



Extracts from “New Harlem, Past and Present,” by Carl Horton Pierce, 1901

New Harlem was founded by the Dutch three hundred and forty five years ago, on the site which is now almost the geographical heart of New York City.

Dutch maritime adventure had resulted in the discovery of the Hudson and the planting of a colony in Manhattan Island. The news and the literature of the time were full of enticement. The vivid descriptions by two men, De Rasieres and De Laet, were read with avidity.

To De Rasieres we are indebted for the first accounts of Manhattan Island by an eyewitness. He writes, “It is full of trees, and, in the middle, rocky, but the north end has good land in two places, where farmers, each with four horses, would at first have enough to do without much clearing.” What De Rasieres account lacked in detail, De Laet supplied with extracts from Hudson’s and other explorers’ journals.

De Laet’s “The New World; or a Description of the West Indies,” first published in 1625, after speaking in glowing terms of the new country, extolling its “beautiful rivers and bubbling fountains,” the excellence of its soil, and the abundance of its timber, fruits, game and fish, urged its readers to leave the fast decaying systems of the Old for the invigorating spirit of the New World, and had this to say of Manhattan, “bordering the Great River of the Mountains”.

“The land is excellent and beautiful to the eye, full of noble forest trees and grape-vines; and wanting nothing but the industry and labor of man to render it one of the finest and most fruitful region in that part of the world.”

“The trees are of wonderful size, fit for buildings and vessels of the largest class. Wild grape-vines and walnut trees are abundant. Maize, or Indian corn, when cultivated, yields a prolific return; and so with several kinds of pulse, as beans of various colors, pumpkins, the finest possible melons and similar fruits. The soil is also found well adapted to wheat and several kinds of grain, and also flax, hemp and other European seeds. Herbaceous plants grow in great variety, bearing splendid flowers, are valuable for their medicinal properties.”

“The forests abound in wild animals, especially the deer kind; with other quadruped indigenous to this part of the country. Quantities of birds, large and small, frequent the rivers, lakes and forests, with plumage of great elegance and variety of colors. Superior turkey-cocks are taken in winter, very fat, and the flesh of a fine quality. Salmon, sturgeon and many other kinds of excellent fish are caught in the rivers.”

“The Indians are indolent, and some, crafty and wicked, having slain several of our people. The Mannhattans, a fierce nation, occupy the eastern bank of the river near its mouth. Though hostile to our people, they have sold them the island. The barbarians are divided into many nations and languages, but differ little in manners. They dress in the skins of animals. Their food is maize, crushed fine and baked in cakes, with fish, birds and wild game. Their weapons are bows and arrows; their boats are made from the trunks of trees, hollowed out by fire.”

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Roughly speaking, between three and four thousand acres, every foot of which is now extremely valuable, was granted to a Corporation known as the “Town of New Harlem,” whose first settlers broke ground near the foot of 125th Street and the Harlem River on the fourteenth of August, 1658. Previous attempts to settle the district, which includes all of the northern end of Manhattan Island, had proved futile. But the pioneer settler in New Harlem, twenty years before the town was legally established, was Dr. Johannes de la Montagne, whose personal history was not unlike that of many other pioneers of the same stock who joined in the daring and momentous enterprises by which the Dutch colonies in America were established. Holland, which had protected the Huguenots of France, had also sheltered the Puritans of England.

Montagne sailed to America in 1636, landed at the Battery, and soon packed his wife and two children into a dugout and paddled up the East River far beyond the limits of New Amsterdam. At approximately the intersection of 132nd Street and Eighth Avenue, an old Indian trail followed the course taken by St. Nicholas Avenue today. At its intersection with Seventh Avenue, Montague started a bark cabin to shelter his family in the winter, and, simultaneously, his brother-in-law, Henry De Forest took up his residence nearby.

From the Staff

by Sandra Vermilyea Todd

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year....

Carl is a bit under the weather as this newsletter is being prepared, so he is taking a break and will be back with us next time ...

