

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

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THE 5th VERMILYA/E/EA/ER FAMILY REUNION **July 31st and August 1st, 2003**

You, your family and all Vermilya/e/ea/er descendants are cordially invited to the 5th Vermilyea Family Association Reunion to be held in **Gilroy, California**, on Thursday and Friday, **July 31st and August 1st, 2003**. Mark your calendar!

Why a reunion? Bonding, networking, renewing old friendships, making new ones or just for a good time - call it what you want. Our VFA reunions have been a meeting ground for both acquaintances and strangers, all related in some near or distant way. Whereas the scenario and location of our past reunions have been different, at each second and third cousins have met for the first time, shirttail cousins who live in the same general area have been able to connect their roots and the stories swapped by 1st and 7th cousins, and all those in between, have been priceless. Whether you come just for a day or stay overnight in the area, we are sure you will find this event an interesting and enjoyable experience. Please join us - if for no other reason than to satisfy your curiosity.

Dates: The dates, a Thursday and Friday, were selected for two reasons; better room rates than on weekends and to give attendees the opportunity to visit/tour interesting places on their own during the following weekend. The town of Monterey and the Monterey Peninsular are nearby; the vibrant cities of San Jose and San Francisco are within easy travel distance; and, the environs of Gilroy, itself, are worth exploring. Gilroy will have its annual Garlic Festival on July 25, 26 and 27, the weekend prior to our reunion. For those who might want to attend the Festival, we strongly suggest that you make your reservations as soon as possible and be prepared for heavy traffic and higher prices for your lodging that weekend.

Lodging and Dining: The primary lodging facility will be the Forest Park Inn on Leavesley Road in Gilroy. Attendees are to make their own reservations. For those with Internet access who want more details about this very hospitable facility, we suggest you go to: <http://www.forestparkinn.com/>. Reservations at the Inn can be made immediately. Please be sure to mention you are with the Vermilyea Family Association. The telephone numbers for the Inn are: 1-408-848-5144; or, for California residents only, 1 800-237-7846. Room rates are \$65.00 (plus tax) per room, two queen beds, double occupancy. Other types of rooms and choices, such as King-size beds, etc., are available. If you have special needs, please ask the desk clerks when you call. They can give you rates for various accommodations and services. There are two restaurants conveniently located within easy walking distance: The Black Bear Restaurant shares the same parking lot with the Forest Park Inn, and, Chevy's, a Mexican Restaurant, is located across the street.

R V Parks: There are many RV Parks in the area. As they could fill up fast, it is recommended that you make early reservations. Some you might consider are: Garlic Farm RV Park in Gilroy, Alpine Lake RV Park, Betabal RV Resort and Mission Farms RV Park. These, and others, are listed in RV guides such as Woodall's and KOA.

Travel: Gilroy is located on Route #101 between San Jose and Salinas; look for the Leavesley Road exit from Route #101. For those traveling by airplane, we suggest that you fly into either the San Jose Airport, which is north of and about a 30 minute drive to Gilroy, or, Monterey Airport, a smaller town and airport, southwest of and about a 45 minute drive to Gilroy.

Reunion Registration: Please register for the reunion by completing the enclosed Registration Form. The registration fee for each person who is a VFA member as of May 1, 2003, their spouse and any children residing in their household is \$5.00 per head. For non-VFA members, the registration fee is \$10.00 per head. These fees will be used to pay for the reunion memento (a unique, pin-on, VFA name tag/badge) and to offset some of the cost of the meeting/conference room. All meals, including the banquet, will be Dutch-treat. Please register as early as possible. Late registrations (registration at-the-door) can be accommodated; however, any mementos (name tags) obtained at that time will not have names on them and we may have difficulty obtaining sufficient restaurant reservations.

Displays and Family Records: We will have tables set up where you can display your family memorabilia – family genealogies, scrapbooks, family pictures, research books, etc. Please bring your documents and share them with everyone. Sandra Vermilyea Todd, VFA Historian, plans to attend. She and other researchers will be available throughout the Reunion to assist anyone with constructing their family tree, and, perhaps, finding some long-lost relatives.

Raffle: During the reunion there will be a raffle, the proceeds of which will help to defray the cost of the conference room. 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 the raffle. Please see the registration form.

