**John Vawter2, (Bartholomew1)**

John Vawter was the oldest son of Bartholomew Vawter and Winifred Hodgson as noted in the will of Bartholomew dated 16 Aug 1717- proved 17 Sep 1717 Essex Co., VA. In *The Vawter Family In America* by Grace Vawter Bicknell, pub. 1905 Hollenbeck Press, Indianapolis, IN, he is called John II. Bartholomew and Winifred were married ca 5 Oct 1690 in Essex Co., VA and he would have been born ca 1691. According to deeds he died after Mar 1750 and before Jan 1752, his will proved 16 Nov 1752.

John married Margaret Noel, daughter of Daniel Noel and Elizabeth (nee?). Margaret died in Oct 1756 in Culpeper Co., VA. A complete history of the Noel family is recorded in the book *Emigrant, Cornelius Noel from Holland* by Mary Roberts Noel pub. 1977, Salt Lake City, UT. This is a very extensive genealogical work which covers several volumes and is found in most large genealogical collections including Ft. Wayne IN, Allen County Library, however, later research has corrected Cornelius’s parentage. It is also noted in the book that the will of Richard Vawter is not the Richard, son of John, who died in 1803.

*Essex Co Deed Book 5 p502*, 28 Jan 1675/6. Deed from Thomas Page of Sittingbourne Parish, County of Rappahannock, for goodwill and affection, etc. towards Daniel Noel, son of Cornelius Noel of Said Parish - 400 acres in said Parish and County, adjoining land of the said Cornelius on which he now reside. Deed acknowledged to Cornelius Noel for use of Daniel Noel. Witness: John Roberts, Samuel Ward.

*Essex Co Deed Book 22 p334*, 21 Dec 1741 Daniel Noel being in perfect memory gives to his two sons, John and Benjamin to be equally divided between them, the plantation where I now live with all houses and everything pertaining thereto lying in St. Ann’s Parish and adjoining the three hundred acres already given by me to my three sons, Daniel, Cornelius, and Bernard Noel. And is the residue of the tract of land formerly granted me by Mr. Thomas Page, January 23, 1675. Witnesses: Patrick Donohoe, Francis Ramsey.

(GJNote: The above deeds are the basis for the Elizabeth having been thought to be the child of Thomas Page and wife Elizabeth (nee?). However a lawsuit of 1754 states that Thomas R. Page had but one child, Mary, who married Valentine Allen. This suit was between the heirs of Valentine and Mary’s 2 daughters, Christian and Mary.)

John amassed a large estate but most of the land was not far from his original plantation and land of his father Bartholomew. Old Rappahannock County was in existence prior to his birth. In 1692, a portion was changed to Essex Co. In 1720, a section of Essex and 2 other counties were formed to create Spotsylvania County. In 1734, part of Spotsylvania county was divided to form Orange County and in 1748 from Orange county was created Culpeper County. Culpeper was later changed to form Madison County. In 1749, he disposed of the last of his land in Essex through gifts to his children and the sale of the original 150 acres of Kings’ Land bought by Bartholomew in 1693 at the head of Blackburn’s (Lucas) creek. He moved at that time from Essex to Madison Co., VA where he and Margaret died.

Essex Co., VA Book #14, page 190, dated Feb. 1713-14 Wm. Brown, Planter, of St. Ann's Parish, sell Samuel Stallard, Planter, of the same Parish, for 1800 lbs. of Tobacco, 60 acres adjacent land of Capt. John Hawkins, Popeman Swamp, signed Wm. Brown.  Witnesses were John Vawter, Thomas Fernwick, and John Wriding.  (This is the same John Hawkins that Grace Stallard married after Samuel's death).

*Virginia Colonial Abstracts* by Beverley Fleet pub. 1988 Genealogical Publishing Co., Vol. II of the compiled 34 original volumes, we find numerous mention of John Vawter.

p27 Essex Co., Wills & Deeds 1711-1714. Jno Vawter witnessed a deed of St. Anns Par. to Samuel Stallord of same par., p190 11 Feb 1713/14. Recorded 11 Feb 1713/14.

p31 Jno Vawter witnessed a deed of John Willard of St. A. Par. to James Landrum of same. p229, 3 Apr 1714. Rec. 8 Apr 1714.

p43 Essex Co., Wills & Deeds 1714-1717. Jno Vawter appraisal of the estate of Mr. Richard Kemp. 9 Sep 1714.

p59 John Vawter due 400 lbs. of tobacco from the estate of George Lody Dec’ed 1715.

p63 Jno Vawter witness the deed of Thomas Ayres of St. A. Par. to Matthew Collins of same. Pg 432, 11 Oct 1715. Rec. 20 Dec 1715.

p77 John Vawter is listed as the executor of the estate of William Scott on p. 633. Dated 26 Nov 1715 Prob. 21 Aug 1716. (John was 23 or 24 as exor. to this estate, what is his relationship, could this Margaret listed as the wife, be the Margaret Rutherford of mystery? See Bartholomew file)

Essex Co., VA records, deeds and wills, 17 Sep 1717. Bond of John Vawters as executor of Bartho. Vawter. Unto Jno. Lomax, Wm. Woodford, Leonard Tarent and Augustine Smith, Gent., Justices. For £200 sterling. Securities, Daniel Nowell and James Jamison. Signed Jno. Vawter, Daniel Noell, James Jameson.

Essex Co., VA records, deeds and wills, 18 Nov 1717. John Vawter, one of witnesses to a deed - Samuel Ellitts of St. Ann’s Par., Essex, planter and Elizabeth his wife, to John Wridings.

Note: on 15 Apr 1740, sheriff Benjamin Winslow seized the land of William Wridings bounded by John Andrews, Wm. Gray, John Vawters and Samuel Noel and sold it at auction to John Andrews. This land approx. 167 acres.

John, in the will of Bartholomew, received land and his father’s plantation, approx. 150A. The will proved 1717 states: *Item, I give and bequeath unto my oldest son John Vawter the land and plantation where on I now live with its appententures to him and his heirs forever.* (Note: the acres of Hodgson land was divided by William and David Vawter by Bartholomew’s will.)

