

2003 Reunions

2003 VERMILYEA (VERMILYA, VERMILYE, VERMILYEA, VERMILYER) FAMILY
REUNIONS
CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA
GILROY, CALIFORNIA
LaPORTE, INDIANA



**Vermilyea Family Reunion
August 1st , 2nd, 3rd, 2003
Carlsbad, California**

Thanks for the help of Joyce Vermilyea Stewart

Gary Vermilyea was the organizer of the Vermilyea Reunion in Carlsbad this year. Many of the descendants of Joseph Calder and Florence (Downing) Vermilyea got together for a three day reunion, the seventh since 1976 when the first was held at Dwyer, Wyoming. Sixty-one family members, most the descendants of Veblen (Veb) Platte and Natalie (Anderson) Vermilyea attended. Dean Vermilyea came from Wyoming representing the descendants of Forest (Tot) and Erma (Rutherford) Vermilyea. Veblen and Forest were two of the eleven children of Joseph and Florence Vermilyea. Also attending was Tony and Josephine (Anderson) Fleck, Josephine is one of the two living siblings of Natalie (Anderson) Vermilyea. Special guests John and Sandra (Vermilyea) Todd and Carl and Linda Vermilyea were also in attendance.

Headquarters for the get-together was the site of the original (adjacent) homes of Veblen (Veb) and Natalie (Anderson) Vermilyea in downtown Carlsbad. Since the family converted them into lovely vacation rentals, the site is known as "The Heart of the Village".

Family members enjoyed perfect mid-70's beach weather (and the beach was only three blocks away) their entire stay. Carlsbad is located just 35 miles north of San Diego, and large groups of Vermilyeas took advantage of attractions in and around that city. The Coaster, a train that provides inexpensive transportation (especially for seniors!) to San Diego and places in between, has a terminal located just one block from the homestead. Some of the interesting places reunion guests visited were the San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld, Old Town and Seaport Village (great dining and shopping at both those sites). Legoland in Carlsbad, and Disneyland (50 miles north of Carlsbad) were also visited, but it was the Pacific Ocean that the kids (and adults) rushed to before and after visiting all those other places. The reunion banquet was held on Sunday at the San Luis Rey Officers Club on the nearby Camp Pendleton Marine Base. We enjoyed a lovely buffet brunch, beautifully presented in a grand setting with excellent service. Laurel Vermilyea Cortes, our family historian, entertained and educated us with our family history, told in story form, beginning with the Italian Vermiglis, our merchant ancestors (12th century). Dr. Carlos Cortes, Laurel's husband, author, (worldwide) lecturer/keynote speaker, and Professor Emeritus of History at UC Riverside, ably assisted Lolo with a slideshow presentation. Many photos were taken prior to our departure from the "O" Club. Some folks had to leave on Sunday, but many were unable to "tear themselves away" for a few more days.

A wonderful time was had, and Gary says it's time to turn these reunions over to the next generation!!!!



The Grape The Egg Revisited



Viva and Hayden



Victoria and Eugene



Daughter, Melanie and Gloria



Mike and Natalie



Maddie, Nora, Katie C., Kristin and Teri



Tony and Jeff



Kelly and Jake



Holly, Caden, Jo and Tony



Gloria, Katie G. and Teri



Dean, Scott and Bill



Jerry, Mike and Aaron



Scott, Gary and Dave



Holly and Carlos



Pretty Girls



More Pretty Girls



Eugene, Scott and Nora Vermilyea



Scott and Katie



Todd and Scott



Bill, Joy, Katie, Jeff, Teri and Jerry



Nick and Nicco



Laurel



Gary Vermilyea



Vermilyea Kids



The Cousins



Seven Siblings and Spouses

Pictures by David Vermilyea and Todd Vermilyea



Vermilyea Family Reunion
July 31st and August 1st 2003
Gilroy, California
By Sandra Vermilyea Todd

Descendants of Johannes and Aletje (Waldron) Vermelje gathered on July 31st and August 1st at Gilroy, California. Known as the “Garlic Capital of the World”, Gilroy has many interesting places to visit. Wineries, garlic farms, the “Field of Flowers” at Goldsmith Seed Company and the beautiful scenery was enjoyed. Gilroy Premium Outlet stores provided plenty of opportunity for shopping.

Twenty-five cousins from seven states attended; New York, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Oregon, Kansas, Washington and California were represented.