Tentative Agenda (Final agenda will be announced in the May newsletter):

31 July 2003: Arrival and lodging registration at the Inn. For VFA Board members, a Board meeting. ~~At 5:00 PM some of us will be going to dinner, Dutch-treat, at Chevy's Restaurant.~~ Anyone who would like to join us is welcome. Please so indicate on your registration form. Evening: Gather by the Inn's swimming pool for last minute registrations, receipt of mementos, fellowship and last-minute registrations. (Mementos, without names, will be available for any last-minute registrations.)

1 August 2003: Gather in the conference room for fellowship. Membership meeting in conference room. Dutch-treat Banquet, Chevy's Restaurant. Reassemble in conference room for fellowship. Raffle drawing.

Contacts: Our coordinators for the reunion are Jim and Wilma Vermilyer. If you have any questions of any kind which are not covered by the information above, please contact Wilma at:
Wilma Vermilyer or, e-mail her at:

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the VFA!!

Judith P. Vermilya,
Joanna R. Exacoustos

2003 VERMILYA/E/EA/ER FAMILY REUNION
JULY 31 & AUGUST 1, 2003
GILROY, CALIFORNIA

REGISTRATION FORM

To register for the 2003 Vermilya/e/ea/er (VFA) Reunion, please complete this form and mail it along with your remittance (checks made payable to Wilma Vermilyer) to:
Wilma Vermilyer,

This form and funds must be received by July 1, 2003 to permit preparation of Reunion mementos and make reservations at restaurants.

I will be attending the VFA Reunion on July 31 & August 1, 2003 at Gilroy, California.

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

Other members of my immediate family (spouse and children) who will be attending the Reunion with me (please list names as they should appear on the Reunion name tags):

To assist us in making restaurant reservations, please complete the following:

The number in your party who will attend the Dutch-treat evening meal on July 31st: _____
The number who will attend the Dutch-treat Reunion Banquet on August 1st: _____

Raffle items: I plan to bring one or more raffle items to the Reunion: Yes: _____ No: _____

Reunion Registration Fee: (The registration fee for non-VFA members and those who accompany them is \$10.00 per head. The Fee for each VFA member (as of May 1, 2003), their spouse and any children residing in their household who accompany them is \$5.00 per head.):

Enclosed is our/my registration fee of: \$ _____

Signature

Date

FROM THE STAFF

by Carl Vermilyea

Global warming? Not in Northern New England this winter. As I begin writing this column (end of January), we have just had our second day in three weeks when the 7:00 AM temperature has been above zero and we've had more snow so far this season than we've ever had up to this date. If February and March bring the normal amount of snow for those months, we'll set an all time record. The good news: the skiing is great; the bad news: our heating bills are breaking records.

As you can see from our lead article, the dates and location of our 5th VFA Reunion have been set. We hope that all of you will be able to join us. We had a great time in Oregon a few years ago and are looking forward to another enjoyable West Coast event. Hopefully, we'll see many new faces along with many of you who have attended our other reunions.

And, as Wilma and Jim Vermilyer are in the process of setting up the 2003 Reunion, we are looking ahead to future reunions. As it stands now, we hope to have the next VFA Reunion in Ohio.

As a reminder and for those of you who may have missed it in the last newsletter, Sandra Todd has changed her e-mail address. Her new address is: _____ If you haven't already, please enter it into your computer's e-mail address listing.

Dayl Stout, our VFA Treasurer, has also changed his e-mail address. The new one is: _____ Please also make note of it.

Since the last newsletter, our family research has continued in earnest thanks to the dedicated efforts of several of our members, especially Sandra Todd, Veronica Theodorakis and Dayl Stout. On page 8 is an article by Sandra which announces the identification and "linking" into the family tree several of the families which we have previously had in our "unidentified" list. Progress is being made! In her article, Sandra asks for assistance in researching at several locations. If you can help, please contact her.

Our Armed Forces are again deploying overseas into a dangerous situation. One of our members recently suggested that we show our support of their sacrifices by posting, in this newsletter, the addresses of military personnel who are descendants and, then, encouraging our VFA members to mail letters of support and best wishes to them. We need your help in doing this. If you know of a descendant who is serving with the military, please send their address to me or Sandra Todd so that we may include it in the May newsletter. As many of you veterans know, a letter of support from a relative, closely related or not, means a great deal when you are deployed for battle overseas. And, if you are so inclined, please join me in praying for them and their safety and success. Also, you might want to check with your local American Red Cross Chapter and Veterans' organizations to see if they have activities in support of our deployed Armed Forces in which you can participate.

