to Culpeper Co., VA Deeds* Book C-112 Recorded 16 Mar 1758. Bartholomew Vawter to David Vawter.

We next find Bartholomew in South Carolina.

South Carolina Deed Abstracts 1719-1772 Vol. 14 Deed Book 1767-1773, by

Clara A. Langley. (according to preface of book L is lease and R is release. The lease came from the Royal Governor or from another person who could "release" his lease. The "release" could not be made until the lease was 1 year and 1 day old. So if you got land through Royal decree or bought, you only got the lease, after one year you got the release and was yours to keep or sell. Much different than VA)

Book A-4 pp. 348-355. 17 & 18 July 1765 L&R

Bartholomew Vawter, vintner, & Ann his wife, to Peter Hay, planter, both of The Congarees, for 1000 pounds currency, 2 tracts on NE side of Santee (Congaree) River, in Craven Co.; (note Craven county covered half the state at that date) 100 a. bounding NE on vacant land; SE on John Pearson; SW on vacant land & John Fairchild; NW on John Fairchild; also 100 a. bounding NW on a vacant land; SW on vacant land. Whereas on 4 July 1749 Gov. James Glen granted said 200 a. to John Fairchild; which by L&R dated 3 & 4 July 1750 Fairchild sold to John Pearson; who by L&R dated 2 & 3 Feb 1761 sold to Bartholomew Vawter; & whereas on 5 Sept. 1750 Gov. James Glen granted said 100 a. to John Fairchild; who by L&R dated 6&7 Nov 1753 sold to Philip Raiford; who by L&R dated 24 & 25 Sept. 1760 sold to Bartholomew Vawter; now Vawter sells both tracts to Hay. Wit: John Thomas, Sr., Benjamin Bell (a Quaker), Daniel Dwight. Before Philip Pearson, J. P. on 2 Oct 1770. Recorded 12 Jan 1773 by William Rugeley, Henry Rugeley, Register.

(Note: there is a Peter Hay found in Isle of Wright Co., VA in 1748 but not known if this is a connection.)

Book S-3 pp. 65-70 28 & 29 Sept 1761 L&R. Edward Hollis, cooper, to William Howell, planter, Vawter & John Taylor; SE on John Taylor & Raiford's Creek; SW on Raiford's Creek; NW on John Fairchild, Esq. & Raiford's Lake or Creek. Whereas on 1 Jan. 1745 Gov. James Glen granted Solomon McGraw 200 a. on N side Santee (Congaree) River, opposite Saxegotha Township, bounding NW on Philip Raiford, Jr. (now Bartholomew Vawter) & on John Fairchild; NE on John Pearson (formerly said Vawter);.....(more legal not important).

This gives us a pinpoint of where he lived. Map indicates the Santee and Congaree merge at Columbia, SC. A dam, in 1997, called Saluda is located just west of Columbia. The Santee river flows to the Atlantic and empties about 30 miles or so north of Charlestown. It also branches off straight to Charlestown and would make ship travel back to Virginia fairly easy.

Book- *Abstracts Of the Wills of State of SC 1760-1784.* by Caroline T. Moore, p. 157.

Will book SS 1771-1774. Peter Hay, Craven County. Wife: Elizabeth, residue of estate. Sons and Daus in law [step-children?]: (children of Gilbert Gibson). Mentions: land I purchased of Bartholomew Vawter to be sold; to Bartholomew Vawter, land where he now lives. Exors: wife; David Hay; Bartholomew Vawter. Wit: Joel Threewits, Jemina Threewits, Richard Strother. Dated 28 Jun 1767 probate 1 May 1771. R: nd. p. 21.

From Abstracts of the Wills of South Carolina, 1760-1784, Caroline T. Moore, Columbia, SC, R.L. Bryan Co., 1969: Will Book RR, page 38 (1767-1771):

JAMES (X) TURNER of Berkeley Co. Dated 21 January 1766, proved 2 July 1767. Wife: AMY. Sons: SIMON; JAMES to get half of land purchased of the "deaf Wagoner" on Saluda River and Buffalo Creek; JOHN to get land purchased of John Snelgrove; THOMAS, under age, to get other half of land given son JAMES. Daughters: HONOR; TEMPY (both under age). Mentions unborn child; JAMES' daughter BETTY; Virginia currency due me; Mr. Webb. Executors: wife and son JAMES. Witnesses: Bartholomew Vawler, Richard Fall, Ebenezer Miller.

Another Hay connection: Same book as above. p. 63. Will Book QQ 1760-1767.

Hugh Murphey, his mark, Craven County. Wife: Mary my plantation during her life, then to 2 eldest sons. Sons: eldest Richard and Hugh; Philip and Dennis. Daus: Sarah Hay; Agatha Gill; Grace, Amey and Anna. Mentions Little River. Exors: wife; Mr. Williams Hay. Wit: Bartholomew Vawler, Marian Bevan, Sarah Hay. Dated 11 May 1762. Pro. 17 Jun 1766. R: nd. p. 559.

Tax records 1762 indicate Barth. Vawter, Craven County, SC, Black River.

An additional Hay connection: book, *History of Orangeburg Co., SC from first settlement to close of Rev. War*. By A. S. Salley, Jr.

p228. 12 Apr 1768 the Legislature passed "An act for establishing and making public a road to lead from Orangeburgh to Saludy, and from thence to Bush and Rayburn's Creeks and for establishing a public Ferry over Saludy river." This area would be near Bartholomew as shown in above deeds and wills.

P149-150. Baptismal records. On Sunday 6 Oct 1754. Martha, Ann, Daughter of Nathaniel & Ann Partridge; born 1 Mar 1754. Suscep= John & Mary Pearson, & Mary, wife of William Hay. So we have William Hay and wife Mary 1754 and William and Sarah Murphey Hay 1762, David Hay and Peter Hay and wife Elizabeth above. We know Bartholomew's wife is Ann, maybe Hay. The Hay family was in SC in 1750's, no Hay family found in VA near Culpeper. Bartholomew bought land of John Pearson shown connected to Hays above.

Book *Citizens and Immigrants, SC, 1768*. Abstracted from contemporary records by Mary Bondurant Warren, 1980. On 6 Dec 1768 Petitions for Warrants of survey and certifying plats were received and read by the Governor's council in Charleston, SC. Page 281. Bartholomew Vawser, 100 a. on the waters of Santee.

Children known of Bartholomew and Ann (Hay) Vawter:

+1. Cornelius H. Vawter m. Mary Anne McGrew

**Cornelius H. Vawter4, (Bartholomew3, John2, Bartholomew1)**

Cornelius Vawter/Vaughter, probably a son of Bartholomew, is found in the same area of South Carolina. Born ca 1770-1774. Alive 1830 AL, decd before 1840 AL. He married bef. 5 Oct 1800 (will of Mary's mother) to Mary Anne McGrew b. ca 1770-1780 SC will dated 22 Feb 1841.

South Carolina, Camden District, Richland County 1790 first census of the US

Vaughters, Cornelius - 2 white males of 16 years and up, 8 free white females

(This would mean both males had to have been born no later than 1774 and prob. before. Located as neighbors were Daniel Hay, Dorthc Hay, Helekay Hay.) As pure speculation this could be Cornelius and wife Mary Anne, perhaps a daughter or two, perhaps Ann his mother, some sisters and maybe an unknown brother or brother in law.

Noted in 1790 NC Census Salisbury Dist, Rowan Co.

Cornelius Vanvers. No proof this is Cornelius Vaughters he could have been shown in both as the location is near one another.

Census of 1810 Lexington Co., SC shown Cornelious Vauter

Book -*South Carolina Marriages 1749-1867. Implied in SC Equity Reports.*

These marriages are taken from, 4 Desaussure's Equity Report or, the reports of cases argued and determined in the court of Chancery of the State of SC and in the court of appeals in Equity, by Henry William Desaussure, Vol. IV, Annotated Edition, West Publishing Co., St. Paul 1917.

Vauters, Cornelius H. (man), Elizabeth McGrew (woman), found in 4 DESA pages 155-162.

Live in 1811. (GJ Note: Actually Cornelius married Mary Ann sister of Elizabeth as found in will and other records. Elizabeth b. ca 1790 SC m. David Autry. Both women are named in the Chancery suit)

McGrew genealogy, website geocities: McGrew Genealogy:

Alexander (MacGruar/McGeuer) McGrew and wife Margaret had six known children: Mary McGrew, John McGrew, James McGrew, Peter Alexander (Mary Anne's father), Margaret McGrew and William McGrew. The first record in SC was 24 Apr 1752 in Orangeburg Dist. SC at the birth of a son. A petition for 550 acres of land 4 Jul 1755 with 11 persons in the household. There was a plat for 350 acres on middle ground between Broad and Wateree Rivers dated 5 Aug 1755 with certificated dated 10 Oct 1755. Shown with wife Margaret as sponser of the son of Benjamin and Dorcas Aifred 25 Aug 1755 Orangeburg District, SC. All the above records show the name as McGrue, all later records show McGrew. Alexander witnessed the will of James McNeally 27 Jan 1764 Prob. 8 Mar 1775. Alexander's will dated 11 Oct 1776 (name as McFrew) prob. 7 Feb 1777 Craven District, SC. Names his wife and children "still in that province". Margaret died in 1785 and names Alexander (Peter) was adm. of estate 2 Feb 1786 Craven District, SC.

Daniel S. May, Jr, 310 Gawin Dr., Warner Robins, GA 31093 email dansmary@hom.net copied the entire chancery report. The information containing Vawter material is included here.

Dan S. May send along a genealogy to help decipher the chancery material, his interpretation is as follows:

1--Alexander MCGREW--died between 7 Oct 1776 and 7 Feb 1777 in Craven County, SC

+Margaret \_\_\_\_\_--died 1786

2--John MCGREW-

2--Mary MCGREW--died about 1783

+Grove YOUNG--died before 1788

3--David YOUNG--died 1788-1789

3--Isabella YOUNG--died about 1789

2--James MCGREW--died about 1797

+

3--Yes, unknown

2--Peter Alexander MCGREW--died between 16 Feb 1786 and 5 Mar 1787

+Margaret MCCLAIN--died Aug 1805\*

3--Mary MCGREW--died before 11 Feb 1804

+Cornelius Autry--died between Jun 1810 and Feb 1814

3a. David AUTRY  
3b. Mary Ann AUTRY

3--Elizabeth MCGREW  
+David AUTRY

Her tombstone, in the Old Rogers Church (Methodist) Cemetery, located several miles east of Whitmire, SC on the Carlisle Highway on the NE corner of the intersection with Delta Road, reads, "In Memory of ELIZABETH AUGHTRY Consort of David Aughtry who was born May 29th 1779 & died August 8<sup>th</sup> 1850 in the 72nd year of her age Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"

3--Mary Ann (Anna) McGrew-  
+Cornelius H. VAUTERS (VAWTER)  
3--John MCGREW--died between 1791 and 18 Feb 1808

2--Margaret MCGREW  
+William TAYLOR  
2-- William MCGREW

Chancery papers:

12 Jan 1786 Intestate Adm. of Estate of Margaret McGrew the Elder by Adm. (Peter) Alexander McGrew the Younger, Alexander applied for letter of Adm. for Margaret McGrew late of Camden District Deceased.  
8 Jul 1786 Alexander McGrew, John Gurginal and Mathew Howell of Congaree River in SC inventory of Margaret McGrew the elder: 3 Negros 100 Pounds, Cattles, hogs, homespun, horse, saddle, other personal property value 200-250 pounds.

5 Mar 1787: Margaret McGrew, widow of Alexander McGrew applied for letter of administration as Alexander is deceased. Alexander and family lived near the Congarees and was a planter.  
4 Apr 1787: Margaret McGrew stated Alexander made no will and an inventory of his estate was ordered to be completed by David Westcott, Benj Everat, Wm. Taylor, Robt Tweedy and Mathew Howell. Estate included 5 slaves, 2 women Silvia and Phylis, 2 children Arch and Nicholas and a boy Tim valued at 185 pounds. Total estate approx. 234 pounds.  
Inventory of estate Kershaw Co, SC probate court  
(GJNote: this is Margaret, the younger as Margaret wife of Alexander was deceased in 1786)

6 Dec 1808 William McGrew one of the defendants to the bill of complaint of Cornelius H. Vauters and Mary Ann his wife, David Autry and Elizabeth his wife, Cornelius Autry, David Autry and Mary Ann Autry, complainants. William says: that his father Alexander McGrew did make and execute his last will as stated and that James McGrew, Peter otherwise called Alexander McGrew, William McGrew, Mary McGrew and Margaret McGrew were the children of Alexander (the elder). As the last surviving executor he did sell land to Col. Thomas Taylor for \$5000, \$100 paid 1807 and the balance January last. That he is ready to settle the estate and that it is untrue that he absconded with the money. He admits the defendants are not entitled to more than the share devised to said Peter (otherwise called Alexander) that is one sixth part of the whole amount. He denies that they have any claim to the land devised to Margaret the widow of the devisor or to Mary the daughter of the said devisor as the complainants state. Mary the daughter of the devisor married Grove Young and had 2 children, David a son and Isabella a daughter and she died about 1783, leaving the son and daughter living. That David died after the death of Grove Young about 1788 or 1789 then died in 1789 leaving the sister Isabell and his oldest maternal uncle John McGrew. That Isabell died in 1790 without issue leaving the maternal uncle John McGrew alive. Margaret the widow of the devisors died about the same year of 1786 leaving John McGrew her eldest son as his heir at law, that Peter McGrew (called Alexander) died in 1787. James died in 1797 leaving his interest to the defendant (William McGrew).  
John McGrew the eldest son of the devisee Margaret is still alive and he submits claim to those part which were devised to Margaret McGrew and Mary McGrew. Dated 6 Dec 1808 Will McGrew.

*Will of Alexander McGrew the elder: In the name of God amen, I Alexander McGrew of the Province of SC, county of Craven being sick and weak in body but sound in mind and memory.  
To Wit: first all debts to be paid  
I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret the Negro girl Linda to live and wait on my beloved wife Margaret as long as she lives and then revert.  
To son William McGrew I give the negro boy named Will and that he may sell the cattle and hogs and dividing the money equally among my children to share and share alike. That the lower portion of my plantation be rented out and the money be divided bet. My wife and children residing in the province. That all negros be held for a year or two and then be sold and the money equally divided.*

*To John McGrew his heirs the other half of my land as he paid for it and my wife to have geese and poultry. All other plantation tools to be sold and divided equally. I appont my three sons, James, Peter and Williams my executors, 7 Oct 1776. Alexander McGrew.*

Quit claim deed from Cornelius Autry to Margaret McGrew 11 Feb 1804 registered 7 Sep 1805 Richland Distr, SC (Note: this is Margaret widow of Alexander McGrew (the younger) known as Peter. Margaret wife of Alexander McGrew the elder is deceased in 1786, Alexander the elder is deceased in 1787) Cornelius Autry and his two children by his wife formerly Mary McGrew, David Autry & Elizabeth Autry his wife and Anna McGrew late deceased for \$500 sell to Margaret McGrew the widow of Alexander McGrew late deceased all our title and right in a tract of land in Dist. of Richland on the Congaree River. Signed Cornelius Autry and on behalf of his 2 children. Wit: David and Elizabeth Autry and Anna Autry.

Complaint of Cornelius H. Vauters et al in Richland County, SC equity court. Cornelius H. Vauters and Mary Ann his wife, daughter of Alexander McGrew deceased otherwise called Peter McGrew and David Autry and Elisabeth his wife also a dau. of said Alexander otherwise called Peter and Cornelius Autry who married Mary McGrew another daughter of Alexander who departed this life leaving two minor children David Autry and Mary Ann Autry and that one Alexander McGrew father of the said Alexander (called Peter) did possess a certain tract of land containing 500 acres lying on the Congaree River in Richland District did state in his last will, that the lower half of my plantation my be rented out and the money be equally divided among my wife and children. And appointed James, William and Alexander (called Peter) all sons as executors.

That the children of Alexander McGrew living in the province were James, Peter (called Alexander), William, Mary and Margaret and the land was not sold pursuant to the directions of the will but the land was sold and divided into six equal parts by consent of the legatees and one part given to the widow (Margaret). That one part to each to wit: James, Peter (called Alexander), William, Mary and Margaret, that Grove Young m. Mary and he and wife and 2 children are dead and have no issue or heirs. The widow of Alexander the elder died in the years previous to 1791 intestate, Peter alias Alexander died intestate previous to 1791 leaving one son John who died since 1791 without issue and that Cornelius Autry and his two children Davie and Elisabeth and Anna McGrew the wife of Cornelius H. Vauters did by deed convey to Margaret McGrew the widow of Alexander (called Peter) who is the mother of Mary Ann Vauters. Elisabeth and Mary Autry and Margaret McGrew died leaving no legitimate lineal descendants then above mentions and that Mary Ann now married to Cornelius H. Vauters and Elisabeth now wife of Davie Autry and Mary now deceased wife of Cornelius Autry and mother of David and Mary Ann Autry children of Cornelius Autry are entitled to the part of the estate belonging to Alexander McGrew the younger and 1/3 of the estate of Mary McGrew. But William McGrew the surviving executor has sold the whole of the said land to Col. Thomas Taylor and made title to the same and has absconded from the state and taken all property belonging to the estate. The above now ask that William McGrew and Col. Thomas Taylor answer the suit.

June term of court 1810.

Cornelius Vauters et al vs. Wm. McGrew & Col. Tho. Taylor. On motion that the defendant William McGrew pay 2/3 of the money required to be paid by Col. Taylor and distributed to the complainants.  
Cornelius H. Vauters & Mary Ann his wife  
David Autry & Elizabeth his wife  
Cornelius Autry  
David Autry and Mary Ann Autry. (children of Cornelius Autry)

Court of South Carolina bill of complaint by William Taylor and his wife Margaret (McGrew) vs. William McGrew. William Taylor and wife Margaret dau. of Alexander McGrew who owned 500 acres on the Congaree River, that William McGrew sold the land to Col. Tho. Taylor and departed the state and can not be served and has refused to pay the money entitled. They now request the William McGrew be required to perform in accordance with the court order. Filed 22 Sep 1810

In 1811 the court again tried to get William McGrew to return and pay the estate but finally the sum of \$450 held by the courts was distributed to the heirs and a bill was filed against William McGrew.

GJNote: This was only a portion of the profits of the land sale and no other record exists that William McGrew ever paid the heirs any additional money.

Cornelius moved between 1815 and 1817 from South Carolina to Georgia.

Book, *The third land lottery of Georgia, also Known as the 1820 Lottery* by The Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr., 1986. States that in order to file for lottery you must be a resident of the state for a minimum of three years. A married man with wife and /or minor son or dau. under 18 and US citizen would get 2 draws. You also could have not been in any previous lottery. (GJNote, additional explanation of these lotteries are: The state of Georgia did nothing for its Revolutionary War veterans until 1820 when veterans were allowed to enter the Third Land

Lottery of Georgia. Requirements for entering this lottery included residence in the state of Georgia for at least three years and service in the United States military during the Revolutionary War. This military service was not limited to service in or under the state of Georgia. Subsequently, Revolutionary War veterans were also allowed to enter the Fifth and Sixth Land Lotteries of 1827 and 1832, respectively, with the same requirements as in the Third Land Lottery.)

Vauters, Cornelius H. County: Jones Mil. Dist: Buckhalters. Lot/Sect. 88/1 Drew land in Early.  
Venters, Cornelius County: Jones Mil Dist: Buckhalters. Lot/Sect. 273/11 Drew land in Early.

Also found:

Vawter, Anna County: Elbert Mil. Dist. Dobbs Lot/Sect. 412/28 Drew land in Early.  
(Joanna Vernon Vawter wife of John Vawter decd.)

Vawter, Richard County: Elbert Mil. Dist: Smiths Lot/Sect 332/7 Drew land in Irwin.  
(son of John Vawter and 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Joanna Vernon, this is the second Richard of the name)

Vawter, Wm. County: Elbert. Mil Dist: Dobbs Lot/Sect 290/20 Drew land in Early.  
(son of John Vawter and 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Joanna Vernon)

Cornelius H. moved from Georgia to Alabama between 1820 and 1824.

Marengo Co. AL Book A. p 64 marriage banns. William Leflour & Martha Walker 20 Mar 1824 by William Barton, J.P., Cornelius H. Vawter, security. A notation follows: A letter to the editor from Mrs. Ralph F. McBride in 1977. "My husband's ancestor, John Long Leflore, Carroll Co., Miss., was the son of Louis Leflore & the younger brother of Greenwood Leflore and wife Martha Walker, whose mother was Rachael, who m. (1) Samuel Brasher, Dr." (Cornelius is connected to the Brasher family in some way yet unknown, Brasher families are connected to Culpeper Co., VA and the Vawter family)

1830 Census Marengo Co., AL

1 male b. ca 1770-1780

2 males b. ca 1800-1810

2 males b. ca 1815-1820

Cornelius (head of House), Cornelius Jr., William, Wate Alexander, one unknown male, perhaps father of Margaret.

1 female b. 1770-1780

2 females b. 1810-1815

1 female b. 1800-1810

Mary A., Clarissa H., and Nancy H. Vawter, one unknown female-perhaps mother of Margaret

Marengo Co., AL will dated 22 Feb 1841, Mary A. Vauter, Will book A p. 211.

*To William R. Vauter, negroes; to Clarissa H. Vauter, negroes; to Cornelius H. Vauter, negroes, he paying to my granddaughter, Margaret Berry Vauter, the difference; daughter, Nancy H. Vauter; Wate A. Vauter; to friend, James N. Hart, executor. Wit: Sarah J. Hart, William Fluker, William R. Vauter.*

1850 Marengo Co. AL same location,

William R. Vawter age 33 b. GA (1817)

Clarissa H. age 47 b. SC (1803)

Cornelius age 31 b. GA (1819)

Margaret age 17 b. AL (ca 1833)

Wate A. age 40 b. SC (ca 1810)

Elizabeth C. age 34 b. SC (1815)

William, Clarissa, Cornelius and Wate are brothers and sisters. Elizabeth C. (Grigsby) wife of Wate Alexander Vawter and Margaret niece, parents unknown prob. deceased.

Children of Cornelius and Mary Anne/Anna (McGrew) Vawter:

1. Clarissa H. Vawter b. ca 1803 SC Single, 1850 census age 47.

Unmarried, shown in the household of Cornelius H. Vawter (brother) in Marengo Co., AL.

Mentioned as a sister in will of William R. and in will of Mary A. Vawter.

1860 Census Marengo Co. Clarissa living alone, Cornelius, Jr. seems deceased by now. Listed age 57 Real Estate value \$10,000 Personal Value \$18,000. Not found in 1870 census of Marengo Co., AL.



A marriage bond found in Marengo County states John Gilmore and Clarissa Vawter bond issued 9 Jan 1849. Since she is seen in 1850 census single, they did not get married.

2. Wate Alexander Vawter b. ca 1810 SC m. 30 May 1835 Sumter Co., GA to Elizabeth C. Grigsby. Alexander's occupation was a miller.

Sumter Co., Marriages from Apr 1834 p23. Alexander Vauters & Elizabeth C. Grigsby 30 May 1835; Sampson B. Grigsby, bondsman.

Sumter Co., AL wills from 1840-48. P185. Young Bohannon. Will dated 18 Feb 1841, probate 5 Jan 1843. Wife Susan; son Thomas after death of his mother. Wit: William R. Vawter, Wate A. Vawter.

1850 Census living with the rest of the family Marengo Co., AL. No children listed for them.  
1860 Census Marengo Co., AL found Alexander Vawter age 50 and Elizabeth age 44. Living with the family Jms. Grigsby age 84 years. No children.  
1870 Census not located in Marengo Co., AL.

A DIRECTORY OF MARENGO COUNTY, AL, FOR 1860-1861:  
Vawter, Alexander, miller, Post Office: Jefferson; Twsp: 16, Range 2 e

3. Nancy H. Vawter b bet. 1810-1815 m. 2 Jan 1843 (bond) (return dated 12<sup>th</sup>) by F. B. Loftin. Marengo Co., AL p127. To Jas. C(alwell) Brown (shown as Calwell Brown in will of brother William). Mentioned as a daughter in the will of Mary A. Vauter 1841.

4. male child unknown b. bet 1810-1815, may have married a Berry. Married in AL. Had a daughter Margaret Berry Vauter as found in the wills of Mary A. and William R. as granddaughter and niece. Parents perhaps deceased prior to 1841 and she was living with the rest of the family. William Snyder Vawter's notes of the 1920's states:  
"A (Aron) Vawter living in 1840 in AL (Katharine Harrell Berry)".

Margaret Berry Vauter b. ca 1833 AL m. 18 Apr 1851 to William J. Levrett in Marengo Co. Marriage record Marengo Co., AL Wm. J. Levertt and Margaret Vawter 18 Apr 1851, filed 13 Sep by B. F. Loftin. C. H. Vawter, Bondsman.  
Book A. p 316 Marengo Co. Wills. *Margaret Levrett. Non-cupative will.*  
*At the residence of C. B. Vawter on 19th of September 1853, Margaret B. Levrett, wife of William J. Levrett states that on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 1853 she was called to the bedside of said Margaret Levrett; she states that said Margaret left all her property to William J. Levrett. Witnesses: Samuel H. Estill, Cornelius H. Vawter, Clarissa H. Vawter. Filed 21 Sep 1853.*

5. William R. Vawter b. ca 1817 GA d. 30 Mar 1851 Mobile Co., AL. Unmarried  
Sumter Co., AL will from 1840-48. P185. Young Bohannon's will dated 18 Feb 1841, probate 5 Jan 1843. Wife Susan; son Thomas after death of his mother. Wit: William R. Vawter, Wate A. Vawter.  
Marengo Co., AL Will Book A. p459. *Will of William R. Vawter*, being a letter, dated 29 Mar 1851, addressed to Cornelius H. Vawter.  
*"Dear Brother: to brother Alexander Vawter, brother-in-law Calwell Brown if a legal heir \$100 but if not a legal heir, pay him nothing. Sister Clarissa Vawter. Margaret Vawter our Niece, on condition she marries a man you like and approve of as a fitting husband for her. Alexander Brashear, Ira B. Smith, Dennis P. Brashear sworn in Mobile County 5 Apr 1851, that this is William R. Vawter's will made when dying on 30 March 1851."*  
(Note: connection here of Brashear name with Cornelius and Martha Walker and the Brashear's here mentioned. Brashear and Walker names are found in Culpeper, VA)

6. Cornelius H. Vawter, Jr. b. ca 1819 GA. d. bef 1860 Unmarried. Alive 1853 in Marenga Co., AL. Shown 1850 census with rest of family. Not found in 1860 when sister Clarissa shown alone in the household.

Many slaves took the surname of their families after emancipation, some stayed with the family as workers, other moved away.

1866 Alabama State Census Colored Population Marengo County, AL [Part 3 of 3] Vawter, Morris

### **Margaret Vawter3, (John2, Bartholomew1)**

Margaret was the daughter of John Vawter and Margaret Noel. John and Margaret were likely married by the time of John's father's, Bartholomew, death in Sep 1717.

Margaret b. ca 1722 Essex Co., VA d. 1811 Culpeper Co., VA m. 25 Mar 1738 Ephraim Rucker in Essex Co., VA Ephraim will 24 Sep 1796, proved 28 Dec 1797 Madison (previous Culpeper) Co., VA . Ephraim was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Noted in Vol. 10 page 11 of the *VA Historical Magazine* under "Virginia Militia in Revolution". April 2 (?) Capt. Ephraim Rucker, pay of his Company in Culpeper to 5<sup>th</sup> of Sept last. 49, 3, 5. And again on page 18 Capt. Ephraim Rucker pay of two military men. Ray Roll 1, 9, 4.

In the will of her father John dated 1748, proved 1752: *4thly To my daughter Margaret Rucker one hundred and fifty acres of land at the great Mountains, that which leys most convenient to her.*

In the will of her mother Margaret in 1756: *But in case the said Cloe should be without child or before she has been in the possession of Ephraim Rucker and his wife one year then my said son Angus to be paid ten pounds current money out of the remainder of my estate. I constitute, ordain and appoint Ephraim Rucker whole and sole executor.*

From the book *Culpeper County Virginia Deeds, 1749-1755*, by Dorman, pg. 121-126.

Deed dated 8 Feb 1750. John Vawter of Essex County to Ephraim Rucker and Margaret his wife of Culpeper County. Lease and release; for the love and good will he hath to his son in law and daughter Ephraim and Margaret Rucker and for 5 shillings. 200 acres, part of a tract granted John Vawter for 700 acres by patent 20 July 1736.....corner to Kirtley and Stanton.... John Vawter. Witnessed: Bartholomew Vawter, Richard Vawter Senr., Angus Vawter, Richard Vawter. 15 Mar 1749/1750. Proved by Richard Vawter, Richard Vawter, Junr. And Angus Vawter.

Book- *History of the Rucker Family and Their Descendants* - Ephraim Rucker was born in the early 1700s or perhaps late 1690s, most likely in England; possibly in Virginia. He lived in Culpeper (later called Madison) County, Virginia.

*Will of Ephraim Rucker, Madison County, Virginia, Will Book 1, Dated September 24, 1796, Proved December 28, 1797*

*The balance of my estate I lend to my beloved wife, Margaret Rucker, to be peaceably enjoyed by her during her natural life and after her decease . . . to be sold . . . and the money arising . . . I give to my son, Angus Rucker, one seventh part . . . also the whole tract of land whereon I live . . . to my son, Elliott Rucker . . . to my son, John Rucker . . . to my daughter, Tabitha Gaines . . . to my daughter, Mary Vawter . . . to my daughter, Tomagen Rucker, John Booten, her son, Ambrose Booten, her son, and Anna Rucker, her daughter, and Elizabeth Minor, Joseph Minor and Mary Early to be apportioned between them as follows, one third part of that seventh to my daughter, Margaret Morgan, on other third part to her son, Elliott Minor, and one other third part equally divided between her son, Joseph Minor and her daughter, Mary Early . . . appoint my sons, Angus Rucker, Elliott Rucker and John Rucker, executors . . . this 24th day of September 1796. Test: James Redish, George Allen, Joseph Bradford.*

*At a court held 28th December 1797 will exhibited and proved and ordered to be certified, and upon the motion of Angus Rucker and John Rucker a probate thereof granted to them. At a court held 23rd September 1802 will exhibited and fully proved and ordered to be recorded.*

*Know all men . . . We, Angus Rucker, John Rucker, William Blakey and Joseph Bradford . . . bound in the sum of ten thousand dollars . . . 28th December 1797. Condition of the above that Angus Rucker and John Rucker do make a true and perfect inventory. At a court held 28th December 1797 bond acknowledged and ordered to be recorded.*

Found in *Virginia Magazine of History* Vol. 23, pub. 1968, year ending 1920 p. 79. Will Book 1, p. 248, Orange Co., VA is will of John Rucker, date "XI" Jan'y 1742, proven, 28 Jan'y 1742; names his wife Susannah and his 12 children and among them Peter. Appts. Wife Susannah, son Peter Rucker and friend George Taylor exors.

