**Benjamin Vawter5, Edward4, Richard3, unknown2, Bartholomew1**

Benjamin Vawter b. bet 1790 -1800 VA

Essex Co., VA 2 Oct 1821 Vawter, Benjamin to Boulware, Betsy. (mar. rec. Bk1 p. 238)

1830 Essex Co., VA census p153

Benjamin Vawter, 1 male under 5, 1 male 30-40, 1 female under 5, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 20-30, 1 female 50-60

Slaves, 2 males under 10, 1 male 20-30

1840 US Census Essex Co. VA

Benjamin Vawter

Male 1 age 15-19 (of the right age to be William)

Male 1 age 40-49 (Benjamin)

Female 2 under 5, 1 age 5-9, 1 age 10-14, 1 age 15-19, 1 age 30-39, 1 age 60-69

This seems to be a bond by Bowler Vawter (Jr) and Benjamin Vawter to administer the estate of Sally Vawter. Bowler Vawter m. Sally Berry on 2 Nov 1786. Sally is the mother of Bowler (Jr).

Sally must have died before 1830, as the 1830 census shows Bowler age 70-80 living with Bowler (Jr) in Owen Twp., Jackson Co., IN. Likely Bowler (sr) died between 1830 and 1833 and Bowler (jr) then had to settle the affairs of both parents.

Will Book 23, 1833 page 146 Reel #57 Essex Co., VA

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 adminstrator 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 foce. Signed Bowler Vawter and Benjamin Vawter.

Letter dated 1982 from W. B. Vawter Rt. 2 Box 78, Louisa VA 23093 to EB Vaughters Seattle Washington.

In reference to the letters you wrote to my Father E. L. Vawter now deceased, August 1983 age 89. I can relate to you what I know about the Vawter Family, which is not much. I have not been much on history or family tree until a realize the Vawter Family is getting small. Nothing has been said about the women in my family (my grandmothers)

Benjamin Vawter (I or II I don’t know)

Son William T. Vawter

Son William H. Vawter married Ella Terrell

(They had ) daughter Mary Ann married Walter Elam

Son Clifton T. married Ezzie Massie

Son Ernest L. married Virginia Roberts

Mary Ann Elam had 1 son and 1 daughter. Clifton T. Vawter had 3 sons and 1 daughter. Ernest L. Vawter had 2 sons and 2 daughters.

As to the where abouts of Trevilians, it is 5 miles west of Louisa on the C & O Railroad. The P.O. was moved from Vawters Store to Trevilians in about 1910 then to Louisa in 1979. The P. O. at Vawters Store was operated by William H. and Ella T. Vawter. Vigor, VA does not exhist (sic) any more, the area still goes by the name of Vawters Store which happens to be my old home place and am now living since I retired. The area is 6 miles north of Louisa on the Orange County line. I would like to see the Vawter (our) family included in the Assn. newsletter and the Vawter family history. If I can be of more help to you or you have any questions, which I am sure you do, please contact me. Sincerely, William B. Vawter

From the VVV Newsletter of 1977 information was gathered on the Vawter family of Louisa County, Virginia. Help is needed in identifying the Vawters in Louisa Co., Va. Lindsey Vawter of

Trevilians, Va. (Louisa Co.) reports that his grandfather, William T. Vawter, was killed in

the Civil War . As so often happens, contact with the paternal line was thereby cut off,

and nothing is known of the family history. This family can be spotted as #346, 1860

Census of Louisa Co., P.O. Frederick's Hall. Reid Vawter, who died recently in Louisa,

was a nephew of Lindsey Vawter. Clifton Vawter, another nephew, lives in Louisa.

WILLIAM T. VAWTER b. 1824/25 m. Mary I.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Louisa County, VA and

had a son WILLIAM H. VAWTER, b. 1856 who married Ella Terrell. It was they that had

the VAWTER STORE & POST OFFICE in Vigor, VA. The town of Vigor no longer exists.

The children of William H. & Ella (Terrell) VAWTER

1. Mary Ann m. Walter Elam

2. Clifton T. m. Ezzie Massie

3. Ernest Lindsey, b. 1894, m. Virginia Roberts.

#3 - ERNEST LINDSEY VAWTER (d. August 1983 at age 89). His son, WILLIAM B.

