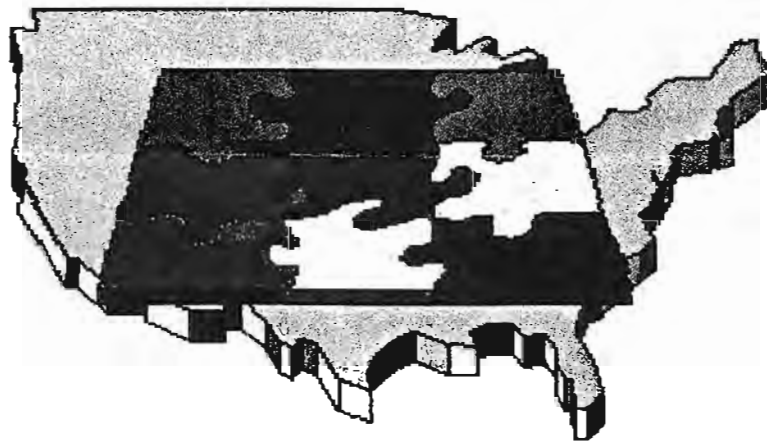


Vermilya/e/ea/er's...  
Historically Speaking



*"You are a piece of the puzzle"*

Volume IV, Number I  
January, February, March 1999

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.



"Vermilye/a's ...Historically Speaking" is a newsletter publication put out by The Vermilye/a Family Association, a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers.

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Member ships are \$12 per calendar year, made payable to  
The Vermilyea Family Association.

Dear Fellow VFA Members:

Has everyone made reservations for the Millennium New Years Eve? It will truly be a special year to celebrate New Year's Eve. I have had mixed emotions on what I will do for sure. My immediate family wants to rent a place where we can all gather and be together for that special event. I hope whatever you choose will make your millenium celebration a once-in-a-lifetime event for you.

Well, with this last new year before the millenium getting underway, there are a couple of things I wish to call to your attention.

**Renewal of memberships:**

Yes, it is that time of year again. If you have not mailed Sandra Todd your money to renew your membership, then I hope you will not delay any longer. Get that little detail out of the way! It is frustrating to know what to do when we do not hear from you. So, please join up again. There are lots of exciting things happening in the VFA. By the way, I found it really rewarding for me to give subscriptions to relatives as gifts.

**Reunion Reservations:**

This summer the West Coast Vermilye(a)'s will be hosting the Vermilye(a)(r) reunion gathering. I think you are going to love the Oregon Coast. It is beautiful. The overnight spaces available in the main on-campus lodge are limited. We wanted to have those for the guests coming from greater distances, but they will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis. There are lots of places to stay in terms of motels and hotels, but early reservation enables us to better plan for you. We have a nice contingency of Cousins in and around the Tillamook, OR area. There are also optional tours that will be scheduled, lots of show and tell, and many opportunities to meet and talk with people you do not see very often. Please join us. Included in this issue are details of where and how to sign up.

Sincerely, ~ Joe Vermilye

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From Sandra:

If you are connected online, it may interest you to know that the Vermilyea Family Reunion Web site at <<http://members.aol.com/VERMREUN/fampage1.htm>> has been updated.

Check out the new pictures - go to bottom of home page and click on the link to *PHOTOS FROM THE PAST*.

If you have pictures you would like to see here, contact me for details.

I have a good supply of "The Vermilyea Family" book available.

Reunion invitations are being prepared and will be available at this site soon.

## WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Ryan Hunter Vermilyea (#2004a) arrived just in time to be our first baby announced in 1999. His parents are Kenneth Paul Vermilyea (#1952) and Janis White. Grandparents are Paul H. (#1776) and Marilyn (Smith) Vermilyea. Congratulations!

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## Call for email addys!!!!

All of you who are online, on the net, computer literate Vermilyea-types, this is a call for your email addresses. Please send to my email address ( with a CC to Sandra at your name, snail-mail address (so I can differentiate in my data base between Vermilyea's) and preferred email address. Then, with the next newsletter, I'll print the email addresses only so that we can all keep in touch via that phenomenon called The Internet. Also, if you can contact locally another Vermilyea who may not have computer access, please put that information in your communication to me. It would make our circle of communication even larger!

