

VERMILYA/E/EA/ER'S... HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

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We have again an article concerning **Vermilyea Place Names**, this time a street in upstate New York.

VERMILYEA ROAD HALCOTTSVILLE, NEW YORK

(1998)

by Carl Vermilyea

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Halcottsville is a small, rural village located on the west side of the Catskill Mountains along Route 30 between Margaretville and Roxbury. To get to Vermilyea Road, take Bragg Hollow Road west from the center of Halcottsville. At approximately one mile from the village, Vermilyea Road branches northerly (to the right) off Bragg Hollow Road. It is a hard-packed, all-weather, dirt road about a mile in length which ascends a long, steep hill. There are four roads extending from it, all at its northern terminus. Each of those roads is a dead-end; essentially making Vermilyea Road also a dead-end. The area is being developed. At the higher elevations there are several recently-built, homes of varying styles; some with spectacular scenic overlooks of the surrounding valleys and mountains. As you begin the climb up Vermilyea Road there is a fenced pasture on the right. It is believed this was the farm of William Vermilya (#68). Some historical documents published in the early 1900s report that William lived in Roxbury during the late 1700s and until his death in 1803; however, one account states that William died at his farm near Halcottsville. The latter account is probably correct. As William spelled his surname Vermilya, the Road is named after one of his yet unidentified descendants.



Carl at Vermilyea Road,
Halcottsville, New York, 1998.

From the Staff:

by Carl P. Vermilyea

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GLADYS!!! On behalf of the VFA Board of Director and the entire VFA membership, congratulations are extended to Gladys Belle (Vermilyea) Edmond who will celebrate her 103rd birthday on September 5, 2000. Gladys, #907 in our "The Vermilyea Family" book, is, to the best of our knowledge, the senior member of our clan. (See the article on Page 12 to learn more about Gladys' past and her present. At the end is an address to which you can send a card.)

The location and date of our 2001 VFA Reunion have been set. The Reunion will be in South Deerfield, Massachusetts, July 13-15, 2001. The primary activity day will be Saturday, the 14th. Details concerning lodging, camp grounds, dining, etc. are being finalized and will be described fully in the November edition of this newsletter and at our web site. In this edition, Pat Zukowski, our Reunion Coordinator, has provided a general description of the area around South Deerfield. From it, you'll gain an appreciation for why it was selected as the site for the 2001 Reunion.

For those with internet access: last month Joanne V. MacArthur was unexpectedly notified by the server which provided the "Guest Book" at our web site (<http://members.aol.com/VFA95/vfa.htm>) that they would terminate their service on June 20th. Joanne acted quickly and was successful in finding another server. So we are back in operation with a new "Guest Book." However, in the process, all previous messages posted to the old Guest Book were lost. If you had a message there and want to keep it in view, you will have to re-enter your text.

Sandra V. Todd, our historian, is working diligently to organize family information for Book II of "The Vermilyea Family" which she will have ready for distribution in July, 2001. Whereas she has set January 1, 2001, as the cut-off date for input, please feel free to send her information anytime before that date. And, if you are interested in purchasing a copy, please let her know.

About a year ago, this was a sad time for our Association. Joe Vermilye, one of the founders of the VFA and its President since inception, passed away after a long battle with lung disease. Joe was a super guy who worked hard to make the VFA a viable organization. Those of us on the Board of Directors extend to Joe's family and friends our continued sympathy. He is missed.