Since we published our last newsletter, we have lost two VFA members. On November 21, 2002, Nancy (Rosa) Vermilyea passed away after being in poor health for several years. Nancy and her husband, Lynn, joined our Association in 1997 and have attended two of our VFA Reunions. Then, on 23 January 2003, George A. E. Brinkmann departed. George and his wife Gloria (Vermilye) Brinkmann have been VFA members since 1999. We extend to Lynn and Gloria and the children and other members of both families our sincere sympathy and condolences. (See obituaries on page 4.)

IN MEMORY

Our sincere condolences are extended to all those who have recently lost loved ones.



GEORGE A. E. BRINKMANN (VFA #1294A), 83, died Thursday, January 23, 2003 at Blessing Hospital. He was born November 28, 1919 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Ernest and Pauline Engel Brinkmann. On December 30, 1946, he married Gloria Jean Vermilye in Independence, MO. She survives. George graduated from Lane Technical High School in Chicago, IL in 1937. He worked with his father as a general contractor in the Chicago area before enlisting in the United States Navy in 1943. He served with the 90th Naval Construction Battalion, (Seabees), in the Pacific theater for three years. He was selected for Naval Aviation Cadet training in 1945. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture from Kansas State University in 1949. George was a member of American Legion Post #95. He was an active member of the Community of Christ Church in Independence, MO, and served as a Lay minister. He served several congregations participating in religious education and youth work programs. He was a lifetime member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Kansas City and served as President and Board Member for many years. He and his wife, Gloria, owned and operated Brinheim Kennels at Liberty, MO, prior to their move to the Quincy area in 2002. He practiced as an architect in Missouri and Kansas for 39 years, prior to retiring in 1988. He worked for the engineering division of the United States Corps of Engineers in the Kansas City, Missouri office for thirty years. Survivors, in addition to his wife, are 4 children, Dr. Jonathan Brinkmann and his wife Arlaine, Cloud Croft, N.M.; Russell Brinkmann, Liberty, MO; Celeste Eaton and her husband Tim, Quincy; Daniel Brinkman and his wife Julie, Elkador, IA; 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Graveside Services will be at the Mound Grove Cemetery, in Independence, MO. Contributions may be made to Kansas City Parkinson's Association. (Obituary obtained from the Hansen-Spear Funeral Home web site.)

NANCY C. (ROSA) VERMILYEA (VFA #1457), 70, of Baltimore Dr., Orlando, passed away on November 21, 2002. Nancy was born on September 2, 1932 the daughter of Fred and Mildred Rosa in Margaretville, NY. She was the loving wife of Lynn; they were married on August 5, 1951 and moved to Orlando from Syracuse, NY in 1958. Nancy was a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Killarney Garden Club for many years. In addition to her husband she is survived by daughter, Linda LaClaire Clough (Ken) of Brandon, MS; son, Michael (Prudence) of Orlando and daughter Debra Hardy (Walt) of Orlando; and brother, Robert Rosa (Irene) of Pensacola, FL. Nancy was known as Nana to grandchildren, Jennifer and Julie Hardy, Ryan, Katie, Sarah and Timothy Vermilyea and Tyler Clough. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America or Orlando Union Rescue Mission. (Obituary extracted the *Orlando Sentinel*, November 24, 2002.)



GEORGE WESLEY VERMILYE (VFA #687B-10), 98, of Pocahontas, died on October 22, 2002 at Randolph County Medical Center. He was born March 8, 1904, near Hamil, a son of the late John William and Alice Lee (Andrews) Vermilye. He was a retired farmer and Army veteran of World War II. A daughter, Juanita Waltemath, also preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Lila Marie (Stevens) Vermilye of the home; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held October 24. Burial followed in Randolph Memorial Gardens. (Obituary extracted from the *Pocahontas Star Herald*, October 31, 2002, at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com>.)

