**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

1 male under 10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 16-26

1 female 26-44

2 slaves

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 McGrew, 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

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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 8th 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 otherwide 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 pervious 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 legitmate 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 McGew 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 complaintants.

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 explaination 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 12th) 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 13th 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