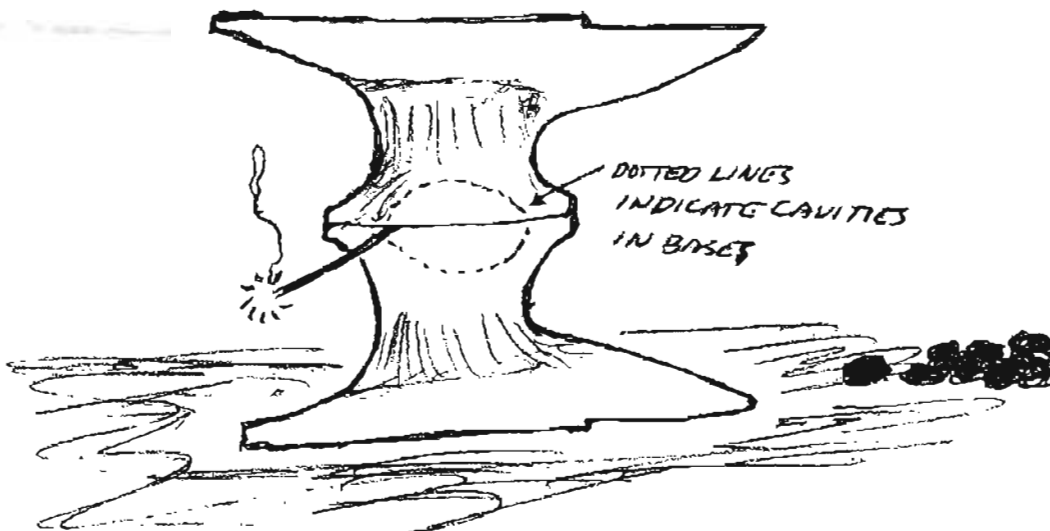
FOURTH OF JULY - TURN OF THE CENTURY
(1900 THAT IS)
by Silas (Reub) Vermilyea

My Dad told me that in the late 1800's and early 1900's my Grandfather Joseph, and the other blacksmiths in Dexter, Minnesota used to "shoot" their anvils on the 4th of July.

Anvils have a hollow base and they would take them off of their blocks and take them out into the middle of the town street. They would place one of them upside down on it's face and fill the hollow base cavity with a heaping pile of black powder. Then they would place the other one on top, base to base, and insert a piece of fuse between them sticking into the pile of powder trapped in the base cavities. Then they would light the fuse and stand back. Dad said when this contraption went off it sounded like a cannon!!

I guess they'd keep it up until they ran out of powder.

DRAWING ATTACHED SHOWING TWO ANVILS TOGETHER WITH CAVITIES IN BASE AND FUSE!!



The Search for a Connection

Written by Wilma Vermilyer about the trip taken by Jim and Wilma Vermilyer, May, 2000.

Starting with a little background:

In or about 1994, Jim and I bought a book that listed all the people living in the United States with the spelling of Vermilyer. There were 30 names. This was a surprise since Jim's family claimed they were the only ones left with that spelling.

Over the years, Jim was told that the name used to be Vermilyea pronounced with a long "e" and long "a" at the end of Vermilyea. He was told the name had been changed when the family moved to Illinois from Canada so it would not sound French.

We started calling people on the list. We learned there were just two groups of Vermilyer's, them and us. Everyone we talked to said, "you need to call Lewis." So we did. Lewis lived in La Porte, Indiana. We heard from Lewis the same story about the name change that had been handed down to Jim. Lewis had his family chart drawn on a window shade. He didn't know anything about a Barnabas, our oldest

known ancestor. We sent him a copy of our chart. Years went by without a word from Lewis. (his wife had died that same year).



Lewis Vermilyer displays his family tree on a window shade. When not in use - just roll it up!!!

Linking all the Vermilyer's living in the United States became our goal.

Jim and his brother George Vermilyer visited Illinois in 1997. On this trip they found a front page, newspaper article telling about an occurrence at the home of "Barney Vermilyea", on the outskirts of Batavia, Illinois. It seems a group of vigilantes arrived to tar and feather Barney. The article claimed, Barney, not caring for this type of wearing apparel gathered up a half dozen guns and leaving a woman upstairs, headed for the basement.

The vigilantes ransacked the house scaring the woman into spasms, then headed for the basement. Barney shot the leader, [bad text] loosely we were connected to all spellings of the name. When we met Sandra Vermilyea Todd, and others at the reunion, we learned the pronunciation of Vermilyea as it is used today. We now realize that what Jim had been told about the pronunciation of the name still holds true in Canada. We also learned that no one in New York would have a problem pronouncing Vermilyer as we do (rhyming with familiar). In California it is a problem!

Sandra learned from a relative of Lewis, that Lewis compared our chart with his and felt our Barnabas and his Charles B. Vermilyer were the same man. He had heard stories that Charles B. had been married before to someone named Mary and had two boys. He claimed he had divorced her because she "nagged him all the time!"

