



### **A BASEBALL FIRST! VERMILYEA PLAYS IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES**

By Carl P. Vermilyea

Jamie Vermilyea has become the first of our Vermilya/e/ea/er clan to play baseball at the major league level. Those of you who have been receiving this newsletter for the past couple of years know well that we have been Toronto Blue Jays organization out of the University of New Mexico in May 2003. At 6'4" and 195 pounds, the right-handed pitcher had an outstanding record with the UNM "Golobos." Many of us hoped he'd eventually make it to the "big leagues" and become the first of our clan to have his name entered into the official records of major league baseball.



Since being drafted, Jamie has worked his way up through Toronto's minor league "farm" system from the Single to Triple A levels. At the beginning of this year, he was given a tryout with the Blue Jays but wasn't selected for either their starting, 25-man roster or their 40-man active-plus-reserve roster. However, the Blue Jays saw potential and assigned him to their Triple-A club in Syracuse, NY. After performing extremely well there in a few games, on April 14<sup>th</sup> he was assigned to the Blue Jays' 40-man roster thus making him eligible for immediate call-up to the Blue Jays active roster should they need a pitcher. The call-up came the next day, Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. On the following Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the Blue Jays trailing the Baltimore Orioles 7-1 at the end of 6 innings, Jamie entered the game to pitch the last 3 innings. In this, his first major league game, his final statistics were: no runs, 3 hits, 1 strike out and no bases-on-balls. An excellent showing for a rookie! Unfortunately, after the game, Jamie was sent back to the Chiefs and another pitcher who had been playing with the Chiefs and who previously had several years of experience at the major league level replaced him.

However, that only last about 17 days. On 10 May, after another pitcher on the Blue Jays roster was injured, Jamie was re-called to the parent club – which was playing a series against the Boston Red Sox in Boston. That night, with the red-hot Red Sox leading the Jays 8-0 after 5 innings, Jamie was summoned in from the bullpen. In historical old Fenway Park, he pitched the next 3 innings (the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>) allowing no runs, 2 hits, 1 strike out and no bases-on-ball. Another exceptional performance!

I was watching that game on TV and was thrilled to see Jamie "mow down" our New England team. Knowing he would be replaced by another relief pitcher for the final inning, he had a huge smile on his face and literally skipped off the field after the last out in the 8<sup>th</sup>. He knew he'd done a superb job. Good for him! And, I got a call from one of my neighbors wanting to know how this kid, Vermilyea, and I were related. (Despite the fact that the Sox won the game, my fanatic Red Sox neighbor wasn't exactly thrilled that a rookie had stopped the Sox cold.)

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Jamie, James Jordan Vermilyea, was born on February 10, 1982 in Tucson, AZ. His ancestral line back to Johannes Vermelje is: James Lester Vermilyea, Raymond, Lester J., Isaac, Isaac, John, John, Isaac Corssen Jr., Isaac Corssen and Johannes. That would make him an 8<sup>th</sup> cousin, once remove, to me; but, who's counting – he's a VERMILYEA!

Below are the box scores of Jamie's first 2 games in the "big."

April 22, 2007

May 10, 2007

<b>Orioles</b> .....				<b>7</b>		
<b>Blue Jays</b> .....				<b>3</b>		
<b>TORONTO</b>		<b>BALTIMORE</b>				
	ab	r	h	bi		
Rios rf	5	0	2	2		
Lind lf	3	0	0	0		
VWells cf	4	0	0	0		
Ovrbay 1b	3	0	0	0		
Thomas dh	4	1	2	0		
Zaun c	3	0	1	0		
AHill 2b	4	1	1	1		
JSmith 3b	3	0	0	0		
RPbrts ph	0	1	0	0		
Clayton ss	4	0	1	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>		
Toronto	0	1	0	0		
Baltimore	0	0	0	0		
DP—Toronto 1, Baltimore 1, LOB—Toronto 8, Baltimore 7. 2B—Zaun (4), Markakis (4). 3B—Markakis (1), HR—AHill (3).						
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
Chacin L,2-1	4 2/3	5	6	6	2	1
VZambrano	2/3	2	1	1	1	1
Vermilyea	3	3	0	0	0	1
<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
Trachsel W,1-1	5 2/3	4	1	1	4	3
Bradford	2/3	0	0	0	0	0
Williamson	1	0	0	0	0	1
JWalker	1	0	0	0	0	1
Burres	1	3	2	2	1	2
T—2:57. A—27,285 (48,290).						

