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The Vermilyea Family Association was organized 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/e/ea/er family origins, stories and history with the rest of our clan.

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**REMINDER 1998 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 1998. (Still a bargain at \$12.00 a year)**  
**Memberships in the VFA make great gifts. Everyone enjoys learning more about FAMILY!**

Dear Family,

Happy New Year. Enjoyed hearing from so many of you over the holidays, and now that the new year is upon us I'm looking forward to many new projects as well as completing some that have been ongoing.

First, I received sad news of the death of Rex Whitney Vermilyea of Rainier, Oregon. He is the father of our members Carl Vermilyea of Keene, New Hampshire and Paul Vermilyea of Framingham, Massachusetts. I had enjoyed corresponding with Rex on several occasions, and was happy to be able to share family stories. His obituary as it appeared in the Boston Globe is on page 5.

Many of you have responded with new family information for the Vermilyea Family Genealogy book. I am encouraged by your support and am working daily to add to the content. I have a number of families that are still being researched. Many of these families have several generations accounted for, but there is a missing link due to a death or birth that took place either before government records were kept or during a time in which records were destroyed either by fire or some other disaster. Since research on many families that lived before 1850 (the date that all family names were reported on Federal Census) depends on ones ability to locate them on land, birth, death, military, church records or wills, it is a long and tedious process. One of the major obstacles is the spelling of our name - the possibilities of misspellings are endless. However the rewards of being able to show a living descendant their family line back to when our family came to this country, makes it all worth while. It would appear the book will have over 400 pages which will include about 10 pages of pictures!

In this newsletter I have included the first part of the Vermilya Boener house report submitted by Tom Vermilye of Olathe, Kansas. Next time I will include the information that was submitted on the family of Elijah Wentworth Vermilya, builder of the house. In this issue you will find the pedigree chart for Dyckman W. Vermilye of Corrales, NM. I have stopped trying new programs for better charts. After trying several that have fancy little boxes etc. I have determined my original program Personal Ancestral File is the best. Not only does it load fast, but the charts are in a familiar format that I think are the easiest to read. In order to accommodate all our Vermilyea ancestors I have had to eliminate information on spouses in order to get everything on a page that will fit the newsletter format. Check Page 7 for a copy of a newspaper clipping that was sent to me by Willis Vermilya of Conklin, New York. It was included with copies of family research done by his father in the 1940's. I have several other items from the same time period that I will share in upcoming newsletters.

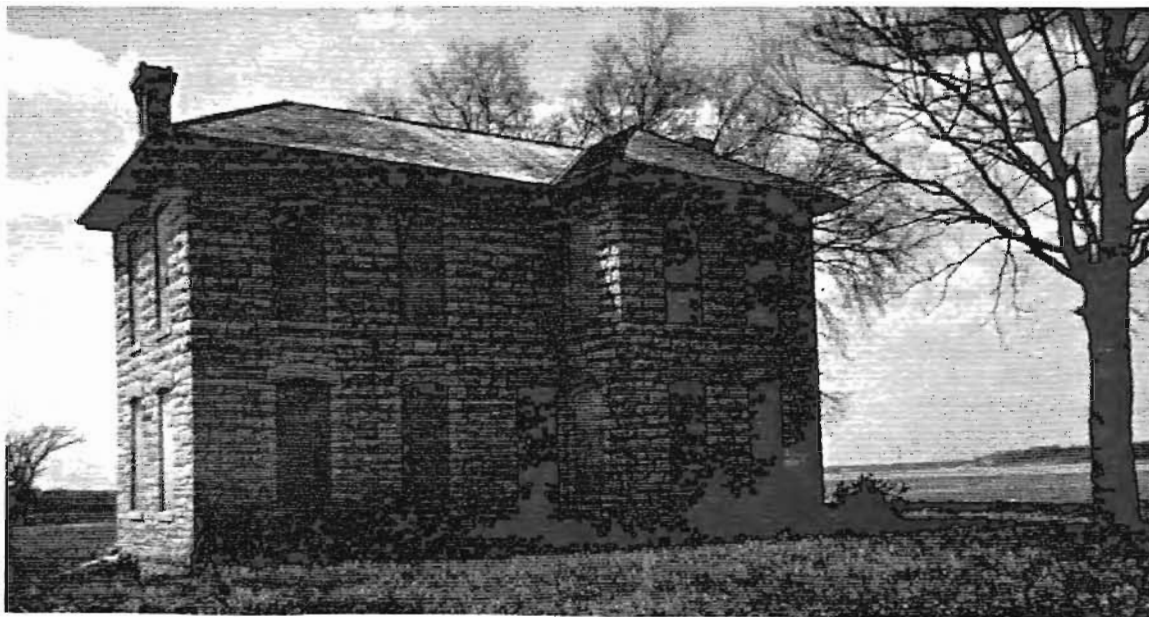
I hope all of you will plan to attend the family reunion in Pennsylvania in June. A number of people have contacted me through the WEB PAGE that are excited to know about other Vermilyea families and are looking forward to attending. I will be selecting names from phone listings and invitations will be sent to families with all the different name spellings. Last year there was more response from people that were told by other family members than from the mass mailing, so please spread the word. If you find it inconvenient to come to Pennsylvania - hold on, Joe is in the process of planning a reunion in Oregon. Better yet - plan to attend both. As many of you know the Oregon families have held a camp out reunion there several times, and as soon as Joe is able to make camping arrangements he will give us the details. He is hoping for a July date.

