



IOWA - VERMILYA'S BLUFF



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Sandra Todd found the above picture of Vermilya Bluff while scanning the Internet in April 2006. The University of Iowa has given us permission to include it in our newsletter and records.

The Bluff is located along Shell Rock River in Cedar Valley, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. The closest major city is Mason City, Iowa, in the north-central part of the State.

Using the VFA master file, Sandra found a George Vermilya (ancestors: Joseph, David, David, John and Johannes) who was born on January 17, 1822 in Westerlo, New York. After traveling around the country for several years, in 1855 George purchased land in Falls Township, Iowa, a village close to Mason City. There he erected a home and began working the soil. Late that year, he traveled to Chicago where he met Helen Miller. Helen was born on August 29, 1831 in Tioga County, New York, and had moved with her parents to Illinois in 1837. George and Helen married on January 6, 1856 and soon afterwards returned to George's Iowa farm. Subsequently, George came to own a great deal of land and was a distinguished businessman and civic leader in Mason City, Iowa, and Cerro Gordo County. Helen died in July 1898. George was still living in 1910, at age 88.

Sandra found a comprehensive biography covering George which was posted to the internet in March 2006. He led a very active life both before and after he settled in Iowa. We thought the biography might be interesting for our VFA members; so, even though it is long, have included it in this newsletter. Sandra intends to post it at her web site when she next updates her listing of the first seven generations.

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FROM THE STAFF

by Carl Vermilyea



By now we hope everyone has received word that the number of issues of this newsletter published annually has been reduced from 4 to 3. For several reasons, it was not an easy decision; but, the primary consideration was that those of us involved with putting this newsletter together wanted to reduce the time we spend on it. The reduction will give us back about three weeks each year which we can devote more fruitfully to both genealogy research and other personal pursuits. The reduction does not automatically translate to a reduction in the information which will be published. With our new capability to send newsletters via email, we are no longer concerned with the length (number of pages) in each edition or the fiscal aspects we previously had to consider. It's our intent to continue to publish as many articles as we can gather. And, of course, we are always looking for and welcome articles from you.

With the reduction there will be no impact on annual dues. They will remain as they are (see the last page herein) until such time as the Board of Directors decides to change them. The new publication dates will be February 1st, June 1st and October 1st each year.

About the time you receive this issue, our super-sleuth historian, Sandra Todd, and her husband, John, will be in Utah visiting their son, John Jr. and family for about 3 weeks. Whenever out there, Sandra manages to work in some time to visit the LDS Genealogy Library to do some research. This trip will be no exception. Before going, Sandra told me she has a shopping list of things to research. No doubt she'll come up with interesting additions for our family records.

On a sad note, Robert William Todd, our Treasurer's (John Todd's) father, passed away in Florida on March 8th. Robert is also a Vermilyea descendant; his great grandmother was Melissa Vermilya. We extend to John and his siblings and to Sandra and their son, our heartfelt sympathy. Roberts' obituary is in this issue.

In our last edition, we dropped the last part of a sentence at the end of page 9 in the article covering Vermilyea Lock. The first part of the sentence – which was printed – stated: “Other sources mention the basin as “Vermilyea Dock” and state that this is where canal ...” What we left out was the rest of the sentence which should have read: “boats waited for others to clear the narrow aqueduct over the river, tow horses for the barges would be changed and passengers would load and unload.” We apologize for the omission and consequential confusion.

For those who will be organizing or attending a family reunion this summer, please don't forget to take some pictures and notes (and perhaps write an article) to send to Sandra for publication in our newsletter. Also, weddings of descendants are newsworthy and great opportunities to get some snapshots of several generations of the clan in one setting. We'd like very much to include such family photos in this newsletter and in our VFA genealogy records.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



On May 22, 2006 in Belfast, Maine, Kristy Lynne Andrews married Brett Evans Gilmore of Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts. The couple will reside in Orlando, Florida. Kristy is the daughter of Lynne O. (Vermilyea) (VFA #1777) and Russell P. Andrews of Belfast.

SPORTS – BASEBALL – JAMIE VERMILYEA

By Carl Vermilyea

In somewhat disappointing news for those of us who are baseball fans – very disappointing, I’m sure, for Jamie Vermilyea - we’ve learned that Jamie was released from the Boston Red Sox during spring training. Under the rules of the “Rule 5 Draft” which saw Jamie move from the Toronto Blue Jays organization to the Red Sox, Jamie had to be sent back to the Toronto organization if the Red Sox could not use him.



