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VERMILYA/E/EA/ER PLACES

VERMILYEA PASS, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

By Carl Vermilyea

The area southwest of Fort Wayne, where Vermilyea Pass is located, has undergone an incredible amount of development over the past 12 years. The building surge was still in progress when my wife and I visited in August 2003. There are new homes, schools, churches, shopping centers and roads throughout the area where once there were only large produce farms and some woodlands. Vermilyea Pass is now a residential street in an upscale neighborhood within this extensively developed area.

Directions to Vermilyea Pass: Take Route 69 to Fort Wayne. Exit at Route 14 (Exit 105). Go west (away from the city) to the first traffic light and take a left on Hadley Road. At about .9 of a mile, take a right on Covington Road. Drive about 2 miles and off to your right will be Scott Road. Take your next left (no street name sign) onto a short access road which "T"s at Bayless Lane. You may take a left or right on Bayless Lane and eventually you will end up on Vermilyea Pass which is one of four roads which make up a semi-rectangle off the access road. On the short sides of the rectangle are Bayless Lane on the north and Vermilyea Pass on the south. On the long sides are LaBalme Trail on the west and Covington Lake Drive on the east.

Entering the development, we found a community of very fine homes in a moderately heavily wooded area. Whereas it is not gated, there is a sign along the access road which states that the neighborhood is patrolled. The four roads mentioned above have been realigned and are now narrow, twisting two lane roads which meander through the complex and intersect with one another so as to give the appearance they are all one road. Throughout the neighborhood, homes of various construction styles blend in attractively with their environs. All have professionally installed landscaping, manicured lawns and sit a good distance back from the roads on lots that appear to be three or more acres each. Vermilyea Pass is about 2/10ths of a mile long and has seven homes along its length. Usually, I attempt to get a picture of the Vermily— street and the buildings along it. Here, the homes are set back so far and the road curved so much that doing so was impossible; and, in any case, this is not an area where I was comfortable driving into and taking pictures indiscriminately. In the center of the area bounded by the roads is a lake which runs east to west and covers about 20 acres. As with the land around the homes, the banks of the lake have a manicured appearance. Jesse Vermilyea (VFA #395) is known to have owned vast amounts of land (over 1600 acres) in the area and it is assumed that Vermilyea Pass is named after him; however, this has not been confirmed with local officials.

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Street sign for Vermilyea Pass at its junction with Covington Lake Drive

FROM THE STAFF

by Carl Vermilyea

Despite the recent holiday season, the VFA staff's work didn't slow up very much. Dayl Stout was very busy receiving and processing memberships for 2004; Darla Young, our 2004 Reunion coordinator, spent a great deal of time coordinating and setting up the event; Joanne MacArthur, who was also in the process of moving to a new home (see her new address on the VFA page, herein), somehow found time to update the VFA web site; and, Sandra Todd continued to discover and accumulate new information covering our ancestors and worked on her web site.

Darla has done a great job on the 2004 Reunion. We have included the invitation and registration form in this edition. There is no doubt that it is in an ideal location and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in Madison, Ohio, for the weekend of July 31st. We will repeat the invitation and registration form in May's edition of this newsletter; however, we suggest that reservations for rooms be made early to take advantage of the deep discount that Darla was able to negotiate with the Comfort Inn under their block-booking plan. And, the earlier you can get the registration form into Darla, the better - for her planning efforts.

For those of you who have access to the internet, I suggest you visit Sandra's "Reunion" web site and the VFA web site maintained by Joanne. The addresses for both are on the VFA page. Joanne has updated her site to facilitate e-mailing the Association and getting quickly to Sandra's site. Sandra, with help from her son John, has added a lot of information including "slide" shows of past reunions to her site. And, those of you who don't have one of the books Sandra published a few years ago will find the "Vermilyea Book" (the first six generations) at her site both interesting and informative.

In the past two newsletters, we asked members to submit any information they may have about descendants with the Vermilya/e/ea/er surname who were, or are, veterans. Thanks go out to Dyckman W. Vermilye, Jay J. Vermilya and John B. Vermilya for their input covering WW I and WW II veterans in their families. Slowly, our veterans list is growing. Hopefully, one of these days we'll be able to put the listing in an appropriate format which can be printed. Meanwhile, we want to add to the list. If anyone else would like to contribute information, we'd welcome it (please send it to me). And, if you are curious about one of your veteran ancestors, please let me know and I'll send you information from the file.

This year, the staff wants to start looking into the feasibility of putting the newsletter in a PDF and e-mailing it to those who wish to receive it that way. There are many issues (advantages, disadvantages, costs, capabilities, administrative requirements and security) which we must consider if we are to have, simultaneously, both an e-mail delivery system and a postal delivery system - the system we have always had and will continue for those of you who must or prefer to continue to receive the newsletter via postal. We are going to take our time doing this study with the objective of having some decisions in place by the end of this year. We will keep you posted.

