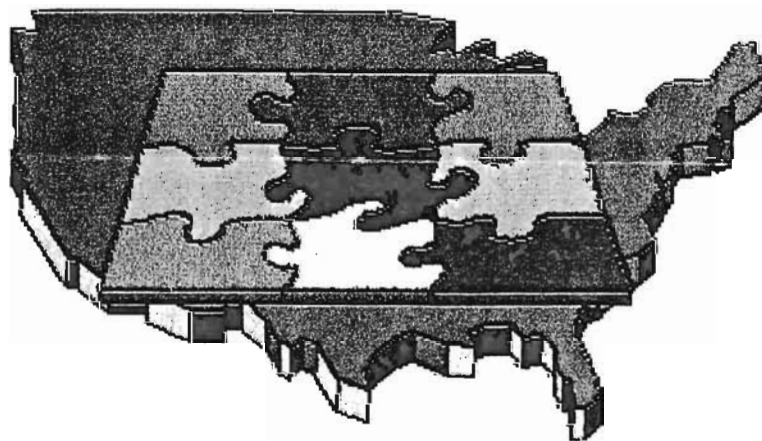


Vermilya/e/ea/er's...  
Historically Speaking



*"You are a piece of the puzzle"*

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The Vermilye/a Family Organization 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 family origins, stories and history with the rest of our clan.



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## A Letter from Our President

Although Joe Vermilye was not able to attend the second Vermilyea Family Reunion in Wellsboro, PA, he sent a letter all of us there, reprinted here in the stead of his usual column.

Dear Cousins and Fellow Members and Friends of the Greater Vermilyea Family (no matter how you spell it)

First I wish to send to each and everyone of you my warmest greeting. I was able to attend the reunion last year there in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and met many of you and feel much closer to all of you. I have told Sandra and Joanne many times that I don't think of all of you as just friends who happen to share the last name, but in fact I think of all of you as family. It is really a special feeling for me. My warmest "Family Love" goes out to you all.

Many of you have contacted me through out this last year. Some by letter and some by the Internet. Madona and her Husband are to be in attendance this year and I have gotten letters over the Internet from her. Sandra, Joanne, and I are in almost continual contact. These are special people and I am sure you know that. Again thank you for that reaching out.

I have heard about some of the medical problems many of us have had and my prayers go out to all in need. Sadly, I must tell you that I will not be able to attend the reunion this year. I will miss it so and be thinking of all the fun you will be having. It is the result of a variety of things and I will not bore you with details. Just trust in me that I really wanted to be there with you.

While I am at it I know you will help me out by thanking Sandra for her super efforts in our behalf to organize this again. I am sure there are others I should be thanking and consider that done, but we all know who makes this happen and I say a big huge thank you to Sandra Vermilyea Todd. Well lastly I must put in a "plug" for the Vermilyea Family Association. The membership has grown slowly but surely. I hope you will consider joining us in the VFA to help further the Genealogy of our common ancestors. It is not very expensive and we provide several good benefits for the members. Please join us. OK enough already, I don't want to hold up the party. Please have a good time for me also. Miss you very much.

Joe LeRoy Vermilye, Pres. VFA

P.S. Would like to see a reunion of us all held out West and was curious if such a thing were put together how many think it might be possible to attend ?





“The Vermilyea Family (Vermilga, Vermilge, Vermilgea,  
Vermilger), DESCENDANTS OF JOHANNAS VERMELJE,  
NEW YORK, 1662-1998”

is complete. The first copies were distributed at the reunion in Wellsboro. I am very pleased with the results; the covers, printing and pictures turned out very well. It contains 436 pages which includes 12 pages of family pictures, a history of the family written by Carl P. Vermilyea, and a lovely pen & ink drawing of the Vermilyea Place Covered Bridge, by my nephew Scott McGlone. It is fully indexed. The cover of maroon Flexide is imprinted with gold, and the screw post binding allows extra pages of your family pictures or records to be added. The cost is \$24.00 per book.