<b>Blue Jays</b> .....				<b>0</b>		
<b>BOSTON</b>		<b>TORONTO</b>				
	ab	r	h	bi		
JLugo ss	5	1	1	0		
Pedroia 2b	0	0	0	0		
Yukilis 1b	5	2	3	2		
DOrtiz dh	4	1	1	2		
Hinske dh	1	0	0	0		
M Ramirez lf	4	1	2	1		
WPena lf	0	0	0	0		
JDrew rf	4	1	2	0		
Lowell 3b	4	1	1	3		
Crisp cf	4	0	1	0		
Mrbell c	4	0	0	0		
Cora 2b	4	1	2	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>		
Boston	1	0	6	0		
Toronto	0	0	0	0		
E—Halladay (1), DP—Boston 1, Toronto 1, LOB—Boston 4, Toronto 4, 2B—Yukilis 2 (8), DOrtiz (12), Crisp (5), Cora (2), HR—Lowell (7), SB—JLugo (10).						
<b>Boston</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
Wakefield W,4-3	7	3	0	0	1	5
Okajima	1	0	0	0	0	2
Romero	1	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
Halladay L,4-2	5	11	8	7	0	2
Vermilyea	3	2	0	0	0	1
Frasor	1	0	0	0	0	1
Umpires—Home, Mike Everitt, First, Paul Nauert Second, Brian Gorman Third, Gerry Davis.						
T—2:18. A—22,290 (48,900).						

As of this writing (May 18<sup>th</sup>), Jamie is still on the Blue Jays' 25 man active roster and has pitched in only those two games.

If the Blue Jays are playing the team in your area and it's televised, you just might want to tune in and see him in action – and don't be surprised if you get a call from a neighbor or two.

If you'd like to follow Jamie's progress, go to the write-up about him at the Blue Jays web site:

<http://toronto.bluejays.mlb.com/team/player.jsp?>

(Note: The above picture of Jamie is from the Toronto Blue Jays Web site.)

## ***FROM THE STAFF***

by Carl Vermilyea

In late January, this year, we discovered that aol.com had made their site addresses upper and lower case sensitive. As a consequence, the address of our VFA web site (the one maintained by Joanne MacArthur) has changed slightly. It is now: <http://members.aol.com/vfa95/Vfa.htm> (note that the second “vfa” in the address starts with a capital “V”). We’ve corrected the address on the “VFA” page in this edition.

In April, Sandra Todd again updated her web site which covers the first seven generations. Sandra has also entered at her site a lot of other information about the family (like: family reunions, pictures of family members, a memorial page, a request for help to identify some families which are in our “Unknown” list, etc). For those with internet access, I urge you take a look at the site - if you haven’t already. The address is at the bottom of the “VFA” page.

Sandra and I have been receiving some interesting inquiries from family researchers; both descendants and some who are probably professional genealogist. We try to be helpful to all but are very careful about what we give out, especially those professionals because the reason for their inquiry is not always made clear. In every case, we are mindful of the need for privacy and do not divulge information we have about descendants who are living unless that living person gives his, or her, permission. Please rest assured that information we have about living members in your family is being safeguarded (held) extremely tightly. This may hinder your ability, or that of some of your relatives, to readily obtain information they may desire. If you know of such a case, please notify Sandra and she will assist you appropriately.

Have you heard about Genetic, or DNA, Genealogy? It’s been getting some publicity lately so Sandra Todd decided to look into it. She’s written an interesting article, included herein, covering some of her findings.

In our last issue, we did not include an obituary listing; thus, the listing in this issue is longer than usual. We believe it important to include them; but, although they are informative and sometimes interesting, they are not the type of thing we want to dominate our newsletter. We also want to include more up-beat information - like the news about Jamie on page 1 and information (and pictures) about births, engagements, marriages, graduations, participation in sports, etc. We need your help! Please, send us the “good news” of things happening in your family. (Anyone get a hole-in-one recently?)

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### **LOCAL REUNIONS AND GATHERINGS**

We understand that some of you will be organizing or attending Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea or Vermilyer family reunions in your local area this summer. Please don’t forget that we’d like to receive information about your reunion/gathering for our historical records and this newsletter. Please send us a report of your event with the names of attendees, and pictures too.

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## SPRING QUOTES

“A garden is evidence of faith. It links us with all the misty figures of the past who also planted and were nourished by the fruits of their planting.” — *Gladys Tabor*

### WHAT IS GENETIC GENEALOGY?

*By Sandra Vermilyea Todd — with information provided by the sources mentioned.*

Genetic genealogy applies DNA testing to traditional genealogical research methods. Traditional genealogical methods are totally dependent upon the existence of paper records: census returns, probate and parish records, tax assessments, and so on — pieces of paper that time and carelessness can easily destroy.

Even if the paper records do survive, they can still be incomplete, contradictory, and tainted by human error. Genetic information about a deceased ancestor can be constructed by testing living individuals, and thereby determining if they share common ancestry.

Each individual carries a biological record that cannot be destroyed: DNA. Has anyone ever told you that you have your mother’s hands or your father’s nose? These traits are just physical manifestations of shared genetic information. Each individual carries genetic information passed down from his or her parents, grandparents and so on. The techniques of genetic genealogy allow that meticulously kept record to be accessed to help reconstruct your family tree and direct your family history research efforts. In fact, you could say that DNA is a new kind of GPS—a Genealogical Positioning System TM.

Maternal Line Analysis traces the maternal line using **Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)**. Mitochondria are passed from mother to biological child. Each of us carries virtually an exact copy of our mother’s mtDNA. Therefore, all our siblings and direct maternal relatives also have identical mtDNA sequences. Once the genetic profile for a female ancestor is established, other living descendants can be tested to see if their profiles match. Thus, mtDNA is a valuable investigative tool for researching the maternal line and identifying shared maternal line ancestry.