We are always looking for interesting articles for this newsletter. You can help. Many of you have family stories which have been passed down to you through the generations and which would be of interest to our readers. And, while researching, I suspect that some of you have found interesting anecdotes about "Vermily—" families. Please consider writing up an article(s) and sending it to Sandra Todd (e-mail or postal).

And, finally, please pass the word about the reunion on July 31st and the VFA. New members are always welcome and we are looking forward to seeing you at the reunion.

When a Cousin helps a Cousin...

By Sandra Vermilyea Todd

I've received E-mails from a number of you concerning items you've found on eBay and thought were of particular interest to our family. I thank you for this I have recorded the information in our family files.

Back in October I got one such E-mail from Linda Sladek. Linda attended the 1999 Reunion in Oregon. She has sent me several notes about family memorabilia that appeared on Ebay, this particular time a letter written to Millard Fillmore, who at the time (1848) was New York State Comptroller. Two years later he was elected President of the United States. The hand written letter from William Stone of Clyde, New York dated March 22, 1848, was written on behalf of William Vermilyea concerning his Revolutionary Pension file. It sounded very interesting to me. I envisioned a letter full of details about his family, maybe even the names of his children. Since I am not that familiar with eBay, I called Veronica Theodorakis who I knew had the experience and asked her about bidding on the letter. I had seen a price listed of \$7.50 and thought that perhaps one may need to go as high as \$20.00. Veronica straightened me out on how things work there, and the fact that the price was indeed beyond \$7.50, but she would look into it. We discussed her strategy; she had a little more than 24 hours to make her move. I contacted Linda and told her we were going to try for the letter. I checked back several times during the 24 hour period, I couldn't tell a thing!!! I did know enough to see that there was bidding going on. To make a long story short – Veronica won, we have the letter. It seems that Veronica had to bid against people who had an interest in collecting items about former Presidents, stamp collectors – interesting since there is no stamp – guess that is a thing in itself, and a person who collected items concerning problems with Revolutionary Pension files. It took a bid of \$71.00 to win the letter, but all is well, Veronica is thrilled to own a piece of our family history from 1848. William Vermilye (old #60, new #54) is the great great great grandfather of Joe Vermilye who was up until the time of his death (August 10, 1999), President of the Vermilyea Family Association. He was also one of the organizers, very interested in his family history, and would be thrilled to know about the letter. Joe always felt that there were no descendants other than he and his siblings of William, but recent research proves there were other descendants of Jacob and Lydia (Miles) Vermilyea.

Unfortunately the letter does not include the family information we hoped for, but it is still a wonderful piece of our family history encouraging us to search further.

Below are the contents of the letter as I transcribed.

Clyde 22 March 1848

Hon Millard Fillmore

Sir

I write in behalf of an aged Pensioner of the Revolutionary War who has from some capricious decision of the Commissioner of Pensions been deprived of his pension Mr. William Vermilyea to obtain your official certificate of such evidence of his services as the records of your office may afford together with the names of the commanders of Company & Regiment in which he served He says his captain's name was Pinckney then of the Colonels Honeywell but he cannot give the christian name of either Let the certificate state the date of enlistment & kinds of service and the names of the officers corps and such other facts as appear from the records He is poor and if he can get himself reinstated it will keep him from the county poorhouse I am desirous of aiding him as far as in my power and hope you will be willing to aid in the effort as far as can be done.

*I remain yours truly
Wm Stone*

SubCertificate_B. He has been suspended after having received his pension for some sixteen years

(Notes written on the letter: Wm Pinckney Ens 26-122 Joseph Pinkney 1st 26 161
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He says his Captain's name was Pinckney that of the Colonel Knowlton but he cannot give the Christian name of either But the certificate states the date of enlistment & kind of service and the names of the officers corps and such other facts as appear from the records

He is poor and if he can get himself reinstated it will keep him from the country poor house I am desirous of aiding him as far as in my power and hope you will be willing to aid in the effort as far as can be done

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HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR TRACK

(Extracted from: <http://belfast.VillageSoup.com/Sports/Story.cfm?storyID=19948>. Photos by Ken Waltz.)

“BRUNSWICK, Maine, January 10, 2004

“Lion Pole Vaulter Soars Above Competition

“Belfast Area High School’s Brett Andrews proved again Friday night he is among the state’s most talented pole vaulters. At an indoor high school track meet at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, the Lion senior cleared 12 feet 6 inches to finish first. He just missed in his attempt to clear 13 feet.”

(VFA Editor’s Note: Brett is the son of Lynne O. (Vermilyea) Andrews, VFA #1777.)



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2004 VERMILYA/E/EA/ER FAMILY REUNION

July 31, 2004

Bill Stanton Park, 5585 Chapel Road, Madison, Ohio

You, your family and all Vermilya/e/ea/er descendants are cordially invited to the 2004 VFA Reunion at Bill Stanton Park in Madison, Ohio, on Saturday, July 31, 2004. The Park, about 35 acres, is on the shore of Lake Erie and has breathtaking views. There is a handicapped accessible Banquet Hall, which will be the primary meeting-gathering place for the reunion. For more information about the Park, go to internet site: http://www.madisontwp.org/parks/bill_stanton_community_park.htm.