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## Transition

Miriam Eads MacGregor Vermilya, mother of Joanne Vermilya MacArthur and wife of John Fuller Vermilya, died January 18, 1999, of a massive heart attack. She was a teacher, an artist, a poet and writer, and was loved by all who knew her. A book of her poetry will be published posthumously.



**What:**  
**Third annual USA/International Vermilye/a/er Family Reunion**

- When:** June 11 and June 12, 1999 with Saturday, June 12 being the main dinner/meeting
- Where:** Twin Rocks Conference Center, Rockaway Beach, Oregon  
Rockaway Beach is located on the beautiful Oregon Pacific Coast on Hwy 101 just North of Tillamook. It is approximately 60 miles due west of Portland, Oregon. Portland, OR has an International Airport. (Detailed maps from airport can be requested from me at time of signing up.)
- Cost:** Prices are stated on a per person basis:  
\$15 minimum ticket for attending includes admission to displays and includes a dinner and admission to the meeting on Saturday, June 12.  
\$75 full accommodations includes above plus includes 2 nights (Friday and Saturday) lodging and 3 additional meals in lodge kitchen. There are only 8 rooms and the occupancy per room is up to 4 people
- Other lodging:** Requests for housing or lodging ranges from RV type to local motels and hotels. There are plenty in the area. Send for lists from Joe Vermilye. (The sooner the better of course. This is such a popular area RV spaces are often booked a year in advance.)
- Possible activities:** Plans are under way for a group picture and some kind of a souvenir item for a keepsake. Bring your pictures and family items to display and share. Walk on the beautiful sandy Pacific beach, tour the local area including fishing industry, local history, cheese factory (world famous and with which we have a Vermilyea connection in Judy [Vermilyea] Hill) and enjoy the scenery and the family.

Following are appropriate addresses and email addresses should you have questions, ideas, comments, or information:

Joe Vermilye:

Joe Vermilye email at

Sandra Vermilyea Todd email at

Twin Rocks Conference Center maintains a website at:

<http://www.oregoncoast.com/twinrocks>

# TREASURER'S REPORT



Balance as of October 1, 1998 .....\$236.76

**DEPOSITS:**

October 14, 1998 (New Member) ..... 12.00  
 October 20, 1998 (Renewal)..... 12.00  
 October 26, 1998 (Two Renewals)..... 24.00  
 December 7, 1998 (Two Renewals)..... 24.00  
 December 16, 1998 (Two Renewals)..... 24.00  
 December 14, 1998 (Renewal)..... 12.00  
 December 22, 1998 (Two Renewals)..... 24.00  
 December 29, 1998 (Renewal)..... 12.00  
 December 29, 1998 (Return unused portion of member book discount funds)  
 ..... 176.00

**WITHDRAWALS:**

October 19, 1998 (Deposit for Reunion June 12, 1999 at Twin Rocks, OR) - to Joe Vermilyea) ..... 100.00  
 Expenses for Newsletter Volume III, Number 4 (printing \$33.23, postage \$22.00 Pd to Joanne MacArthur) ..... 55.23

**BALANCE AS OF** January 1, 1999 .....\$401.53

submitted: Sandra Vermilyea Todd

## NEW MEMBERS

Robert F. Smith, - Great grandson of #199 - V Sarah E. (Sara Elizabeth Van Nostrand Woodin)  
 Willis Vermilya, #1700  
 Leslie P. Long, #1361- I

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**BIRTHDAYS**

January 2	Helen Vermilya,	
January 16	Carl P. Vermilyea, Jr.,	
January 18	Webb Vermilya,	
January 25	Gary William Burkholder,	Michael Lee Burkholder,
January 31	Valerie Bartchy,	
February 4	Tim Vermilye,	
February 6	Lyle Vermilya,	John B. Vermilya,
February 14	Silas R. (Reub) Vermilyea, Jr.,	
February 21	Marlene Vermilya,	
March 2	Willis C. Vermilya,	
March 21	Dennis Vermilyea,	John R. Vermilya,
March 30	Carl P. Vermilyea,	