We made it our vacation this year to see if we could find proof to support Lewis' claim. Our plan was to fly to Illinois, rent a car and visit La Porte, Indiana, meet with Lewis if possible although our latest information showed he was living in southern Illinois, 6 hours away from Batavia. After going to Indiana, we planned to return to Illinois and fly to North Carolina to confer with John and Sandra (Vermilyea) Todd. We didn't know if we would find anything, but felt it could be a worthwhile attempt and would

give us a chance to visit Jim's cousin, Ralph and others in the process.

Jim's Aunt Doris, now living in Oregon, told us to call Gladys, a family friend still living in Batavia. She is 92 years old. She fixed us a terrific dinner and told us to be sure to check out the historical society in Batavia. We had been to Geneva Historical Society nearby and they told us the same. Jim had gotten the newspaper information from them on his last trip. Had Gladys not told us about new information, we may spent our time looking elsewhere.

Batavia Historical Society was our "gold mine of information"! We were on a rather tight schedule. They have a new research room ready to open in June. We were there in May. They offered to let us go into there attic, showed us how to use the index and within minutes we were holding in our hands a divorce document dated 1870, and hand written! By now it was closing time! They were kind enough not to ask us to leave, but we felt we should let them go home, after all, they are volunteers. I asked if we could come back.

They were not supposed to open again for several days. We would be in Indiana by then! A very gracious woman named, Carla Hill offered to open for us the very next day so we

could research and copy pages! What a thrill! We copied several documents, used about 60 pages of paper. All without charge! We of course left a donation! What wonderful people!

We learned that a group of volunteers had met once a week for 5 years to organize these papers and index them! The state had microfilmed the information they wanted and then everything was headed to the landfill! The townships were offered boxes and boxes of this information. Some towns let them go to the dump rather than take on such a large project. What a shame!

We read the divorce papers. In this document we learned that Barnabas Vermilyer married Mary Cummings in Canada in 1841. They moved to Illinois. They bought land near Elgin from George W. Cummings. We think that must be Mary Cummings dad. His middle name may have been Washington in which case one of their sons may have been named after Mary's dad.

They owned and sold several parcels of land in Kane County. In 1869 they were living along the Fox River. They had a son, James E. that was 26, a daughter Emma age 21, a son George W. that was 18 and another daughter, Viola that was 6 years old. Staying with them was a woman named Mrs. Harriet Keller Roath, age 26. Mrs. Roath had a 7 year old son at the time. He may have been at the house also, we aren't sure.

Mary Cummings Vermilyer claims that in Feb. of 1869 she asked Barnabas to go with her to visit their daughter in Aurora. He declined claiming he had business in another direction. Even after his plans fell through he still declined going to Aurora with Mary. Mary left in the wagon. The wagon broke so she was forced to return home. When she approached the house, she heard rustling inside. Then she saw Mrs. Harriet Keller Roath climbing out the window! She went inside the house and asked Barnabas, who was the only one still in the house, why Mrs. Roath felt a need to leave by way of the window. Barnabas had no explanation.

In this same court document, George W. Vermilyer, then age 19 states he on one occasion saw his father, Barnabas dancing with Mrs. Harriet Keller Roath, holding hands and going into a bedroom at 2 a.m. then turning out the lights.

It was said that Barnabas and Harriet "eloped" in Feb. 1869. They were living out of State, no one knew exactly where. (Coincidentally, the newspaper shows it was Feb. 1869 when the vigilante's paid a



Batavia Historical Society was our "gold mine of information"!

visit to Barnabas' home and one, Mr. Nookes was shot in the groin by Barnabas and the rest fled. A man named Jo Keller was included in the vigilante group.)

Mary Cummings was awarded half the property plus over \$2000.00 in furniture, etc. and custody of the two minor children, George W. age 19 and Viola age 7.

In a court action "Susan W. Snow vs. Hanna Simpson", in 1907 (no mention of Vermilyer in the name of the document). This was filed to clear the title on a piece of land sold by Mary Cummings to a Mr. Snow. When Snow died, his daughter inherited the property but couldn't locate the deed. Because Barnabas and Mary had owned the property, and since both were deceased, all heirs had to be notified. The list of heirs to Barnabas was:

"George Vermilyer, Viola Jones, Eugene Howard, Frank Howard, William R. Howard, Hattie Vermilyer, Nelson B. Vermilyer, Elma Antrim, and the Unknown Davisees of Barnabas Vermilyer, deceased, Defendants".