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 location and events 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.

Reunion Coordinator/Point of Contact: The Coordinator for the reunion is Darla (Vermilye) Young. If you have questions of any kind which are not covered by the information below, please contact Darla at telephone:

or, e-mail her at:

Travel Directions (Getting There):

1. For those traveling by plane, we suggest that you fly into Cleveland Hopkins Airport which is about a 50-minute drive from Madison. From the airport, make your way to Interstate Route I-90 and travel east.
2. Madison is located on Route #528. From the East, exit I-90 at the Madison exit (Route #528) and turn right (north). From the West, exit I-90 at the Madison exit and turn left. Proceed about 9/10ths of a mile to the Madison Village Park. Turn right at the traffic light, go one block and turn left at the next traffic light. You are still on Route #528. Drive 3.5 miles (traveling northerly). At the 3rd traffic light, turn left (westerly) onto Chapel Road. In about 2 miles, you will see the Park’s entrance on your right.

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UPDATES ON A FEW OF OUR NOTABLE RELATIVES

Harold Vermilyea - #984. His family has been removed to Unidentified as there is a question concerning the facts on Harold's Great Grandfather Peter Vermilyea as presented in Book I.

Harold who is among the most famous of our family members, having been a very well known actor on stage, screen, radio and early television in the 30's, 40's and 50's was born October 10, 1889 in New York City. He also served as a captain in the United States Army in World War I and was a secretary to United States Senator Robert L. Owen. He died January 8, 1958 at New York City, and is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, New York. If you are interested in seeing his work, many of his movies are available on VHS, one of the most popular, *Sorry, Wrong Number* is also available on DVD.

Movies that Harold Vermilyea appeared in, followed by the name of the character that Harold portrayed:

Miracle of the Bells (1948) ----- (Nick Orloff)
Sorry, Wrong Number (1948) ----- (Waldo Evans)
The Emperor Waltz (1948) ----- (Chamberlain)
Gentleman's Agreement (1947) ----- (Jordan, personal manager)
O. S. S. (1946) ----- (Amadeus Braun)
The Sainted Sisters (1948) ----- (Lederer)
Beyond Glory (1948) ----- (Raymond Denmore, Sr.)
The Big Clock (1948) ----- (Don Klausmeyer)
Manhandled (1949) ----- (Dr. Redman)



Harold Vermilyea (right) in "Sorry, Wrong Number"

CORRECTION

In our last newsletter, we listed 2003 members and their addresses. The address for John and Ruby Vermilya was incorrect. Correct address: John B and Ruby O. Vermilya, 69333 E. Palm Cyn Drive #181, Cathedral City, CA 92234.



NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following who have joined the VFA since the last newsletter was published.

Doris F. and Kelsay G. Darst,
Sally S. Herstad,
Max E. and Wanda Schottler,
Carol L. Reel,
Eugene and Nancy Vermilvea,
Joe M. Vermilyea,

GUEST BOOK



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What is your name? "Virginia Murders"

Where are you from? "California"

How did you find this Web Site? "Google"

Do you have any comments? "I am not related to this family line but as part of a school history project I asked if I could do something different for my project such as research the family history of my favorite history teacher Thomas Hughes. After a lot of research I find that he was related to Johannes Vermilyea and then I chanced upon this site and It has helped me a lot so I'd to say thank you and also say that My former teacher will probably come in contact with the association if you could allow it. Thank you, I will print off the information he will need."



Still Unidentified

By Sandra Vermilyea Todd

Check out the information below, if any of the names or locations sound familiar please get in touch with me. These families have been researched extensively, however their parents names are still unknown, any help would be appreciated.
Sandra

Albert Vermilye, (Correct spelling? Parents Unknown) born December 1826 in New York State, married Mary _____ who was born January 1831 in New York State. He died April 24, 1906, she died _____, her will dated September 1925. They lived at Glens Falls, Warren County, New York. He was butcher. They had children. It is not know if they have living descendants.

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Article appearing in The Times Recorder, Zanesville, Ohio, March 21, 1952
"HAM" USES OLD TUBE

West Hartford Conn. — Irving Vermilya, 61, one of the veteran "ham" operators in the United States, has run one transmitting tube for 16 years. A amateur since 1901, his call letters are WIZE, according to the American Radio League. He operates out of Mattapoisett, Mass.
Irving Vermilya is #941.

BROOKLYN'S STEEPLE CLIMBER.