2008 marks the 346th year anniversary of the Vermilye, Vermilya, Vermilyea, Vermilyen, Vermilyer family in America. We now have recorded Twelve Generations of our family and as of January 2008 the number of family members recorded (includes adopted) using the surname Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea, Vermilyen, Vermilyer exceeds 3300. The number of family members still not connected, (this doesn't include the number living and not listed on the “Who Is This” page at the Vermilyea Family Reunion Web Site) is about 30. There are family members living today that are not recorded.

The Vermilyea (Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea, Vermilyen, Vermilyer) Family Association has a Board of Directors which number seven. These volunteers work to produce this newsletter, maintain our account and distribute funds and of course to continue the goals set by the original founders of the Association. This year marks the 12th Anniversary of our Family Association. Four newsletters a year were published until 2006 when it was decided to cut that number to three a year, this newsletter is the 43rd published by the Association. We have sponsored several Family Reunions and as of January 1, 2008 we have funds totaling \$3,331.46.

Two Web Sites exist to provide information for our family and to reach out to those we still have been unable to contact. Hundreds of people visit these sites, they are a valuable resource for bringing our family together. The first of January the Generation Files were updated at the Vermilyea Family Reunion Web Site, take a minute to check them out at www.vermilyeafamilyreunion.com. I am working on the Eighth Generation file and hope to have it there soon. Check out the Photo Albums, by following the same link.

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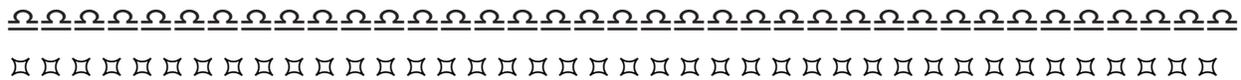
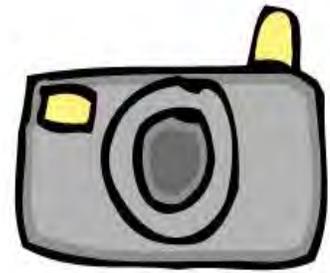
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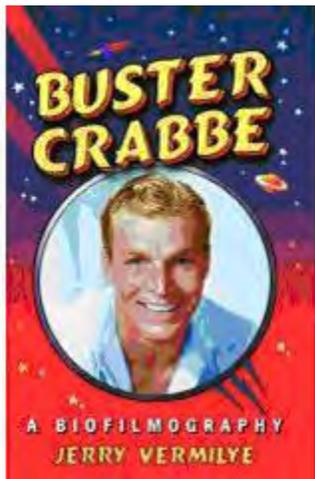
If you haven't submitted your family pictures yet, please do so. Three of us work to produce and maintain these sites.

Many thanks to Dyckman Vermilye for sending the article extracted from "New Harlem, Past and Present," by Carl Horton Pierce, 1901. You will enjoy reading the early description of the Manhattan Island area.

We want to thank you for your continuing support, please make an effort this year to meet a new family member, it's a fun and rewarding thing to do!!!



Jerry Vermilye, author of many books about actors, actresses and the film industry in general, has a new book scheduled to be out in March 2008. Check with *Amazon.com* to pre-order now. Many of his past books are also available.



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by Jerry Vermilye (Author)

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BIRTHS

Danny Jaydee Hitchcock

Born: October 7, 2007

6 lbs 11 oz 19 inches long

Parents are Shay Dee and Lance Joseph Hitchcock, grandparents are Danny Eugene Vermilyea and Karen Dee Dawdy.

Seth Thomas Vermilyea

Born: November 2, 2007

7 lbs 4 oz 19 inches long

Parents are Chad Douglas and Vanessa (King) Vermilyea, grandparents are Terry Roy Vermilyea and (Linda) Lorraine (Douglas) Vermilyea.

Mason MacArthur-Avera Carter

Born: November 22, 2007

7 lbs 15 oz 19 1/2 inches long

Parents are Jocelyn MacArthur and Robb Carter, grandmother is Joanne Vermilya MacArthur.