HELEN E. (PETERSON) VERMILYEA (VFA #1040), 92, of Sioux City, formerly of Lawton, died on January 19, 2003, at a Sioux City nursing home. Services will be at Community Presbyterian Church in Lawton. Burial will be in Banner Township Cemetery. Mrs. Vermilyea was born September 22, 1910, in Lawton, the daughter of Herman G. and Mary H. (Goldsmith) Peterson. She had lived in the Lawton area all her life. She attended and graduated from Lawton High School and received her teaching certificate from what is now known as University of Northern Iowa. She married Earl E. Vermilyea on June 25, 1936, at her mother's home. She taught school and was a homemaker. Mr. Vermilyea died July 28, 1991, in Sioux City. She was a member of Lawton Community Presbyterian Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher and sang in the choir. She was a member of United Presbyterian Women's Club. She was a Cub Scout leader, a 4-H leader and enjoyed gardening, college basketball and family gatherings. Survivors include a son and his wife, Jim and Pat Vermilyea; two daughters, Jane Brief, and Joan and her husband, Larry Henness; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and a daughter, Judith Ann TeSlaa. (Obituary extracted from the *Sioux City Journal*, January 27 2003.)

C I A
"Comments, Inquiries and Answers"



This column includes research tips, comments entered at our Web Site Guest Book, inquiries received from members and answers to questions from both members and non-members. All Guest Book entries and questions are acknowledged by Sandra Todd.

Guest Book Entries:

01/25/03 What is your name? Tina Enslinger

How did you find this Web Site? email from another.

Who is your earliest Vermilyea ancestor? Johannes.

Do you have any comments? Hi, I am looking for information about my daughter's paternal great grandmother's family. Her great grandmother was Ruth Pauline Vermilya Smith. Ruth's dad was Willoughby Vermilya, s/o Harmon C. Vermilya. Any information would be appreciated.

Editor's note: Ruth P. (Vermilya) Smith is VFA #1474. Sandra Todd will provide Tina information about her ancestry.

01/29/03 What is your name? Joanna Vermilye Ruhe Exacoustos

How did you find this Web Site? My daughter found it.

Who is your earliest Vermilyea ancestor? Johannes Vermilye.

Do you have any comments? Thanks for all the hard work on the site.

Editor's note: Joanna is VFA #1317-I.

Research tips:

Do you have French ancestors either directly from France or via Canada? Here are a few basic Internet sites which might assist you in researching your ancestors (note: these sites have been extracted from several reference documents and have not been checked out by the VFA staff):

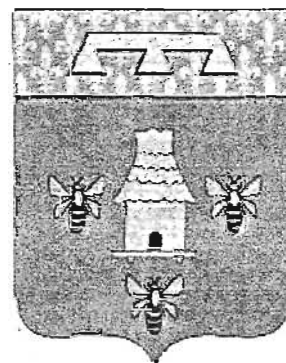
- France:
1. A basic entry point for finding French genealogy: www.familysearch.org (Note: click on "Search and Research Helps," then choose "F" under "Search by Place.")
 2. For French civil records by department (such as marriage records): www.geneactès.org
 3. More than 300 links for exploring French ancestry: www.cyndislist.com/france.htm
- Canada:
1. This site is a general, basic entry point into the genealogy archives of Canada: www.archives.ca
 2. How to find your French Canadian roots: www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/lesson24.htm

THE CREST OF VERMELLES (VERMEILLE), FRANCE

As stated in past editions of this newsletter, research to find where our earliest forefathers resided has led us to the town of Vermeille (now Vermelles), a very small town in the northeastern province/state of Pas de Calais, France. Two of our members have visited the town within the past 15 years and several of our members, using the Internet, have attempted to find out more about it. At the right is the town's crest as it appears on the Internet at a site titled "International Civic Heraldry."

The top quarter of the crest has a medium blue background with symbols in gold. The bottom three-quarters has a red background with gold symbols.

For those of you with access to the Internet who would like to see the actual colors and, perhaps, download and/or print out the crest, we suggest you go to web site: <http://www.ngw.nl/int/fra/v/vermelle.htm>.



MUSIC FOR THE NATION – LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

by Sandra V. Todd

The mission of the Library of Congress is to make its resources available and useful to Congress and the American people and to sustain and preserve a universal collection of knowledge and creativity for future generations. The goal of the Library's National Digital Library Program is to offer broad public access to a wide range of historical and cultural documents as a contribution to education and lifelong learning.