**CORRECTION**

In the last newsletter *TWO VERY SPECIAL NEW MEMBERS*, I mentioned Victoria Beth Burkholder would be called Lori Beth. She will be called Tori Beth. Sorry Tori, I didn't mean to change your name! Sandra

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**QUERIES:** Carl Vermilyea (#1774) is looking for information on a Mr. Vermilye who was co-owner of the Vermilye-Brown Company, an architectural firm, located in New York City during the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Carl would like to know his full name and lineage - how he ties into the family tree. (Carl's wife's grandfather worked at Vermilye -Brown for many years.)

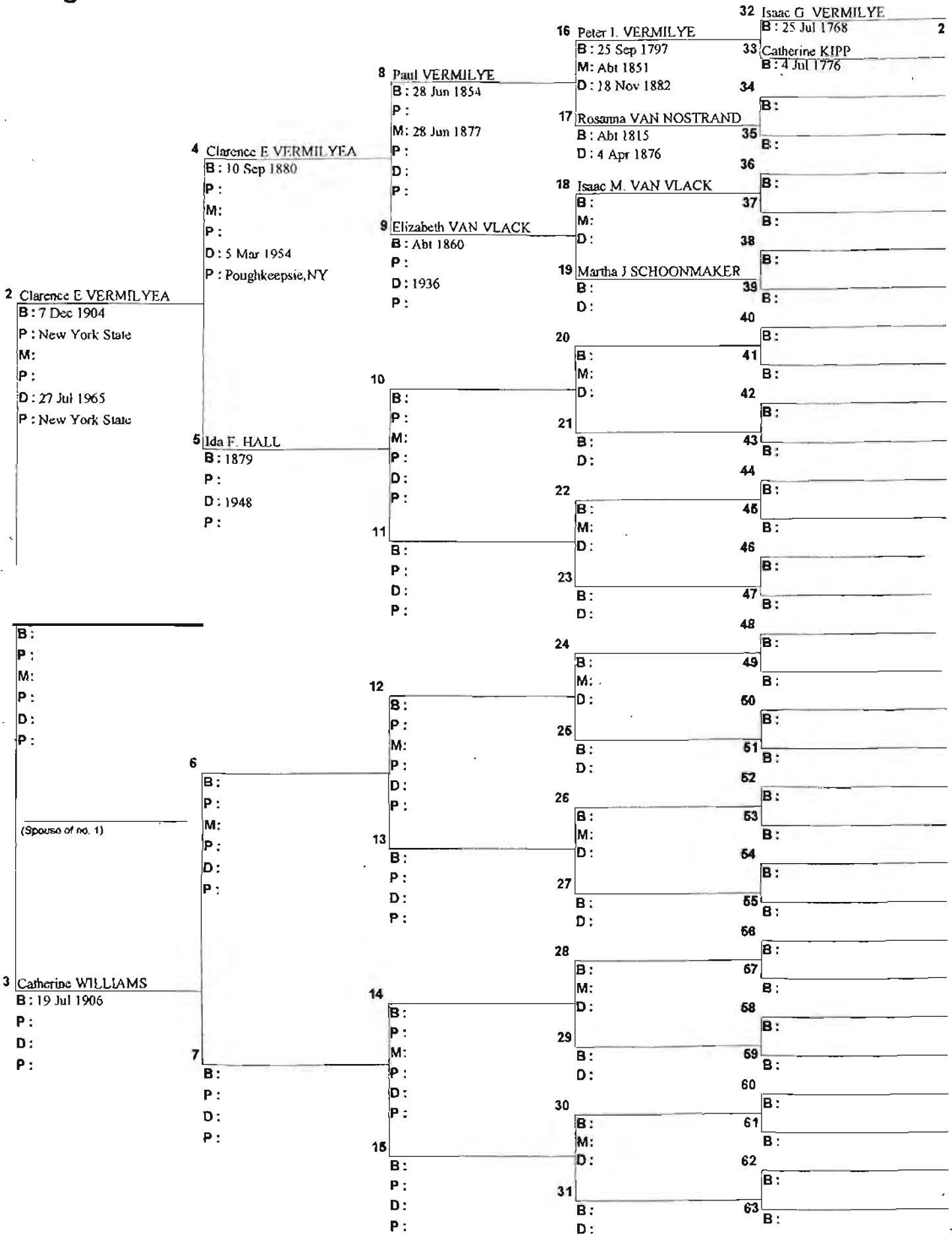
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**CORRECTIONS RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998 VERMILYA/E/EA/ER FAMILY BOOK:**

