

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

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THE 2001 VFA REUNION

During the weekend of July 13-15, 2001, 67 descendants and spouses gathered for the fourth VFA Reunion. This one was in South Deerfield, Massachusetts.

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Most of us arrived on Friday. After checking into the Red Roof Inn, many visited local tourist attractions. Late in the afternoon, the Board of Directors met for what would be the first of two very productive Board meetings during the weekend. Thirty family members then went to the nearby Whately Inn for an evening of relaxation and delectable dining. This unique, old Inn was once a stage coach stop in what is still a quaint, picture-postcard, New England village. Each lady was presented a beautiful long-stemmed rose as she departed the Inn.

The Reunion festivities started at 9:00 AM on Saturday at the Polish-American Citizens Club in the small, downtown section of South Deerfield. After signing the guest book and picking up Reunion T-shirts, everyone enjoyed coffee cakes and beverages as they began socializing and looking over the many displays of family memorabilia. The displays included maps, scrapbooks, manuscripts, and photographs; including copies of a terrific collage of pictures of Vermilyea Avenue, New York City, taken by Bob Perks. And, some of us met with Sandra Todd to discuss our ancestral line and/or find information about our distant relatives.

At 11:00 AM, a membership meeting was held during which the President, Carl Vermilyea, brought us up to date on the status of the VFA and asked for suggestions on how to improve the Association and the newsletter. A couple of sound suggestions were made that the Board will implement. Joanne MacArthur encouraged members to contribute to the newsletter and Susan Quella and Bev Jonnes reported on the success of the June 30th Vermilya/Vermilyea picnic in Minnesota which was attended by 47 descendants. After the meeting, we departed for lunch and sightseeing in the area at such places as the Yankee Candle Factory and Antique Car Museum, Historic Deerfield Village, the Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens and Mt. Sugarloaf Reservation. Local antique shops, book stores and the beautiful historic homes in the area were also popular attractions.

We reassembled at 5:00 PM at the Club for group pictures followed by our banquet. A delicious buffet meal was served topped off by a cake decorated with our VFA logo. Our oldest and youngest attendees were recognized and family introductions were made. Dyckman Vermilye gave a wonderful talk about his trip to France where he visited the town of Vermelles, the earliest known origin of our clan, and Harlem, New York City, the first home of our ancestors who came to America. The Reunion Coordinator, Pat Zukowski was thanked for her outstanding efforts and Sandra Todd was recognized for her ongoing superb work in behalf of the VFA. The banquet was concluded with the raffle drawing where 18 prizes (including wine, books, dolls, tote bags and many handicraft items), all donated by attendees, were awarded to lucky winners.

On Sunday morning, the Board had their second meeting. We then packed our bags, said our final farewells and headed homeward hoping that we'd all have a chance to meet again at a future VFA Reunion.



Fern Sobolewski and
Staci Keenan-
the oldest and youngest

FROM THE STAFF

by Carl Vermilyea

We are a bit late in getting out this edition of the newsletter. The 2001 Reunion and actions stemming from it have put us behind schedule this month. Thank you for your patience.

The 2001 VFA Reunion in Massachusetts, July 13th -15th was very enjoyable. Of the 67 who attended from 18 states (unfortunately, none from Canada attended), 43 were attending their first VFA Reunion. Many indicated they were looking forward to attending future Reunions. And, several volunteered to help our organization in any way they could. (For those of who you did so, your names have not been forgotten!☺) The only down-side to the event was learning of the death of our oldest known living descendant. Gladys Belle Vermilyea Edmond, 103 years of age, who lived in Connecticut and had been looking forward to attending the Reunion, passed away on July 12th; one day before the reunion. Belle's obituary and a report about the Reunion are among these pages.

The Reunion included two very productive Board meetings and a Membership meeting.

During the Membership meeting, one member suggested that we include a column in this newsletter devoted to inquiries. A great idea! In this and future editions, you'll see a section (column) titled "Comments, Inquiries and Answers" (acronym CIA - for obvious reasons; there's no one more skilled at collecting genealogy "intelligence" than Sandra Todd). It will contain Guest Book entries and responses thereto plus any other inquiries, with answers, we receive about our ancestors and/or research resources. Another attendee suggested that we evaluate our Web Sites to determine if there is a better way to administer them and to enhance their appeal. The complexity of doing that makes it a long-range project, which we will do.

The Board discussed many issues during its meetings. Some were resolved on the spot while some need more work. The highlights were:

1. Membership dues for 2002 will be \$12.00, no change from prior years.
2. Dayl Stout, who had been elected to the Board by the Directors in May 2001, was elected VFA Treasurer; assuming those duties from me. Effective immediately, all VFA dues and communications for the Treasurer must be sent to Dayl. His addresses are on the last page.
3. Veronica Theodorakis, who became a Board member in March 2001, was elected VFA Secretary, assuming those duties from Sandra Todd. (See Veronica's introduction, herein.)
4. The Board voted that neither Book I (1998 edition) nor Book II (2001 edition) of "The Vermilyea Family" would be reprinted for at least one year. Whereas the Board recognizes that there will be a near-term demand for more books, producing them is an extreme workload on our Historian, Sandra Todd, and her "assistant," husband John. They have put in countless hours of volunteer time writing, preparing and organizing data for reproduction and then hand-assembling each book; all without compensation. I'm sure that all of you who have copies of the books agree with me that they have done a superb job. They deserve a long break. We will announce in the future when copies will be available.