IN MEMORIAM



Richard Frank Besey, son of Marjorie Gertrude Vermilya⁸, (Stephen J.⁷, Edward⁶, Jonathan⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

Richard Frank Besey, 76 of Tonto Basin, AZ, passed away December 23, 2007. He was born in Saginaw, MI to Clifford and Marjorie (Vermilya) Besey. He moved to AZ in 1954 from Michigan. He is survived by his sons Richard C. Besey, Jr. of Tonto Basin, Clifford F. Besey of Payson, AZ, stepchildren Don Sparks, Paul Sparks, Eugene Sparks and Marie Sparks, sister Joyce Johnson of Saginaw, MI and 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Military graveside services will be held at 3:00 pm on Friday, December 28, 2007 at Phoenix Memorial Park, 200 W. Beardsley Road.

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Sarah Ellen Vermilya¹⁰, (Carl Drain⁹, William Burton⁸, Sidney Smith⁷, William J.⁶, William⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)



BUDELMEYER Sarah Ellen Buddelmeyer, age 77, of Columbus, OH Sunday, Dec. 30 at St. Ann's Hospital after a short illness. Survived by her son, James (Deanna) Buddelmeyer; and daughters, Amy Ax and Waneta (Ed) Sweeney; grandsons, Chad and Colby Buddelmeyer of CA; granddaughter, Aliceson (Chris) Straley; brother, John (Ruby) Vermilya of Palm Springs, CA; nephew, Mark Buddelmeyer; cousins, Richard Beisheim, Butler, PA, and Bon Russell, Avon Lake, OH; step grandchildren, Ken Sweeney and Paul (Donna) Sweeney; and step great granddaughter, Elizabeth Amber Sweeney; and nieces

and nephews. Preceded in death by husband of 46 years Eugene Buddelmeyer, granddaughter Jamey Ax, and brother Eugene Vermilya of Portland, OR. Daughter of Carl and Naomi (Beisheim) Vermilya. Singer, pianist, organist and choral music director, radio announcer and talk show host for WCVO, member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and member of St. Francis of Assisi parish. Mass of Christian Burial and luncheon at St. Francis of Assisi, 386 Buttles Ave, Saturday, January 5, 2008. Interment Union Cemetery. Arrangements completed by THE SHAW-DAVIS FUNERAL HOMES. "Sign the online guestbook at www.dispatch.com/obituaries"

Published in The Columbus Dispatch, Columbus, Ohio on January 2, 2008.

Thomas M. Callahan son of Edna M. Vermilyea⁸, (Nathaniel D.⁷, Benjamin Franklin⁶, Nathaniel Drake⁵, Philip⁴, Pete Martin³, Isaac Corsen², Johannes¹)

THOMAS M. CALLAHAN , 60, of MANALAPAN , formerly of Staten Island, N.Y., died suddenly Thursday, Oct. 4. Tom was born Jan. 9, 1947 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was an avid walker and paddle ball enthusiast and a U.S. Army veteran. He was a former assistant vice president of the computer data center for Bankers Trust Company, New York City.

Tom was predeceased by his parents, Patrick and Edna Vermilyea Callahan of Brooklyn, N.Y.; his brothers, Robert and James; and his sister, Leota Uccello. Tom is survived by his loving wife,

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Irene Krzastek Callahan; his son, Thomas M. Jr of Staten Island; his daughter, Barbara L. Lee and her husband Mark of Hazlet; his son, Dennis R. of Staten Island; his sister, Catherine Peterson; his dear mother-in-law, Marguerite Krzastek; his cherished grandchildren, Christina, Jake, and Casandra Lee; and a cherished uncle.

