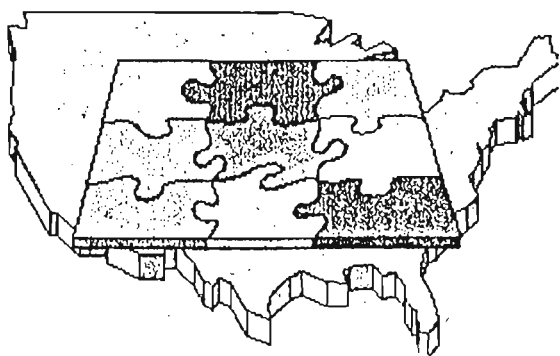


Vermily/e/a's...

Historically Speaking



You are a piece of the puzzle



We encourage your participation and your contributions to this newsletter. We are all part of one great historic family, a family which fought in all wars from the American Revolution to the present; a family which has helped to populate the nation; a family which, although rooted in Europe, can still lay claim to being ultimately "American." With all this background, there still remain (as there must) questions, even mysteries, as to origins, names, nationality. With the phrase "Many hands make light work" resounding in our ears, we ask that you share knowledge of your immediate Vermilyea family origins, stories and history with the rest of our clan.

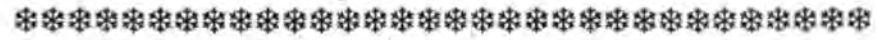


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Coming Together Again, by Joe Vermilyea(a)

It is an honor for me to write this note to you for our first ever Vermilyea Family Association News Letter. I truly hope this issue is one of many. With the help of all of you out there reading this, we will be able to continue forward and among other things duplicate the following.

Just a few weeks ago I had the pleasure to meet another Vermilyea I have never met before. Now I will not mention specific names or addresses since that is what we promise to do unless those involved agree to such sharing. The fact that we are 7th cousins made no difference to us. We are related and for me I can testify that it was like meeting a member of my family. Now I don't plan to invite them over for a special holiday dinner (yet), but there is a closer bond between us than others I first meet.

What made this meeting even more special and joyful was that I had the genealogical information to not only tell that person about a closer relative, but that if they both agreed, I could in fact introduce them to a third cousin that they had never met. This third cousin lives less than a couple hundred miles away. The excitement and joy of finding a relative and then having that relative living so close is hard to describe, and for me to be able to facilitate that meeting is very special as well.

"Now for the rest of the story," as it is said. While I am being introduced to this Vermilyea on the West Coast, Sandra (Vermilyea) Todd just "happened" to find a phone number of a Vermilyea, previously unknown to her. She calls this person to find out what she can; and would you believe, the two individuals we have met on opposite sides of the United States are in fact Brother and Sister? What are the odds of this happening within such a close time frame and over such a great distance?

From what genealogy research tells us, one family (Johannes Vermilyea) started all of those who bear the name (no matter how the spelling). One family and that family with our help, and more importantly your help, can come together again. I hope you will see your way clear to joining us. The cost is a factor, but more importantly the information we can share is the greatest reward and joy of what can be done. I am part of a Vermilyea(a)

reunion group on the West Coast and I am aware of at least two other Vermilye(a) groups that meet to share and honor "Family". I hope members of all of these different groups could come together and work for a common purpose.

I can understand one questioning the motives of someone you have never met. If nothing else, write us and request additional information, then make your decision on becoming a part of The Vermilyea Family Association.



The Name Vermilye/a in Military Service



If you haven't visited a regional branch of the National Archives and scanned rolls of microfilm looking for data on your ancestors, then you need to treat yourself. There are 12 locations across the United States. I am fortunate to have one close to me at the Sand Point location in Seattle WA.

In addition to census records many military records can also be found. The most popularly used for genealogical purposes are those from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War. After the Revolutionary War, veterans received land as payment for their military service. Their deeds were called "bounty land warrants". In addition to these, there are pension records related to military service as well as military service records.

I have found some extremely interesting information concerning Vermilyea's in the pension records of the Revolutionary War Veterans. I'll include the pension file numbers of each as I have recorded them. If you should want to get copies of your own, use the file number. You will need a form (NATF form 80 to order copies of these records. These forms can be acquired at: Reference Services Branch (NNIR)

National Archives and Records Service
8th and Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20408

According to what I have been able to determine three Vermilyea brothers served in the Rev. War. They were William (#S14764), John (# W-2462), and Phillip (#S 42578). These brothers were Sons of Peter Vermilyea (1725) and Grandsons of Isaac

Vermilyea (who was the son of Johannes Vermilyea). There were several other Vermilyea's serving in the Revolutionary War: Jacob M., John, William Dyckman, and Benjamin. I have not taken the time to determine the relative relationship of these or even if there are more Vermilyea's that served; however, that is where you come in.

Our organization was established to inform as well as be informed. In other words we want to share. If you have copies of any of these files or if you would like to see more details on what I have, then please join us and drop me a line. I am just getting started on all that I want to know about the Vermilyea's that served in the Revolutionary War.



Additional information

William's file (#514764) was the first one that I ordered. Many of the documents were written after his death. He did apply for a pension and after his death his widow applied for benefits also. Applying for benefits then was not simply a matter of filling out a form and waiting the appropriate time. Many individuals had to give testimony either orally or in written form. They would attest to who the applicant was and how long they knew him. The testimony would give details of where and when the marriage took place and how many children there were in the family and so forth, most of which is really great stuff for a genealogy "nut" such as myself. In William's case he apparently had a second marriage late in his life. There are a great many details about this marriage. Unfortunately this was not the marriage I was mainly interested in.