Paternal Line Analysis traces the paternal line using the Y chromosome. Direct paternal line testing is currently the most popular application of Genetic Genealogy. This test allows two men to determine if they share a common paternal ancestor. DNA testing is not merely another aid for genealogical research; it is an advanced tool which genealogists can use to establish relationships.

#### **Do you dig up dead people?**

No! Because DNA from living individuals is used, we are able to reconstruct the genetic profiles of common ancestors and establish genealogical links. The Y chromosome (Ycs)—the part of the DNA that determines the male gender—passes almost unchanged from generation to generation, which means that a male will share the same or similar Y chromosome with all males in his paternal lineage (father, brother, sons). In other words, they will also share the same or similar Y chromosome with their 6th, 7th and 8th great grandfather! Once the genetic profile for a male ancestor is established, other living males can be tested to see if their profiles match. If a

match is found, it can be surmised that those who match are “genetic cousins,” thereby sharing a common male ancestor.

### **Obtaining the Sample, the Cost, Privacy ...**

Genetic Sample Testing kits are easy to obtain and are usually free.

The most common way to obtain the sample needed for testing is by using a Q-Tip like swab on the inside of the mouth which is then placed in a special container provided in the sample kit. Another way of obtaining the sample is by swishing a mouth wash like solution in your mouth for a prescribed length of time (about 1 minute). This sample is placed in a vial and returned back to the testing organization. The costs of the testing varies by the type of testing and runs from about \$100.00 to \$200.00 depending on the number of markers tested.

Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (a non profit organization) provides free genealogical testing and the results are provided at their Web Site [www.smgf.org](http://www.smgf.org) Results are not provided in writing and are available only at their Web Site. While your name is not shown or the names of any of your relatives born after 1906, you can do a surname search to see the Family Trees of those submitting and the number of markers that match. By comparing those names with your known ancestors you are able to see if anyone submitting may share the same DNA with you.....

When submitting the DNA sample you are also required to submit a Family Tree that includes data for at least four generations of your family. The time from submitting your sample till you see your results at the Sorenson site varies, but one could expect it to take a year depending on the number of submissions they are receiving. SMGF is providing a coupon to both past and future SMGF project participants for discounted genetic testing through Relative Genetics who does charge, but provides a more advanced testing. There are a number of companies providing this service, be sure to check them out before submitting.

### **Want to learn more?**

Check out these sources:

Journey of Man – PBS program, check your local listings for dates and more information.

Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation – [www.smgf.org](http://www.smgf.org)

Relative Genetics – [www.relativegenetics.com](http://www.relativegenetics.com)

Also, you can find lots of information on this subject by doing a Google search using “Genetic DNA Testing”

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## **A NEW ARMY REGISTRY**

*By Carl P. Vermilyea*

Attention Army Veterans –

The *Army Historical Foundation (AHF)*, located in Arlington, VA, has established a *Registry of the American Soldier*. The Registry is intended to be “a celebration of the service and sacrifice of Soldiers from 1775 to the present day.” Any former soldier may enter their name and service history in the *Registry*. Spouses, parents, children,

descendants and friends may also enroll service members, past and present, in the *Registry*. Anyone will be able to search it for relatives or friends. And, it’s free!

To learn more about the *Army Historical Foundation* go to its web site at:

<http://www.armyhistory.org>

To get to the *Registry* without going through the AHF home page, go to:

<http://www.usarmyregistry.org/home.asp>

This *Registry* is similar to the *World War II Memorial Foundation’s Registry* which we’ve mention in previous editions of this newsletter; the most significant difference being that the *WW II Registry* is open

to/for any service member regardless of branch of service who participated in that war. (The WW II Registry is on the Internet at: <http://www.wwiimemorial.com>.)

As the information entered at either of these sites is not from official records – like enlistment or discharge papers, in itself it probably won't be acceptable as a creditable source to use on applications to join organizations such as the DAR, SAR, American legion, VFW, etc. Nevertheless, it is a source which can lead researchers to other, more official sources.

As of May 17, 2007, there are no listings at the *AHF Registry* for anyone with one of our 4 surname spellings.

## IN MEMORY

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

**Hazel Frances (Martin) Mitchell**, daughter of Zylpha Elanora/Eleanor Vermilyea<sup>7</sup>, (David F.<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Peter Martin<sup>3</sup>, Isaac Corssen<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Hazel F. Mitchell, age 89, passed away peacefully Saturday, February 3, 2007 at Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County. Born October 4, 1917 in Chenoa, IL to (Insert pic) the late Ralph and Zelphya (nee Vermilyea) Martin; she was raised and educated in Chenoa. A long time Joliet area resident. She and her late husband "Mitch" owned and operated Earl's Tap on Washington Street for many years.

Hazel was an active, faithful member of Our Savior Lutheran Church and a dedicated volunteer at Sunny Hill Skilled Nursing Home and Silver Cross Hospital for many years. She enjoyed swimming at the Briggs Street YMCA.

