



Photo by Wilma, 2003 at California Reunion

Carl Parker Vermilyea, President of the Vermilyea Family Association

March 30, 1938
January 23, 2009

It's never a easy thing to report the death of a close friend or relative, given the fact that Carl was both to many of us makes this a very sad message to write. Carl and I have been in almost daily contact for years. When he told me last year that he had been diagnosed with lung cancer and was getting treatments, I just knew he would recover and be back as good as new. I did the "From The Staff" articles for a couple newsletters. Last summer and early fall when he had recovered enough to go to a military reunion in Colorado, I figured all was well. In late fall I got an e-mail from him describing a set back, I knew it was serious. When e-mails stopped arriving and he was sleeping when I called, it became apparent he was not getting better. The last time I called and spoke with him was two weeks ago, he knew time was short, but he figured he had a couple months. We discussed his thoughts for the VFA and he related the status of his files and what arrangements he would make for their availability. He gave me permission to publish the "Vermilyea Places" file and the "History of the Vermilyea Family" (he wrote this for the first addition of the genealogy) at the Vermilyea Family Reunion Web Site. We had planned to further discuss the military file that he had been working on for many years the next time I called. Last week I sent a card and then the day before my next call I got a message from his daughter Gail that he had passed away at home that morning – Friday, January 23rd.

Carl was a stickler for detail, an accomplished researcher, a man of his word who served his country and loved his family. He will be missed by all of us who knew him and worked with him.....

(See Carl's obituary on page 5.)

Sandra

This year the Vermilyea Family Association will be celebrating our 14th year publishing your family newsletter. This issue is the 46th. We are proud and happy to continue, thanks so much for your support and interest. Joanne MacArthur has been our newsletter editor since the beginning, thanks Joanne.

We had a lucky genealogy break the end of this past year, the family of John J. Vermilyea of Syracuse, New York has been identified and added to the files. Many hours of research by several people could not come up with the clues needed to identify his family, so it was a happy surprise to find an article in *The Evening Telegram, Syracuse, New York*, published May 6, 1899 that identified him as the brother of Judson Vermilyea. John has many living descendants. His great grandson is Walter Farley the author of the famous "Black Stallion" books so loved by children and adults alike. You will find this family in the Sixth Generation.

If you enjoy old newspaper articles check out this link where I found the article providing the information to identify John J. Vermilyea <http://www.fultonhistory.com/fulton.html> It is a free site that covers a large area of upstate New York. There are articles from several newspapers in the area that cover many events relating to our family as well as interesting stories and pictures from old times.

We are sad to report the death of Peggy Vermilyea. Peggy was the hostess for the Vermilyea Family Reunion held in Wyoming in 2006. We extend our condolences to her family as well as all the families who lost loved ones this last year.

John and I are feeling pretty much settled in our new home in Florida, it has been an interesting year. We are looking forward to 2009 and plan to attend the reunion in Oregon next summer, hope to see you there... Contact for reunion information and reservations is Jeremy T. Vermilyea. His mailing address

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

May you always have LOVE to share, HEALTH to spare, and a FAMILY that cares.....



Vermilyea Family Reunion Web Site

If you haven't logged in yet at www.vermilyeafamilyreunion.com please do so. Notifications for the up coming reunion in July will be sent to those logged in at the site. Please note that the security settings are very high, so don't get discouraged if your login in fails, just send me a e-mail if you are having problems. Best to use your real name to log in, clearance will be easier.... I do NOT approve accounts for anyone I don't know. All VFA members are known and their approval will be automatic....

UPCOMING IN JANUARY 2009:

Generation files update this month. (started on January 9th)

Pictures added as received – on December 31, 2009 there were 336 photographs and documents in the Vermilyea Family Book Albums. Please share your family photos and check these albums often.

Remember we have a Memorial page set up and all are welcomed to honor their family members there – and it is free.

Information about the 2009 Vermilyea Family Reunion in Oregon will be added as received.

