**John Vawter3, unknown2, Bartholomew1**

That this John exists is verifiable, but where his connections are remain unclear. He would be born between 1725-1730 and is located in Caroline Co., VA. John2, son of Bartholomew is thoroughly researched in Essex Co and is deceased before some of this John’s public records.

Even more mysterious is the Caroline tax records which clearly show a John Vawter with a wife Margaret. Since this is in 1789, we know that John and Margaret Noel Vawter are deceased and they had no children named John. Could this be the John and Margaret found by Grace Vawter Bicknell and her assumption of a marriage to a Beverly? We do have Beverly Vawter, a Rev. War soldier, who’s heir at law was John Vawter. Grace Bicknell linked him with Richard Vawter son of John2, Barth1. But he is not the son of Richard and is not seen in any deeds or wills. A Richard Vawter does exist in Caroline and this could be where Bicknell drew her assumptions, but this “Caroline” Richard Vawter is clearly not Richard3, John2, Barth1.

*Caroline Co., VA Order Book 1755-1758.* Part two. Abstracted by John Frederick Dorman, 1977. Washington, DC. Page 78.

10 Mar 1758. Frans. Sly, a free Negro, being committed to jail by James Jameson Gent. For hog stealing and being brought to the bar, John Vawter, John Beasley, Eliza. Beasley, and Elias Blackburn, witnesses against him, being examined and their testimony considered, it is the opinion of the Court that Sly is guilty of the fact. Ordered that the Sheriff give him 25 lashes on his bare back at the public whipping post, he failing to pay down the £10 according to law, and Sly has time till next Court to enter into bond for his good behavior, himself in £20 and his security in ten to the sheriff.

*The History of Monroe County West Virginia*, by Oren F. Morton, Reprinted, Regional Pub. Co., Baltimore, 1988, pages 68-78

RECORDS OF TWENTY YEARS Extracts from Record-books of Greenbrier and the petitions from the county to the General Assembly, particularly with that portion of Greenbrier that became Monroe.

(GJNote: This is but a small portion but interesting in it shows the inflation of food and lodging during the war and the hardships endured)

1781: Complains of heavy tax to open wagon road from Camp Union to Warm Springs, about 48 miles by measure A "hard measure to build" at our expense through other counties (Augusta and Botetourt) "more especially in this distressing time of war and carnage." A former petition for road was signed unadvisedly. County frontier runs 100 miles north and south and settlements extend 20 miles westward. Every year the settlers suffer more or less from the Indians, who are a peril to road workers. The inhabitants cannot spare crop or stock to the value of one-half the expense of road, estimated at 40 to 50 tons of hemp. Petition asks repeal of law. A road directly across Greenbrier cannot be useful to the settlers far to either side The people have enough to do to supply their families with bread. Signers from north of Greenbrier River.

FEBRUARY, 1781 William Ward, a justice, authorized to buy a "compleat Wagon and Team" for use of sheriff, and procure a driver for the same. The sheriff to collect 20,000 pounds to pay for it.

MARCH, 1781. Ordinary rates: dinner, $25; breakfast, $20; corn per gallon, $10.

AUGUST, 1781 Sheriff to let contract, payable in not over 50 tons hemp, for a wagon road from the courthouse to Warm Springs. The road to be 12 feet wide in deep places, 15 feet elsewhere, and to be finished by October 1, 1782. Contractor to give bond in 5,000 pounds.

Ordinary rates: dinner, $50; breakfast, $40; corn per gallon, $50; hay or fodder per night, $50.

NOVEMBER, 1781 John Henderson to take list of tithables in Captain Wood's and his own companies, and James Henderson in the companies of Glass and Wright.

MAY, 1782

Robert Armstrong to pay John Vawter, a witness, 370 pounds of tobacco ($12.33) for two days attendance and 80 miles travel.

AUGUST, 1783 Ordinary rates: "hott diet," 21 cents; cold diet, 17 cents; lodging, 8 cents; corn or oats per gallon, or pasturage one night, 8 cents; oats per sheaf, 6 cents; "tody made of Rum with Loaf Shugar," per quart, 25 cents; the same with brown sugar, 17 cents; whiskey per gallon, $1.33; apple brandy, 83 cents; peach brandy, $1.67.

MAY 1786 Ordinary rates: warm diet, 41 cents; cold diet, 33 cents; lodging, 10 cents; good cider per gallon, 67 cents; country-made beer, 10 cents; good "Shampaign," $4.

NOVEMBER, 1786 61 persons presented for failing to give a list of taxable property, and 12 for selling liquor without a license.

JANUARY, 1793 Ordinary rates: sleeping in feather bed, 8 cents; in chaff bed, 5 cents. Tithables, 1177. Levy, $313.87.

OCTOBER, 1793 Sheriff allowed $20 for building a sufficient pair of stocks.

In ca 1900 Mrs. Egbert Jones, copied some information from public records. No county or dates on some material which makes its confusing but the following is offered. Samuel and other Vawter families are found in Cumberland, Caroline and Charlotte counties so this would be the likely area.

Paid John Vawter’s heirs April 5 Apr 1786

John Vawter inherits 9 Aug 1799 (This John believed the son of Samuel Vawter)

Virginia Tax Payers, 1783-87

Margaret Vawter, 1 poll, Caroline Co., VA

Elliott Vawter, 1 poll, Caroline Co., VA

Caroline County Land Book Alterations for 1782-1812

1787 Edmund Vaughan trsferd to J. Martin, R.

Mitchell & E. Vaughter 258A

1787 Edmund Vaughan to Richard Vaughter 133A

1787 Richard Vaughter to Edmund Vaughan 133A

1789 Richard Vaughter 133A

1789 Jno. Vaughter Est. to Jno: Vaughan 158A

1789 Margaret Vaughter 38A

1789 Margaret Vaughter (to not bef. charged) 38A

this means 1st time as widow

1790 Margarett Vaughter taxed for… 38A

1790 Richard Vaughter taxed for… 133A

1791 Margarett Vaughter taxed for… 38A

1791 Richard Vaughter taxed for… 133A

1792 Margaret Vaughter taxed for… 38A

1792 Richard Vaughter taxed for… 133A

1793 Margaret Vaughter taxed for. 38A

1793 Richard Vaughter taxed for… 133A

1794 Margaret Vaughter taxed for.. 38A

1794 Richard Vaughter taxed for. 133A

1795 Margaret Vaughter taxed for… 38A

1795 Richard Vaughter Transfered to Jesse Terrell

1795 From Richard Vawter to Jesse Terrell 133A

1796 Margaret Vaughter taxed for …. 38A

1797 Margaret Vaughter taxed for… 38A

1798 Margaret Vawter taxed for.. 38A

Caroline Co. Tax Lists (different source)

1789 Margarett Vaughtere (not bef. charged) 38A

1789 Margarett Vaughter 38A

1790 Margarett Vaughter 38A

1791 Margarett Vaughter 38A

1792 Margaret Vaughter 38A

1793 Margaret Vaughter 38A

1794 Margaret Vaughter 38A

1795 Margaret Vaughter 38A

1796 Margarett Vaughter 38A

1797 Margarett Vawter 38A

1798 Margarett Vawter 38A

1799 Margarett Vawter 38A

1788 Richard Vaughton from Edmund Vaughn 133A

1789 Richard Vaughter 133A

1789 Richard Vaughter 133A

1791 Richard Vaughter 133A

1792 Richard Vaughter 133A

1794 Richard Vawter 133A

1795 Richard Vawter transfd to Jesse Terrell (no A. Shown)