



51ST ANNUAL VERMILYER FAMILY REUNION
JULY 2, 2006, CITY PARK, LAPORTE, INDIANA
Submitted by Nancy McIntyre



The crowd was small, twenty-five people, but it was a joyous occasion for the descendants of Charles Barnabas Vermilyer who gathered for the fifty-first time in Indiana.

A delicious lunch was served and games were played. The traditional auction, which finances future Reunions was held.

Lewis Vermilyer was elected President, other family members will be serving as vice-president, Secretary-Treasurer, and helpers for the next Reunion which is planned for mid June 2007. The exact date will be announced when arrangements are complete.

A group picture was taken, and everyone enjoyed visiting with family again.

*WE WISH EVERYONE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING
A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON AND A SAFE, HEALTHY
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR*

FROM THE STAFF

by Carl Vermilyea

Our research has continued to be fruitful. Sandra Todd was able to obtain some good information during her trip to the LDS Library in Utah this year and, through her continued diligent research on the internet, has harvested interesting data covering all branches of our clan. A huge project for her was the expansion of her web site. She has not only updated information which had previously been there but also added a great deal of new information which should significantly help anyone in our clan who is researching their roots. We thank Sandra for her untiring dedication and boundless efforts.

For this edition we received input from several of you. A big thanks goes out to: Nancy (Vermilyer) McIntyre and Peggy Vermilyea for submitting reports, with pictures, covering their family reunions; Tom and Cindy Vermilye, Darla (Vermilye) and Sonny Young and Lynne (Vermilyea) and Russ Andrews for sending in reports and pictures covering their children's marriages; George ("Dick") Schottler for providing a collection of old obituaries which had been gathered by his father over many years; and, Mona Colclessor, not a descendant but aware of our interest in Vermilyea Places, for sending me information about the pending sale of the Vermilyea House in Aboite, Indiana. Sandra Todd, Joanne MacArthur and I welcome all the help we can get in developing articles for his newsletter and very much appreciate all these reports. We invite everyone to send Sandra, or me, more, anytime.

The VFA Board of Directors recently approved the dues policy for 2007. They voted to make no changes from what the policy was last year. Therefore, the policy will be: *"The membership of every 2006 Subscribing Member (those who now receive the VFA Newsletter) will be carried over automatically into 2007 and no dues will be required. Anyone who was a Subscribing Member and paid dues for any year from 1995 through 2005 but did not receive the newsletter in 2006 will not be charged dues in 2007; but, they must send an updated membership application to the VFA Treasurer. Anyone who has never been a Subscribing Member (will become a first-time member in 2007) must submit a membership application and pay dues for 2007 of \$6.00 (US), or \$7.50 (Canadian), to the VFA Treasurer. The same dues amounts apply for gift memberships."* A copy of the Membership form is included in this issue for your convenience.

We have received several inquiries about the possibility of having a VFA-wide Reunion in 2007. At this point, all I can say is we are working on it. We would like to have one but as of now have no absolutely firm commitments. We will keep you posted via email and future newsletters as things develop.

Historically, most record keepers and genealogist have focused their efforts on a surname (said another way, on males) and, consequently, in many cases little, if any, information is recorded about the spouse's side (the female side) of a family. Several years ago, I started researching my grandmother Vermilyea's line. I didn't get far. She passed away before I was born and I was never told much about her ancestry. I found that her parents were quite poor and had immigrated to Chicago from Ontario, Canada. But, that's as far as I was able to go. In Canada, their relatively common surname and propensity for moving around left no clear road map to follow. Discouraged, I shifted my research to my own mother's ancestry. As the majority of her ancestors lived in nearby Maine where family records seem to be plentiful, I've been able to document the majority of her and her mother's lines and found they both hail from an interesting, industrious and rich-in-character group of people from which I'm proud to descend. And yes, I've done some research on my wife's line but have had some help. I persuaded one of my brothers-in-law to get into genealogy and he has picked up the ball and done a great job. If you haven't had the opportunity to research the females in you family line(s), I encourage you to do so. Your descendants may thank you for it in the years to come.

VERMILYEA FAMILY REUNION
July 27th, 28th, & 29th, 2006
SARATOGA INN, SARATOGA, WYOMING
By Peggy Vermilyea



On Thursday, July 27, 2006, the descendants of Joseph C. Vermilyea gathered at the Saratoga Inn in the small town of Saratoga, Wyoming. The offspring of Joseph C. Vermilyea (all deceased) produced twenty-three children. Fourteen of these first cousins attended with their spouses, children, grandchildren, and friends for a total of seventy-six. They represented five generations from age 88 to age 2 and came from sixteen states from Florida to Washington.

On Friday morning, ten of the younger people had a three-hour trail ride at Brush Creek Ranch. Even those with riding experience reported it was no ordinary trail ride. Up and down steep rocky terrain, crossing creeks, jumping fallen logs and spectacular mountain scenery provided a true western riding adventure.