Toronto immediately assigned Jamie to the same team he played with at the beginning of the 2005 season, the Fisher Cats in Manchester, NH. However, he didn’t stay there long. On the 29th of April, he was promoted back up to Toronto’s Triple A team, the Skychiefs, in Syracuse, New York. Jamie was with the Skychiefs at the end of the 2005 season and it was from there that the Red Sox drafted him.

While with the Fisher Cats this spring, Jamie, now 24 years old, was 0-0 with 1 save and a 1.65 ERA in 5 appearances; 4 as a relief pitcher and 1 as a starting pitcher. The latter was on April 15th vs. New Britain, Connecticut, where he pitched 6 scoreless innings. Since joining the Skychiefs he has an excellent record: started 2 games, pitched a total of 9 innings in those 2 games, has a 0-0 won-loss record and an ERA of 0.00. Continued success in Syracuse could possibly result in a promotion to the Blue Jay – the big leagues. Stay tuned!



IN HONOR OF MOTHERS’ DAY

We’re a few weeks late in publishing this; but, thought it appropriate for any time.

The Images of Mother

- 4 YEARS OF AGE ~ My Mommy can do anything!
- 8 YEARS OF AGE ~ My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!
- 12 YEARS OF AGE ~ My Mother doesn’t really know quite everything.
- 14 YEARS OF AGE ~ Naturally, Mother doesn’t know that, either.
- 16 YEARS OF AGE ~ Mother? She’s hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 18 YEARS OF AGE ~ That old woman? She’s way out of date!
- 25 YEARS OF AGE ~ Well, she might know a little bit about it.
- 35 YEARS OF AGE ~ Before we decide, let’s get Mom’s opinion.
- 45 YEARS OF AGE ~ Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?
- 65 YEARS OF AGE ~ Wish I could talk it over with Mom.



IN MEMORY



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

Douglas Passmore Vermilyea⁹, (Harold⁸, William Walter⁷, William⁶, William⁵, Peter⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)



Douglas Passmore Vermilyea (World War II Veteran having served with the R.C.A.F. He owned and operated Hatton Hall Catering for over 37 years and was a long time employee of R.C.A.)

Suddenly at Grey Bruce Health Services in Owen Sound on Wednesday, December 7, 2005. Doug Vermilyea of Owen Sound in his 88th year. Beloved husband of Helen (nee McGregor). Dear father of Judy and her husband Art Speyer, Paul Vermilyea and his wife Nancy, Jane and her husband Floyd Fitzsimmons and Greg Vermilyea and his wife Pam.

Lovingly remembered by twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Also survived by a sister June Wiley, sisters-in-law Ruth Clarke, Doreen McGregor and Peggy McGregor. Predeceased by two daughters Rosemary Kivell and Elizabeth Lou Vermilyea, a brother Bill Clarke and a brother-in-law Doug Wiley.

Friends are invited to the Tannahill Funeral Home, 376-3710 for visiting on Friday from 2 – 4 and 7 – 9 p.m. The funeral service will be held at Knox United Church, 890 4th Avenue, East on Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Ralph Schmidt officiating. Visiting at the church one hour prior to service time. Interment in Leith Cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy, the family would appreciate memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Knox United Church or the Grey Bruce Regional Health Centre Foundation. Source: Tannahill Funeral Home, Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada at www.tannahill.com. (Also see obituary of Marguerite Helen (McGregor) Vermilyea, below.)

Robert (“Bob”) Arthur Savage Sr.¹⁰ (Eva Georgena⁹, Earl John⁸, John Knickerbocker⁷, Avery⁶, Abram⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

Robert A. Savage Sr. passed away on January 12, 2006 and was buried at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine, Illinois. Beloved husband of the late Carolyn Grace; dear father of Michael P. (Elizabeth), Robert A. Jr., James A. (Peggy), Daniel J. (Mary), JoAnne Marie, Thomas J. and John H. (Terri); grandfather of 15; great-grandfather of four; fond brother of George R. (Frances), Michael (Mary), Eva McCorry, LaVerne Vincent, Mary Ellen (George) Poptic and the late James and Margaret Savage.

