**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, 9th 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. (GJNote: William Henry Vawter is son of William Calvin Vawter)

*“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 rase (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) femaile 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.

1. Agnes Elizabeth Vawter b. 1852 d. 1924
2. 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 12th 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.

1. William W. Vauter b. 1859 TN d. 11 Dec 1933 Lamar Co., TX m. Virginia Belle (nee?)
2. Elizabeth C. Vauter b. 1861 TN
3. Sidneyham C. Vauter b. 1863 TN
4. Mary Aurelia Vauter b. 1865 TN m. Mr. Faust
5. Martha S. Vauter b. 1867 TN
6. Marcellus C. Vauter b. Mar 1870 TN d. 7 Feb 1931 in Petty, Lamar Co., TX