While the horseback riders enjoyed their outing, eighteen of the mostly older generations enjoyed a three-hour scenic float trip down the North Platte River. The river was low due to our on-going drought, but this fact suited some just fine, as they would not have had the nerve to do any white water rafting. It provided time to visit and enjoy the natural beauty around them, including deer coming down to graze, bald eagles and owls in flight.

Many stayed behind at the Inn to sit out on the spacious porch to visit, playing in the large lawn area, swimming in the natural hot spring pool, fishing in the nearby ponds, playing golf, getting a massage, or shopping. There was plenty to do to keep everyone of any age occupied.

On Saturday morning, about 60 of us piled into vehicles for the 18-mile ride to Brush Creek Ranch. There we consolidated into 4-wheel drive pickups and Suburbans for the mile and a half ride into the “back country” to our breakfast site. We were treated to sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes cooked over an open pit, homemade bread, orange juice, and cowboy coffee, which will put hair on your chest! It was a beautiful location with a clear creek nearby and lots of natural scenery.

Saturday afternoon, eighteen of the mostly younger set went on their rafting trip. The guides allowed them to have high-powered water guns, so they had a ball having a water fight and being permitted to get into the North Platte River. Everyone got drenched, including the adults.

Saturday evening we met at the outdoor pavilion for our family meeting and dinner. Russ Broderdorp (Wyoming)

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acted as MC. Erma Vermilyea (Wyoming), widow of Forest Vermilyea, and the oldest person in attendance at age 88, made cross-stitch pictures to honor various members. Clydene Edelen (Colorado) was honored as the oldest person in attendance (other than Erma). Barbara Loftus (Florida) traveled the farthest to attend. Jake Vermilyea (California) had the most children present (4 of 6). Jim and Sandy Vermilyea (South Carolina) earned their picture for being married the longest. Little Matthew Wortham (Colorado) was our youngest honoree at age 2.

Sandy Vermilyea and Alice Spearman (friend of Peggy Vermilyea from South Carolina) honored Erma Vermilyea with a card shower. Everyone had signed a card for Erma and they were presented along with a big bouquet. Sandy had written a poem for Erma, which was read by Alice.

We observed a moment of silence in remembrance of our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and cousins who are no longer with us. Bayard Vermilyea (Missouri) gave the blessing.

After our dinner, we kept the western spirit alive with a group singing of “Jingle, Jangle, Jingle”, and “Don’t Fence Me In”. Vivian Vermilyea (California, and wife of Jake) had brought a couple dozen jars of homemade jellies, jams, and syrups. They were auctioned off and the proceeds used to send flowers to some family members who were unable to attend because of health. This was such a success that there was enough money left to help Peggy Vermilyea pay for some of the expense and to hold some over to forward to the next host.

Peggy Vermilyea was presented with a turquoise ring, a silver bracelet and a bouquet of flowers to show everyone’s thanks in organizing this event. It was announced that Jeremy Vermilyea, son of Scott Vermilyea shall host the next Vermilyea Family Reunion, in 2009 in the Portland, Oregon, area. It is so nice to see the next generation step up and keep our reunions going.

WEDDINGS

KRISTY LYNNE ANDREWS (VFA #1777-II) AND BRETT EVANS GILMORE

By Carl Vermilyea

In our last edition, we announced the wedding of Kristy Lynne Andrews, daughter of Lynne (Vermilyea) Andrews (VFA #1777) to Brett Evans Gilmore on May 20, 2006. This picture shows members of Kristy’s immediate family and some of her Vermilyea relatives who attended the celebration.



Left to Right: Gail (Vermilyea) Cherochak, daughter of Carl P. and Linda R. Vermilyea; Felicity F. Andrews; Whitney P. Andrews; Robert W. Vermilyea; in front, Ryan H. Vermilyea, son of Kenneth P. Vermilyea; Scott W. Andrews and his wife, Ada (“Liz”); Kenneth P. Vermilyea, son of Paul H. Vermilyea; Brett E. Gilmore; Seth R. Vermilyea, son of Robert W. Vermilyea; Kristy L. (Andrews) Gilmore; in front, Brittany P. Vermilyea, daughter of Kenneth P. Vermilyea; Paul H. Vermilyea; Lynne O. (Vermilyea) Andrews and her daughter, Olivia; Carl P. Vermilyea; Linda R. Vermilyea; and, Russell P. Andrews Jr.

PHILLIP ALLEN YOUNG (VFA #1088-2-2III) AND DIANE (WIDMAR) GREGORY

From Darla (Vermilye) Young (VFA #1088-2-2)

On January 21, 2006, Phillip Allen Young, son of Darla (Vermilye) and Arthur Young married Diane (Widmar) Gregory, the daughter of Kathy McFarland and Rodger Widmar at Kirtland Christian Fellowship Church in Kirtland, Ohio.



