

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

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We have again an article concerning **Vermilyea Place Names** covering places names after our ancestors. In this report, we visit Canada.

Vermilyea Road, Belleville, Ontario Canada

by Carl P. Vermilyea

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In August 2000, my wife and I vacationed in Ontario, Canada. While there, we visited Farley and Vera Vermilyea (#615-1) in the city of Belleville. Farley gave us information about Vermilyea Road, which was so named in 1998. Also known as Local Route 31, it intersects with Route 62 about 2 miles north of Exit 543, Route 543, the main east-west highway through southern Ontario. Its eastern terminus is Route 62. From there, it runs westerly for 2.6 miles to Wallbridge-Loyalist Road.

Vermilyea Road is a paved, two-lane, flat, country road passing through an area of old farms and relatively new homes of various styles on large lots of land. The residential section of Belleville is expanding northward and consequently, this is an area where farmland is being converted to home sites.



East end of Vermilyea Rd
(As you approach it from the south along
Route 62)



West end of Vermilyea Rd.
(Looking south from its intersection with
Wallbridge-Loyalist Road)

The road is named after the Vermilyea Farm, a land grant from the English Crown to Solomon Vermilyea (#138). Solomon was the son of Peter and Mary (Jewell) Vermilyea (#58), who, with their seven children (Solomon was youngest), were the first known descendants of Johannes Vermelje to move to Canada. The farm bordered both the north and south sides of Vermilyea Road from its junction with Route 62 westerly for about a mile. Solomon's descendants owned the farm until the mid-1900s when most of the land was sold off. Still on the old farmland is a home that has been passed down through the generations. Located on the north side of the road near its junction of Route 62, the home belonged to Arthur Farley Vermilyea (#615) who passed it to his son Farley, who, in turn, has passed it to his son Than, the current owner-occupant.

In December 2000, Farley informed me that a gated, exclusive housing development had been recently completed in the town of Belleville and been given the name Vermilyea Court. It is about 3 miles south of Vermilyea Road and on land originally owned by Farley's grandfather Nathaniel Vermilyea (#317). We hope to have more information about and pictures of this new development in a future newsletter.

FROM THE STAFF

by Carl P. Vermilyea

The entire Staff joins me in hoping that your holiday season was one of good health, happiness and joy of family. We wish you a great 2001.

We told you that the last edition (November's) of this newsletter would include a listing of all those who were VFA members in 2000. Unfortunately, "Murphy's Law" prevailed. We encountered a technical glitch that precluded incorporating the list. As we go to press for this edition, we believe we have the remedy – thus, you should see that listing among these pages.

Although our overall total membership remains at a relatively constant level, a few of our previous members did not renew for 2001. Whereas we expect a few dropouts each year, we hope the reason is not due solely to the contents of this newsletter. Please remember that we are always receptive to ideas on how to improve the newsletter for your enjoyment. Please send us your suggestions. And, we are always looking for new articles; so, please contribute.

We are making a few changes to the newsletter in that we are eliminating some articles that routinely appear. We will no longer include the listing of "Birthdays" for the quarter and will eliminate the "Next Edition" notice. In this edition, the Treasurer presents his annual report for calendar year 2000; however, we will not include quarterly Treasurer's reports in future edition because there is practically no activity in our account throughout the year other than receipt of dues and payment of newsletter costs. Our plan is to publish only annual Treasurer's reports in the future. If eliminating any of these subjects doesn't set well with you, please let us know.

Plans for the 2001 VFA Reunion in Massachusetts are being implemented extremely well thanks to the superb efforts of our coordinator Pat Zukowski. Included in this issue is the Reunion Invitation and Registration Form. Some of the information repeats what you've seen in past editions of this newsletter, but we thought it best for both year 2000 members and those who have recently joined to have all the latest information.

When you embark on a project like setting up a reunion, you hope all will go smoothly, but seldom does it. ("Murphy's Law" enters the picture here, too.) Pat Zukowski and I were notified on January 6th that **the Motel 6 in South Deerfield will change its name to Red Roof Inn effective March 1, 2001**. The current manager told us that he is honoring our 40-room booking but that the new Red Roof management plans to start renovating rooms in March; thus, he cannot guarantee that all 40 of the rooms in his 200-room motel will be available. Thus, the key for those of you who intend to attend the Reunion is to register early – as soon as possible – so that you will be "grand fathered" into a room. You can always register now and cancel later if necessary. If you call the Motel before 1 March, the phone will be answered "Motel 6"; on or after 1 March it will be answered "Red Roof Inn." Pat and I will meet with the new managers during the last week of February and then post to the Web Site any lodging policy changes we are told about. I will also get a listing of those who, by that date, have already registered under our booking and notify them of any changes that affect their registration. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please write or e-mail Pat or me.