Hattie we know is Harriet Keller Roath, later to be known as Harriet Vermilyer. Nelson B. and Elma are children of Harriet and Charles B. Vermilyer in La Porte, Indiana. The rest were Jim's family, (children of Mary). This was the proof we were looking for! Charles B. and Barnabas Vermilyer are the same man! Much thanks to the great work by the volunteers at the Batavia Historical Society for indexing this document also, under "Vermilyer" !

We continued our vacation, driving to Indiana and finding Lewis Vermilyer. Barnabas is Jim's great great grandfather, Barnabas is Lewis' grandfather! He is 77 years old and we found him living just outside of La Porte, Indiana. He has moved back to this area just a year ago. He was very happy to see us and still had the letter and chart we sent him years earlier. We were able to see his hand written family chart on a window blind. He took us out to several cemeteries in the area showing us many, many stones with the name Vermilyer. He showed us the stones for Charles B. and Harriet Vermilyer We left Lewis having gotten lots more information and having been able to share with him what we found in Illinois! Very exciting!

We came back to Illinois, had a second visit with Jim's cousin Ralph and his wife Sue. They shared our enthusiasm!

We did a bit more research and then off to North Carolina!

North Carolina was our bonus! John and Sandra did a great job of showing us around their beautiful area! Holly Springs is a very green and lovely place! John and Sandra helped us sort what we had and we enjoyed every minute spent with them! We had the pleasure of lunch with Jim Vermilyea, (our treasurer for Vermilyea Association)! Our trip was over far too soon! We left feeling that our time went much too fast with each person we saw and each place we visited. This was a trip through time! The study of genealogy is truly in our blood!



Jim and Lewis Vermilyer visit the grave of Charles B. (Barnabas) Vermilyer at the Salem Chapel Cemetery, La Porte, Indiana.

PLANS FOR THE VERMILYEA FAMILY REUNION, 2001 ARE SET!

We are delighted to announce our plans for the next Vermilyea Family Reunion, to take place July 13 - 15, 2001 in the historic town of Deerfield, Massachusetts. Located in northwestern Massachusetts in the Connecticut River Valley, Deerfield is easy to reach by rail, bus, auto, or plane. Hartford International Airport is one hour away, Amtrak and bus connections can be made through most major cities, and Interstate Route 91 will deliver you almost to the doorway of our main site for accommodations, Motel 6, in South Deerfield, Massachusetts. Motel 6 is a clean, attractive, reasonably-priced facility (handicapped accessible) with approximately 200 rooms with private baths and two double beds, a charming enclosed garden court for casual gathering, and a beautiful indoor swimming pool that is open from morning till night. This comfortably heated pool will offer hours of relaxation and fun in its tropical setting, but there are many other attractions within a stones throw of our main site.

A .7 of a mile walk will take you to our air-conditioned banquet hall where we will be serving up generous portions of family lore along with a sumptuous buffet on Saturday, July 14. And it is an even shorter walk to the #2 tourist attraction in the state, the famous Yankee Candle Company and Antique Car Museum. Yankee Candle has grown from a small store offering country crafts and scented candles, to a charming, self-contained village featuring its own free trolley and double-decker bus that will deliver you to the various sites on the grounds. A visit to the massive and fascinating antique car museum, containing some of the finest cars ever manufactured, will take you back to times you remember and help you visualize the early days of automotive transportation. There is a replica of an old Chandlers Shop where patrons are encouraged to hand-dip their own candles, a recreation of a Bavarian Market Square with its own Viennese Pastry shop, market stalls filled with items imported from Europe, and a life-sized, robotic Oom-pah band playing tunes as you browse. It is always Christmas at the Candle Factory in the Christmas Village where snow falls on the many beautifully decorated trees as magnificent model trains make their way through the fir-lined mountains to reach the miniature villages meticulously recreated here. The tour will also take you to Santa's workshop where Santa (who looks so real, he makes a believer even out of adult visitors!) and his elves are always working on the production line and available to speak to young and old alike. Try not to miss the Chandlers Tavern where an award winning chef serves new England fare (and homemade rootbeer!) in a recreated colonial tavern completely lit by candlelight.