Seated on the floor from the left: Morgane Rae Young, junior bridesmaid (9); Jonothan Michael Young (4); Aileen Marie Young (8); Clare Colleen Young (2); Sarah Elizabeth Young (10). Second Row: Arthur Thomas Young (6); our bride, Diane Marie Young; our groom, Phillip Allen Young; Jared Allen Young, ring bearer (4). Third Row: Kenneth Russell Young and wife, Tina; James Brian Young and wife, Kristin; Arthur Michael Young and wife, Maribeth; and the parents of the groom, Arthur George and Darla (Vermilye) Young

MATTHEW JOHN VERMILYE (VFA #1847)

AND STEPHANIE RICHADSON

From Thomas Vermilyea (VFA #1672)



On July 8, 2006, Matthew John Vermilye, son of Thomas and Cynthia Marie (Hartter) Vermilye of Kansas married Stephanie Richeson.

Cynthia, Mathew John
and Tom Vermilye



Matthew Vermilyea with his bride
Stepanie Richeson and her son,
Ryan

ANOTHER TRIP TO THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

By Sandra Vermilyea Todd

In June while visiting our son and daughter-in-law we got to spend some time at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City once again. I took several of our “cases” along hoping to find that elusive “key” that would unlock the past to some of our family histories. We still have a number of ancestors that left no path back to their existence. Several family members are still actively searching for their roots and can go back to the early 1800’s, but there it all ends.

As many of you know there are very few records existing before the 1850 Federal Census that can give any real answers, especially if you are searching for a John, William or Edward V. We can be thankful that our surname, while usually misspelled, is uncommon. One family that we searched for was that of Edward Vermilyea who was born in New York sometime before 1850, probably between 1820 and 1830. It appears that he was born in Otsego County, New York, maybe in the little town of Unadilla. Being somewhat familiar with the area and in touch with several historians there, I had a few ideas. I was able to establish that the family, who is thought by myself and several of his descendants to be the parents, was in Unadilla in 1831. The father, George Vermilyea appears on the Tax Roll there. Unfortunately that record is of no help in determining information as to who the wife or children were. I went through every book on the shelf that deals with the area, mostly cemetery records, but didn’t find one Vermilyea or related family name mentioned. As this family moved on to Steuben County, New York sometime after 1831 it is possible that there were no deaths while they were in that area. There are no marriage or births recorded in Unadilla during this time. I have not been able to find them mentioned in any church records either. New York State is one of the few states that have state census. The next step was the earliest census record, which is 1845, but there were none for the area of Steuben County where this family relocated. Any census record after this date would no longer be helpful as Edward was already married and on his way with his wife and at least two children to Wisconsin where they lived for a short time. They can’t be located on the 1850 Federal Census in Wisconsin or any other state; however there is an Edward Vermilia listed in 1855 at Medina, Dane County, Wisconsin. It is thought this is the right family as the father of Edward’s wife, Martin Zelig is listed a few houses away. This record doesn’t list any other information except that there were five males and four females living in the household. Relationships are not listed, or place of birth. The family moved to an unknown location in Missouri in the mid to late 1850’s where he died in 1858 and apparently was buried there — no records can be located for that death or burial. His widow and children returned to Wisconsin before 1860 where she remarried. The family lived out the rest of their lives there. No record can be found that connects this family back to the Vermilyea family in New York; however, it is possible that another person listed with our unidentified families connects to Edward. Charles H. Vermilyea who was born in New York in 1827 was also in Wisconsin and Missouri at the same time.

While we were not successful in “connecting” any of the families, we always find “another little piece” to add to the puzzle. Many times these pieces call for many more pieces, sometimes it completes a section. With so many more records now available on the Internet, we are not so overwhelmed at the library and focus mostly on the books that are there in abundance from every state. These books, mostly donated, fill one floor of the library and are filled by state – county, then city, village, etc. It is an amazing collection.

It is always fun and interesting to visit the library. I remember our first trip there in 1991, back before my interest in family research began. I have related this story to many of you before, but I never get tired of telling it. In short, I expected a VERY boring trip there, but as it turned out, it opened the door to a very interesting future — meeting all of you and the work I continue to find so fascinating. John and I now have several friends at the library, many people come there every day to do research, some for themselves, and for many it’s an occupation. We see some of the same people year after year, so we have come to recognize each other and enjoy conversation. We also were able to visit with Elizabeth Olsen whom I met while doing Canadian research on the Internet. Years later we had the opportunity to meet in person when she was at the library on a church mission. She returned there this year, so once again we exchanged research ideas, enjoyed lunch and, though it was pouring rain, viewed some of the beautiful flower gardens in Temple Square.

HOME FOR SALE !!

By Carl Vermilyea and Mona Colclessler

In the January-February-March 2006 edition (Volume XI, No.1) of this newsletter, we had a long article titled "Vermilyea Places: Vermilyea House, Vermilyea Lock and Vermilyea Cemetery, Aboit, Indiana." The Vermilyea House is now up for sale. The following ad was sent to me by Mona Colclessler whom I met when I was in Indiana trying to locate the house. Anyone interested?