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

Court 16 Jul 1717. The last Will & Testament of John Hodson deced being proved by ye oaths of John Vawter & William Tyler witnesses thereto, was admitted to record.

Court 16 Jul 1717. The Last will & Testament of Abner Gray deced presented in Court by Sarah Gray, his Exx. Proved by the oaths of John Vawter & John Andrews, witnesses thereto admitted to record. Sarah Gray together with Richard Goode & John Andrews her securities acknowledged their bond. Ordered ye Thomas Ramsey, Samuel Ellet, Daniel Nowell & James Nowell appraise ye estate of Abner Gray.

Court 16 Sep 1718, Samuel David in open Court relinquished his right of Exeship of Thomas Davis deced last will and Testament of Thomas David deced was presented in Court by Frances Davis & Thomas Davis his Exrs. Mast oaths proved by Nathl. Fogg & John Vawter witnesses thereto.

Essex Co., VA Records, Deeds and Wills. 19 May 1719 Wm. Price Inventory. Made pursuant to order of 19 May 1719 No total valuation. Signed by Katherine Price, Jno. Vawter, John Miller, Thomas Ayres.

Essex Co VA Records 1706-1707, 1717-1719:
P112-14. 18 Nov 1717. WILLIAM WARREN of St Ann's Parish, Essex Co. to Sam'l Ellitts of same for 6750 pds tobacco 100 ac on the N side of Occupation Swamp, the said land being Jno. Hawkinses & by him sold by 2 deeds, the one for 50 ac to RICHARD WARRIN, dec'd, and the other to JOHN WARRIN, deceased, dated 20 Sep 1690. S/WM WARREN. Wit: Jno. Vawter, THOMAS WARRIN, John  Wridings. 19 Nov 1717. Acknowledged by WILLIAM WARREN

Essex Co., D&W 15: 195-196, 18 Aug 1718. Isaac Truck and Mary his wife of Sittenburn Parish, Richmond Co., to David Stearne of same for love and good will 150 acs. In St. Marie’s Par., Essex Co., on the s/s of the main branch of Pewmansend Swamp b/b land of John Combes deceased corner to Wm. Cammock’s land…. Signed Isaac Truck, Mary Truck. Wits: Richard Booker, Richard Tunstall, Jno. Vawter.

In an old land survey, made by John Vauter for Buckingham Brown, who owned land on Blackburn’s Creek close to Vauter’s church, there is a “road leading to the church” on the plot, and this plot is dated 1722; and in another survey, made for John Hawkins (who also owned land on his same creek), by John Vauter, surveyor, there is shown as a boundary the “church land”, and this plot is dated 1719. Blackburn’s creek (formerly Lucas’ creek), is the starting point in tracing many contiguous properties at the date of the earliest mention of Vauter’s church; and as we find Vauters taking up “King’s Lands” on this creek close to Vauter’s church, very early in the 18th century, it seems probable that the church was built upon “king’s land,” by order of vestry empowered by the Governor of Virginia, and took the name “Vauter’s” from propinquity to land occupied by Vauters. John is long thought in family tradition to have been one of the people responsible for the building of Vauter’s Church. He was a vestry man in the parish and they did have important governmental functions similar to today’s councilman for city or county. They reviewed deeds and levied the tax for the parish. They also were responsible for the building and improvements of the churches. He was a vestry member when the brick Vauter’s Church of 1731 was built.

*Essex Co. Deeds* 15 Sep 1719. Robert Paine of St. Anne’s parish, Essex Co., to Job Spearman of same. for 25 pounds current money. 100 acres in St. Anne’ Parish….corner tree of the land of Mr. Bernard Gains it being that land the said Gains now lives on… near a run side called Catlett Swamp. Robt. Payne. Wit. Wm. Gray, Wm. Moss, Jno. Vawter. 15 Sep 1719 Acknowledged by Robt. Payne, Moneca Payne by Robt. Jones her attny. relinquished her right of dower.

Essex Co. Order Book 1716-1723 Part II

17 Sep 1718. Anthony Booth being arrested at ye Suit of John Vawter & not appearing, Judgmt. Is granted sd Vawter.

20 Jan 1718/19. Ordered ye John Vawter, Survr. of ye Highways, with ye people in his precinct clear a Rolling Road from Robert Parker’s Plantation over Popoman’s Swamp by Edmond Conolly’s Plantation to ye back Inhabitants of this County and also make a good Cart Bridge over ye sd Swamp, & also keep ye sd Road and Bridge in constant repair.

19 Feb 1718/19. In action on Case brought by John Vawter agt. John Giffin Deft. Prays an Imparl. To next court & it is granted.

19 Feb 1718/19. The action of Debt brought by John Vawter agt. Danl. Tucker is dismt. Ye Deft. Being dead.

28 Jan 1718/1719 pages 59-63. Thomas Shortt of St. Ann’s Parish, Essex Co, and Mary his wife, to John Boulware of same. Lease and release for 1200 pounds of tobacco. The half of that land which John Martin, dec. purchased of John Evens, dec., by deed 8 Apr 1708, containing 100 acres….levill good land adjoining to a piece of barren land bounding on the north side of a tract containing 500 acrres which William Hall, dec., purchased of Thomas Page, dec., then to be laid out square from the said levill, on the south side of Rappahannock River upon the branches of Occapation Run. Thomas Shortt and Mary Shortt. Wit: Richd. Booker, Thos. Hipkings, Saml. Stallord.

19 May 1719. Mary Ship’s Power of Attorney to John Vawter was proved by the Oaths of Robert Thomas and John Millatt witnesses thereto which on motion of sd Jno. Vawter is admitted to record.

Richard Ship acknowd. His Deed & Livery & Seizen of land to James Jameson & Mary ye wife of sd Richard. By John Vawter her attorney, reliquished her right of dower.

Thomas Short & Mary his wife adknowld their deeds to John Boulware, sd Mary release her dower.

16 Jun 1719. Jno. Giffin failing to appear and answr. Ye suit of John Vawter, ye Case. Order is granted Griffin for 10 pounds Sterl.

18 Aug 1719, In action of Debt brought by John Boughan & Edwd. Rowzee, Churchwardens agt. Eliza. Rowzee ye Deft, filed her plea and referred till next court.