VAWTER, retired, is now living at the Old Vawter Store home place, Rt. #2, Box 78,

Louisa, VA.

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1850 US Census Louisa Co., VA

Robert G. Downer age 43 Farmer, Frances A. Downer age 38

William Downer age 18 Carpenter, Lucy F. Downer age 15, Mary B. Downer age 14, Ruben Downer age 12, Phebe G. Downer age 10, Robert Downer age 7, Mildred A. Downer age 3

William Vawter age 26 Wheelright

Familysearch, Virginia marriages, 1785 - 1940:

William Vawter married Mary Jane **Estes** in Louisa, VA, Oct 18, 1852

1860 US Census Northern Dist., Louisa, VA

Wm. T. Vawter age 36

Mary J Vawter age 27

Agness E. Vawter age 7

Wm. H. Vawter age 4

Martha N. Vawter age 1

US Civil War Soldier Records

William T. Vawter - Private enlisted Company C, Virginia 56th Infantry Regiment on 9 Jul 1861, mustered out Aug 1861 at Louisa, VA. Married Mary Jane Vawter 15 Oct 1852. Widow filed death claim 28 May 1863 for $36.84. Widow applied for pension 12 Apr 1888; $30.00 approved

1880 US Census Louisa Co., VA #308

Mary J. Vawter age 48 widow

William H. Vawter age 22 son

Ella S. Vawter age 26 dau in law

Poindexter Luther mulatto age 6 servant

1880 US Census Taylor, Orange Co., VA #36

Robert Collins age 79

Jane Collins wife age 67

Charles S. Collins son age 30

Agnes E. Collins daughter in law age 25

Eugene Collins grand son age 3

1900 US Census Louisa Co., VA #88

C. S. Collins head age 46 m.26 yr. b. Apr 1854 VA (Charles)

A. E. Collins wife age 46 b. Jan 1854 VA (Agnes)

M. A. Collins dau age 15 b. Jan 1885 VA

E. C. Collins son age 24 m. 2 yr. b. Sep 1875 VA (Eugene)

Annie Collins wife age 22 m. 2 yr (1898) b. Jun 1877 VA

A. M. Collins dau age 6 months b. Jan 1900 VA

M. J. Vaughter mother age 68 widow b. Jul 1832

FROM FindaGrave.com Cemetery of Louisa County, VA Hillcrest Cemetery

C Hawthorne Vawter “son” b. Nov. 15, 1912 d. Jan 24, 1932

Clifton H. Vawter b. Jun. 24, 1888 d. May 13, 1959

Clifton Terrell Vawter b. Jan 2, 1924 (death unknown)

Ernest L. Vawter b. 14 Jun 1894 d. Aug. 17, 1982

Frances C. Vawter b. Oct 24, 1932 (death unknown) (wife of William B. Vawter)

Isa K. Vawter b. May 30, 1888 d. Jul 13, 1962

M. Estelle Vawter b. Sep. 20, 1916 d. Oct. 27, 1993

Reid Wilson Vawter b. 1919 d. 1979 1st Sgt. US Army World War II

Vawter, Robert Franklin b. Apr. 30, 1915 d. Jun 29, 2006 US Army World War II

Virginia R. Vawter b. Feb. 22, 1901 d. Jan 17, 1968 (wife of Ernest L. Vawter)

Vivian (Johnson) Vawter b. May 3, 1925 d. Oct. 22, 2000 (wife of Clifton Terrell Vawter)

William B. Vawter b. Apr. 7, 1929 (death unknown)

Mary Ann Vawter Elam b. Jan 25, 1883 d. Jul 30, 1983

Walter Alexander Elam b. Apr 11, 1887 d Jul 2, 1950

In the Virginia Genealogist, Volume 16 (1972) on pages 217-218 is a

list of Post Offices in Louisa County, VA before 1890. It listed, VAWTER'S STORE

& POST OFFICE (1887-1909) located in Vigor, VA.