Obituary of Robert David Burr Vermilya #711

Submitted by Barbara Fernkopf #1102-1-1

R. B. Vermilya was born in Salem, Ind., June 23, 1840, and died at his home in Unionville, Iowa, April 4th 1914, at the age of 73 years, 9 months and 12 days. The Vermilya family came to Iowa in a very early day, moving to Unionville in 1850. Burr Vermilya was married Dec. 17, 1864 to Clementine Ramsey. The wedding was in the same room where he died. They have always lived in the vicinity of Unionville and for the last 40 years at the old homestead. To this union were born five children. Those now living are Fred of Audubon, Iowa, Mrs. Gertrude Sawyers of Newton, Kansas, and Anna of Unionville. He was a veteran of the Civil War, in Co. G, 2nd Iowa. He served his country faithfully for more than 3 years of the awful strife. His record as a soldier was of the best. It was fitting for one who worked so hard for Uncle Sam during that crisis of our history should serve also in times of peace. For many years he has been a rural carrier out of Unionville.

He was converted about four years ago and united with the Presbyterian church. Realizing that he had put off all too long the decision for Christ, he has tried to redeem the time by fighting the good fight of faith, as he fought for his country in the early 60's.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., conducted by the pastor Rev. Bethel, assisted by Rev. Orcutt of the M.E. church. Several old comrades were in attendance as honorary pallbearers, the sons of veterans being acting pallbearers.

Among the old soldiers from out of town were R. B. Carson of Moulton, J.A. Demuth of Albia, and H. E. Duckworth of Des Moines.

Newspaper Obituary

*Submitted by Barbara Fernkopf #1102-1-1
(Clementine Ramsey, born July 27, 1842 in
Marshall County, Tennessee, died November
16, 1930 at Unionville, Iowa.)*

Mrs. C. B. Vermilya passed away Sunday, Nov. 16th, at 7:15 P.M., following an illness of some three weeks duration. Her maiden name was Clementine Ramsey, her parents, David and

Ann Ramsey. She was born July 27th, 1842 in Marshall County, Tennessee. Her father died when she was a small child. Her mother married John Miller, They, with the family, came to Iowa by steamboat in 1849, she then being seven years of age. They were among the earliest settlers.

They landed in Keokuk when that place was covered with hazel brush and the name meant only a boat landing. They came by wagon to Appanoose County and settled at Unionville. There were only five homes here at that time, occupied by Leven Dean, Elisha Sawyers, Ianada Morrison and Dr. Udell and a Mr. Ralston and their families.

The first Iowa home of the Millers which numbered fourteen people consisted of a log house located where the present Mrs. J. J. Phillips residence now stands. Here the family spent two years, during which time the father built a sawmill (later adding a grist mill) with only a few crude tools to use, and cut the trees and sawed the lumber and frame timbers and even hand-turned the shingles to build the house where the family were raised and where Mrs. Vermilya spent her entire life, with the exception of the first seven, and four years following her marriage. The house as it stands today is a monument to the fine timber selected and the perfect workmanship of the builder. The family moved to the present home



in November, 1854, the greater part of the structure being walnut and the entire building of hardwood. It was the first two story house in this part of the country, and people came for miles to see the mansion. Few people have spent 77 years in one home, but such was the history of Mother Vermilya. To her, the poem "Home" by Edgar Guest, was truly fulfilled as it had a "Heap of Livin'in" and was indeed a home to all who were privileged to enter its doors.

Clementine Ramsey was married to R. B. Vermilya in December, 1864, while he was home on furlough from the Civil War. They were married in the home where she passed away. To this union, five children were born. A daughter, Ora, and a son, Robert, dying in childhood. The other three, Fred Vermilya, Charles City, Iowa, Mrs. Gertrude Sawyers, Newton, Kansas, and Mrs. Anna Veitch who resides with the mother, were all at her bedside at her passing. Of the family of twelve children, there is only one half brother, J. E. Miller of this place remaining. One brother-in-law, T. J. Moulton also survives.

After the close of the war, Mr. and Mrs. Vermilya began keeping travelers, and in a short time the Vermilya Tavern became know far and wide for its hospitality, and was the mecca of travelers until after the passing of Mr. Vermilya, which occurred April 4th, 1914. Mrs. Vermilya was known as Mother Vermilya to the traveling public and as "Aunt Clem" to the townsfolk. To know her was to love her, and her passing has left a vacancy that will never be filled. She was a real Christian mother and it can be truly said of her, "She hath done what she could". She was a lifetime member of the Presbyterian Church until that church disbanded. Since which time she had divided her help between the Methodist and Baptist churches. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Mott Sawyers of Centerville, whose mother was a step sister of Mrs. Vermilya, and the two were raised as sisters in the home.

Bon Russell's (#1407-II) brother died November 3, 2000. Following is his published obituary.

THE TAMPA TRIBUNE - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000

RUSSELL, Robert W., 84, of Tampa died November 3, 2000 at Memorial Hospital of Tampa following a brief illness. Survivors include brother, Bon Russell of Avon Lake, Ohio; niece, Rebecca Russell of Cleveland, Ohio and Nephew, Steven Russell of Matawan, New Jersey. Born in Toledo, Ohio on June 25, 1916, he moved with his parents, Robert R. and Ruth L. Russell to

Findlay, Ohio where he completed his education and graduated from Findlay College with a degree in Chemistry. Following employment with Minneapolis Honeywell in Minneapolis, Minn., he moved to Tampa in 1960. He worked for Electronic Communications in St. Petersburg and for the Atomic Energy Commission in Bartow. After retirement he served as a substitute teacher in many Tampa schools. He was an active Mason and Shriner and performed with the Oriental Band of Egypt Temple. He also served for a number of years as the secretary of the Tampa Grange. Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Sunset Memory Gardens. The family will visit with friends Tuesday from 9:00 AM until service time.