In the same Will Book p. 299, is will of Peter Rucker dated 18<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. 1742/43, proven 23 Feb 1743, Orange Co., VA; *lends to wife Elizabeth Rucker, all estate, real and person during life, and after her death gives certain personal property to daughter Margaret Tinsley and son in law Isaac Tinsley; son Ephraim Rucker and to daughter Ann Cook and son in law Shem Cook, and balance to be sold and divided*

*among his children by name as follows: Thomas Rucker, Elizabeth Pearce, Wm. Rucker, Mary Offott, James Rucker, Ephraim Rucker and Ann Cook. Apts. James Rucker and Ephraim Rucker Exors.*

Culpeper Co. Deed Book Vol. 1 page 411-12. 21 Feb 1752. Bond of Thomas Rucker, William Rucker, William Offill and Shem Cook unto James Rucker and Ephraim Rucker, executors of Peter Rucker. For 1000 pounds sterling. There have been several legacies delivered out of the estate to the several legatees: To Isaac Tindsley a Negroe boy names Yorkshire, to Shem Cook a Negro girl named Jenny, to Ephraim Rucker a Negroe girl named Phillis. If Thomas Rucker, William Rucker, William Offill and Shem Cook agree with the delivery of the legacies without taking any rents, interest, then this obligation be void. Signed Thos. Rucker, Wm. Rucker, Shem Cook, Wm. Offill. Wit: Francis Kirkley and Richard Vawter.

Page 412. 21 Feb 1752. The subscribers hath received of James Rucker and Ephraim Rucker, executors of Peter Rucker, all of the estate bequeathed to me and my wife Margaret Tindsley by the said will, and discharge the executors of all debts, dues and demands or any legacy to me or my wife bequeathed by the will. Signed Isaac Tindsley and Margaret Tinsley. Wit: Richard Vawter and William Offill.

Occupatica Creek Rappahannock County Virginia, Peter Rucker listed as living along the Creek. Reference: {Rappahannock County, Virginia History 1656 to 1662 listed in Rappahannock County By T.H. Warner, Page 166.}

Peter Rucker lived along the Occupatica Creek near the old Chicacoon Indian Trail in Rappahannock County, Virginia. Reference:{Rappahannock County DBk 4 Page 144.}

Researcher Carla Orcutt of Bainbridge Island, WA and Maria Bobo of GA both descendants through the Rucker line lists the following children of Margaret and Ephraim.

1. Mary Rucker d. Boone Co., KY m. 29 Jun 1784 in Orange Co., VA to William Vawter d. 27 Nov 1823 Boone Co. KY. William was the son of David Vawter and Mary (Offill?), David the sister of Margaret, so they were first cousins. (see William3, David2, Barth1 Vawter file) According to the following will of Ephraim Rucker, Mary Rucker wife of William was his daughter, shown as Mary Vawter, but no husband is listed so this is not finalized. Children: William Jr., George M., Herman, Edmond, Thomas and Virginia Vawter.

2. Margaret Rucker b. ca 1738 Orange Co., VA m. Armistead Minor b. ca 1738 Culpeper Co., VA d. bef. Sep 1796 Madison Co., VA

- a. Mary Minor m. 1795 to Whitfield Early. Parents Joseph Early and Jane Paschal.
- b. Elizabeth Minor
- c. Joseph Minor

3. John Rucker b. ca 1740 Orange Co., VA d. 1811 KY. M. to Julianna Early b. 1763 d. 1851. Parents Joseph Early and Jane Paschal. Juliana Early was a sister of William Early who married Catherine Rucker.

4. Angus Rucker b. ca 1743 m. ca 1762 to Jane Allen b. ca 1753

- a. Catherine Rucker b. ca 1770 m. 1804 to William Early. Parents Joseph Early and Jane Paschal.
- b. George Allen Rucker b. ca 1800
- c. John F. Rucker
- d. Jane Rucker
- e. Sallie A. Rucker
- f. Margaret Rucker m. James Blakey. One son known: Angus Rucker Blakey m. Jane Eliza Johnston.

5. Elliott LeGrande Rucker b. ca 1745 VA d. 19 Mar 1832 Shelby Co., KY m. 1789 Orange Co. VA to Nancy Smith b. ca 1745 VA d. bef 1809. Father Isaac Smith. Married (2) 1809 to Mary

Burton b. Orange Co., KY.(?). It is noted that Elliott also served in the Revolutionary War, his son LeGrand was named executor of his will.

- a. Merial Rucker m. John E. DeNeal b. KY
- b. LeGrand Rucker b. ca 1790 m. Harriet Davis b. KY

Shelby Co., KY marriage record shows Harriet Vawter m. William Davis 22 Feb 1820. Harriet Davis m. LeGrand after this date. Which Vawter she belongs to is unknown

- c. John Ephraim Rucker b. ca 1795 m. Miss Wright
- d. Mary Rucker

6. Tabitha Rucker b. ca 1747 married Mr. Gaines

7. Tomagen Rucker b. ca 1749 VA d. KY married Augustine Rucker b. VA d. KY. Parents of Augustine, James Rucker and Elizabeth Elzaphan. They were 1<sup>st</sup> cousins.

- a. Ephraim Rucker m. Rosamond Wright. Parents Winfield Wright and Judith Tinsley.
- b. Anna Rucker

Tomagen married again to Mr. Booten. Date unknown. Children of 2<sup>nd</sup> husband:

- c. John Booten
- d. Ambrose Booten

8. Ephraim Rucker, Jr. b. ca 1751 married 1775 Orange Co., VA to Elizabeth Randall.

9. Julius Rucker.

### **Angus Vawter3, (John2, Bartholomew1)**

Angus was the son of John Vawter and Margaret Noel. John was the son of Bartholomew Vawter and Margaret, the daughter of Daniel Noel.

In the will of John his father, dated 3 May 1748, proved 16 Nov 1752, Culpeper Co., VA: *that one third part be my loving wife's, Margaret Vawter and the rest to be equally divided amongst my children, namely: Winfred, Bartholomew, Richard, Margaret Rucker, Angus and David Vawter. 5thly. The remainder of the tract being five hundred acres be equally divided by an east west line in two parts and I give my son Richard Vawter his choice of said parts. The other part of the said tract I give to my son Angus Vawter.*

In the will of Margaret dated 21 Oct 1756 Culpeper Co., VA: *Unto my son Angus Vawter the first child my negro girl Cloe shall bring to be delivered to him at a year old, or ten pounds current money which ever my son Angus shall choose.*

A Poll of Freeholders for Electing Burgess in Essex County taken 15 Jan 1752/53.

Thos: Newman	Bartho: Vawter	Thos: Tinsley	Charles Breedlove
Ambrose Vawter (prob. Angus)	Danl. McBenn	Edward Vawter	

Evidence of the Boulware connections comes from the books, *A Short History of the Boulware Family of Essex Co., VA* by Frank E. Bradley, Jr., *Essex Co., VA Wills, Bonds, Inventories, Etc. 1717-1730* by John Frederick Dorman and *Virginia Co., Court Records-Will Abstract of Essex Co., VA 1743-1745* by Ruth & Sam Sparacio. This material was provided by Carol Shrader email at cshrader@exis.net who is a Boulware researcher.

Benjamin Boulware, son of James Sr., son of John Boulware and was prob. b. ca 1680 in Essex Co., VA and d. 16 Jan 1726/28 Essex Co., VA. He married Ann Short, dau. of Thomas Short. Benjamin was the middle son of James Boulware, Sr. and Marjory Gray.

*Virginia Tax Records* pub. Gen. Pub. Co. 1983

James Boulware (Sr.) d. 1718. 1000 acres in 1704. This was divided in 1715 as James (550 acres), Mark (225 acres) and James Jr. (225 acres). James (sr) married Margery dau. of William Gray who d. 1673.

John Boulware (brother of James Sr.) d. 1714, and married Susanna, dau. of John Williams.

*Old Rappahannock Co. VA Deed 1665-1668* Deed dated 29 Dec 1666.

James Boulware and his brother William Boulware, of Rappa. Co., VA purchased a 783 acre tract in the Old Rappa. Co. from Thomas Page and his wife, Elizabeth Page. On 19 Dec 1674 the two brothers divided their land and James took the south side of Popoman Run and William took the North side of Popoman Run.

*Old Rappa Co. VA Wills* pp.156-157

William Boulware of Rappa. Co., together with Elizabeth, his wife, sell to Timothy Davis of the same co. 150 acres of land in the said county on the south side of the river part of a greater tract of land granted by patent to Thomas Page and by his assigned to the said William Boulware and his brother James Boulware to begin on the back line of Martin Johnson and running along his line to the land of Mr. Lucas then running into the woods to the county road, then along the road to the land of Samuel Ward, dated 26 Feb 1688/9. Registered in court 4 June 1690. Wit: Robert Pley, George Pley and William Harker (Harper?)

In *VA Colonial Abstracts*, 8 & 9 Apr 1712 Lease and Release. Richard Edwards of St. Ann's Parish and Mary his wife sell to John Andrews of the same Par., planter, 250 acres, the plantation where they now live, bounded by a line shown on patent formerly granted to Thos. Page deceased, where of sd land is a part, to a great branch of Popeman which divided the land of James Boulware from this land, being also a part of the aforementioned patent, which land was by David Jameson late of Essex Co., deceased in his will dated 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1711 bequeathed to his wife Mary, now Mary Edwards wife of Richard Edwards. Signed Richard & Mary Edwards. Wit: Ja Alderson, Tho Newman, Tho Ayres.

Essex County (VA) Wills and Inventories No. 3, 1717-172 found printed in *English Wills of Colonial Families* by Noel Curren-Briggs, 1972, Polyanthos Cottonport.

*James Boulware Will dated 13 Dec 1713 Proved 17 Feb 1718/9*

*James Boulware of the County of Essex and parish of St. Annes. No Committal. To my son, James, and my son, Mark, that seat of land where they now live to be equally divided between them and their heirs for ever the one half of that land where I now live I do give to my son, Benjamin, and the other half to my sons, John and William. My will is that my two daughters, Mary and Grace, have privilege to live and work on my land while they are single as much as it were their own. I give that seat of land I bought of (Warwick?) Gray to my sons John and William Boulware equally divided between them. As for the rest of my estate my will is that those of my children which are at home with me and have nothing that each of them have as much as any of them that are gone from me in household stuff which I have provided for them, and the rest of my estate I leave in the hands of my wife during her widowhood if she continue so to the day of her death then to divided it as equally as can be between my children with the advice and consent of my two eldest sons, James and Mark, but if my wife marry then my will is that my three eldest son, James, Mark and Benjamin Boulware take what there is and divided it equally amongst all my children. My will is that my children never interrupt their mother in using land or plantation whilst she remains a widow. When my servants come to be divided that they value them amongst themselves and those that have them pay the rest proportionately. My will is that my estate shall never be brought to appraisement. Executrix: my loving wife Margory Boulware, but and if she died before my young children are grown up then I appoint my son James Boulware Executor. Witnesses: James Noell, Richard Edwards.*

(GJ Note: James Noell is the brother of Margaret Noel who married John Vawter, Richard Edwards was the 3<sup>rd</sup> husband of Mary (nee Page) Allen after the death of Valentine Allen)

Proof of Margory Gray's parentage comes from the will of her father William Gray 20 Jul 1673-3 Sep 1673

*To sons John and Warwick Gray equally to be divided between them the tract of land I now live on containing 728 acres with houses, edifices thereunto belonging. To son William and Abney Gray 461 acres of land adjoining to Occupancy Run equally to be divided between them and if either of my sons die before they reach the age of twenty one that then that moiety or half of land to return to the Survivor which did belong to him. My will is that my Executor and my Executrix or either of them shall buy a young mare for my sons-in-law Toby and Thomas Ingram between this and the last of April 1675 with the increase of the said mare. To son Abner a black mare and all her increase which was purchased with a gift from Mr. Abernethy. To daughter Mary Gray the first mare colt that my mare brings. To my grandchild Elizabeth Bowler a cow called Mad Buck. To wife Maudlin and son-in-law James Bowler Executrix and Executor.*

Additional proof of her parentage comes from the will of her brother Warwick Gray proved 19 Jun 1699.

*In ye name of God, Amen, I Warwick Gray, being very sicke and weak yet of perfect sence and memory do constitute and appoint this last Will & Testamnt revokeing all other Will or Wills by me formerly made either Verball or otherwise. I give my Soul to God that gave it, my body to ye earth decently to be entered with such Christian buryal as time and place will afford.*

*As for my worldly wealth, I give as followeth. My Land & Plantacon, I give unto William Gray, ye Son of Abner; & Sarah Boulter, ye daughter of James Boulter Senr. And their heirs forever, equally to be divided between them both in quantity and quality and my will is that this division be made when ye abovesd Wm Grey comes to ye age of 20 years, but if either ye abovesd William or Sarah should dye without issue then ye survivor injoy ye whole. As to my personall estate, I give unto Elizabeth Hannah Blaxton one cow calfe wch sucks upon my cow, Cherry, to be delivered when it is weanable to ye hands of Argill Blaxton for ye use of ye abovesd Elizabeth Hannah with all its increase. As for the rest of my personall estate after my debts paid, I give it to ye abovesd Wm Grey and Sarah Boulter, equally to be divided between them with ye land and further my will is that Saml. Johnson live upon my Plantacon without let or molestation until he hath fully finished his crop and further I do make Josiah Shipp my sole exer. Of this my last will and testamnt as witness my hand and seale this 14 day of June 1699.*

*Know all me by the presents that I Warwick Gray of ye county of Essex in ye Parish of Sittinburne do for a valuable consideracon confirme unto James Boulware of ye county and parish aforesd his heirs or assignes two hundred acres of land scituate in ye county of essex on ye south side of Rappa River beginning at a white oake in ye division line between Wm Gray and Henry Peters, and standing on ye bank of a creeke known by the name of Meadors Creeke, down ye sd lane towards the river so far as to containe the breadth of two hundred acres of land square or as near as ye situation of ye land may admitt, the sd two hundred acres of land (being part of a pattent formerly belonging to Wm Gray and henry Peters) with all its rights and priviledges; to have and to hold from me ye said Warwick Gray my heirs in as large manner as may be collected out of the pattent without the lett or interruption of me the sd Warwick Gray, my heirs or any person claimeing the premisses under me to ye said James Boulware, Senr, his heirs and assignes, the said James Boulware his heirs paying the rights and services from henceforth to grow due of right accustomed; and for the more sure confirmation hereof, I ye sd Warwick Gray do by these present bind myselfe my heirs to acknowledge the sd land to ye said James Boulware his heirs and in ye county court of Essex when demanded.*

Grace the dau. of James is found in the following:

*Essex Co. Order Book 1716-1723, Part II.* 19 Nov 1718

The Suit in Chancery brought by Eliza. Boulware by Robt. Parker her guardian, agt. Saml.

Stallard, Exr. of John Boulware decd. is continued.

*Essex Co. Order book 1716-1723*, 21 Feb 1720. The last will and Testament of Samuel Stallord decd was presented in Court by Grace Stallord his Exx. and further proved by John Vawter and Robert Retterford witnesses. (GJNote: Grace the dau. of James Boulware)

Ordered yt. Grace Stallord Exx. &c. of Saml. Stallord deced, be summoned to answer ye petition of John Boulware by Joseph Leeman his next friend.

*Essex Co. Order book 1723-1725*, Court 16 Oct 1723, Action on the case brot by John Boulware infant by Joseph Leeman his next friend agt. Jno. Hawkins & Grace his wife Exrs. of Saml Stallord decd Exr. of John Boulware decd, the Jury failing to make their report. Ordered to meet at John Boulware's plantation to settle the controversy.

Court 20 Nov 1723, In action by John Boulware infant by Joseph Leemon his next friend agt. John Hawkins & Grace his wife Exrs &c. of Saml Stallord deced Exr. of John Boulware deced, ye defents attorney enters into a rule that the death of Mr. Jno. Hawkins shall not abate the suit and is continued.

*Essex Co. Order Book 1723-1725 part II*

p. 254 17 Feb 1724/25. The action of Debt brot. by Jno. Boulware by Joseph Leemon his Guardian agt. John Hawkins & Grace his wife, exr. of Samuel Stallard deced, is contd. By consent.

p. 255 17 Feb 1724/25 part II The scire facias brot. by Jno. Boulware Infant by Joseph Leemon his next friend, agt. Jno. Hawkins & Grace his wife Exrs. of Sml. Stallord deced ext of John Boulware is continued.

Benjamin Boulware, son of James Sr., son of John Boulware and was prob b. ca 1680 in Essex Co., VA and d. 16 Jan 1726/28 Essex Co., VA. He married Ann Short, dau. of Thomas Short.

Benjamin was the middle son of James Boulware, Sr. and Marjory Gray.

The children found of Benjamin are:

1. John Boulware, Jr. b. bef 1726
2. Elizabeth Boulware b. bef 1726
3. Ann Boulware b. bef 1726 m. Angus Vawter
4. Margaret Boulware b. bef 1726.

*English Wills of Colonial Families* by Noel Curren-Briggs, 1972, Polyanthos Cottonport

Essex County (VA) Wills and Inventories No. 4, 1722-1730

*Benjamin Boulware 17 Nov 1726. Proved: 16 Jan 1727/8*

*Benjamin Boulware of the parish of St. Anne in Essex County, Usual Committal. If my son, John Boulware, should die without issue that all my land may be equally divided between my daughters, Elizabeth and Ann Boulware. If my daughters should die without issue that my land be divided equally betwixt my brothers, John and William Boulware. I give all my tools both carpenter and coopers to my son John Boulware. All my personal estate to be divided between my loving wife Anne Boulware, and my four children and to remain in the hands of the executor hereafter named until such time as they come of age. I appoint my brothers, Mark and William Boulware, my executors. Witnesses: John Wilson, Wm. Short and Sarah Shorte.*

(GJ Note; it is noted 4 children in the will but only 3 are named. The Boulware researchers state the fourth child is Margaret Boulware, no other evidence offered)

Angus married Ann Boulware, dau. of Benjamin Boulware as shown in the following deed in 1747. They married after that date and before 1759.

ESSEX COUNTY DEED BOOK 20 - PG 183-188

THIS INDENTURE made the fourteenth and fifteenth day of October in the Eighth yer of the Reign of George the second 1734 Between WILLIAM THOMAS JUNR of the Parish of St Ann in the County of Essex Planter and SUSANNA his wife of one part and WILLIAM THOMAS of the Parish and county aforesd Planter of the other part Witnesseth that for the sum of three hundred pounds Sterling to the sd WILLIAM THOMAS JUNR and SUSANNA his Wife they do hereby grant unto the sd WILLIAM THOMAS (in his actual possession now being by virtue of Bargain and Sale and by force of the Statute for transferring uses into possession) and to his heirs



forever all those several pieces of land containing Six hundred acres of land now in the occupation of them the said WILLIAM THOMAS JUNR and SUSANNA his Wife or that formerly were in the occupation of JOHN BOULWARE decd, MARY BOULWARE decd, and ELIZABETH BOULWARE decd Brother and Sisters of the sd SUSANNA lying and being in the Parish of St Ann in the County of Essex Seventy acres of the sd land being given to the sd SUSANNA by the Last Will and Testament of her Father JOHN BOULWARE decd and the other five hundred and thirty acres being come and decended to her the sd SUSANNA as Sister and Heiress at Law to her sd Brother JOHN BOULWARE and her sd Sisters MARY BOULWARE and ELIZABETH BOULWARE decd...

In prsence of us W. BEVERLEY WM. THOMAS JUNR  
JOSEPH (I) LEEMAN; THEO BLAND SUSANNA (S) THOMAS

At a Court held for Essex Cunty at Tappa. on the XVth day of October MDCCXXXIV WILLIAM THOMAS JUNR and SUSANNA his wife (the sd SUSANNA being first privately examined by NICHOLAS SMITH Gent) acknowledged this their Lease and Release indented to be their act and deed which on the motion of the sd WILLIAM THOMAS is admitted to record.

*Essex Co. Deed book 1745-1749 pp204-206.*

Know all men by these presents that we Thomas Bradburn and Elizabeth Bradburn of Parish of Saint Anns and County of Essex are held and by these presents do stand justly bound unto Ann Boulware of the same parish and county or to her heirs in the penal sum of Two hundred pounds sterling money of England, the which payments well and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs firmly by these presents: Sealed with our deals and dated this Fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred forty and seven.

The condition of the above obligation is such Whereas Benjamin Boulware deceased by his last will and Testament bearing date of Record January the sixteenth one thousand seven hundred Twenty & Seven, gave unto two of his Daughters namely Elizabeth and Ann his land to be equally divided between them and by the consent and desire of each party the said land was laid of and measured the last day of October last past and found to contain Two hundred & Nineteen acres and was equally divided by a line of marked trees. Beginning at a Hickory standing in an Old Field and in line of the lands of John & William Boulware and runing thence across the aforesaid Land South twenty and nine degrees; West to a stake in the line of the Land of Daniel Noell; And the said Thomas and Elizabeth Bradborn made choise of the part of land below the aforesaid dividing line adjoining to the land of Samuel Noell and also gave up their right and possession of the upper part of said Land to Ann Boulware. Now if said Thomas & Eliza: Bradburn their heirs &c. shall forever be content & fully satisfied with the said lower part of land below the abovesaid Division for their share and part of the Two hundred & Nineteen acres of land and also acquit and discharge Ann Boulware her heirs &c. from all right title or claim that they the said Thomas & Eliza: Bradburn their heirs &c. shall or may have to the upper part of said Land above the Dividing Line. That then the above obligation to be void & of no effect otherwise to be & remain in full force & virtue. Signed & Delivered in presence of Daniel Noell, Jr. Edward Donohoe, Stallard Noell, Edward Vawter 15, Signed Thomas and Elizabeth Bradburn

Know all men by these present that I Ann Boulware of the Parish of Saint Anns in County of Essex am held and by these presents do stand justly bound unto Thomas Bradborn & Elizabeth Bradborn his wife of same Parish and County or to their heirs in the penal sum of Two hundred pounds sterling of England the which paiment well and truly to be made I bind my self my heirs firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal and dated this 14 day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty seven.

The Condition of the above obligation.... The rest is idential to the above deed.

Wit: Daniel Noel, Jr., Edward Donohoe, Stallerd Noell, Edward Vawter 15, signed Ann Boulware.

*Essex Co. Deed 1745-1749 pp 225-227.*

This indenture 27 Jan 1747 bet. John Vawter of St. Anne and John Noell of St. Thomas in County of Orange for 20 pounds current money of VA sell to John Noell his 70 acres which was granted John Vawter 20 Sep 1745 bounded by Colo. Wm. Robinson and Wm. Gray in Gain's line. Wit: Cornelius Noell, Edward Donoho, Stallard Noell, Gilbert Noell, Benjamin Noell and Angus Vawter. Signed Jno. Vawter.

*Essex County Deeds 1745-1749* pp. 236-238. Indenture dated 14 Jan 1747 between Young Hawkins of St. Anne and John Vawter of same county. Witnesseth that Young Hawkins in consideration that whereas John Hawkins, grandfather of said Young Hawkins did formerly devise unto Bartholomew Vawter father of said John Vawter one tract of land aforesaid at the head of Blackbourns Creek by deed bearing 10 Oct 1699, land bounded by Creek and lines of Capt. James Garnett and head line of said demise containing by est. 150 acres. That whereas there has since the devise arisen very expensive Lawsuits bet. Thomas Hawkins, father of said Young Hawkins and John Vawter concerning these premises that Young Hawkins to prevent future expence being fee and willing to deliver up and make over to John Vawter all rights and titles and John Vawter pay to Young Hawkins one shilling. Witness Mungo Roy, Samuel Browne, James Browne, Angus Vawter

Angus is found as a witness to the deeds of land from his father, John Vawter, to his sister and brother and also received a portion of this land for himself.

From the book *Culpeper County Virginia Deeds, 1749-1755*, by Dorman, pgs. 121-126.

Deed Book A-121 recorded 7-8 Feb 1750. John Vawter of Essex County to Ephraim Rucker and Margaret his wife of Culpeper County. Lease and release; for the love and good will he hath to his son in law and daughter Ephraim and Margaret Rucker and for 5 shillings. 200 acres, part of a tract granted John Vawter for 700 acres by patent 20 July 1736.....corner to Kirtley and Stanton.... John Vawter. Witnessed: Bartholomew Vawter, Richard Vawter Senr., Angus Vawter, Richard Vawter. 15 Mar 1749. Proved by Richard Vawter, Richard Vawter, Junr. and Angus Vawter.

Book A-126, Pages 126-131. Deed recorded 7-8 Feb 1750. John Vawter of Essex County to Angus Vawter of same. Lease and release; for the love and good will that he hath for his son (in release) Angus Vawter and for 5 shillings. 250 acres, being one half of a tract granted to John Vawter for 700 acres by pattend 20 Jul 1736 (except 200 acres which John Vawter hath already given to Ephraim Rucker and Margaret, his wife)....corner to Kirtley...to Conway's land.... Line that divides this land from the other half which is allotted for Richard Vawter son of the aforesaid John Vawter. John Vawter. Witnessed: Bartholomew Vawter, Augustine Vawter, John Vawter, Richard Vawter, Jr., Richard Vawter. 15 Mar 1749/1750. Proved by Richard Vawter, Richard Vawter, Jr. and Augustine Vawter.

Book A-131, Pages 131-136. Deed recorded 7-8 Feb 1750. John Vawter of Essex County to Richard Vawter of Orange County. Lease and release; for the love and good will he hath for his son Richard Vawter and 5 shillings....250 acres being one-half of a tract granted unto John Vawter for 700 acres by pattend 20 July 1736 (except 200 acres which John Vawter hath already given and sold to Ephraim Rucker and Margaret his wife)... to Conway's line...line which divides this land from the other dividant which is allotted for Angus Vawter son of the aforesaid John Vawter...to Kirtley's land...to Ephraim and Margaret Rucker's land....John Vawter. Witnesses: Bartholomew Vawter, Angus Vawter, Richard Vawter, Jr. and Augustine Vawter. 15 Mar 1749/1750. Proved by Richard Vawter, Jr., Angus Vawter and Augustine Vawter.

*Essex County Deeds 1749-1752. pp 294-298. (On margin: Original delivered to Capt. Jas: Garnett Decr. 6th 1752, 26th Geo:2d)*

This indenture made the Twentieth day of janry in year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Fifty two between Bartholomew Vawter of County of Essex, Planter, of one part and James Garnett of same County of other part. Witnesseth that Bartholomew Vawter in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and Forty one pounds current money of Virginia in hand well and truly paid by James Garnett, by these presents doth release and sell unto James Garnett his heirs all that parcell of land which Bartholomew Vawter (Grand Father to the said Bartholomew Vawter party to these presents) purchased from John Hawkins deced. containing by estimation One hundred and fifty acres more or less lying on the head of Blackburns Creek and on the Long Bridge Swamp and joyning to the land which John Vawter deced purchased of Buckingham Brown deced. & on the Land which the said James Garnett purchased of Thos: and Young Hawkins, Together with all houses barnes stables orchards gardens marshes swamps profits &

appurtenances to the same belonging; To have and to hold the parcel of land & premises unto James Garnett his heirs and James Garnett his heirs paying the rents and services which hereafter become due unto our Sovereign Lord the King only excepted & foreprized: In witness whereof the party first above named to this Indenture his hand and seal hath set the day and year above written. Signed and Sealed in presence of Robert Smith, John Jones, Muscoe Garnett, Angus Vawter, Signed Bartholomew Vawter.

Notes of Henry Strother from original records, copied between 1910-1918, Orange County DB 13 p 60 deed dated 1759 to Angus Vawter of 179 ½ acres in Orange Co., in same book p 272 Angus Vawter & wife, Ann convey to one Rucker and witnessed by David Vawter.

1771-WILL-NOEL JOSEPH "Balance of estate to be divided among all children: Tabatha, Anne, Easter, Rose & Molley [Polly]. Negro Sam to be sold if necessary to pay debts. Exec: Wife Mary Noell, Reuben Noell, Richard Noell, Caleb Noell. Signed, Joseph Noell. Witt: Wm Cavanaugh, Leonard Andrews, Angus Vawter, Boulware Vawter. "Proved 15 Apr 1771 by Angus Vawter and rec Further proved 17 June 1771 by Richard Noel, one of the executors, and ordered to probate

Angus is listed as the executor of Edward<sup>2</sup> Vawter's estate in 5 Dec 1778-16 Aug 1779 Essex Co., VA , witnessed by Lot and Bernard Noel. *Lastly- I constitute and appoint Angus Vawter and Elliot Vawter my executors of this my last will and testament. Edward Vawter (Seal) Signed and Sealed in presents of Lot Noell, Bernard Noell, Fredrick Clark.*

(GJ Note: Lot, also seen as Scott and Bernard Noel, sons of Bernard Noel who was the brother of Margaret Noel, wife of John Vawter.

Book *Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims* by Abercrombie and Slatten, Vol. 1, Ibernia Pub. Co. p331. Essex County court held at Tappahannock 15 Apr 1782 p.6. Claim of Angus Vawter 2 beefs 500# £6-5. Claim of Richard Vawter beef 275# £3-8-9.

