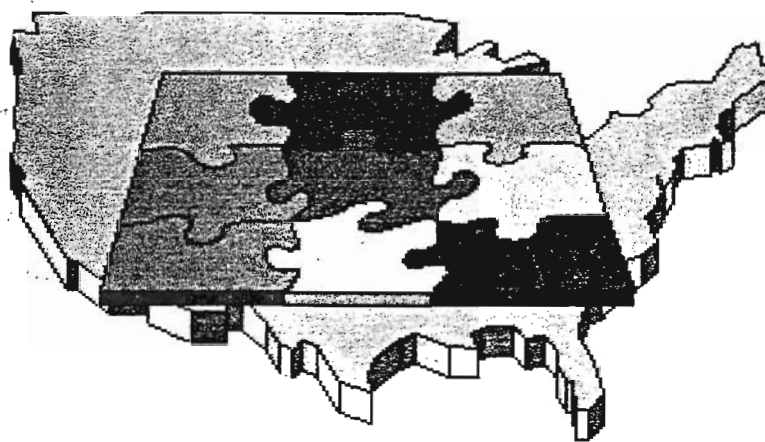


Vermily/e/a's...
Historically Speaking



"You are a piece of the puzzle"

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The Vermilye/a Family Organization was begun in August of 1995 . We have grown and learned and shared with one another. We continue to 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 research available, there still remain questions, perhaps even mysteries, and many, many yet-undiscovered relatives. 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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You can always tell a Vermilye, . . .

Editorial by Joe Vermilye

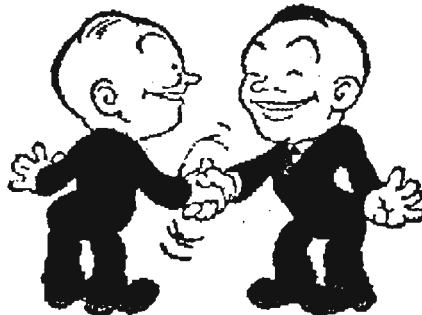
When my sister is taking note of my stubbornness and wants to throw a friendly jab my way she will say, "You can always tell a Vermilye, but you can't tell him much!" Maybe we all have a stubborn streak in us. That could be debated, but it is the first part of that statement that I wish to speak about.

I attended a Vermilyea Family Reunion at Williamsport, PA. This is about the 10th or so Vermilyea gathering of close and distant cousins that I have attended. The *VERMILYE(A) ET. AL.* Group on the West Coast has been gathering most every summer for about 10 years. Now I am not going to tell you we all have the same nose or chin. Since all of us are a melting pot of many ancestors, I have never seen a "Vermilyea cheek bone" for example.

No, what I can report is that every Vermilya/e/ea I have ever met seems to be a super friendly sort. This was also true at the Williamsport gathering. Everyone was so nice and friendly. After a relatively short time one got the feeling that yes, indeed, we were family. I truly enjoyed meeting over 60 new Vermilyeas and yes, you can always tell a Vermilyea !

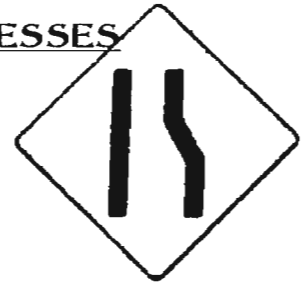
You can always tell they are just great people. Members of the Vermilyea Family Association that attended the Williamsport Vermilyea Family Reunion (I know that is confusing, but the two groups were not one in the same.) were able to hold a meeting and discuss among other things the constitution and by-laws that were enclosed in the last news letter. Several suggestions were discussed. We had previously received letters and calls relative to this topic. It was good to be able to sit down and exchange views. I will attempt to write down what I feel is a consensus of views at this point, and provide all members with the latest version. When it looks like we have agreement, a ballot type vote will be taken.