She is survived by one brother, Harry (Judy) Martin; sister-in-law of Ruth, Kate and Ruth Martin. Many nieces, nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews also survive. Preceded in death by her husband, Ernest "Mitch" Mitchell; four brothers, Arthur, William, John and Paul Martin; and one sister, Ruby.

Hazel F. Mitchell will Lie in State at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1910 Black Road, Joliet on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. until time of services at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Elmhurst Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sunny Hill Nursing Home or Joliet Area Community Hospice would be appreciated. Visitation Tuesday 4-7 p.m. at: Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black at Essington Rds., Joliet.

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**Glen Everett Tague** son of Mable Gertrude Vermilyea<sup>8</sup>, (Henry Groves<sup>7</sup>, Abraham Augustus<sup>6</sup>, Philip<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Peter Martin<sup>3</sup>, Isaac Corssen<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>):

Glen F. Tague, 93, of Sioux City died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at Countryside Retirement Center. Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Christy-Smith Morningside Chapel. Burial will be in Westfork Township Cemetery, Climbing Hill, Iowa. Visitation will be 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, with the family present 6 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Published by the *Sioux City Journal*, [siouxcityjournal.com](http://siouxcityjournal.com) January 17, 2007

**Betty (Vermilyea) Turkel**, daughter of Ernest Homer Vermilyea<sup>8</sup>, (Eugene<sup>7</sup>, Gilbert<sup>6</sup>, Gilbert<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Turkel, Betty P., 88, of Wannissett Avenue, Riverside, and previously residing on Winthrop Street, Riverside, died peacefully January 29, 2007 at Hopkins Hill Manor, North Providence. She was the wife of the late Herbert R. Turkel.

Born in the Bronx, NY, a daughter of the late Ernest H. and Florence (Kirk) Vermilyea, she lived in Riverside for 65 years. Mrs. Turkel was a secretary for a Providence Law Firm, the former Industrial National and Fleet Banks for 30 years before retiring in 1979. Betty was a member of the All Saints Episcopal Church, Providence.

She is survived by a daughter; Rosemary D. Saracco, with whom she made her home, and three grandchildren; Troy A. Smith and his wife Kristine, Todd A. Smith and Jamie N. Smith. She was the sister of the late Leona Wood, Blanche Stafford, William Vermilyea and her twin brother Robert Vermilyea.

Her funeral service will be held on Friday, February 2, 2007 in the W. Raymond Watson Funeral Home, 350 Willett Avenue, Riverside, at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence. Calling hours are Thursday 4-8 p.m.

Published in *The Providence Journal*, Providence, Rhode Island, January 31, 2007.

**Jane L. Darnell Vermilya**, spouse of Stephen Edgar Vermilya<sup>10</sup>, (Donald Mincks<sup>9</sup>, Edgar C.<sup>8</sup>, Sidney Smith<sup>7</sup>, William J.<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Ashland — Jane L. Vermilya, 63, died Monday, April 9, 2007, after a long illness.

Jane was born May 24, 1943, in Alliance, Ohio, graduated from Ashland College in 1965, and spent the rest of her adult life in Ashland, always active in her church, the First United Methodist Church.

She retired from teaching at Malabar Middle School in 1995. Jane loved to read and be with children, having also served as the director of Little Brother, Little Sisters of Ashland. She was a dancer spending summers as a young child in New York pursuing her passion which she later used to direct the Sweet Sixteen at Ashland Senior High School. Jane also dabbled with writing children's books and once had an article published in an Indianapolis family magazine about developing a child's name. She loved the summer; being on the beach and near the water where many a family vacation was spent.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Stephen E. Vermilya; her parents, Paul E. and Mary Darnell; two children, Jennifer J. (Michael) Procker and Todd P. (Ann) Vermilya; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, James Darnell.

A Celebration of Life Service will be 11 a.m. Friday, April 13, 2007, at First United Methodist Church, 310 Cottage St., Ashland, conducted by the Rev. Dan Bilkert. The family will receive friends and family from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720; or charity of the donor's choice. Heyl Funeral Home, 227 Broad St., Ashland, assisted the family with arrangements.

Published at *Mansfield News Journal.com* April 12, 2007.