Essex Co. Will Book 13 p522, 25 Mar 1785-17 Oct 1785. Will of Angus Vawter *In the name of God, Amen, I Angus Vawter of Essex County, of the Parish of St. Ann's do make this my last will and testament as follows:*

*Item, I leave to my four daughters namely Anna, Elizabeth, Rhoda and Phebe Vawter that part or parcel of land I purchased of James Boulware to be equally divided amongst them and if either should died without Wills or Lawful heirs of their body for her part to be divided among the survivors.*

*Item, I also give the one half of my personal estate to above mentioned four daughters in like manner to them and their heirs forever.*

*Item, the remainder of my estate I have in the hands of my wife Anne Vawter during her life.*

*Item, then I give it to my son Boulware Vawter to him and his heirs forever.*

*And do constitute and appoint Messr. Ralph Rowzee & Elliot Vawter Executors to this my last will and Testament and in testimony herewith I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Mar 1785. Angus Vawter (seal) In the presence of Frederick Cavanaugh, Young Boulware, Ellison Noel.*

The Library of VA, Part of an index of Essex Co. Wills and Adm. 1692-1800 microfilm roll #48. Will book 14 1786-1792 p. 38-39, Angus Vawter, Inv. and Apprv. Received 17 Jul 1786.

In the LDS library files the dates of birth of the children are found between 1750 and 1760, but his will would seem to indicate that at least some of the children were not married or under age. The fact that his son is not named executor again would indicate a fairly young age and Boulware's marriage record confirms this. This leads to later dates of birth of the children than found at LDS, which are unproved.

Children of Angus & Ann (Boulware) Vawter:

1. Anna Vawter b. Essex Co., VA (no additional information known)
2. Elizabeth Vawter b. Essex Co., VA (no additional information known)

3. Rhoda Vawter b. Essex Co., VA, never married.

23 May 1836, will (no original)

Rhoda Vawter deceased leaves all her possessions inc. land and cash to Phebe P. Vawter and Milton Vawter. Also Rhoda Vawter leave to Phebe V. Vawter household furniture and 2 feather beds. Wit. Richard Vawter, Benjamin Vawter. Proved 19 Dec 1836 by Richard Vawter and Benjamin Vawter.

Essex Co Deed book 1832, (number and page unknown)

This indenture made this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1832 between Phoebe Vawter and Alexander Somervail of the County of Essex and State of Virginia on the one part and Rhoda Vawter of the County and State of foresaid on the other part-Whereas Edward Vawter of the said County by his deed bearing date of 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1822 and duly recorded in the County Court of Essex did convey to the above named Alexander Somervail in trust for the use of his wife Phoebe a party hereto ten and one half acres of land lyeing in the county aforesaid and bounded by the main road of Popoman Swamp the lands of Bowler Vawter, the lands of Rhoda Vawter and the residue of the land of the said Edward Vawter for use during her natural life and after her death to go to such person or persons as the said Phoebe Vawter might direct by will or other writing purposing to be her will – Now this indenture witnesseth that for in consideration of the premises as well as for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar of good and lawful money of this Commonwealth to them the said Phebe Vawter and Alexander Somervail paid by the said Rhoda Vawter Jr at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt where of they do hereby acknowledge have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell to the said Rhoda Vawter Jr her heirs and assigns forever the above described piece or parcel of land together with all and singular its appurtenances and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders yearly and other rents issed and profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof – To have and to hold the said piece or parcel of land with the tenements hereand all and sigular other the premise thereintobefore mentioned or intended to be bargained and sold and every part and parcel thereof with every of their rights members and appurtenances unto the said Rhoda Vawter jr her heirs and asigns forever. Ssigned Alexander Somervail and Phebe Vawter.

4. Phebe P. Vawter b. Essex Co. VA m. her cousin Edward Vawter d. aft. 1830 Essex Co., VA. son of Richard Vawter (d. 1798) (See file Edward4, Richard3, unknown, Bartholomew1)

+ 5. Boulware Vawter b. ca 1758 Essex Co., VA d. 1830-35, Jackson Co., IN m. 2 Nov 1786 Caroline Co., VA to Sally H. Berry.

## **Boulware4, (Angus3, John2, Bartholomew1)**

Boulware Vawter was the son of Angus Vawter and Anne Boulware. Angus was b. ca 1758 d. ca 1785. Boulware was b. Essex Co., VA d. 1830-35, Jackson Co., IN m. 2 Nov 1786 Caroline Co., VA to (Sarah) Sally H. Berry. Caroline Co., marriage record. Boulware (Sr.) and his children moved to Owen Twp., Jackson Co., IN ca 1826.

In the will of Angus he was still unmarried and probably a minor as he was the only son and not named as executor. The will dated 25 Mar 1785 as follows:

*Item, the remainder of my estate I have in the hands of my wife Anne Vawter during her life.*

*Item, then I give it to my son Boulware Vawter to him and his heirs forever.*

*And do constitute and appoint Messr. Ralph Rowzee & Elliot Vawter Executors to this my last will and Testament and in testimony herewith I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Mar 1785.*

Caroline County Record sent by Shirley Edillon from the Boulware Gedforum web site;  
John Gaunt Estate. Boulware Vawter, Plaintiff Vs. Richard Dixon, executor for John Gaunt, dec'd  
16 Aug 1786 p. 35

Caroline County Land Book Alterations for 1782-1812

1789 Joseph Richeson to Boleware Vaughter	119A
1789 Boleware Vaughter to Joseph Richeson	119A
1790 Boleware Vaughter taxed for...	119A
1791 Boleware Vaughter taxed for...	119A
1792 Boleware Vaughter taxed for...	119A
1793 Boleware Vaughter taxed for...	119A
1794 Boleware Vaughter taxed for...	119A
1795 Bolware Vaughter taxed for...	119A
1796 Boleware Vaughter taxed for...	119A

Caroline co., VA Tax Lists 1787-1799

1797 Bowleware Vaughter taxed for...	119A
1798 Boalware Vaughter taxed for	119A
1799 Boulware Vaughter, taxed for...	119A

Children known:

1. Boulware (Bowler) Vawter (Jr.) b. ca 1787 d. ca 1835-40. Boulware Jr. was a school teacher and farmer. Book *Wingfield's History of Caroline* p 235 show Boulware Vawter in muster roll of Capt. Robert Hill's 6<sup>th</sup> Regt. VA militia in service in 1813. This notation found in the original notes of Wm. S. Vawter written in 1920's.

m. (1) 27 Apr 1812 Essex Co., VA to Sally Davis d. by Nov 1825

m. (2) 25 Nov 1825 Essex Co., VA to Elizabeth Thomas. Marriage record found Essex Co., VA,

1860 US Census Owen, Jackson, IN

Lewis N. Thomas age 48  
Frances Thomas age 47  
Rebecca Thomas age 26  
James L. Thomas age 19  
Albert L. Thomas age 16  
Sarah E. Thomas age 14  
William S. Thomas age 6  
Mary L. Thomas age 3  
Elizabeth Vawter age 74 b. VA

1850 US Census Owen, Jackson, IN #301/303

Tazwell Vawte age 23 b. VA  
Hannah age 22 b. IN  
Elizabeth E age 2 b. IN  
William B. age 8 months b. IN

1860 US Census Owen, Jackson, IN  
Tazwell Vawter age 33 b. VA  
Hannah Vawter age 32 b. IN  
Elizabeth E. Vawter age 12 b. IN  
William B. Vawter age 10  
Erasmus L. Vawter age 8  
Lewis G. Vawter age 6  
Nancy Ann Vawter age 4  
Luman W. Vawter age 2  
Mary F. Vawter 2 months  
Lewis W. Harrell age 28 miller  
William Sockman age 17 laborer  
Amanda Sockman age 19 servant  
Alice H Goss age 7 servant

1870 US Census, Owen, Jackson, IN  
H. M. Vawter female age 45 b. IN  
W. B. age 29 male farmer b. IN  
E. L. age 18 male laborer b. IN  
L. T. age 16 male  
Nancy age 14 female  
L. W. age 12 male  
M. F. age 10 female  
V. L. age 8 male  
Hattie age 1 female

1880 US Census Owen, Jackson, IN  
#33 Vawter, Luman age 22  
Wife Emma age 21  
#34 Hannah Vawter widow age 51  
Nancy A. age 24 dau  
Mary F. dau age 20  
Vinson son age 17  
Hattie dau age 11

1880 US Census Owen, Jackson, IN  
#11/12 Dodds, Urias male age 65 b. KY  
Wife Sarah age 58  
Nannie C. age 33 dau  
Vawter, Rebecca J. age 27 dau b. IN  
Vawter, Maud A. age 5 granddaughter b. IN

Will Book 23, page 146 Reel #57 Essex Co., VA (undated)

Know all men by these presents that we Bowler Vawter and Benjamin Vawter are held and firmly bound unto the justices of the court of Essex county now sitting in the sum of one thousand dollars to wit, payment whereof will and truly to be made to the said Justices and their successors we bind ourselves and each of us and our heirs executors and administrators jointly and to make a just and true account of the actings and doings therein as required by the said court and all the rest of the said goods, chattels and credits where shall be found remaining upon the account of the said administrator the same being first examined and allowed by the justices of the said court and it shall here after appear that any last will and testament was made by the deceased and the same be proved in court and the executor obtain a certificate of the probat thereof and the said Bowler Vawter do in such case being required under and deliver up his letters of administration then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force. Signed Bowler Vawter and Benjamin Vawter.

Children known:

a. Julius Vawter b. ca 1813 b. VA m. Phebe ? b. ca 1818 IN  
Jackson County Indiana 1850 census Owen Township page 197

Julius Vawter Farmer age 37 b. VA

Phebe Vawter age 31 b. IN

Sarah Vawter age 12 b. IN

Phetney A. Vawter age 10 b. IN

Louisa Vawter age 4 b. IN

1a. Sarah Vawter b. ca 1838 IN m. Silas Wray 22 Jun 1858 Book D/C page 8  
Jackson Co., IN

1880 US census Flinn, Lawrence Co., IN

Silus Wray m. age 45 b. IN farmer parents b. KY

Sarah Wray wife age 42 b. IN father b. VA mother b. IN

Wesley Wray son age 20 b. IN

George B. Wray son age 14 b. IN

Henry S. Wray son age 11 b. IN

Nana W. Wray dau age 9 b. IN

John O. Wray son age 7 b. IN

Thorton E. Wray son age 5 b. IN

Minna M. Wray dau age 2 b. IN

2a. Phetney Martella Vawter b. ca 1840 IN m. Henry Black 24 Feb 1856 Book C  
page 135 Jackson Co., IN

3a. Louisa Vawter b. ca 1846 Jackson Co., IN

b. daughter name unknown b. ca 1816 m. Mr. Owen, Jackson Co., IN

1b. Mary J. Owen b. ca 1839 Jackson Co., IN

Jackson County Indiana 1850 census Owen Township page 193

Elizabeth Vawter age 65 b. VA

Mary J. Owen age 11 b. IN

c. Tazwell/Tazewell Vawter b. 26 Nov 1826 VA d. 22 Jan 1870 IN m. 18 Jan 1847 Book  
A/B p 214 Jackson Co., IN to Mary "Polly" Hannah Lockman b. VA, Hannah was alive 1880  
census head of household and d. 2 April 1905. Mary's parents were William Lockman and  
Aliomy Ganner/Hanner A reference in William Snyder Vawter's material shows that he was the  
Captain of the 67<sup>th</sup> IN Volunteers, Civil War, that his oldest son Lafayette was his drummer boy  
and that Tazewell died shortly after the war, in Elwood IN, where a son was located.

Jackson County Indiana 1850 Census Owen Township page 190

Tazwell Vawter age 23 b. VA

Hannah age 22 b. IN

Elizabeth E. age 2 b. IN

William B. 8/12 b. IN

1860 Census Jackson Co., VA

Tazwell Vawter age 33 (other family members not shown)

Elizabeth Vawter age 74 (ca 1786)

Names shown on the 1878 Map of Jackson County for Owen Twp.

Vawler Mary H. 28 NW 80 6N 3E

1880 Jackson Co., IN Owen Twp census family #34

Vawter, Hanish (Hannah) age 57 b. IN f.b. IN m.b. IN

Nancy A. dau. age 24 b. IN

Mary F. age 20 dau. b. IN  
Vinson age 17 son b. IN  
Hattie age 11 dau. b. IN

The children listed are LaFayette d. ca 1875, Bowler d. ca 1870, Elizabeth, Nancy, Mary, Louis T. b. 21 Sep 1854 Clear Spring, IN d. 28 Sep 1905, Elwood, IN and Luman W., Vincent Lockman and Harriet Vawter. E. B. Vaughter in his research of this line adds another child Erasmus J. The marriage record shows Erasmus L. and likely Erasmus and LaFayette are the same person.

1c. Erasmus L. (LaFayette) Vawter b. ca 1852 d. ca 1875 Jackson Co., IN m. 21 Dec 1875 to Rebecca J. Dodds, IN county records bk G p107. Probably one in the same person as LaFayette from the notes in the 1920's. The research shows him deceased which matches with the census records below. LaFayette Vawter, drummer boy in Civil War  
1880 Census Jackson Co., IN Owen Twp. Enum. Dist 112 Family #11  
Dodd, Urias age 65 by KY  
Sarah wife age 58 b. MD  
Nannie C. dau. Age 33 b. IN  
Vawter, Rebecca J. age 27 dau. b. IN f.b. KY m. b. MD  
Vawter, Maud A. age 5 grand dau. b. IN f.b. In m.b. IN

Rebecca remarried Book H p. 389 Jackson Co., IN Rebecca J. Vawter to Calvis Thompson on 31 Mar 1881.

Maud Alice Vawters married 3 Oct 1897 Book K p. 498 Jackson Co., IN to George A. Stafford.

2c. Elizabeth E. Vawter b. ca 1848 Jackson Co., IN m. William L. Boyatt 2 May 1867 Book E. page 200 Jackson Co., IN

3c. William Boulware Vawter (Bowler) d. ca 1870

4c. Louis/Lewis T. Vawter b. 21 Sep 1854 Clear Spring, IN d. 28 Sep 1905 Elwood, IN. Married 1884 Jackson Co., IN to Sarah (nee?). One son Park Vawter b. May 1885 as shown by the 1900 census of Madison Co., IN.

5c. Nancy A. Vawter b. ca 1856 Jackson Co., IN m. George Thomas 29 Jun 1882 Book H p525 Jackson Co., IN

6c. Luman W. Vawter b. ca 1858 IN d. ca 1890 m. Emma Sanders 27 Jan 1878 Book H page 8 Jackson Co., IN

1880 Census Jackson Co., IN Owen Twp. Enum. Dist 112 Family #33

Vawter, Lumman age 22 b. IN f.b. IN m.b. IN occu. Teamster

Emma Wife age 21 b. IN

Emma likely married again as this marriage record of Jackson Co., IN shows:

Vawter, Emma m. 20 Nov 1892 to John W. Henderson Book J p. 522

7c. Mary F. Vawter b. ca 1860 Jackson Co., IN. Bible records state birth at 11 Oct 1857, but there have been errors shown in Bible. She is shown 10 mo. old in 1860 census. m. Jacob L. Hinkle and looked after her mother until her death in 1905.

8c. Vincent Lockman Vawter b. 1862 Jackson Co., IN m. Mary Penhale 20 Dec 1883 Book I page 104 Jackson Co., IN. Children "Bamie", Gladys and James P. Vawter

9c. Harriet "Hattie" Vawter b. ca 1869 Jackson Co., IN m. James E. Payne 19 Feb 1887 Book I p. 469 Jackson Co., IN.

An unknown connection

Index to marriage records 1850-1920 L-Z Jackson Co., IN

Vawter, Fred Willie m. 10 Nov 1910 to Gertrude Younger b. 21 Dec 1887 Book P p. 180

Vawter, Mollie E. m. 6 Sep 1902 to Leonard A. (?) Book L p. 541

Birth Index to Jackson Co., IN 1882-1920

Vawter (?) father C.W. mother Alice Cambell female child b. 31 May 1888 BK CH1-70



Vawter, Margariet L. Father Fred m. Gertrude Younger female child b. 30 Sep 1922 BK H-8 p.47

2. Sarah "Sally" Vawter m. 7 Nov 1810 to William L. Waldon  
Found Essex Co., VA marriage Bond 1804-1861  
Sally Vawter to William Walden 7 Nov 1810 Boulware Vawter, Bondsman.

*Caroline Court Records 1724-1864 Acc. # 22656* by William Linday Hopkins, pub. 1987,  
Richmond, VA located Allen Co., Ft. Wayne, IN Library.  
page 152, Survey of 327 acres by Chiles Terrell, Jr. Land adjoins Mattapony River, Road to  
Berry's ford, Gayle and Walden. 2 Feb 1805.

Chancery Court Records Caroline Co., VA  
13 Sep 1824. Sally Walden, et al vs. William L. Walden's administration, John Walden, et al.  
Sally Walden states that her husband William Walden, died last spring intestate leaving 600  
acres to her and their four children viz. Charles Walden, Mary Walden, Virginia Walden and  
Louisa Walden, all infants.  
Platt of the lands of William L. Walden, decd, shows that it is bounded by Pendleton's Mill Pond,  
Munday's Corner to Gayle and Munday, corner to William Kidd in Josiah Gayle's line, corner to  
John Gayle and a corner to Sale and Green. 9 Jul 1827.  
Page 203 Estate Papers, folder 1.  
Division of 600 acres left by William S. Walden to his widow, Sarah Walden, and four children  
viz. Charles T. Walden, Mary S. Walden, Virginia Walden and Louisa Walden. (no date but prior  
to 1827)

Other Walden's are in the area and are likely related and are listed for information:  
10 Jul 1812 Chancery Suit, John Long and wife Elizabeth executrix of the est. of William Tinsley vs. John Robinson and  
Beverly Robinson. John Long and Elizabeth his wife state that in 1794 John Walden, attorney at Law, obtained a  
judgment against Thomas Ayres then of the state of KY, for a male negro slave.

Oct 1786 Edmund Gatewood, Richard Gatewood, Clary Gatewood, John Walden and Lilly Ann Walden his wife and  
Geoge Lafong and Dolly Lafond his wife against James Gatewood survivor of the acting executors of the will of Benjamin  
Gatewood, decd., Bartlett Gatewood, Leonard Gatewood, Mary Ann Gatewood and Rachael Gatewood, William Burrus  
in appointed guardian to Bartlett, Leonard, May Ann and Rachael Gatewood, Infants. Benamin Gatewood died in 1780  
and he left a tract of land to his sons Richard Gatewood, Bartlett Gatewood and Leonard Gatewood. The sons were not  
entitled to the land for seven years. The land decreased in value since 1780 due to uncultivation.

Marriages shown in Caroline Co., VA of Waldens:  
Peggy Walden m. William Pettis 31 Aug 1800 by J. Sorrill. (This J. Sorrill also married the Vawter lines of the area, so  
they all went to same church)  
John Walden and Elizabeth Pitt 18 Feb 1800 pt.1, pg 92 by Thomas Martin  
Richard Walden and Polly Isbell 21 Sep 1798 by John Sorrill pt. 1 p. 92

Chancery Suit Caroline Co VA dated 14 Jun 1821  
George Walden surviving trustee of John Puller, et al vs. Andrew Estes  
George Walden for Polly Estes and her children under the will of John Walden decd. states that Philip Estes in his last will  
devised to his two son viz Aaron Estes and Andrew Estes, a tract of land of 250 acres to them after the death of their  
mother, Ann Estes. In 1797, Aaron Estes mortgaged his half of the revision to George Walden and John Pullen, since  
deceased, as trustees of Polly Estes and her children. Aaron Estes joined the army of the United States and was last  
heard from 8 years ago on the northern lines, Philip Estes' widow has died and Andrew Estes is in possession of the 250  
acres. The children of Aaron Estes and Polly Estes are Edmund Estes, Jesse T. Eillard and Mahala Dillard his wife, and  
Nancy Estes, Bettsey Estes, Philip Estes & John Estes, infants.

Chancery Suit Caroline VA dated Oct 1807. Gerard Freeman vs. John Gayle and James Samule.  
Gerard Freeman, who has married John Gayle's daughter, states that some years ago he bought a tract of land from  
John Gayle with the agreement that John Gayle would not assign or call his bond for the purchase. Recently, Gerard  
Freeman has learned that John Gayle has assigned the bond to James Samule and that the land in question was willed  
by John Walden, decd. To the children of his daughter Joannah Walden, late Joannah Gayle the deceased wife of the  
said John Gayle.

10 Sep 1808 , John Gayle states that the land in question was bought from John Walden and his wife Mary Walden on  
16 May 1778 and a deed was recorded. He also states that a deed for the current sale has been duly drawn and that his  
wife is willing to make her acknowledgement.

Chancery Suit Caroline Co., VA (No Date) George W. Parrott and Elizabeth, et al vs George Robinson's adm., William Robinson.

George W. Parrott and Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth Robinson, John P. Walden and Polly his wife late Polly Robinson, John Freshy and Sarah his wife late Sarah Robinson, Daniel M. Robinson and Ann his wife, which the said Elizabeth, Polly, Sarah, Daniel M. and Ann are the children of George Robinson and Ann Robinson his widow states that George Robinson made a will in which he left his land to his son, William Robinson and named two infants, Catherine Robinson and Maria Robinson.

Tax Records of Caroline Co., VA 1787-1799

1787 George Walden 228A  
1799 George Walden See John Gayle

1787-1794 John Walden 938 A  
1798 John Walden from George Walden 207A

1795- 1797 John Walden decd. 938A  
1798-1799 John Walden dec 413 A

1788 -1794 John Walden estate 192A  
1795 John Walden estate Transfd to George Isbell

THE VIRGINIA STATE COURT SYSTEM, 1776- by Thomas Jefferson Headlee, Jr. Virginia State Library 1969 Notes: The records for Spotsylvania Circuit Court through 1889 are located in Fredericksburg because the court sat in the Fredericksburg courthouse, not in the Spotsylvania County courthouse, until Fredericksburg was incorporated as an independent city at which time this court was convened at the Spotsylvania County courthouse and the Fredericksburg Circuit Court was established in the City of Fredericksburg. The Court Order Book for the period shows the first reference to Circuit Court appearing in 16 August 1850 proceedings.

DISTRICT COURT RECORDS 1791 - Allason vs Waldens Exors PLAINTIFF(s) : William Allason  
DEFENDANT(s) : John Walden (exor.); Charles Walden (dec'd) PLACES MENTIONED : Caroline  
REMARK(s) : Marshall pd CITATION : Allason vs Waldens Exors / 1791 / CR-DC-L / 674-31  
STYLE : Payne vs Waldens Exor PLAINTIFF(s) : Daniel Payne DEFENDANT(s) : John Walden (acting  
Exor. of Charles Walden dec'd) PLACES MENTIONED : Caroline; Stafford; King George REMARK(s) :  
Death - Charles Walden died 28 Sep 1777 Estate I&A and division - Charles Walden - 14 Sep 1778  
CITATION : Payne vs Waldens Exor / 1791 / CR-DC-L / 387-51

### David Vawter<sup>3</sup>, (John<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>)

David Vawter was the son of John Vawter and Margaret Noel of Essex Co., VA. It is believed that John and Margaret were married by the time of John's father's, Bartholomew, death in 1717. In the will of John Vawter dated 1748 and proved 1752 Culpeper Co., VA : *that one third part be my loving wife's, Margaret Vawter and the rest to be equally divided amongst my children, namely: Winfred, Bartholomew, Richard, Margaret Rucker, Angus and David Vawter. 6thly. To my son David Vawter three hundred and eighty acres of land adjoining the old Ct. House tract in Orange County to him and his heirs forever.*

(Note: this is the 380A willed to son David, which he sold 300 A in 1763) Book- *English Duplicates of Lost Virginia Records* by Louis des Cognets, Jr. Pub. 1981 Virginia Book Co., is found a list of patents granted in the forks of Rappahannock River and Westwood of Sherrando River. John Vawter & Philip Stogdale, 580 Acres, on the Mountain Road dated 8 Nov 1734.

David is thought the oldest son by some Vawter researchers, but the deed of John to his oldest son "Bartholomew" clears this account. David was the only child to not have his land deeded to him prior to John's death and would lead to the possibility that David was the youngest child of John's. He is listed last in the will list of children. David's birth is unknown but if he was age 25 to 30 when his first son, Jesse, was born in 1753 he would be born ca 1725-1733 and this matches with the will and military records as most men were in their 40's and 50's when they served as guards. David probably d. ca 1779 as the military records might indicate but was deceased bef Nov 1782 when a marriage record of daughter Margaret shows permission to marry by Mary Vawter, which generally indicates the father is deceased. Mary Vawter again gave permission in 1784 for son William to marry so she had still had not remarried at that time. *Marriages Records of Virginia 1722-1850* by Terese A. Fisher, marriage of Stapp, Achilles & Margaret Vawter, d/o Mary Vawter; 27 Nov 1782.

There is much controversy surrounding the wife of David. In *The Vawter Family in America*, by Grace Vawter Bicknell, Hollenbeck Press, Indianapolis, 1905, it was thought that David married his niece Mary Rucker, although no proof was given. Many Rucker and Vawter researchers have tried to confirm his wife's maiden name, knowing only her name is Mary. It is commonly believed at this time that she may have been Mary Offitt (Offeld/Offott/Offill/Aufil), daughter of William Offill and Mary Rucker. This Mary Offott would have been David's first cousin. Mary Rucker, dau. of Peter Rucker, was already married to William Offill/Offott by the time of the writing of Peter's will in Jan 1742/43, as she is referred to therein as Mary Offott. It has been proved that the Mary Rucker of the Bicknell Book, married David's son, William Vawter.

Found in *Virginia Magazine of History* Vol. 23, pub. 1968, year ending 1920 p. 79. Will Book 1, p. 248, Orange Co., VA is will of John Rucker, date "XI" Jan'y 1742, proven, 28 Jan'y 1742; names his wife Susannah and his 12 children and among them Peter. Apts. Wife Susannah, son Peter Rucker and friend George Taylor exors.

In the same Will Book p. 299, is will of Peter Rucker dated 18<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. 1742/43, proven 23 Feb 1743, Orange Co., VA; *lends to wife Elizabeth Rucker, all estate, real and person during life, and after her death gives certain personal property to daughter Margaret Tinsley and son in law Isaac Tinsley; son Ephraim Rucker and to daughter Ann Cook and son in law Shem Cook, and balance to be sold and divided among his children by name as follows: Thomas Rucker, Elizabeth Pearce, Wm. Rucker, Mary Offott, James Rucker, Ephraim Rucker and Ann Cook. Apts. James Rucker and Ephraim Rucker Exors.*

Book "*The Underwood Family from Madison Co., Va.*" by Ben H. Coke pub 1986 argues that David Vawter did not marry Mary Rucker, his niece, but married Mary Offill/Offott, the daughter of William Offill and Mary Rucker. Mary Rucker was the daughter of the immigrant Peter Rucker and his wife Elizabeth Fielding and the sister of Ephraim Rucker who married Margaret Vawter. The Vawter/Offill marriage argument is based on the fact that Jesse Vawter, son of David and Mary Vawter, apparently mentions his Uncles Offill and Coper in an autobiography. Mary Offill/Offott did have a brother William and one of her sisters married a Mr. Cofer.

In the book, *History of the Rucker Family*, no author or date, chapter eight. Item 7.

Mary Rucker (Peter) m. William Offill. Her brother John deeded 100 A of land to her. William Offill patented 2000 A of land in Orange, Rockingham and Page Co., VA.  
In 1752 after the death of Elizabeth, William Offill received a negro out of Peter Rucker's deceased estate, DB 1 p400, 21 Feb 1752 Culpeper Co., VA

4 Nov 1755 William Offill & wife Mary of Bloomfield Parish, Culpeper Co., VA sold to John Offill for 10 pounds sterling, 100A part of the patent made by John Rucker and bounded by the lines of Ephraim Rucker, Isaac Findley, Richard Vawter, Jeremiah Early and Peter Rucker. Signed William Offill and Mary Offill Wit: James Archer, Thomas Lampton, Mary Holt. Adm. Ephraim Rucker, Issac Tinsley, Richard Vawter, Jermina Early & Peter Rucker. Deed Book B p 301, Culpeper.

Cl.Cur., Library of Virginia, Will Book A, 1749-1770 Culpeper Co, VA Reel 31, pages 215-217  
Will: William Henderson, Brumfield Parish, Culpeper Co, VA (1760) I leave to be equally divided among and between my son John Henderson and my three grandsons Joseph Henderson, John Henderson and William Henderson to them and their heirs forever when they come of age.  
Signed, sealed and delivered this 2nd day of November 1759. William Henderson (L.S.)(witnesses) William McDonough, James Rucker, David Vawter, William Bates

Orange Co. Deed Book 2 p251 1736 100 acres William Pierce to Wm. Rucker  
Orange Co. Deed Book 4 p181 1739 100 acres William Rucker to John Powell Sr of Caroline  
Culpeper Co Deed Book B p253 1755 100 acres John Powell to Bartholomew Vawter  
Culpeper Co Deed Book C p112 1755 100 acres Bartholomew Vawter to David Vawter  
Culpeper Co Deed Book E p118 1765 100 acres David Vawter to Wm Twyman  
This land became part of 505 acres sold by Wm Twyman sold to Ephraim Rucker in Book G p107 in 1773, Culpeper Co., VA

In the early 1900's, Henry Strother, a Vawter researcher went to VA and copied from some old Order Books of Orange Co. This material was sent to William Snyder Vawter who was doing research during the 1920's and 1930's for an update on the Grace Vawter Bicknell book. His research was never published but contains more than 2000 pages of information.  
Old Order Book of Orange Co., VA (no book number)  
page 375, May 1752 Richard Vawter  
page 251 Aug 1756 Bartholomew Vawter  
page 9 May 1763, David Vawter by his deed in 14, p. 16 conveys to McFarland 300 acres in Orange Co. in full for patent granted John Vawter and Philip Slagdale.  
page 447, July 1767 David Vawter was granted a road from Benj. Head and Richard Durrett to the river at Crawford's Ford  
page 48, Nov 1779 David Vawter  
page 140, Sept 1774 Richard Vawter.