It was wonderful to receive word of the new Vermilyea babies, Congratulations to all.

Word from Joanne is that Charlie is much improved and that she will be back with the newsletter soon.

**Check your address label, if you see RENEW stamped by it I need to hear from you! Its 1998.**

Sandra



**VERMILYA - BOENER HOUSE  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS**

One day I was surfing the Internet and found a reference to the Vermilya-Boener house which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. I wondered who I could write to get information from when I received a letter from Tom Vermilye of Olathe, Kansas requesting family information. When I wrote him I mentioned I wanted to find out about the house, and within a short time I received the following letter plus a complete report with pictures. Thanks Tom for sharing with us.

Sandra

*April 21, 1997*

*Hi Sandra,*

*The information that follows is background on the Vermilya - Boener house that is located in Lawrence, KS, thanks to the Kansas State Historical Society. The information is very descriptive of the history behind the house and the family. The present owner is a Lance Burr, a lawyer in Lawrence, KS. He has owned the house since 1988. He does plan on renovating it, with the idea of bringing it back to the original condition. Lance told me he has talked to the Boener side of the family, but he has never talked to a Vermilye. He really did not know that anyone was around. He also said that he would be happy to contact me should he ever learn anything about the family.*



## THE TIME HAS COME

by Joe Vermilye, Pres.

Last year prior to the Vermilyea Reunion gathering in June, a copy of a suggested Constitution and By-laws was mailed to everyone in our Association. Members of the VFA that attended the East Coast Vermilyea Reunion were able to meet and discuss the suggested document. From that discussion and the other input I have heard, the main concern seems to be the Name of our Association. That concern seems to center on the fact that there are several recognized spellings of our common surname. Recognition of that difference is of course important.

By the time our second quarterly newsletter comes out in approximately April 1998, I will have a completed copy of this document enclosed. The 3 officers will discuss a means of voting on this document and we will inform you at that time. So if there is any further suggestions, they need to be mailed to me ASAP.

Joe Vermilye

Keep in mind the document will contain a built in way that it can be amended. However, by the last count we have 37 members listed. Many of those represent couples or families. The point being: The time has come to take the next step and adopt a Constitution and By-laws by which we can continue in an orderly fashion.