Several other projects and policies were discussed at the Board meeting. Most require some research and work; therefore, to announce them now would be premature. But, please understand that your volunteer VFA Board is attempting to improve the way we do business and, equally important, are open to all your suggestions on ways we can make this a better functioning and more meaningful organization for you, both members and potential members. If you have suggestions, please pass them to one of the Board members. We want to hear from you!!

NEW MEMBERS



Eleanor F. MacNiven, Cobleskill, NY (#343-II-1c)

Patty (Rethmel) Dunlap, Las Cruces, NM (#1676-II)

Darla Young, Madison, OH (#1088-22) Darla's number is listed incorrectly in Book II as #1088-12. Correction will appear on 2002 Correction Page.

Edith L. Vermilye, Painesville, OH (#1088-5)

Suzanne Vermilya, Portland, ME (#1739)

Jan Gerencer, Muskegon, MI (#1494-VII)

Joan Elaine Vermilya-Naber, Grand Haven, MI (#1494-VI)

Dorothy Seims, Port Jefferson Station, NY (#566-51-III)

Fern Sobolewski, Brooklyn, NY (#566-52)

Richard L. Bush, Los Gatos, CA (#3-I-XX) Richard is in the tenth generation from Johannes.

Sarah Vermilya, Whitney Point, NY (#1702)

Hugh C. Vermilya, Dover, MN (#1506)

"Comments, Inquiries and Answers" (CJA)



This is a new column for our newsletter. It was created as a response to comments and suggestions received during the membership meeting at the 2001 Reunion. We intend to include it in all future editions. It will include comments entered at our Web Site Guest Book, inquiries received from members and answers to those and other questions we receive.

I acknowledge all comments entered in the Web Site Guest Book.

~ Sandra

■ I was asked at the reunion if anyone knew where the book *Riker's Revised History of Harlem (City of New York) Its Origin and Early Annals*, by James Riker, New Harlem Publishing Co., New York 1904 could be purchased. The last known place offering reprints was Clear Field Company Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202. Telephone 410-625-9004. FAX 410-752-8492. (Joanne suggested checking at local libraries for a copy they may be willing to sell.)

■ We have had no response to the "Queries" in our last newsletter from William P. Webb concerning Phebe Vermilya and her father Solomon Vermilya. If you have any documents which verify the linkage of these two ancestors, please notify me.

GUEST BOOK ENTRIES:

07/25/01 from Margaret Cunningham Moore, West Sacramento, CA:

Have been searching for years to find information on this family. Sister of my GGGrandfather Patience Cunningham was wed to Solomon Vermilyea and also have information that Vincent and William Vermilyea married into our family. Am hoping to finally learn about the Vermilyea's and my ancestors. Thank You Margaret

Historian's answers: We have no record of Solomon Vermilyea married to Patience Cunningham. The

only reference I have is the information listed in the *Bull-Benn Family*, on file at the Quinte Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. Since that lists no dates or other information I have not been able to follow up. If you have any dates or other information I would be happy to check further.

07/25/01 from Elizabeth Beske, Bethesda, Maryland:

Jean Vermeille - Isaac Vermeille - Johannes Vermeille - John Vermeille - Abraham Vermilye - William Vermilya - Samuel Vermilya - Edward Vermilya - Sherman Vermilya - Charles Edward Vermilya - Leola M. Vermilya (my great-grandmother). I have dates & many spouses if anyone is interested.

Historian's answer: Yes, we would be happy to add any additional information to our files.

07/23/01 from Gail Kleve, Cave Junction, OR:

The only Vermilyea I knew of when starting to research my family was May Vermilyea Gesaman, my great grandmother. Thanks to Sandra and others I have been able to put together this side of my ancestral tree! (I bought the books!) Great-great grandfather was Joseph Calder Vermilyea, married to Isabella Bassett. Does someone out there have information on his mother, Jane Calder? Hoping to join the 2002 reunion in CA.

Historian's answer: Sorry, I have no records from the Calder family.

06/20/01 from Frankie Boswell Glaze, Gatesville, TX:

Job Vail married Mary Vermilya. They both are from Chenango Co., N.Y. Foote, Beardsley, Vail and Vermilya.

06/16/01 from Christina Vermilyea, Toledo, Ohio:

Alton Vermilyea – Grandfather: I don't know a whole lot about my family history, but I would like to get info. I was really young when my grandparents lived here and then moved to Mississippi, so I don't know a whole lot about my Grandfather (who passed away in August of 1999) and my Grandmother passed away in October of 2000. I think it would be interesting to find out if I have any distant relatives that live in other states besides Ohio or Mississippi.