YOUR NAME

Published in the Quaker Yeomen as a tribute to Garland P. Stout.

You got it from your father,
It was all he had to give;
So it's yours to use and cherish,
For as long as you may live.
If you lose the watch he gave you,
It can always be replaced,
But a black mark on your name, Son,
Can never be erased.
It was clean the day you took it,
And a worthy name to bear,
When he got it from a father,
There was no dishonor there.
So make sure you guard it wisely,
After all is said and done,
You'll be glad the name is spotless,
When you give it to your son.

- Author unknown

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Treasurer 's Report

Account Opened November 27, 1995

DEPOSITS :

November 27, 1995 Three Memberships _____	\$ 36.00
December 20, 1995 Three Memberships _____	36.00
December 29, 1995 One Membership _____	12.00

WITHDRAWAL:

December 29, 1995 Postage _____	\$38.40
Balance as of January 1, 1996 _____	\$45.60

Searching for identity of "Mrs. North, our Oregon Cousin."
In a letter dated September 25, 1939, written by Mrs. Addie Beardsley Humphrey who lived in Halcottville, New York State, reference was made to Mrs. North, who had mailed a Family History to Mrs. Humphrey. It was distributed to many members of the family on the East Coast.

I have never been able to determine who Mrs. North was.
Anyone able to help?

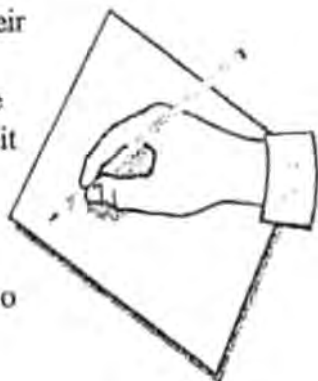
Sandra Vermilyea Todd

MESSAGES TO CHEER

We would like to suggest that our members include the following family members in their prayers, and we're sure they would enjoy receiving a card or note to cheer them. We know from experience how heart warming it is to receive mail from a new family acquaintance. We are all "cousins" and your concern and prayers are appreciated. We encourage everyone to send family names to be included in this column.

Glenford Vermilyea

Canton, PA 17724



NEW TWIGS ON THE FAMILY TREE

Taylor Fields Vermilyea¹¹, (John David¹⁰, Edwin⁹, John⁸, William⁷, William⁶, Samuel⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹) was born November 12, 1995. She is the first child of John David and Elizabeth (Ford) Vermilyea of Palenville, New York. She weighed 8 lbs and 3 ozs and measured 21.0" long. The proud paternal grandparents are Ed and Janet Vermilyea of Arkville, New York; the maternal grandparents are Martin and Beverly Ford of Vero Beach, Florida.



SUGGESTED READING — AND WHERE TO FIND IT

AS THE RIVER RUNS, A HISTORY OF HALCOTTVILLE, NEW YORK, by Diane Galusha, 1990, Catskill Mountain Publishing Corp., Margaretville, New York 12455. (Several Vermilyea references)

A free catalog that features dozens of books on local history is available from the Delaware County Historical Association RD#2, Box 201C, Delhi, NY 13753.

THE HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF ROXBURY, long out of print was updated and published in 1995. The book was written by Caroline Evelyn More and Irma Mae Griffin in 1953 and then

revised by Miss. Griffin in 1975. The 1995 392-page updated and expanded version includes Miss Griffin's original chapters, and a new introduction and final chapter on the last 20 years by former Delaware County Historical Association director Linda Norris. Many new photos have also been added. Information is available by writing the Roxbury Library, Roxbury, New York 12474.

LANDMARKS OF INTEREST

Would you like to take a ride on Vermilyea Road? Well, head for the beautiful Catskill Mountains in New York State. Look for Route 30 in Delaware County, spot Margaretville and Roxbury. Between these two small towns is a town even smaller called Halcottville. Exit Route 30 into Halcottville. Coming from Roxbury, take the only right hand turn in town, bear left and travel about 1 mile and turn right on *VERMILYEA ROAD*.

Of course if you're coming from Margaretville into Halcottville, you would take the only left turn in town; this road is named Bragg Hollow Road. If all else fails probably everyone in Halcottville knows where Vermilyea Road is. The farm of my Great Great Great Grandfather William Vermilya⁴, (Abraham³, John², Johannes¹), was located here; I have been unable to verify where William, who died April 12, 1803, is reported to have been buried on the family farm.



Vermilyea Road was not paved when I last visited, and to say the location is remote is an understatement. Many of the residences are seasonal, and the mountain views are spectacular. I suggest a late September trip so you may enjoy the beautiful mountain views, and the glorious fall leaf colors.

Do you know of a Vermilyea Road, Street, Town or other interesting Vermilyea landmark? How many Vermilyea Roads are there? Let us know!

If you would like to hear more about The Vermilya Family Association, please fill out the form below and mail to:

Sandra V. Todd

Name _____

Address _____

I can trace my Vermilye/a name lineage to (Please give as much information as you have available): _____

I would like to receive:

- Information about The Vermilyea Family Association
- A membership in The Vermilyea Family Association
(my \$12 is included with this request.)
- A previous issue of a newsletter