- I do plan to have a page of corrections to be added to the book in the future, however these are what I have so far. - Sandra
- Page 59, Number 199: Jane Vermilye was born August 12, 1797 and died October 30, 1884.
- Page 62, Number 209: line 9; (see #482).
- Page 148, Number 904: Died May 10, 1982.
- Page 243, Number 1031: Veblen Platte Vermilyea, family members advise he died in San Diego, California not Carlsbad, California. Natalie Helene Anderson Vermilyea died at home in Carlsbad, California.
- Page 244, Number 1361: Natalie, no middle name.
- Page 267, Number 1165: Children: II. Glenda Claire, born 1
- Page 293, Number 1284: Clarence Edward Vermilyea, born December 7, 1904, died July 27, 1965.
- Page 306, Number 1361: Natalie, no middle name.
- Page 314, Number 1432: Wilbur should be spelled Wilber.
- Page 314, Number 1699: Wilbur should be spelled Wilber.
- Page 321, Number 1737: Stephen Glenford.
- Page 330. Number 1785: Joe Mahlon.
- Page 331. Number 1794: Dian.
- Page 353, Number 1898: Stephen Glenford, Jr.
- Not in Index: WHITNEY, Abigail, Page 51

# Pedigree Chart

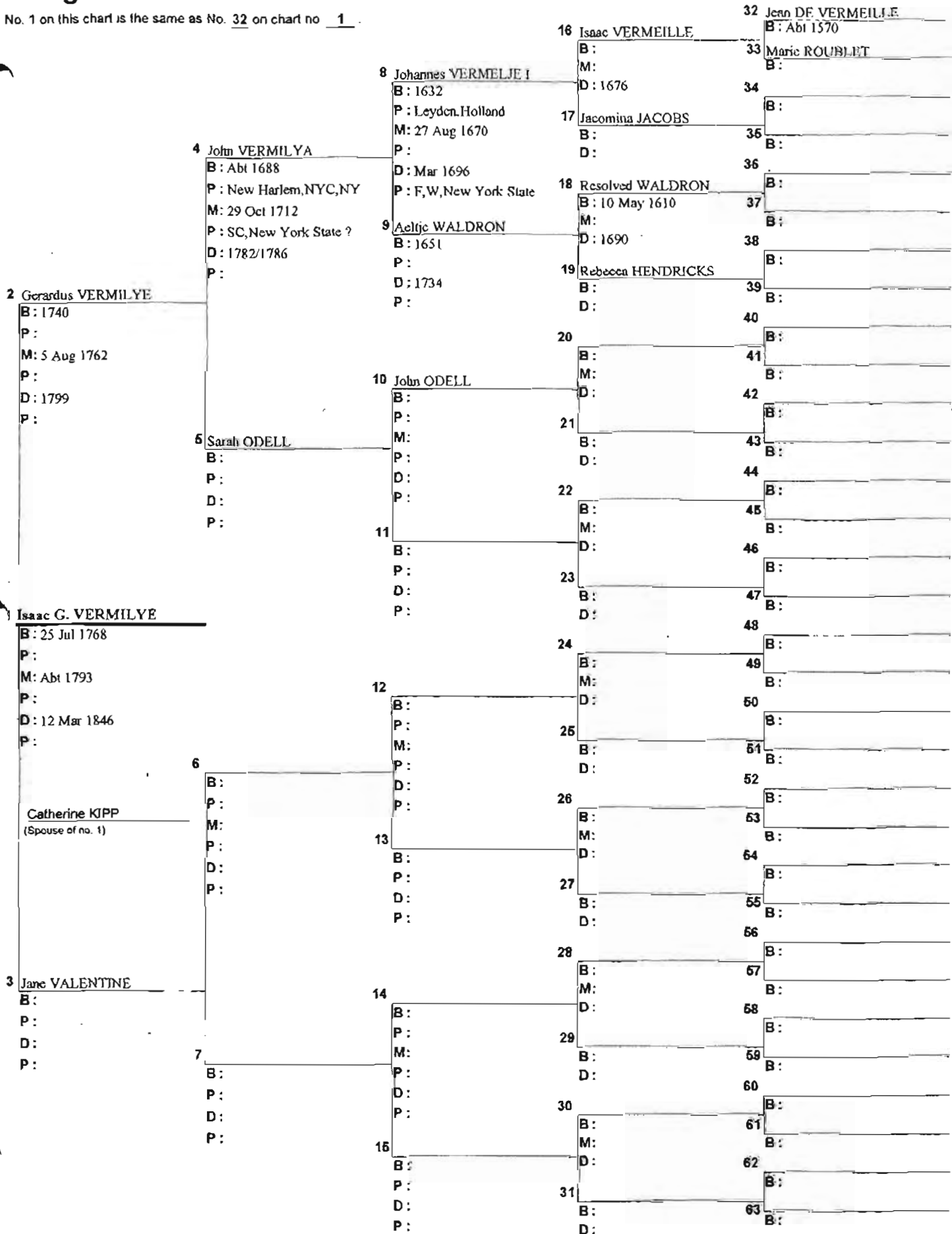
Chart no. 1





# Pedigree Chart

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



# WHICH DAY OF THE WEEK WAS THAT?

by Carl P. Vermilyea (#1774)

On occasions, I've had a need to determine the day of the week on which a specific date fell. For example: I found an obituary that had been clipped from a newspaper and put in an old scrapbook. The name and date, but not day of the week, of the newspaper was written in the margin. The obituary did not show the date of death but did say he died "on Tuesday." To get the exact date of death, I had to determine the day of the week of the date written in the margin and, then, backtrack (and, assume that the obituary was published not more than six days after the death). Another example: one of my children asked me: "On which day of the week was I born?" Of course, my wife knew; but, as much as I don't like to admit it, I had no idea.