Historian's answer: I have Alton Vermilyea on file, but not his brother Robert. I list the siblings of Alton as Rosemary, William Vernon, Milo, Audrey, Clarence, Evelyn and James. Please send more information and I will try to help you. (Alton Vermilyea, VV514- Unidentified Families)

06/07/01 from (Ted) Thomas E. Drain, Wood County, Ohio:

William Bert Vermilya married Lillian Drain she is my gg-grandfather's sister....

05/18/01 from Joan Elaine Vermilya-Naber, Grand Haven, MI - Born in Muskegon, MI:

Mother - Dorothea Mae Vermilya. Grandfather was Bruce Paul, Grandmother was Effie Ludlow Dorothea married Charles Wm Stark. I am #6 of 10 offspring.

05/04/01 from Noreen Lillian Bedford Vermilyea Gromowa, Blairsville, Georgia:

Contacted David Vermilyea, from Blue Ridge, Ga. 20 min. away Rena Augusta Vermilyea Bedford (grandmother). I found an add in our local paper for stain glass classes, the instructor was a Vermilyea. I lost the add that I had clipped out and found it almost a year later and called my distant unknown cousins tonight, all this time we were within 20 minutes of each other. It was a great surprise. Hoping to make the North Carolina Reunion. All info and questions welcomed.

MINI REUNIONS

Topeka, Kansas

VFA members Tom (#1672) and Cindy Vermilye and Wayne and Barbara (#1102-I-1) Fernkopf meet for the first time in April to enjoy lunch at the Fernkopf's favorite restaurant and then a visit at their home. They spent the afternoon looking at Riker's book and discussing family history. They had fun viewing a large map that originally hung in the "dog trot" hallway in the Unionville house (see Volume VI, No. 1 pages 3, 4 and 5.) which belonged to Barbara's ancestors Robert Burr and Clementine (Ramsey) Vermilya. The traveling salesmen would draw their routes on it. In the late 1940's, Barbara's uncle lived in Chicago and took the map to Rand McNally, where it was cleaned and restored. It is in very good condition. The copyright date on it is 1833, the printing date 1836. It measures 4'6" by 5'10" so requires a very large wall. Tom and Cindy and Wayne and Barbara who live in Kansas made contact after seeing their names listed in the VFA newsletter.



Barbara Fernkopf and Tom Vermilye



Barbara and Wayne Fernkopf

Salt Lake City, Utah

John and I had the pleasure of meeting VFA members Elizabeth Olsen (#133-1-11-I-10) of Magrath, Alberta, Canada and Kathy White Osmond (#152-1-I-a-aa), of Bountiful, Utah in April while we were in Utah visiting our son and daughter-in-law. Kathy is a Utah native and Elizabeth was also visiting family in Utah. We meet on separate days at the Family History Library, enjoyed "family talk" and lunch.

~Sandra



OBITUARIES

Gladys Belle Vermilyea Edmond (#907)

Cheshire, Conn. Gladys Belle (Vermilyea) Edmond, 103, of Cheshire, Conn., died Thursday, July 12, 2001 in Branford. She was the widow of Leonard Edmond. She leaves a daughter, Janet B. Edmond of Cheshire, Conn.

(Added Note from Sandra Todd): I had the pleasure of speaking on the telephone with Belle on several occasions. She was a very sharp and interesting lady to talk to, most pleasant and informative. She was so excited about attending the Reunion at South Deerfield - she was with us in spirit.)

Claire A. Vermilya (#1486)

Claire A. Vermilya of Onaway died June 3, 2001 at Hospice House in Cheboygan. She was 81. Claire was born December 12, 1919 to Anthony and Bernice (Centala) Szala in Metz. She became the bride of Harlan E. Vermilya on July 29, 1940 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Rogers City. In 1943 they moved from Metz to Onaway, where she remained until her death.

She was the owner and operator of Claire's Beauty Shop for many years. Claire was a National Cosmetology Associate and also authored her autobiography several years ago. She enjoyed flower gardening or any kind, including houseplants.

Surviving are two sons, Harlan J. and wife Sharon of Bay City, and Wayne and wife Karen of Onaway; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harlan E.; daughter, Jean Mary; six brother Phil, Steve, Johnny, Eddie, Norman and David; and five sisters, Mary, Emily, Martha, Hettie and Laurie. Interment is in St. Dominic's Catholic Cemetery in Metz.

Steven T. Vermilye (Unidentified GG1)

Steven T. Vermilye, Gardiner, N.Y., the owner/operator of Shelter Systems Home Inspection Corp., New Paltz, and a 30 year resident of the area, prior to that living in Croton on Hudson, died Tuesday, June 19, 2001 in Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie. He was 54. The son of the late Rodney and Jocelyn Camp Vermilye, he was born January 6, 1947 in Richmond, Va. He was a member of the National American Society of Home Inspectors and the New York Metro Chapter, and served as President of the Hudson Valley Chapter. He was also a member of the Ulster County BOCES Construction Trades Advisory Committee in 1996, New Paltz Downtown Business Commerce, Nantucket Chamber of Commerce, Hudson Valley Builders Assoc., Huguenot Historical Society, Marlboro Yacht Club and a lifetime member of Mohonk Preserve. Survivors include his wife, Jacquelyn Kiser Vermilye at home; one son, Jamie Vermilye of Gardiner, one daughter, Lydia Vermilye of Washington, D.C. and New Paltz; two brothers, David Vermilye of Nantucket, MA and Jon Vermilye of Oswego; one sister, Jan Vermilye of Whittier, CA; several nieces and nephews; and friends Steve Ruelke of New Paltz and Dan Friedman of Poughkeepsie. Funeral services will be held at the Reformed Church of New Paltz. Burial will be private.