Visitation Monday 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Meadows Funeral Home, 3615 Kirchoff Rd., Rolling Meadows. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 a.m. from chapel to St. Colette Church. Mass 10 a.m. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society. Source: *Chicago Tribune*, January 15, 2006.

Richard V. Vermilyea¹⁰, (Ernest Waite⁹, Ernest⁸, Eugene⁷, Gilbert⁶, Gilbert⁵, David⁴, David³, John², Johannes¹) 1929 – 2006.



Richard Vermilyea, 76, passed away peacefully on Feb. 6, 2006, after a brief but courageous battle with lung cancer.

Richard was born on Nov. 16, 1929, in New York, and had resided in Simi Valley for 26 years. For the last five years he lived aboard his sailboat, Sweet Pea, in San Diego.

Richard is survived by his five children, Laura (spouse Steve) Speicher, Robyn Vermilyea, Jennifer Vermilyea, Kris (spouse Boni Savage) Vermilyea, and Perry (spouse Jane Schisgal) Vermilyea; and, seven grandchildren, Stephen and Blake Speicher, Quentin, Montgomery, and Preston Vermilyea, and Sydney and Pearl Schisgal Vermilyea.

A celebration of Richard’s life will be held in San Diego on Saturday, March 11, and Sunday, March 12. At

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GEORGE VERMILYA – A BIOGRAPHY

On page 1, we described Vermilya Bluff in Iowa, mentioned it was named after George Vermilya and said we'd include his biography herein. The following was extracted from *History of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa*, edited and compiled by J. H. Wheeler, 2 volumes; Chicago; Lewis Publishing Company; 1910 (Located at Internet Site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~iabiog/cerrogordo/h1910/h1910-v.htm>).

“JUDGE GEORGE VERMILYA. One of the oldest and most respected citizens of Mason City, Judge George Vermilya is widely and favorably known throughout this section of Cerro Gordo county as an upright, honest man, of sterling worth and as a fine representative of those courageous pioneers who settled in the county in the days of its infancy. He has witnessed wonderful changes during the past half century, flourishing towns and thriving cities having sprung up as if by magic, while magnificent agricultural regions have usurped the place of the raw prairie land, obtained when he made his first appearance on Iowa soil. In this grand transformation he has taken an active part, redeeming from its original wildness a part of this beautiful country, in the meantime accumulating for himself a handsome property.

“Judge Vermilya was born, January 17, 1822, in Westerlo, Albany County, New York, a son of Joseph and Susan (Pinkney) Vermilya. His father, a man of brains, was a Radical in the full sense of the term, intensely interested in needed reforms, being a zealous advocate of the temperance cause and one of the leaders in the organization of the first anti-slavery societies in his native town. They reared eleven children, six sons and five daughters, all of whom lived to become industrious and respected men and women, the world being the better for their having lived and labored in it.

“Brought up on the farm in Albany county, George Vermilya in common with his brothers and sisters received a practical common school education, but unlike some of the other school children never outgrew the diffidence and bashfulness which handicapped him as a child and has since been many times a detriment to him. When he was eighteen years old his home nest was broken up by the death of his parents, and the family became scattered. George found work among the neighboring farmers and, in partnership with his brother John, carried on the parental acres until 1844. Lured westward then by the golden reports of the country on the frontier, he started for Illinois alone, going by packet boat on the Erie Canal to Lockport, New York, thence to Niagara Falls and Buffalo. Taking a steamboat at the latter city, Mr. Vermilya went by way of the Great Lakes to Chicago, arriving there when the people were shouting for their presidential candidates, either Henry Clay or James K. Polk. After paying his bill at the stage house or hotel on Lake street, the principal thoroughfare in Chicago at that date, he had the munificent sum of ten dollars in his pockets, his only available assets with the possible exception of one hundred dollars or so interest in the old homestead in Albany County.