#288 Benjamin Franklin Vermilyea

**B. F. Vermilye One of the Few Who Is
Never Dizzy at Any Altitude.**

The scarcity of the supply, coupled with the urgency or constancy of the demand, usually operates to enhance the value of special ability. The ability to ascend to great heights with ease and safety is perhaps not so rare as genius, but it is still rare enough to be possessed by only comparatively a few. Most men lose their heads completely at great elevations.

Brooklyn counts among her citizens one of the cleverest steeple climbers in the United States. Mr. B. F. Vermilye, although but 45 years of age, has followed the vocation of a roofer for thirty years. Hempstead claims the honor of his birth, and the Ackleys of that town are his uncles. Mr. Vermilye has been successively employed by all the leading roofing concerns in the city. His ability to reach great heights without danger has been a gradual acquisition. He began when about 15 years old, mounting what he would now consider low elevations, and step by step attempting higher and higher altitudes as experience gave him increasing confidence. Through his present connection with the firm of Shierer & Van Alsteen it recently became his duty to climb the steeple of the Lafayette avenue Presbyterian church, upon which repairs are now in the course of completion. This is one of the highest steeples in the city, having an altitude of 195 feet. Ascents of this kind are made by Mr. Vermilye in a boatswain's chair, which is merely a board seat sustained by ropes. This is run to the desired height by a pulley operated from the ground. Unlike most people, Mr. Vermilye retains his coolness in midair with the ease and confidence of a man on terra firma. Even at the most dangerous elevations he is able to keep his seat without effort and to keep at his work as steadily and effectively as those employed far below him.

Church steeples and ventilators periodically require attention and repairs, and, accordingly, this is not the first time that Mr. Vermilye has had occasion to become acquainted with the Lafayette avenue church steeple. So strong and irresistible are the impulses of fear that if a man were taken with fright he would fall out of a boatswain's chair, even though securely tied to his seat. Generally speaking, it is dangerous for those occupying elevated positions to look down. A glance below unsettles the mind and tends to cause dizziness. Mr. Vermilye, however, can look down or up with equal unconcern. All he asks is that the scaffolding upon which he stands or the chair on which he is sitting should be secure. As long as his footing or seat are all right, he fears no harm.

It is his invariable rule to supervise the construction of all scaffolding himself, so that there can be no doubt of its safety. He takes pride in recalling the fact that no scaffolding of his ever gave way. Although quite free from apprehension on his own account, Mr. Vermilye is still in a state of constant alarm while at work on the steeple. Persons, and especially children passing along the street below, are continually stopping just underneath him. It sometimes happens that pieces of the slating or other material fall to the street, despite the care of the workmen. Should any person be struck by one of these falling pieces the injury might be very serious, and Mr. Vermilye is constantly apprehensive of such an occurrence.

As the number of men who are competent to climb steeples is so exceedingly small and no concern is willing to apply to another for help of this kind, it often happens that steeple climbers from Boston, Albany and other cities come to Brooklyn and New York to undertake jobs of this kind.

Brooklyn Eagle

April 14, 1895

IN MEMORY

William J. Ruhe, 88, (#1317) of McLean, Va., died Nov. 4 in his home. He was the husband of Carol (Vermilye) Ruhe for 62 years. He was editor of the *Submarine Review* and before that corporate director of marine programs for submarine manufacturer General Dynamics Corp.

A retired Navy veteran, he was a submarine captain, and completed his World War II duties in command of the *Sturgeon* and received three Silver Stars and the Navy Unit Commendation. He also served on surface vessels and the submarines *S-32*, *Sea Dragon* and *Crevalle*. He served as commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Center, Allentown. Captain Ruhe was an author. His first book "War in the Boats: My WWII.

Submarine Battles," resulted from a journal he kept, recording eight patrols against the Japanese in the South Pacific. He was also one of Tom

Clancy's technical advisers for "The Hunt for Red October."

He was a member of the Society for the Preservation of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America in Allentown and Virginia. A member of American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, he wrote a song titled, "Take her Down" for the submarine service. He also wrote, "Slow Dance to Pearl Harbor: A Tin Can Ensign in Prewar America."

Before his navy service, Captain Ruhe attended the University of Pittsburgh, where he did a tap dance routine with Gene Kelly. Later, he attended the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1939.

Memorial services 11 a.m. Jan. 5 in Fort Myer Chapel, Arlington Cemetery, Va. Arrangements, National Funeral Home, Falls Church, Va. (Obituary from the Naval Submarine League Newsletter at <http://www.navalsubleague.com>)