VERMILYA – ANDERSON BIBLE

Part Two

By Sandra Vermilyea Todd

In the last newsletter I shared the story of the discovery of this old family bible as well as some of the photos that I took. This time I will share pictures of some of the items found inside as well as a bit of the history of the family that owned the bible....

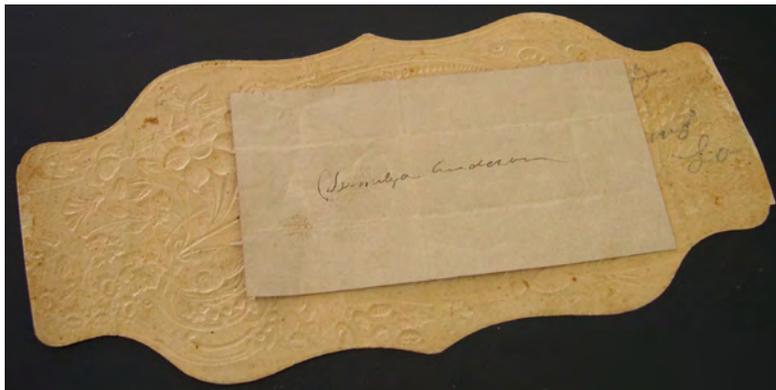
First, please note that I entered a wrong spelling in the last article, Elvira Vermilya Anderson's family used the spelling Vermilya.....

From the bible...



A tag from inside the Bible, Note the red label that was pasted on the back.

Interestingly it is a label from a package of sewing needles.....

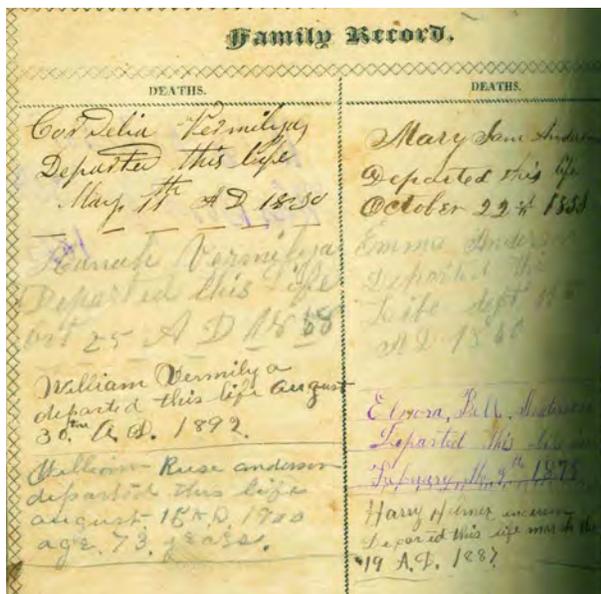
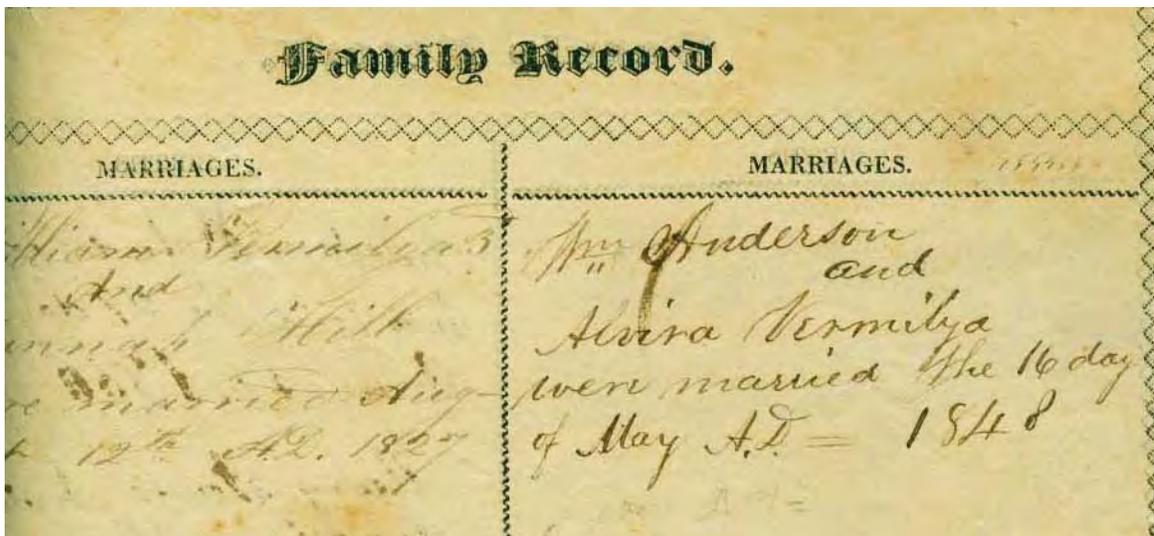