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OBITUARIES FROM THE PAST

From George ("Dick") Schottler

(Editor's note: George ("Dick") Schottler was kind enough to share these obituaries collected by his father George Jesse Schottler, son of Dr. George J. and Ida Kathleen (Vermilya) Schottler, VFA #1564, 8th Generation.)

Marion Hoagland Vermilye (VFA #662): Source: *New York Herald Tribune*, November 19, 1937: Vermilye — Marion Hoagland, on Nov. 17, 1937, in his 82nd year, husband of the late Josephine Ware and father of Joseph Ware Vermilye and the late Hazel V. Hervy. Services on Friday, at 2 p. m., at the Jung Funeral Home, 796 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn.

Theodore Chardavoynne P. Vermilye (VGA #1162): Source: *New York Times*, December 3, 1959: Vermilye — Theodore Chardavoynne P., on Dec. 2, beloved husband of Alice Murdon Vermilye. Requiem Mass at the Sacred Heart R. C. Church, Georgetown, Conn., Friday, Dec. 4, at 10 A. M.

Reuben W. Vermilyea (#982): Obituary from an unknown newspaper: The funeral of Reuben W. Vermilyea was held last Saturday afternoon, April 15th. After brief services at the residence, the remains were accompanied to the Congregational church by the Order of Woodsmen, of which the deceased was a worthy member, and by a large number of relatives and friends. Rev. James Oakey of Grand Meadow, occupied the pulpit, offering the consolations of the Christian faith to the bereaved. Appropriate hymns were sung by the choir, and lovely floral offerings from the Woodmen and others were arranged about the casket. After the familiar features of the dead were viewed by the large congregation, the body was borne to its last resting place and laid beside father and mother.

Reuben W. Vermilyea, the son of Avery and Fannie Vermilyea, the youngest of eleven children — nine sons and two daughters — was born in Olmstead Co., Jan. 5, 1869 and died April 13th, 1905 at Dexter, his home since 1891. There survive him a wife — Rosa Huntoon — to whom he was married March 19, 1890 — and two children, Gladys and Harold, and seven brothers — David, the eldest having died in 1887 — and two sisters. All but a brother in Missouri were present at the funeral — Abram, Joseph and Jesse; James and wife of Quincy, Samuel, of Bishop, Cal., Orville, of Verndale, Minn., Mrs. Frost of Waubay, S. D., Mrs. Putnam, Granite Falls, Minn., and Otis Huntoon, Plainview, Miss Daisy Huntoon and Miss Pearl Putnam, of St. Paul, Chas. Biers, Dover, Harry Davis, Quincy, Mrs. David Vermilyea of Dexter, and Mrs. Rollins of West Concord.

To his bereaved family and other relatives the entire community offers its deepest sympathy in this hour of sorrow. He leaves behind him the memory of a man of noble character, faithful as a husband, father, brother and friend, useful and honorable as a citizen.

Frank B. Vermilya (VF #1689): Obituary from unknown and undated newspaper: Vermilya — Frank B. In his 74th year, on Nov. 1. Husband of the late Anna G., brother of Percy S., Helen Monk and Norman L. Vermilya. Reposing at Plaza Funeral Home, 40 W. 58th st. Mass will be celebrated at St. Agnes's Church, E. 43d St., Friday Nov. 4, 10 a. m. Funeral private. Kindly omit flowers.

Irving Vermilya, (#1137): Source: *Herald Tribune*, January 31, 1964. Mattapoisett, Mass. Irving Vermilya, 73, one of the first radio hams in the country, shot and killed himself yesterday at his home here. Mr. Vermilya had been despondent because of his failing eyesight. He was pronounced a suicide by Dr. Raymond H. Baxter, Plymouth County Medical Examiner. Mr. Vermilya was introduced to radio, or wireless telegraphy, as it was then known, when he was 11. His father took him to Goat Hill, Nfldl, in 1901, where Guglielmo Marconi had set up the equipment to receive the first trans-Atlantic wireless message.

The boy met the wizard of wireless, who gave him a crude wireless receiving set. Thus was fixed an enthusiasm that was to remain with Mr. Vermilya the rest of his life.

He absorbed every scrap of information on the subject he could come by, and in 1912 he was notified

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that he had passed the examination for an operator's license. The examination, the first to be held, was at a number of places throughout the country, so that a number of applicants shared with Mr. Vermilya the distinction of holding the "No. 1" license.

Throughout his career, which took him aboard many ocean going ships as a radio operator and into various branches of the radio industry, Mr. Vermilya frequently observed that his lucky number was 12-12-12 — that was the date he went to the New York Navy Yard to receive his license, Dec. 12, 1912.