**Martha Carpenter Vermilya**, spouse of George Douglas Vermilya<sup>9</sup>, (George Hyatt<sup>8</sup>, Clarence Oakley<sup>7</sup>, Abraham R.<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac Corsen<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Martha Carpenter Vermilya, age 91, died on Saturday, April 7, 2007 at Westminster Canterbury in Lynchburg, Virginia. She was born on March 11, 1916 in Wayland, Kentucky, the daughter of Victoria Broadbent and Herbert Spencer Carpenter. At a young age, she moved with her family to her father's hometown of Monroe, N.Y., where she graduated from high school in 1933. Mrs. Vermilya became a registered nurse and was graduated from the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing class of 1936 in Richmond, Va. Most of her life, however, was devoted to being a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 50 years, George Douglas Vermilya Sr., M.D., who died in 1987. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Herbert S. Carpenter Jr.; and her sisters, Victoria C. Stock and Kathryn C. Schneider. Mrs. Vermilya is survived by her children, Martha Ann Vermilya and George Douglas Vermilya Jr. and his wife, Deane. Her three grandchildren also survive, Emily Catherine Shwab Vermilya, George Douglas Vermilya III, and Sidney Hyatt Vermilya. She also leaves her very special, devoted and loving caregiver of many years, Ethel A. Jackson. Richlands, Virginia was her home for nearly 50 years, where her husband was a surgeon at the Clinch Valley Clinic. She moved to Lynchburg in 1986 soon after the birth of her first grandchild and resided there until her death. Mrs. Vermilya was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The family wishes to express sincere gratitude to Ethel Jackson and to the staff of fifth floor Drinkard, Westminster Canterbury, for their gentle kindness and excellent care. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 605 Clay St., Lynchburg, VA. 24504-2447; Richlands Presbyterian Church, 2nd and Lee Sts., P.O. Box 446, Richlands, VA. 24641; Westminster Canterbury of Lynchburg Fellowship Fund, 501 VES Road, Lynchburg, VA. 24503; or another organization of your choice. The family will receive friends at the Vermilya home on Monday evening, April 9, after 5 and at other times. A graveside service will be held at Mountain View Cemetery in Clifton Forge, VA. on Tuesday, April 10, at 3 in the afternoon. Nicely Funeral Home in Clifton Forge, (540) 862-4157, is serving the family.

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**Ruth Ann Vermilya**<sup>10</sup>, (William I.<sup>9</sup>, Irving<sup>8</sup>, William E.<sup>7</sup>, Abraham F.<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac Corssen<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>):

Handy, Ruth A. (Vermilya), age 63, of Norwell, January 3, 2007. Mother of Andrew P. Balthazar and Karyn F. Correia. Sister of David Vermilya, John Vermilya and Tom Vermilya. Also survived by 6 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service in the South Weymouth McDonald Funeral Home, 809 Main St. (Rte. 18 opp. South Shore Hospital), on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 11 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited. Donations in Ruth's memory may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society - MA Chapter, 101 First Ave., Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02154-1115.

Published in *The Patriot Ledger*, Quincy, Massachusetts January 8, 2007.

**William D. Vermilye**<sup>9</sup>, (Rexford Drake<sup>8</sup>, Claudius Ira, Sr.<sup>7</sup>, Nathaniel Drake Jr.<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel Drake<sup>5</sup>, Philip<sup>4</sup>, Peter Martin<sup>3</sup>, Isaac Corssen<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>):

Vermilye, William D., Capt USA. On Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at his residence. Father of Judith Lee Vermilye. Also survived by his former wife, Myoung L. Vermilye. Graveside services and inurnment will be held on Thursday, September 7, at 3 p.m. at the Columbarium, Arlington National Cemetery. Arrangements by Murphy's Funeral Home.

Published in the *Washington Post* on August 23, 2007.

**Barbara M. Vermilyea**, spouse of Dale Charles Vermilyea<sup>9</sup>, (Dale Nathan<sup>8</sup>, Orville A.<sup>7</sup>, Avery<sup>6</sup>, Abram<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Barbara went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ April 24, 2007, at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, with her family by her side. She was 65 years old, born Aug. 25, 1941 in Spokane, WA to Edna Collins (Molisky) of Longview, WA.

Barbara loved taking care of her family most of all. She loved going to the beach and having her friends

and family come and stay at her beach property. She enjoyed working in her flowers, garage sailing, bingo and going to town with her grandkids and friends. Mom looked forward to every morning as she would go to the local coffee shop and get caught up on all of the day's happenings with her friends. She enjoyed long car rides with Charlie where they would take off and be gone all day long. Her greatest love of all was her grandkids - there was nothing she wouldn't do for them. Barbara was a mother to all of her boys' friends and others as they were growing up and after.

Barbara was well known in the community for her volunteerism and her giving ways. She was a survivor; she battled arthritis for all of her adult life, and not once would complain. She was more concerned for others. Barbara touched many lives in her 65 years of life. She will be missed greatly by her family and friends. Barb's wishes were for us to take care of her loving husband of 42 years, and her precious grandchildren and most of all celebrate life and not be sad for her.

Survivors include her husband, Dale C. Vermilyea; three sons, Darrell (Patti), Nate (Trina), and Robert; grandchildren, Trisha and Mark Newman, Tim Roughton, Tara Vermilyea; Colby and Connor Vermilyea, Kacy Vermilyea, Alisa Wilskie, Kelli Halliday; five great grandchildren, Dalton, Dillian, Danielle Newman, Tori Roughton and Jakyma Roughton; mother, Edna Brothers and sisters, Pat, Richard, Kenny, Carolyn, Maryann.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, April 28th at Little Falls Cemetery in Vader at 12:00 noon Reception to follow at the Vader Lions Hall. Arrangements are under the direction of Cattermole Funeral Chapel in Winlock. Please sign the guest book at [www.legacy.com/chronline](http://www.legacy.com/chronline).