Friends are invited to call from 7 to 9 p.m. today and 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, with religious services at 8 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Shore Point

Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 3269 Highway 35, Hazlet. Entombment will be in Holmdel Cemetery, Holmdel. *Published in the Asbury Park Press, Asbury Park, New Jersey, October 7, 2007.*

Rev. Charles Edward Helmuth, spouse of Virginia Lewis Vermilyer⁹, (Howard Raymond⁸, Fred⁷, Barnabas/Charles Barnabas⁶, William⁵, Peter⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corsen², Johannes¹)



Rev. George E. Helmuth

March 22, 1921 - Oct. 15, 2007 DOWAGIAC - Rev. George Edward

Helmuth, 86, went home to be with his Savior on Monday, October 15th,

2007. He passed away in his Dowagiac home with his beloved wife of 64

years and his loving family at his side. George was born on March 22,

1921, in Choteau, Oklahoma, to the already departed Samuel B. and

Amanda (Troyer) Helmuth. George was united in marriage to the former Virginia Lewis

Vermilyer in Webb City, Missouri, on February 6, 1943. George served his country in the United

States Marine Corps during World War II. He received his diploma from the Apostolic Bible

College in Oklahoma on May 23, 1947, and had been a licensed minister of the UPCI for over 60

years. George's greatest joy was his family and preaching the word of God. He served as a pastor

continuously for 51 years and was on the pulpit just two weeks prior to his passing. In that time,

he had established churches in Bridgman, Battle Creek and Three Oaks. He was a mentor for

countless young ministers and missionaries. He loved the word of God and was a great prayer

warrior. George was also an avid fisherman and golfer. For the last 30 years George and Virginia

wintered in Sebring, FL, and have many beloved friends and a church family there. George's

loving family includes his wife, Virginia of Dowagiac; his children, Patricia and her husband,

William Whitcomb of Dowagiac, George Helmuth Jr. of Baldwin, David and his wife, Janice

Helmuth of Dowagiac, and Debra and her husband, Dale Baker of Bridgman; grandchildren,

Virginia and her husband, Sam Billingsley, George Hackworth, Joshua Silva, Doug and Daren

Naragon, George Helmuth III, Jason Helmuth, Tammi and her husband, Brian Delong, Michelle

and her husband, Eric Charles, David Scott and his wife, Jennifer Helmuth, Casey and his wife,

Sheila Helmuth, Joel and his wife, Sarah Buist, Cory and his wife, Tiffeny Buist, and Jeremy

Baker; great-grandchildren, Gynnifer and Jimmy Billingsley, Ronald George Jr., Nickolas and

Megan Hackworth, Diana, Gabriel and Isaac Silva, DJ, Samantha, Hailey and George Helmuth

IV, Brian David, Amanda and Dianna Delong, Eric Lee, Page Lucy, Mack and Wyatt Charles,

Morgan, David Coy and Madison Helmuth, Jacob, Ethan and Allyson Helmuth, Kyle and Krystin

Buist, and two additional babies due this year. George was preceded in death by six siblings. His

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family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. today in the Apostolic Lighthouse Church where his celebration service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, led by Pastor David Helmuth. He will be laid to rest at Graceland Cemetery during a private family committal. McLaughlin-Clark Funeral Home is serving the Helmuth family. Memorial contributions in George's name may be directed to his wife Virginia or to the Apostolic Lighthouse. Please sign his guestbook and leave a memory of George at www.mclaughlin-clark.com. *Published in the South Bend Tribune, October, 17, 2007.*

Lance J. Hitchcock, spouse of Shay Dee Vermilyea¹¹, (Danny Eugene¹⁰, Ray Leroy⁹, Robert Wallace⁸, Henry Groves⁷, Abraham Augus-tus⁶, Philip⁵, Abraham⁴, Peter³, Isaac Corsen², Johannes¹)



Lance J. Hitchcock

MERRILL, Iowa — Lance J. Hitchcock, 29, of Merrill passed away Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, in Marcus, Iowa, from injuries suffered in a truck accident.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Salem Lutheran Church in Dakota City, with the Rev. Karen Kaye officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., followed by a Masonic service at the church.

Lance was born Aug. 13, 1978, in Sioux City, the son of Kenneth R. and Carol F. (McAfee) Hitchcock. He graduated from South Sioux City High School in 1997. He received an associate's degree in Web design from

Western Iowa Tech in May 2007. He worked for HOM Furniture as a delivery driver for the past 10 years.