It has been decided by the officers of the Vermilyea Family Association to use money from the treasury to provide a discount to members. The cost will be \$20.00 per book for Family Association members. It is a big book, however I can ship “Book Rate”. Shipping cost are \$3.50 for one book, \$4.00 for two, \$5.00 for three. Contact me for rates on larger orders. I have worked very hard to keep the book affordable; the \$24.00 cost is the amount I paid for the printing and cover. The first printing was 50 books, and I have enough covers to complete 100 books. I must have them printed in lots of 25 to get the quoted price. As of this date I have 11 copies on hand that are not reserved.

I want to thank all of you for being so encouraging and helpful. I am sorry I was unable to use all the pictures that were sent to me. If time had allowed, I would have worked on them to improve the quality so they could have been used. I will try to computer enhance them for use in a future newsletter.

- **Sandra**



A PASSING:

Word has been received from Dayl Stout that his mother, *Charlotte R. Vermilya Stout*, passed away on May 6, 1998 at New Baltimore, Michigan. She was born December 7, 1904 at Indian River, Michigan. She is survived by Dayl and his sister Ardith R. O'Donnell, seven grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Her husband Lester Levere Stout died in 1977.

## **And a Wonderful Time Was Had By All!**

The second Family Reunion to be held in Pennsylvania took place June 27th at Wellsboro. Forty-seven family members from eleven states started arriving Thursday June 25th at the Penn Wells Hotel and Lodge. John and Sandra followed by Dayl and Jennie Stout from Michigan, then John and Sherry Todd who traveled from Utah, were the first to arrive. By Friday dinner time 14 family members enjoyed dining together at the Penn Wells Hotel. Others continued to arrive through the evening.

Saturday morning at 9 a.m. family members started arriving at the Wellsboro Fire Department Social Center to setup tables with display items to be viewed during the day. The reunion started at 10:00 a.m. This year the "Family Reunion Tree" provided leaf name tags to identify the attendees. The Wellsboro Tourist Bureau provided "goody bags" containing information about the area and souvenir books from the recent Laurel Festival held there. Souvenir programs were available for everyone. Bright red caps and visors with Vermilyea Family Reunion (Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea, Vermilyer), as well as the date and location of the reunion were distributed. The first copies of "The Vermilyea Family (Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea, Vermilyer), DESCENDANTS OF JOHANNAS VERMELJE, NEW YORK, 1662-1998" were available for purchase. Time was spent getting reacquainted with those attending last year as well as meeting new families.

A letter from Joe Vermilye, the President of the Vermilyea Family Association, was read since he was unable to join us this year. (The letter is reprinted as the President's letter at the front of this issue.) He, as well as other family members unable to attend this year, was missed. Those not attending last year were introduced, and it was announced that plans were under way for a National Vermilyea Family Reunion possibly in Oregon next year. Many indicated they would like to attend.