One section of the Library, the Music Division, is named "Music for the Nation." Within it there are over 15,000 pieces of American sheet music which were registered for copyright during the years 1820 to 1860. And, one of the pieces you'll find there is the *Colonel Vermilye's Quick Step*.

The Colonel Vermilye is Washington Romeyn Vermilye (VFA#264). Washington was born in 1810 in New York and died in 1876. With his brother William (VFA #259) he founded the very successful banking house of Vermilye & Company in New York City. One of his passions was the military and in 1830 he enlisted in the 5th Company of the 27th Regiment, New York Militia. He was promoted to Captain in 1833, Major in 1840 and Colonel in 1845. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted as a Private in the 8th Company of the 27th Regiment. After long service in the Regiment, he retired; but, he retained his interest and took an active part in the building of a new armory. He also was a member of the Veterans Association until his death; being at one time it's Colonel.

In 1845, while with the 27th Regiment, one of Colonel Vermilye's subordinates was a musician by the name of Adolphe Kurs. Adolphe wrote a march for cornet band, dedicated it to the Colonel and had it copyrighted the same year as: *Colonel Vermilye's Quick Step*. It was later published by John F. Nunns, 240 Broadway, New York City, New York.

For those of you who are musically inclined and have access to the internet, you may want to see the musical score. You can find it by going to a search engine like "Google" and typing in a search request for "Colonel Vermilye's Quick Step." That will lead you to the Music for America site where you'll be able to find the piano forte and download and/or print out the music.

After I downloaded the sheet music, an accomplished pianist friend of mine played and concurrently made a tape recording of the music. Recently, using basic music software, I was able to transfer the tape recording to my computer. Eventually, my goal is to upload the music (sound) to one of our VFA web sites as background music.

AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE SAILORS --

by Sandra V. Todd



While doing research on Washington Romeyn Vermilye (VFA #264), I discovered evidence of his sailing schooner yacht the *Atalanta*.

As mentioned in the preceding article, Washington was a very successful banker. He was also a member of the New York City Yacht Club. In 1873, he had the *Atalanta*, a centerboard schooner, built for his family by David Carll of City Island, Bronx, New York. Despite its name,

the yacht is not the same one that was defeated in the 1881 America's Cup Race. Preliminary research indicates that pictures of the yacht were painted by two artists, Frederic Cozzens and James E. Buttersworth; the latter considered one of the greatest marine artists to have ever lived.

Buttersworth's 12"x16," unsigned, oil on canvas, painting of the *Atalanta* can be seen at internet site: <http://www.questergallery.com/exhibitions/buttersworth.html>. (A copy of the painting is not included with this article because of copyright concerns.) We understand the painting is valued at over \$20,000.

Hopefully, one of you interested in sailing ships will do some further research on the *Atalanta* and send us an article for this newsletter describing your findings.



THE NATIONAL FILM REGISTRY RECOGNIZES THE WORK OF A VERMILYEA DESCENDANT

by Carl Vermilyea



The National Film Registry of the Library of Congress is intended to ensure that films are preserved for all time. It is not an endorsement of a film's ideology or content but rather recognition of its importance in American film and cultural history and history in general. In 2002, 24 films were added to the registry, bringing the total to 350. One of the films selected last year was *The Black Stallion*, the 1979 adaptation of Walter Farley's children's classic story by film maker Carroll Ballard.

Why mention all this? Because, Walter Farley is a descendant! His mother was a Vermilyea. Walter Lorimer Farley (VFA #FF-2-1-I), born on June 26, 1915 in Syracuse, New York, was the son of Isabelle L. Vermilyea and Walter Patrick Farley. As an adult, he lived in New York City where he did his writing. In addition to penning *The Black Stallion*, Walter wrote 20 more books about horses. They are:

<i>The Black Stallion</i>	<i>The Black Stallion's Courage</i>
<i>The Black Stallion Returns</i>	<i>The Black Stallion Mystery</i>
<i>Son of the Black Stallion</i>	<i>The Horse Tamer</i>
<i>The Island Stallion</i>	<i>The Black Stallion and Flame</i>
<i>The Black Stallion and Satan</i>	<i>Man o' War</i>
<i>The Black Stallion's Blood Bay</i>	<i>The Black Stallion Challenged!</i>
<i>Colt</i>	<i>The Black Stallion's Ghost</i>
<i>The Island Stallion's Fury</i>	<i>The Black Stallion and the Girl</i>
<i>The Black Stallion's Filly</i>	<i>The Black Stallion Legend</i>
<i>The Black Stallion Revolts</i>	<i>The Young Black Stallion</i> (written with son,
<i>The Black Stallion's Sulky Colt</i>	Steven Farley)
<i>The Island Stallion Races</i>	

Many of these books are still in print and can be found at or ordered by you local book store. They make a great gift for children and grandchildren. My granddaughter has read two of them and, for Christmas, I gave my grandson another in the series. When I informed them that the books were written by a "distant" cousin, it energized their interest in reading.