“Tramping westward on the old stage road towards Galena for about twenty-four miles, Mr. Vermilya found himself in a nice little village called Bloomingdale. A line of four-horse coaches owned by Frink & Walker passed through the village daily, and the principal hotel was kept by Colonel Hoyt. After spending two years in the village, the directors of the district school urged Mr. Vermilya to take charge of the winter term of the school, and he accepted the position, having twenty-five pupils. In the summer of 1847, Mr. Vermilya paid fifty dollars for forty acres of good prairie land in that vicinity, near Meacham's Grove. Leaving a little money with a fellow at the

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Grove, he started for his old home in the east, and that was the last he ever saw of the money or of the fellow, although, as he says, "the fellow claimed to be of refined and purified clay, and the money was untainted." From Chicago Mr. Vermilya went by boat to Saint Joseph, thence by coach to Marshall, by rail to Detroit, thence on the Canadian side by English steamer to Buffalo, from there to Albany by rail, thence by four-horse coach to Westerlo. At the old homestead he found his brother John and family, and soon after they were joined by his brother, Gilbert, who gave Mr. Vermilya a horse and a trap for his interest in the old home estate. Becoming interested then in the work of establishing public libraries in each school district, an act having passed the state legislature authorizing the directors of each school district to expend a stated sum of money for that purpose, Mr. Vermilya started on the mission, going to New York City to make arrangements in regard to books. After working in southern New York a few months he started south, passing through New Jersey, and at Christmas time was in Philadelphia. He found Chestnut street very nice, was entertained at the theatres; saw Girard College; views the Schuylkill Water Works; visited Brandywine battlefield, saw where Washington crossed the Delaware; and trod the ground at Valley forge. Subsequently, while in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, a gentleman said to him, "I should think you would rather spend the winter in our school house than out in the cold." He accepted the proposition and taught school in that place until the spring of 1848. The following summer Mr. Vermilya spent at the old homestead in Westerlo, after which he crossed the Catskill Mountains and the Delaware River into Pennsylvania, visiting the coal mining regions at Scranton, the Wyoming Valley, Wilkes-Barre, and Mauch Chunk. Stopping at Pottsville long enough to recover from a slight illness, he made his way into Maryland. There he had several unique experiences. On one occasion he relates, while sitting at a table spread with a clean white cloth, twenty able-bodied negro slaves quietly file in to the table, were waited upon by a white woman, having eaten their dinner quietly filed out. At night he could plainly hear a company of slaves, men and girls merrily laughing and talking. One Sunday while in Maryland, he spent at a large plantation, a beautiful place, its fine buildings surrounded by handsome shade trees. The proprietor himself was away, but the mistress sat at the head of the table, at the commencement of each meal making the sign of the cross.

"During the winter of 1848 and 1849, Mr. Vermilya had charge of the school which he had taught in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, the previous winter, and in the spring of 1849 was urged by the directors to accept the superintendency of the schools. Declining the offer, he made still another visit to the scenes of his childhood days. From there he started for Chicago by the overland route, going with a horse and buggy through southern New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, arriving in Chicago in January, 1850, ere the days of railways or trolleys. Going then to a town lying twenty-five miles northwest of that city, where he had a cousin, he resided there five years, being engaged to some extent in farming on the one hundred and forty acres of land which he purchased, the greater part of the time, however, traveling in and about Chicago for insurance companies.

"Having an attack of western fever in June 1855, Mr. Vermilya came to Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, locating on Shell Rock, Falls Township, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land for one hundred and sixty dollars and five acres of timber for fifty dollars. He returned to Illinois, married, and four months later, on May 20, 1856, started westward with his bride, having in his outfit three yoke of oxen attached to a lumber wagon, a span of mares attached to a light spring wagon, twenty-five head of cattle and ten colts. Camping and cooking by the wayside, and sleeping

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in the covered wagon at night, he arrived in Falls Township June 15, 1856, and for awhile camped in their wagon. Buying one hundred and twenty acres of adjoining land, Mr. Vermilya erected a house, eleven feet by eighteen feet, eight feet in height, trying first a slab roof, then a hay roof, after awhile having a shingled roof, and a stone and mortar chimney. Breaking up ten acres of the prairie the first season, he sowed buckwheat and planted a few potatoes, and that summer cut fifty tons of hay with a scythe. He added a shed one hundred feet long to his stable of fifty feet, covering it with slough grass, and having gathered his buckwheat and potatoes, was ready for the long winter, which began that year on November 15 and lasted until April 10, being very snowy and severely cold. The next season Mr. Vermilya broke up another fifty acres of land, raised three colts, some calves and pigs, a little wheat and corn and sold some butter and cheese, making a little more than living expenses. Continuing his residence in Falls Township for five years, prosperity smiled on all of his undertakings, and he became prominent and popular in public affairs, serving as road supervisor, inspector of school teachers, president of the local school board, township assessor, and, in 1859, much to his surprise, being elected judge of Cerro Gordo County. Removing to Mason City in 1860, he filled the office to which he had been chosen to the best of his ability, and at the end of his term of two years was elected county treasurer and county recorder, receiving a salary of three hundred dollars a year, at the end of the term being honored with a re-election for another two years.