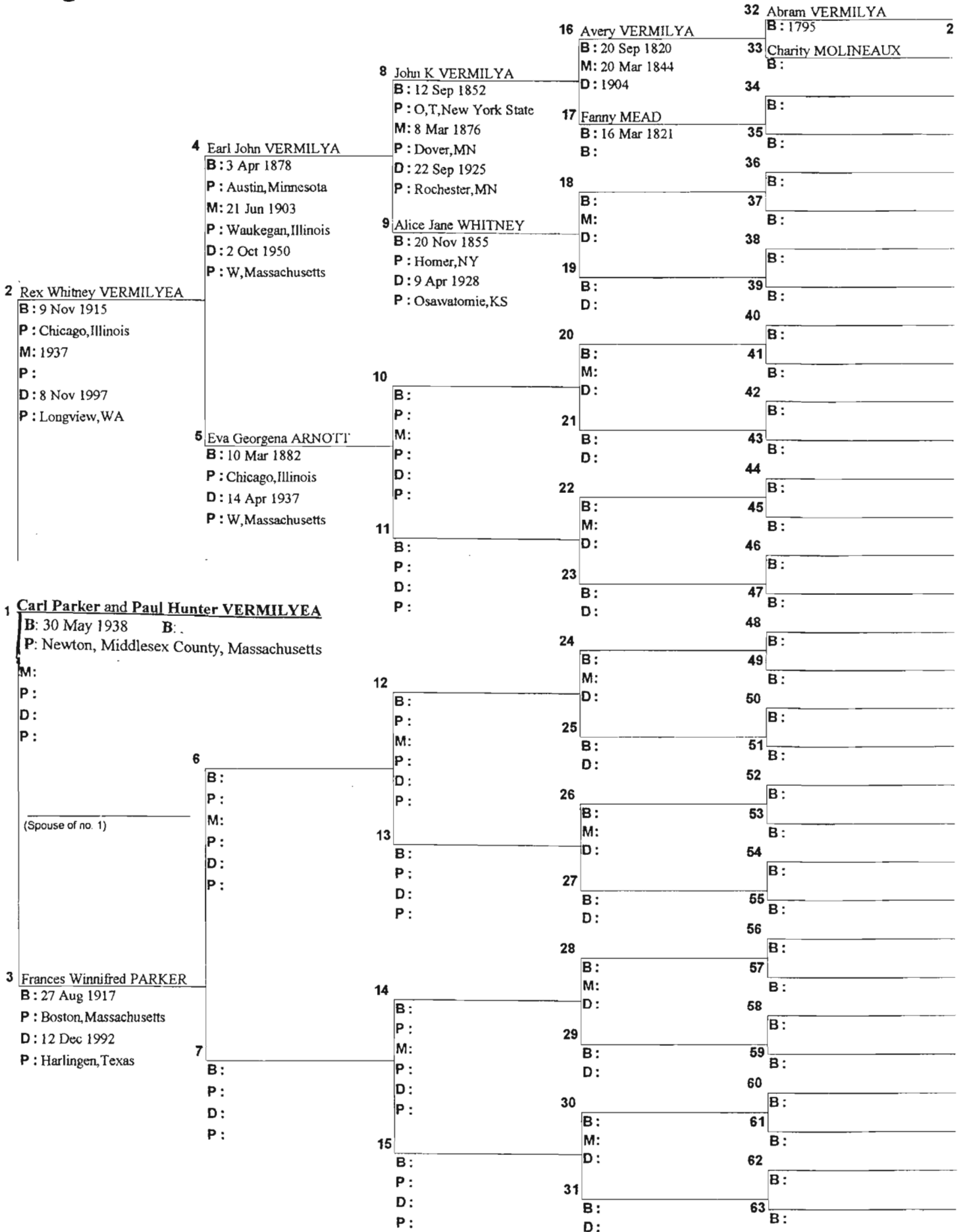
The lovely handcrafted display complete with dolls depicting our immigrants Johannes and Aeltje (Waldron) Vermelje was presented to Sandra by Dayl and Jennie Stout. Jennie made the display, a real treasure that will be displayed at future reunions. The dolls are dressed in costumes that would have been appropriate in 1662, the year Johannes and Aeltje emigrated to America. Also included in the display were miniature trunks, tools, household items, a little photo album complete with dates and pictures, and a blanket.

Lunch, which included soup, cold cuts and cheese, rolls, beverage and cookies was served at noon. A number of us enjoyed visiting the rest of the afternoon while others shopped, took a ride on the Tioga Central Railroad, or visited the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. David Kiessling brought his computers and demonstrated genealogy programs. Before dinner was served at 6 p.m. we gathered for the family group picture. The delicious meal delicious included a lovely decorated cake.

Following dinner we were entertained by Steve, Judy, Celeste and Dennis Vermilya. They sang several selections with Steve at the keyboard and Celeste playing the flute. We all tried to join them for a couple numbers, however their outstanding talent prevailed and the evening ended on a very sweet note that left us all very proud to have such talented folks part of our family.