Hertilda Mae "Terri" Vermilyea (#1346), age 66, of Edina, unexpectedly Nov. 5, 2003. Preceded in death by husband, Henry. Survived by daughter, Brenda (Jerry) Arnett, and son, Bruce (Monica) Vermilyea; grandchildren, Brianna, Brook, Brittany, Alyssa, Emily, Michael, Augusta, Sara, Miranda, Mariah, Bryce, Avery, Drew, Henry, and Brendan; sisters, Gladys (Leo) Eason, and Joyce (Ron) Bradley; brothers, Ernie (JoAnn) Fedders, and Larry (Eileen) Fedders; sister-in-law, Mary (Wayne) Kolbe; brothers-in-law, Bob (Elizabeth) Vermilyea, and Bill (Audrey) Vermilyea. Many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service Monday, Nov. 10th at 11 a.m. at the Werness Brothers Funeral Chapel, 2300 W. Old Shakopee Rd, Blgmn. Visitation Sunday (TODAY), 5-7 p.m., and one hour prior to service at funeral chapel. Interment Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Werness Brothers (Obituary from: Bloomington Chapel 952-884-8145 dignitymemorial.com, Also Published in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* on November 19, 2003)



Allen Roy VerMilyea (#1747-1), 47, of Sarasota, Fla., died Nov. 1, 2003.

He was born June 11, 1956, in Warren, and moved to Sarasota in 1989 from Harrisburg. Mr. VerMilyea was an account manager in the insurance industry. He was a member of Masonic Lodge North Star 241, Warren.

Surviving are his partner of 15 years, Brian Fackler; his parents, Charles A. and Nancy V. VerMilyea; a sister, Heidi V. Casel; three brothers, David VerMilyea, John VerMilyea and Charles E. VerMilyea; and his grandmother, Cynthia VerMilyea.

A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorials may be made to Hospice of South West Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Fla. 34238.

(Obituary from: *Times Observer On Line*, Warren, Pennsylvania: dated November 15, 2003)

Dagny Vermilyea (#1520, wife of John Knickerbocker Vermilyea)

Sept. 15, 1916-Nov. 10, 2003

Dagny Vermilyea, 87, of San Diego died Nov. 10. She was born in Superior, Wis., and was a homemaker. She served in the Navy during World War II.

Survivors include her daughters, Julie Remsen and Mary Demientieff; sons, Tom and Paul Vermilyea; sister, Nancy Levitt; brother, Roy Granheim; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Private services were planned. Arrangements: Featheringill Mortuary.

(Obituary from: *San Diego Union-Tribune* dated 11/17/2003)

Irene J. Vermilya, 82, (#1703) of 216 Valley Heights Drive, Williamsport, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at Manor Care South.

She married her husband of 35 years, James L. Vermilya, on Nov. 2, 1968.

A member of the Church of England, she was born May 10, 1921, in London, England.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are one son, Raymond Richardson of Canada; one grandson and one granddaughter.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Interment will be in Muncy Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by Wallis-Grenoble's, 121 S. Main St., Muncy.

(Obituary from: *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*, January 14, 2004)

Frederick Joseph "Fritz" Vermilyea (#1522) died at his home in Tillamook Aug. 21, 2003, due to heart failure.

A funeral service was held Aug. 26, 2003, at Waud's Funeral Home, followed by burial at the Bay City I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

Fritz was born Aug. 9, 1916, in Bay City to Joseph and Daisy (Tomlinson) Vermilyea. He was 87 years old and a lifelong resident of Tillamook County.

As a young man Fritz worked at Coates Lumber Company and for several logging companies as a timber faller before building a dairy on Hathaway Road, which he operated for more than 40 years. After retiring from the dairy, Fritz stayed involved with the dairy, helping out wherever he could. Until his death he operated his custom sawmill and pursued a hobby of woodworking at his home on Alderbrook road. During his retirement, Fritz and his wife, Viola, enjoyed traveling with the Good Sam Club in their motor home.

In 1957 Fritz was elected to the Port of Garibaldi and served as a commissioner for the Port until June 1989.

As its president, he made several trips to Washington, D.C., in the early '60's where he was instrumental in securing funds to rebuild the Tillamook Bay Jetties. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Tillamook and a lifetime member of the Tillamook County Pioneer Association.

Fritz was united in marriage to Viola Mapes May 18, 1938. They shared 65 years together and were blessed with seven children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Fritz was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeryl Vermilyea Romano in May 1982. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Viola Vermilya; five daughters, Judith Hill, Janice Himes and husband Richard, Joine Stevenson and husband Wally, Jilda Danielson and husband Craig, Joylin Porter and husband Dale; a son, Frederick "Fred" Vermilyea and wife Sharon; one brother, Jack Vermilyea and one sister, Beatrice Gann.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the First Christian Church Memorial Fund, Tillamook Pioneer Museum Building Fund, Tillamook Volunteer Fire Department or Tillamook County Hospice, in care of Wauds Funeral Home.

(Obituary from: *Headlight-Herald*, Tillamook, Oregon, dated August 27, 2003)

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Andrew P. Vermilyea, (Parents Unknown) born about 1821 in New York State, married Sarah A. _____ who was born about 1821 in New York State. He married second December 27, 1871 at Schenectady Mrs. Mary (Brown) Bisbee who was born in 1826 in Maine. They lived at Schenectady, New York. He was a carpenter. He and Sarah were the parents of at least three children. Last found on 1880 Census records, no record of death. It is not know if there are living descendants.