“From 1865 until 1870, Mr. Vermilya invested in real estate to a considerable extent, buying, for the sum of fourteen hundred dollars, the one hundred acres of land comprised in his home property on East State street, a quarter of a section of land in Mount Vernon township, for one thousand dollars; lands in Dougherty, Geneseo and Falls Townships; considerable land at tax sales; and erected the house which he now occupies, having removed there from Fourth Street. “From 1869 until 1872, inclusive, Mr. Vermilya was engaged in the lumber business at Mason City, buying his lumber principally in Minneapolis, Minnesota, although he bought some in Oshkosh and other Wisconsin towns, and hauling a large part of it from Austin, the nearest railroad point, to Mason City. There being no lumber yard west of this place, a good deal of his lumber was sold in Hancock and Winnebago Counties.

“Judge Vermilya was for several years master of the Mason City Grange and secretary of the Cerro Gordo County Grange. In the early ‘70s he was a member of the City Council, which met in his office, then located at the corner of Fourth and Main streets. He was afterwards elected justice of the peace, and president of the County Agricultural Society, both of which offices he resigned. For sometime he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church, but took little part in the affairs of the board with the exception of furnishing the lumber when, in 1870 and 1871, the church edifice was built.

“Mr. Vermilya married, January 6, 1856, in Illinois, Helen Miller, who was born in Tioga County, New York, August 29, 1831, and died in July 1898, in Mason City, Iowa. Her father, Alva Miller, came with his family westward from New York State to Illinois in 1837, locating in Cook County. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Vermilya, four are living, namely: Jessie, wife of F. H. Decker, of Superior, Wisconsin; Theron, in the restaurant business, Mason City; Grace, who married W. H. Dilts, makes home with Mr. Vermilya; Lydia, who died in 1893; Girden M., in Holtville, California. Judge Vermilya is now past eight-eight years of age but as active as most men at seventy. He has all his faculties and enjoys a good health. He is one of the few pioneers left that came to this county at the early date and he is honored and revered in the community which has so long represented his home.”

A POEM ABOUT FAMILY

Sandra Todd reports: "From time to time people send me poems, etc., etc. that reflect on different family situations. I have no idea who to give the credit too, but thought I would share some of the ones that I found the most touching." The below poem is an example. Another is 'The Images of Mother' on a later page herein.

I ran into a stranger as he passed by,
"Oh excuse me please" was my reply.

He said, "Please excuse me too;
I wasn't watching for you."

We were very polite, this stranger and I.
We went on our way and we said goodbye.

But at home a different story is told,
How we treat our loved ones, young and old.

Later that day, cooking the evening meal,
My son stood beside me very still.

When I turned, I nearly knocked him down.
"Move out of the way," I said with a frown.

He walked away, his little heart broken.
I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.

While I lay awake in bed,
God's still small voice came to me and said,

"While dealing with a stranger, common
courtesy you use,
But the family you love, you seem to abuse.

Go and look on the kitchen floor,
You'll find some flowers there by the door.

Those are the flowers he brought for you.
He picked them himself: pink, yellow and
blue.

He stood very quietly not to spoil the sur-
prise,
You never saw the tears that filled his little
eyes."

By this time, I felt very small,
And now my tears began to fall.



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his request, his ashes will be divided; half buried with his parents at Holy Cross Cemetery in Los Angeles and half will be scattered at sea.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Polaris Sailing Society in Richard's name. The donations will be used to promote a race that was dear to Richard's heart, Little Race for Little People, an organization that holds activities to benefit children living with neonatal problems. Please send donations to P.O. Box 86256, San Diego, CA 92138. Source: *Ventura County Star*, 2/16/2006 - 2/19/2006.

Robert William Todd, great-grandson of Melissa Vermilya⁶, (Samuel⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹) and the father of our VFA Treasurer John R. Todd.

Deltona - Robert W. Todd, 91, of E. Lombardy Dr. died March 8, 2006, at Orange City Nursing and Rehab Center.