For those interested in boating and angling, both the nearby Connecticut and the Deerfield Rivers offer splendid scenery and some of the best trout and bass fishing in the country. (We can supply a map to Benny Goodman's favorite fishing spot on the Deerfield!) There are fishing tours available, a wide variety of boats to rent from local marinas, and a riverboat tour of the Connecticut complete with entertainment for children in the morning and a Dixieland band and hors d'oeuvres for adults in the evening. Also for sports enthusiasts there is the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA, and several state forests in the area offer swimming, fishing, and hiking. For more beautiful scenery, the nearby Mohawk Trail (Route 2) draws people from around the world to view vistas that span Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire.

Just up the road from Motel 6 is the newly opened Butterfly Museum and the historic mile of Old Deerfield where the original settlement houses have been authentically restored inside and out. Most of houses, churches, and museums are open to the public for tours, demonstrations of colonial life, examination of historical archives, and a variety of other fun and educational activities. At the center of this historic street is Deerfield Academy which adds its own dimensions to architectural history on its extensive and beautifully landscaped grounds.

The area of our reunion is a unique combination of rural/agricultural areas, historic preservation, and modern

cosmopolitan amenities. Many of the towns surrounding our meeting place are picture postcard examples of New England. White colonial church spires punctuate quiet tree-lined boulevards of gracious homes representing almost every architectural style used by our early settlers and their descendants. There are towns that seem to have remained undisturbed for over 200 years with only their original post-offices, town halls, and a country inn for food, drink, and lodging. But an equally short distance away are small cities that have grown to answer the needs of the five colleges that call the Pioneer Valley home: Amherst College, the University of Massachusetts, and Hampshire College in Amherst, Smith College in Northampton, and Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley.

The colleges have attracted a large number of musicians, artists, writers, scientists, restaurateurs, and artisans who came to study but found the attraction of the valley so powerful they stayed on. So at any given time you can find art exhibits, modern and rare bookstores, poetry and fiction readings, antique shops, galleries, concerts, live drama, film, and music festivals, craft fairs, a planetarium, unique clothing shops, and array of fine American and international restaurants to rival those in major cities.

The local farmers seem to have saved their best products for the valley, and most eateries and grocers have only the freshest, highest quality ingredients. You can find one of the finest restaurants on the East Coast, Sienna, right in the town of Deerfield (written up in a variety of publications including the Boston Globe and the New York Times). And in addition to several down-home Southern BBQ spots, cuisines from almost every nation have found a niche here; you can sample splendid examples of Northern and Southern Italian, French, Cajun, Polish, Greek, Turkish, Moroccan, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, and Vegetarian cooking from the many restaurants that are usually no more than ten or fifteen minute drive from the motel. Best of all, while the area boasts many big-city amenities, no place commands big-city prices. And despite the appeal of the more upscale restaurants, the local diners, roadside stands, and mom and pop luncheonettes remain great resources for homestyle, high-quality food and the ambiance (and prices!) of simpler days. While other areas may try to recreate the feeling of the 1940s and 50s, the places you will find dotting the valley are the real thing. This is still an area that is driven by a strong and honest work ethic, where people still leave their doors unlocked, where farm stands are unattended and payment is on the honor system, where people are helpful to their neighbors and strangers alike. While you can find one of the largest malls on the east coast, multiplex cinemas, and even two Walmarts a short trip down the interstate, in fifteen minutes you can leave all that behind and move at a slower pace in the midst of unspoiled nature.

While we have aimed to keep our main accommodations pleasant and within everyone's budget, there are some splendid country inns and bed and breakfasts throughout the area. You might like to check out websites for the Lord Jeffrey Inn and Black Walnut Inn in Amherst, the Deerfield Inn in Deerfield, and the Whately Inn in Whately for a start. These are elegant accommodations, some with their own award-winning dining rooms. For those who prefer to travel by RV, there are two excellent, full service campgrounds a very short distance away from the Motel and two RV repair shops nearby. We recommend the White Birch Campground in Whately, MA, located under two miles from the interstate and less than three miles from our meeting spot.

This promises to be an informative and enjoyable reunion in a lovely area of the country, an area that offers something for everyone no matter what your taste, age, or interests. We hope to make this our largest reunion ever and would be delighted if you would make plans to come! More information about websites for the area, phone numbers for accommodations, and directions to the area will be available in our November newsletter.

Till then, if you have questions about the reunion or its location, please contact our local reunion coordinator, Pat Zukowski, . She will be happy to hear from you.

