**Thomas Vawter3, (Edward2, Bartholomew1)**

Thomas Vawter b. ca 1740. Thomas and his son Edward both died ca 1815/16 in Buckingham Co., VA Married ca 1765 to Mary Elizabeth Pitt, dau. of Judge Pitt of Halifax Co., VA. Thomas was a surveyor of Montgomery Co. and lived in Cumberland and Buckingham Co., VA.

Inventory payment of minors, Prince Edward County 1825 Estate of John Vawter decd

To this sum paid L. Vawter, John Vawter’s childrens part of this sum paid Elizabeth Vawter widow of Thomas Vawter the legatees having purchased her dower right in her husbands lands, which land was sold and divided among the legatees paid 22 Feby 1819

Jan 22 1825. John Vawters legatees proportion of Aggy Vawter estate 30 Jun 1821, 25 pounds

John Vawters legatee proportion of Saml Vawter estate due 30 Jun 1821, 275 pounds, deduction for John Vawter for secretary, bed and furniture 11 pounds

In notes of family history by Mrs. Egbert Jones from 1900, found in Wm. Snyder Vawter’s material is the following:

Eliz. Vawter wife of Thos. Vawter, legatees \_\_\_\_\_ of:  
a. Aggy Vawter estate 1821  
b. Samuel Vawter estate 1821

(GJNote: Mrs. Jones has misinterrupted this information, the full document is found in the file of Samuel Vawter. Elizabeth is the unmarried daughter of Samuel and Agnes. Aggy is Agnes Richardson Vawter aunt of Thomas, and Samuel Vawter brother of Thomas)

In William Snyder Vawter’s notes of the 1920’s a memo from Mrs. Egbert R. Jones states that Mary Elizabeth Pitt died in 1796 on a visit to Mrs. Benj. Harrison in TN. No reference is made to where this information was obtained.

Found in *Turff & Twigg Vol. One The French Lands* by Priscilla Cabell pub. Richmond, VA. Chesterfield Co. (later Henrico) WB 1 p327 & OB 2 p473.

*Will of Andrew Amonnet dated 2 Sep 1761 w.p. 4 Feb 1764. Mentions wife Jane, Son John land next to George Sowell, Son Wm. land near John Rayle and Robert Wooldridge, Son Jacob, land next to Robert Wooldridge and Edward Wooldridge, Son Andrew land next to Wm. Wooldridge and John Martin. Daughter (4) Judith, Jane, Elizabeth and Magdlen Amonnet and youngest sons Jacob and Andrew. Wit: Thos. Vawter, Wm. Martin & Geo. Sowell.*

*Abstracts of Cumberland Co., VA Will Books 1 & 2,* 1749-1782, by Katharine Reynolds, held at Ft. Wayne IN Library.

Page 26. (Will book pg. 317) *Will of John Forsee pro. 27 Aug 1766, Brother Stephen Forsee, my four brothers, Stephen, Francis, Charles and William Forsee, my sister Mary Ann Maxey ex: Samuel Fournoy, Judith Bingley. Test: Thomas Bradley, William Bradley, Thomas Vawter.*

Thomas placed in ad in the VA Gazette 21 Jun 1770…”Notice of finding a bay mare about 4 ft. 4 or 5 inches high in Cumberland county, Va.”.

*Virginia Genealogist,* cont. from V. 22 p. 122 British Mercantile Claims 1775-1803

Thomas Vawter. 3.4.8 ¾ open account, Cumberland Store. He says he has paid the debt.

Virginia Tax Payers list 1782-1783.

Buckingham Co. Thomas Vawter, 1 poll, 4 slaves

Buckingham County 1800 Tax List

Thomas Vawter 2 while males, 5 horses, 3 negros over 16

Jeanne Stinson, compiler, "Buckingham County Virginia: Extant Poll Lists

1788, 1840, 1841, & 1848" (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Company,

1994), [multiple citations]. "The [poll list for] 14 April 1788 [was] found in the 'Buckingham Court Records' group of the Virginia State Library" [p. iii]. "A poll held at the Court House of Buckingham County for the election of two Delegates for the s\d County chosen by a majority of freeholders in s\d County to represent them in their next General Assembly this 14\th day of April 1788" [p. 13]. "Thos. Vauter [voted for Joseph Cabell & Thomas Anderson]" [p. 16].

Edythe Rucker Whitley, "Genealogical Records of Buckingham County, Virginia" (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, Incorporated,

1984 / 2009), pp. 031 & 039. "1800 Tax List // Vauter (or Vawter), Thomas; (L. V.); 2 [male tithables] -- 3 [horses owned] -- 3 [Negro tithables] -- 0 [Negroes between the ages of 12 and 16]." [Re: "Colonial Tithables," see Source: Library of Virginia (below)].

Edythe Rucker Whitley, "Genealogical Records of Buckingham County, Virginia" (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, Incorporated,

1984 / 2009), pp. 031 & 039. "1800 Tax List // Vauter, Edward; 1 [male tithable] -- 3 [horses owned] -- 1 [Negro tithable] -- 1 [Negro between the ages of 12 and 16]."