Written on the back of the sewing needles label is VERMILYA ANDERSON

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The Family Record pages.....

Elvira Vermilya was born April 30, 1832 in New York State, she moved with her parents William and Hannah (Hill) Vermilyea to Ohio sometime prior to 1848. She married William Ruse Anderson on May 16, 1848 in Ohio. They were the parents of six children, William E., Mary Jane, Elnora Bell, James Daune, Emma and Charles. William E. and James Duane lived to be adults. J. D. Anderson (James Duane) of Dayton, Ohio was Vice-President for the Vermilya Family Reunion held at Columbus, Pennsylvania in 1905. Mary Jane and Emma died as infants, Elnora Bell died at age 20, probably unmarried. Charles was living with his family in 1880 age 18, he can not be located after and it is assumed he died before 1900 as Elvira lists she is the mother of 5 children, 2 living on the 1900 Federal Census. Some records indicate she was actually the mother of 6 children. Elvira died August 21, 1911 at Jefferson, Montgomery County, Ohio. Burial location for this family is unknown. To see more complete information for this family check the 7th Generation PDF at www.vermilyeafamilyreunion.com The January update will include the family information from the bible



Pages from the Family Record Section – Enhanced..

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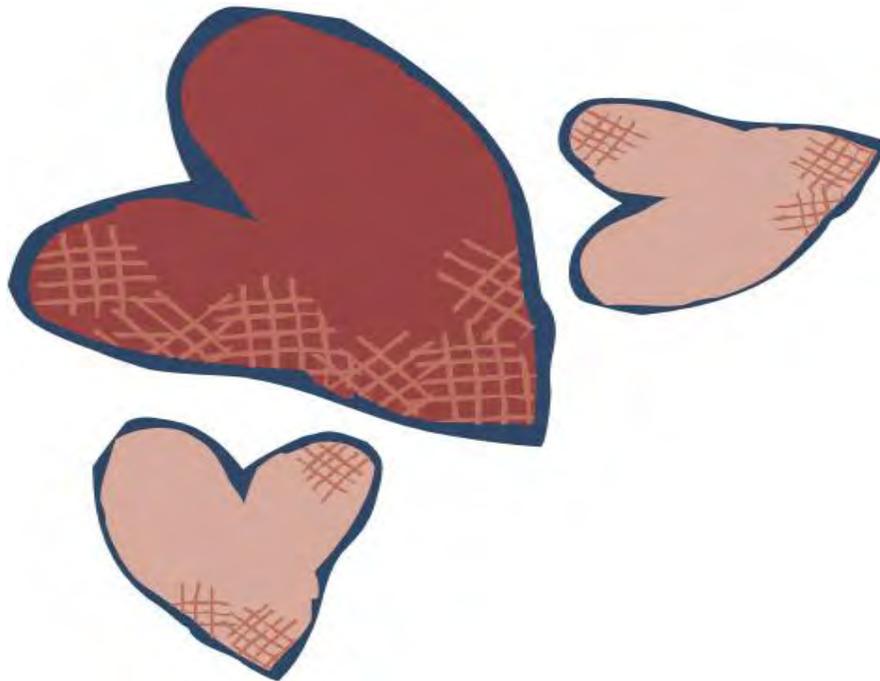