OBITUARIES (cont.)

Francis William Vermilyea (#1424-1)

Obituary Oneonta Star, Oneonta, New York — ONEONTA Francis William Vermilyea, 76, of Oneonta, died Friday, July 6, 2001, at his home in Oneonta.

He was born Oct. 29, 1924, in Lexington, N.Y., the son of Leo and Inez (Paterson) Vermilyea. He married his wife, Ethelyn (Brainer), at the Hobart United Methodist Church in Hobart in 1956. In the early 1940s, Mr. Vermilyea was a self-employed farmer in the Hobart area. He also worked at the Hobart Creamery for a short time.

He and his wife, Ethelyn, moved to Oneonta in the early 1950s. There he was employed by the Mobile Van Factory and also worked as a repair technician and truck driver for the Mid-State Coal Company.

Mr. Vermilyea was a member of the Hobart United Methodist Church in Hobart.

He is survived by his wife, Ethelyn (Brainer), at home in Oneonta; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Mary Truax, of New Berlin; daughters and sons-in-law, Louise and Charles McAleese, of Beacon, and Donna and Kimber Madara, of Greene; a brother and sister-in-law, George and Elsie Vermilyea, of New Hartford; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his father and mother, Leo and Inez (Paterson) Vermilyea.

Funeral services will take place on Tuesday, July 10, 2001, at 1 p.m., at the Hobart United Methodist Church in Hobart.

Burial will be at Locust Hill Cemetery in Hobart.

Henry Groves Vermilyea (#1346)

Obituary Sioux City Journal, June 19, 2001 – Henry “Hank” Groves Vermilyea, 67, of Edina, Minn., formerly of Sioux City died Tuesday June 12, 2001, in Edina.

Burial was held in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Mr. Vermilyea was born Oct. 23, 1933, in Sioux City, son of Alfred and Cora (Krommenhoek) Vermilyea. He was district president of the exchange clubs for Iowa, Missouri and Minnesota. He also was a club president for Iowa and Minnesota. He served in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed fishing, golfing and drawing.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter and her husband, Brenda and Jerry Arnett of Texas; a son and his wife Bruce and Monica Vermilyea of Colorado; 14 grandchildren, Brianna, Brook, Brittany, Alyssa, Emily, Michael, Augusta, Sara, Miranda, Mariah, Bryce, Avery, Drew and Henry; two brothers and their wives, Bob and Elizabeth of Oklahoma, and Bill and Audrey of Minnesota; a sister and her husband, Mary and Wayne Kolbe of Sioux City; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Gladys and Leo Eason of Iowa, and Joyce and Ron Bradley of Missouri, and two brother-in-law and their wives Ernie and Jo Ann Fedders, and Larry and Eileen Fedders, all of Iowa.

VERMILYA ON DEAN'S LIST

Emily S. Vermilya (#1916), daughter of Wayne and Karen Vermilya on Onaway, has been named to the dean's list at Western Michigan University for the winter semester of the 2000-2001 year.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average and have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours are eligible for the Dean's List.

A MINNESOTA MINI (Reunion, that is)

~Beverly Bonn Jonnes

In late summer, 2000, after meeting some of our relatives for the first time while working on a genealogy of all Vermilyea's descendants of Avery and Fanny (Mead) Vermilya, my sister, Susie Quella, and I decided other relatives might enjoy getting together, too; so we began to organize a potluck picnic for the next summer.

On Saturday, June 30, 2001, at 11:00 a.m., 47 of us met at East Silver Lake Park in Rochester, MN, for four hours of eating, talking, laughing, and sharing old photographs and other memorabilia—including the cornet that Avery's oldest son David M. played in the Dexter Cornet Band in the 1800s.

Susie and I distributed our genealogy. Ken Schottler and others took group photographs. The weather forecast had been thunderstorms; so we were all grateful that, although it was a very hot day, rain and lightning did not intrude.

The picnic was so successful that Everett Vermilyea has offered to host a similar event in Dexter, MN, next summer. In fact, it is hoped that this keen interest means a national reunion held in Minnesota would draw a good crowd.



June, 2001, Vermilya/Vermilyea Picnic
Rochester, Minnesota

Back Row: L to R: Kate Quella, Bev Jonnes, Maia McDonald, Sara McDonald, Sally Schottler Herstad, Gina Vermilyea, Nelson Jonnes, Alicia Pannkuk, Becky Miller, Julie Jurgenson, Pat Medbery, Bill McDonald, Dwight Medbery, Julie Medbery LaBree, Jim Vermilya, Ann Vermilya, Betty Boelter (hidden), Everett Vermilyea, Thersa Vermilya (partly hidden), Eris Bakker, Wayne Boelter, and Hugh Vermilya.