He married Shay D. Vermilyea on Dec. 18, 1999, in Dakota City. He was a member of Triangle Masonic Lodge in Leeds, Abu-Bekr Shrine, the Wrecking Crew and was a 32nd degree Mason in the Sioux City Scottish Rite.

He enjoyed the Kansas City Chiefs football team, spending time with his family and playing football with his boys. He enjoyed playing jokes on people; April Fools' Day was one his favorite holidays. He also enjoyed playing his PSP and making people laugh and enjoyed driving the fire truck in parades. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Toby (Daddy's Big T and Toby Jones), Brady (Daddy's Worm), K.C. (Daddy's Mooch and Baby Bear) and Danny (Daddy's Danny Boy), all of Merrill; three brothers, Brian of Dakota City, Erik and his wife, Gina of Sioux City, and Tim of Everett, Wash.; a sister, Laurie and her husband, Aaron Suppinger of Indiana; his mother, Carol Hitchcock of South Sioux City; his nieces and nephews, Kayla and Carson Hitchcock, McKenzie, Stone and Mila Vermilyea; his mother-in-law, Karen Dawdy; his father-in-law, Danny Vermilyea; and his grandmother, Mary McAfee.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Hitchcock; his paternal grandparents; and his maternal grandfather.

Pallbearers will be Rod Bartels, Brad Roberts, Frank Stauble, Brian Hitchcock, Jeremy Johnston, Rory James, Ryan Gengler and Brett Johnson.

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Published in the Sioux City Journal, Sioux City, Iowa, December 27, 2007.

Naomi Catherine (Vermilyea) Johnson, daughter of Prudence Vermilyea (Charles, Edward) Edward Vermilyea is Unidentified #5 at the “Who Is This” page at vermilyeafamilyreunion.com

Naomi Catherine Johnson, 90, of the Fall Creek Valley Care Center, formerly of Eau Claire, passed away Tuesday morning, Oct. 2, 2007, at the center.

Naomi, daughter of Daniel and Prudence (Vermilyea) Lane, was born Feb. 18, 1917, in the town of Ludington, Eau Claire County. She attended Woodland Valley Country School in Ludington, and graduated from Fall Creek High School in 1936. She was united in marriage to Harold Jaenke, and later married Jonas Johnson who later preceded her in death in 1995. After Jonas passed away, she moved to Grace Edgewood apartments in Altoona. Requiring more assistance, she entered the Fall Creek Valley Care Center in 2001. Naomi had been a resident of the center since this time, except for a brief stay at Lakeside Nursing Home in Chippewa Falls, from May of 2004 until April of 2005.

Naomi lived all her adult life in Eau Claire, where she had been employed at Eau Claire State Teachers College before taking a job working at Shedd-Brown, where she was employed until its closing.

She was a member of the Eagles Club, serving as an officer with the club. She was very active with the children’s programs that the Eagles supported. She had a beautiful flower garden, and spent many hours tending the many varieties that she grew.

She is survived by her brother, Victor and Helen Lane of Augusta; sister-in-law, Edna Lane of Altoona; eight nieces, Linda (Avery) Burton, Lois (Mike) Mansur, Patricia (Dennis) Strevler, Phyllis (Greg) Pettis, Connie (Neil) McCoy, Roberta (Fred) Winkler, Judy Lane (Mike Sedahl), and Jacqueline Husting; three nephews, John (Kathy) Lane, Daniel (Patsy) Lane, Randy (Colleen) Lane; and their extended families.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Roy Lane.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at the Anderson Funeral Home in Augusta, with Pastor Larry Hoekstra officiating. Burial will be in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in the town of Seymour. Friends may call one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Published in the Leader-Telegram Online at www.leadertelegram.com Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, October 2, 2007.