MANSION OF APPANOOSE COUNTY IS BEING TORN DOWN

Miller-Vermilya Home Was Mecca for Miles Around

Newspaper clipping (1963)

Submitted by Barbara Fernkopf (#1102-1-1)

What might seem to some folks like a calamity is happening in Unionville, Iowa. The locally famous old Miller-Vermilya mansion is being torn down.

With its black walnut siding, the old house is going the way of all flesh. In its day it was a sight that people came from many miles to see. There just wasn't another house so big, so grand anywhere around.

Those days are gone. However, to hark back a little seems like a good idea and there is no one who knows the history of the old house as well as Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, of Centerville. It was a forebearer, John Miller and his family, who came to Unionville in 1849 and from this immigration came the "great house" of Unionville. In an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Miller, the following was learned:

One of the oldest and most historical houses located in Unionville, Iowa, is being torn down. Many people in the county cherish fond memories in connection with it. The history of the rare old home has become a part of the lives and affections of the community.

The John Miller family were slave holders in Tennessee, but were not satisfied with that life — freed their slaves, sold their plantation and came to Iowa to establish a home.

In 1849, they came to Keokuk, Iowa, by steamboat, then by wagon to Unionville, Iowa. There were only five houses there at that time—occupied by Leven Dean, Elisha Sawyers, Ianada Morrison, Dr. Udell and a Mr. Ralston and their families. The Millers moved into a log house and began making plans for a permanent home. The father built a sawmill (later adding a grist mill) and with only a few crude tools,



began to cut trees, saw lumber, and frame timbers on the Soap Creek hills, hand turning the shingles. The house was finished in 1854 and stands as a monument to the fine lumber selected and the perfect workmanship of the builders. The weather boarding was of black walnut. So well did the lumber hold paint, one coat lasted years.

The home stood on Main Street, in Unionville, in a large yard. Surrounded by trees of all kinds—built after the Southern style—it resembles one of the plantation homes—with large pillars on the porch at the front of the house. Some time before the Civil War, a trumpet vine was planted by the front door, and has continued to grow, until the dismantling of the building began. The main stem is large and gnarled. A striking feature of the home was the spacious hall running from the front to the rear door. There were two stairways, one from this hall, the other in the living room. Each led to a section or the upstairs, with no means of connection between the two sections. This was the first two story house in this part of the country, and people came for miles to see the mansion. Large fireplaces served for cooking and heating.

The framework is of 10 inch hard wood beams and supplied with four inch, pinned and morticed braces.

After the death of the Millers the property came in possession of the daughter Clementine. In 1864 When C. B. (should be R. B.) Vermilya came home on furlough from the Civil War, they were married. After his return from service they began keeping travelers. Unionville became a flourishing little town, and the hotel became a popular resort, being recognized as one of the best in Southern Iowa. Aunt Clem Vermilya lived in this home for 77 years. The poem by Edgar Guest was truly fulfilled as it had "a heap of livin'" and was a home to all who were privileged to enter.

The late Anna Vermilya Veitch a daughter, continued living in the home after the death of her parents until she and her husband Paul came to Centerville 18 years ago.

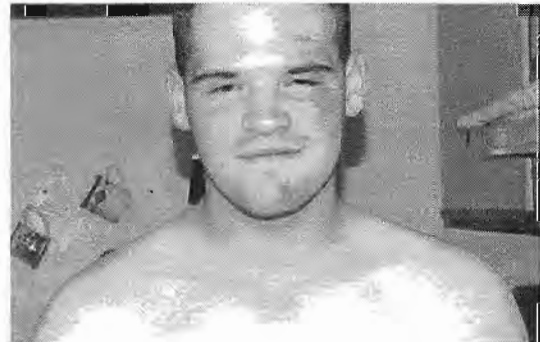
New Baby

Susan Quella (#1516-II) is delighted to announce she has a new grandson Zachariah Quella Pannkuk born December 10, 2000. He weighed in at 7lbs. 1oz. and is 20 1/4 inches long with great dimples in his cheeks!!! Susan's daughter Alicia and husband Steve are the proud parents.

RODEO IS HIS DREAM

Hi, my name is Matthew Vermilye(#1847), I am 20 years old and am the son of Tom and Cynthia Vermilye. I live in Olathe, Kansas which is outside of Kansas City. I am writing because I was asked to let the family know about my life which is rodeo. I have been doing it since I was 12 years old and first started at a rodeo school by the name of Homestead Rodeo School. They taught me the techniques, special skills, and how to dismount carefully without getting hurt by the animal. The techniques that they taught us are how to position ourselves, how to use our muscles to keep us on the animal correctly to help us win. My thoughts for the future are that this training will help me reach my goals of becoming a professional bull and bareback rider. If you have any questions you may reach me at themaverick66@hotmail.com.

Matthew adds that he practices daily and sometimes rides three to four times a day on weekends at competitions for bull riders. He rides at Lucky 7 Rodeo Company in Ottawa, Kansas. While he does travel some to competitions, they are mostly in the area where he lives, so if your in the area check it out. I'm sure Matthew would be happy to pass on the details. Practice, hard work and determination is what it takes to get your permit for the PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association) sanctioned rodeos. Good Luck in your career Matthew!