He served in the Navy during World War I, and while his various jobs demanded much of his attention, he, like hams the world over, spent most of his spare time with his own equipment. His call letters, W-1-ZE, became known the world over.

Mr. Vermilya was an early member of the American Radio Relay League, the ham organization.

Jesse B. Vermilyea (VFA #1566): Obituary posted in the *Daily Herald*, Austin, Minnesota, November 22, 1946. Jesse B. Vermilyea, 1844 – 1946. Funeral services for Jesse Bion Vermilyea were conducted Monday afternoon at the Jordan chapel, Austin. Rev. R. Coleman of the First Presbyterian church officiated, Mr. Vermilyea being a member of his church. Louis Budahn, Robert Schiefelbein, Lyman Richardson of Dexter, Stanley Stephenson, Sam Hubbard and Mr. Jennings acted as pallbearers.

Mr. Vermilyea was born in Dexter March 24, 1884, son of Abram Vermilyea and Mary T. Benner and passed away after a lingering illness at his home, near Charfield, Nov. 15, 1946.

He was married to Alice Wakefield June 29, 1904, who preceded him in death on April 29, 1941. To this union were born six children: Lloyd of Austin, Leighton, who passed away in 1934 at the age of 27 years, Beryl Smith of Janesville, Wis., Lowell of Austin, Hollis of Cheyenne and Kathleen Lutton of Janesville, Wis. He also leaves seven grandchildren: Sandra, Priscilla and Sammy Smith, Dale and Brian Vermilyea, Cynthia Lou Lutton and Barry Lynne Vermilyea. Mrs. Maude Medbery of Browns Valley, Mrs. Kathleen Schottler of Dexter and George of Towner, N. D., are sisters and brothers of the deceased.

Out of town relatives to attend the funeral were Dr. and Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Stanley Lutton of Janesville, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Vermilyea of Cheyenne, Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. Meade Vermilyea of Plainview and Mrs. John Stocker of St. Charles. Burial was at the family lot at Dexter.

Hebert Vermilya (VFA #1133): Source: *White Plains Reporter Dispatch*, dated December 17, 1956: Hebert Vermilya, Tarrytown. Herbert Vermilya, sixty-one, of 465 Benedict Avenue, Glenville, an engineer for the County Welfare Department at Grasslands Hospital for many years, died Friday night in his home. Mr. Vermilya lived in Glenville for 14 years and was a former resident of Yonkers.

Avery Vermilye: Source: *Mower County Transcript*, July 15, 1904, page 4, column 4: Died at his home in this village Friday afternoon July 15, 1904, Avery Vermilye. The deceased was born in the town of Roxbury, Delaware County, N. Y. Sept. 10, 1820. His father having died when he was two years old, he was adopted by an uncle. From this time on until he was sixteen (years) of age life's pathway was filled with many thorns, his uncle having become addicted to the drink habit. (*Editorial note from Dick Schottler: It is not known who this uncle is but according to a letter written by Avery in 1904 he was raised by his grandmother Vermilya until he was 16 years of age.*) As young as he was he ran away and commenced life's journey independent. He first worked as cook on one of the steam boats on the Hudson River. From this he went to N.Y. City and then to Boston where he embarked on a whaling vessel bound for the Indian Ocean.

Afterward he enlisted in the U.S. Marine service. He was on the wrig "Missouri" when it burned in the Straits of Gibraltar. After returning from this voyage he was married to Miss Fannie Meade, March 10th, 1843. From this time on he was engaged in farming as his health permitted. He moved west to Minnesota in 1863 and settled in the town of Quincy, Olmstead County. In 1890 he moved to Dexter and has since retired from farm labors. His wife passed away Oct. 18, 1897 after a lingering and painful illness. Since, he has lived in the old home patiently awaiting his time. He was baptized and untied with the Baptist Church in Owego, N.Y. Although he had not identified himself with any church for years, he

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was a Christian in every sense of the word. He has left a monument that the wealth of the Goulds and Vanderbilts cannot buy; a pure, upright, honest life. Besides a host of friends he leaves two daughters and eight sons to mourn his loss. All were present at the funeral except three sons for who it was impossible to get here. The funeral (was) held in the Congregational church, Rev. Winters officiating. The remains were laid at rest in the Dexter Cemetery. (*Note from Dick Schottler: The U. S. Paddle Frigate "Missouri" was destroyed by fire at Gibraltar 26 Aug 1843. Therefore, Avery Vermilya probably married on 20 Mar 1844 instead of 20 Mar 1843. The date given by Riker and Toler is 20 Mar 1844.*) (Editor's note: George Jesse Schottler who saved this obituary is the great grandson of Avery Vermilya.)

MORE ABOUT AVERY VERMILYE/A

By Carl Vermilyea with comments from Dick Schottler

Avery Vermilye (surname spelled as shown in the above obituary, otherwise spelled Vermilya) is both my and Dick Schottlers ancestor. I had not known about Avery's adventure on the Frigate "Missouri" until I received the obit from Dick.