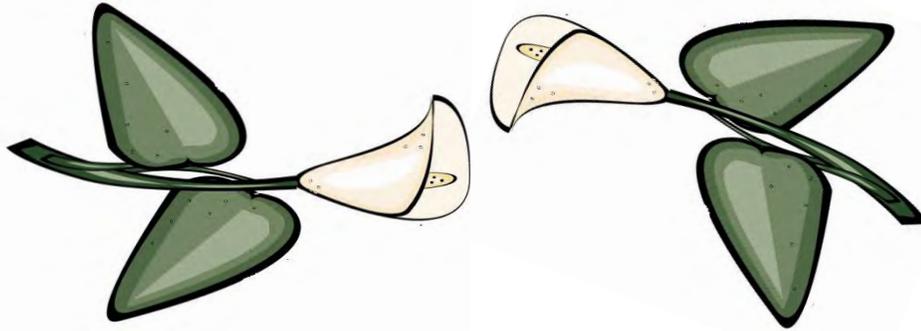
The significance of this ??? — a paper cut out found in the bible, photographed on black background.

Next time I will share a letter found in the Bible.



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
TO ALL VERMILYEAS AND THEIR LOVED ONES**





IN MEMORIUM

Carl Parker Vermilyea¹⁰, (Rex Whitney⁹, Earl John⁸, John Knickerbocker⁷, Avery⁶, Abram⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

Carl P. Vermilyea 70, of Skyview Circle, Keene, NH, died peacefully, Friday, January 23, 2009 at his home in Keene.

He was born in Newton, Mass., March 30, 1938, the son of Rex W. and Frances (Parker) Vermilyea. He was a graduate of Norwich University, and had a distinguished career in the United States Army. He saw service in Vietnam, Korea and Germany. He was the recipient of the Legion of Merit Award, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Order of Horatio Gates Bronze Medal. He retired from the Army in 1989 with the rank of Colonel.

Following retirement, he was active in the American Red Cross NH West Chapter and his neighborhood homeowners association. He enjoyed genealogy.

A devoted husband, father and grandfather, he is survived by his wife of 48 years, Linda (Rath) Vermilyea of Keene, his children; Gail Cherochak and her husband David of Gaithersburg, MD, Carl P. Vermilyea, Jr., of Denton, TX, Karen Keenan and her husband Matthew of Jaffrey, NH, his grandchildren; Scott Keenan and Staci Keenan, both of Jaffrey, 2 brothers; Robert Vermilyea of Northport, Maine, Paul Vermilyea of Belfast, Maine, a sister, Lynne Andrews and her husband Russell, of Belfast, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and loving friends.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday afternoon, January 27, 2009 at 2:00 PM in the Trinity Lutheran Church, 28 Arch Street, Keene. Rev. James W. Berry, Pastor, will officiate. Friends are welcome. Burial with full military honors will be held in the spring in the Mountain View Cemetery, Swanzey Center, NH. Family and friends are invited to call on Monday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Foley Funeral Home, 49 Court Street, Keene.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in Mr. Vermilyea's memory to the American Red Cross NH West Chapter, 83 Court Street, Keene, NH 03431 or to Patient Care Needs of Hospice, PO Box 564, Keene, NH 03431-0564.

Posted by Foley Funeral Home, Keene, New Hampshire, January 24, 2009

http://www.foleyfuneralhome.com//index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=671&Itemid=46

Edna Wilhelmina (Gross) Vermilyea, spouse of George D. Vermilyea⁸, George D.⁷, George Washington⁶, Jerome⁵, Isaac Dyckman⁴, David³, John², Johannes¹)

Edna Vermilyea, 101, died November 26, 2008. Survived by son, George of Connecticut; daughter, Joan Johansen of Bradenton, five grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren. Memorial Service will be 11:00 A.M. December 10 2008, at Bethel Baptist Church in Bradenton. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 43rd Street Chapel in charge.