The left picture is of Matthew riding a bull. He rode for the required 8 seconds. The second picture shows the hard side. Matthew got hung up in his bull rope. Which is what he holds on to, when he rides. The rope goes around the Bull's shoulders behind the front legs. Then they put a strap around and in front of the hind quarter, Then they put it as tight as they can as Matthew leaves the chute. Then 8 seconds later the whistle blows and hopefully he get a score that is over 80. Then in order to win he has to do it all over again. Then they will combine the scores.

Messages Entered at our VFA Guestbook Web Site.

All messages are responded to by our Historian.

Name: Kenneth B Schottler Jr
From: Minnesota
I am the Grandson of Ida Kathleen Vermilyea
of Dexter, Minnesota

Name: Stacy Y. (Vermilyea) Ponder
From: Tillamook OR
I am the youngest granddaughter of Seth
Vermilyea (daughter of Robert D. Vermilyea)I
wanted to know more about our family his-
tory.

Name: Stephen Alan Bonn
From: Destin, FL
I understand from my sister, Beverly Bonn
Jonnes, that there will be reunion this sum-
mer. Please let me know the details if you can.

Name: Daniel Edward Vermilye
From: cleveland, ohio
hi
Memories of my father - Edward Charles Vermilyer
by Bessie B. Vermilyer Reeder

(Edward was the son of Barnabas (Charles Barnabas) Vermilyer who still remains unidentified. Barnabas (Charles Barnabas) was born March 14, 1824 in either Canada or the United States. He married first August 4, 1841 at Newcastle District, Cramahe, Ontario, Canada Mary Cummings. He married second November 12, 1873 at Chicago, Illinois Harret Keller Roath. Bessie Vermilyer Reeder the granddaughter of Barnabas (Charles Barnabas) and Harriet was born March 21, 1908, married November 9, 1926 Theodore Reeder, and died December 15, 1980. Submitted by the daughter of Bessie Bell, Carol Reeder Snyder.

He was a kind person to us and told us right from wrong. if a stranger came to the door needing food or lodging he would invite them in even as a large family we had bearly enough to eat ourselves one man came to spend the night and ended staying the whole winter, he cut wood for the heating stove and cook stove to pay his way

He worked various places including the ice house in Millcreek, on the railroad in the early days and the wollen mills in LaPorte he fired the furnaces and A. J. Rumely maker of farm machinery he dipped parts into paint and had to quit because of poisoning from the paint on his skin. He was known as a faith healer, laying of hands on the area of pain people would come to the house and he would do this never taking any money, but would find small amounts of money hidden under a scarf that they had left for him. Father was a big man and mom little. How they

Name: Teresa Hope Vermilye Wright
From: Zolfo Springs, FL
I am the daughter of Bobby Gene Vermilye born in
Pocahotas, Arkansas in 1945. He is deceased, as
well as his father, William Cleatus Vermilye, and
two brothers, Kenneth and Jerry Vermilye. He has
one living sister, Shirley Vermilye Binkard who
lives in Missouri. Would love to correspond with
any Vermilye decendants.

Name: Katherine Vermilya-Reid
From: Whittier, California
Just browsing online to seek information on my
heritage.

Name: Merri Maxim
From: Arkville, NY
I am making my family tree. My grandmother was
Chloe (Vermilyea) Maxim. I would like info on
how to get a copy of your book.

raised this large family was probably do to living on a farm where they raised a lot of their food. The older children walked to a country school 1.5 to 2 miles even during the cold winters where the snow would sometimes come up as high as the fence post.

My mother made our dresses, and aunt Elma made slips for us out of old sheet blankets.

Mother let father rule the roost and whatever he said would be all right with her. She was a quiet and hard working person and went without in order for her children to have a better life.



IN SEARCH OF AUNT LILLIAN (#566-3)

by *VeronicaTheodorakis* (#566-172)

The setting is 1902. A man, William Vermilyea age 33, father to five young children, husband of Lillian Thompson, dies from exhaustion secondary to TB. He is buried in the family plot in Cypress Hills, (Cypress Hills Cemetery is at 833 Jamaica Ave., Brooklyn, New York) predeceasing his parents. Obviously, these were the days before Social Security and welfare and the mother lacked any family assistance. Apparently the task of raising the children was overwhelming and the three younger children were removed from the home by the authorities. The two older boys William age 13 and Nathaniel age 11, were left to fend for themselves on the streets of Brooklyn. Lillian Thompson Vermilyea gives a false name and address to the authorities who label her "dissipated" and is never heard from again

Charles(born in 1893) and his brother George(born in 1898) were referred by the Department of Charities to the Eastern District Industrial School in June 1902. Both boys were listed as ill upon their arrival. On September 7, 1904 the Children's Aid Society received Lillian their sister (born in 1892).