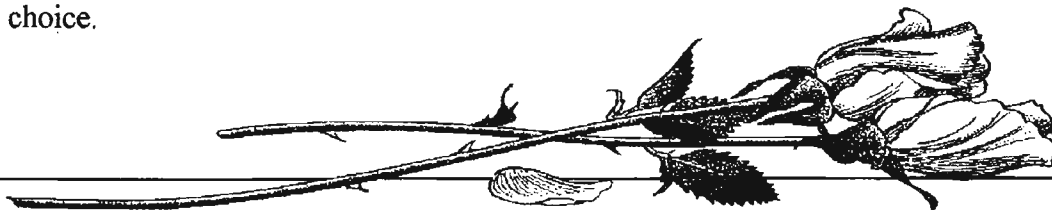
### REMINDER

**I need all family information and pictures for the VERMILYEA FAMILY GENEALOGY book by March 30, 1998.** *Sandra*

### Rex W. Vermilyea

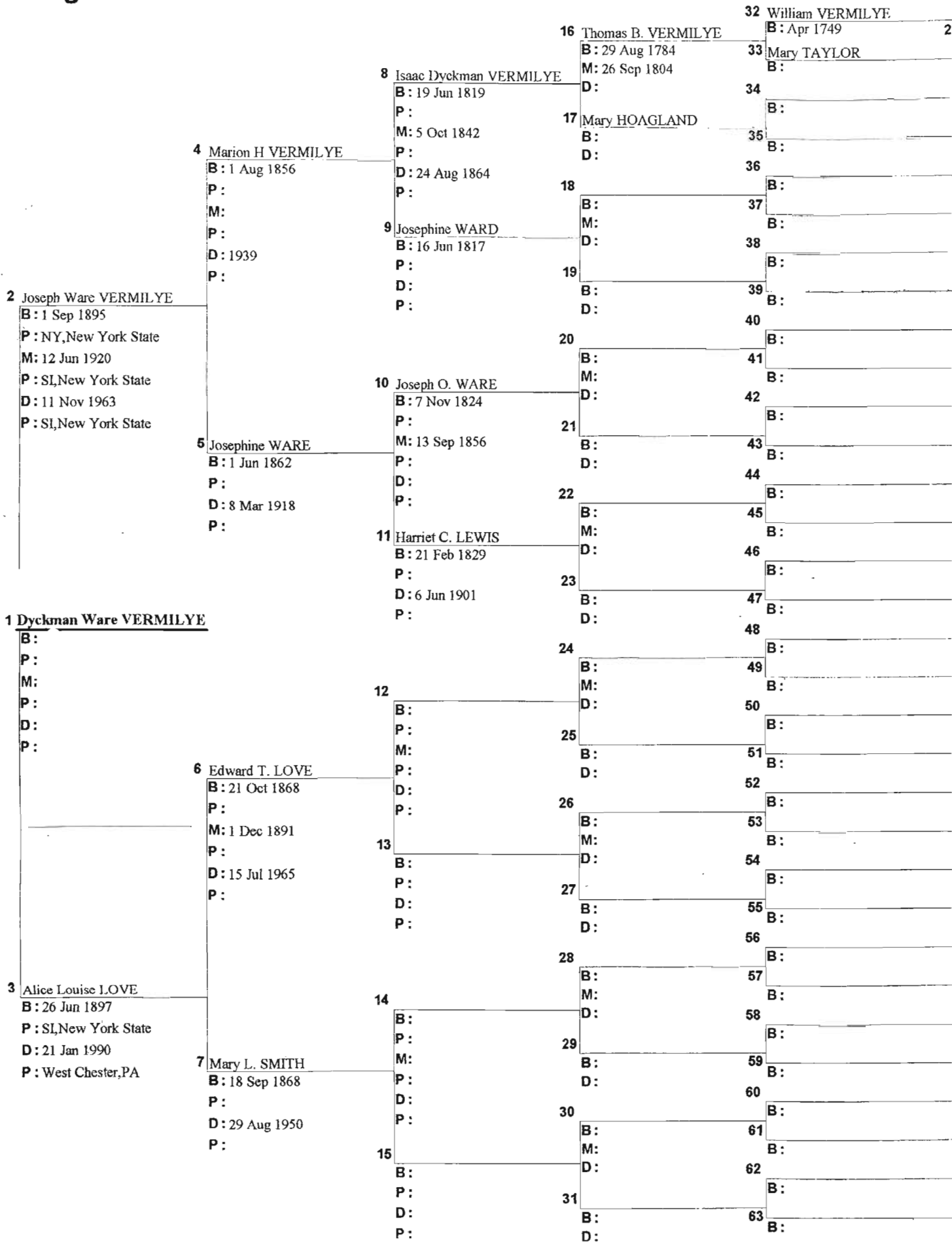
*as published in the Boston Globe*

VERMILYEA - of Rainier, Oregon, formerly of Newton. November 8, Rex W., husband of the late Frances (Parker) Vermilyea, father of Carl P. Vermilyea of Keene, NH, Robert W. Vermilyea of Northport, Maine, Paul H. Vermilyea of Framingham and Lynn O. Andrews of Rainier, Oregon. Grandfather of 14 and great grandfather of 3. Funeral from the Eaton Funeral Home, 1351 Highland Ave. Needham on Friday November 14 at 10 a.m, followed by a graveside service at Woodlawn Cemetery in Wellesley at 11:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Memorials in Rex's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.