A few years ago, I found a booklet, *Metric Conversion Guide and Daily Planner, 1975, Jones and Swazey Inc.*, containing a formula for determining the day of the week for any date since September 1752. Below is the formula as written in that reference. TRY IT!



This formula is correct for any date after September, 14, 1752.

Example: What day of the week was January 10th, 1946?

### Formula

- |   |    |
|---|----|
| (1) Take the last two digits of the year.                         | 46 |
| (2) Add a quarter of the number at (1), neglecting any remainder. | 11 |
| (3) Add the date in the month.                                    | 10 |
| (4) Add according to the month:                                   | 1  |
| Jan:           1   (or in leap year: 0)                           |    |
| Feb:           4   (or in leap year: 3)                           |    |
| Mar:           4   Aug:           3                               |    |
| Apr:           0   Sep:           6                               |    |
| May:           2   Oct:           1                               |    |
| Jun:           5   Nov:           4                               |    |
| Jul:           0   Dec:           6                               |    |
| (5) Add for the 18th century: 4                                   |    |
| Add for the 19th century: 2                                       |    |
| Add for the 20th century: 0                                       | 0  |
| Add for the 21st century: 6                                       |    |



- (6) Divide the total by 7 and the remainder gives the day of the week as follows:

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1= Sunday    | 4= Wednesday |
| 2= Monday    | 5= Thursday  |
| 3= Tuesday   | 6= Friday    |
| 0 = Saturday |              |

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \overline{) 68 \ (9)} \\ \underline{63} \end{array}$$

$$7 \overline{) 68 \ (9)}$$





*Fanny and Avery Vermilya*



The pictures above and the land grant on the next page pertain to Vermilya's mentioned in the letter on the pages following, pp. 11 and 12, in a most entertaining and informative letter written by Reub Vermilya.