NEW MEMBERS

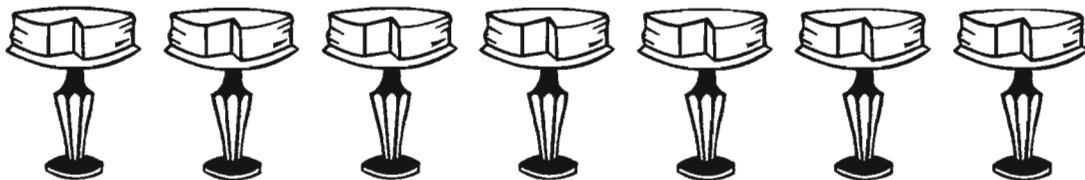
Elisabeth Vermilye,
Lewis Vermilyer,



BIRTHDAYS

August 5	Paula Burkholder,
September 2	Nancy Vermilyea,
September 3	Janet Vermilyea,
September 4	Jack Vermilyea,
September 5	Gladys Belle Vermilyea Edmond,
September 17	Jim Vermilyea,
September 25	Paul H. Vermilyea,
September 30	Tom Vermilye,
October 22	Edgar Vermilya,
October 26	John R. Todd, Sr.,
November 6	Jocelyn MacArthur
November 8	Sandra Vermilyea Todd,
November 10	Patricia Murphy,
November 13	Jay Vermilya,
November 14	Peggy Maxwell,
November 16	Gloria Vermilye Brinkmann,
November 20	Willma Vermilyer,

Happy Birthday All!!!





Jim and Wilma Vermilyer, Sandra Vermilyea Todd, Jim Vermilyea .
John Todd took the picture.

John and I were thrilled to have a visit by Jim and Wilma Vermilyer in May after their trip to Illinois and Indiana. It was fun sharing their experiences, and exciting to hear about their meetings with family. We enjoyed a trip to Seagroves, North Carolina where we visited a number of pottery shops. Wilma who enjoys making pottery picked up a few new ideas. Another day we meet with Jim Vermilyea (our VFA Treasurer) for lunch. It was the first time that Jim had meet the Vermilyers. We had a very enjoyable get together.

~Sandra

MORE FAMILIES IDENTIFIED...

I am pleased to say that we continue to make progress in the identification of the families listed on pages 411 through 417 in "The Vermilyea Family"

Page 411: It has been determined that Barney (Barnabas) Vermilyer (Illinois) and Charles B. Vermilyer (Indiana) are indeed the same person. Work is continuing to find the father of Barnabas (Charles) Vermilyer.

Page 411: William Vermilyea, (Iowa) there is a biography for William that has been placed on the Internet from Portrait & Biographical Album of Mahaska Co., Iowa, 1887. He is listed as the son of Peter and Mary (Ostihout) Vermilyea, born in Prince Edwards County, Canada, August 14, 1831.

More research is being done on this, since information I have on file indicates Mary (Ostihout) Osterhoudt was married to William Vermilyea.

Page 413: Edmond Vermilyea, (New York) has been identified as the second son of #571 Charles H. Vermilyea.

Page 413: Ernest Vermilyea, (New York) has been identified as #1266.

Page 413: Frank B. Vermilye, (New York) has been identified as #513.

Page 415: Nathaniel Vermilyea, (New York) has been identified as #579.

Page 416: William Vermilya, (Ohio) has been identified as #438, and he did have children.

Page 416: John Vermilyea, (West Virginia) has been identified as the son of #369 whose name is Curtis D. Vermilyea. John is #369-1. Thanks to Sylvia Fries of Martinsburg, West Virginia for solving this mystery.

Page #417: John H. Vermilye, (Wisconsin) has been identified as #277.

Page #417: Joseph Vermilya, (Wisconsin) surname is spelled Vermilyea. He has been identified as the son of Edward Vermilyea who is also the father of Charles Vermilyea (Wisconsin) listed on page #416. We know that the family moved to Wisconsin from Steuben County, New York State, however the parents of Edward are unknown at this time.



"THE VERMILYEA FAMILY" BOOK

Copies of the 1998 edition of "The Vermilyea Family" are now available. Another printing was completed early June.

If you are a member of VFA and have not previously ordered a book this is your last opportunity to take advantage of the \$4.00 member discount. Discounts are now limited to one per member provided a full year's dues have been paid. If and when there are other printings the discount will not be offered.