18 Aug 1719, In action of Debt brought by John Boughan & Edwd. Rowzee, Church wardens agt. Eliza. Spires, a jury , James Renynolds Jr., James Booth, Thos. Ayres, Philemon Cavenah, John Foster, Wm. Smith, Richd Tyler, John Williamson, Joseph Leemon, Jno. Wridings, Jno. Vawter & Robt. Elliot heard evidences and motion for plt. Against Deft. For 500 pounds of Tobo & Cask according to Law.

19 Aug 1719. In action of ye Case brought by John Vawter agt. Jno. Giffin ye Deft. On motion hath time granted him to plead.

15 Sep 1719. John Vawter not appearing to prosecute his action on Case agt. John Griffin sd action is therefore dismist.

*Essex Co. Land Records 1717-1722* by Dorman, page 18. Deed pages 186-188 16 May 1720 Buckinham Brown of St. Ann’s Parish, Essex Co., to John Vawter of same. For 57.4 pounds sterling 143 acres in St. Anne’s Parish…near the head of Blackburn’s creek, in the line of Mr. John Hawkin’s Patten and on the Long Bridge swamp side…crossing the main road near the Long Bridge to the run side. Bucken M. Browne. Witness: Will Vawter, David Vawter, Thomas T. Burk. 16 May 1720. Possession and seizin delivered to John Vawter. (Note: Will and David are John’s brothers) 1704 Quit Rent Rolls of Essex Co., Buckingham Brown owned 400 acres and William Brown owned 420 and Charles Brown owned 1000 acres.

17 May 1720, Elizabeth wife of Buckenham Brown relinquished her right of Dower in sd. Land

*Essex Co. Deed* 17 Jul 1721. Buckenham Browne of St. Ann’s Parish, Essex Co., to Richard Long of St. Mary’s parish in said county for 70 pounds sterling. 297 acres 20 pole in St. Ann’s Parish on the head of Blackburn’s Creek… on a run side that falleth into Blackborn’s Creek and near a path that leadeth from the church to Job Spearman’s called Spearman’s church path it being the most southwest corner tree to John Vawter’s land which be bought of the abovesaid Brown… to Mr. John Hawkins’ patten as also to a patten granted to Thomas Page, dec., known by the name of the 3000 (Acre) patten… land of Mr. Robert Payne… Job Spearman’s land…containing all the land Buckenham Browne doth hold on the south side of the abovesaid swamp. Wit: John Vawter, David Vawter, Thos. (T) Burk. 18 Jul 1721. Acknowledge by Buckenm Browne. Elizabeth wife of said Buckenham relinquished her right of dower.

*Essex County Order Book Part III,* 1716-1723. 18 Jul 1721. Its ordered that the Rollings Houses at Samuel Stallord and Job Spearman’s be put down & that one be built at John Vawter’s according to Law.

19 Jul 1720 The suit brought by James Boughan agt. Wm. Hudson is dismist.

16 Aug 1720. Ordered that John Hawkins, Thomas Ramsey, John Vawter and Robert Parker divide ye Estate of John Boughan deced according to the Will of the deceedt.

21 Feb 1720/21 John Vawter, James Jameson, Buckenham Brown & Thomas Short to appr. estate of John Millat.

23 Mar 1720 p. 555 In ye Information brought by our Sovereign Lord ye King agt. John Vawters ye deft. Prays an Imparlance to next Court and it is granted him.

20 Jun 1721. John Vawter failing to answer to the Information of our Sovereign Lord the King, order is granted agt. him as in case of Nihil Dicit returnable to next Court for judgment.

18 Jul 1721. In ye information brot. By our Sovereign Lord ye King agt. John Vawter, ye deft. Filed his pleas, ye plt. Joyned issue, the tryal whereof is referr’d till next Court.

19 Sep 1721. In ye Informacon brot. By our Sovereign Lord ye King agt John Vawter, a Jury being impanelled, having heard the testimoney withdrew and in a short time returned their Verdt. Which on ye Plts. Mocon is admitted to record being as foll: Vizt.: “We the July find ye Defendt. Guilty of the words that was declared upon Oath by Capt. Thos. Waring. John Roy foreman”. And then the Deft. Mov’d for time till tomorrow to assign errors in arrest of Judgmt. Wch is granted him.

20 Sep 1721. John Vawter having on Tuesday last time granted him till tomorrow to file Errors in arrest of Judgment on ye Information of our Sovereign Lord ye King, this day filed them & pray’d time till next Court to argue the same. (upon sd Vawter giving security in sum of Five hundred pounds Sterl. for his personall appearance at the next court) is granted to him. Richard Covington and John Hawkins acknowledged themselve to be indebted to our Sovereign Lord ye King in the sum of 200 pounds sterl. to be levyed upon their goods and lands upon condition that John Vawter shall appear at ye next Court to be held for this county to answer ye Information of our Sovereign Lord ye King.

*Essex Co Order Book 1723-1725* p. 90 Court 17 Mar 1723. On hearing of the petition of James Boulware, Mark Boulware, Benja. Boulware, Wm. Vawter, John Willard, Edwd. Clark, Benja. Vawter, Daniel Neele, Jr. (Noel) & Wm. Beasley for a Rolling Road down to John Vawter’s Rolling House. It is ordered that John Hawkins, Thomas Ramsey & Robert Parker or any two of them view & lay off the most convenient road to ye sd Rolling House and it is ordered that the Surveyors of the Highways in who precincts part of ye sd Road shall happen to be do clear the same part & keep it in order according to Law.

(GJNote: This is interesting as it gives all the land owners in the area and the “rolling road” was the means to “roll” the tobacco casks down to the warehouse to be loaded on the ships.)

*Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents & Grants* by Nell Marion Nugent Vol. III 1695-1732, pub. 1979, Virginia State Library. Page 249 John Vawter 25 A., 92 Per., (N.L.) Essex Co., in St. Ann’s Par; on S. side of Rappa. Riv; in the fork of Blackburn’s Cr.; adj. Thomas Page: 5 Sept 1723, p. 233. 5 Shillings.