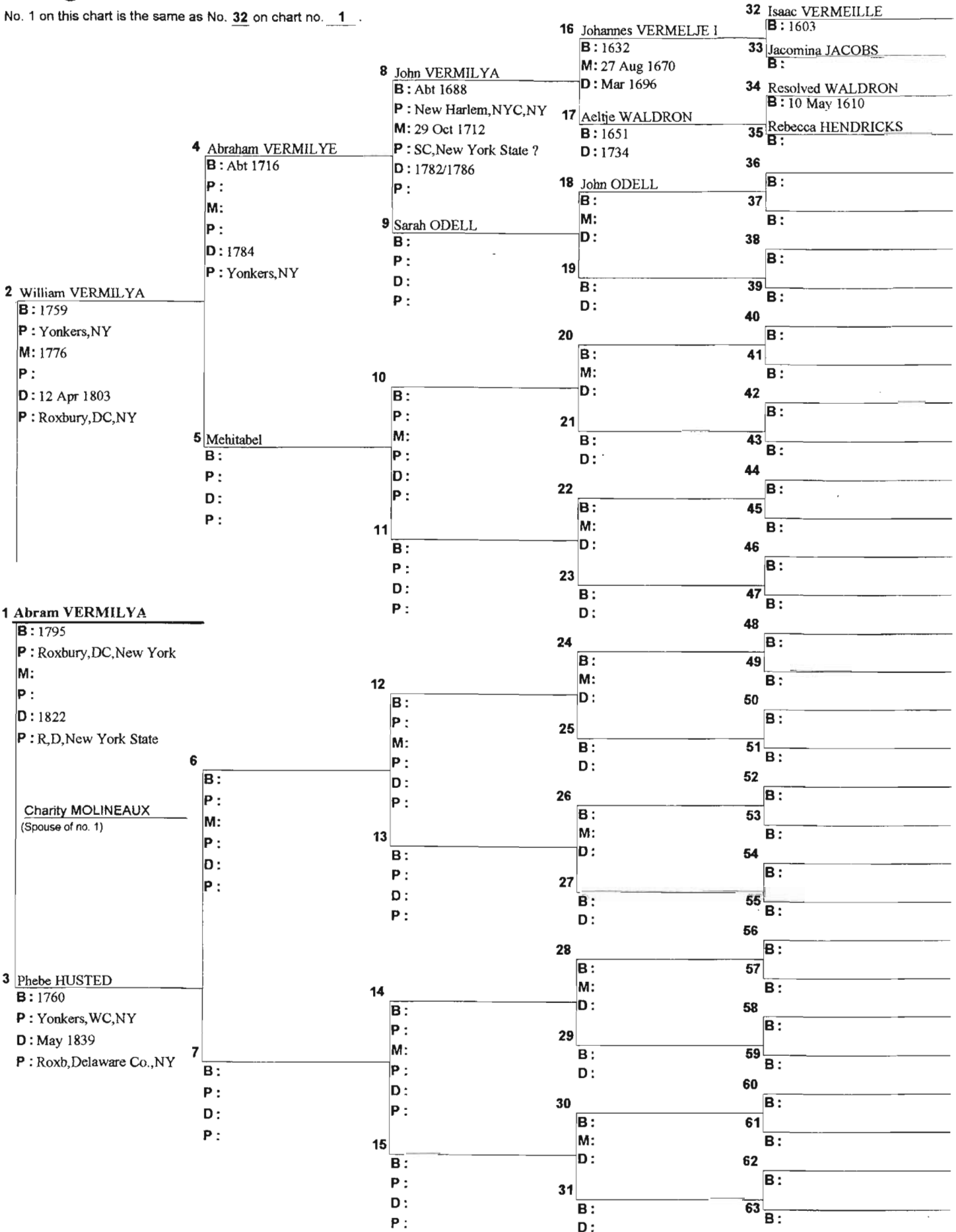
# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1



# Pedigree Chart

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Olivia Endress assisted with the door prize drawing. The lovely hand decorated sweatshirt made by Jennie Stout was won by Ann Griswold. The gift packages of Colorado souvenirs brought by Joe and Madonna Vermilyea Stanovsky were won by Sherry Todd and Crystle Alford. The lovely hand painted candle holder with candle made by Linda Vermilyea was won by Virginia Russell. Carl Vermilyea won the gift certificate for a one year membership in the Vermilyea Family Association and Ed Vermilya won the Vermilyea Family Reunion tray made by John Todd Sr., with the filet crochet piece made by Sandra Vermilyea Todd proclaiming the VERMILYEA FAMILY REUNION JUNE 27, 1998, Wellsboro, PA.