Published in *The Chronicle*, Centralia, Washington, April 27, 2007.

**Orville Arsenault Vermilyea**, born August 1, 1921 at Bertha, Minnesota, (Dale Nathan Vermilyea<sup>8</sup>, Orville Avery<sup>7</sup>, Avery<sup>6</sup>, Abram<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Orville Vermilyea ,85, Rochester, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, in Centralia, WA. A memorial service will be held at noon Thursday at the Vader Lions Club. Arrangements are under the direction of Sticklin Funeral Chapel, Centralia.

Published in *The Chronicle*, Centralia, Washington, January 31, 2007.

**Sadie Eustace Vermilyea**, spouse of George Smith Vermilyea<sup>8</sup>, (Clarence Edward<sup>7</sup>, Paul<sup>6</sup>, Peter I.<sup>5</sup>, Isaac G.<sup>4</sup>, Gerardus<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Sadie Eustace Vermilyea, "Sally", 99. On Saturday, March 10, 2007 of Bethesda, MD. Devoted mother of Gail Quigley and her husband, John and G. Thomas Vermilyea. She is also survived by granddaughter, Heather Conner, her husband, Stephen and great-grandson, Cameron.

Friends will be received at Pumphrey's Bethesda-Chevy Case Funeral Home, 7557 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 from 7 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church, 9601 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD at 11 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018. Please view and sign the family guestbook at: [www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com](http://www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com).

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**Vera McAdam Vermilyea** Spouse of Farley McCoy Vermilyea<sup>8</sup>, (Arthur Farley<sup>7</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Solomon<sup>5</sup>, Peter<sup>4</sup>, Peter Martin<sup>3</sup>, Isaac Corssen<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>):

Vermilyea, Vera - At the Westgate Lodge on Tuesday, October 3, 2006. Vera Vermilyea in her 87th year. Daughter of the late Earl and Bertha McAdam. Beloved wife of Farley Vermilyea. Loving mother of the late Jack Vermilyea (Delores), Bill Vermilyea (Barbara) of Winchester, Blair Vermilyea (Annita) Than Vermilyea

(Dawn). Loved by her 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Predeceased by sister Lois, and brothers Harry, Bill and Doug.

Family and friends are invited to call at the Burke Funeral Home, 150 Church Street, Belleville on Thursday, October 5, 2006, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., followed by a Memorial service at 2:00 p.m., in the chapel. Interment in Belleville Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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**Vivian Violet Vermilyea**<sup>9</sup> (Lelande Proctor<sup>8</sup>, Clarence Edwin<sup>7</sup> Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Vivian Violet Vermilyea Sladek passed away February 20, 2007, at the Life are Center of Longmont. She was born in 1916 to Ethel Clark Vermilyea and Lelande Proctor Vermilyea on their ranch near Faulkton, South Dakota.

She grew up in Mitchell, South Dakota, and graduated from Mitchell High School.

She attended Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, then earned a degree in English from Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota. She taught high school English, French, and music in Hill City and Hartford, South Dakota.

In 1941 she married Vernon Arthur Sladek of Pukwana, South Dakota, at her family's home in Mitchell. During World War Two, she was the timekeeper in a factory producing the B-25 bomber, then accompanied her husband as the Navy stationed him around the US. Later they lived in North and South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, and Colorado. In Colorado, she lived in Colorado Springs, Montrose, and Longmont. She was a substitute teacher, worked for the Educational Testing Service in Illinois, and shared her love of reading by teaching adults to read.

An accomplished poet, she had many poems published, including in "Pasque Petals" magazines and "Prairie Poets, Volumes 1 and 3." She exhibited some of her beautiful oil paintings and watercolors. She also enjoyed singing and playing the piano and organ. Her skills in tailoring and cooking were well-known and even more well-appreciated. She was an active leader in Bluebirds, Brownies, Girl Scouts, and 4-H and held many positions in the PTA, Methodist church groups, the Bardic Round Table, and Eastern Star. Her other interests included nature, photography, history, genealogy, antiques, bridge, and travel. She will be remembered for her great sense of humor and her kindness toward other people.

As alumni of Dakota Wesleyan University, Vivian Vermilyea Sladek '38 and Vernon Sladek '39 established the Vermilyea-Sladek Endowment Scholarship Fund to honor their parents, Ethel Clark Vermilyea, Lelande Proctor Vermilyea, Emma Swanson Sladek, and Charles Frank Sladek. Contributions may be made to DWU for this fund, which provides scholarships primarily for Native American students and/or students from small, rural South Dakota communities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Arthur Sladek, and her brother, Lelande Kent Vermilyea. She is survived by three daughters, Carol Sladek Lam, Linda Sladek, and Betty Sladek, son-in-law David Lam, four grandchildren, Rachel Lam Anderson, Amy Carter Barnes, Benjamin Lam, and Laura Carter, grandson-in-law, Scott Barnes, granddaughter-in-law, Jennifer Menders Lam, grandson-in-law, Morgan Anderson, four great-grandchildren, Grant and Logan Barnes and

many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial open house to celebrate her life will be held in the Howe Mortuary Community Room on Saturday, April 7, 2007 from 1-3 p.m. Please share thoughts, memories and condolences with the family at [www.howemortuary.com](http://www.howemortuary.com).