Published in The Bradenton Herald, Bradenton, Florida, December 2, 2008.

Helen (Romanoff) Vermilyea, spouse of George Henry Vermilyea, Jr.⁹, (George Henry⁸, William Elliot⁷, Benjamin Franklin⁶, Nathaniel Drake⁵, Philip⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

Helen Vermilyea, 89, of Elkhart, Ind., and formerly of Peckville, died Thursday in the Golden Living Center in Indiana. Her husband was the late Rev. George Vermilyea.

Born in Philadelphia, daughter of the late Mike and Tillie Grabovsky Romanoff, she was a member of the Peckville Christian Missionary Alliance Church.

Surviving are a son, David Vermilyea, Goshen, Ind.; a daughter, Kathleen Oliva, Denver; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Holzlein; four sisters and three brothers.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Robert E. Decker Funeral Home, 702 River St., Peckville, with services by the Rev. James Culver. Interment, Mount Bethel Cemetery, Layton Road, Scott Twp. Friends may call from 10 until time of service.

Published in the Times-Tribune, Scranton, Pennsylvania, December 7, 2008.

Peggy Louise Vermilyea⁹, (Forest Hampton⁸, Joseph Calder⁷, Abraham Augustus⁶, Philip⁵, Abraham⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

WHEATLAND — A celebration of the life of Wheatland resident, Peggy L. Vermilyea, 68, was hosted by her family with a reception on Nov. 22, 2008.

She died Nov. 19, 2008, at her home in Wheatland after a courageous battle with cancer.

Peggy was born Sept. 10, 1940, in Wheatland, the daughter of Forest Hampton “Tot” and Erma Frances (Rutherford) Vermilyea. She was reared and educated in Wheatland, graduating from Wheatland High School with the class of 1958.

Her first job was with First National Bank in Wheatland.

She was a stewardess for United Airlines based in Chicago, where she married.

Peggy moved to Baton Rouge, LA, and then lived in both North and South Carolina prior to returning to Wheatland in 1996.

She was involved with Experience Works, was an enumerator for the 2000 Census, and delivered Meals on Wheels.

Peggy enjoyed sudoku puzzles, reading, and traveling.

She had an adventurous and feisty spirit; loved the mountains and the oceans. She was loved dearly by her family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Barb Loftus of Melbourne, FL; her mother, Erma Vermilyea of Wheatland; a sister, Jeanie Jones and husband, Ron of Denver, CO; and a brother, Dean Vermilyea of Wheatland.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1986.

Gorman Funeral Homes, Platte Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.

Published in the Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming, November 27, 2008.

Note: Peggy was the hostess for the Vermilyea Family Reunion held July 2006 in Wyoming.

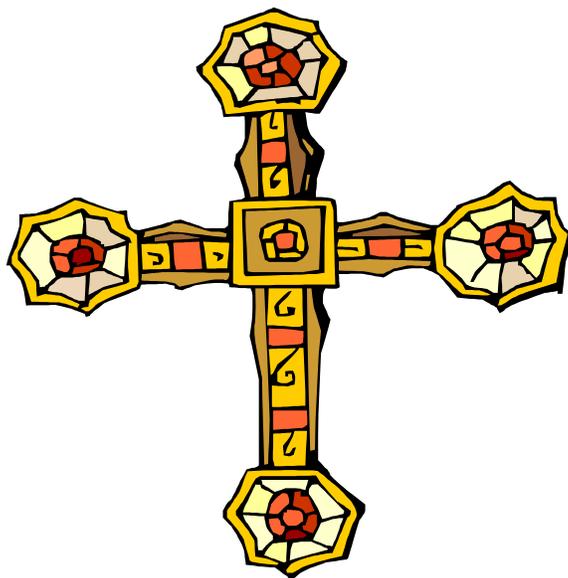
Sandra Campbell Vermilyea, spouse of Nelson Gray Vermilyea⁹, (John Ford⁸, William⁷, William⁶, Samuel⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