Additional thoughts that were discussed at this meeting involved the possibility of a National Vermilyea Family Reunion or even a reunion-type meeting of the members of our Association. There appears to be at least four "Vermilyea" groups that meet at various areas in the US. Would it be possible to coordinate all of those groups for a huge gathering? At this point, one can only imagine. As far as a reunion gathering of the members of our VFA, most felt it was premature to begin planning such an event, but such an event would be desirable at some point.



MORE VERMILYEA - VERMILYA - VERMILYE ADDRESSES

Vermilya Road, Columbiaville, Michigan.
Vermilya Avenue, Flint, Michigan
Vermilya Ave., Bloomington, Indiana
Vermilye St., Pleasantville, New York
Vermilyea, Nehalem, Oregon.
Vermilyea Ave., New York, New York

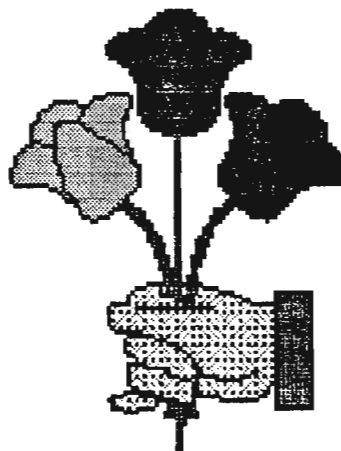


FEWER LANES AHEAD

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

- ◆ Madonna Vermilyea Stanovsky
- ◆ Lynn & Nancy Vermilyea
- ◆ Debra Vermilyea Hardy
- ◆ Helen L. Vermilya

- ◆ Jim (Clarence) Vermilyea



Trying to Get Started on Your Tree ? Start at the Base - Yourself.

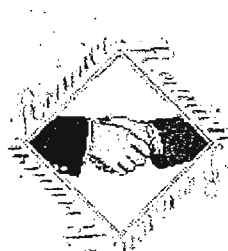
If the interest of knowing more about your family tree is there but the lack of knowing how to go about it is also there, then this article is for you. Most of what I offer here comes from either my own experiences or a great little book by Rosemary A. Chorzempa, MY FAMILY TREE WORKBOOK Genealogy for Beginners. It is published by Dover Pub., INC., NY and has a 1982 copyright.

Begin you quest with your self. Write down as much about yourself as you can. Generally speaking for genealogy one wants: full birth name, place and date of birth, place and date of such things as weddings, baptisms, graduations, and deaths. However, also include such things as a nickname you used, color of eyes, color of hair, height as an adult. Interesting facts about your self, places and dates where you have lived, pictures of your self at different times in your life, dated and labeled are all good things to include when writing about your self. Some of the most interesting and useful information I have found has been in biographical sketches about relatives. Knowing more than just the dates and places helps to better understand your family.

After you have got to know your self fairly well, the next step is your parents. I did not get started on my genealogy until after both of my parents were gone. Oh how I wish I could have asked them all of the questions I now long to know. Don't wait to talk to a parent or an Aunt or Uncle. I took a tape recorder along one time when I visited my Uncle. We sat and talked and I asked him about one relative or the other. About a year later my Uncle passed away. I am so grateful for the tape I have and the opportunity to capture what little history I was able to get. Ask a sister, or brother, or a cousin to write down their favorite memory about a parent or grandparent. These little moments of your family's past will be come treasures to you and your descendants.

One will want to obtain birth, marriage, and death certificates on as many parents, grand parents, and great grand parents as possible. It is possible to get copies of many of these certificates for a fee. Forms are usually available. Addresses can be found at the local library. If you have access to a "Red Book" , you can get addresses on where to write. These documents are ideal, since they often help establish dates and places, however, they also contain additional information that helps us with even more research.

Don't over look other sources of information such as cemetery and funeral home records. Federal and State Census records as well as Church records can be very helpful. The Catholic Church for example was keeping vital statistics a long time before the various states selected to keep such records. There are other churches that kept such records.