Just a reminder that information for "Book Two" which is planned for printing in 2001 needs to be in by January 1, 2001.



PLEASE NOTE. THE BOOK CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IS "THE VERMILYEA FAMILY (VERMILYA, VERMILYE, VERMILYEA, VERMILYER) DESCENDANTS OF JOHANNAS VERMILJE, NEW YORK, 1662-1998."

"BOOK TWO" WILL BE AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR THE 2001 REUNION. THE COST OF "BOOK TWO" CANNOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL IT IS COMPLETED AND READY FOR PRINTING. PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY NOW. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A COPY OF "BOOK TWO" CONTACT ME AND I WILL ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST. MONEY WILL NOT BE COLLECTED UNTIL THE COST IS KNOWN.

~Sandra

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION

It's often said that everyone in the world is separated from every other individual by six persons or fewer. That said, my own little lesson happened this past weekend. I was in Portland OR to attend the funeral of my aunt, Phyllis Phillips (on my mother's side). While she was in the hospital, she found that someone named Vermilya (sic) was also there. Upon finding the appropriate patient, who turned out to be Reub's wife, she had several good days of conversation with her. Aunt Phyl's comment was, "We're all related!" even if it was by marriage. So I now have true connection to Reub two ways - the genealogical way, and the meeting of his wife with my maternal aunt in a hospital!

~Joanne Vermilya MacArthur

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

As a special tribute to our member Gladys Belle Vermilyea Edmond (#907) who will be celebrating her 103rd birthday September 5th, I would like to quote some of the wisdom she shared in an article that appeared in "The Cheshire Herald" December 30, 1999.

The article titled "TURN-OF-CENTURY IS OLD HAT TO THIS LOCAL CENTENARIAN" Gladys says the change in century from 1800 to 1900 was viewed differently 100 years ago, compared to all the hullabaloo now. "There was no hype made about the year 1900, why should there be now?" For Gladys, that simpler, unassuming lifestyle is preferable. "I remember when we had no telephones and no cars, I used to have to walk to church." If Gladys could bring back one thing she enjoyed most about living in the early 1900's, she said it would be nice quiet living. Gladys remembers when home was a place where people stayed, and there was no meandering around. Now she says no one stays home and if they do, they are bored to death. "I'd rather be home than anywhere else," she said.



GLADYS BELLE
VERMILYEA
EDMOND ON HER
102ND BIRTHDAY

Daughter of Isaac Valentine and Orpha J. (Vandewater) Vermilyea, Gladys recalls her childhood as being much different than those of today's children. She said that she and her siblings either played alone or with each other, unlike the youngsters of the latter 20th century, and recalls her mother's sentiments that there were enough of them to amuse themselves!!

Gladys is number seven of eight children, four boys and four girls, and is the last living sibling. She refers to her family as being similar to the "Walton family," the well-known, all-American television family that still exists on reruns. "The older siblings took care of the younger ones and we always sat down for dinner, much like the Waltons," she said.

Gladys who lives with her daughter Janet, suffers from complications following an incident that left her with a fractured hip. Therapy has improved her walking – she is able to move around independently with a walker – and eventually she hopes to be able to use only a cane. "More than anything else, I want to be able to walk up and down stairs again," she said. What she misses most is not being able to work in her garden "I like growing flowers," she said, noting that as a favorite pastime in addition to listening to music and collecting antiques.

Despite her setbacks, Gladys says she just "keeps on trottin", living life to the fullest. She says she also plans to continue doing what she's been doing for over 100 years — living.

I hope you will all join me and send a card to make September 5th a extra special day for Gladys.

Address to: Gladys V. Edmond,

(Thomas Vermilya was Joanne Vermilya MacArthur's uncle, brother to her father John F. This obituary appeared in the Bowling Green, Ohio newspaper)

Thomas Vermilya

Thomas A. Vermilya, 72, Greenbriar Court, died Tuesday, June 6, 2000 in Wood County Hospital. A Korean War Army veteran, Mr. Vermilya was a life-long farmer and a member of the Farm Bureau. He also was a member of the Dunbridge Presbyterian Church.