Middle Row: Seated L to R: Neil Curran (with dog), Susan Quella holding granddaughter Meara Quella-Curran, Steve Pannkuk with Zachariah Pannkuk, Janice Jurgenson and Geraldine Medbery.

Seated on Grass, L to R: Ken Schottler, Christy Schottler with Abby Schottler, Arden Jurgenson, Karen and Mark Jurgenson with Alex, Larissa, & Kalista Jurgenson, Sue Vermilya, Brad and Kim Runyan with Nathan Runyan.

Missing from the picture: Glen Medbery, Kent & Yvette Jurgenson and their children Kody and Kaitlyn Jurgenson.

NEW BOARD MEMBER !

As mentioned in the last edition, we have a new member on our Board of Directors. We asked Veronica to write up a short "self-portrait" so that everyone might get to know her a bit better. She writes:

Hello, I am Veronica Vermilyea Theodorakis. I was honored recently by being elected to the Board of VFA. It means a great deal to me.

I live with my husband on Long Island, NY where I grew up. I have three boys Matthew 24, Andrew 21 and Thomas 17.

My interest in genealogy took flight one morning in February 2000, when I was looking through sites on the Internet, noticed the Vermilyea website and contacted Sandra Todd. She was able to place me in the proper position on the family tree after I gave her the little information I was able to get from my father and the birth certificate that I had from my Grandfather.



My grandfather's father died at a young age leaving his wife and five children without any support. The two oldest were sent to work and the three younger children were placed in an orphanage and later sent on the Orphan Train to Iowa. We had heard stories of "some relatives" living in Iowa and that my grandfather had a sister, but nothing was confirmed until I contacted the Orphan Train Society. They had a picture of my aunt that was used for placement. She looked just like my sister. The Children's Aid Society was also very helpful giving me copies of journal entries that were made about the orphans and their placement.

Through this information I was able to trace my grandfather and his sister and three brothers. I only recently learned what happened to one of my great uncles through a chance posting at the Ancestry.Com web site. My second cousin read my inquiry, wrote back to say that he was related to the "missing" George and filled in many pieces. The irony of the situation is that all of the siblings (with the exception of Lillian who remained in Iowa) lived within a few miles of each other in Brooklyn. Through a series of various family tragedies, they lost touch. My father passed away in September before I was able to complete the search. As our family is so large, and yet so small, I continue to fill in the missing pieces of aunts, uncles and cousins who are in the "unaccounted for" file.

I am eternally indebted to the VFA for helping me find my roots.

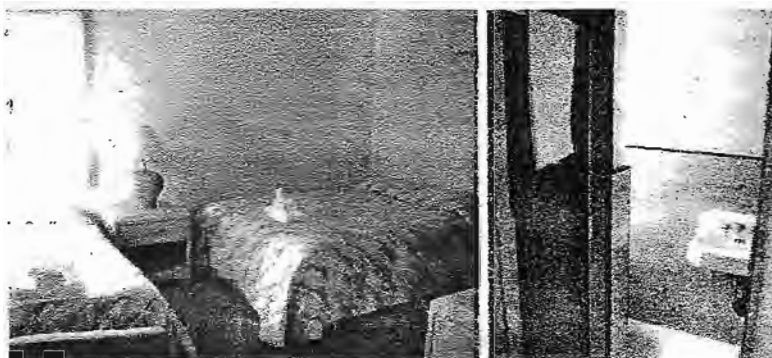
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE 2002 REUNION, SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, CALIFORNIA



Guest Quarters



The Pond



Inside a typical room

THE 2002 VFA REUNION

We are planning to hold the 2002 VFA Reunion on August 19-21, 2002 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista, California.

Breaking with tradition, this reunion will be on a Monday through Wednesday, not a weekend. We selected the dates based on prices and the availability of rooms in this popular, outstanding facility. Very much in demand, the St. Francis Retreat Center already is booked for every weekend from July through September 2002, and, we thought it important to schedule the event during the best weather season and non-school months so that children could attend.

With this schedule, most of you will have to take vacation time to attend; however, it would be very difficult to find a more enjoyable area to spend a vacation. San Juan Bautista is a Mission town and has maintained the look and feel of the old west. It has many antique shops and you may tour through the Mission, old stables, a blacksmith barn, and an old restored hotel. And, with places like the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel and Santa Cruz within an easy drive, the Retreat Center offers a beautiful, serene, relaxing, secure, country setting as a base from which to sightsee and recreate at a comparatively reasonable price. For those with access to the internet (at home, work or at your local library), you may find out more about the Retreat Center at: www.stfrancisretreat.com.

Because this is not a motel/hotel but rather a resort, the Center has set policies covering stays and pricing, and, they want an early and firm commitment. Our Reunion Coordinator (and VFA Board member) Wilma Vermilyer has reached a tentative, verbal agreement with the Center's booking coordinator, that we will use the facility from 4:00 PM on 19 August (Monday) through the afternoon of 21 August (Wednesday), with 20 August (Tuesday) as the primary day of the Reunion. To use the Center for our Reunion, we must have a reasonable number of rooms (loosely defined as 10 to

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NEW VFA TREASURER!