As family members were leaving the Social Center they were surprised and a little startled to see a large black bear wander across the parking lot directly in front of the building. It was thought he (she?) weighed about 400 pounds. A group standing outside the building talking had a perfect view as he loped by, circled a gas station and came back by for another viewing. Since we were located right in the middle of town this seemed to be quite unbelievable. Several people took pictures, however as I write this it is unclear if they will develop clear or as a shaky blurrrrrrr!

Sunday morning, sixteen of our group enjoyed a wonderful brunch at the Penn Wells Hotel. We met in a private dining room where we enjoyed a last visit and meal before departing. 1998 — another Family Reunion filled with pleasant memories to be remembered with joy.

Special thanks to Ed & Mary Vermilya who made the arrangements in Wellsboro. Steve, Judy, Celeste and Dennis Vermilya for entertainment, and all of you providing door prizes and the little extras that made it so much fun for all of us.

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P.S. Many have inquired about John who was feeling poorly at the Reunion. He is better, the prescribed medication was the culprit. - Sandra

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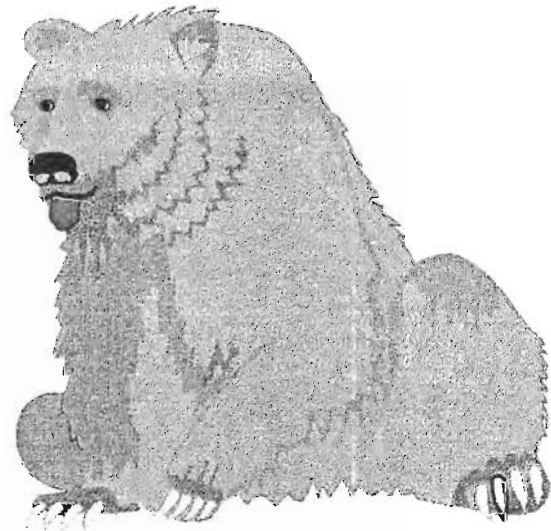
**THOSE WHO ATTENDED:**

VERMILYA, Celeste  
VERMILYA, Dennis  
VERMILYA, Ed & Mary  
VERMILYA, Lyle & Virginia  
VERMILYA, Marlene  
VERMILYA, Sondra  
VERMILYA, Steve & Judy  
VERMILYEA, Carl & Linda  
VERMILYEA, Ed & Janet  
VERMILYEA, Lynn & Nancy  
ALFORD, Michael & Shelia Griswold  
ALFORD, Crystle  
AVERY, Glenda Griswold  
DISBROW, Diane Vermilya  
ENDRESS, Steve & Maribeth Vermilya  
ENDRESS, Olivia  
GRISWOLD, John & Ann

GRISWOLD, Scott & Linda  
GRISWOLD, Christopher  
HARDY, Debra Vermilyea  
KIESSLING, David  
MACARTHUR, Charlie & Joanne Vermilya  
RUGGERIO, Sara  
RUSSELL, Bon & Virginia  
STANOVSKY, Joe & Madonna Vermilyea  
STOUT, Dayl & Jennie  
TODD, John & Sandra Vermilyea  
TODD, John & Sherry  
VANNESS, Lynn & Sharon  
WHEELER, Joyce Vermilya



Please send more  
Vermilyeas...  
The last ones were  
DELICIOUS!



**Vermilyea Family Reunion - Wellsboro, PA - June 20, 1998**

# Vermilyea Family Reunion



Picture ID:

Seated on ground in front L-R: Sara Ruggerio, Olivia Endress, Crystle Alford, Chris Griswold and Dayl Stout.

Seated in chairs L-R: Virginia Russell, Diane Vermilya Disbrow, Nancy Vermilyea, Joanne Vermilya MacArthur, Charlie MacArthur, Edwin (Ed) Vermilyea, Jennie Stout and Glenda Avery.

3rd row standing L-R: Ann Griswold, Judy Vermilya, Mary Vermilya, Joyce Vermilya Wheeler, Marlene Vermilya, Virginia Vermilya, Linda Vermilyea, Debra Vermilyea Hardy, Janet Vermilyea, Sherry Todd and John Todd Sr.