Familysearch, Virginia marriages, 1785 - 1940:

Clifton H Vawter married Isa K **Massie**, April 27, 1910...both born 1889

1920 US Census Madison, Orange Co., VA #68

Walter A. Elam age 32 b. VA

Mamie Elam age 36 b. VA

Walter Elam age 10 b. VA

Mary Elam age 3 b. VA

1900 US Census Green Spring, Louisa, VA #215

Drusilla Elam head age 53 b. Aug 1846 widow

Lottie Elam dau age 34 single b. Nov 1865 VA

Travis P. Elam son age 32 widow b. Oct 1867

Gertrude Elam dau age 25 single b. Aug 1874

Eva Elam dau age 23 single b. Jan 1877

Cecil Elam son age 16 single b. Dec 1883

Walter A. Elam son age 13 single b. Apr 1887

Edith E. Coyner age 28 married 8 yr (1892) b. Jun 1871

M. Gertrude Coyner age 7 b. Oct 1892 VA

Anne Perkins black servant age 16 single b. May 1884

1920 US Census Louisa, Louisa, VA

William H. Vawter age 64 b. VA

Ella S. Vawter age 66 b. VA

Earnest L. Vawter age 25 b. VA

1920 US Census Louisa, Louisa, VA

Clifton H. Vawter age 31

Ila K. Vawter age 31

Carl H. Vawter age 7

Robert F. Vawter age 4 yr 8 mo

Reid W. Vawter age 4 months

1910 US Census Green Spring, Louisa, VA #145

William H. Vawter age 53 b. VA/VA/VA

Ella S. Vawter age 53 b. VA/VA/VA

Henry C. Vawter son age 21

Ernest L. Vawter age 15

Annie Gay (Lodger) age 13 b. NC/NC/NC

1900 US Census Green Spring, Louisa, VA #326

William H. Vawter age 43 b. Aug 1856 b. VA m. 1878

Ella S. Vawter age 46 b. May 1854

William H. Vawter son age 18 b. Oct 1881 d. 15 Feb 1901 Cumberland, MD

Mary A. Vawter dau age 17 b. Jan 1883

Clifton H. Vawter age 12 b. Jun 1887

Ernest L. Vawter age 6 b. Jun 1893

Richmond, VA. Richmond Dispatch. 16 Feb 1901

Cumberland, MD, February 15. Three men were instantly killed and four badly hurt this morning while thawing dynamite before an open fire at the mouth of a tunnel being constructed for the Baltimore and Ohio cut-off at Patterson’s Creek, W. Va., eight miles below here. The dead are:

Gilmore Wagner, aged 40 years, of Sinclarsville, W. VA

W. H. Vawter, aged 19, of Gordonsville, VA

An Italian: name unknown.

The injured are: H. E. Faulkner of Richmond, Va., a cousin of Vawters’s head badly cut and filled with broken stone.

The dynamite was laid against a plank before the open fire. ………………Vawter was a driver out of the tunnel and Wagner a brakesman. The bodies of the men were brought here tonight and prepared for burial. Vawters’s body will be sent to his home, in Virginia, tomorrow and Faulkner will accompany it if about to travel. Faulkner was standing on the other side of the dinky when the explosion occurred.

Young Vawters’s father is a wealthy merchant at Vawter’s Store Post Office in Louisa County, Va., the boy was fond of adventure and for that reason was with the tunnel gang making $1.50 a day.

Obituaries From The Central Virginian 1929-1990

Vawter, Clifton H. 14 May 1959 (p1 c3)

Vawter, Clifton Henry age 70 spouse Isa Massie 14 May 1959 (p2 c3)

Vawter, Ernest Linwood age 88 spouse Virginia Roberts 26 Aug 1982 (p7 c2)

Vawter, Henry A. age 67 10 Jun 1948 (p3 c4)

Vawter, Isa Massie age 74 spouse Clifton Henry 19 Jul 1962 (p1 c6)

Vawter, Mrs. E. S. spouse William H. 3 Jan 1929 (p5 c1 & p6 c2)

Vawter, Reid Wilson age 59 spouse Evelyn M. 26 Jul 1979 (p5c3)

Vawter, Virginia Roberts age 66 spouse Ernest L. 25 Jan 1968 (p3 c 4-5)

Vawter, William H. 26 May 1938 (p1 c4)