Essex Co Deed Book 18, John Vawter

p.43-44 16 Mar 1724 Witnessed Deed Charles Brown to Hugh Roberts

p.216 16 Aug 1726 Mary Brown wife of Charles relinquished her dower to Hugh Roberts

p.58-60 18 Mar 1725 Witnessed Deed Thomas Short to Thomas Ship

p.125 22 Sep 1725 Jacob Laton & John Vawter obtained a license to keep an Ordinary at Laton’s house at Southern’s Ferry, provide good wholesom & Cleanly lodging and diet for Travelers and Stableage & fodder and provender or pasturage and provender as the Season require for horses for one year. Shall not suffer any unlawfull gameing nor on the Sabbath day suffer any person to tipple or Drink more than is necessary or this be void.

p.211-213 16 Aug 1726 Witnessed Deed Richard Coleman to Edmond Booker

p.213-215 16 Aug 1726 Witnessed Deed Richard Coleman to Francis Graves

p.228-229 18 Oct 1726 Witnessed Deed Joseph Berry to James Lindsey

p.229-230 18 Oct 1726 Witnessed Deed Joseph Berry to William Daniel

p.246-247 17 Jan 1726/27 John Vawter & Jeremiah Biswell obtained a license to keep an ordinary at the house of John Vawter, John doth constantly find and provide in his Ordinary good wholesome & Cleanly lodging and diet for travellers and Stableage or pasturage depending on season for horses and during term of one year shall not suffer or permit any unlawfull Gameing in his house nor on the Sabath day suffer any to tiple or drink more than is necessary or this be void.

p. 263 20 Jun 1727 John Wrideings, William Gray & John Vawter obtained a lycence to keep an Ordinary at the house of John Wrideings and that John constantly find & provide in his Ordinary good wholesom & cleanly lodging & diett for traveler and Stableage fodder and provender as the season shall require for their horses for one year and shall not suffer any unlawfull gameing in his house nor on the Sabath suffer any to tipple more than is necessary or this be void.

p.292-293 19 Jul 1727 Witnessed Deed Richard Coleman to Edmond Booker

p. 211 20 Feb 1727/28 Deed from William Cutts & Martha his wife to John Vawter

 Deed from William Cutts & Martha his wife to Wm. Brooke

 Deed from William Cutts & Martha his wife to Simon Miller

 Deed from William Cutts & Martha his wife to John Retterford

p.211 20 Feb 1727/28. John Vawter licence is granted him to keep an Ordinary at his House with Wm. Gray acknowledged their bond according to Law

p.213 20 Feb 1727/28 John Vawter & John Bell agt. Wm. Cutts and Martha his wife late Martha Goode, exex. &c. of Richd Goode, deced. For Counter Security, it is ordered that James Jamesson, Daniel Gains, John Miller & settle accounts of the Estate of the sd Decedent & set aprt ye dsde deceedts Childrens share of the sd Estate & deliver it to the Pets. & make their report ot next Court & if the sd Wm. Cutts & Martha fail to comply with this order.it is ordered that the Sheriff take ye sd Wm. & Martha & keep them in his custody til they do comply with it.

William Cutts having very much affronted & abused this Court to their faces while they were sitting on the Bench. It is ordered that he, ye sd William, be fined fifty shilings Currt. Money to our Sovern. Lord ye King for & towards the support of this Government and remain in Custody of the Sheriff of this County till he pays the same.

*Essex County Wills, Book 4*, p. 149, VA State Library, Richmond, VA, Sep 1725.

Bond of John Retterford, as Administrator of Robert Rutherford Jr.…. Wit: W. Henry Terrett, signed John J. Retterford, John Vawter and Thomas Thorpe.

*Essex County Order Book 1723-1725 Part II*

p. 221 20 Oct 1724. John Vawter put in claime for taking up a Runaway Negro man belonging to Robt. Taliaferro of Stafford Co. and making Oath that he had never reced any satisfaction for the same. Certificated granted for allowance.

p. 328, 22 Sep 1725. Action of Debt brought by John Vawter agt. Thomas Evans, verdict for the Plt. Damage of 200 pounds of Tobacco, Robt. Parker, forman, inc. jury fees and costs.

p. 329, Court 22 Sep 1725. Ordered that John Vawter pay Edward Vawter for seven days attendance as an Evidence against Thomas Evans according to law with costs.

p. 258 17 Feb 1724/25. Richard Goode being arrested & failing to appear & answer the suit of John Vawter on the case and no security being filed, order is gratned agt sd deft and Benja. Robinson Gent. Sheriff for wt. Shall appear due at next court unless ye deft. Appear.

p. 272 17 Mar 1724/25. Thomas Hawkins by Thos. Hord his attorney appeared & confessed Judgmt. To Jno. Vawter in Debt for 772 pounds of tobacco convenient. It is ordered that the deft. Pay ye same to the plt. With one attorneys fee & costs.

In the accon on ye Cast brot. by John Hawkins the deft. Prays oyer of the account in ye Declaration mentioned & it is granted him.

p. 282 18 May 1725. Elizabeth Faulconer relict of William Faulconer deced this day came into court and made oath that Wm. departed this life without any will. Certificated granted for probate. John Vawter & Spilsby Coleman acted as her securitys.

p. 295 19 May 1725. Richd Goode failing to answer suit of John Vawter court ordered def. To pay 184 pounds of Tobo. Case of John Vawter agt. John Hawkins is referred till next court.

p. 328 22 Sep 1725. Lycence is granted Jacob Laton to keep an Ordinary at Southens Ferry bond of John Vawter.

p. 331 22 Sep 1725. Action on the case brot by John Vawter against John Hawkins Jerry find for plt. 25 shillings and 37 pounds of tobacco.

18 July 1727 Will of John Ellitts of the County of Essex and Parish of St. Mary's, being grown old, dated 15 Jan. 1725.. . .To my son John a feather bed bought of John Vawter and the green rugg and blanketts and bolster and pillows and a pair of sheets and his choice of my two guns …….

*Essex Co. Order Book 1725-1729 Part II.*

20 Aug 1728. John Vawters petition for being discharged from being Surveyor of the Roads is rejected because the same are out of repair & order’d that he be continued Surveyor thereof another year.