Read on for history and tales and locations and dates and all sorts of wonderful genealogical material!!!

Thanks, Reub - It's a terrific read!



# The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 266  
Application 321

Whereas, there has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a CERTIFICATE of the Register of the Land Office at St. Peter,

whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1868, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of *Avery Vermilya*

has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the East half of the South West quarter of Section Eighteen, in Township One Hundred and Seven North of Range Eleven West in the District of Land subject to sale at St. Peter Minnesota containing Eighty acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General.

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said *Avery Vermilya* the tract of Land above described: To Have and to Hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *Avery Vermilya* and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, *A. A. Grant*, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, has caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the first day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty nine, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the Ninetyfourth

By the President: *A. A. Grant*

By *J. M. Bennett*, Secy.

*J. M. Bennett*, Recorder of the General Land Office.

1513759



This Federal Land Patent document maintained by the Bureau of Land Management verifies Avery Vermilya received 80 acres in Olmsted County, Minnesota. Signature date September 1, 1869.

The following is a letter written by our long time member Reub Vermilyea of Oregon to one of our newest members Valerie Bartchy, also of Oregon. They have kindly agreed to allow me to share it with all of you. I know that you will enjoy his wonderful memories of his family. This letter and the accompanying pictures will long be treasured by Valerie, and I want to join her in thanking Reub for taking the time and effort to pass these stories on so that we may all have a chance to learn and understand our family history. This is what it is all about - keeping our family stories alive for generations to come. Thanks Reub!! I have added the reference numbers from "The Vermilyea Family". ~ Sandra

Dear Valerie,

Joseph Vermilyea (#827) was your Great Great Grandfather and my Grandfather. Your Great Grandfather Joseph M. (#1226) and his brother Paul (#1228) hopped on a freight train and bummed their way West in 1905 and wrote such great things about Oregon that Joe & Martha (#827) sold the blacksmith shop in Dexter, Minnesota and came West where he bought the blacksmith shop in Dilley, Oregon, (2 miles south of Forest Grove), in 1906. I don't know how long he operated it.

My Dad (#1229) stayed in Minnesota and worked for his sister Ida's (#1227) husband on his farm, but they got into a beef and Dad came to Oregon in 1907. Dad did all sorts of things. He apprenticed to a blacksmith in Grass Valley, Oregon, he worked on an oil rig prospecting for oil at Vale, Oregon, where he spent a winter alone as watchman. While he was there he got himself knocked silly when the stove pipe on his tent was struck by lightning. I guess that really scrambled his eggs!!!

I'm not sure of any dates, but your Great Grandfather Joseph M. (#1226), Paul (#1228) and my Dad (#1229) put on back packs and walked over the Wilson River from Dilley to Tillamook. I think there was some sort of wagon road there that went up the hill from Gales Creek and down the South Fork where the work camp is, then down the regular Wilson. I think Joe & Paul stayed in Tillamook at that time, but after working a while, dad rode a horse along with the Yamhill Stage back to Dilley. He was really tired but they wouldn't let him stay over at the Trask House where they spent the night because they needed the bed for the next days passengers. (Probably needed the sheets for table cloths!!)

Sometime along here your G. G. Granddad (#827) bought a farm on Foley Creek. There is a Vermilyea Road on the Miami-Foley Road between Garibaldi and Mohler. That's the road his farm was on. I don't know when my parents were re-married or how they got back to Tillamook. They were first married in 1914, my sister Wilma (#1528) was born March 17, 1915 in Dilley, Oregon. When I was born they were leasing a dairy at Beaver. Dad stopped doing that and started a blacksmith shop at Beaver just north of the Beaver Creek Bridge which is now on Hwy 101.