Notes of Henry Strother from original records, copied between 1910-1918, Orange County DB 13 p 60 deed dated 1759 to Angus Vawter of 179 ½ acres in Orange Co., in same book p 272 Angus Vawter & wife, Ann convey to one Rucker and witnessed by David Vawter.

Orange County Virginia, Tithables 1734 - 1782 Part One. by Barbara Vines Little. 1988, (publisher not clearly stated)  
p. 32 - 33 " County court Judgements February 1754, box 25 .... Elliot Vuorter 4 [tithes] "  
p. 84 - 85 " A list of the number of Tithes in my Precincts August 1st 1766....  
David Vauter 2 [tithes] .... Richard Bruce "  
p. 90 - 91 " [1767] A List in my bounds and Number of Tiths pr. me Jeremh. Bryan ....  
David Vaughter 2 [tithes] Thos. Dohoney 3 [tithes] "  
p. 98 - 99 " 1768 Jeremiah Bryan his List of Sucker hunting tiths ....  
Thos. Doughonney 4 [tithes] David Vautor 3 [tithes] "  
p. 100-101 " County Court Judgements November 1769 , Box 37 ...  
William Prics list for the yr 1769 ....Phillip vawters 1 [tithe] "

p. 104 [John Whites list for 1769] " David Vawter 2 tiths "  
p. 108 " A list of the Tithables in the Precincts Wherein I John Griffen am Constable for the year 1769 ....Thomas Ballord 1 [tithe] William Vawters 1 [tithe] "  
on page 114 is a list for 1782 that has William Vawter and Mary Rucker.

The Tinsley and Ruckers were an important family intermarriage connection with the Vawters. The Margaret shown in these deeds is Margaret Rucker, another daughter of Peter.

14 Nov 1759. Issac Tindsley and Margaret his wife of Amelia County to Issac Tindsley Junr. of Brumfield Parish, Culpepper County. For natural love and paternal affection for their son and 5 shillings sterling 100 acres in Brunfield Parish on the Rapidan River...William Crawfords line.. William Rucker's line... Issac (T) Tindsley Margaret(X) Tindsley  
wit. Ephraim Rucker, Rich. Vawter, David Vawter  
17 april 1760 proved by Ephraim Rucker and David Vawter  
15 may 1760 proved by Richard Vawter

10 Nov 1759 Issac Tindsley and Margaret his wife of Amelia County to Ephraim Rucker of Brumfield Parish, Culpepper county...for £25 current money..100 acres in Brumfield Parish and on the branches of Elk Run in the fork of the Rappidian and Robinson rivers...corner to John Offill and Richard Vawters line...Jerrard Banks line...Ephraim Ruckers line.....  
wit. Richard Vawter , David Vawter, Issac Tindsley  
17 april 1760 proved by David Vawter  
15 may 1760 proved by Issac Tindsley Junr and Richard Vawter

*Abstracts of the Co. Court Minute Book of Culpeper Co., VA 1763-64* shows that David spent some of his free time in Court. (Note: this is only a 1 year period)  
March 1763. P 297. David Vawter v. Samuel Young. Cont'd.  
p 298. David Vawter v. Richard Stanton. Cont'd.  
April 1763. P 313. James Walker, Assignee of William Walker v. David Vawter, James Rucker & Ephraim Rucker. Judgt for Plf.  
David Vawter v. Samuel Young. Cont'd.  
July 1763. P 371 David Vawter v. Job Breeding. Dft. surrendered & so discharged sureties: David Jackson & Mary his wife & John Collins.  
P 384 Davie Vawter v. James Yancey. Dismissed agreed.  
David Vawter v. Richard Stanton. Dismissed agreed.  
David Vawter v. Job Breeding. Judt for Plf.  
P 401 David Vawter v. Thomas Pierson. Cont'd.  
David Vawter v. Thomas Jollet. Cont'd with William Batte surety.  
Aug 1763. P 410. David Vawter v. Thomas Jollet. Judgt for Plf.  
P 412 David Vawter v. Thomas Maxwell. Judt. For Plf.  
P 422 David Vawter v. Thomas Pierson. Judgt against Dft. & William Robinson, Security.  
Aug 1763. P 432 David Vawter v. Ursulla Knight. Process awarded.

Culpeper Co., VA Deeds Vol III, pages 274-75.

5 Mar 1763. Thomas Stanton junr. Of Culpeper county to David Vawter, merchant, of Orange County. For 25.16.5 pounds current money, all my part of the crop of tobacco in my father's stands, Vawter having received one hogshhead already in Royston's warehouse, two mares, one being a sorrill branded M on the near buttock, the other a black colt paces naturally, seven head of cattle, one bed with all the bedding, furniture, one shed cart, one rifle gun, one smooth bored gun, and two pistols, one sword, two iron potts, four pewter dishes, and one dozen plates, one chest, one box and two trunks. Signed Thos. Stanton, junr. Wit: W. Vawter, Mary Offille. 15 Sep 1763 proved by William Vawter.

Note: this is Mark Finks, father of Andrew Finks who married Lucy Vawter. Lucy the dau. of Richard Vawter (witness).

*The will of Mark Finks Culpeper Co., Will Book A p. 361-62 dated 17 Oct 1763, proved 15 Mar 1764.*  
*Mark Finks of Culpeper Co., in the Colony of VA. To my loving wife Elizabeth Finks, my bay mare and my horse Buck that I bought at David Vawter's sale.*

Wit: Richd. Vawter, William Eastham, Michall Wilhoit.

Listed on the Culpeper Co., 1764, Rent rolls David Vauters, Richard Vauters and Elizabeth Vauters. (This is likely Elizabeth Finks, as Mark Finks d. 1764 and she is shown on the tax rolls likely as a widow. No Elizabeth Vawter is known at this time. The only other Vawter in Essex is Augustine whose wife was likely Mary. No final information has been found)

Book - *Orange Co. VA Families Vol. III* by William Everett Brockman Minneapolis, MN copyright 1959. Pg. 12. Chancery Suits of Orange Co., VA, an index Sept 1772 David Vauter vs. Wm Kendall.

Larry Wilcox, 913 Franklin Ave., Harahan, LA 70123 has extensive information on Vawter military history. He adds the following:

David Vawter (SAR/DAR) 17 June 1775, enlisted for 90 days.

Private: Guard duty for Torrie & British prisoners of war.

1st Virginia Foot Infantry Militia--serving under Captain Ambrose Madison, under Colonel Francis Taylor. 1st Virginia Foot Infantry Militia at Battle of "Great Bridge" -

David Vawter Private; William Tinsley Drummer; Richard Quinn Corporal; James Goodall Sergeant; John Wayt Sergeant; John Goodall Ensign; James Burton 1st Lt; Ambrose Madison Captain. By orders given by Colonel Woodford, Colonial Army the 1st Virginia Foot Infantry Militia, as guards escorted British prisoners of war under command of Captain Fordyce's company, British army troops to prisoner of war camp.

*Virginia Historical Magazine Page 458, 459:* Revolutionary War Battle of Great Bridge:

9 December 1775, British Commander Captain Fordyce Royal Army AGAINST: Colonel Woodford Colonial Army; Captain Fordyce RA Killed in Battle.

Muster Roll Captain Ambrose Madison Company, 1st Virginia Foot Regiment Infantry Captain Ambrose Madison, Lieutenant James Burton, Ensign John Goodall, Sergeant John Snow, Sergeant John Wayt, Sergeant John Goodall.

Lists Corporals & Privates: David Vawter Private: Enlisted 17 January 1775 Discharged 15 June 1775-Served in Albermarle, Culpepper County, Virginia under Colonel Francis Taylor.

(Note: Ambrose Madison was the brother of President James Madison)

*Virginia Magazine of History* pub. 1893-94. Muster roll of Captain Ambrose, Madison Co., of Foot in the Regiment of Vol. Guards at the barracks in Albemarle Co., Col. Francis Taylor, Commander 1 June 1779. "Private David Vawter enlisted 17 Jan 1779, discharged 1 June 1779.

*The Virginia Genealogist Vol. 27 # 3 July-Sep 1983* p. 206, British Mercantile Claims 1775-1803: T79/91 Reports of William W. Hening p. 205-206 [Pp. 55-58] David Vauter, Orange. Died at the Albemarle Barracks during the war, worth nothing at all. He lived near to William Lucas of Orange and his widow lived near him for several years after the death of her husband in great distress.

(GJNote: the following deed indicates that William Lucas was dead by 1763, as his heirs sold some of his land in Orange Co.)

Culpeper Co., VA Vol III, pages 301-04. 20 Oct 1763.

Francis Lucas and Elizabeth his wife of Culpeper Co., to John Amburge of same. For 12 pounds current money. 82 acres, being part of 400 acres granted to William Lucas by the Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax, proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia, by deed 28 Sep 1748 and by the death of William Lucas the land fell to Francis Lucas as heir at law...in Bromfield parish on the branches of Devil's run....corner now to James Sims....near the fork of a path a former corner to Thomas Houison...in Fairfax's line. Signed Francis and Elisabeth Lucas.

*The Virginia Genealogist V 30, No. 2, April-June 1986.* British Mercantile Claims 1775-1803.

T79/93 Reports of William W. Hening

p. 137 Claim of Heslop & Blair p.30: David Vauter, Orange. Lb 7.16.10(1/2). He died in Albermarle Barracks during the War totally insolvent

p. 140 Claims of Robert Jardine p. 47 David Vauter, Orange. See previous reports. He died in Albermarle Barracks during the war worth nothing at all. On a judgement of Heslop and Blair against him in Orange County in 1773, the Sheriff returned " no effects "

Mary, widow of David, and her son William are shown still in Orange in 1782: List of Taxable property taken by Thos. Barbour, Gent., 1782, Orange. As shown on back of the original return paper itself, in the Clerk's office of Orange.

William Vawter	Tythes 1	Negroes Cary 1	Horses 3	Cattle 0
Mary Vawter	Tythes 0	Negroes John 1	Horses 4	Cattle 5

From Virginia Soldiers Listings:

Major Lawrence Washington, Captain Ambrose Madison, Captain John Camp, Captain Angus Rucker & other American officers were authorized to enlist men over 50 years of age for guard duty of Torrie & British prisoners. This term of enlistment was for 60 to 90 days only. Several regular Virginia commands had men of age 45 & older, these soldiers were transferred for this type of duty. These Revolutionary War soldiers saw little if no action against the British. Many of these men were used for time elements of 30 to 45 days & sent home. From June 6, 1776 until September 15, 1776 was when most of this type guard duty was accomplished. At various times torrie prisoners were moved from place to place. The Old Home Guard was called for this duty until mid 1778. A Regimental Captain would order a Sergeant, 2 Corporals, 4 Privates to accompany the Home Guard as escorts for transport of prisoners. After the Revolutionary War was in full swing, many of these men over 50 became teamsters for the Continental Army, delivering supplies & beef to Washington's army. Many women were patriots at this time being teamsters.

After David's death, according to family tradition, Mary married James Renfro (Rentfrow), probably in KY and she d. in KY ca 1797. From Richard & Theresa Renfro, 9107 Wendy Dr. SE, Olympia WA, email renfro@home.com comes some information on James Renfro. James Renfro b. 1727 Jamestown, James City Co., VA d. 11 Jul 1801 Lincoln Co., KY. His father was William Renfro b. 1702 d. 1789 VA and mother Elizabeth Cheney b. 1704 d. 1789. James m (1) Lydia (nee?) Her maiden name is given from Dale Gerboth as Harris, but no proof known. Their first son Joseph b. Jul 1766 VA so this would indicate their marriage date.

From Dr. Donald Ott Manshardt, Renfro family papers: James Renfro bought 300 A of land 17 Apr 1781 Lincoln Co., KY on the Rockcastle River. This later became Rockcastle Co., where Renfro Valley is now located. In 1801, James Renfro granted land to Lewis Renfro for 100 pounds, both of Lincoln Co., KY. It is located where Boone's Trace crossed Renfro's Creek, crossing of Roundstone below the mouth of Renfro's Creek. Wit: Reuben and James Menefee, and Absalom Renfro. Bk D p231.

James lived in Woodford Co., KY from 1788 to 92 and Lincoln Co., KY from 1797 to 1800. Abstracts of deed show James transferred property in Henry Co., VA Deed Bk, page 189, 181. 5 Nov 1778 to John Rentfro for the sum of 300 pounds, 300 A more or less. Land on both sides of the Pigg River. Signed, James Renfro, Wit: Peter Vardman, Isaac Barton, Darby Ryan. Pages 181-182. Nov. 1778: We John Rentfro, Moses Rentfro, Isaac Rentfro and Joshua Rentfro are held firmly bound unto James Rentfro in the sum of 300 pounds for a tract of land lying on the Pigg River that he had formerly conveyed to John Huski, but now sold to John Rentfro. Wit: William Rentfro, Isaac Rentfro, Moses Rentfro, John Rentfro, James Rentfro, Joshua Rentfro and George Ritture.

(These above are all brothers of James, it appears this is the time he was preparing to leave VA) James acquired some 4000 acres of land from Woodford Co., KY to Rockcastle Co., KY.

The last will and testament of James Renfro b. 1727 d. 1801, copied from James Renfro's Estate papers which are in the Clerk's office of Lincoln Co., KY.

*Calling to mind that it is appointed to man once to die, I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, and after the payment of all my just and lawful debts and funeral charges, I give to my son, Joseph, 1700 pound 10 shillings that he is in debt to me and to my son, Absalom \$100 and to my daughter Susannah, one dollar. The rest of my estate that is not otherwise (illegible) will be sold to the best*

*advantage and equally divided among my three sons, James Jr., Isaac and Lewis and my daughter Hannah Jones. And I give my niece, Jemima Menefee one ewe and lamb and the bedstead she use to lye on when living with me, and I do make and ordain my sons, James and Absalom whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament as witness my hand and seal this 22 day of April in 1801. James Rentfro (seal) Test: Jesse Scott, Turpin Rentfro, Jacob (X) Troup.*

The will is believe to have been probated in 1807. Turpin Rentfro was the son of Moses Rentfro and Elizabeth Turpin. Turpin married Sarah Troup.

James, Reubin, Joshua and Achilles Stapp came from Orange Co., VA to Woodford Co., KY. Achilles bought land on North Elkhorn from James Rentfro of Woodford Co., KY. In 1790, Stapp sold this land on the Elkhorn to Joshua Stapp and wife Hannah and in 1792 sold the land to Joseph Anderson.

From notes of William Snyder Vawter ca 1928, a letter; "There was no will left by David Vawter: At a Court held for Orange county on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Day Mar 1785. William Vawter granted Admr. of estate of David Vawter dec'd where upon he with Bartlett Bennett his security entered into Bond for the same in the sum of £400." Copy: Test: Josephone H. Neal, Deputy Clerk, Orange Co., VA

Much of the material on David's female children comes from Carol Tikka, 14690 SW 106<sup>th</sup> Av, Tigard, OR 97224 with material also contributed by Jean Hough. In 1986, E.B. Vaughters, 12015 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98177 sent the genealogy of this line to be published by the VVV Association. The combination of all these researchers, along with the Vawter Book, *The Vawter Family in America* by Bicknell gives a thorough history of this line.

E. B. listed an additional child for David and Mary named David who died single, possibly from an illness during the Rev. War. It seems "if" there really was a seventh child, David, a lot of questions are answered about service and dates and places (see David4 file)

Attached here is some of the newer research of the Ruckers and Vawter to determine the right Mary, wife of David Vawter.

Book- *History of the Rucker Family* (no date or author given). Mary Rucker was the dau. of Elliot Legrande Rucker b. ca 1730 d. 19 Mar 1832. Married (1) Nancy Smith (thought to be dau. of Isaac Smith of VA). Elliott was Rev. War soldier and received land in KY in 1794. He married (2) Mary Burton of Orange Co. (KY or VA?) in 1809. Children of Elliot were Merial Rucker m. John E. DeNeal of KY, LeGrande Rucker b. 1790 m. Harriet Davis of KY, John Ephraim Rucker b. abt 1795 m. --- Wright and Mary Rucker who married her cousin, Wm. Vawter. (GJ Note: this information is incorrect on Mary and William)

Another scenario: Peter Rucker in his will had many children but two of his sons, James Rucker who married Elizabeth Elzaphan and Ephraim Rucker who married Margaret Vawter had a son and dau. who married each other (they would be first cousins). Augustine Rucker, son of James Rucker and Tomagen Rucker, dau. of Ephraim Rucker. Augustine and Tomagen Rucker then had nine children, their oldest dau. was named Mary Rucker. It is this Mary who married William Vawter in 1784. Augustine and Tomagen Rucker moved to KY as did many of the Rucker family. So the Mary Rucker who married William Vawter was the granddaughter of Margaret Vawter, wife of Ephraim Rucker.

A third scenario is found in the *Rucker Family Genealogy* by Sudie Rucker Woods pub. 1932 in possession of Carla Orcutt of WA. This seems to have some documentation. Page 289:

Mary Rucker, dau. of Lt. Col. Ephraim Rucker m. 4 Jun 1784 to William Vawter son of David Vawter. Marriage bond in Orange Co., VA Security James Staples, William Vawter b. 1758 d. 27 Nov 1823.

They moved to Woodford Co., KY in 1788 then to Burlington, Boone Co., KY. In 1803, William and Mary sold land in Fayette Co., KY bet. the years of 1805 and 1809 they also had land in Jessemine and Gallatine counties. William Vawter was appointed by Angus Rucker (brother of Mary) of Madison Co., trustee for his dau., Jane Minor, wife of Elliott Minor, of Boone Co., KY. William Vawter refused to act. William Vawter served in the Revolution. Enlisted 17 Jan 1779, under Capt. John Champ, of the 1<sup>st</sup> VA Reg., under Colonel George Gibson. Later became a lieutenant. At a court of appeals held at the Capitol of Richmond, VA Sept 1791, in a suit, the Commonwealth against William Vawter, late Lieutenant of the 1<sup>st</sup> VA Reg. Case was dismissed. So now we know Lt. Col. Ephraim Rucker and Margaret Vawter's dau. Mary Rucker married William Vawter not David Vawter who was Margaret's brother. Mary Rucker and William Vawter were cousins.

To further complicate the above matter, we have Jean B. Robinson from a letter 30 Apr 1991, granddaughter of Sudie Rucker Wood who has been compiling primary and secondary information to clear this problem. In a letter to Doris Edwards, 2017 43<sup>rd</sup> SE U-2, Grand Rapids, MI dated 1992 much of the above is disputed and dispelled. While long it is important to add as much information as possible to stop errors from continuing to occur.

A. The Vawter Family in America, by Grace Vawter Bicknell, 1905 offers no primary evidence for any of the information on David Vawter, son of John and his connection of Mary Rucker. Unfortunately this information was used for the following: 1. Maxwell Genealogy and History 2. Stepp/Stapp Families of America by Henry P. Scalf and 3. Forks of the Elkhorn Church by Ermina Darnell, 1980. So none of these secondary records can be used for primary proof at this time.



- B. Edythe Whitley, History of the Rucker Family 1927 stated David Vawter m. Mary Rucker, da. of Ephraim Rucker and Margaret Vawter with no primary proof again offered. Studie Rucker Wood showed primary proof that Mary Rucker m. William Vawter her cousin, not David, her uncle. Additionally the dates do not match. If you examine the dates for David (1720-1785) and William (1758-1823) you will see that David would have been 64 years old in 1784 and too old to have married in 1784. And there is no way he could have had five children by the time he died the following year. (GJNote: we now have proof he died before 1782 so he could not have married in 1784-see marriage record of daughter Margaret) William, born in 1758, would have been 26 in 1784 and the right age to marry. Most important is a found marriage record for William Vawter and Mary Rucker in Orange Co., VA
- C. Mary Snyder, in Rucker Ruckus, Vol. 3 Issue I, p 87 states: Ephraim, father of Elliot Rucker and wife Nancy Smith had a dau. Mary who married Wm. Vawter. This could not be possible as Elliott and Nancy Smith married 6 Mary 1789 (Marriage Bond, Orange Co., VA) and it would have been difficult for a dau. to have been married five years before her parents. Plus, no other primary record states Elliott Rucker even had a daughter named Mary.
- D. The Underwood Family by Ben Coke 1986 p 88 suggests that David Vawter married Mary Offill (Offitt/Offield, Aufil, etc). He wrote Wm. Offill m. Mary Rucker dau. of Peter Rucker 1743/4. Wm and Mary Rucker Offill had several children inc: 1. Mary Offill m. 1<sup>st</sup> David Vawter b 1720 and m. 2<sup>nd</sup> James Rentfrow. Their son William Vawter m. 1784 Orange Co., VA to Mary Rucker (Prob. dau. of Ephraim Rucker & Margaret Vawter, sister to David Vawter b. 1720) The problem with this is: 1. Ben Coke only guessed that Wm. Offill and Mary Rucker had a dau. Mary, no proof is found. 2. His reasoning came from the Vawter Book and autobiography by Jesse Vawter who mentioned Uncle Oppill (ie Offill), Uncle I Coper (ie J. Coper) and Aunt Underwood. Ben Coke's first sentence is prob. true and Jesse Vawter's statements about aunts and uncles make sense only if Jesse's mother was Mary Offill. So Jesse's mother was Mary Offill and it was her mother who was Mary Rucker. However, he could have been referring to them as such because his aunt Margaret Vawter was married to Ephraim Rucker, sister of Mary Offill, so no solid proof is yet found. Ben Coke in a letter 6 Dec 1985 said everyone always assumed that John Vawter (1782-1862) would know his grandmother's maiden name. No primary proof exists on this material and historically only 10% of the population can name the maiden name of grandmothers.
- E. Studie Rucker Wood, The Rucker Family Genealogy 1932 p 289 states Mary Rucker m. 4 Jun 1784 William Vawter (Marriage Bond of Orange Co., Security James Staples). Wm. b. 1758 d. 27 Nov 1823. The children of William Vawter and Mary Rucker were: William Jr., George M., Herman, Edmond, Thomas and Virginia. Wood on page 512, gives the following dates for David Vawter b. 1720 d. 1785 m. ca 1755 Mary of Culpeper Co., (no maiden name). The following evidence is used for Primary Proof of William Vawter and Mary Rucker. (GJ Note: again the death date has since been proven to be prior to 1782)
1. Proof of parentage of Ephraim Rucker, Peter Rucker immigrant lists son, Ephraim Rucker in will (WB1, p 299 Orange CO, VA dated 18 Jun 1743, rec. 23 Feb 1743/4)
  2. Proof of parentage and marriage of Ephraim Rucker and Margaret Vawter. Will of John Vawter 23 May 1748, Culpeper Co., VA leaves his dau. Margaret Rucker 150 acres at the Great Mountains. This 150 acres was deed by John Vawter to Ephraim Rucker 7 Feb 1750 Culpeper Co.
  3. Proof that Ephraim Rucker and Margaret Vawter had a dau. Mary. She was mentioned in the will of her father, Ephraim Rucker, WB1, p 348 Madison Co., VA dated 24 Sep 1796 prob. 28 Dec 1797. 1/7 of my estate to dau. Mary Vawter.
  4. Proof that Mary Rucker m. William Vawter. Marriage Bond 4 Jun 1784 Orange Co., VA

The children of David Vawter and Mary (Offitt/Offil):

- + 1. Jesse Vawter b. 1 Dec 1753 Culpeper Co., VA d. 20 Mar 1838 Jefferson Co., IN m. 29 Mar 1781 Elizabeth Watts
- + 2. Winifred Vawter b. ca 1755 VA d. 2 Mar 1818 KY m. 23 Feb 1775 Orange Co., VA James Dehoney (Dabony)
- + 3. David Vawter d. single (possibly illness) during Rev. War. (This child is not listed by Bicknell)
- + 4. William Vawter b. ca 1760 m. 19 Jun 1784 VA to Mary Rucker
- + 5. Philemon Vawter b. 16 Oct 1762 Culpeper Co., VA d. 15 Apr 1814 Madison, IN m. ca. 1779 Anne Vawter, his cousin, dau of Richard and Frances Vawter
- + 6. Margaret Vawter b. 11 Oct 1763 VA d. 29 Apr 1813 KY m. 27 Nov 1782 Orange Co., VA Achilles Stapp
- + 7. Mary (Polly) Vawter b. ca 1769 Fayette, KY m. 1790 Fayette Co., KY John Gatewood

### **Jesse Vawter4 (David3, John2, Bartholomew1)**

Jesse Vawter, son of David Vawter and Mary (Offill/Offott) was b. 1 Dec 1755 Culpeper Co., VA and d. 20 Mar 1838 in Jefferson Co., IN. A very thorough history is found in the book *The Vawter Family in America*, by Grace Vawter Bicknell, pub. 1905, Hollenbeck Press, Indianapolis. The early history of this book contains errors but the family history of Jesse is very complete. Jesse m. 29 Mar 1781 Culpeper Co., VA to Elizabeth Watts b. 30 Dec 1762 d. 10 Sep 1830, dau. of John Watts and Sarah Barnett.

Book, *Dr. Slaughter's St. Mark's Parish* by Raleigh Travers Green, pub. 1900. Notes on Culpeper Co., VA, p. 73 Marriage Records from 1781 to 1825. Jesse Vaughter m. Eliza. Watts, 1791.

Starting on page 14 of the Bicknell book, "Vawter Family In America", pub. Indianapolis, IN, Jesse's life history is printed. He wrote this at age 80, starting 5 May 1835. It details the movement of his family from early childhood until that date. It is a fascinating account of life just after the Revolutionary War and the first decades of the 1800s. It tells the story of the migration westward, made by thousands of people and the development of the middle part of America. It is fortunate that this piece of history has survived and Grace Vawter Bicknell's insight into publishing and preserving this history can not be overlooked. Two separate writings are enclosed written over a period of 3 years.

Excerpted here for space: *Jesse stated he was sent to school at age 8, (the Vawters seemed to place a great deal on education and all of the lines seem to be very literate and knowledgeable about mathematics and literature going back to Bartholomew). He stated he did some coopering, made a lathe and did some turning. He also made wheels with a millwright. In 1774, he was hired out as a house carpenter and joiner. In 1775, his father set him at liberty to act for himself. And in Nov 1777, he drove a team and moved his family to Holston where he tended a farm for Joseph Early. In 1778, he went back to VA until late 1779 when he drove a team with his three uncles and a brother to Holston. In Dec 1780 he went back to VA and in 1781 he married 29 Mar 1781. He was drafted for a two month's tour of service in VA. By Jan 1782, after the birth of son John, he headed the 300 miles back to Holston. In 1783, he again went back to VA and moved another aunt to Holston. In 1785, his wife and children when back to VA for a visit which lasted from 13 Sep to 24 Nov. In Dec 1787, he went to KY to see friends and taken with the area moved there in 1790. Before heading for KY he, his wife and baby daughter Sally went by horseback the 300 miles back to VA to say their final farewells. In 1791, he aided a brother in the move to KY and in 1793 aided his father in law Watts to KY. In 1795, he moved again to the Elkhorn river until 6 Sep 1806 when he moved over the Ohio river to IN. While in KY he made looms, mended wagons, reels and other mechanical work and farmed. On 10 Sep 1830, his wife died and he moved to the home of Polly Branham, his daughter. He states Julia Wise, his dau, d. 10 May 1835. In 1835 - 36 and 37 he attended the church Association meetings but was very feeble.*

Jesse's Vawters military record has not been located but in the book *Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution Buried in Indiana* by Mrs. Roscoe O'Byrne, Indiana DAR, 1938, page 367, we find Jesse listed. Further research of the Vawters now shows this enlistment to be David Vawter, his brother. Jesse by his own words states he was drafted for 2 months in 1781, probably for militia or guard duty.

Vawter, Jesse, Jefferson County. Born 2 Dec 1755, Virginia.

Service - Enlisted in 1777 in Capt. John Camp's co, 1<sup>st</sup> Virg. Regt., under Col. George Gibson.

Proof- *Virg. Mag. Of History and Biography 1893-1894*, DAR No. 113765,512813,528103.

Died March 20, 1838. Buried Wirt Cemetery. Gov. marker placed by John Paul Chapter DAR.

This is the FORTY-NINTH page of John BLANKENBAKER's series of Short Notes on GERMANNIA History, which were originally posted to the GERMANNIA\_COLONIES Discussion List. Each page contains 25 Notes. Nr. 1225: Addam Painter was in Culpeper Class 92, of which the other members were Lt. Michael Garr, John Wilhoit, John Slaughter, Elisha Yager, Matthias Smith, Andrew Finks, Wm. Bates, Wm. Bates, Jr., Jesse Vawter, Ephraim Klugg, Robert Baxter, and Matthias McDonald. Addam was the selection, and no note to the records indicates that he hired a substitute. So, I would presume he saw service. This would be 1781. There are no Painter, Pender, or Benders in the 1787 tax list.

Jesse and the other Vawter family members developed the area around Vernon and Madison, IN. In the Fall & Summer issues 1987 VVV newsletter some information is found.

In 1790 Jesse moved to KY and settled Woodford Co., where he leased a farm from Mr. Hugh Shannon for five years and joined the Great Crossings Baptist Church at what is now Georgetown, KY. In 1795 he moved to his own farm on the Elkhorn River and joined the Stamping Ground Baptist Church at McConnell's Run. Jesse then moved his 'letter' to the newly formed North Fork Elkhorn Baptist Church on Cooper's Run, now known as Switzer, KY, where he began to preach ca 1800 and was ordained in 1803.

In July 1805 Jesse Vawter with others of KY visited land on Hogan and Laughery Creeks near Aurora, IN but on sending money to the Cincinnati Land Office, learned the tract they wanted had already been sold.

In August 1805, William H. Harrison purchased a large body of Indiana land taking in the counties of Ripley, Jefferson, Scott, Washington, nearly all of Jennings and Jackson and parts of Clark and Floyd.

In December of 1805 Jesse Vawter with six or eight others visited the "New Purchase". Part of the group traveled by land and part by water. Jesse came from KY on the OH River in pirogue (large Indian type canoe) to the present site of Madison, IN.