On complaint of Wm. Beverley against John Vawter, Surveyor of the Roads, for not keeping them in repair according to Law & the Court being satisfied of the truth of the sd. Complaint. Judgment is granted Beverley agnst. Vawter 15 shillings & costs.

Essex Co., Wills, Bond & Inv. Book #4. 21 Jun 1726. Know all men by these presents that we James Noel and Elizabeth Noel, John Vawter, John Griffin, James Gillison are held and firmly bound unto Wm. Daingerfield, Thos. Waring, Thos. Catlett & Salvator Muscoe, gent. Justices of Co. of Essex in the sum of £1000, which payment well & truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, jointly & severally to the said Justices, their heirs and benefactors firmly by these presents. signed Ann Evans, administrix of John Evans, dec’d.

*Deed Abstracts of Essex Co., VA*, R&S. Sparacio (1989) DB 19 pp. 225-228. 20 Jul 1721 Thomas Short deeds to John Nance of St. Ann’s Parish, Essex Co., a 123 a. parcel adj. to Gaines and Noell. Witnesses Motley, Tiller, Vawter.

(GJNote: By 1720, John Nance had married Margaret Rouzie (Rowzee) widow of Ralph Rowzee. In the will of John Nance 1731 he makes a reference to a “godson, Nance Henry Motley” with witnesses Thomas Tiller, so it appears these people are again all interconnected)

*Not all was hard work and religious causes in the early colonies; rogues, harlots and others also sought their fortunes in the new lands. Punishment was harsh and swift but the right to have your day in court was already laying the foundation for the country. Here is but a small glimpse of the other side of life in Colonial Virginia.*

*Essex Co Order Book 1716-1723 Part II, 18 Nov 1718, Nathaniel Fogg being brought before this Court for picking a Travelling mans Pocket, the Court on hearing of ye Evidences are of opinion sd Fogg is guilty of ye fact & also that he be ought to be punished here for sd Crime. It is therefore ordered ye Sheriff give sd Fogg on his bare back twenty one lashes well laid on at ye Publick Whipping Post of this County then to be discharged.*

*From the Essex County Deed Book 18 p. 265-267, 21 Jun 1727.*

*To the Worshipful Court, Nathanial Fogg humbly showeth. The court on 18 Nov 1718 had accused Nathaniel Fogg for picking a travelling mans pockett. In 1718, came and called to provide testimony was one Dennis Canaday “a man of very Evill Character” who swear he did see between Fogg’s fingers a milled shilling and the petitioner (Fogg) now should suffer corporall punishment which accordinly he was accused with out being admitted to plead or provide for his innocency. Now Fogg states he is a man of “unblameable character” who is now ready to prove his innocence. (GJNote: 9 years after the fact seems a long time to get a court case resolved even by today’s standards.)*

*So, John Smith came to the court and stated what he saw: That he was at the Ordinary at the Old Court House when John Hutchison was there drinking and continued for a space of 2 days after which Nathaniel Fogg came and together went to drinking with Hutchison and after Fogg had been there some time asked Hutchison if he would play at cards for a half a pint of Rumm and after Fogg won the Rum they went on to play for money and then they went to quarrelling and the said Hutchingson knocked down Fogg and he (John Smith) parted them and carried off Fogg into another House. Then Francis Cougland came in and asked what was the matter about and he told Coughland that Huchison and Fogg had been quarrelling & fighting and that Fogg had pick’d his pockett. Coughland and Smith now proceeded to investigate and when Fogg returned they searched him to see if he had Hutchinson’s money but they could find nothing but the money Fogg had borrowed from John Smith that morning. Then John Smith said that Hutchison had ripped the sole of his shoe and took out some money and pretended that Fogg had stole it from his pockett.*

*Next to court came Thomas Davis and he being sworn says that he heard some time later Nathaniel Fogg had been accused for a supposed Robbery. The accusor John Hutchinson was at the house of Peter Dudley and being asked if he was the same man who accused Fogg he said he was. Mr. Davis asked how poor Fogg did and the Rogue (Hutchinson) said he did accuse Fogg wrongfully and then he departed from the area and had money for himself and Natl Fogg has suffered enough.*

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 Rappahanock River and Westwood of Sherrando River. John Vawter & Philip Stogdale, 580 Acres, on the Mountain Road dated 8 Nov 1734. (Note: this is the 380A willed to son David)

In *Colonial Caroline, A History of Caroline Co., VA* by TE Campbell, pub. The Dietz Press, Richmond, VA p. 319. In 1735 John Vaughter purchased the headright of several people to obtain land in Caroline Co. Many sold their 50 acre headright grant from other areas to stay in the community in which they currently lived.

*Caroline Co., Order Book 1732-1740* Abstracted by John Dorman, 1966.

12 Sep 1735. John Willson and John Fox made oath that this is the first time of proving his right for his importation into this Colony, who assigns the same over to John Vaughter.

10 Oct 1735. Andrew Phillips, Charles Morgan, Robert Linsey, John McKawla make oath that this is the first time of proving his right for his importation into this colony, who assigns the same over to John Vawter.

Book- *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia*, Vol. IV, Oct 25, 1721-Oct 28, 1739. Pub. VA State Library 1950. At a council held at the Capitol December the 10th 1735. P366 “The several Caveat entered by Doctor John Tennent for stopping a Patent sued by John Vauter for Lands in the Co. of Spotsylvania…..is held over till next court.” P.371 At a Council held at the Capitol June 9, 1736. “John Tennent of the Co. of Spotsylvania Gent having entered a Caveat for stopping the issuing a Patent to John Vauter of Essex County for four hundred Acres of Land surveyed for him in the Year 1734. And it appearing to this Board that the said Vauter hath not complied with the Orders of Government. It is thereupon Ordered that the said four hundred Acres of Land be granted to the said John Tennent he putting in Rights for the same.”