He was born March 19, 1914 at New York City to the late Otis and Louise Mungle Todd of Fleischmanns, NY.

After graduating from Fleischmanns High School in 1933, Bob worked for Ford Motor Company at Edgewater, N. J. He married Mary Evelyn Rogers of Fleischmanns, NY, Sept. 17, 1939 at Fort Lee, NJ, she predeceased him in 2005. In 1945 he moved his family back home to Fleischmanns, NY and joined the firm of A. H. Todd & Son, Inc., which was started by his grandfather Augustus Todd in the late 1880's. After retiring in 1978, Bob and Mary moved to Deltona, Florida where they became active in Senior Bowling. He joined the Masonic Fraternity, Margaretville, NY in 1946, became Master in 1954, and was District Deputy Grand Master in 1963 and 1964. He was a Member of the Board of Education, Fleischmanns High School; VP of the Chamber of Commerce, Fleischmanns, NY; Fire Chief, Fleischmanns Fire Dept., for 4 years; Board of Trustees, Fleischmanns Methodist Church and Trustee Margaretville Hospital, Margaretville, NY.

Bob is survived by four children; James W. Todd of Fleischmanns, NY; John Roger Todd of Holly Springs, NC; William Allen Todd of Florence, KY and Susan Todd Youngman of Middletown, NY. Seven grandchildren and several great-grand children and great-great-grand children also survive.

Memorial contributions to Hospice Care, 533 N. Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, Volusia County, FL. 32174-4447.



Beatrice Eunice Vermilyea⁹, (Joseph Mahlon Jr.⁸, Joseph⁷, Avery⁶, Abram⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

A celebration of life will be held for Beatrice Eunice Gann Sunday, March 12, 1 p. m. at the Beaver Fire Hall.

Mrs. Gann, longtime resident of Hebo, and pioneer of Tillamook County, died Feb. 06, at her home in Hebo. She was 87.

Mrs. Gann was born Aug. 29, 1918, in Bay City to Joseph Mahlon Vermilyea and Daisy Bea January 2006 Beatrice Tomlinson Vermilyea.

Mrs. Gann was married to Henry Neal Gann May 8, 1937, in Tillamook. Mr. Gann preceded her in death Aug. 18, 1998. Together they owned and operated a dairy farm in Hebo for many years.

Mrs. Gann also enjoyed gardening, fishing, clam digging, canning, baking, doing art projects, hunting and traveling.

Mrs. Gann is survived by her seven children, Anita Ihnat of Hebo, Richard Gann of Beaver, Robert Gann of Cloverdale, Donald Gann of Cloverdale, Lynda Fletcher of Beaver, Dennis Gann of Gaston and Ronald Gann of Hebo. She had 19 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren, as well as many special friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Lincoln Hospice Program at P.O. Box 767, Lincoln City, OR 97367.

Arrangements are in care of Waud's Funeral Home, Tillamook. Source: *Headlight-Herald*, February 15, 2006.

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Marguerite Helen (McGregor) Vermilyea spouse of Douglas Passmore Vermilyea⁹, (Harold⁸, William Walter⁷, William⁶, William⁵, Peter⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corsen², Johannes¹)

At Grey Bruce Health Services, Owen Sound on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. Helen Vermilyea (nee McGregor) of Owen Sound in her 88th year. Wife of the late Douglas Passmore Vermilyea. Loving mother of Judy (Art) Speyer, Paul (Nancy), Jane (Floyd) Fitzsimmon and Greg (Pam). Sadly missed by twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Also survived by four sisters-in-law, Doreen and Peggy McGregor, June Wiley and Ruth Clarke and her many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by two daughters Rosemary Anne and Elizabeth Lou, her parents William and Julia Anne McGregor and five brothers Art, John, Gord (Marg), Wilf (Jackie) and Stuart.

Friends are invited to the Tannahill Funeral Home 376-3710 for visiting on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service will be conducted in the chapel on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock with Rev. Ralph Schmidt officiating. Interment, Leith Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Knox United Church or the G.B.R.H.C. Foundation would be appreciated.