He was born September 12, 1927, in Bowling Green to John V. and Helena (Fuller) Vermilya. He was married in Dunbridge on Nov. 11, 1956 to Nancy Clevenger. She survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Carol

Diane Vermilya, Holland; two sons, David Paul and Thomas Lee, both of Bowling Green; two sisters, Ruth Budd, Decatur, Ill., and Helen Rethmel, Alamogordo, N.M.; and one brother, John, of Greenville. One brother, Robert, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be 1:30 p.m. Friday in Deck-Hanneman Funeral Home. Burial will be in New Belleville Ridge Cemetery, Dowling. Rev. David Young will officiate. Visitation is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.



***TREASURER'S REPORT
3/31/00 thru 6/30/00***

Beginning Balance	\$1391.66
Deposits	\$65.50
Withdrawals	\$56.12
Balance as of June 30, 2000	\$1401.04



Deposit Summary

Membership	\$42.00
Books	\$23.50

Withdrawal Summary:

Newsletter	\$56.12
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Submitted by Jim Vermilyea, Treasurer

NEXT EDITION:

In the November edition of this newsletter, we will continue our coverage of "Vermilya /e/ea/er Places" with an article on Vermilyea Street, Pleasantville, New York; provide more information about the 2001 VFA Reunion in Massachusetts; and list the names and addresses of all VFA members who subscribe to this newsletter.

NEW GUESTBOOK ENTRIES

Brent, Roy, & Linda Vermilyea of Scottsdale, Arizona wanted to thank us for the website.

Colleen and Robert Vermilye, Warwick, Rhode Island give family information, and would welcome any contacts.

Terri Vermilye Mitchell, Arkansas.

She is just starting with research on her family and would like help.

Daniel Nathau Vermilyea, Alaska

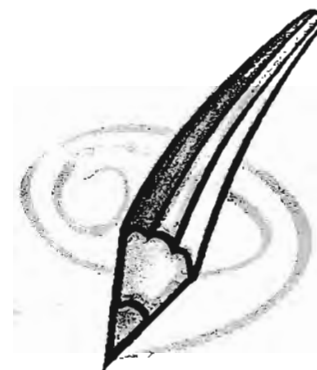
I am one of the last Vs in Alaska, but I have known of another Vermilyea family here for years without contacting them. This site has inspired me to get in touch, and tell them about our great family network!

George Arthur Vermilyea, New York.

Signed in.

Tom Terbush, Virginia.

Tom descends from Rachel Vermelia and Jan ter Bosch. Rachel is a sister of Johannes.



THE VFA

The VFA (Vermilyea Family Association), a not-for-profit organization staffed by volunteers, was founded in August 1995. We have shared information about the descendants of Johannes Vermelje (the Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea and Vermilyer lines), and thus together learned much about our small, unique, extended family. With the goals of increasing family unity, bonding and fellowship, we encourage you to submit your family research findings plus stories, histories and information about your family, ancestors and descendants to our Secretary/Historian. By doing so, we'll all learn more; and, from our consolidated records, you might just find that long-lost relative you've been wondering about for years.

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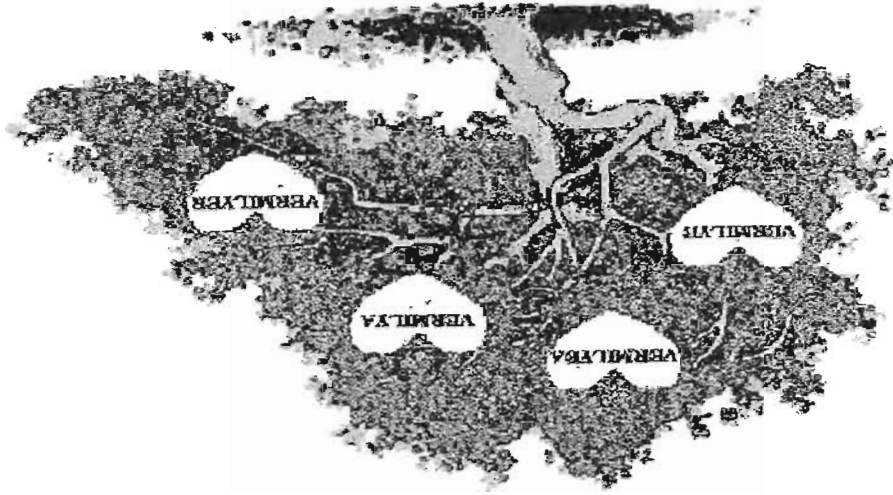
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