Published in the *Daily Times-Call*, Longmont, Colorado, April 1, 2007.

**Doris Ash Yackel**, daughter of Ella Sarah Vermilyea (Charles R., John J. Vermilyea ... unidentified, not yet tied into the family.)

March 18, 2007 Doris Ash Yackel, 85, passed away peacefully Sunday at Iroquois Nursing Home. A life resident of Syracuse, Doris was the daughter of the late Clarence and Ella Sarah (Vermilyea) Ash. She was employed at Chase Bank as an assistant manager and also worked at Literacy Volunteers of America. She was an active member of Atonement Lutheran Church, serving as a member the church council, president and treasurer of the Women of the ELCA, was also treasurer of New York State Women of the ELCA. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald F. Yackel, in 1982.

Doris is survived by three daughters, Jane (Gary) Richer and Roberta Yackel and Christine Yackel; one son, Donald D. (Lisa) Yackel; sisters-in-law, Veronica Ash and Veronica Yackel; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be 3 p.m. Monday at Atonement Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Atonement Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA or Atonement Memorial Fund, 116 W. Glen Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13205. Please light a candle in memory of Doris at [www.ballweg-lunsford.com](http://www.ballweg-lunsford.com) Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home.

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## VFA TREASURER'S REPORT

by John Todd

As of January 15, 2007, the balance of the VFA Treasury is \$3,331.46. This sum includes dues paid by 2 new Subscribing Members who joined since November 2006.

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## TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

Now that we are in the summer months, many of us are taking vacation trips. If you are among those, we ask that you check telephone books as you go from place to place for Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea and Vermilyer listings. If you find any, please send a note (e-mail or regular mail) to Sandra Todd or Carl Vermilyea with the name and address of the person(s) you find. We'll add the names to the VFA master file.



## ITEMS OF INTEREST FOUND ON THE INTERNET

*Provided by Sandra Todd*

The following two items were found as being for sale on the Internet within the past couple of years.

### ITEM #1

#### **A Fine Needlework Sampler with Adam and Eve, Wrought By Elizabeth Vermillya, New York, Circa 1796**

Elizabeth wrought this silk on linen piece at age thirteen with central tree of life flanked by Adam & Eve, a federal house and birds... all within a strawberry vine border. (Overall 20.5 by 18 3/4 inches.)

Price: \$10,500 Listed at [http://www.aaawt.com/html/mad\\_ads/sep\\_05/item/6.html](http://www.aaawt.com/html/mad_ads/sep_05/item/6.html)  
Listed on November 20, 2005

(Editorial note from Sandra Todd: The identify of Elizabeth can not be confirmed.)



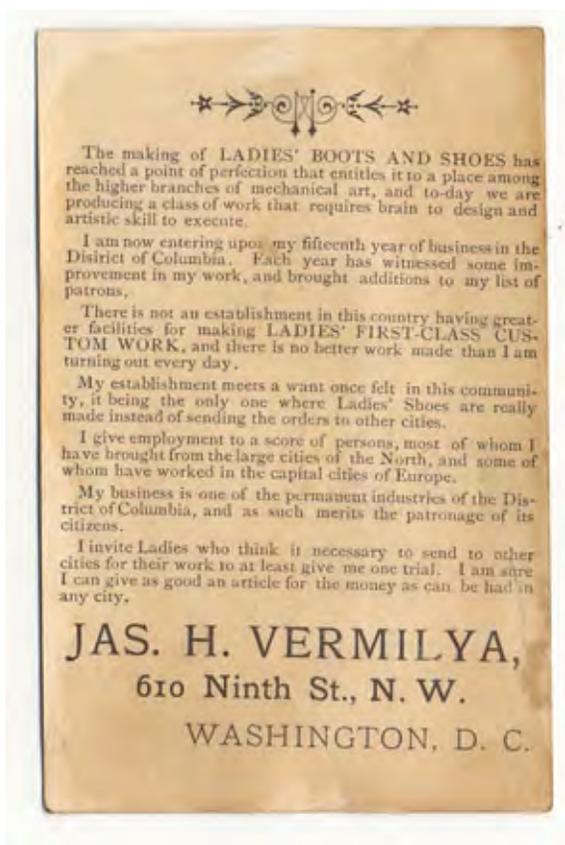
## ITEM #2

### An Advertisement Card

This fine "LADIES' FASHIONABLE BOOT MAKER" Advertisement was Opp. the Patent Office in Washington, D.C. Wonder who or what is in that spot today? This card is only 2 5/8 X 4" but the back is packed with information. The back also has some discoloration from glue, but the text is all there and very readable. It appears the owner of the business, Jas. H. Vermilya, was rather proud of his business.

Jas. H. Vermilya was James H. Vermilya, James Hustis Vermilya, Jr., VFA #798 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Generation.