Purely by chance, I was in a used book and antique shop about a month after receiving the obituary from Dick when I spotted a book about the history of the U. S. Navy: *U. S. Navy, A Complete History*" Naval Historical Foundation, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.; by M. Hill Goodspeed; Printed by: Hugh Lauter Leven Associates, Inc; 2003, ISBN 0-88363-112-1. On pages 110, 121, 127 and 129 of it, I found information about the *Missouri*. It stated, paraphrased: The U. S. Congress authorized the building of two side-wheel, wooden-hull frigates in 1839 to be named the *Missouri* and the *Mississippi*. The *Missouri* was launched on 7 January 1941 at the New York Navy Yard. In August 1943, it became the first steamed powered vessel to cross the Atlantic Ocean when it sailed to Gibraltar, a voyage of 19 days. On 24 August 1843, it burned and sank at Gibraltar as a consequence of a crew member who spilled a jug of turpentine which caught fire. On page 129 of the source is a picture of a painting depicting the ship in flames and several dories full of the ship's crew members rowing away from it. After reporting that information to Dick, he replied: "I, too, looked up the *Missouri* in a Navy publication. Here is some more information of interest: 'On 6 August 1843, the *Missouri* embarked the Honorable Caleb Cushing, U.S. Minister to China, bound for Alexandria, Egypt, on the first leg of his journey to negotiate the first commercial treaty with China. The same day the ship was visited by President John Tyler who came on board for a few hours' cruise in Hampton Roads, observing the crew working the ship and the powerful twin paddlewheels in action. The President disembarked at Old Point Comfort, and the frigate steamed from Norfolk, via Fayal in the Azores, for Gibraltar on the first power crossing of the Atlantic by a steam warship.

" 'The *Missouri* arrived at Gibraltar 25 August and anchored in the shadow of the historic fortress. On the night of the 26th, the engineer's yeoman broke a demijohn of turpentine in the storeroom which soon ignited. The flames spread so rapidly that all hope of saving the warship had to be abandoned. The crew barely escaped with their lives. Minister Cushing was able to rescue his official letter to the Emperor of China and carry out his mission. In 4 hours, the splendid steam frigate was reduced to a blackened and sinking hulk and finally at 0320 in the morning of the 27th, the forward powder magazine blew up, destroying the still burning skeleton of the ship.

" 'It goes on to say: 'The governor of Gibraltar threw open the gates of that base to Missouri survivors in an unprecedented act of courtesy which was recognized by a resolution of appreciation from Congress.' "

Other research on Avery reveals that his adventure to the Indian Ocean on a whaling ship (mentioned in the obituary) also ended up poorly. Briefly, he was in a whaling dory when after harpooning a whale, the whale turn around and stove in the dory dumping all occupants into the ocean. The harpooning crew was in the water for many hours clinging to debris before the "mother" ship was able to find and rescue them. With those kinds of misfortunes at sea, it's not surprising that Avery turned to farming.

IN MEMORY

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

Elma Bernice (Vermilyer) Freeland: (Editor's note: In the last edition, we included Elma's obituary. Unfortunately, the picture of her which should have accompanied the notice was not included. We apologize to the family for the omission. Her picture is shown here.)



Glen Alfred Vermilya¹⁰, (Russell G⁹, George Arthur⁸, James⁷, Levi⁶, Solomon⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John² Johannes¹):

STARKE - Glen Alfred Vermilya, 63, of Starke died Friday, May 13, 2006, at Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville following an extended illness.

Born in Catskill, N.Y., Mr. Vermilya was an over-the-road truck driver. He retired from the Teamsters Union in Jacksonville. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Cuban conflict and was a member of the Church at Argyle.

Mr. Vermilya is survived by: his wife, Alice Vermilya; two sons, Glen E. Vermilya and Kenneth Lee Vermilya; two daughters, Bonnie T. Finout and Virginia L. Kelly; two sisters, Eva Jensen and Joan Sayres; and 12 grandchildren.

Memorial services for Mr. Vermilya were May 18, 2006, in the Chapel of Archie Tanner Funeral Home of Starke with the Rev. Ken Dyal officiating.

Charles Edward Vermilyea⁹, (George Henry⁸, William Elliot⁷, Benjamin Franklin⁶, Nathaniel Drake⁵, Philip⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac², Johannes¹)

VERMILYEA Charles Edward "Pastor V." Charles Edward "Pastor V." Vermilyea, age 82, of Toledo, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, June 5, 2006. He was born in Brooklyn, NY on October 10, 1923. After graduating from Baptist Bible Seminary in Johnson City, NY on June 2, 1947, Charles married his beloved Donna Wylie the following day-they just celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. He served as pastor in several churches-Carmel Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan; First Baptist Church, Weston, MI; First Baptist Church, St. Louis, MI; Highland Village Baptist Church, Racine, WI and First Baptist Church, Newaygo, MI. He also served as Executive Director of Continental Baptist Missions in Grand Rapids, MI. After retiring from full-time ministry in 1997, he moved to Toledo and served at Emmanuel Baptist Church as Visitation Pastor until 2005.