June Edna Vermilyea Judge⁹, (Arthur Louis, Sr.⁸, Eugene⁷, Gilbert⁶, Gilbert⁵, David⁴, David³, John², Johannes¹)

Judge, June E. WATERFORD June E. Judge, 88, of 4th St., died Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at Northwoods Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Jackson, Mich., she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Edna Sickler Vermilyea. June was a graduate of Waterford High School,

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class of 1935 and was valedictorian of her class. She was employed for 15 years at the former Leonard Hospital as a switchboard operator and retired in 1999. Prior to that, she was employed as a secretary at Waterford-Halfmoon High School for 23 years. She was a member of the First United Church of Waterford and the Waterford Museum and Cultural Center. She was also a former treasurer of the Waterford Public Library and a former treasurer of the Waterford-Halfmoon School Board of Education. June was the widow of John P. Judge, who died in 1956. She is survived by her son, Michael P. Judge and his wife Sandra and her brother, Robert Vermilyea, all of Waterford. She was predeceased by a daughter, Susan A. Judge, as well as her brothers, Harold, Arthur and Edward Vermilyea; also surviving are several nieces and nephews. Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family at St. Mary's Cemetery, Waterford. Memorial contributions may be made to the Waterford Public Library in care of the Philip J. Brendese Funeral Home, 133 Broad St., Waterford, NY 12188. *Published Albany Times Union, Albany, New York, October 25, 2007.*

Celeste (Vermilyea) Marchenck daughter of William Charles Vermilyea⁹, (Henry U/V. ⁸, James⁷, Levi⁶, Solomon⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

STAMFORD _ Celeste Marchenek, 83, of Stamford and formerly of Roxbury, passed away Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at the Robinson Terrace in Stamford.

Celeste was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Harpersfield, the daughter of William C. Vermilyea and Mae L. Cronk.

She married John Marchenek on Sept. 13, 1947, in New Berlin. He predeceased her Dec. 6, 1985.

Celeste was a waitress for many years, she was employed at different resorts in Greene County. Celeste and her husband, John, lived in Greene County, Roxbury, and enjoyed spending winters in Florida.

She was a member of the Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church in Roxbury, and the Senior Citizens Club of Roxbury, and served as secretary.

Celeste is survived by one sister and brother-in-law, Pauline and Donald Hadden of Stamford; brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Linda Vermilyea of Florida; nephew, Donald Hadden Jr.; grandniece, Nicole and husband Nick Semenyck; and several cousins.

Calling hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at the Miller Funeral Home in Roxbury.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, at the Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church in Roxbury, with the Rev. Richard Dykstra officiating. Burial will be in Roxbury Cemetery in Roxbury.

Contributions may be made in memory of Celeste to the memorial fund at Robinson Terrace, Stamford, NY 12167.

Funeral arrangements are by the Miller Funeral Home in Roxbury.

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Published in The Daily Star, Oneonta, New York, October 24, 2007.

Owen Richard Vermilya⁹, (Robert Crandle⁸, Orville⁷, William⁶, Samuel⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

Owen R. Vermilya, 71, of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., passed away quietly at his home around Nov. 14, 2007. He was a long-time resident of Walton County and was born in Lakeland, Fla., to Robert C. and Mary F. Vermilya. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert Vermilya; and a son, Joby Dean Vermilya.

Mr. Vermilya served in the United States Air Force and was retired from Southwest Airlines. He enjoyed dabbling in real estate and was very mechanically inclined. He invented several mechanical devices that defied imagination.

Mr. Vermilya is survived by his daughter, Kim B. Basch, and granddaughters, Erin and Alex, of Sarasota, Fla., and a brother, Keith Vermilya, of Melbourne Beach, Fla.

He will be greatly missed by his family and close friends, Delores Vermilya, Janet Wilcox and Teresa Willis.

Panhandle Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Published in The Destin Log, Destin, Florida, December 5, 2007.