In *Magazine of VA Genealogy*, Vol. 24 #4 Nov. 1986, John Vawter , 700a. Orange Co., (PB17 p 134.) Bounded by Thomas Stanton, Crawford’s Mountain, Francis Conway’s line, a p. formerly g. to William Neal & William Kirtlet. For Imp. of 14 pers.: 20 Jul 1736. (This is the land divided by deed to his children in 1750, see deeds to follow)

The *Vawter Family in America* book states: Of John, we find in an old Virginia record (a copy of which is in the *William and Mary Quarterly*, Vol. 5, p. 90) that, in 1737, John Vawter was appointed administrator of the estate of James Jamieson of Essex county, Virginia.

In 1727 1. JAMES JAMESON sold land in Essex county, and Margaret Jameson relinquished her right to dower. A James Jameson was justice of Essex in 1714, and one of the name died January 17, 1720. (Middlesex Parish Register). The will of 1. James Jameson (dated April 19, 1736) is as follows: "In the name of God, Amen: I, James Jameson, being sick and weak, but of sound and perfect memory, do make, constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following: Imp. I give and bequeath to my son James the land I bought of Richard Coleman, lying in King & Queen county: Item. I leave ten pounds current money to my son David and one Gold ring with a stone to Mrs. Eleanor Roy; and will that all the remainder of my Estate of what kind soever be Equally divided amongst my beloved sons Thomas, James and David, appointing the Revd. Robert Rose(1), Mr. Danl Gaines, Munyo Roy & my said son James Exrs of this my last will and Testament. JAS. JAMESON SEAL. "Novr 17, 1736, D. Gaines, Thomas Short and Charles Sharp were appointed Commissioners to meet at the house where James Jameson deceased did live, and appraise all the Estate". Among articles mentioned were: L s d "1 Writing desk 1 0 0 2 Gold rings 1 5 4 1 seal sett in gold 1 0 0 1 feather bed & furniture 6 0 0 1 Do " " 3 0 0 2 Do " " 7 0 0" This inventory and appraisement was admitted to record 17th day of May, 1737, and John Vawter appointed Admr, during the minority of James Jameson. On the 18th December, 1739, Thomas Jameson, with Robert Rose(1), as security, qualified in two bonds of L1,000 each as guardian of David Jameson and James Jameson respectively.

*Caroline Co., VA Order Book 1732-1740 part three*, by John Dorman, 1967, Washington, DC

Aug. 1738. It is ordered Grace Butler pay John Vaughter 158 pounds of tobacco for two days’ attendance and coming and going 18 miles twice as an evidence for her at the suit of Thomas.

In the *Virginia Genealogist*, Essex County Wills, 1743-1747. Pages 258-262, the estate account of William Brooks is found. Both John Vawter and brother Edward Vawter are found giving receipts (payment) to the estate in 1742. GJ Note: Many add’l names and dates through 1745 are shown as it must have taken a long time to settle all accounts.

*Essex Co. Deed Book 20*

pp. 239-242 Indenture 17 Jul 1736 betw. Thos. Hawkins sells to James Garnett for 40 pounds VA money 150 acres in Essex bounded at John Vawters corner in Stalords line with sd line south east to the Old Church Land then down the Old Church Spring Branch its several courses North West to a beach at the foot of the hill thence North West to a red oak and then to beginning at Mr. Vawters line. Wit: John Vawter, Ralph Beves. Richd Reynolds.

*Essex Co. Deed Book 20* Pp288-291 Indenture 9 & 10 Mar 1736 bet. Daniel Noel of St. Anns and Samuel Noel, son of Daniel Noel. For 4000 pounds of Tobacco Daniel Noel sells to Samuel 138 acres being part of a tract granted to Daniel Patent 15 Jun 1715 bounded by Popoman Swamp, John Vawter to an old field then North East to branch of Popoman down the same according to several courses binding thereon North East to a white oake in a line of pattent formerly granted to Nicholas Catlett deced then east to main branch of Popoman to William Wridings then south to Vawters land then North West to beginning. Wit: Jno. Vawter, W. Short, Samuel Browne, Ed Vawter; Wm. Boulware.

*Essex Co. Deed Book 20* pp. 326-328. Indenture 16 May1737 between Benjamin Beasley and wife Elizabeth and Mark Boulware of St. Ann’s for 130 pounds of tobacco Benjamin Beasley sell land bounded by John Willard, Silvester Patty and Augustine Atherton bounding with the said Mark Boulwares line to Benja. Beasley’s Spring Branch and then to John Hitts deceased land. Wit: James Masters, Jno. Vawter and John Boulware.

Essex Co. Deed Book 1736-1742

pp19-20, 20-22. GJNote:William Short and John Rutherford, neighbors of John were in a lawsuit concerning the land which was next to the Vauters church. It is noted here as an interesting account of the lives of people in the early 1700’s.

William Short is bound unto John Rutherford for 50 pounds current money of VA 21 July 1738. The condition of the obligation is the award Arbitrament determination and final end and Judgment of Robert Brooke and James Garnet, arbitrars between John Rutherford and William Short to make all differences and debates, strifes quarrels and any other matter of controversy to be sealed 10th day of Augt. Wit: John Vawter, Thos Thorp, Jurs. The settlement concerning a tract of land devised by Nicholas Copeland to Mary the wife of John Retterford for 170 acres which they sold unto William Short and touching a Negro Woman calld Phillis which ye sd William Short gave in part payment valued at 25 pounds and 3320 pounds of tobacco, putting an end to the differences and disputes of Short and Retterford with a penalty sum of 50 pounds to stand and abide by the award and final determination of Brooke and Garnett.

pp59. 27 Jul 1739. Elizabeth Ship wife of Josias sell to Mungo Roy land of her decd husband. Wit: J. Mercer, Thomas Hamilton, Jno. Vawter.