We have changed VFA Treasurer's, again. As a result of our call for volunteers in the last edition, Dayl Stout has stepped forward and been elected by the Board to the Board of Directors and to assume the duties of VFA Treasurer from Carl Vermilyea.

Dayl is the son of Charlotte R. (Vermilya) Stout (#1484). He is a charter member of the VFA having first joined the Association in early 1996. Dayl is one of the Association's most active researchers. His concentrated efforts to identify and obtain information about our earliest ancestors (first five generations) in America and Canada have contributed significantly to our historical records. Dayl and his wife, Jennie, have attended 3 of our 4 VFA Reunions, and, Jennie's donated handicraft works have been hits as prizes for our Reunion raffles.

Starting now, please send your membership dues and communications for the Treasurer to Dayl at: Mr. Dayl Stout,

WHO IS THE ELDEST?

As covered in this edition, our oldest known living descendant, Gladys Belle Vermilyea Edmond, passed away on July 12th. We now want to identify the "new" most senior descendant and descendant spouse. Whereas our records generally contain accurate dates of birth, we are missing many dates of death; therefore, our records, alone, are not a sufficient source to determine who is the eldest among us. We need your help! If you know of any descendant or descendant's spouse, who is over the age of 90, please send that persons name, date of birth and address to our Historian, Sandra Todd. If you know of more than one person over 90, please send the information covering all.

NO ONE WANTS TO TRAVEL?!

In our last edition, we ran an article written by Dyckman Vermilye which suggested organizing a trip to France to tour our earliest known ancestral environs. We've received no response (no feedback) to Dyck's suggestion. Please re-read that article. If you know of anyone who could help set up such a trip, please notify Dyck, Sandra Todd or Carl Vermilyea.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH

As we go to press, we are pleased to announce that we are now sending out 90 copies of this newsletter. That's by far the most ever. Of that 90, 17 families have already paid through year 2002. The VFA Staff thanks each of you for your support.

FUTURE REUNIONS – A CHANGE!

Thanks to Darla Young, Phyllis Waldo and Edith Vermilye who during the 2001 Reunion in Massachusetts volunteered to coordinate a future VFA Reunion, the Board of Directors has changed the Reunion schedule to include an event in northeastern Ohio – in the Painesville-Madison area. Thus, future Reunions are now scheduled as follows: California in 2002, Minnesota in 2003, Ohio in 2004 and North Carolina in 2005.

Names Identifying Persons in the Picture of the 2001 Reunion, Page 13

First (front) Row: left to right: Luke Zukowski (#1080-II-2-1), Poughkeepsie, NY; Mark Rice (#1289-II-1), Cohoes, NY; Christopher Marcus (guest), Sunderland, MA; Andrew Schick (#1080-II-1-a), Sunderland, MA; Olivia Endress (#1731-D), Bloomsberg, PA; Staci Keenan (#1946-II), Jaffrey Center, NH; and Kelly Zukowski (#1080-II-2-2), Poughkeepsie, NY.

Second Row: Virginia Russell (#1407-ID), Avon Lake, OH; Fern V. Sobolewski (#566-5-2), Brooklyn, NY; Olive Miner (#1289), Hendersonville, NC; Eleanor MacNiven (#343-II-1-c), Cobleskill, NY; Pat Zukowski (#1080-II-1), Sunderland, MA; Donald Miner (#1289), Hendersonville, NC; Maribeth Endress (#1731), Bloomsberg, PA; Ed Vermilya (#1459), Canton, PA; Suzanne Vermilya (#1739), Portland, ME; Dyckman Vermilye (#1320), Taos, NM; and Marlene Vermilya (#1462), Canton, PA.