Charles is survived by his wife, Donna (Wylie); son, Timothy (Barb) Vermilyea; daughters, Cathy (Mark) Engwert, Joy (Kit) Pherson and Ellen Vermilyea; grandchildren, Heidi (Tim) Bott, Wendy (Chris) Baker, Mandi, Ben (Stacey) and Matt Vermilyea, Diane, Esther, David, and Carla Pherson; 4 great-grandchildren with one more on the way; sisters, Loretta Vermilyea and Vi Vetter and nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Paul Edward and brother, George.

The family will receive guests Thursday 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Friday from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 4207 W. Laskey Rd. Funeral services begin Friday at 1:00 p.m. at the church followed by a private burial service at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers,

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please consider a gift to Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania, or Emmanuel Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Newcomer Funeral Home, 4150 W. Laskey Rd. Expressions of sympathy may be made at www.newcomerfamily.com. Published in the *Toledo Blade* from 6/7/2006 - 6/8/2006.

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

CAPSHAW, Margaret Age 83, passed away July 9, 2006 at Hawthorn Glen Nursing Home, Hamilton, Ohio. She was born October 26, 1922 to Charles and Nancy Vermilyer in LaPorte, Indiana. She was married in August 1949 to O.W. Capshaw who survives along with a daughter, Sandy Ricker and a son, David Zeitz. She also leaves four grandchildren, Brian Ricker, Jay Ricker, Karlton (Emerald) Zeitz, Kerri Ricker and one great grandchild, Alexandra Zeitz. She is also survived by two sisters, Florence Swanson, and Bessie Reeder and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by son, Bill Zeitz, four brothers, four sisters, a great granddaughter and a son-in-law. Margaret was a member of Millville Avenue Church of God. For over 30 years she was active in the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliaries. The family would like to thank the staff at Hawthorn Glenn and Vitas Hospice (especially Susan), and a very special thank you to her church family for their support and prayers through her illness. Donations may be given to Vitas Hospice. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. - until time of service (3 p.m.), Thursday July 13, 2006 at the Avance Funeral Home & Crematory, 4976 Winton Rd., Fairfield with Pastor Gary Bennett officiating. Also, the family will accept condolences at www.avancefuneralhome.com. Published in the *Hamilton Journal-News*, Hamilton, Ohio on 7/12/2006.

Wayne William Boelter husband of Betty Vermilya, Ninth Generation #2127 (Ransond Ervin⁸, James I.⁷, Avery⁶, Abram⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

ROCHESTER — The funeral for Wayne William Boelter, 85, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ranfranz & Vine Funeral Homes Chapel in Rochester, with the Rev. James Mattson officiating. Burial will be in Grandview Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Boelter, a retired postal employee of Rochester, died Saturday (Aug. 12, 2006) at Saint Marys Hospital, of natural causes.

He was born March 23, 1921, in Springfield, Minn. Reared in Elgin, he was a graduate of Elgin High School. He attended Mankato College, completing coursework in business administration. He became employed by the U.S. Postal Service, working briefly at the Elgin Post Office. He married Betty Vermilya on Sept. 13, 1956, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. He continued his career at the Rochester Post Office, first at the downtown location and then at the Valleyhigh Drive office. He retired in 1980. He was a member of Elgin Lutheran Church. Other memberships included the Senior Citizens and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE). He enjoyed fishing and watching sports.

Survivors include his wife. Other survivors include four nieces, Jackie Fleming of St. Paul, Judy (Paul) Arnesen of Sartell, Minn., Kathy (Lloyd) Sandbulte of Altoona, Iowa, and Janice (James) Jacobson of Howard Lake, Minn.; and three nephews, James (Candy) Trapp of Plymouth, Minn., Peter (Rhonda) Boelter of Browerville, Minn., and James (Susan) Vermilya of Dover.

Friends may call an hour before the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, or

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Paws and Claws.

Online memorials can be made at www.ranfranzandvinefh.com

Posted at *Post-Bulletin Online*, Rochester, Minnesota, dated August 14, 2006.

Paul Martin son of Zylpha Elanora/Eleanor Vermilyea⁷, (David F.⁶, Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

Paul Martin, 84, of Burt Village, Meadows Mennonite Retirement Center, Rural Chenoa, died July 31, 2006, at Bromenn Regional Medical Center, Normal. Mr. Martin was born August 11, 1921, in Chenoa to Ralph K. and Zylpha (Vermilyea) Martin. He married Ruth Dunham, Aug. 17, 1945, in Bloomington, IL. She survives. Also surviving are three sons, Dennis (Bonnie) Martin, Douglas (Laurie) Martin, and David (Cindy) Martin; one sister, Hazel Mitchell and one brother, Harry Martin and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Ruby Regenold and three brothers, Arthur, William and James Martin. Mr. Martin was a graduate of Chenoa High School, Class of 1940.