**ANSWERS TO A VERMILYEA FAMILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE:
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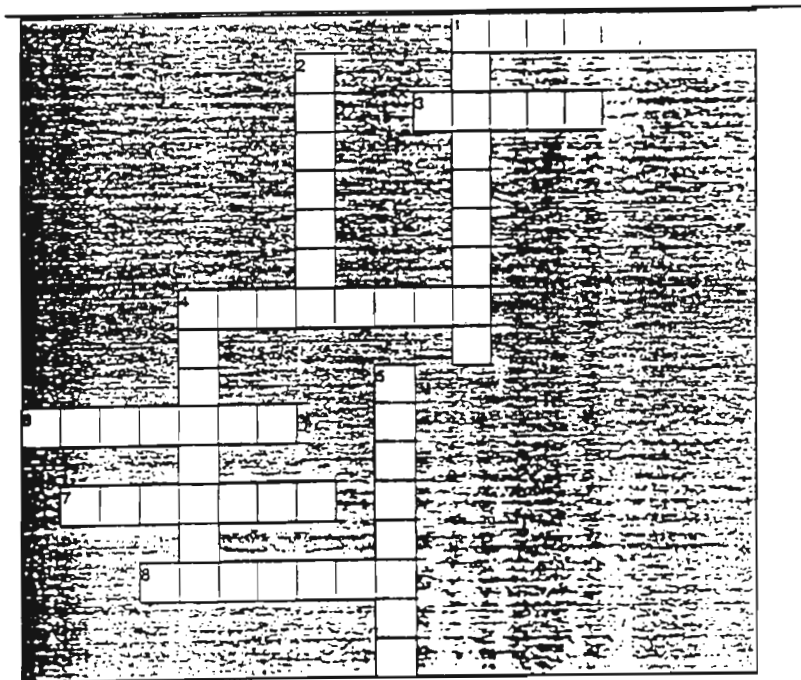
- 1. Vermigli
- 3. Fritz
- 4. Vermilye
- 6. Dyckman
- 7. Holland
- 8. Waldron

DOWN:

- 1. Vermilyea
- 2. Abraham
- 4. Vermilya
- 5. Johannes

A Vermilyea Crossword Puzzle

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Italian form of Vermilyea
- 3. nick name of a Vermilyea whose birthday was Aug. 9
- 4. Joe of VFA spells his surname
- 6. first name of author of last month's article 'The Vermigli Hypothesis'
- 7. Birthplace of Johannes (#1)
- 8. maiden name of Johannes's wife Aeltie

DOWN

- 1. Sandra of VFA spells her surname
- 2. Johannes (#1) had 4 male children: Isaac, Jacob, John, and ?
- 4. Joanne of VFA spells her surname
- 5. name of progenitor of our family in USA

VERMILY/E/A FAMILY ASSOCIATION Membership Application

NAME _____ PHONE (____) ____ - _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

DO WE HAVE YOUR PERMISSION TO ADD YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO OUR MEMBER ADDRESS BOOK AVAILABLE TO OTHER MEMBERS? YES__ NO__ (Our mailing list is not available for commercial use)

NAME AND DATE OF EARLIEST DOCUMENTED VERMILY/E/A ANTECEDENT
NAME _____ DATE _____

I AM AVAILABLE FOR:

- local library research
- state archives research. States _____
- county courthouse research _____ Co. _____ State _____ Co. _____ State ()
can travel for field work in my area
- can write stories etc. of my lineage for possible publication in "Vermily/a/e/ea's Historically Speaking"