4th row standing L-R: Madonna Vermilyea Stanovsky, Celeste Vermilya, Bon Russell, Sondra Vermilya, Maribeth Vermilya Endress, Lyle Vermilya, Linda Griswold, Carl Vermilyea, Sharon VanNess, Lynn VanNess, Sandra Vermilyea Todd, and John Todd Jr.

Back L-R: Joe Stanovsky, Steve Vermilya, Michael Alford, John Griswold, Shelia Alford, David Kiessling, Ed Vermilya, Steve Endress, Dennis Vermilya, Scott Griswold and Lynn Vermilyea.

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We've received word from Jim and Cheryl Vermilyea of Wendell, North Carolina that they have a new grandson Tyler James Vermilyea born July 7, 1998. He weighed 8lbs 5ozs. His parents are James and Cindy Vermilyea of Rosendale, New York. Congratulations to Jim and Cheryl and the new parents. A new Vermilyea in the family is happy news for us all!!!!

# OBITUARIES FROM THE PAST

Provided by Olive Vermilyea Miner, Collected by Belle Vermilyea Edmond

**VERMILYEA** — Ida Hall, March 19, 1948, wife of Clarence Edward Vermilyea, in her 69th year. Funeral service from her home, 8 Crestwood Boulevard, Monday, March 22 at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Hopewell Cemetery.

**VERMILYEA**, in East Hartford, March 31, 1966, Abram P. Vermilyea of 84 Tiffany Rd., East Hartford. Funeral services Monday, 1 p.m., from the Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave., East Hartford. Interment, Hillside Cemetery, East Hartford. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today, Members of Orient Lodge, AF&AM will conduct the service at the funeral home today at 8 p.m.

## MRS. VERMILYEA, IN HER 72nd YEAR

Mrs. Alfred Vermilyea, 71, formerly of Hopewell Junction and Beacon, died yesterday at Highland Hospital, Beacon. Mrs. Vermilyea, who had lived in Rochester for the last 1 1/2 years, was visiting in this area when she became ill.

The former Mildred Olive Campbell, Mrs. Vermilyea was born and brought up in Massachusetts, the daughter of the late James Everett and Cora Comey Campbell. She was married in Poughkeepsie on June 9, 1916, to Mr. Vermilyea, an automobile mechanic in this area for many years.

Prior to moving to Rochester, Mrs. Vermilyea worked for seven years for the Sylvan Lake Telephone Co. She was a member of the Webster Methodist Church, Rochester.

Surviving are her husband; her daughter, Mrs. Donald Miner, with whom she lived in Rochester; two brothers, Milton Campbell, East Park, and Maurice J. Campbell, Hollywood, Fla.; four sisters, Mrs. Julian Green, Freedom Plains, Mrs. Thomas Kane, Fishkill, and Mrs. Walter Henion and Mrs. Joseph McMahon, Poughkeepsie; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at the Auchmoody Funeral Home, Hopewell Junction, with the Rev. Philip Schnell officiating. Burial will be in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home tomorrow and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

## ABRAM F. VERMILYEA

Abram F. Vermilyea, 67, of 84 Tiffany R., East Hartford, died at his home Thursday (March 31, 1966).

He was born in Hopewell Junction, N.Y., and lived in Hartford for 30 years before moving to East Hartford 15 years ago. He was employed by United Aircraft Corp., East Hartford, for 25 years before his retirement in 1964. He was a member of Orient Lodge 62, AF&AM, of East Hartford, a member of Sphinx Temple of Hartford, a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, was a 32d degree Mason and a member of the Square Club of Pratt and Whitney Aircraft.

He leaves a son, George F. Vermilyea of Hopewell Junction; two daughters, Mrs. Alfred J. Birtles and Miss Marie Vermilyea, both of East Hartford; three brothers, William I. Vermilyea of Port Washington, L.I., Lester V. Vermilyea of Windsor and Alfred R. Vermilyea of Rochester, N.Y.; four sisters, Mrs. Murtha Richmond, Mrs. Lois Monroe and Mrs. Florence Chase, all of Hopewell Junction, and Mrs. Belle Edmond of Cheshire, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at the Newkirk and Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave., East Hartford. The Rev. William E. Flynn will officiate. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, East Hartford. Friends may call at the funeral home Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Members of Orient Lodge, AF&AM, will conduct a service at the funeral home Sunday at 8 p.m.