Benjamin Vermilyea, (Parents Unknown) born about 1836 in New York, married first Mary _____ who was born about 1838 in New York State, married second Louisa _____ who was born about 1840 in New York. Appears on the 1860, 1870 and 1880 Federal Census in New York State, Manhattan. Listed as a clerk, market dealer and salesman. Eight children. It is not know if there are living descendants.

Charles Barnabas Vermilyer, (Parents Unknown) born March 15, 1824 in Canada or New York, (both reported on different records) married at Newcastle District, Cramahe (Crammie), Ontario, Canada Mary, daughter of Ebenezer and Jane (Harris) Cummings who was born December 24, 1821 at Three Rivers, Ontario, Canada, died August 15, 1880 at Batavia, Kane County, Illinois. They divorced in 1870. He married second November 12, 1873, in Cook County, Illinois Harriet Keller. Harriet Keller Roath was born January 9, 1843 in Canada. The death record for Harriet VERMILYER says she was born in Canada and her father's name was Levi LUCE. Charles (Barnabas) died February 8, 1903 at Mill Creek, La Porte County, Indiana, Harriet died November 6, 1910 at Mill Creek, La Porte, Indiana. They are buried at Salem Chapel, La Porte, Indiana. He used the name Charles B. Vermilyer after moving to Indiana. There are many living descendants.

David Vermilya, (Parents Unknown) born about 1785/1790 possibly in Dutchess County, New York, married first _____, married second September 20, 1854 Violetta Lewis. Living in 1850 at Elmira, Chemung County, New York. In 1860 he is living with the William Daniels family, Violetta is still living in Elmira but in a separate residence. He could have died at Aurora, Illinois June 4, 1867 as there is a death record listing there and his son lived there at that time. Age is listed as 82, which would put his year of birth as 1785 in New York State. It is not know if there are living descendants.

David Vermilya, (Parents Unknown) born about 1799 in New York State, married Almira _____ who was born about 1803 in Pennsylvania. Found on 1855 Iowa State census, living at Fayetteville, Auburn, Iowa. He was a wagon maker. One son David is known of. No record of death, not found before or after 1855. Almira could have been a McCleery. Living descendants.

Edward Vermilyea, (Parents Unknown) born _____ in New York State, married Marriah, daughter of Martin Chester and Anny (Buer) Zielie, who was born about 1826 at Painted Post, New York. He died in 1858 in Missouri. She died in 1903 in Wisconsin. She could have married second _____ McGee. They came to Portage, Wisconsin July 1845 from New York and went to Missouri in 1857. They were the parents of five children. There are living descendants.

Frank Louis Vermilya, (Parents Unknown) born about 1878/1881 at Brooklyn, New York, married about 1910 Isabelle/Isabella Traxor who was born in Alsace Loraine, France, died _____. He played on one of the first professional Canadian Hockey teams. He was an electrician living at Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1920 and 1930. No record of death. Living descendants.

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George Vermilyea, (Parents Unknown) born about 1830 in New York State, married Rachel _____ who was born about 1834 in New York State, died _____. Appears only on one census, the 1860 Federal census New York State, 19th Ward, New York City. He was a caulker, father of two daughters. It is not know if there are living descendants.

George W. Vermilyea, (Parents Unknown) born about 1820 in New York State, married Christina _____ who was born about 1822 in New York State, died _____. Living at Syracuse, New York in 1850 and 1860. He was a cooper and grain street buyer (?). Christina is living in Illinois with her daughter. They had three children, two daughters lived to be adults. No record of death, there are at least two George W. Vermilyea's listed in the same area. One died November 12, 1921, however this George would be about 100 years old at that time, and his wife is listed as a widow in 1870.

Henry Vermilya, (Parents Unknown) born about 1827 in New York State, married about 1849 Alida/Elida Pangburn who was born April 1828 in New York State, died 1905. He died in 1897, they are buried on the old Pangburn farm in the town of Rotterdam, New York. In 1850 he lived at Rotterdam, New York a laborer. In 1860 and 1880 he lived at Rotterdam a manufacturer. In 1870 he is living same place listed as farmer. They were the parents of seven children, most dying at a very young age. It is not know if there are any descendants.

Isaac J. Vermilyea, (Parents Unknown) born about 1820 in New York State, married Clarinda _____ who was born about 1814 in New York State, died March 29, 1888 at Cato, Cayguga County, New York. He died _____. They lived in Onondagua County in 1850-1860. In 1870 and 1880 they lived at Brooklyn, New York. They were the parents of three children, one son Joseph lived to be an adult. It is not know if there are living descendants.

John J. Vermilyea, (mother Anna White, father not known) born March 13, 1830 at Mohawk, New York, married October 19, 1854 at Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York Sarah Oliver who was born about 1834 in New York State, died January 25, 1899 (age 65 does not fit). He died February 9, 1916 at Lenox, Town of Canastota, Madison County, New York. They are buried in the Oakwood Morningside Cemetery, Syracuse, New York. Death Certificate says father's name not known. They had at least 10 children. There are living descendants.