Charles Loring Brace founded the Children's Aid Society in 1853 for the purpose of feeding literally thousands of malnourished, ill clothed orphans and abandoned children in New York City. He began his work by establishing lodging houses and trade schools for the destitute children. The two boys were sent first to the trade school and then sent to the Brace Farm School. The purpose of the farm school was to organize a farm training school for young boys, directly under the influence of a "good man who would train and interest them in farm work." The Brace School was located in Kensico, Westchester County and consisted of 125 acres on which the boys cared for the stock and milking of the cows, planted, cultivated and harvested the crops, as well as the hard work of ditching, clearing the land of stones, and the like. After training it was hoped that the boys would be placed in the homes of farmers and be turned into "fine citizens."

I contacted the Orphan Train Rider Research Center (yes, one does exist) to see if they had any information regarding my relatives. Clark Kidder, who is currently writing a book on the Orphan's experiences confirmed that Lillian was indeed on a train bound west and sent a picture of her that he had along with journal entries from the agent who accompanied her to Iowa. Amazingly, I was sure Lillian was my aunt, as she closely resembled my sister at that age. Lillian was placed in an institution in New York City and in September 1904 it was decided that she should be placed on an Orphan train to the Midwest. The first of these "trains" left New York City in 1854 carrying 46 boys and a minister as a chaperone. Brace believed that through a wholesome environment and love, a child could be reclaimed and that rural America could provide such homes. Willing families would sign "placing out agreements" guaranteeing the child the same food; lodging

and education children born to them would receive. That many children were placed because of their ability to work instead of out of philanthropy was not a matter the society was prepared to debate. The society took the view that no matter what conditions the children were forced to endure, it was preferable to the filth and starvation that they had been taken from in the East. When the society learned of a town interested in hosting an orphan train, someone connected with the society would go from town to town along the rail route, placing announcements in the local newspapers and forming committees of community leaders to screen applicants in each town. In New York, the children were bathed, clothed and given Bibles and loaded into specific train cars with an agent of the society as an escort. Upon its arrival the children would line up usually in the station, or in Lillian's case at the Methodist Church, and be picked over by those willing to take them in. Once the children were chosen the rest re-boarded the train for the next destination. Those not chosen were returned and placed in foster homes.



TREASURER'S REPORT
1/01/00 thru 12/31/00

Beginning Balance 1/01/00	\$1186.66
Deposits	\$1115.50
Withdrawals	\$503.72
Balance as of 12/31/00	\$1798.44
 <u>Deposit Summary</u>	
Membership	\$974.00
Books	\$141.50
 <u>Withdrawal Summary:</u>	
Newsletter	\$299.34
Books	\$170.50
Supplies	\$33.88



VERMILYEA PLACES – AN UPDATE

In the Volume III, Number 2 (April, May, June 1998) edition of this newsletter, Tom Vermilye wrote an article about the **Vermilya-Boener House** near **Lawrence, Kansas**. In December 2000, Tom contacted the owner, Mr. Lance Burr, to determine if any progress has been made in the restoration of the home. Mr. Burr reported that the work is going very slowly. The roof and chimneys have been replaced and some landscaping done to help protect the foundation.

Submitted by Jim Vermilyea, Treasurer

Edith M. "Edie Vermilya, 73

Jan. 10, 2001

Edith M. "Edie" Vermilya, 73, of West South Avenue, Canton, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, at Troy Community Hospital.

Born Oct. 12, 1927 in Johnstown, she was a daughter of the late Lester and Eva Boyer Reed.

As a young woman, Edie met her lifelong love, Elmo Vermilya, and they were married March 9, 1946, in Troy.

In addition to being a devoted mother and homemaker, Mrs.

Vermilya was employed for 12 years with the Canton Elementary school and high school as a teacher's aide.

Edie was a member of the former St. James Episcopal Church in Canton.

Edie's enjoyment in life was her family and home. She was so very proud of all of her children's lives. She also enjoyed travelling and visiting her grandchildren and family.

She is survived by: her husband of 54 years, Elmo, at home, seven sons and five daughters-in-law, Joseph C. and Helen Vermilya of Williamsport, William S. and Wendy Vermilya of Williamsport, James M. Vermilya of Easton,

Christopher W. and Kathy Vermilya of Pittsburgh, Eric T. Vermilya of Pittsburgh, Randy A. and Denise Vermilya of Cleveland, Oh., Jeffrey L. and Paula Vermilya of Kennesaw, Ga.; Two daughters and a son-in-law, Cynthia A. Vermilya of Easton, Nanette and Charles Swain of Rochester, N.Y.; 19 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Vermilya was preceded in death by: a daughter, Linda Jane Vermilya Chestnut in May of 1997; a son, Terry Lee Vermilya, in August of 1958, and several brothers and sisters

The funeral and committal services will be held at 1 p.m. today. At the Pepper Funeral Home, with the Rev. Duane Taylor officiating. Interment will be held in the Grover Cemetery, Canton Township, with her children acting as pallbearers.