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 posssession of Thomas Jameson by vertue of Indenture on one year . Wit: John Vawter, Bartholomew Vawter and Richard Vawter.

pp235-236. Indenture 18 May 1741 bet. Thomas Vivion of King George Co. and Robert Brookins of St. Stephen Parish in King & Queen Co and Frances his wife and daughter of Thomas Vivion give 2 parcels containing 220 A in St. Ann’s Parish Essex Co. Wit: Antho. Perryman, Thos Dixon, John Vawter.

p330. Memorandum that John Livingston Jr and Mrs. Mary Muscoe went on the division line and marked it over against that made by John Vawters surveyor.

pp 338-341 12 Mar 1741 Between Benjamin Noel and William Brown. That Benjamin Noel for the sum of 2700 lbs. of Tobacco in Cask sold to William Brown 400 acres granted to Daniel Noel who was lately demised and by the said Daniel Noel to Benjamin Noel in reversion after said Daniel and wife Elizabeth deceased the tract of 50 acres bounded by John Boulware, Jr. the said Daniel to John Noel to Bernard Noel standing on Popoman Swamp to corner of Cornelious Noel, assigns to William Brown (reserving to the said Daniel and Elizabeth Noel their natural lives therein). Wit: John Vawter, Barth: Vawter, Richard Vawter Signed Benjamin Noel.

pp 355-356 20 Apr 1742 Richard Ripley departing Essex for Carolina appoints John Vawter his attorney.

*Essex Co. Deed Book 1738-1742*.

Pp 173-175 Indenture 10 & 11 Dec 1740 bet. Thomas Lilley, Essex planter and Thomas James of Parrish Bunswick in King George Co. Said Thomas Lilley for 8 pounds grant to Thomas Jameson, 70 acres in St. Anns Essex that was given by last will and Testament of Richard Edward late of the county of Essex decd 13 Jun 1720 and unto the said Thomas Lilley possession. Wit: Jno. Vawter, Bartho: Vawter, Richd. Vawter.

pp. 235-236. Indenture 18 May 1741 bet. Thomas Vivion gent. of King George Co and Robert Brookins of St. Stephens Parish King & Queen Co. and Frances his wife, Frances dau. of Thomas Vivion for pure affection give Frances Brooking 2 parcells in Essex one 220 and 180 bought of Nicho. Smith dated 6 Nov 1728 and other 40 acres by patent to Thomas Vivion 2 Sep 1736. Wit: Anth. Perryman, Thos. Dixon, Jno. Vawter.

Pp. 355-356 20 Apr 1742. Richard Ripley of Essex departing for Caroline Co., VA appoint Mr. John Vawter of Essex his lawful attney. Wit: Bevr: Robinson, Tho: Ley (Lee) and D. Gaines.

*Essex Co. Deed Book 24, p20*. 18 Mar 1745. Daniel Noel of the Parish of St. Ann’s for 10 pounds deed to John Vawter and Margaret his wife, sd Margaret a daughter of said Daniel Noel—70 acres in Parish of St. Ann’s, adjoining to the land of John Andrews.

Library of Virginia, Land patents by Microfilm (no#)

20 Sep 1745 Jonathan Vawters, 20 acres St. Anns Parish Patent book 24, page 71.

*Caroline Co., VA Order Book 1746-1748* Abstracted by John Dorman, 1968.

14 Mar 1746/47.Suit of Attachment. Oliver Towles agt. the estate of James Baker. The Sheriff attached a book belonging to the defendant. (Oliver Towles was due money but was given the account receivable of Mr. Baker) Payment due from among others: John Vawters £0.6.2.

(GJNote: Oliver Towles is related to John Vawters son and daughter in law Richard and Frances (Towles) Vawter.

*Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents & Grants* by Nell Marion Nugent pub.

1979, Virginia State Library*,*Patent Book 24, shows John Vawter, 70 acs. Essex Co. in the Parish of Saint Annes, along a run called Popoman; adj. Colo. William Robinson, Mr. William Gray, Gains, Daniel Noel, Boleware, & Thomas Ramsey; 20 Sep 1745, p.71. for the Imp. of 2 Pers. John Glen & Patrick Donohoe. This land was sold to John Noell in 1747.

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.

pp. 304-305. 22 Dec 1748. George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland, King Defender of the faith &c. whereas John Vawter and Margaret his wife agree to sell John Noell 70 acres be it advised that Margaret due the infirmity of her health cannot travel to the court of Essex to make acknowledgment of Dower. John Corbin and Simon Miller travel to Essex house Margaret Vawter and return to acknowledge her dower on 20 Dec 1748.

*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 furture 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

pp. 238-240 Indenture 5 Feb 1747 bet. Young Hawkins of Essex and James Garnett. That Young Hawkins sells to James Garnett for 187 pounds land whereon Young Hawkins now lives lying on Rappahannock River and Blackborns Creek containing by est. 350 acres all the land that Young Hawkins by last will of Thomas Hawkins deced, father of said Young and any land belonging to John Hawkins, grandfather of Young bounds of Lucases patent or any other pattent adjoyning the land where Young Hawkins now lives. All houses, mines, quarrys, profitts and appurtenances belonging. Wit: Willoughby Pugh, John Smith, Wm. Carnall, Thomas Landrem.

Found in *The Diary of Rev. Robert Rose*, pub. 1977 by Rev. Robert Fall is a reference to John Vawter being a vestryman of St. Anne’s. Dated 31 Oct 1748, from his diary “met the Vestry of St. Anne’s at Jno Vawter’s house, laid the parish levy, went to Dr. Roy’s (Mungo Roy) in order to be let blood for a cold, and was so, but could not get enough taken, stayd all Night……”. It is further noted no vestry notes are found prior to 1785 but the vestry met once a year at someones home to discuss and record the annual tithable and levy the fines or collections.

It states in Essex Co., Deed book 24, p385 that John Vawter in 1748 sold 150 acres located at the head of the creek (Blackburn’s). This land was located west of the church

JOHN VAWTER WILL, *Culpeper Co., VA, Will book A*, dated 23 May 1748. Compiled by John Frederick Dorman, pub. Washington, 1956 p. 15. Also found in *the Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 23, year ending 1915,* p. 77-79.

*I, John Vawter of Essex County, All my personal estate as well in Orange as in Essex be not appraised but sold at auction by my executors hereinafter named and also my outstanding debts collected in out of which sums they pay all my just debts and the remainder to be distributed as follows (vist) that one third part be my loving wife’s, Margaret Vawter and the rest to be equally divided amongst my children, namely: Winifred, Bartholomew, Richard, Margaret Rucker, Angus and David Vawter.*

*2ndly. What land I have I give as follows: 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.*

*3rdly. To daughter Winifred Vawter, 130 acres which was given me by my father-in-law Daniel Noel.*

*4thly To my daughter Margaret Rucker one hundred and fifty acres of land at the great Mountains, that which leys most convenient to her.*

*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.*

*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.*

*I constitute and appoint my loving wife Margaret and my son Bartholomew Vawter executrix and executor. Signed John Vawter. Witnessed Edward Vawter, Elizabeth Vawter, Samuel Vawter.*

After the will was written, several deeds were issued to his children as designated in the will.