The weather got to his sinuses so we moved to Forest Grove in 1928. Dad worked for a blacksmith in Hillsboro a while, but started his own shop again in 1929 in Forest Grove. He ran that until 1944 just after I left for the Army - Air Force, when he joined the Merchant Marines as a cook and baker. (He was a really good baker. He could scratch build an angel cake with the best of them!) Dad bought a small farm at Eagle Creek after the war where he lived until his heart attack. After that they moved to Gresham and after a few years he died 25 June 1977 at the Gresham

General Hospital. He was cremated and his ashes scattered at sea off Tillamook. My mom Kathyne (see #1229) died in August 1980, and her ashes were also scattered at sea.

Old Avery (#450) must have been quite a guy. His father Abram (#182) died when Avery was about 2 years old in 1822 and I have had some information that he was raised by his Grandmother Phoebe Husted Vermilyea (see #68) who was a widow. I guess he left home at 16. My Dad remembered him telling about signing on the crew of a whaling ship out of New York. (Probably when he was 16) and going on a 3 yr voyage hunting whales. He said he was in a boat (probably an oarsman) that harpooned a whale and sometime during the ensuing "Nantucket Sleighride" the whale circled around and stove the boat. He was in the Indian Ocean clinging to his oar for 10 hours before the ship found them and hauled them aboard. (This had to be 1836-37 - no radios then! When you were in trouble, you were in deep). My Uncle Hiram (#1231) told me Avery had a full rigged ship tattooed on his chest!

The Family must have moved to Minnesota during or after the Civil War. Dad told me they got there sometime just after the last Souix uprising and I know from reading history of the West that was in 1862. Those days the railroads were given lots of land if they'd build railroads through it and they sold a lot of it to farmers and moved them West on trains and I've wondered if that was how they got to Minnesota. Dexter is in southern Minnesota down close to Iowa.

My Mom died in Portland in a nursing home in Laurelhurst. Your Great Great Grand father is buried alongside Martha at the Little Cemetery by the Golf course at Idaville by a fir tree, and your Great Granddad, Joseph Mahlon is beside them. They call me Reub for Reuben, my middle name. I was 11 years younger than my Sis and they let her name me. She was getting in her licks with Dad and I became a Junior. It shouldn't happen to a dog, and to keep from calling me Junior they settled on "Reub". You probably know some of this garbage, but I threw it in just in case, keep what you want and jettison the rest!!! Remember to throw it downwind!!!

~ Reub Vermilyea

### **VERMILYA/E/EA/ER FAMILY BOOK UPDATE**

On November 19, 1998 I had thirty more books printed. By December 23th those books were gone, so on December 24th I had thirty more printed. After assembling the last thirty books, there are no more of the custom covers left.

Of the thirty books printed on November 19th, six went to members. Books are ready, and the discount is still available. I withdrew \$400.00 on June 22, 1998 to help cover the initial costs and provide the member discounts. The total amount to date used for member discounts is \$196.00. I returned \$28.00 on September 21, 1998 and \$176.00 on December 29, 1998 to the VFA account. ~ Sandra  
In this issue: Thanks to Reub Vermilyea, Carl Vermilyea, and Valerie Bartchy for

contributing to this our first issue of 1999. The chart this time is for Clarence James Vermilyea #1581 of Wendell, North Carolina. In upcoming issues look for more from Reub and Carl; also Dyckman W. Vermilye has submitted a copy of a letter sent in 1903 by Toler & Nutting to the descendants of the twenty-three grantees who created the Corporation know as the "Town of New Harlem." There will also be reunion information, pictures as well as more charts, pictures and news.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### MORE UNIDENTIFIED ARE NOW IDENTIFIED

I'm happy to report that progress is being made. The following have been identified:  
Page 412 - Michigan: **David B. Vermilya** (should be Vermilyea) and **Reuben Vermilyea** are half brothers, and the grandsons of Peter Vermilyea listed on page 417, Canada. It would appear that Peter is #133, however this can not be confirmed. The information in Riker's History conflicts with the information found in Canadian records. I spent several days at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City in November. While there I found more information on several of the unidentified families. I have also had contact with members of several of the unidentified families who are also searching.

1999 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
VERMILYEA FAMILY ASSOCIATION, AND MAIL TO:  
SANDRA VERMILYEA TODD

ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIPS ARE STILL \$12.00.

**VERMILYA FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

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Mrs. Sandra Todd

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