He was a lifetime member of the International Union of Operation Engineers Local #150. He had served in the United States Army during WWII in the 381st Infantry Regiment, 96th division in the Pacific Heart and the Bronze Star for his service. He was also a charter and lifetime member of the Chenoa VFW Post #8350, and a member of the VFW America. He was a member of the Youngtown United Methodist Church, Youngtown, AZ, and a former member of the Chenoa United Methodist Church. Paul's hobbies were rock collecting and polishing, or Lapidary and silver smithing. He also liked to work with his hands and was a handyman. He was also a member of the NRA.

Mr. Martin and his wife Ruth were both born and raised in Chenoa. They resided in Chenoa until his retirement in 1979. They moved to Sun City, AZ, for 29 years and recently moved back to Burt Village of the Meadows Mennonite Retirement Center, Chenoa. Inurnment will be a private family service on Thursday, August 3, 2006, at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Visitation will be held Saturday, August 5, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home in Chenoa. Memorial services will be held Saturday at 12 noon at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Chenoa. Memorials may be made to the Operation Porch Light, 201 E. Grove St., Bloomington, IL 61701 (Must be marked in "Memeory of Paul Martin). Online condolences can be sent: duffypilsmemorialhome.com. Published in the *Chicago Tribune* on 8/3/2006.

Janice Ann Freeland-McGuire, daughter of Elma Bernice Vermilyer⁸, (Edward Charles⁷, Barnabas/Charles Barnabas⁶, William⁵, Peter⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

Mrs. Janice A. Freeland-McGuire, 63, of Bel-Wood Nursing Home, Peoria, Ill., and formerly of Rolling Prairie, died Friday, June 30, 2006, at 6:49 a.m. at Methodist Medical Center, Peoria.

She was born May 14, 1943, in LaPorte County to Raymond and Elma (Vermilyer) Freeland.

Mrs. Freeland-McGuire was a homemaker and a 1961 graduate of Rolling Prairie High School.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan Namboodiri of Bloomington, Ill., and Melissa (Martin) Bystrom; two grandchildren; and one brother, Daniel Freeland of Roanoke, Va.

Her parents and one grandson preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the chapel at Bel-Wood Nursing Home, 6701 W. Plank Rd., Peoria. Her body has been donated to medical science. Burial of ashes will be at a later date.

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CHRISTMASES PAST

By Sandra V. Todd

Over the last few years, I have had the pleasure of being able to research the Vermilya/e/ea/er family history in many different ways. One of my favorites is the Historical Newspaper collection. I have become increasingly interested in the old graphics and old advertisements. I'm hoping that you will enjoy some of my favorites chosen for the holiday season.

From the *Syracuse Herald*, Syracuse, New York.
December 22, 1907



This was from 1907, but still true today!!!

The *Syracuse Herald*, Syracuse, New York, December 22, 1906

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SPORTS UPDATE

By Carl Vermilyea

Baseball

Jamie Vermilyea is still with the Toronto Blue Jays' AAA team, the Syracuse SkyChiefs of the International League. The team is last place in its division with a 64-79 won-lost record. When last checked, Jamie had won 6 games, lost 7 and had an ERA of 3.85. He had pitched 114 2/3 innings, struck out 64 batters and walked 28.

Motor Cross

Geoffrey Vermilyea of Dickson, Tennessee (about 40 miles west of Nashville), took 2nd Place in the 2006 year-end standings in Division LA-1 of the Mid-South Cross Country Racing League. Geoffrey, who rides a Kawasaki, was recognized for his success at a gala banquet in Nashville in September.



Bowling



In April, after the collegiate season, Erik Vermilyea of Maplewood, Minnesota, was selected as a second team All-American by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association and was named as an Honorable Mention by the Bowling Writers Association of America in their vote for All-American Players of the Year.



DID YOU KNOW (or, for whatever it's worth)?

There's a site on the Internet which lists the 55,000 most common names found in telephone books across the United States. "Vermilyea" is ranked as the 22,327th most common name. The site did not say how many listing, or people, that represented. The spellings "Vermilya", "Vermilye" and "Vermilyer" were not listed as being among the top 55,000 most common.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you have difficulty in thinking of a Christmas gift for a hard-to-buy-for relative, we have a suggestion: A one-year membership in the Vermilyea Family Association. See the last page (The VFA page) for subscription details.

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We extend our appreciation to those listed below for their continued interest and support during 2006. These members will be carried forward automatically into 2007 as subscribing members and will not be required to pay dues to the VFA.

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

(Date)

(Signature)

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Mr. John R. Todd, Treasurer, VFA

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THE VFA

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Please make your check or money order payable to: **John R. Todd; and**, enter "VFA dues" on the memo line on your check.

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