The group made their headquarters at the eastern edge of Madison. During the day, the group divided into two parties, exploring the adjacent highland and the neighboring lands of Clifty. At night they reported their discoveries.

Jesse Vawter selected the site for his residence on top of the Michigan Hill. He returned home and made arrangements for taking possession. The family moved in Sep 1806 and he called his home "Mt. Glad".

Will Book 1, 1795-1823 Franklin Co., KY p. 28

Charles Holloway will dated Nov 1802 probate 17 Jan 1803. To wife Hannah, dau. Amy Holloway (minor). If dau Amy dies without heirs, her part to my brother George Holloway. Exec. Jesse Vawter and Richard Shipp. Wit: John D. Graves, Hannah Musick and John Bell.

In the KY Register, Jan 1915, page 84. Court Records of Franklin Co., KY. In Feb 1804 the County Court of Franklin Co., granted Jesse Vawter permission to solemnize the "holy rites of matrimony"

Election Held Madison Twp. 1809

(Transcriber's note. This record has been printed by a number of different sources. This is drawn from a copy in the Madison Public Library., Robert W. Scott, March 2000)

Christopher Harrison	John Riker
Daniel Robbins	Paul Froman
Gershom Lee	John Hall
William James	Joshua Jackson
James Vawter	Halsey Tibbals
Ralph Griffin	John Chambers
James Edwards	Jos. Lane [Lame, transcriber query?]
Samuel Ledgerwood	Lewes Blankenship
Joseph Underwood	Henry Ristine
Wm. Vawter	Wm. Hall
Jonathan Lyon	Nath. Wilson
Jesse Vawter	John Vawter

Jesse Vawter's Will written in Indiana

*In the name of God, Amen. I, Jesse Vawter, of Jefferson county and the state of Indiana, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.*

*Item: My will and desire is that whatever may remain of mine at my death shall be equally divided among my children, to wit: John, William, James, Fanny, Polly, Sally, Julia, Achilles and Ann.*

*Item: I appoint and ordain my two sons, John and William, to be the executors of this my last will and testament. Written with my own hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1832, Jesse Vawter*

*Acknowledged in presence of Thos. T. Stribling, M. M. Burns, Elias Stapp.*

*Codicil to what I have already written.*

*1. My will is there shall be no court to prove my will.*

*2. That M. Wise shall receive the same as if his wife were still living.*

3. My will is that those indebted to me shall not be pressed for money under one year, and that without interest.

4. My wish is that my executors shall make ample satisfaction to those of my friends who shall wait on me in my last hour.

Written under an impression that I shall die soon, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1837. Jesse Vawter. Wit: Thomas T. Stribling, M. M. Burns, Elias Stapp. Codicil attested before assigned.

On 4 Apr 1862 the Vernon (IN) *Banner* published an article written by John Vawter who was then living at Morgantown, IN. This is found on page 21 of *The Vawter Family in America* by Bicknell.

On Wednesday, April 2, 1862, all the living children of Jesse Vawter, deceased (it being the birthday of William and James Vawter, each being that day seventy-nine years old), by invitation of these two brothers, met at the house of Williamson D. Vawter, the son of William Vawter, in the town of Vernon, and partook of an excellent dinner prepared by W. D. Vawter and wife. On this occasion the children were John Vawter, in the eighty-first year of his age; Wm. Vawter and Francis, his wife; James Vawter and Sally, his wife; the widow, Sally V. Stribling; Abner Moncreif and Ann V., his wife; the widow, Patsy Vawter, wife of Achilles Vawter, who died after the meeting was agreed to be holden in his own town. The only one of the living adopted children absent was Matthew Wise, who was unable by disease and age to attend. All of these people were among the first white inhabitants in and near where the city of Madison now is, while it was yet a heavy forest. The entire number present now are, and nearly all were at that early day, members of the Baptist denomination.

On coming together, John Vawter after an exchange of salutations and inquiries about absent friends, and recounting old times and hard times, old age and its infirmities, proposed, as a sentiment and as a rule of action for each, this language of the poet: "come, let us anew our journey pursue", etc. All seemed to harmonize in the sentiment and, after singing the hymn twice, we were invited to the dinner-table, and after dinner were invited by Smith Vawter to take tea with him. All parties agreeing to do so, we repaired to his residence and partook of an excellent supper. After this social interview the company separated, perhaps never all to meet in time again. A list of the age of each was made out by W. D. Vawter and the number of children and grandchildren of each. Wm. Vawter and wife have of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, sixty or seventy.

*The Vernon Banner* newspaper, Vernon, IN 16 Apr 1863 concerns the meeting again of the Vawter descendants of Jesse.

"The remaining members of the family of Elder Jesse Vawter, who died Mar 20, 1838, in the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of his age, met many of their relatives and friends, seventy four in number, at the residence of James Vawter, Sen., near North Madison, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April in honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Elder William and James Vawter, twin brothers. The united ages of the only survivors, two brothers and two sisters, amounted to 299 years. Seldom have we ever witnessed a gathering of so many very aged person, among who we will mention the names of our esteemed christian friends, Elder Wm. T. Stott, age 75, Elias Stapp 77, Mathew Wise 74, and A. Moncrief 66 years. There were also present many friends and relatives from Vernon, among who was the widows of Achilas Vawter and Elder John Vawter.

It was indeed good to be there and look upon the faces of those aged ones, who, like the sturdy forest oaks, have weathered the storms of many winters. Truly the scenes witnessed upon that occasion will not soon be erased from memory. We were forcibly impressed with the words of the prophet, "Behold! This day I am going the way of all the earth."

One remarkable circumstance was the meeting of all the children (nine in number) of James Vawter and their wives (one excepted) and children, numbering in all twenty-six, another thing which gave us great pleasure to witness, was the union and good will existing among the family and friends, and we were led to exclaim, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

One thing along cast a shadow o'er the flitting mind, was one who counsels we often had, and whose voice mingled with ours, since last we met one year ago in Vernon, was not with us. His voice (Elder John Vawter) was hushed in death, and another had shortly previous (Achillas Vawter) gone to the spirit land. Two brothers and two sisters of that once large family stood alone, like aged forest trees, reminding us that even the age of an octogenarian is but short, and their words seemed almost like those from the dead. Oh how our hearts beat in love as we remember that perhaps in a few months they too would be slumbering with the silent dead.

And again as we thought of the future our hearts beat with joy when lifes toils are over, we all may meet and have a glorious reunion "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

#### Watts family History:

Larry Wilcox, 913 Franklin Ave., Harahan, LA 70123 has extensive information on Vawter military history: He notes: many mistakes are printed in regards to John Watts Revolutionary War Records. This John Watts is NOT Captain John Watts who died in Bedford Co., VA. Our John Watts however is listed as a patriot. Virginia State Archives, John Watts furnished Beef and supplies for the Continental Army of Virginia. Also, listed DAR Patriot Index Centennial Edition Part III, Washington, 1990. Page 3122. John Watts b. 1722 d. 4 Feb 1796 Will probated 4 Feb 1796 Will Book A page 120 Madison Co., KY. Listed in Henning Statues Vol. 7 pages 207 & 210 in Colonial Wars, John Watts Madison Co., KY.

Watts Lineage taken from: "*Descendants from Early Immigrants Who settled in the Tidewater Counties of Virginia*" By: Charles B. Heinemann 1940 Pages 75 to 77.

Thomas Watts, father of John. Thomas died: 15 March 1749 Culpepper County, Virginia. Will Probated: Culpeper County Will Book A Page 10 Married: Ester Stone b. 1690 d. 25 Jun 1772.

Son, of Thomas Watts - John Watts: Born: 1722 Culpepper County, Virginia Died: 4 February 1796 Madison County, Kentucky

Will Probated: Madison County Court 1796 Married: Sarah Barnett, Daughter John Barnett & Marran Gibbs Middlesex County, Virginia. Sarah Born: 13 Feb 1708 Orange/Middlesex County, Virginia Died: Madison County, Kentucky. Children: 1. Thomas Watts m. (1) Frances Gaines and (2) Drucilla Ham 2. Julius Watts 3. Barnett Watts 4. John Watts 5. Esther Watts m. Richard Sebree 6. Mildred Watts m. (1) Mr. Tomlinson and (2) Mr. Leatherer 7. Elizabeth Watts m. Jesse Vawter 8. Anna Watts m. Merry Milton 9. Agatha Watts m. (1) Benjamin Turner and (2) Levi Brashier 10. Molly/Polly Watts m. Hiram Biggerstaff

*Book A digest of Orange County Will Books 1734-1838.*

*Barnett, John. Will made 1 Apr 1750, no recording date. Exrx. Wife Marran. Exrs. Sons James and Ambrose when of age, Son in law John Watts. Ch: Anne, James, John, Ambrose, Sarah (wife of John Watts). Estate Inv. Articles delivered Julius Christy who married Agatha Barnett, rec. 25 Aug 1757; articles for Henry White and Frances his wife from estate appraised rec. 27 Nov 1766; articles delived James Barnett rec 27 Nov 1766. Estate being given Ambrose Barnett he being married 23 Mar 1769.*

In the *Louisville Herald Post* in the mid 1930's a genealogy column lists many families. Found is the Watts line, no information as to who submitted the genealogy.

Watts - John Watts, who served in the seventh Virginia regiment, Revolutionary War, was born in Orange County, Virginia, about 1730, died in madison County, Kentucky, 1796; married in Orange County, Virginia, prior to 1759, Sarah, daughter of John Barnett, John Watts, in his will, names wife, Sarah, and the following children:

Esther, who married Richard Sebree; Francis who married Josiah Quinn; Sarah, who married Mr. Richardson; Mildred, who married (1) Mr. Tomlinson and (2) Mr. Leathers; Betty, who married Joseph Vawter; Anne, who married (1) Mr. Mervey and (2) Mr. Milton; Agatha, who married (1) Benjamin Turner and (2) Levi Brashear; Mary, who married Hiram Biggerstaff; and Thomas m. (1) Francis Gaines (2) Drucilla Hamm, Julius, and Barnett Watts. Esther Watts and her husband, Richard Sebree, removed to Kentucky, where Richard died (Scott County) in 1835. He was born in Orange County, Virginia, March 29, 1752.

1741 John Watts Appointed to Survey 6000 Acres Land on Stanton River in Orange County, Virginia {Virginia Magazine of History Volume 15, Page 120: Volume 16, Page 156.}

1749 John Watts Executor of Fathers Will {Culpeper County Will Book A Page 10}

1755 John Watts As a Solider in French Indian Wars {Henings Statutes Volume 7, pg. 207 & 210.

21 April 1763 John Watts Deeded Lands in Culpeper County, Virginia. Witness: Benjamine Cave in Culpepper County Order Book 1763 to 1764.

19 November 1763 John Watts Received Lands in Culpeper County, Virginia from his Brother Benjamine Watts {Culpeper County Order Book 1763 to 1764}

19 November 1781 John Watts paid for Beef that he furnished to the Colonial Army.

John Watts Culpeper Tax List:

1782.....200 Acres Land.....2 Slaves

1783.....200 Acres Land....12 Slaves....4 Horses...26 Cattle

1784.....200 Acres Land.....4 Slaves....3 Horses...15 Cattle

1785.....200 Acres Land.....3 Slaves....3 Horses...10 Cattle

1787.....200 Acres Land.....4 Slaves....3 Horses...10 Cattle Same Address Julius Watts

1789.....200 Acres Land.....4 Slaves....3 Horses...10 Cattle Same Address Barnett Watts

14 October 1787 John Watts & Wife Sarah Barnett Deeded 200 Acres of Land in Culpeper County, Virginia to son: Thomas Watts {Culpeper County Deed Book 10 Page 190}.

20 December 1790 John Watts Named in Brother Benjamine Watts Will: Proven December 20, 1790 {Culpeper County Will Book C Pages 394 & 395}.

14 January 1791 John Watts & Wife Sarah Barnett Deeded 200 Acres Land To William Watts & Thomas Watts Witnesses: James Watts, Hoard Watts, Merriam Turner. {Culpeper County Deed Book 7 Page 443}.

*4 February 1796 Will of John Watts Probated: Madison County, Kentucky Will Book A Page 120.  
I John Watts of Madison County, being in perfect sense of mind & Memory and as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with. I give & dispose of the same in manner & form Following:  
I lend to my wife Sarah for & during the time of her continuing my widow and no longer: The track of land whereon I now live, containing 75 acres with all my other estate both real & personal but in case of wife Sarah should marry than I will desire she may have no more of my estate than what the law allows her.  
Item: i will & desire the whole of my estate land, Negros stock & household furniture with all my movable estate be equally divided between my seven daughters, to Wit: Sebree, Frank Quinn, Mildred Tomlinson, Betty Vawter, Anna Merry, Agatha Turner & Molly Watts & their heirs forever, but if in any case my youngest daughter die before she have an heir, lawfully begotten of her body, her part to be equally divided between my other daughters & their heirs that survive.  
I nominate and appoint Jessey Vawter & Richard Sebree & my Wife Sarah as Executors of this my last will & testament. John Watts Witnesses: John Geas with his Mark X, Stephen Eastin.*

Children of Jesse and Elizabeth (Watts) Vawter, many of Jesse's descendants are found in *The Vawter Family in America* by Grace Vawter Bicknell, pub. 1905. The children and grandchildren of this line are very thoroughly researched in that book and are not listed herein:

1. John Vawter b. 8 Jan 1782 Orange (Culpeper) Co., VA d. 17 Aug 1862  
m. (1) 17 Dec 1805 Polly Smith b. 30 Dec 1781 d. 19 Jul 1825  
m. (2) Jane Smith (sister of Polly) d. 4 Oct 1826  
m. (3) Ruth Minton b. Jan 1817 d. 2 Sep 1850 Jennings Co., IN  
m. (4) 17 Oct 1850 Mrs. Martha (nee McGannon) Pearce b. 8 Mar 1822 d. 21 Jan 1892  
National Archives, Seattle Branch, War 1812 Folder Index  
John Vawter, Major in Col. McFarland's Det., Indiana militia.  
1860 US Census Morgan Co., John Vawter age 78 (ca 1782)

John's tombstone in Morgantown, IN, the inscription written by himself:

With all his Titles.  
Here lies the remains of  
ELDER JOHN VAWTER  
Born in old Virginia  
Jan. 8 1782  
Died Aug 17 1862

The effort of his long life as a Christain was to nourish and build up  
The true Christian Church of the Original Apostolic foundation.  
As a statesman he was a progressive Conservative, believing The state  
Legislature held the great material Interest of the body politic in is  
Hands; that the prosperity of the State In education, agriculture, internal  
Improvements, mechanical arts, finance And commerce could be advanced by  
Judicious, or retarded and crypted By unwise Legislation.

Colonel John Vawter John Vawter was born to Jesse and Elizabeth Watts Vawter in Orange County, Virginia in 1782. He lived in Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky before moving to Madison, Indiana with his wife and child in 1807 where he built a house in the woods. He helped his father plant the first corn crop in Jefferson County, Indiana in 1806.

In 1808 he was the first Justice of the Peace in Madison. In 1810 he was the first Sheriff of Jefferson County. In 1813 he was commissioned U.S. Marshall for the Indiana Territory.

In 1815 he began to build the town of Vernon.

From 1817 - 1821 he was a Colonel of militia.

1817 he was solicited and licensed to preach in the Baptist church, as had been his father Jesse, his uncle Philemon Vawter and later his brother William Vawter.

In 1831 he was in the State Legislature lower house, and in 1836 the State Senate.

In 1848 he was Vice-president of the convention that nominated Zachary Taylor for President.

1849, he moved to Morgantown, Indiana. At that time he became the founder and first pastor of the Baptist Church. He gave the lot and bore the expense of construction of the brick church, costing about \$2000.

He died August 17, 1862 and was buried at Old Baptist Cemetery in Morgantown.

(Compiled by T.L. Bowen from Col. Vawter's "Account of John Vawter", April 13, 1850 and from secondary sources.) Morgan County, Indiana History & Genealogy Index

In the "Vawter Family in America" book John Vawter told the story of his coming to Kentucky. It has been included here to better understand the tremendous difficulties of our ancestors.

Quote: I have a recollection of the family moving to Kentucky in 1790 (GJNote: he would have been about 8 years old). My father was thrown from his horse with his rifle into Beaver creek on the first day's travel. We waited at Bean's Station for additional immigrants to meet and increase the safety of the company in their march through the wilderness. They did not come. While at the station we were greatly alarmed one night by some dow-drivers throwing a bundle of cane on the fire. It made a great noise while burning. We decided to move on through few in number. I remember that a raven for several days advanced ahead of us, alighting on the trees and keeping up a continual squawking; of crossing the Clinch River; the turning out of the horses to graze; the men going across the river to fish, that I was swamped in attempting to go to them and came near being drowned; of father's horse, with a leather sack of shop tools on his back, trying a near way to get up a steep bank and falling back with the sack of tools into the valley below.

I remember well seeing many bones of individuals who had been killed by the Indians and their bodies buried so close to the surface that the wolves had dragged them out; of the Indian blinds, behind which they concealed themselves. These were made of bushes stuck in the ground. At the time we saw them the bushes were dry. I remember riding on one of the pack horses and carrying a large basket of provisions for many days to accommodate those who were hungry between meals; also of sister Fanny falling off of the animal on which mother rode; of the horse treading on her leg and bending it so much that, at first, it was thought to be broken, but it proved otherwise.

On the day's travel before reaching Crab Orchard, Uncle Achilles Stapp was so exhausted that he sat down at the root of a tree, determined to remain there alone, saying that if the Indians come, come they must, he could not and would not go any farther. Presently along came Molly Jackson, a cousin to my father, and gave the tired man a bottle of whiskey. He drank, and it so revived him that he traveled on with the rest. That night the most of the company reached Crab Orchard. All except mother lay down as if all danger was over. She armed herself with a small ax and kept watch, but in the morning all was safe. The next day we passed the old Miford Court House. At night we reached Joseph Delaney's where Richmond now is, in Madison County, Kentucky. The next day was rainy. We crossed the Kentucky river. One of the pack horses lay down in the river with Mother's feather beds. We passed through Lexington that same day and arrived, all tired out, at Achilles Stapp's about sundown on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 1790.

Children:

1a. Smith Vawter

Eliza Jane Terrell was born on 15 Jan 1810 in Louisville, KY. She died on 29 Sep 1834. She was married to Smith VAWTER on 21 Apr 1829. Smith VAWTER died in 1881. Col. Smith Vawter represented Jennings County in the State Legislature (Dicken, p.206). Eliza Jane TERRELL and Smith VAWTER had the following children:

John Terrell VAWTER was born on 15 Jun 1830.

Hickman New VAWTER was born on 9 Jul 1832. He died on 9 May 1857.

2a. Emily Vawter

3a. Emma Vawter

Children of John and Ruth Minton Vawter

4a. Marion Vawter b. 30 Nov 1830 Vernon, Jennings Co., IN

5a. John Allan Vawter b. 9 May 1833 Vernon, Jennings Co., IN

6a. Mary Ann Vawter b. 6 Mar 1836 Vernon, Jennings Co., IN

2. William Vawter b. 2 Apr 1783 in Holston Country, near where NC, East TN and VA now join. He was the twin of James, d. 17 Jul 1868, aged 85 y 3m and 15d. at North Vernon, Jennings Co., IN m. Frances Vawter b. 11 Aug 1787 and d. 26 Oct 1869. Both are buried at the Vawter cemetery, 3.5 m from North Vernon, IN. Frances parents were Philemon and Anna, brother of Jesse, who also are buried in the Vawter cemetery.

Children:

1b. Maria Vawter m. 16 Dec 1826 to Maxa Moncrief Burns. Maxa Moncrief Burns remarried after the death of Maria, probably sometime in 1849. His wife gave birth to a son in May/June 1850. William Vawter, father of Maria Vawter Burns, made this note on 1 July 1850: "Maxa Burns wife has a son about a month old this July the 1st, 1850." Maxa Burns died 17 March 1890 in Indianapolis.

Children: Jesse V Burns, James Burns, William V. Burns, Harrison Burns, Livingston Burns, David V. Burns, Mary F. Burns, Elizabeth Burns, and Sarah Burns.

M. M. Burns was a witness to the will of Jesse Vawter in Indiana

*Item: My will and desire is that whatever may remain of mine at my death shall be equally divided among my children, to wit: John, William, James, Fanny, Polly, Sally, Julia, Achilles and Ann.*

*Item: I appoint and ordain my two sons, John and William, to be the executors of this my last will and testament. Written with my own hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1832, Jesse Vawter*

*Acknowledged in presence of Thos. T. Stribling, M. M. Burns, Elias Stapp.*

2b. Elizabeth Vawter

3b. John Taylor Vawter

4b. Williamson D. Vawter

5b. Jesse Vawter

6b. James Vawer

7b. Frances Vawter

8b. Achilles Vawter

9b. Mary L. Vawter

10b. Philemon Vawter

P.C. VAWTER Posted by Adina Dyer on Sun, 02 Apr 2000

Biographical Record and Portrait Album of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, pp. 416-417.

Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, Illinois, 1888.

*P. C. VAWTER, city civil engineer, of Lafayette, is a native of Indiana, born in Jennings County, November 7, 1830. His parents, WILLIAM and FRANCES VAWTER, were natives of Virginia, and when children were taken to Kentucky, where they were reared. In 1806 they emigrated to Jefferson County, Indiana, where in 1809 they were married, and in 1829 they removed to Jennings County. Settling in the Territory as they did ten years before the organization of the State government, they passed through many of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. The surrounding country was at that time but a wilderness, and Indians were numerous. The father was a farmer by occupation, and also a Baptist preacher. He was a captain of militia in his earlier days. He died in 1868, at an advanced age, his widow surviving until 1870.*

*P. C. VAWTER, whose name heads this sketch, was reared in Jennings County, remaining there until twenty-five years of age. He received good educational advantages in his youth, attending Franklin College four or five years, from which institution he graduated with honors in 1855. He came to Lafayette the same year and began teaching in the public schools, remaining here until 1858, when he returned to Jennings County. In 1863 he again left Jennings County and returned to Lafayette where he has since resided. He was united in marriage to MISS SYLVIA HUNTER in 1858, and they are the parents of two sons, named EVERETT B. and WILLIAM H.*

*MR. VAWTER has spent most of his years in surveying and civil engineering, and for seventeen years held the office of county surveyor. He was appointed city civil engineer in 1884, which office he has since filled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.*



3. James Vawter (twin of William) b. 2 Apr 1783 near Holston river in NC now East TN d. 25 Oct 1873 North Madison, IN m. Boone Co., KY marriage record shows James Vawter m. Sally Watts 21 Oct 1816. Her name was Sarah "Sally" Barnett Watts (first cousin) daughter of Judge John and Sarah (Sebree) Watts. Sarah b. 26 Oct 1796 d. 1879, in the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of her age at the residence of her son Milton. Source: *Sebree Studies, Lineage of Charles Jenkins Sebree and Collateral Lines Traced to Colonial Virginia* by Willa I. Guss, 1984. (Note: a sister of Sarah Watts, Frances Ann Watts married Jesse Vawter, son of Philemon Vawter)

The Vernon Banner newspaper, Vernon, IN 29 Oct 1873. *Another Pioneer Gone*  
*Despatches to friends in Vernon, convey the mournful tidings of the death of Mr. James Vawter, of Pressburg, Jefferson County, last Saturday afternoon at 3 ½ o'clock. Deceased was the twin brother of Elder William Vawter who died in this county in July 1868. He was born near Holston river, North Carolina, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1783, and was consequently in the 91<sup>st</sup> year of his age. He removed with his father, from North Carolina to Kentucky, and thence, in the Spring of 1806, to Indiana - the father, Jesse Vawter, settling what is now known as the Weyer farm, at the top of the hill on Michigan road, to which he gave the euphonic title of "Mount Glad".*

*James settled Mount Pleasant (now North Madison) and subsequently, his present farm at Pressburg, upon which he continued to reside up to the time of his final departure from earth; and as he was a consistent professor of religion - an exemplary member of the Baptist Church - doubtless is now an inhabitant of brighter realms above, "Where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest".*

Children:

- 1c. John Watts Vawter
- 2c. Jesse Holman Vawter
- 3c. Frances Vawter
- 4c. Johnson Vawter
- 5c. Willaim C. Vawter
- 6c. Milton S. Vawter
- 7c. James S. Vawter
- 8c. Newton W. Vawter
- 9c. Fanny S. Vawter
- 10c. Susan E. Vawter
- 11c. Thomas S. Vawter

4. Frances Vawter b. 26 Feb 1785 VA or NC d. 8 Sep 1853 Elizabethtown, IN m. John Branham b. 27 Feb 1777 d. 20 Mar 1834. John Branham was the brother of Linsfield Branham who married Frances Vawter's sister Mary.

KY Reg. Edition May 1914 p 71 Marriage Bonds of Franklin Co., KY

1801 Jun 20. John Branham and Fanny Vawter, surety John Vawter, consent of Jesse and Elizabeth Vawter parents of Fanny Vawter.

4a. Uriah Branham b. 1 Feb 1805 d. 7 Sep 1865 m. 28 Dec 1826 to Alcey Davis b. 22 Sept 1807. Their daughter Elizabeth Branham b. 25 Aug 1829 d. 5 Dec 1891 m. Florence O'Conner b. 24 Feb 185 d. 2 Sep 1899, buried Ripley, Jennings, Co., IN

5. Mary Vawter b. 17 May 1787 VA or NC d. 12 May 1846 m. 11 Jun 1807 to Linsfield Branham b. 21 Mar 1784 d. 10 Sep 1825. Mary and her sister Frances married brothers John and Linsfield.

KY Reg. Jan 1915 p.85. Marriage Bonds of Franklin Co., KY

1807 June 4, Lindefield Branham & Polly Vawter surety Thos Stribbling

5a. Julia Ann Branham b. 2 Jul 1809 d. 11 Sep 1882 IN m. 21 Mar 1830 Jefferson Co., IN to Henry Webb b. 1792 d. 2 Nov 1868 Elizabethtown, IN. Source: Scott Webb email [swebb@ti.com](mailto:swebb@ti.com). Children: 1) Jesse (1/9/1831 - 11/2/1862) 2) Ruth 3) Mary 4) Howard 5) Benjamin 6) William 7) Mary??

6. Sarah Vawter b. 1 Jun 1789 d. 29 Jul 1871 m. 1 Dec 1806 to Thomas T. Stribling, the son of Benjamin and Ann (Tibbetts) Stribling. Thomas b. 4 Dec 1784 d. 21 Mar 1857 at his home at Honey Point, 5 m. from the mouth of Duck river, TN.

KY Reg. Jan 1915 p. 84 Marriage Bonds of Franklin Co., KY

1806 Nov 28 Thos. Stribling & Sally Vawter, surety John Vawter, consent of Jesse Vawter, father of Sally Vawter.

Claudia Tillman, PO Box 1151 Silverdale, WA 9838 states the wife of Benjamin was Ann Vawters not Ann Tibbetts, no proof is shown either way.

In the book "*Some Virginia Families*" by McAlhany (year unknown) p35. There was a Benjamin Stribling, who with his wife Ann Vawters had several children (Thomas T., George, Wilis and others) moved from Fauquier Co., VA to Scott Co., KY about 1775 and who has left numerous descendants in TN, IN and other states. This Benjamin and the last mentioned William were evidently brothers and perhaps sons of Francis or Benjamin Stribling, sons of the original Thomas Stribling.

Zeralda Emerine Dehoney m. 27 Nov 1834 to Pleasant Stribling b. 5 May 1811. Pleasant Stribling the son of Thomas Stribling and Sarah Vawter. Zeralda Dehoney the dau. of Willis Dehoney and Lydia Gatewood. Zeralda's dau. Emerine married Allen T. Corbett of Davison Co., TN.

7. Julia Vawter b. 20 Nov 1791 KY d. 10 May 1834 m. 16 Feb 1815 Jefferson Co., IN to Matthew Wise b. 28 May 1788 d. 1874. Mark Danielson email medaniel135 @ msn.com has added additional information on this family, only Elizabeth is mentioned in the book VVV Family in America.

7a. Copeland A. Wise b. 28 Mar 1816 (likely Jefferson Co., IN) d. 8 Aug 1892 Jefferson Co., IN bur. At Fairmount Cemetery, Madison, IN. m. Hulda Jane Hall. Ran a stock trading business in Louisville, KY. One known child Jennie Wise m. 17 Mar 1860 in Cleveland, OH to Charles E. Hunter. Jennie d. 29 Jan 1939, Cleveland, OH

7b. Elizabeth V. Wise, b. Sept. 15, 1818 in Madison, IN d. 6 Apr 1888 Jefferson Co., IN m. 5 Feb 1839 to Charles M. Rodgers b. 22 Dec 1814 PA d. 5 Jan 1852 Jefferson Co., IN. Six children were born. Elizabeth is buried beside daughter Alice and husband Charles at the family plot outside Wirt, IN (The Rodgers-Fox Farm Cemetery transcribed on Jefferson County INGenWeb site)

7c. Prudence Wise b. 7 Feb 1826 d. 17 July 1892, buried at Fairmount Cemetery, Madison, IN

7d. Mary/Patsy Wise b. ca 1825 m. 13 Oct 1850 to William Kessick Jefferson Co., IN

8. Achilles Vawter b. 21 Feb 1794 KY d. 18 Mar 1862 Vernon, IN m. 14 Aug 1814 to Martha Smith b. 13 Apr 1798.

National Archives, Seattle Branch, War 1812 Folder Index

Achilles Vawter, 8<sup>th</sup> reg. (April -June 1812) Indiana militia, Private.

From State Library of In, executive proceedings under the government of the State of Indiana.