On Thursday evening Wilma presented us with the nametag buttons that she designed and made for everyone attending, a wonderful souvenir. Several families enjoyed dinner at Chevy’s Mexican Restaurant. Following the meal we spent the rest of the evening at the Vermilyer Ranch where we had the opportunity to see Jim’s antique tractor collection, Dan’s forge and iron works and Wilma’s fish ponds and bird aviary. We all enjoyed seeing Dan’s current work, a beautiful curved staircase railing. Jim Vermilya a professional musician entertained us, singing a number of songs and playing his guitar.

On Friday morning we assembled at 9:30am in the conference room at the Forest Park Inn,

our lodging facility. A number of tables held the many pictures, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia brought by family members. Sandra brought her laptop computer with the family genealogy on CD so we could make additions and corrections to our records. Those family members not attending, but who sent their best wishes were mentioned, and the location of our next reunion was announced. On July 31st 2004 we will be meeting at Mentor, Ohio. While attendance was less than our previous reunions we had a very enjoyable day. The raffle, a popular event at our reunions was held. A beautiful wrought iron candle holder made by Dan Vermilyer, a wooden plate crafted by John Todd with the reunion location and date cut in, as well as numerous regional items and gift baskets were part of the many items brought by family members. Wilma took a group picture before we had lunch at Chevy's, then we returned to the conference room where we enjoyed exchanging family stories, family genealogy and taking pictures for the rest of the afternoon. Jim Vermilya again provided music for our pleasure.

Several family members expressed an interest in hosting a reunion in the future, so hopefully we will meet you at one of these events soon. Seven of those attending were joining us for the first time this year.

A special thanks to our hosts Jim and Wilma Vermilyer who made this reunion so much fun for all of us.



Happy Raffle Winner - Alice Vermilya



Raffle Winner - Judith Vermilya



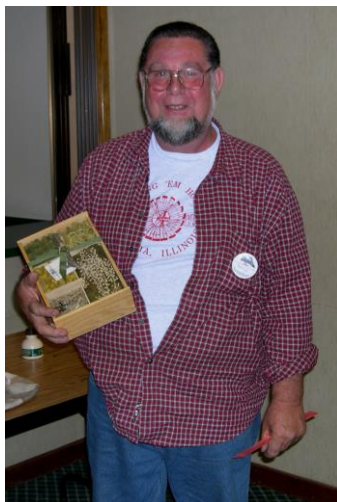
Raffle Winner - Sandra Todd



Raffle Winner - Barbara Fernkopf



Raffle Winner - Jim Hatch



Raffle Winner - George Vermilyer



Raffle Winner - Eleanor MacNiven



Door Prize Winner- Linda Vermilyea-Stoddard



Sandra Vermilyea Todd



Wayne and Barbara Fernkopf



Tom and LiMei Vermilya



Linda Vermilyea Stoddard and Bob Stoddard



John Todd, Wayne and Barbara Fernkopf



Jim Vermilyer and David Vermilyea Peterson



Eleanor MacNiven and Alice Vermilya



Name tag Buttons by Wilma Vermilyer



Jim and Alice Hatch enjoying the music



Jim Vermilya



Dan shows work to Sandra and Jim and Alice Hatch



LiMei and Tom Vermilya at Dan's Shop



Delicious Eats at Chevys



More



Don't forget to feed the Bears



Jim, Wilma and Dan Vermilyer



Jim Vermilyer and Sandra Vermilyea Todd



Dan Vermilyer, Dan's friend, George Vermilyer and Jim Vermilyer



Maury Braun, Eleanor McNiven, John Todd and Sandra Vermilyea Todd



Chevys



Bear at Forest Park Inn



Garden at Goldsmith



Sandra enjoys a Field of Flowers



Winery at Gilroy



John Todd --- Bye till next year...



**August 24, 2003
First Baptist Church
Hargrave Fellowship Center
LaPorte, Indiana**

Thanks for the help of Nancy McIntyre

The 48th annual Vermilyer Family Reunion was held Sunday, August 24, 2003. Twenty-eight family members attended.

Guests were asked to sign the attendance sheet and to encourage other relatives to attend next year.

Lewis Vermilyer, who along with his mother organized the first Vermilyer Family Reunion back in 1955, blessed the luncheon with prayer. Those unable to attend because of illness were also remembered.

Births, deaths and marriages were announced, and officers were elected. Awards were given to the oldest man and woman attending as well as the youngest child and those traveling the farthest. A raffle was held and numerous door prizes were awarded. An auction was held and bingo games were played.

A very enjoyable afternoon ended with a group photo being taken.

The 2004 Vermilyer reunion will be held Sunday August 29, 2004. Due to increasing rental fees and declining attendance a decision was not made as to where the reunion will be held.