Tannahill Funeral Home, Own Sound, Ontario, Canada. Source: www.tannahill.com
(See obituary of Douglas Passmore Vermilyea, above)



Ronald L. Nonnemacher, spouse of Geneva Louise Vermilyea⁸ (Thomas Jessup⁷, David Franklin⁶, Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corsen², Johannes¹)

PEORIA - Ronald L. Nonnemacher, 91, of Peoria passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Methodist Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 15, 1914, in Readlyn, Iowa, to Adam and Mable Nonnemacher. He married Geneva Vermilyea on May 20, 1943, at Camp Roberts, Calif. She passed away on Dec. 14, 2002, in Peoria.

He is survived by one son, Keith Nonnemacher; one daughter, Nancy Edwards; one grandson, Logan Edwards; and one sister, Avis McMullan.

He was employed by The Ceco Corporation, retiring as District Manager in 1977, after 42 years with the company.

He served in World War II as a 1st Lt. with the 84th Infantry Division in Europe. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the First Federated Church for 50 years, serving on their Boards and Committees.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at First Federated Church, with Rev. Forrest Krummel officiating. Visitation will be one hour before the services at the church. Cremation rites have been accorded. Wright and Salmon Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Burial of ashes will be in the First Federated Church Columbarium. Memorial contributions may be made to First Federated Church. Source: *Peoria Journal Star*, April 16, 2006.

Elma Bernice Vermilyer⁸, (Edward Charles⁷, Barnabas/Charles Barnabas⁶, William⁵, Peter⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corsen², Johannes¹)

Mrs. Elma Bernice (Vermilyer) Freeland, age 86, of Peoria, Ill., died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at Bel-Wood Nursing Home in Peoria, Ill. She was born August 9, 1919 in LaPorte, IN, to Edward Vermilyer and Nancy (Cannan) Vermilyer, who has preceded. Also preceded is her husband, Raymond Freeland, two sisters, Hattie Boyce, Loretta Vermilyer, two brothers, Ernest Vermilyer, Charles Vermilyer, great-grandson, Timothy Heinz. Mrs. Freeland lived all her life in the LaPorte area, moving to Peoria, IL, Two years ago.

On November 20, 1937 in Michigan City, IN, she was married to Raymond Freeland, who preceded on

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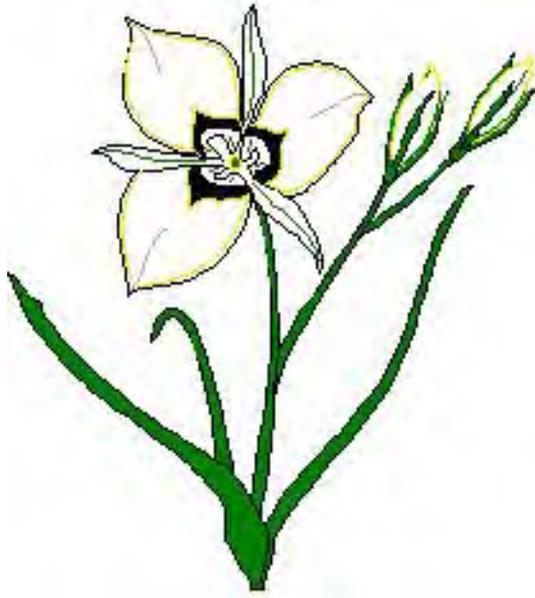
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February 24, 1996. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Surviving is one daughter, Miss Janice (Vermilyer) Freeland, one son, Mr. Daniel Freeland, three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Reeder, Mrs. Florence Swanson and Mrs. Madge Capshaw. Mrs. Freeland has four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are being handled by Haverstock Funeral Home, Inc., 602 Maple Ave., LaPorte, Ind., where the family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM Tuesday, May 9, 2006 and Wednesday May 10, 2006 from 9:00 AM until time of service. Funeral service will be at Haverstock Funeral Home, Inc. at 11:00 AM Wednesday, May 10, 2006 , with Rev. Richard N. Henry, Jr. officiating, Interment will be at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens in Michigan City, Ind.

Memorial Contributions may be made to VNA Home Care Services Inc. and the St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Source: www.haverstockfuneralhome.com



Study rather to fill your mind than your coffers, knowing that gold and silver were originally mingled with dirt, until avarice or ambition parted them.

The Budget, Milburn, New Jersey, 1886.

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 a great deal 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 genealogy research plus stories, histories and information about your family, ancestors and descendants. By doing so, we'll all benefit by learning even 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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