28 Jan 1817 Achilles Vawter commd to sheriff of Jennings Co

24 Feb 1817 John Vawter commd clerk and recorder for Jennings Co

10 Sep 1817 a writ of election issue directed to the sheriff of Jennings for clerk and recorder.

John Vawter had resigned these offices. Since 1813 had held the Federal office of Marshall of Indiana, his reappointment was recommended by the President 4 Mar 1817 and approved the next day

9 Sep 1817 Morris Baker connd sheriff for Jennings succeeding Achilles vawter who resigned 5 Jun 1817

3 Nov 1817 Vic John Vawter resigned

1 Aug 1818 John Vawter commd Colonel 21 Regiment

27 Nov 1818 John Vawter commd Trustee of public seminary for Jennings Co

25 Dec 1818 Achilles Vawter commd JP for Jenning Co

30 July 1823 John Burns commd to JP Jennings Co succeeded Achilles Vawter resigned

11 Oct 1824 Bolar Vawter commd JP County of Jackson

22 July 1824 Achilles Vawter appointed sheriff of Jennings

10 Oct 1824 Achilles Vater JP Jennings Co.

12 Aug 1834 Smith Vawter commd Sheriff of 2 years from 4<sup>th</sup> inst.

18 Dec 1831 Patrick Hudson commd JP Hudson was elected vice Achilles Vawter resigned  
8 Aug 1835 Achilles Vawter Jennings Co. probate Judge

8a. Julia Vawter b. 4 Feb 1817 d. Vernon, IN m. Mr. Bramwell, had several children all of whom died in Vernon, IN. Mr. Bramwell left for Oregon.

8b. Polly Ann Vawter b. 22 Jan 1819 m. Mr. Thrallkill. Both d. soon after marriage left no children.

8c. William Jennings Vawter b. 3 Nov 1820 d. 9 May 1846 unmarried

8d. David G. Vawter b. 1824 d. 24 May 1884 IN m. 1854 to Eliza M. Todd. One daughter Carrie Vawter b. 1856

Johnson County Courthouse, IN. Box 18. 3 Mar 1870, David G. Vawter, guardian of Edgar A. Vawter and Lillian Vawter, heirs of James H. Vawter and signed and witnessed by David G. Vawter and John S. Vawter.

Edgar age 12 in May of 1869, born 1857

Lillian age 9 in 2 Jun 1870, born 1861.

Amount of legacy situated in Minnesota Co., Missouri, valued at \$1500.

8e. Henry Vawter b. 22 Aug 1826 d. 3 Feb 1892 m. (1) 17 Apr 1848 to Jane Leach and m. (2) 12 Sep 1876 to Mrs. Mary Nodler d. Jan 1898.

8f. James Vawter m. (1) Eliza Goodhue m. (2) Nancy Johnson  
Ripley Co., Indiana Original Land Purchases  
James Vawter page 23 Book 1- 22 Aug 1818

James Vawter is noted as a taxpayer in Clark Co., IN later became Jefferson Co., IN (no date). Also in the same place and time is Jesse Vawter and John Vawter.

8g. Catherine Vawter b. 17 Nov 1828 Vernon, IN d. 11 Nov 1878 m. 22 Mar 1843 to Hiram Read b. 14 Feb 1824 Jennings Co., IN d. 20 Apr 1900 IN

8h. Jane Vawter d. single

9. Ann Vawter b. 27 Sep 1797 in Franklin Co., KY d. 8 Apr 1887 at the home of her dau. Mrs. Amsden, in Jefferson Co., IN m. 27 Jan 1820 to Abner Moncrief b. 23 Aug 1797 Nicholas Co., KY. d. 28 Jun 1873 Pressburg, IN.

### **Philemon Vawter<sup>4</sup>, (David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>)**

Philemon Vawter, son of David Vawter and Mary Offill/Offott was b. 16 Oct 1762 Culpeper Co., VA d. 15 Apr 1814 buried Madison, IN. Later his body was removed to the Vawter-Summerfield cemetery, Jennings Co., IN. This cemetery is located near the home of William Vawter, about three miles from Vernon, IN. The inscription reads *15 Apr 1814 aged 52 y 6m 15d. In early life he made a profession of the religion of Jesus Christ and adorned that profession during life. He left a widow 5 sons and 4 daughters with many other relations and acquaintances to mourn his loss.*

He was m. ca 1779 to (first cousin) Anne (Anna) Vawter dau/of Richard & Frances (Towles) Vawter. Richard was the brother of David Vawter. Anne was b. 14 Nov 1758 d. 21 Jul 1845 and is bur. Vawter-Summerfield Cem. near North Vernon, IN.

Soon after their marriage they migrated to KY near Woodford Co. In 1795, they located to the banks of the Ohio river in Boone Co., KY, then to Trimble Co. opposite Madison, IN. They moved to IN in 1808. Philemon was a farmer, chair maker, maker of spinning wheels and a Baptist minister.

After the death of Philemon, Anne moved to her daughter Frances home. On a visit on 2 Jun 1839 to a friends home she fell down a cellar and was badly injured. During the recovery of this fall, she fell again and broke her hip. She was bedridden for the next six years until her death. In order to return to her daughter Nancy Lewis's house, the family devised a wagon with springs in the back bed with a bed on top to transport her to the train. After leaving the train another wagon with switches piled high with a bed on top was sent to take her home. A granddaughter, Frances (Vawter) King cared for her during her final years.

A thorough history of Philemon and Anne are found in *The Vawter Family in America* by Grace Vawter Bicknell, pub. 1905, Hollenbeck Press, Indianapolis. The early Vawters have many errors but the history of Philemon is very complete. The majority of information is taken from the book on this family line.

Children of Philemon and Anne (Vawter) Vawter:

1. Richard Vawter b. 19 Sep 1780 prob. Culpeper Co., VA m. 25 Jul 1802 to Sarah Snelling of Fredericksburg, VA b. 22 Jun 1781 d. ca 1851. Richard Vawter was thrown from his buggy by a frightened horse and fell over a ledge of rocks on Main street, Lexington, KY, in 1847 and died a few days later. In the records of Fayette Co., KY it appears that Richard Vawter of Scott Co., KY bought a lot in Lexington, KY on Water street in 1814, another in 1820 and another in 1821. In 1858 John B. Payne, commissioner of Fayette Co., sold a tract of land on Water street in Lexington to settle the estate of Richard Vawter.

Scott Co., KY Census 1810 Microfilm # M252-8 Enumerator John T. Johnson  
185a # 7 VAWTER Richard

Book- *KY Obituaries 1786-1854 From the Lexington Report of Nov. 28.*  
*Richard Vawter d. Nov 26, 1841 at an advanced age.*

This could be 1847 and printed wrong in the book, the Vawter book by Bicknell indicates public records are found until 1846. Most likely this is the same Richard and 1847 is correct, but original records would need to be checked.

Children of Richard and Sarah (Snelling) Vawter:

- a. Jesse Vawter b. 1 May 1803 died young
- b. Anne/Anna Vawter b. 1 May 1804 m. 13 May 1833 Fayette Co., KY to James Smith, a widower with 2 sons. She had 2 daughters by James. (mar. rec. Fayette Co., KY)
- c. Nancy Vawter b. 10 Mar 1806 Woodford or Fayette Co., KY d. 10 Oct 1838. m. 18 May 1826 John W. Smith. Marriage record of Fayette Co., KY.

d. John S. Vawter b. 24 May 1808 Lexington, KY d. 20 Jan 1843 Bartholomew Co., IN m. Emily Coopridner. He was a Christian minister. He lived at Thornton and Indianapolis, IN and died of consumption. One known daughter Esther Ann Vawter.

e. Elizabeth Vawter b. 10 Sep 1810 Lexington, KY d. 6 Apr 1867 Lexington, KY m. 1 May 1828 Lexington to Edward Harris b. 25 Mar 1807 NY d. 4 Apr 1883 Danville, KY.

f. Frances Alpha Vawter b. 13 Feb 1813 d. 16 Aug 1835 KY m. 30 Oct 1831 Fayette Co., KY (mar. rec. of Fayette Co.) to Joseph Mosley of Manchester England. After her death the daughter Annie b. Apr 1833 lived with Grandparents. Joseph Mosley, who was much older than Frances, went to South America and d. in 1845.

g. Melita Vawter b. 16 Apr 1815 Lexington, KY d. 25 Apr 1844 (in childbirth) Lexington, KY m. 2 Aug 1832 to Sanford McDaniels. One child, James McDaniels. Sanford left and went to IL. Melita's niece Annie Moseley writes in 1928 "I have often heard grandmother speak of her and what a beautiful woman she was. Her father named her for the island on which the Apostle Paul was cast. She lived next to grandfather's home."

h. Jannette Vawter b. 13 Jun 1818 Lexington, KY d. ca 1833

i. Amanda Vawter b. 8 Aug 1820 Lexington, KY d. 25 Oct 1842 m. George W. Vaughn on 15 July 1837. Marriage record Fayette Co., KY states: father Richard. Children Amanda Frances Vaughn who lived with grandparents and Richard Vawter Vaughn m. 8 Aug 1893 to Hanna Kipfer.

j. Milton Vawter b. 20 Apr 1822 Lexington, KY.

2. Elliot Vawter b. 5 Jul 1782 Culpeper Co., VA d. 28 Mar 1863 Graves Co., KY m. 11 Oct 1804 Todd Co., VA to Anna Gray b. 3 Apr 1783 Nelson Co., KY d. 26 Jul 1856 Todd Co., KY. He was a farmer on Spring Creek, Todd Co., KY. Smaxwell@doitnow.com sends the parents of Anna, Drakeford Gray and Jemima Gladden

1840 Todd Co., KY, tax poll

Vawter, Elliott, 107 ½ Todd, Spring Creek, 1070

1850 Census Todd Co., KY, pg 218a, family # 219

Elliot Vawter age 68 b. VA M. Farmer land Value \$1100

Ann Vawter age 67 b. KY

Lucinda Vawter age 33 b. KY

John Holms age 33 b. KY Farmer

Harry Holms age 4 b. KY

Charles Holms age 3 b. KY

Nancy Holms age 4/12 b. KY

James Carver age 13 b. KY

a. Frances Vawter b. 26 Jul 1805 Gallatin Co., KY, died young,

b. Presley G. Vawter b. 21 Jun 1807 Gallatin Co., KY d. 28 Jan 1889 McCune, KS

m. (1) 4 Oct 1831 Todd Co., KY to Elenor Floyd b. 11 Nov 1812 d. 4 Jun 1844. Resided in Bond Co., IL from ca 1840 -ca 1860. Children: Elizabeth A. Vawter (Bond Co., IL mar. record Book A p.1817 20 Dec 1853 to Jefferson Fruit), Nancy E. Vawter, John E. Vawter.

m. (2) 11 Apr 1849 to Margaret Y. McAdams b. 8 Mar 1818 d. 4 Jun 1863. Children: Ophelia G. Vawter, Charles A. Vawter and Margaret Luella Vawter.

m. (3) 2 Mar 1864 to Sarah E. Hamilton b. 14 Oct 1831 TN Children: Philip S. Vawter, Sarah Belle Vawter, Presley G. Vawter and William W. Vawter.

*History of Bond & Montgomery Counties IL 1882*, transcribed by Norman Hass p. 14 Greenville precinct. Charles W. Floyd, farmer native of Todd Co., KY b. 1822 res. of KY until 1833 then moved to Bond Co., IL, wife Betsy Johnson, native of IL. Ten children, inc. Ella who married P. G. Vowter. Charles Floyd d. 1846, wife Betsy d. 1877. He served War of 1812.

c. Jephtha Dudley Vawter b. 18 Jul 1809 Todd Co., KY d. 13 Oct 1894 Topeka, KS

m. (1) 14 Jun 1832 to Sarah Modised Foster b. 9 Jun 1815 d. 18 Dec 1883 Shawnee, KS.

Children: John Washington Vawter, Benjamin Franklin Vawter b. 10 Feb, 1835 married 29 September 1856 Mary E. Bright. (dau. Bethena b. 16 Dec 1857 m. Joseph Robinson, Auburn, KS. Child: Arthur, Earl, and Leonard), Mary Ann Vawter, Henry Clar Vawter, Lucinda Caroline

Vawter, Louise Ellen Vawter, Nancy Tandy Vawter, Martha Celestia Vawter, James Elliott Vawter, Sarah Jane Vawter, Harriet Elizabeth Vawter, Sabrina Katherine Vawter and William Jephtha Vawter.

1840 Todd Co., KY, tax poll  
Vawter, J. D. 118, Todd, Spring Creek, 1180

m. (2) 25 Jul 1884 to Louisa K. Miller b. 13 Dec 1850 Absecon, NY. One child: Clarence Dudley Vawter. Louisa m. (2) to Mr. Mills in Topeka, KS

d. Dudley Vawter b. 18 May 1812 Todd Co., KY. young  
e. Sabrina Vawter b. 9 Jan 1815 Todd Co., KY d. 18 Aug 1881 m. Jun 1830 to Lewis Tutt b. 1804 Halifax, VA d. 4 Mar 1874. Son of James Lewis F. Tutt and Lucy Finks.

Children: Charles L. Tutt, George Washinton Tutt, John Presley Tutt, David Vawter Tutt, James Elliott Tutt, Sarah Catherine Tutt, Henry Day Tutt, Lucy Annie Virginia Tutt, Mary Ellen Tutt, Benjamin F. Tutt, Meredith D. Tutt, Wyatt Tutt, Thomas Tutt, Jephtha Tutt and Jephtha and Jesse (twins) Tutt.

f. Lucinda Vawter b. 28 Jul 1817 Todd Co., KY d. 28 Nov 1884 Grave Co., KY m. after 1850 KY to John W. Holmes b. 27 Dec 1818 Maysville, KY d. 7 May 1894 Grave Co., KY. John m. (1) 1 Jan 1843 Todd Co., KY to unknown female.

Children of John Holmes and first wife: John Elliott Holmes, Henry Clay Holmes, Charles Holmes and Nancy Katherine Holmes b. 10 Nov 1849. (birth date sent by Becky Dunn Byars email [famhnr@stc.net](mailto:famhnr@stc.net))

Children of John and Lucinda are Jephtha Burnley Holmes, Presley Dudley Holmes, Lucinda Caroline Holmes and George W. Holmes.

1850 Census Todd Co., KY, pg 218a, family # 219  
Elliot Vawter age 68 b. VA M. Farmer land Value \$1100  
Ann Vawter age 67 b. KY  
Lucinda Vawter age 33 b. KY  
John Holms age 33 b. KY Farmer  
Harry Holms age 4 b. KY  
Charles Holms age 3 b. KY  
Nancy Holms age 4/12 b. KY  
James Carver age 13 b. KY (unknown family connection)

g. John Grey Vawter b. 1819 Todd Co., KY d. 9 May 1877 m. 6 Feb 1851 to Elizabeth Stewart b. 31 May 1825 Edinburg, Scotland. Children: Cornelius Lansing Vawter, Jane Vawter, Alexander Stewart Vawter and Elliott Gray (twins) Vawter, John Gray Vawter, Jr., Anna Elizabeth Vawter and Benjamin Stewart Vawter.

h. Catherine Vawter b. 31 May 1822 Todd Co., KY d. 27 Oct 1900 Guthrie, KY m. 3 Nov 1841 Bond Co., IL to Spottswood K. Smith b. 14 Dec 1800 d. 9 Oct 1894. Children: Eliza B. Smith, Martha A. Smith, John V. Smith, Burnley Duke Smith, Spottswood G. Smith, L. E. Smith, and Mollie W. Smith. (Bond Co. IL BK A p. 141 mar. record)

i. Nancy Vawter b. 10 Aug 1825 Todd Co., KY d. 28 Jun 1899 Pleasant Plain, IA m. 21 Sep 1847 to James Gatlin b. 5 Aug 1817 d. 22 Jul 1897. James Gatlin m. (1) to Virginia Smith and had children: Eliza J. Gatlin, Francis Marion Gatlin. Nancy Vawter and James Gatlin had children: Virginia A. Gatlin, Sarah S. Gatlin, Kate L. Gatlin, Nancy Elliott Gatlin, Sina E. Gatlin, Jephtha D. Gatlin, Margaret M. Gatlin, Mary C. Gatlin and Emma J. Gatlin.

Marriage records of Tazewell Co., IL

James Gatlin and Virginia Ann Smith, 11 Oct 1842, Tazewell County, Illinois

James Gatlin and Nancy Vawter, 21 Sep 1847, Tazewell County, Illinois

The biographical sketch of James Gatlin in Portrait and Biographical Album of Jefferson and Van Buren Counties, Iowa says that James and Nancy were married in Kentucky but that is incorrect.

3. Frances Vawter b. 11 Aug 1787 d. 26 Oct 1869 Bur. Vawter-Summerfield Cem., Jennings Co., IN m. 7 Jan 1809 Gallatin Co., KY, first cousin, William Vawter b. 2 Apr 1783 Holston River area, NC d. 17 Jul 1868 Jennings Co., IN. Marriage Record of Gallatin Co., KY shows Willaim Vawter and Franky Wavter 7 Jan 1809. William was the son of Jesse Vawter. *The Vernon Banner*, Vernon IN 28 Oct 1869, Thursday. "Died - On the 25 inst., Mrs. Frances Vawter, generally known as 'Aunt Frankey', at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Frances King - age 82 years. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Thomas Hill, on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> inst."

In the *Hoosier Journal of Ancestry*, Jefferson Co., IN Deed Records: Kendall, Yelly & Amy of Gallatin C. KY to William Vawter of Jefferson Co. (20) 29 Aug 1813. 55 acres on Crooked Creek part of 34-4-10.

Children: Maria, Elizabeth, John T., Williamson, Jesse, James, Frances, Mary and Philemon Vawter. (see William4 file)

4. Nancy Ann Vawter b. ca 1793 d. 2 Apr 1855 m. 22 Jun 1815 Jefferson Co., IN to Alexander Lewis. Children David Vawter Lewis b. 9 Nov 1816 Jennings Co., IN d. 1898 Barnard, KS., Anna Lewis, Charles Lewis, and Martha Lewis.

5. Jesse Vawter b. 16 Aug 1784 Holston river near where three states, VA, NC and TN now join. d. ca 1832 Oldham Co., KY m. 29 Jan 1807 Franklin Co., KY to Frances Ann Watts. They lived in Oldham Co., KY. Marriage Record: found in the *KY Registor State Historical Society* publication Jan 1915 p. 85. 1807 Jesse Vawter & Fanny Watts consent John Watts father, Bondsman D. T. Elliston, Franklin Co., KY.

KY Historical Registor Vol. 18 (pub. 1920) p. 59, 1810 census Versailles, Woodford Co., KY, Jesse Vawter 4 in family.

1830 Census Index, Oldham Co Ky, Jesse Vawter pg. 289

There is also a marriage license found Franklin Co., KY for Jesse Vawter and (unknown) 1 Feb 1804. Jesse may have had a first wife who died.

Children:

a. David Jamieson Vawter b. 29 Jun 1809 KY d. 9 Jun 1893 Arkansas City, KS  
Geneological Abstracts Revolutionary War Scrip Act 1852, by Margie G. Brown, pr. Anundsen Publishing Co., Decorah, IA. p. 213  
" Application: 841,902 WILLIAM WHITE Captain, Continental Line  
Louisa Co, VA Court 12 Oct. 1824, 18 Sep 1824, 4 Sep 1824 Trimble Co, KY Court 10 Mar 1849 Green Co, Ky Court 1855.

[sister and heir of veteran] 8. Nancy(2) White d. bef 1849 m Thomas Higgason, Trimble Co, KY.  
Issue:

2. Malinda Ann(3) Higgason b 1811 d bef 1849 m David J. Vawter b 1811 d bef 1850  
Issue:

1. William(4) Vawter  
2. Mary(4) R. Vawter "

(GJNote: some of these dates are in error from additional research now found)

Louella McDonald Bernhardt E-Mail hermlou@worldnet.att.net sent this: Nancy Ann White born in abt 1765 in Va. married Thomas Higgason in Louisa Co., Va on September 11, 1786 died in Shelby Co Ky. Their children were  
Pally Higgason m Ebenezer Depuy  
Melissa Ann Higgason m DJ Vawter  
Suprey Higgason m Lucy Sandidge  
Thomas C Higgason  
William B Higgason m Sarah Ann

1830 CENSUS RECORD - Oldham Co, KY (Note: the transcriber does not show the ages on this census)

40 263 Matthews William 221 11 1

40 263 Vaulers David 1 1 1

1830 Census Index

Vawter, Jesse, Oldham Co., KY West port page 289

1840 Census Index

Vawter, D. J., Henry Co., KY W. Division page 295

1850 Trimble Co., KY Census family #181

David J. Vaughters age 39 woolcarder b. KY

Alphins (Alpheus) age 10 male b. KY

Thomas Townsend age 18 woolcarder b. KY

1860 Census Index

Vawter, D. J. Trimble Co., KY, Milton page 319

Vawter, John T., Trimble Co., KY, Bedford page 246

m. (1) 27 Mar 1828 Shelby Co., KY to Malinda Ann Higgason (this name is also seen as Ann Hickinson) There is a marriage record of Shelby Co., KY for D. J. Vawter m. M. A. Higgason 27 Mar 1828.

1a. Mary R. Vawter b. ca 1829-30

2a. William Vawter b. 11 Jun 1831 Oldham Co., KY

m. (2) 3 Jun 1836 to Elizabeth Ann Waters b. Henry Co., KY d. 1848 (mar. record Henry Co. KY)

3a. Julia A. Vawter b. 2 Dec 1838 Campbellsberg, KY m. 1857 Carroll Co., KY to Thomas H. Riggs b. 1 Aug 1836 Wilmington, Dearborn Co., IN. Marriage records book 2 page 45, Carroll Co., KY records of 1838-1920.

1900 Jefferson Co., (Louisville) Census shows Thomas (a cooper) & Julia RIGGS living at 2308 Fourth St, with three of their children, George(worked in distillery), Arline (stenographer) & Emmet (railroad worker) RIGGS and two of their grandchildren, Charles Edmond & his sister, Viola Riggs.

4a. Alpheus Vawter a soldier in Confederate under Gen. Jno. H. Morgan killed at Mt. Sterling, KY.

5a. Jesse Vawter died young,

6a. John Wesley Vawter b. 10 Mar 1844

7a. Jamieson Waters Vawter d. infancy

m. (3) 30 Oct 1850 KY to Susan Berilla Conner b. 19 Mar 1834 Trimble Co., KY d. 16 Jan 1922 Alhembia, CA . Parents of Susan Berilla Conner are Terrence Conner and Susan King.

8a. Virginia Vawter b. 17 Mar 1853

9a. Jamieson Vawter b. 18 Sep 1856

10a. Milton Beauregard Vawter b. 8 Sep 1858

11a. Jefferson Davis Vawter b. 10 May 1861 (had son Richard Vawter).

b. John F. Vawter m. 25 May 1840 Mary E. Nichols . John lived in Milton, KY. Marriage record of Henry Co., KY shows Mary E. Nicholas. Children John Vawter, Wallace Vawter, Mary Vawter, Fanny Vawter, Harriet Vawter, Milly Vawter and Drucilla Vawter.

Henry County, KY - Newspapers: Carrollton Democrat, Miscellaneous, November 14, 1885  
Page 5 Column 2 John Vawter Killed Lucian Evans.

On Tuesday, at Turners Station Lucian Evans was shot and killed by John Vawter. Of course, Evans was a bad man, in a certain sense, but he has a large number of influential friends, embracing some of the best citizens of the county. It will be remembered that when they had a difficulty over a year ago



these same friends were severe against Vawter, asserting that he was the worst man of the two. Evans was harmless when sober. Vawter has many friends. The only particulars we have of the killing is the following dispatch to the to the Courier-Journal of Friday:

"News reached this place by telephone this morning that a shooting affair had taken place at Turner's Station, in Henry County, in which Lucian Evans was shot and instantly killed by John Vawter. A little over a year ago Evans and Vawter had a difficulty at a hotel at Turner's Station, in which Vawter was cut and shot by Evans, who was afterward tried in Circuit Court and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year. Evans at that time made a threat that he would kill John Vawter as soon as his term expired. He was released only a short time since, and when he met Vawter, who was accompanied by his little child, he (Evans) drew his revolver and fired two shots at Vawter without effect. Whereupon Vawter drew his revolver and fired, and the ball taking effect in the region of Evans' heart, killing him instantly. No examining trial has been held as yet. November 24, 1885, Page 1 Column 2 After the shooting of Lucien Evans last week J. W. Vawter surrendered at once to the officers. His examining trial was held Saturday, and as the killing was clearly in self-defense he was acquitted.

c. William H. Vawter m. Mary Ravenell of Bedford, KY. Children Alexander Vawter, Prospey Vawter, Absalom Vawter, Mary Vawter, Annie Vawter, Carrie Vawter and Jessie Vawter.

1850 Trimble Co., KY Census

W. Vaughter age 27 woolcarder b. KY

Mary age 23 b. KY

Alex age 3 b. KY

Henry age 9 months b. KY

The three oldest brothers operated during the Civil War as found in The Papers of Court Judge 1862 Trimble County, Kentucky by William Chacellor Morgan  
William H. Vawter, owner of a Carding machine Business in Bedford, KY  
D. J. Vawter, owner of a Carding Machine Business in Milton, KY  
John F. Varoter, owner of a Carding Marchine Business in Palmyra, KY

d. Absalom G. Vawter b. ca 1813 d. bet. 1850-1860 KY lived in Bardstown, KY m. 12 Sep 1833 to Ann Caroline McGill.

Nelson Co., KY marriage records - 12 Sep 1833

Vawter, Absalom to McGill, Ann Caroline (mother Elizabeth McGill gives consent)

1850 Census Hancock Co., KY family #267/279

Vanter Absolom G. 37 M Merchant 400 Ind

Vanter Ann C. 26 F Ky (GJNote: likely she is 35/36)

White, Mary age 13 b. Ireland

McGill, George age 11 m. b. KY

1860 Hancock Co., KY Federal Census #79

Ann C. Vawter 45 b. Ky Value \$1300 \$5000

George Mc Gill age 21 Merchant b. KY

Elizabeth McGill age 64 b. Maryland

e. Adaline Vawter m. 14 Dec 183(?) to William G. Nichols. No issue. Marriage record Henry Co., KY

f. Nancy Vawter m. (1) Mr. Hayden, Children Mary and Isaiah Hayden. m. (2) William Swiney, they went to the Indian Territory before the Civil War. Her mother joined her there.

g. Mary Vawter. Family info states possibly unmarried, but the following is found: Oldham Co., KY Mary Ann Vawter to William Sage m. 5 Apr 1832.

h. Elizabeth Vawter m. a Mr. Glover had one child, went to MO in 1848

Additional Children of this line unproven but location and names are association. The Nichols/Nicholas family of William G., Mary E. and William E. all married into this line. Frances Vawter m. 16 May 1839 to William K. Nicholls

Located also in Henry Co., Lucy is not proven yet but no other family fits with this line.  
Lucy may be a widow of a Vaughter, or a daughter, the name of Crinse is unknown as a maiden name or married name in this material. The Waldens are connected to the Vawter lines.

Henry Co., KY

Vaughter, Lucy Crinse

Bush, Squire

18 Dec 1832

1840 Census Record - Oldham Co., KY

121 152 Walden, Richards 2211 1 1

1850 Oldham Co., KY Census (Note: Oldham was formed in 1823 from Henry, Shelby and Jefferson Counties of KY)

216 227 127 Bush Squire 39 Kentucky

216 227 127 Bush Lucy 39 Kentucky

216 227 127 Bush Hester G 16 Kentucky

216 227 127 Bush Nancy 15 Kentucky

216 227 127 Bush Emily 12 Kentucky

216 227 127 Bush Winton ? 9 Kentucky

216 227 127 Bush Wesley 8 Kentucky

216 227 127 Bush David 5 Kentucky

216 227 127 Walden Richard 60 Kentucky

(skip four houses)

216 228 132 Lut William 26 Kentucky

216 228 132 Lut Nancy A 26 Kentucky

216 228 132 Lut Phoebe A 6 Kentucky

216 228 132 Lut Elvin 3 Kentucky

216 228 132 Lut Adaline 1 Kentucky

216 228 132 Waldun Joel G 19 Kentucky

216 228 132 Waldun Bland B 14 Kentucky

(skip 2 houses)

216 228 134 Pemberton Thomas 58 Virginia (GJNote: involved with the Vawters in VA)

216 228 134 Pemberton Catherine 36 Maryland

216 228 134 Pemberton Lucinda 22 Kentucky

216 228 134 Pemberton Lucy A 19 Kentucky

216 228 134 Pemberton Sarah 16 Kentucky

216 228 134 Pemberton Catherine 14 Kentucky

216 228 134 Pemberton Alexander R 13 Kentucky

216 228 134 Pemberton S C 9 Kentucky

216 228 134 Pemberton Arreta (f) 7 Kentucky

REVOLUTIONARY WAR BOUNTY RECIPIENTS - PART 3 For KY, IN, OH, CAPTAINS:

Captain normally received 4,666 acres. CAPTAINS - CONTINUED Carter Page, Thomas Parker, William Parsons, Thomas Patterson, Tarlton Payne, Thomas Payne, Thomas Pemberton.....

6. Beverly Vawter b. 28 Sep 1789 d. 1 Jan/Apr 1872 m. 5 Mar 1812 Jefferson Co., IN to Elizabeth Crawford b. 29 Mar 1792 Jared Co., KY d. 29 Jan 1866. His history can be found in *Biographical Sketches of the Pioneer Preachers of Indiana*, by Madison Evans, A. M. pub. Philadelphia by J. Challen & Sons.

Elizabeth Crawford's parents were Rebecca Anderson b. ca 1763 m. (1) Ruste John Maxwell and m. (2) James Crawford. Elizabeth was the sister of James Crawford who married Beverly's sister Lucy Vawter. Rebecca Anderson's parents were John Anderson b. NY d. ca 1796

Madison Co., KY and wife Anne Irvine b. VA

National Archives, Seattle Branch, War 1812 Folder Index.

Beverly Vawter, 8<sup>th</sup> Reg (April - Jun 1812) Indiana militia, Private.

Children:

a. Pascal Vawter b. 6 Jan 1813 Madison, IN d. 26 Jan 1899 m. 1 Apr 1834 Montgomery Co., KY to Eliza Mavity b. 7 May 1813 Montgomery Co., KY d. 11 Aug 1904 Medaryville, IN.