John T. Vermilya, (Parents Unknown) born about 1815 in Cayguga County, New York State, married Hannah Sophia daughter of George and Susan Brown who was born 1820 in Tompkins County, New York, died July 22, 1875. He died October 20, 1855 at Elmira, Chemung County, New York. Lived at Elmira, New York. Two children. It is not known if there are living descendants.

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Lodging: (Attendees are responsible for making their own reservations.) The primary lodging facility will be the Comfort Inn, 1860 Austinburg Road, Austinburg, Ohio, 44010; telephone: 1-440-275-2711. Austinburg is at Route #45; two exits east on I-90 from the Madison exit. Reservations can be made for July 30 and 31st 2004. Please be sure to mention you are with the Vermilyea Family Association, contact person Darla Young, so that you will receive the group rate. Rooms are \$79.00 (plus tax); two queen beds, double occupancy. For AAA members and seniors (over 60), rates are \$72.80 plus tax. If you have special needs/desires, please ask the desk clerk about various accommodations, services and rates. Rooms are being held (blocked) until July 15, 2004. After this date, the rooms will be on an "as available" basis.

Other (Alternate) Suggested Lodging Facilities:

1. A **Micro Motel** is being built at the Madison exit off I-90. We have been told it might be completed this spring (no guarantees, though). As more information becomes available, we will post it at the Reunion Web site and publish it in the May newsletter.

2. **His Majesty's Tea Room**; telephone: 1-440-417-0220, on the Internet at: www.tearoom.org. This is a B&B

in the center of Madison village, 1 mile from I-90: There are 5 rooms; rates run from \$95 to \$140. The internet address will take you to four sites, which will give you pictures and the information needed to make reservations.

3. **Sleep Inn & Suites**, Austinburg (close to the Comfort Inn); telephone: 1-800-SLEEPINN or 1-440-275-6800; on the internet: www.sleepinn.com. Reservations can be made for July 30th and 31st 2004. Please be sure to mention you are with the Vermilyea Family Association. Room rates are \$75.00 (plus tax) per room; two queen beds, double occupancy. If you have special needs/desires, please ask the desk clerk.

4. **Geneva State Park**; telephone: 1-440-466-8400; internet: <http://dnr.state.oh.us/parks/parks/geneva.htm>. This Park is about 12 miles east of the Reunion location in the town of Geneva. It has cabins, an RV park, and camping sites. Also, a large, modern lodge is being built and is expected to be opened sometime this spring. Prices vary widely depending on your accommodation desires/needs.

5. **Red Roof Inn**, Willoughby; telephone: 1-800-733-7663. We have a group reservation of 10 rooms for July 30 and July 31. This hotel is right off I-90 at the Route #306 exit. Although some distance west of Madison, it might be better suited for those of you coming from the West or from the Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Anyone wishing to stay here should mention that they are with the Vermilyea Family Association Reunion and the reservation # of B053001042. The rooms are \$81.00 plus tax and are only held until June 30, 2004. Please call the above number for further details.

6. **Days Inn**, Willoughby, Ohio; telephone: 1-440-946-0500; on the Internet: www.daysinn.com and search for

Cleveland-Willoughby, Ohio. Like the Red Roof Inn, this is on Route #306 (right off I-90) and might be preferable for those traveling from the West or the Airport. Room rates are \$69.00 - \$79.00 plus tax.

R. V. Parks: We have received permission from Bill Stanton Park authorities for fully equipped RVs to spend Saturday night (only) in the Park. There are no hookups. There are several regular RV parks in the area. It is recommended that you make reservations ASAP as we have been advised that spaces for July are filling up fast. Two you might consider are: (1) Geneva State Park (see above); and, (2) Indian Creek Camping Resort, 4710 Lake Road E, Geneva on the Lake, Ohio; telephone: 1-440-466-8191; internet: www.indiancreekresort.com. These parks and others are listed in RV guides such as Woodall's and KOA.

Meals/Dining:

1. Friday Evening: The Board will have its pre-reunion, Dutch-treat dinner at the Old Unionville Tavern. You are welcome to join the Board (please so indicate on your Registration Form). The Tavern, which has delicious meals for under \$20.00, is a historic building having been a stagecoach stop 150 years ago and part of the underground railroad during the civil war. The Old Unionville Tavern is located in Unionville, Ohio, on Route #84.

2. Saturday: The reunion banquet (Darla Young has planned a large, buffet meal) will be at 1:00 PM on the 31st

in the Banquet Hall. That evening at 7:00 PM there will be a lighter, informal meal served. The cost for both is included in the registration fee.

3. Otherwise: A variety of restaurants are available near the Comfort Inn and at every exit on I-90. Also, there are several restaurants in Madison Village and in North Madison right on the Lake. A full list of eateries, with directions, will be mailed to you by Darla upon receipt of your registration.