AND THE NEWS IS: SOME HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED!

by Sandra V. Todd

As many of you know, there is an on-going effort on my part to identify and connect everyone who spells their surname Vermilya/e/ea/er – and to try to determine if those who spell the name Vermilyen are related to the rest of us. Progress is being made, but in baby steps to say the least. Thanks to the help of Veronica Theodorakis, Dayl Stout and others we are moving ahead. I have also contacted several of you to do some “lookups” in your community. Thanks in advance for your help.

I am happy to report that the following family members previously listed as “unidentified” have been linked into the family tree:

1. Andrew J. Vermilyea, previously VFA #E, has been identified as VFA #140. The information came from his death certificate received from Lyons, New York, in December 2002.

2. Charles B. Vermilyea, previously VFA #I, has been identified as the son of John J. Vermilyea (VFA #FF) of Syracuse, New York. (See below for new information discovered for John J. Vermilyea).

3. John Vermilya, previously VFA #HH, is VFA #448. This was a real surprise to me and a simple piece of information supplied the clue. While searching on the Internet, I came upon a site that listed excerpts from *The Record*, Tioga County, New York, Thursday, May 10, 1888. One entry stated: “John Vermilya, of Elmira is a guest of his brother, Abram Vermilya, today.” As I had been at the Historical Society in Tioga County before and remembered the day my husband and I approached the Evergreen Cemetery (which I must say is nothing short of a tremendous “ski slope”) looking for the family graves of Abram Vermilya (VFA #451), I knew this was good information. Since we have never been able to locate family information for Abram’s brother, John, it was great to find that he had been in my files all along as VFA #HH. Interestingly, we had two unidentified John Vermilya’s in Elmira, New York. The mystery was solved, however, when I discovered that John T. Vermilya (VFA #H) was deceased by 1888. Thus, the other John Vermilya (whose middle initial is listed as J., L. and S. in various census records) in Elmira was our VFA #448. He was last reported in that city in 1900; however, we still do not have his date of death or know the reason for the confusion on his birth location. Because his father, Abram Vermilya, who lived in Delaware County, New York, died when John was about 7 years old, it is possible that he was brought up by family members and at some point was taken to Connecticut. We do know from a 1904 letter written by his brother, Avery Vermilya, that after their father’s death Avery was brought up by his grandmother Phebe (Husted) Vermilya in the Roxbury, New York, area. So, we surmise that, like Avery, John was raised by another family.

4. Harley J. Vermilyea, previously VFA #T, has been identified as #133-1252, a son of Wendell Vermilyea.

5. Some very exciting information has been discovered in Syracuse, New York. Veronica Theodorakis, who occasionally has some time to research while visiting her son who is attending college in Syracuse, has been searching for information about three “unidentified” families who are listed as having resided in that city. They are: George W. Vermilyea (VFA #S), John J. Vermilyea (VFA #FF) and Judson Vermilyea (VFA #JJ). We are currently trying to obtain copies of death certificates that will hopefully provide us with the information needed to identify and link George W., John J. and Judson into our tree. We have determined that John J. Vermilyea is the great grandfather of Walter Lorimer Farley, the author of many children’s books. (Please see the article in this edition about the National Film Registry.) I know I (a big enthusiast of horse stories) have read at least a few of these books, but alas – childhood was long ago!!! John J. was also an interesting person; his obituary notes he was “in his day one of the

best marksmen in the country.” And, another newspaper article tells that his son Fred took him woodcock hunting on his 81st birthday. He fired two shots, and brought home two birds. John died February 9, 1916 at age 87.