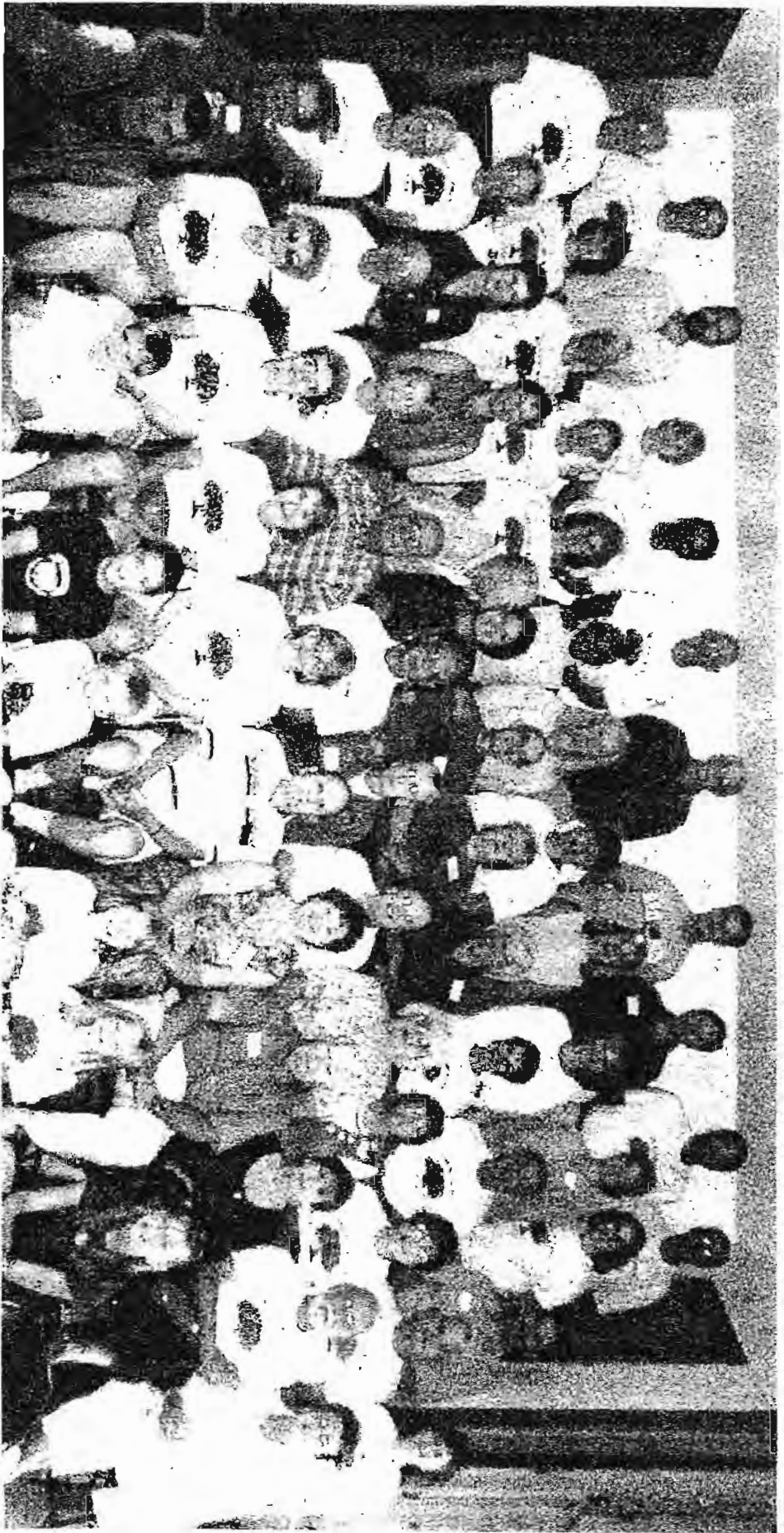
Third Row: Bon Russell (#1407-ID), Avon Lake, OH; Edwin and Janet Vermilyea (#1454), Arkville, NY; Murry Braun (#343-II-1-c), Cobleskill, NY; Dayl and Jennie Stout (#1484-D), St. Clair, MI; Beverly Jones (#1516-D), Stillwater, MN; Edith Vermilye (#1088-5), Painesville, OH; Phyllis Waldo (#1088-8), Windsor, OH; Pat and Jack Vermilyea (#1524), Salem, OR; and Gail Cherochak (#1944), Gaithersburg, MD.

Fourth Row: Linda Vermilyea (#1774), Keene, NH; Jennifer Radigan (#1519-ID), Reston, VA; Nancy and Jeff Sarff (#1519-I), Houston, TX; Susan Quella (#1516-ID), Rochester, MN; Charles and Joanne MacArthur (#1848), Clayton, OH; Joyce Wheeler (#1463), Elmira, NY; Eileen and Robert Perks (#566-5-1-D), Levittown, NY; and Gene Whitum (#1494-D), Grand Rapids, MI.

Fifth Row: Carl Vermilyea (#1774), Keene, NH; Sandra Todd (#1450), Holly Springs, NC; Jan Gereocar (#1494-VIII), Muskegon, MI; Joan Vermilya-Naber (#1494-VD), Grand Haven, MI; Veronica Theodorakis (#566-1-3-2), Stony Brook, NY; Marilyn Vermilyea (#1776), Framingham, MA; Dorothy Seims (#566-5-1-III), Port Jefferson Station, NY; Darla Young (#1088-2-2), Madison, OH; Ann Zukowski (#1080-II-2), Poughkeepsie, NY; Mary Murawski (#1080-II-3), Mahopac, NY; Clare Miner (#1289-ID), Cohoes, NY; and Donna Miner (#1289-D), E. Syracuse, NY.

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Not pictured: David & Susan Peterson (#1246-D), Spokane, WA; Karl Schick (#1080-II-1), Sunderland, MA; and Linda Vermilye (#1083-1), Howard Beach, NY.



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15 rooms) reserved at the Center by October 1st. This will establish our intent to use the Center for our Reunion plus permit anyone who is a day-tripper, or prefers to stay at a motel or camp ground in the area, to join us at the Center on Tuesday. It will also permit us to offer more rooms at the Center for as long as there are vacancies there. Thus, our goal at this point is to have as many of you as possible firmly commit by October 1st to stay at the Center. If we get enough people (rooms reserved) by October 1st, Wilma will then enter into a written contract with Center.