I BELONG TO THE FOLLOWING GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

PLEASE INDICATE OTHER INTERESTS OR TALENTS YOU WILL SHARE WITH US

PLEASE LIST NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OTHERS YOU WISH *VFA* TO CONTACT

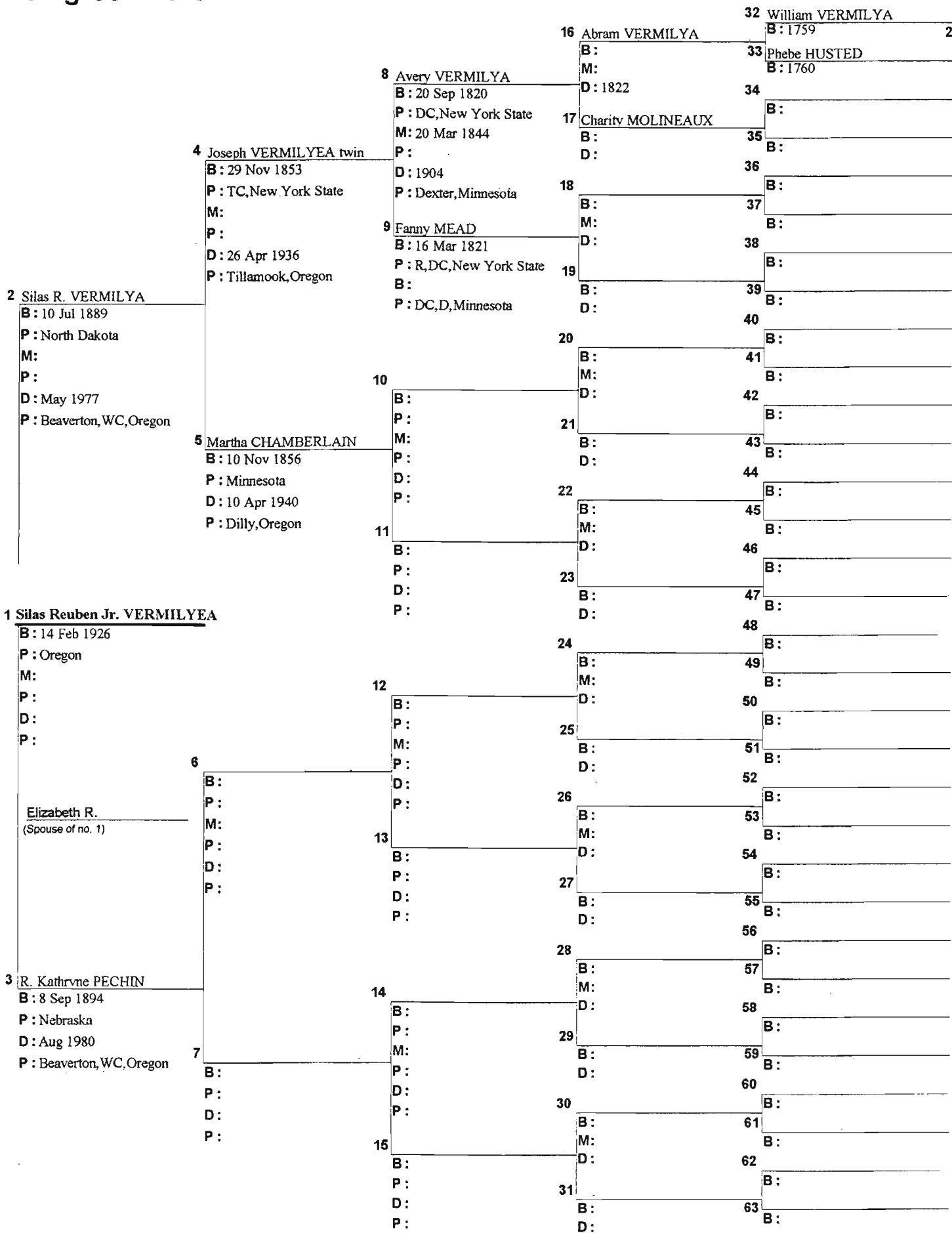
RETURN WITH CHARTS AND CHECK FOR \$12.00 (one year membership)TO:

VERMILYEA FAMILY ASSOCIATION
Mrs. Sandra Vermilyea Todd, Secretary

(You may fold and staple this form with a check; and add an address label to the outside, replacing yours.)

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1



Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 2

No. 1 on this chart is the same as No. 32 on chart no. 1