Barbara Jo (Postle) Vermilye spouse of Herbert Alan Vermilye⁹, (Herbert A.⁸, Arthur Lewis⁷, Henry Marcellus⁶, Edward Jr.⁵, Edward⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

Barbara Jo Vermilye of Cape Coral, FL, died October 3, 2007 at the age of 72. Born in Marion, Ohio in 1935. She attained her BS - Nursing and received her MS - Nursing from Syracuse University. She loved basketry, gardening and her cats. She devoted her life and career to women's health and well being in Southwest Florida, Syracuse, NY and Liberia, West Africa. Barbara was instrumental in starting the first holistic birth center in the US.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Herbert Alan Vermilye. She is survived by her children, Kathryn Jean Vermilye of West Paterson, NJ; Michael Alan Vermilye of Arnold, MD; Anne Marie Vermilye of Mill Valley, CA and Stephen Andrew Vermilye of Cape Coral, FL.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, October 8, 2007 at 3:00pm at St. Hillary's Episcopal Church, 504 McGregor Blvd. Ft. Myers, FL 33901 (239)936-1000

Published in The News-Press on October 8, 2007.

Aili Maria (Jussilainen) Vermilyea, widow of Clyde Keith Vermilyea (Joseph Calder⁷, (Abraham Augustus⁶, Philip⁵, Abraham⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

Word has been received from family members that Aili Maria (Jussilainen) Vermilyea widow of Clive Keith Vermilyea died November 29, 2007 at Gardnerville, Nevada. She was born June 5, 1923 in Finland.



MOVERS and SHAKERS??????

Well moving anyway — and I am sure that most of you know where the shaking really comes from!!! John and I moved on November 14, 2007 from our home at Holly Springs, North Carolina to Tavares, Florida. Right now we are using the address mail addresses and phone numbers remain the same.

The move went smoothly and we are hoping to be settled in shortly. Moving at holiday time has its advantages and disadvantages. We got to spend the first Christmas ever with our son and daughter-in-law – it was wonderful, however all the activities of the holiday season gave us an excuse to put off getting our household together.

So..... the New Year will start off with the resolve to get furniture, etc., etc... It is so nice to be nearer to my sister, aunt and uncle and many cousins. As much as we miss it, we look forward to the sale of our home in North Carolina so we can become “permanent and finally retired members” of our new community.

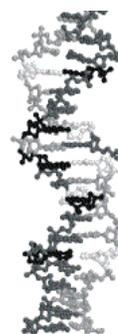
Happy New Year to you and yours... Sandra

WHAT IS GENETIC GENEALOGY

by Sandra Vermilyea Todd

UPDATE ——— Volume XII, No. 2, June-August 2007.

Our Treasurer, John Todd, Sr. submitted a DNA sample in June of 2005 to Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation, Salt Lake City, Utah. His results were posted at their Web Site in October. It took over two years to get the results. John is happy to share them with us, you can view them at <http://www.smgf.org/index.jsp> When you reach this page – Under Sorenson Database click on Y-Database. On the next page click on Y-Chromosome Database. On the next page in the parameters box click Search by Surname and enter Todd, then click on exact, page down to bottom of this page and click search. The next page has the results. There are eight entries as of January 20th, John’s result is entry #7. If this has changed, you can confirm you have the right result by clicking on pedigree, if you have the right one the chart will show Otis Howard Todd as the 3rd Generation. John hasn’t had time to confirm if the others listed also descend from Christopher Todd. He shares 3 of 15 markers with those submitting, the result compares your DNA with others of the same surname. It is interesting to find how many markers you share. John descends from Christopher Todd who was baptized January 12, 1617 at Pontefract, West Riding, Yorkshire, England, died April 23, 1686 at New Haven, Connecticut. Christopher arrived at Boston, Massachusetts in 1637, and shortly after continued on to New Haven. Unlike the Vermilyea family, there were a number of Todd families who immigrated to America from England, Scotland and Ireland. Mary Todd Lincoln for example, descends from another Todd family that came into Virginia and therefore a different line from John. Seven generations of a person’s family is included in the results, John is in the Eleventh Generation of his family line. John is also the great-great-grandson of Samuel Vermilya #177 in the Fifth Generation of the Vermilyea Family.



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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