The family suggests that those who wish to may direct memorials in Mrs. Vermilya's memory to the Western Alliance E.M.S. - at P.O. BOX 13, Troy, PA 16947

(Funeral was held January 13, 2001)

Side note: Ann Vermilya wife of Francis Vermilya died January 4, 2000 in Riverside, CA

VERMILYEA PLACES: VIA VERMILYEA, LANTANA, FLORIDA

Do you live, winter or vacation in Florida in or near the city of Lantana (south of W. Palm Beach)? If so, are you interested in doing some research for the VFA? Sandra Todd has discovered that in Lantana there may be two roads named Via Vermilya. Computer mapping software indicates these two roads are not connected but are in close proximity to each other. Both can be reached from Lantana Road, which intersects with Route 95. The first road appears to be across from (directly south of) the Palm Beach County Park Airport entrance road, 1 mile west of Route 95 along Lantana Road. The second road can be reached by continuing west on Lantana road for .5 miles, taking a left (south) on Route 807 for .5 miles, then taking a left (east) on Donnally Road for another .5 miles. If you are able to help us with research, we would like to know more about these roads: their length, a general description of them and the area they pass through - residential, corporate park, shopping area, etc. (photos of the road and would help), and how/why they got the name "Vermilya" (information which should be available at the city hall or a local historical society/office). If you can help with this project, please notify Carl Vermilyea or Sandra Todd; or, just send the results of your findings to one of them.

VFA Members In 2000

Avery	Glenda Griswold
Bockstahler	E. Fredric & Judith
Borkovec	Carole Ann Vermilya
Brinkman	Gloria Vermilye
Budd	Ruth Vermilya
Burkholder	Norvell & Paula
Croley	Vera Vermilyea
Edmond	Gladys Belle Vermilye
Fernkopf	Barbara & Wayne
Holladay	John A.
Imholz	Joanne M.

Jonnes	Beverly B.
Kuebler	Harold
Lee	Gary and Mary Jo

MacArthur	Joanne Vermilya
Maxwell	Olive Vermilyea
Murphy	Patricia
Olsen	Elizabeth
Osmond	Kathlyn White
Russell	Bon & Virginia
Russell	Steven A.
Sladek	Linda K.
Sladek	Vivian Vermilyea
Snyder	Carol

Stanovsky	Madonna Vermilyea
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Stout	Dayl & Jennie
Theodorakis	Veronica Vermilyea

Todd	John & Sherry
Todd	John R. & Sandra V.
Vermilya	Ed & Mary
Vermilya	Jay & Alma
Vermilya	Joe & Helen
Vermilya	John B. & Ruby
Vermilya	John R.
Vermilye	Dyckman Ware
Vermilye	Elisabeth
Vermilye	Isaac Dyckman
Vermilye	John W.

(Members, 2000 cont)

Vermilye Tom & Cynthia
Vermilyea Carl P. & Linda R.
Vermilyea Carl P. Jr.
Vermilyea Dennis & Winona
Vermilyea Ed & Janet
Vermilyea Fritz & Viola
Vermilyea Jack & Pat
Vermilyea Jim & Cheryl
Vermilyea Lynn & Nancy
Vermilyea Paul H.
Vermilyea Sam & Jo

Vermilyea Silas Reuben Jr.
Vermilyer George L. & Judith

Vermilyer James E. & Wilma

Vermilyer Lewis Nelson

Waldo Phyllis Vermilye
Watson Beverly Vermilyea

New Members

John and Ann Griswold,
Jennifer Radigan,
George and Eileen Vermilyea,
Linda Susan and Michael Jay Vermilya,
Robert R., Patricia and Richard Croley,
Michael Lee, Linda Jean and Lindsey
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YOU ARE INVITED

To The

2001 VERMILYA/E/EA/ER FAMILY REUNION

To All VFA Members:

You are invited to a special gathering and celebration of FAMILY organized by the Vermilyea Family Association (VFA). There have been three such gatherings in recent years, two in Pennsylvania and one in Oregon. This year we'll meet in South Deerfield, Massachusetts. As the next three reunions are planned for California, Minnesota and North Carolina, this one will give everyone the opportunity to visit our beautiful, historical and unique New England states (excuse my bias) and for the many close, and not-so-close, cousins in the Northeast to become better acquainted.

Why a reunion? Bonding, networking, renewing old acquaintances or just for a good time – call it what you want. Past reunions have been a meeting ground for those acquainted and strangers, all related in some near or distant way. At the last reunion, two shirttail cousins who had served on the same aircraft carrier during WWII met for the first time since the war. Second cousins who had never met finally did. And, the stories swapped by 1st and 7th cousins, and all those in between, were priceless. For this 2001 Reunion, we have already heard from folks who live in 15 states and Canada who plan to attend, including the eldest known member of our clan, 103 years young. Whether you come just for the day or stay overnight in the area, I'm sure you will find this event an interesting and enjoyable experience. Please join us - if for no other reason than to satisfy your curiosity.

Please read about the Reunion, below. Then, complete and mail the enclosed registration form.

Board of Directors, VFA

When: July 14, 2001 – 9:00 AM to midnight. (VFA Board members will be in the area 13-15 July.)

Where: The Polish-American Citizens Club, 46 Main Street, (at the corner of Coates Ave. in downtown) South Deerfield, Massachusetts, (at Exits 24 and 25, Interstate Route 91).