**VERMILYEA** — At Hartford Hospital, July 27, 1944, Ruth Young, wife of Lester V. Vermilyea, aged 54 years. Funeral at Trinity Methodist Church, Windsor, Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Burial in Palisado Cemetery. Friends may call at the Merwin and Leek Funeral Home.

## MRS. VERMILYEA DIES IN WINDSOR

Mrs. Ruth Young Vermilyea, 54, wife of Lester V. Vermilyea, 56 Loomis Avenue, Windsor, Conn., died Thursday in the Hartford hospital. She had been employed as a clerk at the office of the Connecticut State Highway department, for more than 20 years. Her husband is a native of Hopewell Junction.

A resident of Windsor the greater part of her life, Mrs. Vermilyea was the daughter of the late Frank R. and Elsie Dagle Young. A sister and four brothers survive.

Funeral Services will be held tomorrow in Trinity Methodist church Windsor.

*JUNE 22, 1969*

## LESTER VERMILYEA

WINDSOR, CONN. — Lester V. Vermilyea, 85, of 32 Spring St., a native of Hopewell Junction died Sunday at the Hartford (Conn.) Hospital.

Mr. Vermilyea is survived by his wife, the former Alice VanVlack; two brothers, Alfred, of West Webster and William Vermilyea, Port Washington; and four sisters, Mrs. Belle Edmond, Cheshire, Conn., Mrs. Florence Chase, Lois Monroe, and Mrs. Murtha Richmond, all of Hopewell Junction.

Burial was in the Palisado Cemetery, Windsor.

## ALFRED VERMILYEA

Alfred Vermilyea of 170 Stoney Point Trail, Webster, died in Genesee Hospital on Monday November 10. He was formerly from the Poughkeepsie-Beacon, New York area and in 1964 he came to Webster to live with his daughter, Mrs. Donald R. Miner.

Mr. Vermilyea was born on October 3, 1887 in Hopewell Junction, New York and during his working life he was an automobile mechanic. In the Stoney Point Trail area, he was known as the "neighborhood grandpa" since he enjoyed and was often called upon to care for neighborhood children. He also attended West Webster United Methodist church.

\*Thanks to Olive Vermilyea Miner and Belle Vermilyea Edmond for sharing Belle's collection of Vermilyea family obituaries from the past. They were retyped to duplicate the originals, but to fit our format. We will include more in our next issue.

We encourage everyone to share their newspaper clippings, pictures, or articles of family interest. Send to Sandra via hard copy or email, or to Joanne via email.



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## HOWEVER MANY TIMES REMOVED...

I was expecting to meet relatives, albeit far removed ones. After all Sandra Todd and I are, what...? fourth cousins, seven times removed - or is it seventh cousins, four times removed? In any case, we're all kith and kin, but close kin only once a year. I wasn't expecting to meet someone closer in the family lineage than fourth cousin or so, however many times removed.

But Sandra kindly spoke up: "You know, there's someone else from Ohio here. Over there at that table." So I wandered over and found Bon and Ginny Russell checking out a picture from Sandra's newly revised book - and lo and behold, it was the one I'd offered her from my dad's collection. To start the conversation, I said, "Oh, that's my family line," and Bon responded, "It's mine, too. Which is yours?"

That did it, and the usual, this-is-my-grandfather-that-is-your-uncle rigamarole ensued, the upshot being we are *merely* second cousins, once-removed!

But the more interesting part was the talk of "the old farm north of Bowling Green on the Dixie Hwy" where my dad grew up and where Bon visited often (as did I, of course). And the John Vermilya (my father or grandfather) that went to Bon and Ginny's wedding. And of my great-grandfather Henry Arthur's place in Florida and Bon's visits there, and what everyone called him (Art, not Henry). And finally, the photo that Bon had of my great-grandfather and his third wife, a photo I've never seen.

We've exchanged email addresses and basic information, but the fun part was truly finding common ground, however many times removed. Viva la reunion!

- Joanne Vermilya MacArthur

**VERMILYA FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

*Address Correction Requested!*

Mrs. Sandra Todd