# Pedigree Chart

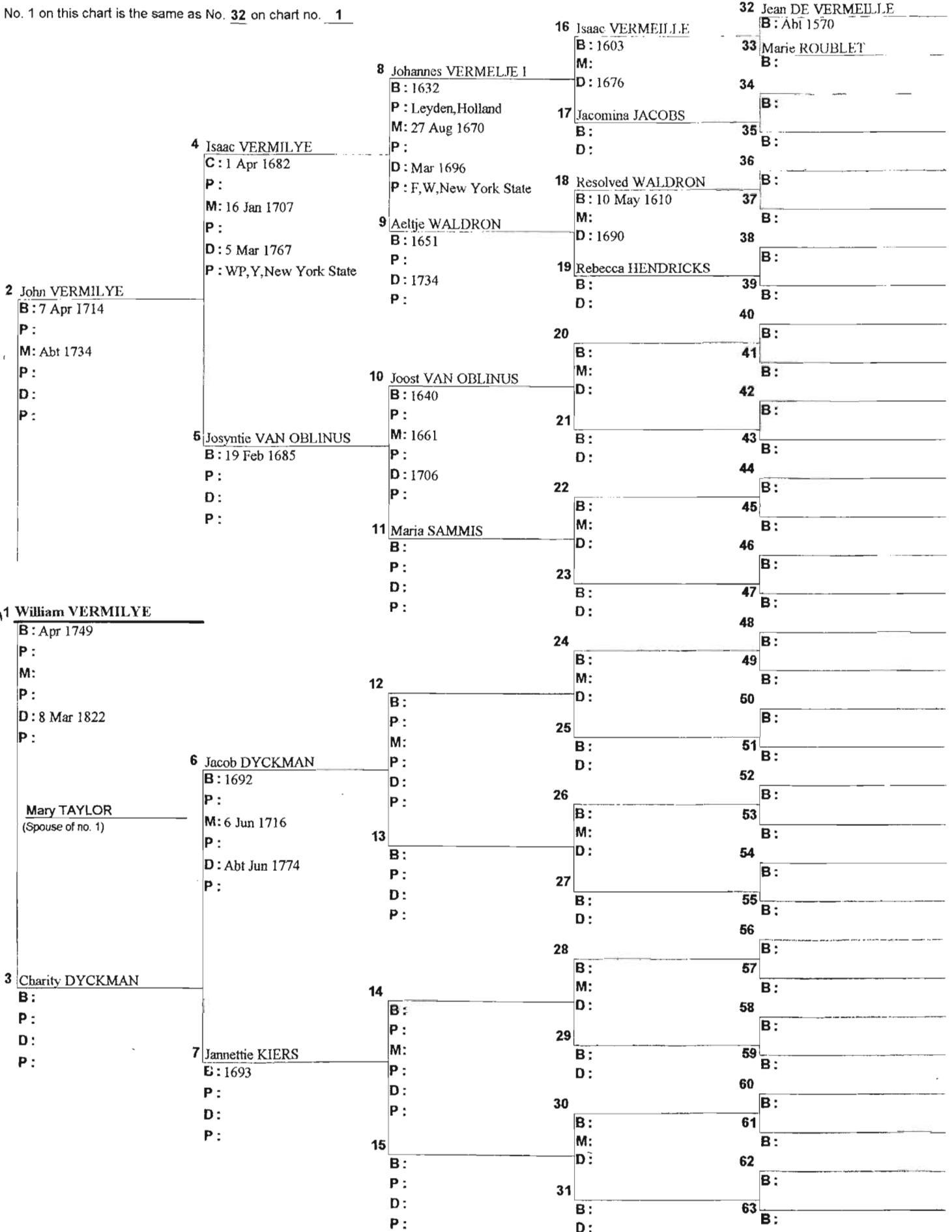
Chart no. 1



# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 2

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





## JUST GETTING STARTED? Part II

Part I is in Volume II, Number 3

July August September 1997 issue

by Joe Vermilye

What to look for and Where to find it—

### A. What to look for :

Dates and places of such things as marriages, births, and deaths. Family surnames and given names as well as relationships need to be noted. Other helpful facts such as occupation or church affiliation could be important.

### B. Where to find items in A.

Vital records such as marriage, birth, and death certificates are recorded by all states, however most states were not required to keep such records until the late 19th century or early 20th century.

Family sources such as Bibles, diaries, news clippings, and written family histories or biographies can be useful.