Tentative Agenda:

- 13 July: 4:30 PM: VFA Board Meeting; Red Roof Inn. (Meetings are open to all VFA Members.)
6:00 – 8:30 PM: VFA Board Dinner; Whately Inn, Whately, Massachusetts.
- 14 July: 9:00 AM - midnight: Reunion; Polish-American Club.
9:00 – 11:00 AM: Gathering and socializing; Polish-American Club. (Drinks, bagels and donuts will be available throughout the day.)
11:00 – 11:45 AM: VFA General Membership Meeting; Polish-American Club.
11:45 AM – 5:00 PM: Lunch (everyone on their own) and visits to local tourist attractions, as/if desired, and/or socializing at the Polish-American Club.
5:00 – 5:30 PM: Reunion Group Pictures; Polish-American Club.
6:00 PM – Midnight: Banquet, entertainment, socializing; Polish-American Club.
- 15 July: 9:30 AM: VFA Board Meeting; Red Roof Inn.

Lodging: Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging reservation.

1. The primary lodging facility for the reunion is the Motel 6/Red Roof Inn on Routes 5 and 10 in South Deerfield (tele: 413-665-7161), about .7 of a mile from the Polish-American Club. (**Note:** On March 1, 2001, the Motel 6 will change its name to Red Roof Inn. The telephone number will remain the same.) When you call, ask for a room under the Vermilyea Family Association Booking. We have block-booked 40 double rooms (2 double beds, private bath) for the 13th, 14th and 15th. Included in the booking are: 3 handicapped equipped rooms, 25 non-smoking rooms and the

remainder that can swing smoking or non-smoking. The block booking is valid only through June 13, 2001. Make your reservations as soon as possible if you want your choice of rooms. A double room costs about \$60.00 including tax. AARP discounts (10%) are available. Children under 17 stay free. There is a charge of \$3.00 for each extra adult in a room. Cots are not available. Check-in time is before 6:00 PM, unless you mention a later arrival. The Motel does not charge your credit card until you register; so, if you are unsure of whether you will attend or not, it is better to reserve a room now and cancel up to 6:00 PM on the date you planned to check into the motel. This is a clean and attractive motel. It has a superb swimming pool, but no restaurant. There are several eateries of various types in the area. Attendees will be on their own for meals except for the banquet on Saturday evening.

2. For RVers/Campers: **White Birch Campground** (tele: 800-244-4941) is the closest to the Reunion Site – about 3 miles. Please call for reservations in the evening hours during the winter months. We have not reserved spaces at the Campground. The daily rate is \$24.00 for 2 people for a site with water and electricity. There is a \$2.00 senior citizens discount per site. This is a quiet, remote campground rated by RV guides with 3 stars. Both open field and wooded sites are available. There is a small swimming pool and camp store. Two RV repair shops are within about 5 miles.

3. There are many **other lodging facilities** of various types within 15 miles. For those who want something other than a Motel 6/Red Roof Inn, we suggest you consider some of the area's other facilities listed below. The places we suggest are among the most desirable in the area and since this is a very popular tourist area, reservations should be made as soon as possible. (Mileage is the approximate distance to Polish American Club.)

a. Deerfield Inn, The Main Street in Old Deerfield, Deerfield. Historic inn with excellent restaurant set among restored 18th century homes, museums and the prestigious Deerfield Academy. Tele: 413-774-5587. Price: \$255 for a double. Internet: www.deerfieldinn.com. (6 miles.)

b. Lord Jeffery Inn, 30 Boltwood Ave., Amherst. Built in 1920s as an inn. Tele: 413-253-2576. Price range: \$109-189. Internet: www.lordjefferyinn.com. (10 miles.)

c. The Black Walnut Inn, 1184 N. Pleasant St., Amherst. A B&B in a restored, federal style, 1821 home. Tele: 413-549-5649. Price range: \$105-135. Internet: www.blackwalnutinn.com. (8 miles.)

d. The Whately Inn, 139 Chestnut Plain Rd., Whately. An old carriage stop in a rural New England town; only 4 rooms. Tele: 800-942-8359. Price range: \$79-90. Internet: www.whatelyinn.com. (5 miles.)

e. The Inn at Northampton, 1 Atwood Dr., Northampton. Hotel atmosphere, very nice, full service facility in industrial part of the city. Tele: 413-586-1211. Price: \$75+. Internet: www.thhg.com/1796/. (14 miles.)

f. Chains:

Econo Lodge, 237 Russell St., Hadley. Tele: 413-584-9816. Price range: \$76-99. (10 miles.)

Holiday Inn Express, 400 Russell St., Hadley. Tele: 413-582-0002. Price: \$70-100. (10 miles.)

Reunion Memento: The Reunion memento will be a light gray, 50-50 cotton-polyester T-shirt with the VFA logo (in 3 colors, the tree with the 4 surname spellings), date and location of the Reunion imprinted on it. (At past reunions, most of the attendees wore their VFA T-shirts throughout the day.) The T-shirts will be a great way to proclaim your family pride even after the event. Please order your T-shirt(s) on the attached registration form.

Raffle: During the banquet there will be a raffle, the proceeds of which will help to lower the overall cost of the event (the VFA is non-profit!). In the past, the most popular raffle items (prizes) have been donated handicraft work (such as paintings, knitted and needle point work, sculptures, home made preserves, etc.) made by folks like you. Also popular are items representative of where you live. You are invited to donate items for raffle. Please see the registration form.

Displays and Family Research: At the Polish-American Club, we will have tables set up where you can display your family memorabilia – family genealogies and Bibles, scrapbooks, old family pictures, research books, etc. Please bring your documents and share them with everyone. Sandra V. Todd, VFA Historian, and other researchers will be available throughout the Reunion to assist anyone with constructing their family tree, and, perhaps, finding some long-lost relatives.