Registration: Please register for the reunion as early as possible, but **not later than June 20th** by completing the Registration Form herewith. Registrations at-the-door can be accommodated; however, reunion mementos (see below) will not be available and late registrations will have an adverse effect on pre-ordering food.

The Memento: The reunion memento will be a cream colored, 50/50 (cotton/polyester) T-shirt emblazoned with the VFA logo (the VFA tree in 4 colors) and the location of the reunion. Costs and sizes are shown on the Registration Form.

Displays and Family Records: We will have tables set up where you can display your family memorabilia – family genealogies, scrapbooks, pictures, bibles, research books, etc. Please bring your documents and share them with everyone. Sandra (Vermilyea) Todd, our VFA Historian, and other family researchers will be in attendance and available 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 Banquet Hall. 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, wood crafted items, 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 for the Reunion:

30 July 2003: Early arrivals check in at lodging facility. 4:00 PM: VFA Board Meeting - location to be determined. 5:30 PM: Board Dutch-treat Dinner at the Old Unionville Tavern (see Dining, above). Evening hours: Free. (Note: The Banquet Hall will not be open to us until Saturday morning.)

31 July 2004: All events in the Park's Banquet Hall. 10:00 AM: Gather, register and socialize. 1:00 AM: Membership meeting (open to everyone). 2:00 PM: Banquet. Raffle drawing to follow. Remain in the area for fellowship and a group picture. 7:00 PM: Light supper (hotdogs, hamburgers and leftovers from the banquet). 10:00 PM: the Banquet Hall will be closed. (Note: The swimming pool is open from noon until 6:00 PM with costs of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 6. A lifeguard is on duty at all times. Other recreational facilities such as the children's playground, baseball/softball/soccer field, volleyball court, tennis courts etc., are free.)

1 August 2004: 9:00 AM: For Board members, a Board meeting, if necessary. For all: departure.

For those of you wishing to spend more time in Northeast Ohio, there are plenty of things to do and see. Madison is about 40 miles east of Cleveland where you will find the Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland Browns Stadium, Cleveland Indians Jacobs Field, Great Lakes Science Museum, Art Museums, Hard Rock Café, and the infamous Flats. In Mentor, Ohio, you can visit President James Garfield's' Home. Lake and Ashtabula counties are famous for the wineries and many have fine restaurants and tours. Madison is about an hour & 20 min. drive from North Canton where the Football Hall of Fame is located. Also, about an hour way is Six Flags park of Aurora, Ohio. This Six Flags bought out Sea World of Aurora and combined it with an amusement park (Geauga Lake) and added a large water park to make one huge park. Admission covers all three parks. Also, Madison is located about 2 hours from Cedar Point, which is Darla's all-time favorite amusement park!!! Golfing is also abundant in and around Madison with a number of spectacular courses. In Kirtland, Ohio, about 20 minutes from Madison, you can tour the Kirtland Temple. This is one of the first Mormon Temples established. From Kirtland, the leaders went West to find a home and settled in Utah.

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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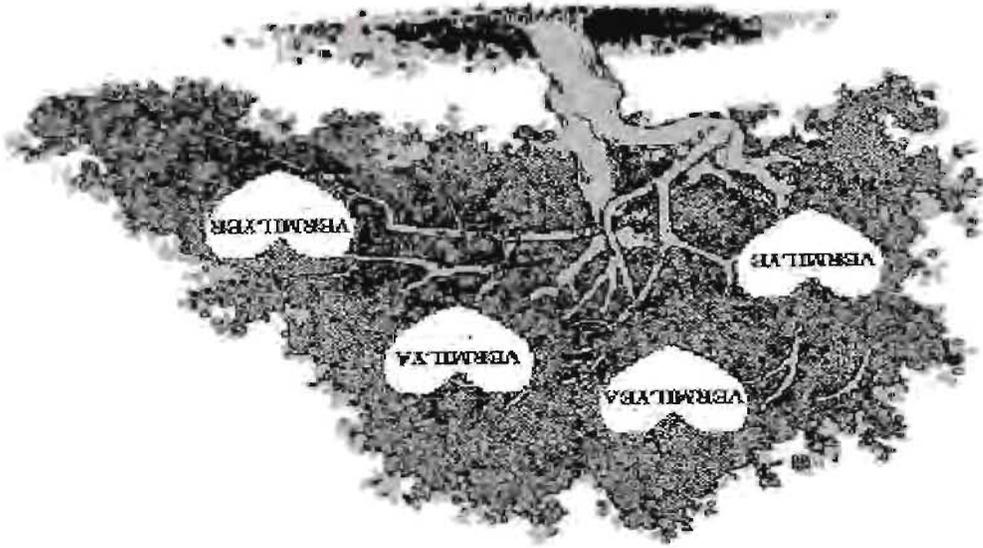
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