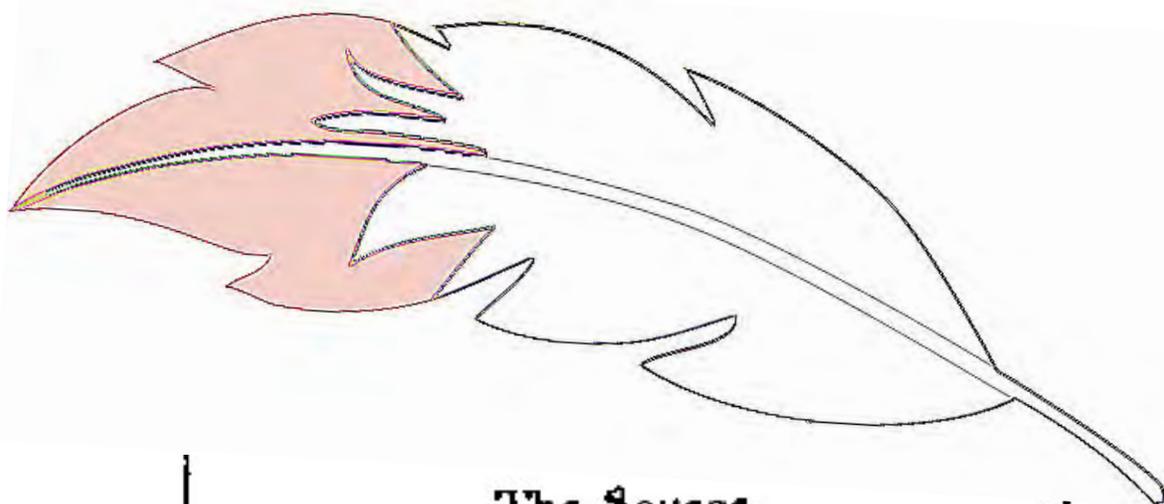


Sandra Lee Vermilyea December 9, 2008 Sandra Lee Vermilyea, 63, of Liverpool, passed away at Crouse Hospital on Tuesday, with her family by her side. Born in Sidney, NY, Sandra resided in Liverpool since 1988. Sandra is survived by her husband, Nelson, of almost 44 years; two daughters, Vickie Vermilyea and Peggy (Jeffrey) Cook of Syracuse; granddaughter, Marlana Vermilyea; brother, Richard (Delores) Campbell of Florida; three sisters, Elaine (James) Starbuck of Unadilla, Patricia (Gary) Gonyea of Florida, and Darlene J. Campbell of Cicero; and several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, Donald (Beatrice Miner)

Campbell; and great-grandson, Jerome H. Medley, Jr. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 11 a.m. at the Central Square Community Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of CNY, 441 W. Kirkpatrick Street, Syracuse, NY 13204. Please visit www.traubfh.com for on-line guest book. Traub Funeral Home Central Square, NY

Published in the Syracuse Post Standard, Syracuse, New York, December 11, 2008.





The Source.

The following poem was written by Miss A. Josephine Vermilya of Orange, N. J. We take pleasure in copying these lines of this versatile young woman, as she is well known to Richfield, having spent many seasons here, and her numerous warm friends will be glad to hear from her in this delightful way.