Dau. of John Mavity and Dorothea Reel/Rhaale. Children: Mary Ann, John Beverly, Samantha Jane, Aureanna Lee, Ailsee Eliza "Alecy", Dothan, Charles Publius (or Publius Charles) and James Mavity Vawter.

John Beverly Vawter a son of Pascal as noted in William Snyder Vawter's research of the 1920's. "He was a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> KY Vol. Mtd. Inf and was captured in an early attempt to destroy railroads between Atlanta and the sea, and was held in the Andersonville prison for nine months, or until the close of the war. He was a graduate of KY Univ. Bible School, was a Christian minister, and was 18 years general secretary of the IA Christian Assn. He wrote a number of books, one being 'Prison Life in Dixie'."

In the Shelby Cem. Ripley Co., IN near Versailles is located the graves of James Mavity and wife, and is the brother of Eliza.

MAVITY, Keziah ~ 23JAN1863 w/o James Mavity age 59y 5m 8d

MAVITY, James 18SEP1808 7OCT1872

b. Lucinda Vawter b. 30 Sep 1814 Jefferson Co., IN d. 30 Aug 1845 m. Thomas Blair d. Jul 1881 Versailles, IN. One child, Elizabeth V. Blair who lived with grandparents

c. Rebecca Vawter died young

d. Melinda Vawter b. 1817 d. as child

e. Philemon Vawter b. 22 Jun 1819 d. 2 Oct 1894 m. Martha A. Humphreys of Woodford Co., KY Children Humphreys Vawter, Hettie Hawes Vawter, Sarah Beverly Vawter and Robert Crawford Vawter.

f. James Crawford Vawter b. 22 Jun, 1825, in Madison, Indiana died in Jasper Co., IL 27 Feb. 1894 m. 26 Oct 1848 to Mary Crawford Elder, alive 1905 Jasper Co., IL. He was assistant Postmaster of Bogota, IL and was one of the honored pioneers of Jasper County.

Children: Sarah b. 1850, Anna b. 1852, William died young, Cyrus Beverly b. 1853, James Marshall b. 1858, Xlema b. 1861, Albert Grant b. 1864, Rouie died young, and Henry Oliver Vawter b. 1869. Sent by Melba Ashburn email mashburn@lewiston.com granddaughter of Cyrus Beverly Vawter.

Noted in Bicknell's book *The Vawter Family in America*:page 391

"James, son of Beverly and Elizabeth (Crawford) Vawter, married Mary Elder; died Feb 27, 1894 at Bogota, IL. They had no children. His wife lives at Wakefield, Jasper County, IL."

Book - *Settlers of Jasper Co., IL and dates of settlement as reported by the Newton Press on 26 Oct 1887*. Lists of settlers and the date of settlement between 1850 and 1860.

J. C. Vauters, arrived 1852 (now) age 62

1860 census of Jasper Co., IL M653, roll 1875 p. 615 Smallwood Twp. Family #359/338

James Vawter 35 M. Farmer \$1800 / \$630 Ind.

Mary age 33 f KY

Lara age 10 f. IN (GJNote: this is Sarah)

Ann E. age 9 f IN

Wm. E. age 7 m. IL

Lieras age 5 m. IL (GJNote: this is Cyrus)

Indiana State Library Genealogy Division IN marriages through 1850 U-Z

Bride or Groom	Spouse	County	Date	Remarks
James VAWTER	Mary C. Elder	Decatur	26 Oct 1848	

g. Richard B. Vawter b. 22 Sep 1828 Madison, IN m. 13 Jan 1848 to Maria Lane b. 25 Aug 1827 Jefferson, IN d. 23 Sep 1881. Children: Jennie Vawter, Cyrus Philemon Vawter, Joseph Vawter, and Anna Vawter.

h. Cyrus Vawter b. 28 S 1830 d. 11 Feb 1865 Crawfordsville, Linn Co., OR m. 10 Dec 1857 to Sarah A. Finley b. 18 May 1840 Platt Co., MO. Children: Samantha Vawter and William Ira Vawter.

i. Samuel Vawter b. 25 Dec 1832 Madison, IN d. 15 Mar 1884 Franklin, IN m. 16 Oct 1853 Madison Co., IN to Frances Ames b. 7 Aug 1834. Children Nannie Vawter, James L. Vawter and Mollie Vawter.

j. John M. Vawter b. 29 Feb 1836 Jefferson Co., IN m. 15 Apr 1869 to Sarah J. Pardun  
b. 18 Apr 1847 Manchester, IN. Children: Minne Bell Vawter and Walter Wright Vawter.

7. Lucy Vawter b. ca 1792 Shelby Co., KY d. ca 1832 Bartholomew Co., IN m. ca 1812 to James Maxwell Crawford, son of James Crawford and Rebecca Anderson. He was b. 3 Mar 1790 Jared Co., KY d. 13 Oct 1858 Hartsville, IN. James married second to Mrs. Susan Lanning and third to Mrs. Frances Wooden. Children:

a. Anne Crawford d. young

b. Philemon Vawter Crawford b. 25 Sep 1814 d. 1 Feb 1901 Eugene, OR m. Dec 1833 to Letitia S. Smith b. 28 Aug 1817 d. 13 Jun 1896 Crawfordsville, OR. dau. of Henry and Margaret Smith of Jefferson Co., IN

In the book *The Vawter Family in America* by Grace Vawter Bicknell, pub. 1905, Indianapolis is found much of the history of this family line. Philemon Vawter Crawford wrote a life sketch in 1882 and is published in the book. It is as follows:

*"James Crawford, my grandfather on my father's side, was born in 1759 and reared on or near James River, Virginia, and at the age of sixteen years volunteered in what was known as the Virginia line and served three years in the Revolutionary War. He afterward - date unknown to me - married Rebecca Anderson and they reared eight children, three sons and five daughters. My father, James Maxwell Crawford, was the third son, and was born March 3, 1790 in Jared County, Kentucky, where my grandfather had removed a month the first settlers of that region, and where they had many bloody encounters with the savages, my grandfather having a full share in the troubles.*

*But to hasten the story: My grandfather again moved, from Jared county, Kentucky to Jefferson county, Indiana in March 1881, when my father was twenty-one years of age and settled within three miles of where the city of Madison now stands.*

*My grandfather, Philemon Vawter, was also born in Virginia, and served in the Revolutionary War. He was an orphan boy, and married his cousin Anna Vawter, and emigrated to Kentucky in early times and born a full share of the Indian troubles. They reared ten children (Note: according to Philemon Vawter he had nine children) five boys and five girls - my mother being the second daughter. They moved from Kentucky to Jefferson county, Indiana in the year 1810 and settled where a portion of the city of Madison now stands. My father and mother were married early in the year of 1812, and reared ten children - eight girls and two boys - the oldest a girl, myself the next. I was born September 24, 1814. This genealogy is given from memory, but I believe correct so far as given.*

*My grandfather Crawford and family belonged to the Presbyterian Church, but renounced their creed under the reformation of Barton W. Stone, my father being the only one who did not unite with the Christian Church. Being of an excitable temperance, he finally drifted into the Methodist Church.*

*My grandfather Vawter was a Baptist preacher and his family were all members of that order except my mother and two of her brothers, who adopted the early reformation under B. W. Stone. The two brothers, Richard and Beverly became Christian preachers.*

*When I advanced far enough in my early education to read, the Bible was our common school book and in the New Testament I got my first lessons in Christianity and those early lessons and impressions have shaped my course through life. At the age of fourteen years, already being a firm believer, I concluded that if I ever expected to appear in the likeness of Christ's resurrection I must first appear in the likeness of his death; accordingly I was buried with Christ in baptism and arose to walk in newness of life, which I have aimed to do ever since; but like all other men I have had my share of trials and temptations. I was a member of three congregations at different times in Jefferson county, Indiana, the most of the time officiating as elder or deacon and have acted in capacity of elder for a time in Oregon.*

*Having a desire to see more of the world than I had seen and becoming favorably impressed with the descriptions of Oregon, I sold out my little estate in Indiana in the winter of 1850-51 and left Madison on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1851 for Oregon. My self and family and several other families with whom we traveled, came by water from Madison to St. Joseph, Missouri where we fitted up teams and started overland for the far west on the first day of May 1851.*

*My family at that time consisted of myself, wife and five children - the oldest fourteen, the youngest four years of age. We made the long and tedious journey of twenty two hundred miles with an ox team in just one hundred and fifty-two days. When we arrived in Oregon we found the Willamette valley more than we had looked for and all we could desire, and we are yet, after twenty nine years residence here, satisfied that there is no more favored spot on the earth.*

*The generation in which I have lived in one that will form an important chapter in the world's history. The application of steam was in its infancy when I was in mine. Electricity was known to exist but only as a useless principle in nature. Our harvests were then cut with the simplest hand tools only. Manpower then supplied what steam, water and horse power now performs. Monopolies were then almost unknown, now they threaten to rule the nation. Human slavery then shaped and controlled Southern politics. For its final overthrow and the humiliation of its votaries a gigantic rebellion has been inaugurated and conquered at an enormous expense to the nation in blood and treasure. And yet we are a great, free and prosperous nation, notwithstanding the curse of a four years' war and the tyranny of capital. I have witnessed all this during my short space of time here.*

*I enjoyed the morning of life. I witnessed the gathering storm of rebellion; I have seen it pass over, with all of its terrors, and now in the evening of life all is smooth and calm again. I have realized all I desired with regard to African slavery, and if I could realize as much as the temperance question I would feel ready to depart and go to where my treasure is laid up, with full assurance of my reward."*

1b. Beverly V. Crawford b. 1835 d. 1838

2b. Henry Paschal Crawford b. 7 May 1837 m. 1859 to Elizabeth Finley (sister to the wife of Cyrus Vawter). Moved to ID.

3b. Jasper Vincent Crawford b. 7 Aug 1839 Jefferson Co., IN m. 11 Jun 1867 Linn Co., OR to Elizabeth N. Dunlap b. 28 Jan 1849

4b. Elvin J. Crawford b. 15 Nov 1841 Madison Co., IN m. (1) 15 Nov 1865 to Mary J. Waymire b. Haydenhall, OR d. 11 Jun 1866 m. (2) 16 Nov 1866 to Alice Amanda Adams b. 1 Apr 1848 d. 20 May 1899. He m. (3) to Mrs. Anna (nee Adams) Mills b. 15 Nov 1853 New Orleans, LA.

c. Robert Crawford

d. Rebecca Crawford

e. Rachel Crawford m. Peter Smith. A letter written ca. 1852, found in the papers of William Vawter after his death and, printed in the book of Grace Vawter Bicknell, *The Vawter Family In America*, pub. 1905, Hollenbeck Press, Indianapolis, IN.

*"Dear Uncle and Aunt:*

*I take this opportunity to write you a few lines to acknowledge the reception of your letter, which came last Monday. We had heard of the death of Cousin Mary and Anna, but not of the death of Polly's babe. Cordelia died before we left. I was struck with surprise to hear of father's marriage. He must be in his dotage. He has got a fine woman. What changeable creatures we all are! I was sorry to hear of the house getting burned, but was glad to hear that Ormand's prejudice against Oregon had frozen to death and he had also an idea of trying to come to this country. I do think that if he and David were here they could live much easier than where they are. I think that I have as great a desire for the welfare and prosperity of my relatives than anybody, but I would advise them unless they can have a good supply of good, strong clothing, a well built, light two horse wagon and at the least calculation, four hundred dollars when landed at St. Joe, not to undertake the journey, unless they come as one family, or unless the prices of provisions and cattle are lower than when we left. But Oregon is ever worth coming to, and if they can not make up an outfit next year, let them not get discouraged.*

*An old acquaintance of Mr. Smith's who could not live at all below Madison, moved to Missouri, raised his own team and provisions and came through in '47. He is now quite wealthy so I would advise, if they ever expect to get able to come, to get out of that place and get to good cattle country, where they may soon raise their own outfit and may be able to come independently.*

*What have you done with Achilles and Philemon? You spoke of all the rest in your letter. Where is Sarah Jane and Aunt Nancy? I have not forgotten one of them. Mr. Smith says, consider the interest of your sons and let them come to Oregon, where they can be of a great deal more benefit to themselves and to the community than where they are. I have not heard preaching since I left Madison. They have preaching at T. Stott's and T. Denny's and at Portland, but for want of a road I would be too late, as I would have to go so far around. I know of no Baptist Church nearer than Oregon City. There, I have understood, they have a band of musicians (wicked men) hired to sing for the church. If this be the case, I would like to know who expects to stand accountable for the lay members not doing their duty, the choir or their employers?*

*We are all well at present. Philemon and the two of the children have had the ague, but they are all well now. They live about ten miles from us.*

*We learn that is has been somewhat sickly on the road this year, grass being very scare, though vegetables are good. I must draw to a close. I hope you will all remember the vow you made me when we took the parting hand. Give my love to all that wish to hear from us. Write soon. Rachel and Peter Smith."*

8. Elizabeth Vawter b. 1 Mar 1798 Woodford Co., KY d. 6 Aug 1886 Vernon, IN m. 24 Jun 1813 Jefferson Co., IN to James Glover, a Baptist minister b. 14 Aug 1792 VA (now WV). d. 3 Jul 1856 Marble Hill, IN. Parents of James and Lucinda Glover are Thomas J. Glover and Nancy West. Children:

a. Nancy Glover b. 12 Mar 1814 m. (1) James Coleman m. (2) Thomas Baxter. They lived and died at Marble Hill, IN. Children: James A. Coleman, Lucinda Coleman and Thomas Coleman. Also son David Baxter all d. by 1905. One granddaughter in TN.

b. Ann Glover b. 27 May 1816 Jefferson Co., IN d. 26 Dec 1888 m. 2 Dec 1831 Marble Hill, IN to Thomas West b. 14 Nov 1809 d. 2 Dec 1888. Children: Samuel, Stephen, John, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mollia A. West.

c. Sarah Glover b. 29 Oct 1818 d. 25 Jan 1891 m. 7 Jun 1838 Jefferson Co., IN to Achilles West b. 29 Feb 1816 d. 10 Sep 1892 Jennings Co., IN. Children: Catherine, James, Milton S., J. Silas, Lizzie A., William M., J. Judson, Emma E., and Charles J. West.

d. Elliott V. Glover b. 17 Jul 1820 m. Melia Barnett. Both d. Madison, IN. Children Maggie, James, Indiana, William, Philemon and Samuel Glover.

e. David J. Glover b. 14 Feb 1838 d. 6 Feb 1863 m. 12 Sep 1861 to Mary E. Hunter at North Vernon, IN. Daughter married a Mr. Newell located to Seattle, WA in 1900. Mary went west where her location was unknown.

9. David Vawter b. 21 Jan 1800 in KY d. 13 Jul 1845 m. 23 Apr 1823 to Lucinda Glover (sister of James Glover). Lucinda b. 8 Jul 1805 d. 20 Dec 1857. David traded down the Ohio and

Mississippi rivers, running to Natchez and New Orleans. In 1832, he built his first steamboat, the Bravo. He later owned a number of steamboats running on the Mississippi and as high up the Red river as they could go. He sold out and moved to Texas in 1844 where he bought a large tract of land. David died one week before his mother's death.

From the book *Romatic Recipes of the Old South*, copy right 1950 by Imperial Sugar Co., Sugar Land, TX comes the following:

The Vawter Plantation in Louisiana was a center of hospitality, as were many of the plantations of the south. Governors, senators, writers and artists were among its guests. All were enthralled by the unusual foods prepared by the wrinkled colored cook. They especially complimented the Sorghum Molasses Cookies and often asked for them on subsequent visits.

Cookies

1 cup molasses	1 cup boiling water	2 teaspoons salt
1 cup sugar	1 tablespoon ginger	6 cups flour (enough for stiff dough)
1 cup butter	4 teaspoons soda	

Combine molasses, butter and sugar in sauce pan; place over low heat until mixture begins to boil. Add 1 cup boiling water and ginger. Pour into large mixing bowl and stir in 2 teaspoons of soda. (This makes a foamy mixture) Add flour sifted with salt and remaining 2 teaspoons of soda. Mix well. Chill dough and then roll thin and cut into desired shape. Place 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake in moderately hot oven (375) for 10-12 min. Makes 7 dozen, 3 inch cookies.

In the book *Ferry Across The Sabine* by Bobby Sterrett, Jefferson, TX an excerpt mentioning the Vawter family. "Mrs. Lucinda Vawter, a widow with a large family, sold her Louisiana plantation adjoining John Craig in 1845 and purchased the ferry operation on the Sabine River at Grand Bluff, TX."

Louisiana Census

1840 David Vauters Claiborne Parish page 112

1846 State Census, Panola Co., TX Panola Co., Lucinda Vaughter

#431 Vauter Lucenda 45 F W widow KY REMARKS: Lucenda Glover Vawter w/o David Vawter  
Vauter John 21 M W Clerk KY - REMARKS: m Mary Durkee  
Vauter David 15 M W IN - REMARKS: M.D. m. Nancy Weir  
Vauter Martha 12 F W IN - REMARKS: m J. C. White  
Vauter Eugene F. 4 M W TX

From the newspaper *Panola Watchman*, Carthage, Texas, April 27 & May 4, 1975

*Perhaps the Grand Bluff Ferry across Sabine River provided a gateway for more settlers to Panola County, and to East Texas in general, than did any other crossing on the river. A busy village grew up in the vicinity of the bridge on the old road to Marshall. Only a few reminders are present now to acquaint the visitor with what once transpired there. It is truly a "ghost town". The original settlement was situated on a high bluff on the west bank of the river and a cemetery was located about one-half mile down river. There are many unidentified graves, at least a hundred. A large mound of crumbling brick vaults near the center of the cemetery is especially interesting. One mound covers six or more graves. In addition, there are two single vaults at the end of the main family mound. Shells cover the tops of a good many graves. Cedar trees still living mark the head and foot of two graves. The cemetery boundaries are not difficult to locate, as the fallen fence is still to be found in sections entirely around the plot. Though the last gravestone date of death is 1898, some mulberry posts are still standing.*

*Near the river, at the townsite, stands an aged oak with scarred rings where once the ferry's cables were tied. The earliest ferryman at Grand bluff, before Panola County was established was named Brewster and the place was called Brewster's Bluff. No further identification of the man is found. In January 1847, the court granted a ferry license to Lucinda Vawter. Fees were set at the time for all county ferries as follows:*

4 or 6 horse wagon	50 cents
2 horse wagen or one yoke steers as waon	37 1/2 cents
1 horse carriage	25 cents

Footmen	5 cents each
Loose cattle and horses	5 cents each
Hogs	3 cents each

When the river was out of banks, double the price was to be paid.

Grand Bluff was named a voting box in 1848 and the court cut Mrs. Vawter's fees to only half the usual price. Later that year a citizens petition from Grand Bluff asked the court to rescind the August orders as unfair. The Court studied and revoked the order as unjust and unfair. By 1848 John Vawter was named as election judge.

In 1852, Lucinda Vawter was charged \$20 for a ferry license, several times the amount charged any of the ferryman in the county. From this time until bridges were built, Grand Bluff license cost a greater fee than any other in the county, evidently because it was most in demand.

Children:

a. Alexander Lewis Vawter b. 24 Jan 1824 in NY d. 31 Jan 1856 Grand Bluff, TX m. 1848 to Martha Weir b. 14 Feb 1827 MO d. 5 Sep 1860 in Rusk Co., TX. Children Sarah Julia Vawter and A. Lewis Vawter, Jr. 1846 State Census Panola Co., TX Lewis Vaughter 1850 Census Panola Co, TX Microfilm # 432-913 Family #430 and #431 Vauter A. L. 27 M W Merchant IN X REMARKS: Alexander Lewis Vawter Vauter Martha 20 F W TN X REMARKS: Martha Weir Vawter Vauter Julia 11/12 F W TX (writer of the story below)

b. Amanda Vawter b. 24 Feb 1826 m. 14 Aug 1845 Grand Bluff, TX to Francisco Lewis b. 5 May 1822 Franklin City, AL. Children: Henry F. Lewis, Emma Lewis, Sarah E. Lewis, Mary Ida Lewis and Annie L. Lewis.

c. John Milton Vawter b. 25 Mar 1828 m. 23 Nov 1850 to Mary Grigsby Durkee b. 10 Aug 1836, dau of William L. and Marian (Weir) Durkee. Lived in Grand Bluff, Panola Co., TX. John and Mary had 12 children: Edwin, Thomas M., Mary Luna, George Lewis, Katie King Vawter and others unnamed.

George Lewis Vawter writes to Grace Vawter Bicknell for her book of 1905. "An account of the family would not be complete without the mention of "uncle Allen" the old negro slave, who ran the Grand Bluff ferry boat for fifteen years as a slave and many more years as a free man. On account of debt, his father and mother and himself were afraid of being sold apart, and so his mother sent him to Lewis Vawter to see if he would buy them for the David Vawter estate. This he did and thus "Uncle Allen" "Aunt Lydie" and "Uncle Dick" came into the family. "They helped in the care of my mother's family", said G. L. Vawter, "but it was the contract of sale that 'Aunt Lydie' was never to have to wash clothes."

d. Louisa Vawter b. 9 Feb 1830 m. 1845 to Edward Fink. One child d. ca 1863. No other children.

e. David M. Vawter b. 17 Jan 1833 m. 25 Jul 1858 to Nancy Raycroft b. 12 Jan 1837 in TN. David was a physician. One child, Martha Lucinda "Chic" Vawter

f. Martha Vawter b. 16 Sep 1836 m. Dec 1852 to J. C. White. Lived in TX, 4 children.

AUSTIN AS I SAW- IT IN 1855  
By Julia Vawter Sterrett  
Dallas Morning News, Dallas , Texas, May 22, 1932

*At 6 years old I first journeyed from Panola County toThe Capital City, arriving by a clattering stage with Sounding bugle - the trip required a week and I thought Austin a grand place full of grand people.*

*Austin is at present scarcely more than a days travel by automobi le from the once prosperous, but now decadent village of Grand Bluff, Panol a County. In 1855, however, by horse-drawn vehicle a full week was required to make the trip between the two points.*

*It is exactly seventy-six years since I journeyed for the first time fro m the bustling steamboat landing and ferry town of Grand Bluff, on the Sabi ne River, to the infant capital of the State of Texas.*

*Many of the incidents connected with the trip, as well as numerous names and faces, have faded with the passing of the years: others are distinctly etched upon the pages of my memory. It is true that I was scarcely 6 years old at the time of this eventful visit, but both my mother and grandfather, believing that a child's education could scarcely begin too early, patiently answered all my questions and explained everything of interest along the road. Then long, long*

after our return home, people and incidents were still further impressed upon my memory through hearing them described by my relatives and the servants who accompanied us.

The long trip to Austin was made primarily to see my new grandmother. She had been the beautiful Mrs. Elidia Calhoun, widow of a prominent Texas pioneer, before her marriage to my grandfather during one of his senatorial terms in the State Legislature. It was during one of grandfather's semiannual visits back to East Texas to see about his store and plantation that he persuaded my mother to take me and go back with him for the summer.

#### *A Long Trip*

How well do I recall the busy day in which preparations were made for the journey and visit. It seems but yesterday that we started, so quickly does one think down years and hours to minutes and seconds. Long before dawn I was awakened by the bustling about the yard and household servants getting everything in readiness for our departure. By sunup we were on our way, after saying tearful good-byes to the employees, all of whom, from the overseer down to the smallest pickaninnies, dressed in their Sunday best, had lined up in front of the long piazza to see us off.

At the head of the short procession rode grandfather and one of his sons in a buggy. Behind him were my mother, another one of her brothers, my nurse Maria and I in a two-seated hack, driven by old Uncle Tom, who had been "Marse Andy's" (my grandfather's) valet and bodyguard. Still farther in the rear was a four-horse wagon driven by a stout colored man, carrying our carpetbags, feed for the horses, and food and camping equipment for the entire party. I do not recall sleeping more than one night in a house during the 350 mile trip. The other nights we made camp and slept on cots with only the starry heavens for a canopy. One night we camped on the Brazos River near Waco Village (as it was then called) where I gathered a lapful of the last crop of pecans. Our all-night stay in Bastrop I recall vividly. Shortly before we reached Bastrop, then a day's travel though but some thirty miles distant from Austin, grandfather said for mother, Maria and me to take the stage there for Austin.

The hotel in which we spent the night in Bastrop was operated by a German family of some culture, for in the parlor were a grand piano, upholstered sofa and chairs, and oil paintings. In the bedrooms were huge canopied four-poster beds on which were mountainous feather beds covered with snowy linen. In the dining room the long table was loaded down that night with meats of every description, steaming urns of coffee, gallons of buttermilk, hot biscuits, preserves and a variety of cakes and pies.

#### *Entering Austin*

For the first time since we had left East Texas we were delighted by the sight of pine trees around Bastrop. Sheep ranches, farms and homes built of whipsawed lumber gave occasional hints of civilization between Bastrop and Austin. For the most part, however, our last few miles lay over a rough road, bordered by open prairie or laurel and cedar-covered hills. Along about sundown we came to a high hill from the top of which we could see Austin city. Exclamations of delight burst from the lips of everyone on the stage. Built on hills and almost surrounded by a rampart of higher hills at the base of which flowed the waters of the Colorado, the city of Austin was even then a bit of paradise. In the gloaming, just as the candles were beginning to cast their flickering light through open doors and windows, the man sitting beside the stage driver blew a long shrill blast upon the bugle. The driver cracked his whip above the heads of the horses as we started down the wide rough street. Amid the clop, clop, clop of the horses hoofs, rumbling of the heavy stage wheels and continuous notes of the bugle, we arrived in the capital of the State of Texas. My grandparents lived about three blocks from the Capitol building. When grandmother appeared in the doorway to greet us, dressed in white, I thought she looked like the angel in my picture book at home. My grandfather, the boys and the two colored men didn't reach Austin until the day following.

A few days after our arrival in Austin my mother dressed me up and sent me down to the photographer's studio. Because I cried when the artist attempted to make a photograph, he sent me back home. The next day Maria carried me back, and this time he succeeded in making a daguerreotype, which is in just as excellent condition today as it was seventy-seven years ago. My mother bought the black lace gloves showing in the picture and the white mull hat with ribbon streamers at the Lamar & Moore Store.

The only unpleasant feature about my visit to Grandmother Weir's was the daily trip into town by a white man called Crazy Tom. Although considered harmless, he always succeeded in running the boys off the streets and in causing little children to scamper wildly into the houses whenever he appeared from his hillside shack. Picking up cigar stubs from the streets and begging a "chaw of terbacker" were about the worst things he did. Grandmother often sent him food as did other people who felt sorry for him.

#### *Pandora Would Peep*

Near grandmother's home was the office of Dr. Snyder, who soon became one of my best friends. Almost daily I could be found playing on the doorsteps or even in the office though I was always cautioned not to open the tall cabinet that stood in one corner. Pandora-like, that was the thing I most wanted to do. Finally at my insistence, he pushed back a sliding door and there beneath a shelf of glittering instruments was a grinning skeleton. I almost froze to the spot. Silently Dr. Snyder closed the door, and never again did I tease him to see into closed cabinets and drawers.

Grandmother had a half-grown Indian boy whom she had cared for since he was a tiny lad. On leaving Austin to take part in warfare against the troublesome Indians, a Mr. Ford, a friend of the family, laughingly had said, "Do you want me to bring you a scalp?" "No," replied grandmother, "I want an Indian boy."

Not long afterward Mr. Ford returned with the small son of the chief whose depredations had been the cause of the warfare. Nopo, as the child called himself, and a younger brother were riding behind their fleeing mother, who had another child in front of her, when Nopo slipped off the horse's back. In her frantic efforts to rejoin her vanquished



tribe, the squaw probably did not know for some time that she had lost her oldest son. Mr. Ford also brought with him the braided coat of the chief who was killed in the skirmish, and for a long time afterward the lad would weep bitterly whenever he saw his father's garment.

#### *Old Austin Homes*

Although many of the residences were built of hewn logs, as most pioneer homes were at that time, Austin had a number of beautiful and stately Southern mansions. Among those in which my relatives were frequent guests were the huge brick colonial of Gov. and Mrs. E.M. Pease, built on a forest-covered hill some distance from the city, the splendid Raymond and Fisher homes, designed by one of the most famous architects of the day, Col. Abner Cook; the unpretentious but neat and comfortable cottage of two of Ausin's most interesting people, the Scotsman, Robert Barr, accountant in the Comptroller's Department, and his afterward celebrated wife, Amelia E. Barr, the novelist; the dignified Governor's Mansion, on an eminence at the rear of the Capitol, which later burned, and the French Embassy, residence of the French Ambassador when Texas was a Republic; but at that time and since the property of Dr. J.M. Robertson and family.

The principal hotel in those days was the Swisher, which was formerly known as the Bullock House. It stood on the lot now occupied by a drug store. Here it was that the pig incident occurred which caused such strained relations between France and the Republic of Texas.

Austin had a number of "groceries" and general stores in 1855, but the only ones in the latter class whose names can be recalled were Lamar & Moore's and Hancock's. The former was on Seventh and Congress, and the latter where the Scarborough Building is today.

#### *Then and Now*

The population of Austin in 1855 was, I am told, between 2,000 and 3,000. The smallness of the town may be attributed to the fear potential settlers had of the Indians on the frontier, as Austin then was, and also to the opposition of many who wished the Capitol to be more centrally located in Houston. Among the people of prominence then, and in after years, were A.W. Terrell, Gov. E.M. Pease, Chief Justice Hemphill, J.W. Throckmorton, Dr. Litten, Judge W.S. Oldham, Col. George Hancock, Thomas E. Sneed and A. J. Hamilton.

Except for the fact that the Colorado channel was not quite so wide, the streets were rougher and steeper, and the hills seemed wilder and more rugged; the terrain was the same in 1855 as it is today. Probably the most noticeable difference is the absence from Main (now Congress Avenue) of a small creek called Rio Bravo. In early days it followed the course of Main as far south as Sixth Street whence it turned eastward and emptied into Waller Creek. At the time of our visit the temporary Capitol was still in use, as the new Capitol which burned in 1881 was not completed for almost a year after we were there. The old Capitol, built of double logs and facing east, was about where the City Hall now stands on Eighth Street. The new Capitol stood on the now vacant lot in front of the Governor's Mansion. The handsome old land office which is today a museum was also completed the year following our visit.