The ad was being sold on Ebay on August 18, 2004, At the time, the bid was \$7.00



**FROM MINNESOTA TO OREGON**  
**A History of Joseph Mahlon Vermilyea and His Descendants**  
From Silas “Reub” Reuben Vermilyea Jr., Portland, Oregon

Uncle Joe (Joseph Mahlon Vermilyea, Jr. - new VFA #1576) and Uncle Paul (Paul Samuel Vermilyea - new VFA #1578) hopped on a freight train in Dexter, Minnesota, and traveled to Oregon by way of Canada. They wrote such glowing letters home about the place that Granddad (Joseph Mahlon Vermilyea – new VFA #976 - who married Martha Chamberlain in Minnesota) sold his blacksmith shop in Dexter and came west (in 1906). He bought the blacksmith shop in Dilley, Oregon, about 2 miles south of Forest Grove which is 25 miles west of Portland. Dad (Silas Reuben Vermilyea – new VFA #1579) stayed in Minnesota and worked on John Pollock’s farm. John was Dad’s brother-in-law and they didn’t get along too well; so, Dad came out to Dilley in 1907.



Children of Joseph M. Vermilyea and Martha (Chamberlain) Vermilyea: Left to right: Hiram, Ida, Paul, Seth, Silas, Joe

(No date; but probably taken in 1900)

Uncle Joe and Uncle Paul and my Dad walked over the Wilson River Stage Road to Tillamook, Oregon, on the coast. Joe and Paul stayed there, married and had families; but, Dad came back to Dilley.

Granddad bought a farm near Mohler in North Tillamook County. The road that leads up into the hills there is named Vermilyea Road. It’s still somewhat up in the sticks so it must have been something when they went up there. He died in 1937 and is buried in the Cemetery at Idaville which is North of Tillamook between there and Bay City where Joe and Paul had their farms. Grandma died in 1940 and is buried next to him.



Vermilyea Road leading into what was Joseph M. Vermilyea’s farm. (Picture taken in 1999.)

My Dad married Rachel Kathryn Pachin (PESHIN or PE-SHIN in French) and my sister Wilma Dorothy Vermilyea was born in Dilley on 17 March 1915. During WW I, Dad worked in the shipyard where he ran a bull riveting machine, whatever that was. My parents divorced and were remarried by 14 February 1926, when I was born. At that time, they were leasing a dairy near Beaver in Tillamook County. We moved from Beaver to Forest Grove in 1928 and Dad had a blacksmith shop there.



Silas Reuben Vermilyea and Rachel Kathryn Pachin  
(Date, unknown)

Dad ran his blacksmith shop in Forest Grove until 1944 when I left for the Army Air Force. He then sold the shop and joined the Merchant Marines as a cook and baker. He was 55 years old and made one trip to the Philippines where the tropical heat combined with the heat in the galley almost killed him. He was dead-headed back to the U. S. and bought a farm near Eagle Creek, southeast of Portland. He died in June 1977, was cremated and his ashes scattered at sea from an airplane off Tillamook.

My sister married 3 times and ended up in Australia where she died in 1995. Her daughters, Lillian O'Donnel and Valerie Harris, scattered her ashes in the sea at a place named Granny's Grave.

I spent my life in and around the Air Force. I qualified for pilot training but ended up as an M. P. at Chanute Field, Illinois. When I signed up in the regular Army Air Force I became an aircraft mechanic. When I got out, I joined the Oregon Air National Guard and got a full time job as an aircraft mechanic with them which I held until 1981 when I retired. I had a 21 month tour of active duty with the Guard during the Korean War, but the squadron stayed in Portland as a Training Squadron checking out pilots in P-51 and later F-86F fighters before they went to Korea. I was in the Army Air Force when it became an independent service – USAF – in 1947. I'm probably just about the only Air Force aircraft mechanic who got his start helping to re-build wooden wagon wheels!

## 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.

### BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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### SUBSCRIBING MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2006

Anyone who has paid dues to the VFA for any year from 1995 through 2005 will not be charged dues in 2006. Those who were Subscribing Members in 2005 will be carried over into 2006 automatically. Those who were not Members in 2004 and/or 2005 are requested to send a new, updated membership application to our Treasurer.

Anyone who has never been a Subscribing Member (will become a first-time member in 2006) must submit a membership application and pay annual dues of \$6.00 (US) or \$7.50 (Canadian). The same rules apply to gift memberships. If a Subscribing Membership application is received by the Treasurer after February 1, 2006, the applicant will be sent all issues of the newsletter which were published in 2006.

Dues and membership applications must be sent to: **Mr. John R. Todd.**

Please

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

### THIS NEWSLETTER

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### DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET?

Check our VFA **Web Page** (maintained by Joanne V. MacArthur) at:

The VFA's **E-mail address** (staffed by Sandra V. Todd) is:

### ANOTHER WEB SITE OF INTEREST

<http://www.vermilyeafamilyreunion.com>. This is a private, non-VFA affiliated/sponsored web site maintained by Sandra V. Todd. At this site, Sandra reports on family reunions and lists members of the early generations of the Vermilya-Vermilye-Vermilyea-Vermilyer family.