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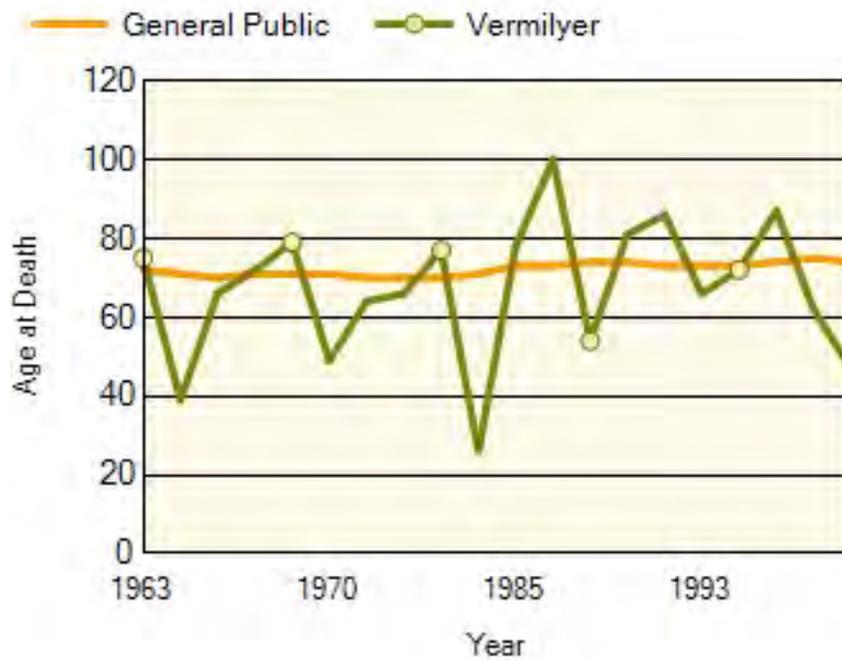
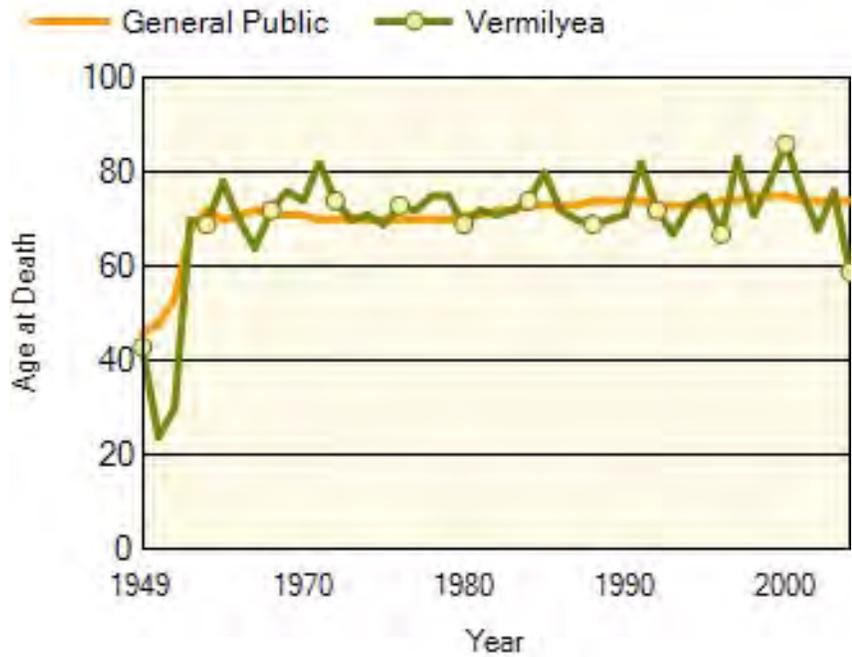
A feather, loosed from an angel's wing,
Flutter'd down to earth one day;
It touched the cheek of a wonder-child,
Who picked it up in play.

The child grew a man, and a pen of skill
From the wondrous plume he wrought;
With its burning point, in letters of flame,
He wrote what the angel taught.

But if ever he changed a word or a line
Of the message from his Lord,
The page was blurred, and the flame died out
For the pen became but a sword.

*Printed in Richfield Springs Daily,
Richfield Springs, New York
August 30, 1913*

VERMILYEA LIFE EXPECTANCY CHARTS (Just one of those things it's fun to know...)



Vermilyer Average Life Expectancy Compared to the General
 Compiled by Ancestry.com from the Social Security Death Index.
<http://www.ancestry.com/facts/Vermilyea-life-expectancy.ashx>

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 about our family; and, from our consolidated records, you might just find that long-lost relative you've been wondering about for years.

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

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DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET?

(Our VFA web page is temporarily suspended until Joanne finds an alternate host.)

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.