After spending the summer with my grandparents in Austin and visiting for a few days grandfather's brothers Robert and Adolphus Weir in Manchaca Springs, we began our long journey back to the cypress shaded waters of the Sabine. Soon after our arrival at Grand Bluff, my father, A.L. Vawter, who had returned at the same time from a business trip to New York, died. Three years later my young mother followed him. Bereft then of both parents, I went with my nurse, Maria, to live with Grandfather and Grandmother Weir who had recently moved from Austin to their plantation in Rusk County.

#### *A Modern Revelation*

In the spring of 1925, I went for the second time to Austin to visit one of my daughters. Instead of entering the city on a lumbering stage, I entered in the comfortable Pullman of a fast train. In the place of candles, the streets, public buildings and homes were illuminated with brilliant electric lights. A taxi sped me in five minutes to my destination a mile from the station. That night I went to sleep to the sound of music from a radio station in New York City. The following morning I was awakened by the simultaneous ringing of the telephone and the roaring of an airplane. Like Rip VanWinkle, I rubbed my eyes and looked about me. Gone were the heads of families that my childhood had known. In their places stood, not their sons, but their son's sons. Gone too were nearly all the substantial, but old-fashioned homes and buildings. Even the dust and ashes of the Capitol, so new, so splendid and so enduring in 1855, had long since been hidden under grass and flowers. Towering above and eclipsing all else in its magnitude = and beauty was a Capitol, the proportions of which were hardly dreamed of in 1855. Sky scrapers, handsome residences, state institutions (including a magnificent university group) had usurped the sites once occupied by post oak groves, cedar brakes, pioneer homes and business houses.

Outwardly, I too, had changed as much as the landscape before me. Across the stage of life had passed almost four generations, marriages, births and deaths had entered my own experience, molding me as they came. Yet my heart was as happy as it was when I first saw Austin three score and four years before. The dream of a lifetime had come true -- I was again in the city of the violet crown.

### **William Vawter<sup>4</sup>, (David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Bartholomew<sup>1</sup>)**

William Vawter, believed b. ca 1758, son of David Vawter and Mary Offill/Offott. William married 19 Jun 1784 in Orange Co., VA to Mary Rucker. They removed to Versailles, Woodford Co., KY where they are shown in the US Census of 1810 with 9 whites and 14 slaves. Later William moved to Boone Co., KY. (This info. found *The Virginia Magazine* Vol. 23 year end 1920 pub. 1968).

William Served in the Rev. War: Enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia State Continental Line Regiment. Private 1776 under Capt. Agnes Rucker, serving under Geo. Gibson;  
Sergeant 6 Jun 1777 under Capt. Brown;  
Ensign 7 Dec 1777 under Capt. John Camps 1<sup>st</sup> VA Reg.;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. 1 Jun 1778 under Capt. John Camps 1<sup>st</sup> VA Reg.;  
17 Jan 1779 under Capt. John Champ (Camps) 1<sup>st</sup> VA Reg. Under Col. George Gibson.  
Discharged on 1 Jan 1780 as Captain. William was in the battle of Yorktowne.

William Vawter and his mother, Mary Vawter, wife of David, are shown in Orange in 1782: List of Taxable property taken by Thos. Barbour, Gent., 1782, Orange. As shown on back of the original return paper itself, in the Clerk's office of Orange.

William Vawter	Tythes 1	Negroes Cary 1	Horses 3	Cattle 0
Mary Vawter	Tythes 0	Negroes John 1	Horses 4	Cattle 5

In May 1782, Cary, a slave belonging to William Vawter, sentenced to be hung for rape.

On 21 Jan 1783 the land office at Richmond, VA issued William a bounty Land Warrant #97 for 2666 2/3 acres for his service in the war. William apparently never received it. The Land Office reports "we find no evidence of this land warrant being used to authorize a survey and obtain land". On 30 Aug 1783, there was a legal notice in the VA *Gazette* of unclaimed mail for William Vawter at the Richmond, VA Post Office. Could this have been the land warrant issued 21 Jan 1783 that William never received?

Found in the *Rucker Family Genealogy* by Sudie Rucker Woods pub. 1932 in possession of Carla Orcutt of WA. This seems to have some documentation to support the correct Mary Rucker information. Page 289:

Mary Rucker, dau. of Lt. Col. Ephraim Rucker m. 4 Jun 1784 to William Vawter son of David Vawter. Marriage bond in Orange Co., VA Security James Staples, William Vawter b. 1758 d. 27 Nov 1823.

The original marriage record is published Winter 1990, VVV Family Association newsletter. Permission of mother:

Sir, Be pleased to grant a license for wedlock between Wm. Vawter and Mary Rucker and this shall oblige me to keep you harmless and indemnify you for so long. Signed Mary Rucker 18 Jun 1784.

To the Clk. Orange Ct.

Test: Achilles Stapp, James Stapp

The following license is with said papers Orange County Court

Whereas there is a marriage suddenly intended to be solemnized between William Vawter and Mary Rucker, spinster, both of the aforesaid County, I do hereby certify that the said Mary Rucker is of lawful age (unreadable) and at the time the said William Vawter with James Stapp his surety entered into bond in my office in the sum of fifty pounds current money payable to the Commonwealth, with condition that there is no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage. Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1784. Test.

James Taylor, clerk

To James Madison Gent. First Justice, Com. of the peace for said County.

(James Madison was the father of James Madison, 4<sup>th</sup> US President)

In a letter to Miss E. A. Vawter ca 1920 from notes of William Snyder Vawter, a letter;  
*Copy: Test: Josephone H. Neal, Deputy Clerk, Orange Co., VA "There was no will left by David Vawter: At a Court held for Orange county on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Day Mar 1785. William Vawter granted Admr. of estate of David Vawter dec'd where upon he with Bartlett Bennett his security entered into Bond for the same in the sum of £400."*

The 1787 census of Virginia, Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love, Genealogical Books in Print, Springfield VA , 1987, p. 727 Culpeper Co. Personal Property Tax 1787 - List C " Vawter William self 0 2 5 2 5 Rennolds Jno. William Vawter [charged with tax] "

William and family moved to Woodford Co., KY in 1788 then to Burlington, Boone Co., KY.

At a court of appeals held at the Capitol of Richmond, VA Sept 1791, in a suit, the Commonwealth against William Vawter, late Lieutenant of the 1<sup>st</sup> VA Reg. Case was dismissed.

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Woodford Co 27 Feb 1797 Provided for sale of land of Thomas Sharpe, late of Woodford Co Mentions: John Walkins, William Steele, Richard Young, William Vawters, Marquis Calmes. 27 Feb 1797 Authorized the following to raise money by lottery for draining a pond contiguous to Versailles: Richard Young, William Vawter, Charles Wilkins, John O'Bannon, Thomas Turpin, Marquis Calmes, John H. Craig.

In 1986 E.B. Vaughters, 12015 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98177 sent the genealogy of this line to be published by the VVV Association newsletter. He states:

William was a lawyer and member of KY House of Rep 1797, 1799-1800 and state Senator 1806-10. He was named in 40 to 50 land transactions as grantee or grantor, involving thousands of acres of land. He d. 27 Nov 1823 at New Burlington, Boone Co., KY.

In 1803, William and Mary sold land in Fayette Co., KY bet. the years of 1805 and 1809 they also had land in Jessemine and Gallatine counties. William Vawter was appointed by Angus Rucker (brother of Mary) of Madison Co., trustee for his dau., Jane Minor, wife of Elliott Minor, of Boone Co., KY. William Vawter refused to act.

Mason Co., KY Deed 1789-1810, p. 308, 2 Nov 1804 William Vawter of Woodford Co., KY and Daniel Figgins of Clermont Co., OH (Feagan) Tr: Sale of Mason Co., land. Description: Located by John Kenton's line to a survey laid off for Samuel Thompson and sold by him to Joel Jackson. Thence west to a Survey made for Mayers and John Adams thence north to Tabbs line. Wit: David Rowland, Edward F. Vawter, John Kercheval, Jameson Vawter, M. Dougherty, Lewis Craig.

In the notes of William Snyder Vawter (handwritten) states: William Vawter was the son of David, and father of William. He owned large tracts of land in Woodford Co., KY at one time which he lost together with all his slaves (70) through being security on a note. Later he resided at New Burlington, Boone Co., KY. A copy of an early record of William Vawter in Boone Co., KY states: John Taylor deeds for himself his slave of Gallatin Co. (also by John Tanner) John David Woolperts' 2000 acres military survey to William Vawter of Woodford Co. Executed in Boone Co. 23 Sep 1809 and recorded the same day by Cove Johnson CBC

University of Virginia Library, the numbers at the end of each item indicate the Reel#, Box, Folder location.

Vawter, Edmund F. & Others Orange County 1829/12/21 Children of William Vawter, deceased, ask for compensation for the loss of his slave who was tried & executed of a crime in 1782. Includes judgment, receipt, & affidavits. 148 192 85

Vawter, Edmund F. & William Orange County 1833/01/09 Heirs of William Vawter, deceased, ask for compensation for his slave Cary who was executed in 1782. Includes court record & affidavits. 148 192 94

Vawter, William Orange County 1822/12/17 Asks for compensation for the loss of his slave Cary who was tried & executed for a crime in 1782. Includes court proceedings, certificate, & letter. 148 192 75

Vawters, Edmund F. & Others Culpeper County 1829/12/21 Heirs of William Vawters, lieutenant under Col. George Gibson in the Virginia State Regiment in 1777, ask for commutation of pay for their father. 42 59 62

After William died, his son William, Jr. on behalf of the heirs made an affidavit to the Dept. of War, "that William (Sr.) had never received his land warrant". The estate was issued on 20 Dec 1830 warrant #1699 for 200 acres and a claim for ½ pay in the amt. of \$6688.89 was paid. The only children surviving their father in 1829 were: Edmond F., Virginia, William, Jr., Thomas L(ewis), and George M.

Book *Virginia Soldiers of 1776* by Burgess, page 819.

*General Land Office, 19 Jan, 1831. "Your request to have a copy of William Vawter's heirs is herewith complied with. Your friend Keene's case is now before the office, he having furnished the additional information required.*

*The power to grant relief does not however rest with this office. The case will be duly submitted to the Sect. of the Treasury, and decision communicated either to yourself, or Mr. Keene." Signed by Elijah Hayward, to the Hon. R. M. Johnson.*

Copy No. 1699. Pursuant to an Act of Congress, authorizing the Sect. of War to issue Land warrants, and for other purposes passed the 15 Apl. 1806.

William Vawter, Edmond F., Virginia and George N. Vawter, children and heirs at law of William Vawter, dec'd, who was a Lieutenant in the Va. line, and are entitled to 200 acres of land. Given at the war department 20 Dec 1830, and signed by John H. Eaton, Sect. Of War. Registered, William Gordon. Clerk.

Book, *Officer and Soldiers of the Revolution*, Military Records - Private Claims p. 13

Published by Thomas Allen, Washington 1838 (Cover Title: REVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS)

p. 256 HEIRS OF WILLIAM VAWTERS, late of the state of Kentucky, petition for half pay.

William enlisted as a soldier in 1777 in the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson of the State Establishment, and continued in state service until the Battle of Germantown, where the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on continental service, was captured by the enemy. The Virginia Legislature, then transferred the 1st Va. Regiment to the continental establishment to replace the captured 9th Regiment. While in service Vawters was promoted to Ensign and later to Lieutenant, until discharged from service in 1780. Ruled on favorably by the Committee 12-23-1831.

p. 301 Petition of heirs of WILLIAM VAWTER. William Vawters served as Lt. in the regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson, as officer of the Continental Line. Vawter's regiment served with the Continental Army out of the state of Virginia, and saw service both as a member of State Troops and service in the Continental Line. After much reviewing of the legal precedents, the committee ruled that the Vawter heirs might collect whatever funds had not yet been paid on the half-pay for life which their father was entitled to. 12-22-1832.

According to the following will of Ephraim Rucker, Mary Rucker, wife of William, was his daughter, shown as Mary Vawter, but no husband is listed so this is not completely finalized.

*Will of Ephraim Rucker, Madison County, Virginia, Will Book 1, Dated September 24, 1796, Proved December 28, 1797*

*The balance of my estate I lend to my beloved wife, Margaret Rucker, to be peaceably enjoyed by her during her natural life and after her decease . . . to be sold . . . and the money arising . . . I give to my son, Angus Rucker, one seventh part . . . also the whole tract of land whereon I live . . . to my son, Elliott Rucker . . . to my son, John Rucker . . . to my daughter, Tabitha Gaines . . . to my daughter, Mary Vawter . . . to my daughter, Tomagen Rucker, John Booten, her son, Ambrose Booten, her son, and Anna Rucker, her daughter, and Elizabeth Minor, Joseph Minor and Mary Early to be apportioned between them as follows, one third part of that seventh to my daughter, Margaret Morgan, on other third part to her son, Elliott Minor, and one other third part equally divided between her son, Joseph Minor and her daughter, Mary Early . . . appoint my sons, Angus Rucker, Elliott Rucker and John Rucker, executors . . . this 24th day of September 1796. Test: James Redish, George Allen, Joseph Bradford.*

*At a court held 28th December 1797 will exhibited and proved and ordered to be certified, and upon the motion of Angus Rucker and John Rucker a probate thereof granted to them. At a court held 23rd September 1802 will exhibited and fully proved and ordered to be recorded. Know all men . . . We, Angus Rucker, John Rucker, William Blakey and Joseph Bradford . . . bound in the sum of ten thousand dollars . . . 28th December 1797. Condition of the above that Angus Rucker and John Rucker do make a true and perfect inventory. At a court held 28th December 1797 bond acknowledged and ordered to be recorded.*

In July 1913, Jane Neave Keithley wrote to her nephew Frank Vawter at Marshall, MO a history of her family.

Dear Nephew:

I have been quite interested in the history of the Vawter family. I will comply with your request as far as my knowledge extends and give you a short sketch of our family.

My father's name was William and his father's name was William. He is my grandfather and his wife's name was Mary. They raised four sons and one daughter in Woodford County, Kentucky, viz: Heman, George M. Thomas L., Edmund Fleming and William. Virginia single and lived for many years with my father, who often told me of his father's family.

My grandfather William lived in Woodford County, Kentucky and owned several large tracts of land and seventy slaves. He went security for a Merchant in Louisville, Ky, and had it to pay, and it broke him up and his children got no good of his property, so my father and his brother Fleming and sister Virginia moved to Burlington, Boone County, Kentucky.

Fleming married a Miss Twomley, studied law and was prosecuting attorney of Boone County for many years. Also an Elder in the Presbyterian Church as long as he lived. He raised one son Alfred, who was drowned in the Ohio River near Cincinnati. The daughter Margaret married a Mr. Riley and they had one son, Fleming Vawter Riley, who received a good education and taught school many years. He visited me in Saline County and taught in this district and elsewhere in the county. He started back to Kentucky, got as far as St. Charles, Mo. Where he was robbed and wrote back for help. Pierce Vawter went to his assistance and could not help him and he was never heard from afterwards. He is reported to have been drowned in the Mississippi River.

My father after living in Burlington some years married Miss Sarah Neave of Cincinnati. They emigrated to Monroe County, Missouri at an early time and were among the first pioneers of the state.

Here they built a cabin and three children were born to them, one daughter Jane and two sons who died very young. When I was three years old my mother died. Father married a second wife, Miss Amanda Poage, whose father, James Poage, was a pioneer settler in Monroe County, Missouri, where he raised a large family.

In the meantime father built and moved to a new house on the road leading from Paris to Middle Grove, where five children were born four sons and one daughter, the daughter died young. The four sons are living and their names are: Alfred Fleming, James Henry, Thomas Pierce, and William Franklin.

Immediately after my marriage to J. C. Keithley in Oct 1856, my father rented his farm and moved to Fulton, Mo to educate his four sons in Westminster College.

As I remember my father he was a medium sized man about five foot 8 inches tall, weighing about 140 pounds. Had a smooth shaven face. Very light colored hair and prominent forehead. He was well educated, a good historian, could make a good public address and at one time was elected to the State Legislature of Missouri. He moved to Fulton in November 1856 and died the following spring and was buried in Fulton, age 63 years.

I know but little of his brothers Thomas and George. He said the most intellectual one of them was George, who went to New Orleans and died of fever.

From all the circumstances and from what I hear my father say relative to my grandfather in Woodford Co I think I can say without contradiction that William and Mary Vawter mentioned in pages 8 & 9 are my grandfather and grandmother. The land sold by them in Jessamine, Campbell and Galatin counties as mentioned in the history of the Vawter family, while they lived in Woodford County, correspond with what my father often told me of the circumstance of his father William Vawter of Woodford County, Kentucky. Affectionately your aunt, Jane Neave Keithley.

(Note: This letter written when Aunt Jane was in her 80's and reflects in good manner her excellent character and mind. She died on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her wedding day Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1922, E. A. V.)

The children of William Vawter shown by E.B. Vaughters are:

1. Edmond Fleming Vawter b. ca. 1785 m. 25 May 1809 Mason Co., KY to Elizabeth Smith. Edmond was a lawyer, prosecuting atty., Boone Co., KY and member of KY house of Rep. 1837 & 1841. Shown in 1810 census of Versailles, Woodford Co., KY 3 whites.

MASON COUNTY KENTUCKY EARLY MARRIAGES THROUGH 1850 - (V-Z)

VAWTER, EDMUND F. SMITH, ELIZABETH 25 MAR 1809

(GJNote: The letter of Jane Neave Keithley states he married a Miss Twomley, however this was Alfred Fleming Vawter the son of William.)

1840 Boone Co., KY Census

E. F. Vawler 12001 (males) 00001 (females)

1a. Alfred Vawter, drowned in Ohio River. No issue.

2a. Margaret Fleming Vawter, A Boone Co., KY, marriage record shows Margaret Vawter m. 23 Aug 1838 to George Riley.

One son Fleming Vawter Riley, d. in MO d. 1867 unmarried. No issue

2. Heman Vawter b. ca 1787, Served War of 1812, Died single 3 Feb 1815

A letter from the Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, Sep 3, 1913. To Frank P. Vawter of Fort Smith, AR. From G. M. Satzgaber, Commissioner.

In response to your letter received the 25<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, you are advised that the records of the Bureau show that Heman Vawter enlisted "for the War" March 27, 1814, and served as sergeant in Captain Holt's company of the 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia, it was proven that said Heman Vawter died without having been married and without any child, and that his father William Vawter was his heir by the laws of Virginia: and on February 18, 1817, Warrant No. 8,860 for 160 acres of Bounty Land issued to William Vawter in full satisfaction for the service of his son, Heman Vawter.

3. Thomas Lewis Vawter b. ca 1789 d. single after 1830. Sold land 15 Oct 1822 to brother George. Edmund F & William inherited property of his estate.

4. George M. Vawter b. ca 1791 went to New Orleans and d. of fever aft. 1832

Louisiana. First Judicial District Court (Orleans Parish)

Records, Index to Suit Records, City Archives 1813-1835

New Orleans Public Library.

VAWLER, GEORGE M.

PALMER, A. W. L. 7035

VAWTER, G. M.

PALMER, A. W. L.; CHRISTY, U. 7610

VAWTER, GEORGE M.

MORGAN, GEORGE 7410

5. William H. Vawter, Jr. b. 17 Apr 1795 Woodford Co., KY d. 31 Mar 1858 in Fulton, MO.

William m. (1) 1835 KY to Sarah Neave/Nieve of Cincinnati d. ca 1839, m. (2) 27 Dec 1839

Amanda Poage d. 1863 Fulton, MO. Family information states he had a sister Mary G. Tandy and a brother George M. Vawter.

Letter by William F. Vawter, 1928.

*"William Vawter was born and raised in Woodford Co., KY. He afterward moved to Burlington, Boone Co., KY not far from Cincinnati where he became acquainted with and married to Sarah Neave. They built a log cabin of one room and there the subject Jane Neave Vawter was born on 16 Jan 1837. But her mother lived only until Jane was 3 years old, after which her father took Jane to her Uncle Charles Neave's in Cincinnati. Here she was raised and educated until age 18. She then returned home in 1855 and was married in 1857. At that date her father rented his farm and moved to Fulton, MO to educate his four boys by his second wife, in Westminster College. But after only a few months he died and was buried in Fulton. His age was 67."*

A second letter written by William F. Vawter, grandson on April 16, 1928 gives more information.

*"Dear Sir*

*Replying to yours of 29<sup>th</sup> of March, my grand father Vawter was a resident of Virginia during the war of 1812. Afterward he with two sons Wm. Vawter and Fleming Vawter m. Elizabeth Twombly and one daughter Mrs. Riley, moved to Burlington, Boone Co. Kentucky. While living there my father married Miss Jane Nieve, of Cincinnati Ohio. They had one daughter who afterward married J. E. Keithley of Shackelford Saline Co., MO. In 1830 Wm. Vawter moved to Monroe Co., Missouri and entered 1/2 section of land 14 miles west of Paris, the county seat, on filing two land warrants issued by the President of the US for services rendered while first Lieutenant of a Virginia regiment during the war of 1812. These warrants are on file in county recorder's offices, Paris, MO. His first wife having died about 1835 he married Miss Amanda Poage of Monroe Co., Mo. Four sons were born to this marriage. Alfred F. Vawter born 1837 J. H. Vawter born 1840, J. P. Vawter born 1842 and Wm. F. Vawter born Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1844. In 1857 Wm. Vawter*

*moved to Fulton, MO to educate his sons at Westminster College. He died in Spring of 1858. His wife, Mrs. Amanda Vawter died in Summer of 1863 at Fulton, MO Yours truly, Wm. F. Vawter."*

A letter by Flora Keithley (daughter mentioned by Wm. F.) is included in the William Snyder Vawter materials.

*"In Grace Vawter Bicknell's book she mentions Jesse Vawter father William Vawter and say little is know of him", then says of land sold by him in Kentucky in 1803, 1085, 1809 records show he had sold land in Jessamine Co., Campbell Co. & Gallatin Co. This Wm. Vawter was my great grandfather.*

*Record from KY shows that Wm. Vawter living in Woodford Co., when the second census was taken in 1800. He had large tracts of land and 7 slaves" (secured by Frank Vawter)*

*Register of KY State Historical Society for May 1916 p 39 to 43 show him Versailles, Woodford Co., KY and had nine whites in family and 14 slaves. That he was a soldier in Rev. War and received a pension for his services. This also shows that Edmund F. Vawter (Wm.'s son) with three whites and Jesse Vawter with four whites in family living in the same town and co.*

*Frank Vawter got record from KY following: "William Vawter Lieutenant was in State Line (Virginia) Warrant No 97 was issued to him for 2, 266 2/3 A and was issued in 33 certificates of 80A. each one fractional certificate of 22 2/3A. name of person to who certificate was issued William Buford. It was delivered to Wm. S. Cox as agent. Also this by Frank Vawter: Sep 23, 1809 William Vawter purchased land from John Taylor, John a farmer in Boone Co., KY. Flora Keithley."*

*PS He went to Mo. Monroe Co., near Paris, where he married his second wife.*

Book: *A Chapter of Hopkins Genealogy*, Ella W. Harrison, 1735-1905, The Lakeside Press, Chicago, pub. 1905. This book contains the genealogy of the Hopkins family who settled in Virginia. Page 230

Jane Poage, dau. of Mary Hopkins and Robert Poage, m. 2 Oct 1806 to cousin James Poage b. 15 Sep 1784 d. 1850 Monroe Co., MO. He was called "Major"

Children:

Mary Ann Poage b. 18 Sep 1807 d. 1863 m. 17 Nov 1854 to James E. Crawford. Home Florida and Monroe Co., MO.

Amanda Poage b. 5 Dec 1809 d. 1860 m. W. H. Vawter b. 1807. Children: Alfred F. Vawter b. Sep 1840, James H. Vawter b. Feb 1842, Thomas P. Vawter b. 7 Aug 1843, and William Franklin Vawter b. 28 Dec 1844. Home in Marshall, MO.

- a. Alfred F. Vawter m. Jan 1873 to Emma Major b. 1850. Children W. E. Vawter, Frances Vawter, Alfred Vawter and Major Vawter. Home Marshall, MO. Business Druggist
- b. James H. Vawter m. 1869 to Eva Vaughan. Home Marshall, Saline Co., MO. Business, agriculture.
- c. Thomas P. Vawter m. 1868 to Addie Vaughan b. 1852. Children: William A. Vawter, Emma Vawter, A. T. Vawter, Eva Vawter, T. P. Vawter, Iola Vawter, Edgar Vawter, Frank Vawter, Aureline Vawter and Vaughan Vawter. Home Marshall, Saline Co., MO. Business Merchant.
- d. William Franklin Vawter, m. 1869 to Latitia H. Buck b. 1847 d. 1872. m. (2) to Susie F. Fray b. 1863. Children: William A. Vawter, John F. Vawter, David D. Vawter, Charles E. Vawter and Martha E. Vawter.

Robert Darius Poage b. 13 Feb 1811 d. 21 Jul 1864 m. 3 Sep 1840 to Margaret Poage, dau. of Col William Poage and granddaughter of John Poage.

Eliza Poage b. Sep 1812 d. 9 Feb 1845

Martha Poage b. Feb 1814

William Hopkins Poage b. Aug 1815

Davis Poage

Marcus Poage b. 22 May 1819 d. 20 Jul 1864

Rufus A. Poage b. 22 May 1819 (twin) d. 5 Nov 1844

Andrew Franklin Poage b. Jul 1822 d 9 May 1849

Thomas Miller Poage b. Dec 1823

James Edward Poage

Samantha Poage b. 14 Sep 1826 d. 25 Oct 1850

Samuel Poage b. 14 Sep 1826 (twin) d. 14 Sep 1826

John Davis Poage b. 22 Jun 1829

Child of William and Jane (Neave) Vawter:

- a. William Died in infancy
- b. Jane Neave Vawter b. 16 Jan 1837 d. 1 Sep 1922 Mt. Leonard, MO m. 27 Oct 1857 Monroe Co., MO to Jacob Carter Keithley b. 4 Mar 1831 Shackelford, Saline Co., MO. Jacob's parents were Fannie White and Levi Keithley. Levi b. 15 May 1794 Warren, KY d. 28 Oct 1875 Center, Ralls Co., MO. Bur. Keithley Cem. Ralls Co. Jacob and Jane Keithley located to Saline Co., MO in 1857 and located on a farm near Mt. Leonard by 1860 called "Crystal Springs".
  - 1d. Irving Washington Keithley b. 20 Jun 1858 Saline Co., MO
  - 2d. Herbert Rudolph Keithley b. 2 Jun 1862 Saline Co., MO d. 19 Feb 1921
  - 3d. Flora E. Keithley b. 3 Dec 1863 Saline Co., MO
  - 4d. Ella R. Keithley b. 28 Aug 1866 Saline Co., MO
  - 5d. George Eugene Keithley b. 20 Dec 1868 (Presbyterian Minister)
  - 6d. Joseph Clarence Keithley d. young
  - 7d. Stanly Keithley d. young
  - 8d. Roland Hill Keithley b. 1 Jun 1876 Saline Co., MO d. 22 Oct 1919
- c. Charles died in infancy

Children of William and Amanda (Poage) Vawter

- d. Alfred Fleming Vawter b. 1840 d. Los Angeles 21 May 1925 m. (1) Elizabeth Twombly. He m. (2) Emma Major on 1 Jan 1873 at Booneville, MO. Emma was b. ca 1849/50 and possibly d. 1920. Children (which mother is unknown): Major Vawter, Alfred Vawter, Frances (female) Vawter and W. E. (male) Vawter.
  - e. James Henry Clay Vawter b. 20 Feb 1842 d. 11 Feb 1915 m. Eva M. Vaughn
  - f. Thomas Pierce Vawter b. 17 Aug 1843 d. 19 Dec 1932 m. 22 Oct 1868 Saline Co., MO to Ada Arlene Vaughn.  
Children: Emma Vawter, Eva May Vawter, William Alvis Vawter, Arthur Tipton Vawter, Thomas Pierce Vawter, Jr., Lola Harwood Vawter, Edgar Southern Vawter, Franklin Poage Vawter, Estelle Vawter, Aureline Vawter and Ernest Vaughan Vawter.
  - g. Dr. William Franklin Vawter b. 28 Dec 1844 m. Miss T. H. Buck. Had a son William A. Vawter. m. (2) Susie Fray had children: John Franklin Vawter, David Dobyngs Vawter, Charles Edward Vawter and Martha Vawter.
  - h. Mary Vawter died in infancy
  - i. John Vawter died in infancy.

6. Virginia A. Vawter b. ca 1793 a spinster. Mentions Ann Bascom, niece in her will. Edmund F. Vawter was executor of the will and freed the black girl named Aggy.

These children are not proven by the military records of William but are from family information.

7. John R. Vawter found 1820 Census LeRoy, Genessee, NY with wife, 1 dau. & 1 son under 10.

Witness to marriage of sister Maria (below) in 1810.

8. David Jameson Vawter m. 13 Jun 1812 Harriet E. Rucker d. bef 1829. Marriage bond of Woodford Co., KY David Jameson Vawter m. Harriot Rucker, signed William Vawter and Elliott Rucker, witness John R. Vawter

Another printed record shows this as: Daniel S. Vawter m. Harriett Rucker 14 Jun 1812.

9. Mary G. Vawter m. 31 Oct 1821 to Gabriel Tandy (Boone Co., KY marriage record)

10. Maria Vawter b. 16 Dec 1809 IN d. 7 Dec 1846 m. 4 Oct 1810 to George W. Rucker. Marriage bond located in Woodford Co., KY of Maria Vawter m. George W. Rucker, signed William Vawter and Elliott Rucker, witness John R. Vawter.



11. Margaret Vawter m. Mr. Bascom. One dau. known Ann Bascom who is mentioned in the will of Virginia, sister of Edmond. Margaret is mentioned in the land sale of 20 March 1626 Boone Co., KY page 24 Book B.