6. David Vermilya, VFA #452: Veronica discovered while researching at the New York Public Library in New York City a death record for Herbert M. Vermilya. His parents are listed as David and Helen (Dietz) Vermilya. This confirms that the Helen Vermilya, with daughters Susan and Sarah listed on the 1850 Federal Census at Albany, New York, is indeed the wife (who also is shown with the name Leney Dietz) of David Vermilya and that the third child not listed on this census record is Herbert M., who died February 18, 1911 at Manhattan, New York. This family has now been added to the Sixth Generation.

7. Archibald Roderick Vermilyea, VFA #A: I reordered the Death Certificate for Archibald from the Kansas office of Vital Statistics in Topeka, Kansas on January 2, 2003. My first attempt in 1999 was unsuccessful due to wrong death date. Family members believe his father is Edward Vermilyea, a photographer, and that Edward was still living in 1882. Searches on the 1880 Federal Census have not been successful.

8. Barnabas (Charles Barnabas) Vermilyer, VFA #F: Our research to link Barnabus to the family tree continues. The earliest record we have of him is from *The Marriage Register of Upper Canada/Canada West, Volume 7, Part Newcastle District, 1810-1848*, which lists his marriage as occurring in August 1841. Contacts have been initiated with the Cummings, Ruttan, Henry and other families connected with the Vermilyea families living in that area of Canada in the 1840's to see if they can help identify his family.

We still have a long way to go to include all our families, but each time we can add another branch to our tree or discover another family line it reminds us of our roots - a family that we should all be proud to be a part of.

Below I have listed a few areas of the country where we need research help. Get out and enjoy yourself, volunteer to research in one of these places. Spending a few hours at a research library is an interesting and exciting way to learn more of the history of your area and maybe your extended family. Please let me know if you can assist us in any of these locations.

Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio
Kane County, Illinois
Geneva County, Illinois
Kendall County, Illinois
Sullivan County, New York

Schenectady County, New York
Chemung County, New York
Wayne County, New York
Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada

DEAR ANCESTORS

(Author unknown. From the Frontenac County, Ontario, Canada GenWeb Site)

Your tombstone stands among the rest
Neglected and alone.

The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marble stone.

It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born.

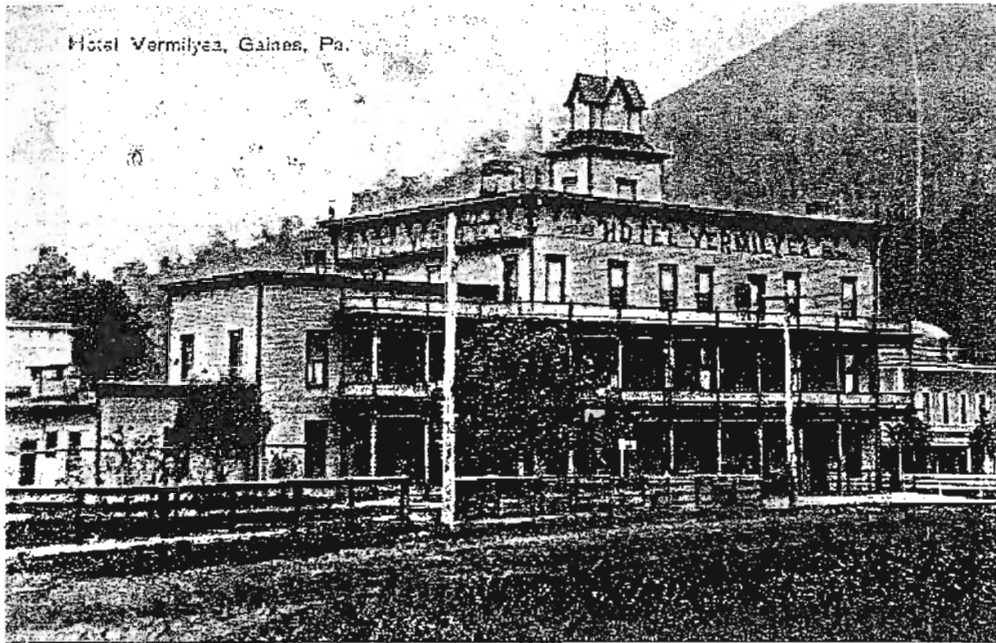
Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone,

Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved.
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
and come to visit you.