Contacts: For more information —

1. The Reunion coordinator is Pat Zukowski. Pat may be contacted by e-mail at pez@acad.umass.edu and by phone at 413-665-8976. Carl Vermilyea is assisting Pat. Carl may be contacted by phone at 603-358-0137 and by e-mail at carlin@cheshire.net.

2. For those with Internet access, we suggest you visit one of the two VFA Web sites for more information:

a. Our reunion web site at: <http://members.aol.com/vermreun/fampage1.htm>.

b. And, our main web site at: <http://members.aol.com/vfa95/vfa.htm>.

Please complete and mail in the registration form. See you at the reunion!

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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Annual membership dues are \$12.00 (USD) for those who join from November 16th through May 15th and \$6.00 for those who join from May 16th through November 15th. Please make your check payable to: *Vermilyea Family Association*; and, mail it and, for new members, a membership application to: *Mr. C. J. Vermilyea, VFA Treasurer*,

THIS NEWSLETTER

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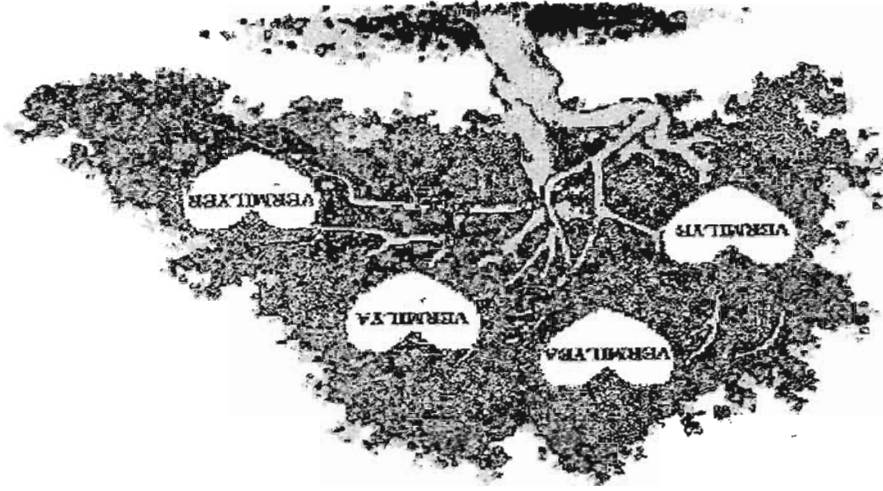
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Check our VFA Web Page (maintained by Joanne MacArthur) at: <http://members.aol.com/vfa95/vfa.htm>
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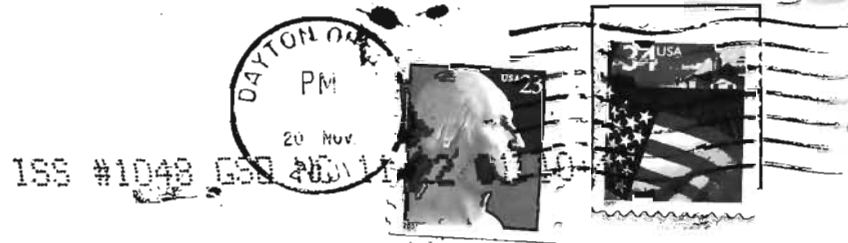
NEXT EDITION

The next edition of this newsletter will be published on or about February 15, 2001. In it we will continue our series of reports covering "Vermilya/e/ea/er Places" with an article about Vermilyea Road in Belleville, Ontario, Canada, and will provide more information about the 2001 VFA Reunion in Massachusetts.

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**2001 VFA REUNION – JULY 14, 2001
REGISTRATION FORM**

To register for the 2001 VFA Reunion, please complete this form and mail it along with your remittance to: Carl P. Vermilyea

Checks are to be made payable to: CARL P. VERMILYEA

THIS FORM AND FUNDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1, 2001 - to permit the caterer and T-shirt supplier sufficient time to plan and prepare our orders. We will not be able to take orders for T-shirts at or after the reunion.

I will be attending the VFA Reunion on July 14, 2001 at S. Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Name: _____
Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State & ZIP: _____
E-mail Address _____ Phone Number: _____

Other members of my immediate family (spouse, children, parents) who will be attending with me (please show names and relationship of each): _____

Banquet Reservations: Number of adults (age 13 and over): ____ @ \$16.00 each = \$ ____
Number of children (ages 6 to 12): ____ @ \$8.00 each = \$ ____
Number of children under 6: ____ (no charge)

T-Shirts: Number of adult sizes: XL: ____ L: ____ M: ____ S: ____ @ \$12.00 each = \$ ____
Number of children's sizes: L: ____ M: ____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ ____

To cover the above costs, I am enclosing.....TOTAL REMITTANCE: \$ ____

I plan to bring (donate) the following item(s) for the raffle: _____

Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. If you have already made reservations, please indicate where (which motel, hotel, inn, campground) and what nights you will be staying so that we may be able to locate you. Lodging at: _____
Night(s) of: July _____, 2001.

Comments/remarks/concerns/questions:

Signature

Date