**Fances Alpha and Omega Vawter4, (Richard3, John2, Bartholomew1)**

Frances Alpha and Omega Vawter was the daughter of Richard Vawter and Frances Towles. She m. 2 Nov 1790 to Robert Shelton, found in the marriage records of Culpeper Co., VA, minister William Carpenter (Lutheran). Robert died in Woodford Co. KY in 1835 during a cholera epidemic. Information from a book on deaths in Woodford Co. KY (unnamed).

Robert’s parents were Reuben Shelton and Priscilla Medley. Robert also had a brother named Medley, so the name can get confused in records.

On the family of his father, Reuben Shelton, Reuben requested Lewis Montague be appointed his guardian. He was the beneficiary of the will of his wife’s (Priscilla Medley) bachelor brother named Robert Medley with Reuben’s inheritance to descend to the eldest son, Thomas Shelton, should Reuben pre decease Robert Medley.

Reuben Shelton was the son of Thomas Shelton and Mary Probert of Middlesex Co., VA. They seemed to have sons Thomas b. 1755, Medley and Reuben Shelton.

Medley Shelton b. 1762 Middlesex Co., VA d. 1839 Carroll Co., KY. Rev. War vet lived in Culpeper Co., VA, Scott Co., and Gallatin Co., KY. His wife was Elizabeth Ward (dau. of Jacob Ward). Children were Jacob W. Shelton (b. 1794 m. Mary Tandy all left for Jefferson Co., IA in 1835), Ann Shelton (m. Zachariah Bledsoe and George Collins), Mary (m. William Whitehead and Jacob Blessing), John B. Shelton (m. Malinda Craig , left for Jefferson Co., IA ended up in Knox Co., MO) and Medley Shelton, Jr. (m. Nancy Chadwell, ended up in MO)

In the wills of her parents Richard and Frances Vawter, Frances Shelton is noted:

Richard Vawter will 1 Mar 1803 - 24 Mar 1803, Madison Co., VA: *Item, It is my will and desire that the one acre of land on which the church stands in its appurtenances be sold to the highest bidder by my executor and the money be divided to my daughters Anna Vawter and Alpha Shelton, now citizens of the State of Kentucky.*

France Vawter will 11 Nov 1811 - 16 Dec 1811, Madison Co., VA: *after my decease my Executor sell the whole of my estate and the money arising from the sale those together with that debts as owing to me and all the money I have in hand be divided in the following manner first pay to my daughter Frances Alpha and Omega Shelton thirty six pounds lawful money of Virginia and the balance to be equally divided between by three daughters Francis Alpha and Omega Shelton above mentioned. Ann Vaughter and Nancy Wilhoit and their lawful heirs- I leave my estate in this manner for my conviction that my children herein named have received less from there Father Richard Vawter dece'd than my other children,*

Robert d. ca 1835 and in 1836 his land was sold in Woodford Co., KY to a Mr. Filson. All the children were listed in this deed and are shown below. Alpha O. F. Shelton reliquished her dower in the track of land. Source located in LDS Library film #252298 Book O (end of book) pages 284-286. (provided by Shirley Gregory)

Children:

1. Col. Medley Shelton m. 24 May 1813 in Woodford Co., KY to his cousin Malinda Wilhoit. Medley was the owner of a famous Old Tavern of Versailles. Within his tavern such men as Henry Clay, the Crittendens, the Breckinridges and other luminaries of that period were entertained. It was one of the most popular hostelries in Central KY.

They were located in Woodford Co., KY in the 1836 deed of land.

He was popular and a clever politician. Col. Medley represented Woodford Co. in the KY Legislature of 1842. He was a colonel in the war of 1812 and went by the name Col. Medley ever after. He and Malinda eventually moved to Jackson Co., MO.

1. Frances Vawter Shelton b. 3 Dec 1798 m. 9 Apr 1816 to Elijah P. Dale b ca 1793. Marriage bond held in clerk’s office Versailles, Woodford Co., KY. Permission to marry by Robert Shelton, witnessed by Samuel Tillery and Medley Shelton. Medley Shelton signed the marriage bond with Elijah Dale. They moved to Rocheport, MO in 1821 to (now) Jasper Co., MO in 1838, just before the Civil War they were located on Dale Prairie (just west of the present city of Joplin). Elijah died Nov. 1, 1865 and is buried in Old Salem Cemetery, Moniteau Co. MO. Frances Shelton Dale died Sept. 28, 1882 in Sarcoxie, Jasper Co., MO.

Her tombstone is located in Sarcoxie, MO cemetery as reads:

“Frances V. Shelton born Bradford Co., Ky 3 Dec 1798, married E. P. Dale 10 April 1817 Immigrated to Boon Co., Mo in 1821. United with Baptist Church about 1830. Immigrated to Jasper Co., Mo in May 1838. Died 28 Sep 1882”.

(GJNote: there is no Bradford Co., KY but there is a Woodford Co., KY and the Vawter and Dale families are noted in Woodford county in the 1810 census. This is an error on the tombstone.)

Elijah P. Dale and Frances V. Dale were living in Boone Co., MO when the 1836 deed was signed. Children:

3a. Alfred Dale b ca 1818. Family lived in Indianapolis, IN area. Children known: Frankie Dale m. a Hinton, Malinda Alpha Dale married Dr. Griffith who was killed in the Civil War, Robert Dale, Granville Dale, Will Dale and Emma Dale.

