


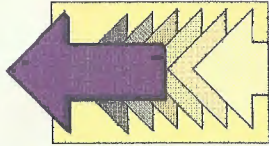
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A newsletter for, by and about the  
genealogy and current happenings  
among families Vermilye/a in the  
United States.



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This is a new service as well as a new organization. We hope to both educate and be educated by one another while we keep in touch.

“Vermilyea’s...Historically Speaking” is a genealogical organization with a newsletter, (of which this is the first edition), dues (to print and distribute the letter) and officers. Right now, the president is Joe Vermilyea of Rainier, OR.

If you would like to become a member of “VHS” and receive further newsletters and share information, please fill out the form in this letter and a check for \$12, and mail to Sandra V. Todd, 1513 Bass Lake Rd, Holly Springs, NC 27540-9081. We probably, at some point, will develop an “address book” from the entries we receive which would also be available to our members.

If you have information or news which would be of interest to Vermilyea’s around the country, please contact Joe Vermilyea, 72291 Lentz Road, Rainier, OR, 97048 or JVermilyea@aol.com

## *"A Brief History of "Vermilyea" in the Old World and New"*

### Origin of the name

Although the name Vermilyea is a variation of the French “Vermeille” the actual origin is said to have been Italian, meaning “from” (ver) “the middle” (migli). The first to use the name in print was the reformer, Pietro Martyr, born about 1520, who left Italy for, eventually, England, where he was the guest of Bishop Cranmer.

A sidebar: Joanne Vermilya MacArthur once read the book “The Agony & the Ecstasy” about Michaelangelo and found the name “Vermigli” tucked in the pages. A bit of authentication if Irving Stone did his homework!?

Sandra Vermilyea was born November 8, 1941 at Margaretville, Delaware Co. NY. In 1960, she married John R. Todd. Five years later the family moved to North Carolina where they made their home. Sandra has been actively involved with the Vermilyea Family History since 1991 when she and John went to Salt Lake City to visit their son John. With only her grandfather Vermilyea’s name, birth and death dates, she began work on the family tree and soon amassed over 1300 names on file. The best part for Sandra is meeting all the “cousins” from all over the country and getting in touch again with those she has missed seeing. Sandra enjoys working on her computer on genealogy plus sewing and needle arts, hiking, gardening and listen to music. Sandra will be acting as our treasurer and record keeper.

### Countries associated with the name Vermilyea

Although most American Vermilyea’s trace their lineage to Johannes Vermilye (or Vermilje) who came from Holland to Harlem with his family, his parents were French speaking and his mother born Marie Roublet (Roubley). His children, however, were given names of Dutch extraction.

It is possible that not only was the name Vermilyea (in some form) known in France, but there is some question as to whether a generation could have spent time in Germany or Prussia as “Wurmel.”

- Joel Vermilye (nick named Joe) was born some 54 years ago in Longview, WA. Joe is a teacher by profession and a volunteer by nature. His avocation however, seems to be collecting: old cars, stamps, genealogical names and files, etc. Joe is also quite computer literate. He has worked on his personal genealogies for the past 12 years or so, has taken several workshops and joined several clubs and organizations. His computer is invaluable in his genealogical work and he has made trips to Salt Lake City and learned to use their files as well as National Archives. He and his siblings and a first cousin have formed a Vermilyea family reunion group 8 years ago which meets each summer in the Pacific Northwest.