Church records were kept a long time before governments were required to keep records.

Cemetery records are sometimes found at funeral homes, however rubbings from tombstones can be very helpful.

News papers are helpful for obituaries, engagements, weddings, divorce, estate sales, and the like. Check to find out where microfilm of back issues of papers that are no longer being published are kept.

Census records include State as well as Federal Census records. The National Archives and it's system of regional archives contain much data you will need.

Naturalization records and Foreign Passenger lists should not be overlooked.

Court records include such things as civil and criminal court records as well as Wills and Land records.

Libraries hold a huge wealth of information. If one needs to find an address of one of the above sources, one might begin by asking at your local library. Libraries often keep older city and telephone directories, local histories, biographies, family genealogies, and copies of publications that deal with many of these topics. There are many kinds of libraries such as local, state, and university. Private libraries that are operated by a particular genealogical or historical society can be extremely helpful.

This is by no means a complete list. As you do your searching many times new ideas come to light. There was one time, brief that it was, when I thought I had looked every possible place I could look. I now know I had just begun. Good luck.

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From the FAMILY TREE TOPPER: Think about this one..... It's thought that you can use flour to dust old, old tombstones so you can read the inscriptions. Just be sure to use plain flour - don't ever use self-rising in a cemetery.

THINK BACK ..... WAY BACK TO 1905

## Vermilya Family Reunion.

The 4th annual Vermilya reunion was held at Columbus Park Association grounds, Columbus, Aug. 30, 1905, Vice President John B. Vermilya presiding.

The attendance was smaller than at the previous reunion, 1904. The following attending from a distance:—J. D. Anderson, Dayton, Ohio; Rachel, Russell and Edith Loeb, Dunkirk, N. Y.; John B. Vermilya, Cleveland, Ohio. Many letters received from absent ones were read, all of which expressed the writers' regrets for their inability to attend and their wishes to those in attendance for a pleasant outing; several promising to attend the meeting in 1906. The photographs received by the secretary during the past year were exhibited and proved one of the greatest attractions and interests. A vote of thanks was extended to the donors.

**Births:** Ruth Vermilya Cooley, Nov. 14, 1904; Mary Evangeline Nantes, Feb. 3, 1905; Blanche Irene Gregg, April 14, 1905; Son to Mr. and Mrs. Orrin J. Dodge, Feb. 1, 1904; Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Orley; Son to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Vermilya; Russell Allen Goen, 1904; Grace H. Blue, Feb. 13, 1904.

**Deaths:** William Wentworth Cady, Corry, Pa., July 10, 1905, age 10 years; Avery Vermilya, Dexter, Minn., July 15, 1904, age 84 years; Solomon Vermilya, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Mar. 11, 1905, age 67 years; Georgiana Sweetser, Marion, Ind., Mar. 11, 1904, age 32 years; Infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield S. Mead, Arkville, N. Y., June 3, 1904; Phebe B. Pfaffenburg, Brownstown, Ind., Mar., 1904., age 65 years; Elizabeth B. Walker, 1904, age 85 years.

Officers elected for the year 1905-06: President, John B. Vermilya, 1119 Woodland Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; Vice Pres., James D. Anderson, 729 Troy

street, Dayton, Ohio; Sec., W. H. Nantes, Spring Creek, Pa., Treas., Geo. Mead, Spring Creek, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2; Trustees, Arthur Sears, S. N. Howard, W. E. Cady.

**Committees:** Arrangements, Howard Benson; Entertainment, Mrs. Ira Pearce, Mrs. Maggie Paige; Reception, W. E. Cady, Mrs. Marvilla Howard.

The secretary was instructed to order printed account of the meeting and insert therein a request for greater attendance in 1906, and to make reports to heads of families.

The secretary's report on progress of Vermilya Register shows the work yet incomplete owing to delay of a few distant members in filling papers and returning same. The descendants of Johnathan and Edward, sons of William Vermilya and wife Phebe Husted, showing the greatest percentage of unreturned papers.

The meeting adjourned to meet the last Wednesday in August 1906, at the home of Mrs. Emiline Howard, near Columbus, Warren Co., Pa. This lady is, according to data at hand, the oldest living person of Vermilya blood, a daughter of Jesse Vermilya, son of William Vermilya and wife, Phebe Husted. She was born Feb. 18, 1813.