3b. Robert Jesse Dale b 15 Mar 1820 d. 20 May 1910 m. Jun 1843 to Olive Cox of Flinns Lick, TN b. 5 Jun 1822 d. 6 Feb 1897. Children George Fielding Dale b. 24 Jul 1844 d. 13 May 1940 m. Sue Harris, Henry Clay Dale b. 6 Apr 1848 d. 26 Dec 1919 m. Emma Barker., Mary Molinda Dale b. 1 Mar 1846 d. 1875 m. Robert Hughes, Ann Frances Dale b. 24 Mar 1851 d. 31 Jul 1943 m. Andrew M. Wise, Permelia Branch Dale b. 24 Feb 1854 m. Thomas H. F. Howard, Martha Jane Dale b. 2 Apr 1857 d. 30 Nov 1835 m. Rice Johnson and Olive Canzade Dale m. b. 17 Feb 1861 d. 13 Aug 1896 m. Turner Hine. Also children Dave and Elijah who died young.

3c. Permelia Dale b. ca 1822 d. ca 1895 San Antonio, TX married Abner Holleman. Children known: Tom Line Holleman d. San Antonio, TX ca 1890-1895. Laura Holleman m. a Carlisle, lived in TX. And Hattie Halleman married a Latimer.

3d. Medley Vawter Dale b. ca 1824 Medley Dale built the first brick house in Westport (Kansas City), went to TX bef. the Civil War. 3 children Thomas Dale, Henry Dale and Fannie Dale Smith b. 1862 whose widow was living in Hearne TX in 1927 with numerous children and grandchildren.

Mary E. Dotson b abt 1829 AL/MS. She married #1 Timothy Holmes b AL and #2 Medley Vawter Dale found in 1860 Holmes Co MS Census. Two of their children, (1880) Frances 18 and Henry 16 in Burleson Co TX in home of their half-sis Bettie Coffee Holmes. There was also a son Thomas in the home of Henry W & Mattie Dotson in the above 1880 TX Census. Robertson Co TX fits because that is where Frances Dale Smith raised her family, and that would put her near Henry W. Dotson.

3e. Mary Adeline Dale b. ca 1830 d 2 Apr 1864 married David Sundy/Sunday. Mary Adeline died 2 Apr 1864 and David Sunday died 5 Feb 1866. David Sunday was the brother of the famous Billy Sunday. The 6 Sunday children ranged from age 14 and younger in 1866, Ada aged about 7 or 8 went to live with her aunt and uncle Martin (see census below). Two children were alive in 1944 as noted by Dale researchers, they were Frank Sunday of Texas and Ada Hackney, Ponca City, OK.

3f. James M. Dale b. ca 1832 married Martha Snyder moved to TX in 1870, a son J. R. Dale was a Baptist preacher and a dau. Sarah Frances Dale was b. ca 1854.

3g. Rebecca Dale b. ca 1835 m. Lewis Martin b. ca 1821, Rebecca was Lewis second wife based on census below. Dale researchers state: 3 children were born to Rebecca. Charles who died in 1902, Amelia Hawkins b. 1875 moved to Austin Texas and had 3 children, (Lillie) Belle Boucher b. 1877 died 1917 leaving 3 children Marguerite, Lucille and Dale.

Census information

1820 KY Woodford Co., Elijah Dale

1830 MO Boone Co., Elijah Daley

1850 MO Center Twp., Jasper Co., Elijah P. Dale (55), Frances V. (50), Mary A. (20), James M. (18) and Rebecca (16)

1860 MO Sarcoxie Twp. Jasper Co., E. P. Dale (65), Francis V. (61), Rebecca (25)

1880 MO Sarcoxie Twp. Jasper Co., Lewis Martin (59) and wife Rebecca (45), James (13), Franklin (13), Charles (6), Amelia (4), Lillie (2), Adie Sundy (18) and Frances Dale age 84 (mother in law).

Note: Frances Dale and the other children of the Sunday’s are not found in 1870 census and their whereabouts are yet unknown.

Shirley Gregory who supplied information on the Dale line adds this: “Elijah Dale’s parents were Robert Dale and Mary Baskett Johnson (her first husband died). We are still searching for written proof that she is mother of Elijah Dale, as he is not mentioned in her father's will but marriage and birth dates indicate she is the mother.

Elijah served with his brother Jesse Dale in the War of 1812 and they were captured by Indians. They were forced to run the gauntlet but came through without serious injury and somehow survived captivity. Elijah Dale moved to MO as his father had before him. Robert Dale, his father, was a Baptist circuit rider.

It is a matter of record in Jasper Co. MO, that the first Baptist Church ever organized in Jasper Co. was organized in the small pioneer home of Elijah P. Dale.”

1. Permelia Shelton b. 10 Apr 1797 m. 31 Aug 1813 Woodford Co., KY to Francis Hawkins b. 24 Feb 1785 Culpeper Co., VA. In the 1836 deed living in Mercer Co., KY.
2. Florella Hawkins b. 8 Jan 1826 Mercer Co., KY (not shown in the 1836 deed)
3. Sheridan Hawkins, 1836 living in Anderson Co., KY
4. Livingston Hawkins, 1836 living in Anderson Co., KY
5. Granville Hawkins, 1836 living in Anderson Co., KY
6. Nancy Shelton m. Benjamin Wickersham

Living in Woodford Co., KY 1836 at the time of the deed of land sale.

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