Virginia Residents petition to the VA House of Delegates 1785, Buckingham Co., VA

Dated 29 Oct 1785 over 500 people of the area signed a petition that they were all against the State of VA levying an assessment on the people to support the ministry. (Teachers of Christian religion). They quote the Bill of Rights that no one should enjoy excessive privileges and that religion has existed for several hundreds of years without the aid of Civil Power. As a signer: Thomas Vawter

(GJNote: it goes on quite lengthy but definitely shows the desire for the separation of church and state. Most of the signers in the area were Huguenots and Thomas is seen as a witness to the Forsee will above, they all being Huguenots. Perhaps Thomas had joined into this religious group who came to VA to avoid religious persecution and to have freedom of choice)

In the will of his father Edward Vawter, dated 5 Dec 1798 proved 16 Aug 1779, Essex Co., VA and wife Elizabeth Boulware the following is found on the family of Thomas: *Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Vawter one and a half of said parts.*

*Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Edward Vawter, son of Thomas, half of one of said parts to be laid out chiefly in his education.*

Buckingham County Virginia Records. Land Tax Summaries and Implied Deeds 1782-1814, Volume 1. by Roger G. Ward. Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA. 1993. p. 303  
" VAUTER (?VANTER)  
VAUTER, EDWARD. 1803-1814 . 1813/1814 LOCATION: residence adjacent (20SE) Zadock Lackland and Wright.  
VAUTER, THOMAS. 1782-1814. SOLD 1810 - 14 AC to Reuben Boatwright. 1813/1814 LOCATION: residence near New Canton (25E) "  
  
Buckingham County Virginia Records. Land Tax Summaries and Implied Deeds 1815-1840, Volume 2. by Roger G. Ward. Iberian Publishing Co., Athens GA. 1994. p. 367.

[ JM note, the explanation said the # symbol means this person had appeared in Vol. 1]  
" VAUTER   
EDWARD # . ESTATE 1815 to 1832. In 1815, adjacent Zadock Lackland and Allen on APX (20SE). Sold: 1832-37 AC to Branch W. Lee, his part of estate; also 73 AC to Richard D. Lee; also, 63 AC part to Anderson Banton.   
  
THOMAS #. 1815. Estate, 1816 to 1818. Sold: 1818 - 152 and 1/2 AC on Webbs Creek (25E) to R. Boatright.   
  
WIATT L. 1822 to 1826, 1832 to 1834, 1839. Bought: 1822 306 AC on APX (19SE) adjacent Lackland from Matthew Cox. 1832 - 25 Ac on APX (20SE) his lot in estate of Edward Vauter. Sold: 1826 - 306 AC on APX (19SE) to Branch W. Lee. 1834 - 25 AC to Branch W. Lee 1839 - 63 Ac to Branch W. Lee, sold by he and Elizabeth Blanton. " (this is the son of Edward, grandson of Thomas)

A letter dated 1 Dec 1900 to Mrs. Egbert Jones from Ella Sheppard Burnley: *"Over forty years ago (1860), my Uncle Dr. Wm. B. Harrison wrote a dictation of my grandmother Mary Vawter Harrison, a little history which he preserved and I now have regarding the Pitts and Vawters. Far back in Colonial days there came to this country one Vawter (inserted in a different hand is the name Edward). He had a son Thomas who received a liberal education in the schools of the old world. He was appointed Government Surveyor about the time Geo. Washington received a similar appointment. Thomas was surveying Montgomery County near the spot of the now famous Sulphur Springs. Thomas became enamored of a Miss Elizabeth Pitts who had just reached this country from England. Her father was a wealthy aristocrat, who came over with a fleet of his own. He opposed his daughter's marriage with young Vawter simply because the young man was poor...and the young couple eloped. The old gentleman afterwards realized the sterling worth and business ability of his son in law, and they were reconciled and lived most happily together."*  
*“Of the children of Thomas and Elizabeth Pitts Vawter, I (Ella Burnley) only know that a daughter Mary Ann married a Mr. Chaffin of Prince Edward County, a son Edward married Sarah Lee, dau. of Joseph Lee of Cumberland County. The last named couple were my great grandparents. A daughter, Martha, married a Mr. Faris, a son Ludwell never married. A son Lemuel remarried and had five children, and a daughter Elisabeth, married a cousin named Vawter and had two children. I have heard my dear grandmother say that her father was one of the loveliest characters she ever knew. He was known as "The widow's friend" and had a great many widows and orphans estates to look after. You perhaps know he lived where Prince Edward, Buckingham and Cumberland Counties join. He had built the old house which is still standing and never been out of the family.”*  
On another page Mrs. Egbert Jones writes:

1. Mary Ann who married Mr. Chaffin of Prince Edward  
2. Edward married Sarah Lee, dau. of Joseph Dabbs Lee  
3. Martha married Mr. Fariss (John)  
4. Ludwell never married  
5. Lemuel remarried and had five children  
6. Elizabeth married a cousin Vawter and had 2 children.

Children: Some information submitted by Pete H. Vawter, 509 Oaklawn, Milan, TN 78130. Also found in the Summer 1986 VVV family association newsletter, sent in by E. B. Vaughters.

+1. Mary Ann Vawter b. 1760/61 d. aft 1843 Clermont Co., OH m. 22 Aug 1778 Powhatan Co., VA to Christopher Chaffin/Chafin b 1757, Cumberland Co., VA d Aug or Oct 10, 1836 Tazewell Co., VA

+2. Ludwell Vawter/Vaughter, married 9 Mar 1809 Frances Robinson.

+3. Edward Vawter d. ca 1815/16 Buckingham Co., VA m. Sarah Lee. Sarah Lee’s parents were Joseph Dabbs Lee and Anne Noel/Nowell.

In the will of his grandfather, Edward he is given the following: *Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Edward Vawter, son of Thomas, half of one of said parts to be laid out chiefly in his education.*

+4. Lemuel Vawter m. (1) Julia Wilson m. (2) 1797 to Obedience Jackson m. (3) 28 Aug 1828 to Kesiah Gadsey.

+5. Martha “Patsy” Vawter b. ca 1778 m. 24 Jan 1799 Charlotte Co., VA marriage record p. 280 to John Faris.