The phonograph selections were amusing and entertaining; the welcoming song sung by Mrs. W. H. Nantes and Misses Zuella and Jewell Cady was enthusiastically received.

Members present were photographed but proved a failure and there are none for distribution.

W. H. Nantes, Sec.,  
Spring Creek, Pa.

P. S.

Per order of Pres. J. B. Vermilya the place of meeting has been changed to Columbus Park Association grounds, Columbus, Pa.,

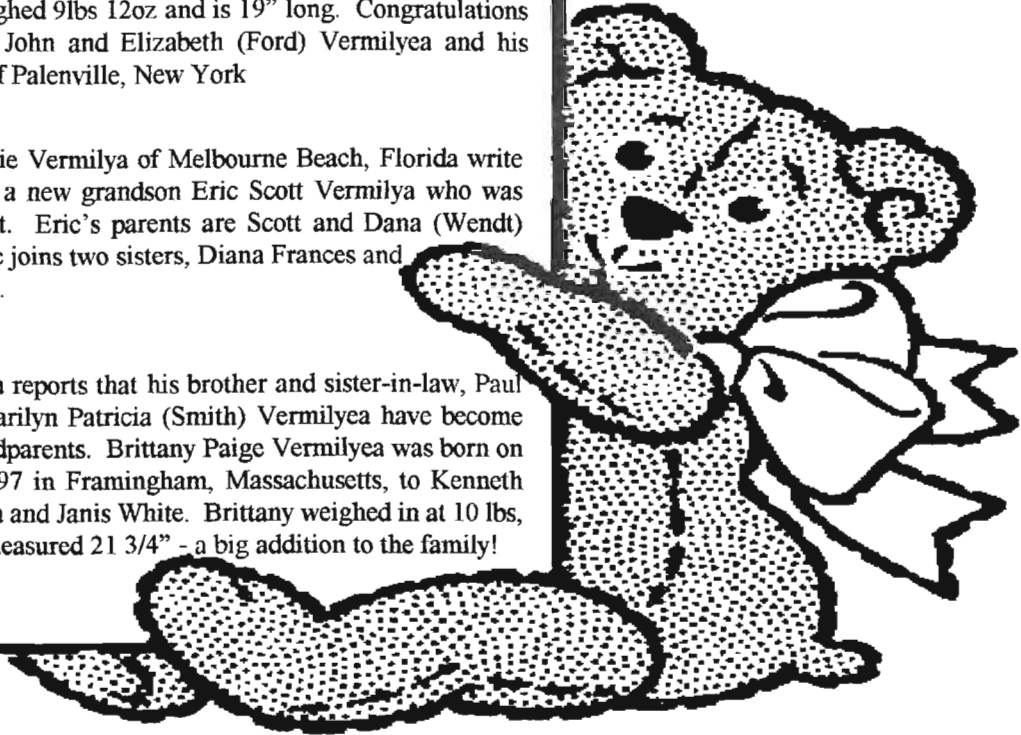
W. H. Nantes, Sec.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Ed and Janet Vermilyea of Arkville, New York are the proud new grandparents of Jacob David Vermilyea born November 23, 1997. He weighed 9lbs 12oz and is 19" long. Congratulations to his parents John and Elizabeth (Ford) Vermilyea and his sister Taylor of Palenville, New York

Keith and Bettie Vermilya of Melbourne Beach, Florida write that they have a new grandson Eric Scott Vermilya who was born in August. Eric's parents are Scott and Dana (Wendt) Vermilya. Eric joins two sisters, Diana Frances and Kimberly Soon.

Carl Vermilyea reports that his brother and sister-in-law, Paul Hunter and Marilyn Patricia (Smith) Vermilyea have become first-time grandparents. Brittany Paige Vermilyea was born on August 26, 1997 in Framingham, Massachusetts, to Kenneth Paul Vermilyea and Janis White. Brittany weighed in at 10 lbs, 13.8 ozs and measured 21 3/4" - a big addition to the family!