HOTEL VERMILYEA, GAINES, PENNSYLVANIA



Hotel Vermilyea,

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One of the Largest and best appointed
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BEAUTIFUL DRIVES, ————— ❄️

FAVORITE SUMMER RESORT..

A. F. VERMILYEA, Proprietor.

In 1860, Horace C. Vermilyea (VFA #367) who had been leasing another hotel since 1855, built the Izaak Walton House on the site of what eventually became the Hotel Vermilyea. It was noted as a resort for hunters and fisherman. He kept it until his death in 1878, when, it appears, he was succeeded, first, by his son Adelbert (#680) and, later, by his son William (VFA #681). In 1889 the hotel was destroyed by fire and William proceeded to rebuild, erecting on the same site one of the finest and most complete hotels in the county. When William died from an accident in 1894, his widow leased the business to Mr. W. L. Herron. The above picture and advertisement are from 1899. (Contributing source: rootsweb.com)

THE VFA

The Vermilyea Family Association (Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea, Vermilyer), or VFA for short, a not-for-profit, social club staffed by volunteers, was established on November 27, 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 to our Historian your family research findings plus stories, histories and information about your family, ancestors and descendants. 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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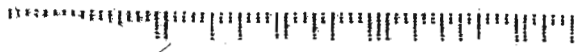
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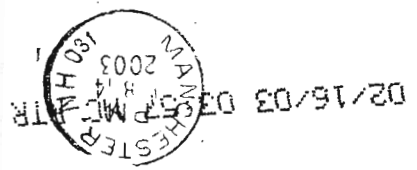
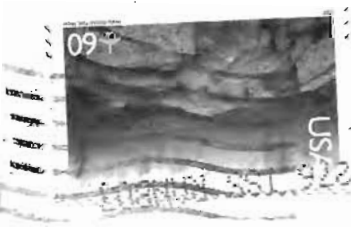
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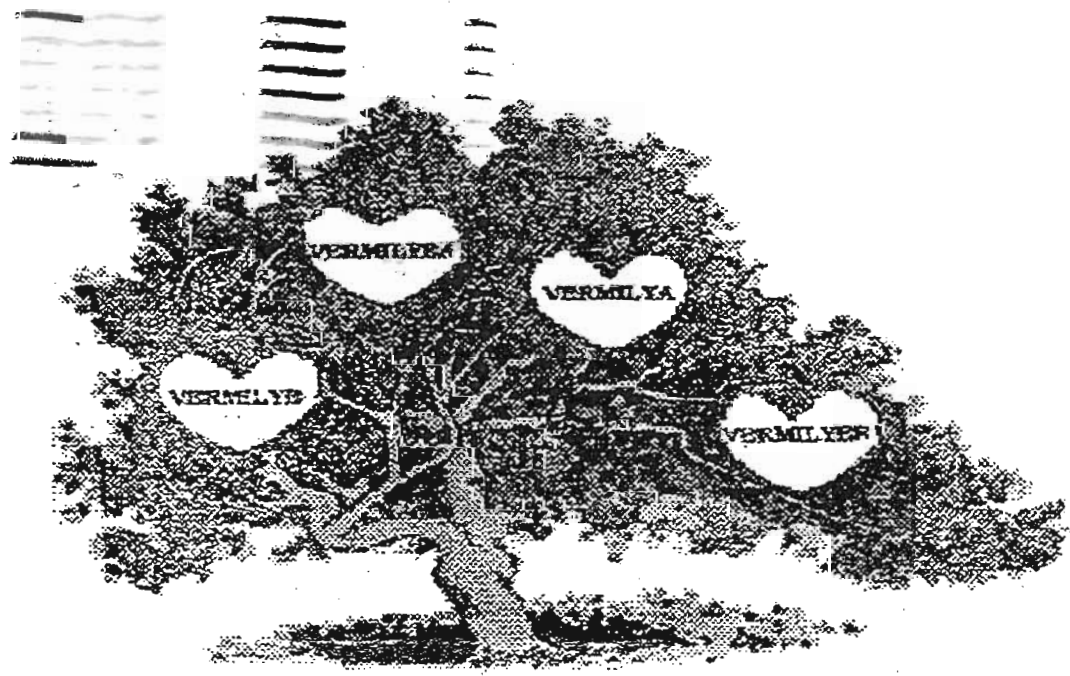


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