Here are the essential facts which you must know:

1. For the 2 days and 2 nights, the Retreat Center will charge a flat fee of \$300.00 per couple, or \$200.00 per single, which includes room, full board (6 meals per person – with Tuesday's noon meal designated as our "banquet" meal); and, for both days, a snack table (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, coffee cakes, cookies) and a meeting room. There is no reimbursement for missed meals. There are no taxes, tips or other required expenses at the Retreat Center.

2. To make a firm commitment, you must send a \$60.00 deposit to Wilma Vermilyer before October 1st. Make your check payable to Wilma Vermilyer and send it to the address listed in the last paragraph, below. If we do not get sufficient commitments, we will cancel our plans to have the Reunion at the Center and Wilma will refund your \$60.00 before October 30th. If we get enough commitments, Wilma will execute a contract, pay your deposit to the Center and let you know that she has done so.

3. Once your deposit has been turned over to the Center, you are committed to paying the full price for the room - \$240.00 more for a double – on or before May 19, 2002. This payment also must be made payable to Wilma Vermilyer and mailed to her at the address in the last paragraph, below. If, due to an emergency, you are later unable to attend the Reunion, Wilma will make every effort to "sell" or "transfer" your reservation to someone who later registers to attend. If she does that, your payments (deposit plus final payment) will be refunded to you. If you fail to pay the full amount for any reason and Wilma is not able to sell or transfer your reservation, you may lose your deposit. We request that you notify Wilma as soon as possible if you are unable to attend due to an emergency so that she will have time to try to transfer your reservation to someone else.

4. If, based on deposits received by October 1st, we are able to have the Reunion at the Center and you are not among those who reserved by then, you may make reservations later at the Center, as long as rooms are available, or at a nearby motel or camp ground. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3, above, will apply to all reservations at the Retreat Center.

5. We will publish a list of camp grounds and motels in our November issue of this newsletter. Our preliminary survey of decent motels in the area reveals that they charge between about \$85.00 and \$130.00 per night (taxes included) for a double. If you stay at a motel for two nights and purchase 6 meals during that time for 2 people, we estimate your cost will be \$300.00, at a minimum; and, you would not enjoy the same comfortable, safe and convenient environment that the Center has to offer.

6. For those who do not stay at the Center and attend the Reunion only on the primary day, Tuesday, 20 August, charges for meals on that day are below. In addition to the meal(s), these charges cover use of all "on-campus" facilities, the all-day snack table and the meeting hall rental. You may arrive at and depart from the Retreat Center anytime during the day. You must pay the appropriate amount not later than May 19, 2002 by sending a check made payable to Wilma Vermilyer and sending it to the address in the last paragraph, below. The charge is refundable if you cancel anytime before 20 August.

a. For the noon ("banquet") meal only: \$27.00 per person for VFA members. \$32.00 per person for non-members.

b. For 3 meals (there is no rate for 2 meals only): \$40.00 per person for VFA members. \$45.00 per person for non-members.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Wilma Vermilyer. Her mailing address is: Mrs. Wilma Vermilyer,

If you are unable to reach her, please contact other any VFA Board member.

THE VFA

The VFA (Vermilyea Family Association), a not-for-profit, social club 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 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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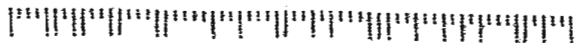
Annual membership dues are \$12.00 (USD) for those who join from November 16th to May 15th and \$6.00 (USD) for those joining from May 16th through November 15th. Please make your check payable to: **Vermilyea Family Association**; and, mail it and, for new members, a membership application to: **Mr. Dayl Stout**,

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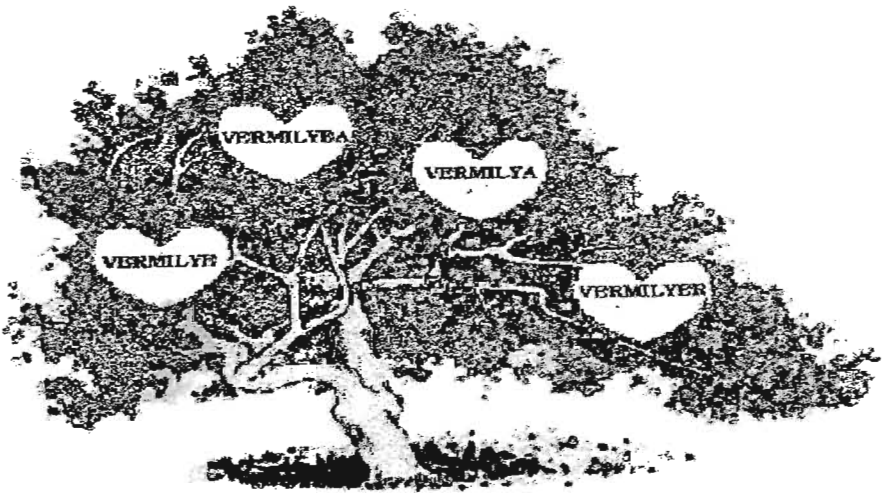
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