*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 (13 Oct 1749) 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 appurtenaces 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 Vaweter the above land.

*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 will all profitts, 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.

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.

Pages 126-131. Deed dated 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 pattent 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 alloted 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.

15 Mar 1749/1750. Pages 131-136. Deed dated 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 pattent 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 divident 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.

 (GJNote: Richard sells this land 21 Sep 1758 to John Ray of Culpeper Co., VA)

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 Vawer 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 impower my attorney tomake 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.

(GJNote: The 380 A John willed to his youngest son David was not transfered prior to John’s death. This may indicate that David was not yet of age in 1749-1750 when the other deeds were delivered to John’s children. David sold 300A of this land in 1763)

Essex Co Deed Book 25 p? 20 Jan 1752. Deed bet. John Noell of Parish of St. Ann and John Rowzie, Gent. Three tracts of land -one 65 acres which John Noell purchased of John Vawter, late of the county, dec’d., said land granted to John Vawter 1745 and 9 acres said John Noell purchased of Francis Ramsey and Winefred his wife in 1747-36 acres the plantation where on Daniel Noel, father of the aforesaid John Noel now lives.

Memorandum: Daniel Noell the father of the aforesaid John Noell & Elizabeth the wife of the said Daniel shall have their life interest &c.

*Culpeper County, VA Will book 1749-1770* p. 15/16. 16 Nov 1752. Exhibited into court by Margaret Vawter and Bartholomew Vawter the executors therein named, the said Bartholomew being heir at law to the decedent and declaring that he had no objections to make against it. Proved by the oaths of Edward Vawter and Elizabeth Vawter.

Book *Culpeper* WILL OF MARGARET VAWTER, pages 138-139, dated 21 Oct 1756.

*Margaret Vawter, of the County of Culpeper being sick and weak in body. Unto my son David Vawter the use of and profit of a Negro girl named Cloe untile the first day of october 1757, also 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. 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. 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. All the remainder of my estate to my two sons Richard Vawter and Angus Vawter and my daughter Winfred McBen. I constitute, ordain and appoint Ephraim Rucker whole and sole executor. Signed her mark Margaret Vawter. Witness; Jno. Battaley, Elizabeth Battaley. 21 october 1756. Exhibited to the Court by Ephraim Rucker. Proved by John Battaley and Elizabeth his wife.*

*County Virginia, Will Book A 1749-1770*, compiled by Dorman, page 34.

Culpeper Co., VA wills and deeds book A, pages 154-155. We the subscribers have valued and appraised all the estate of Margaret Vawter, deceased. (This tells much of the life of a woman in terms of her possessions)

7 pewter plates, 1 dish, 1 bason, 1 pint pot & 2 spoons 0.0.18

1 Earthen dish, 2 earthen plates, 2 earthen cups 0.0.2

3 earthen pots & 2 earthen pans, 1 milk pot and 1 cup and saucer 9.5.6

1 pewter teapot, 1 tinpepper box, 1 pewter & 1 brass skimmers 0.2.0

11 knives, 5 forks, 1 box iron, 1 old heater, 1 iron candlestick 0.7.0

2 small iron pots & hooked fring pan 0.8.0

I pair of wool cards, 1 pair cotton cards, 1 old hoe & iron hook 0.2.0

1 spinning wheel, 3 chairs, 1 couch 0.16.6

1 old diaper table cloth, 1 Towell, old testament? 0.11.0

1 quart bottle, 1 ch\_\_ter pipe 0.0.71/2

1 Feather bed, 1 bedstead cord & hide, boards. 1.10.6

1 chest & Powdering (tub/hub?), 1 gun 0.14.6

1 iron spoon & 1 iron soping knife 1 drawing knife 0.2.0

1 blanket & 1 pair sheets 1.10.6 1 small mare & 1 wooden sugar box 1.10.6

1 cox & calf 1.15.0 1 Negro girl named Cloe (to David Vawters) 30.0.0

1 gun, 1 broad axe, 1 ? 0.16.6 1 iron pot & hooks 0.8.0

1 washing tub, 2 ? and 2 barrells 0.5.0 1 hand saw, 1 auger, joining pan 0.6.6

1 pewter dish, 2 plates, 1 tin pan 0.5.9 A parcell of tan’d leather 0.12.0

1 Heifer 1.0.0 1 Bread Tray and Iron baker 0.2.0

2 young Hoggs, 1 sow and piggs 1.0.0 6 sheep, 1 sow and piggs 1.2.6

1 old horse bell and 1 (?) buggy 0.6.6 1 butter churn 0.1.0

Signed Eliott Bohannan, John Battaley, James Rucker Total £47.4.41/2

In David Vawters hands, 665 pounds Tobacco, 6 barrels of corn and £15 cash money.

Dated 18 Aug 1757.

The Children of John and Margaret (Noel) Vawter are listed in the order of John’s will and distribution of his land, but birth dates vary by researchers, no Bible or birth records are known.

+ 1. Winifred Vawter b. ca 1716 Essex Co., VA m. 1750-52 to Daniel McBane

+ 2. Bartholomew Vawter b. ca 1718 d. aft 1768 South Carolina m. Ann (Hay?)

+ 3. Margaret Vawter b. ca 1722 d. 1811 Culpeper Co., VA m. Ephraim Rucker

+ 4. Richard Vawter b. ca 1725 Essex Co., VA will dated 1 Mar 1803 Madison (Culpeper) Co., VA m. Frances Towles

+ 5. Angus Vawter b. ca 1727 Essex Co., VA will proved 24 Mar 1785 Essex Co., VA m. Ann Boulware

+ 6. David Vawter b. Essex Co. VA ca 1730 Essex Co., VA d. ca 1779 Culpeper Co., VA m. Mary Offott/Offill/Aufil