## BIRTHDAYS

January 18	Webb Vermilya
January 25	Gary William Burkholder Michael Lee Burkholder
February 4	Tim Vermilye
February 6	Lyle Vermilya
February 14	Silas Reuben Vermilyea
February 21	Marlene Vermilyea
March 21	Dennis Vermilyea
March 21	John R. Vermilya
March 30	Carl Vermilyea
April 5	John Todd Jr.
April 9	Dayl Stout
April 30	Jon Vermilye

## NEW MEMBERS

Gladys Belle Vermilyea Edmond

*A very special welcome to Belle who celebrated her 100th Birthday on September 5, 1997*

Paul H. Vermilyea

**VERMILYEA FAMILY REUNION**  
**JUNE 27, 1998**

Dear Cousins,

This year the Vermilyea Family Reunion will be held **Saturday June 27, 1998** at **Wellsboro, Pennsylvania**. You and all Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyer families are invited to attend.

We will gather at the Wellsboro Fire Hall Social Center at 10 a.m. on Saturday for a full day of activities. A lunch will be served at noon featuring soup, salad, and sandwiches. At 6 p.m. a buffet dinner featuring a selection of meats, vegetables, and dessert will be served. Please bring any Family memorabilia (pictures, family records, newspaper clippings, etc.), display tables will be provided and we can start setting up at 9 a.m. Saturday. I want to encourage everyone who brought items last year to please bring them again since many did not have time to see everything. Your 1997 Reunion T-shirt would be appropriate attire. There will be family members available to assist anyone interested in researching their family line. I plan to have the new "Vermilyea Family Genealogy" books ready for first distribution. There will be activities for the children, door prizes and time to visit with family.

Rooms have been reserved at the Penn Wells Hotel and Lodge for Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>. The room rates are \$49.00 per night at the hotel, \$59.00 per night at the lodge, and \$69.00 per night for deluxe rooms at the lodge. To make reservations call the Penn Wells at 1-800-545-2446, ask for Sandy Redell at the Lodge and mention the Vermilyea Family Reunion. A credit card number is needed to make reservations, and they **MUST BE MADE BY June 1, 1998**. Folks, keep in mind Wellsboro is a resort town, and rooms are at a premium this time of year. Take advantage of the extra nights to enjoy a family vacation in the area. The Penn Wells offers a special buffet brunch on Sundays and a private room will be available for us to eat together, however this is not included in the Reunion Day package. The Wellsboro Fire Department Social Center is within easy walking distance of the Lodge or Hotel, and is a brand new facility..

Total cost for the Reunion Day package is \$21.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under six years old. Reservations can be made only by sending payment directly to me by June 1, 1998. Meals are being provided by a private caterer, not the hotel.

This year caps and visors printed with Vermilyea Family Reunion, place and date are being designed special for the occasion. They are red, made of high quality fabric, and the size is adjustable. They will be \$7.00 each.

Information on the Wellsboro, Tioga County area is available by calling the Tioga County Tourist Promotion Agency at 1-800-332-6718. There are several area attractions you may want to visit while in Wellsboro: Pennsylvania Grand Canyon, Tioga Central Railroad, Animaland Zoological Park and many other attractions to be enjoyed by all ages. We are checking into group rates and perhaps a organized group visit to some of the area attractions for Friday. Flying in - check for flights into Elmira, New York, or Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Elmira being the closest. Binghamton, New York is about 130 miles.

If you need further information please feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ or e-mail at \_\_\_\_\_  
Or check our VERMILYEA FAMILY REUNION Web Page at <http://members.aol/vermreun/fampage1.htm> for updates.

PLEASE help make this event a success by sharing your invitation with as many family members as possible. Look forward to seeing you there.

Sandra

# REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and mail with your remittance to:

Mrs. Sandra Vermilvea Todd

I will be attending the Vermilyea Family Reunion on June 27, 1998.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please e-mail me at \_\_\_\_\_ to confirm my reservations.

My family members that will be attending with me (their address if different than yours) This information is needed for name tags.

Name _____	Relationship _____	Address _____
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Adults _____ @ \$21.00 ea. _____	Total \$ _____
Children _____ @ 3.00 ea. _____	Total \$ _____
Visors _____ @ 7.00 ea. _____	Total \$ _____
Caps _____ @ 7.00 ea. _____	Total \$ _____
	Total \$ _____

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total to cover Family Reunion Day (includes lunch and dinner, caps and visors).

I am interested in purchasing \_\_\_ copies of the VERMILYEA FAMILY GENEALOGY (price estimated to be about \$25.00 - \$30.00.) Do not enclose money for books, I am only trying to get an idea of how many to have printed to bring. These will be available by mail, but shipping charges can be avoided by picking up copies at the reunion.

I will not be able to attend the reunion this year, but please keep me on the mailing list for future reunions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VERMILYEA FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

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