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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to have been elected president by the board of the Joseph Vick Family of America. The board met on June 21, 2008, during the family reunion in Salado, TX.



What a wonderful reunion it was. There will be a lot more about the reunion in this newsletter, but I have to complement Gailen Vick, Beverly Strickland, and Tommy Jack Vick for the great job they did in planning and carrying out the reunion. A lot of credit goes to Gailen Vick for putting a stake in the ground and saying “we will have a reunion in 2008 even it is just my family and me that

attend it.” As it turned out Gailen was joined by over 150 reunion attendees. We are a family association with many members, past and present, that have done so much to keep our family close.

JVFOA has been exceedingly lucky to have had wonderful presidents that have done much to advance our association's interests. I want to thank Joseph Jurlina for stepping in when due to health reasons Robert Allen Vick, III had to step down this past year as president. I also want to thank the board for the honor and privilege it has given me by electing me as president of our wonderful family association.

Further, I want to thank Di Ann Vick for her years of service as newsletter editor. Due to health reasons Di Ann has moved to editor emeritus. She brought a standard of excellence to

our newsletter that few family associations can hope to achieve. Our family will always be indebted to Di Ann and John D. Beatty for their book, *Joseph Vick of Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, Virginia and His Descendants*. The board has appointed James Larry Vick as the new newsletter editor and Pam Vick (wife of Austin Lafayette Vick) as the assistant editor. Having an assistant editor will ensure that we have someone ready to assume the editor position if anything should prevent our editor from being able to carry out his role. High on my list of priorities is to ensure we publish a newsletter every quarter. Throughout JVFOA we must have a succession plan for any officer or committee chair to ensure uninterrupted delivery of services to our members.

Those services include assisting family historians in their quest

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Meetings
An annual membership meeting is held during the family reunion to elect directors. A board of directors meeting follows the annual meeting to elect officers. The board may call board of directors meetings between annual meetings as required.

to document their Vick genealogy. I hope you will send any questions you have to our editor for publication in our newsletter. With hundreds of readers of our newsletter, someone may know the answer to your question (or have an idea on how you can find it) and be eager to share their knowledge with you.

We also must ensure our services keep pace with our changing world. Since many records have been lost or destroyed, we may not always be able to find a paper record to document our ancestry. Now a new tool, DNA, has been added to the genealogist's toolbox. DNA can assist us in breaking down the brick walls in our Vick pedigree research. Since DNA has become so important to family historians, we have added a DNA committee to JVFOA. Larry Vick chairs that committee. Our DNA committee will regularly update you on its findings and how DNA is being used by members to aid their research.

Getting the most bang for our members' bucks

is also important. Mary Vick Graves, our treasurer, O. Richard Wright, Esq., our 2nd Vice President and Legal Counsel, and Gene Wesley Vick have applied to have our organization designated by the United States Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization under Section 501c(3) of the tax code. If approved, this could provide tax benefits to those who make eligible donations to JVFOA. This could aid us in fund raising efforts to meet our association's goals.



Finally, as you will read more about we are already planning our 2009 reunion. Having an annual reunion is something about which I feel strongly. Gailen Vick has once again volunteered to chair our reunion committee, and he has started the ball rolling for us to meet in Vicksburg, MS, next year. I am not sure how he and his committee

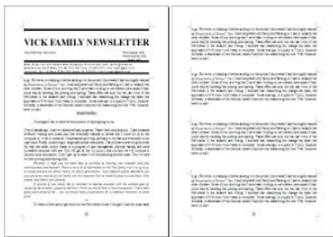
could top this year's reunion, but I know they will.

I look forward to working with you and the board to make this the best year in our family's history and to meeting you in Vicksburg next year.

John Edward Vick.

Introduction

I am both thrilled and humbled to become the editor of our family's newsletter. I appreciate the trust the board has placed in me to continue the great tradition of the previous editors of the *Vick Family Newsletter*.



To have a successful newsletter, we need your stories, family history records, and tips. I say "we" because Pam Vick (see the next article for more about Pam) was asked by the board to be the assistant editor. "We" also refers to all of us with an interest in the Joseph Vick family's

history. We all benefit from a newsletter with helpful and interesting stories. It will take all of us working together to have an informative, authoritative, and enjoyable newsletter,

Pam and I start in our new roles with clean desks and empty Joseph Vick Family of America files. We have no material from you that we can publish or turn into stories. If you sent in material earlier, and it has not appeared in the newsletter, please send me a copy of what you sent in. I will share it with Pam, and we will try to get it in the newsletter. We are happy to receive well written stories (especially those that are well documented), but we are also happy to take whatever you have and work with you to turn it into a story or an article for the newsletter. We will also appreciate pictures, obituaries, Bible records, and any other item of genealogical interest that is not copyrighted. If it is copyrighted and you have the copyright

holder's permission for us to reprint the material, we will be glad to use the material.



Frankly, I am consumed with a desire to learn more about our Vick family history. However, I was not always so interested in my roots. I grew up in an Air Force family. My father took us to places as far east as England and as far west as Japan (and many places in between). Unlike my father who grew up in the same county his father grew up in (and his father before him, and his father before him, and his father before him), I really did not have a sense of being from any particular place. Home was where the Air Force sent us. When I graduated from college I was commissioned a second lieutenant in the

United States Air Force, and I served in the Air Force for over 26 years. For my children and wife, home was also where the Air Force sent us.



In 1991 my family and I were visiting my father's grave in Greenville, KY. My father's brother, Robert Edward Vick, Sr., who lives in Greenville, organized a small family reunion for our visit. My daughter, Kathy, was 13 and my son, James, was nine. They had never been around so many Vicks and did not really know their extended Vick family. My father had died before they were born, so they never knew their grandfather Vick. During this visit, out of the blue, my daughter asked her great uncle Bob Ed where the Vicks came from. Uncle Bob Ed told my daughter the name of his Vick ancestors that were buried in Muhlenberg

County. After we returned home, Uncle Bob Ed mailed my daughter a pedigree chart detailing her Vick line for eight generations including dates and places. The chart listed all of the Vicks in our line back through Stephen Vick (see Vol. II, No. 2, page 11), the first to come to Muhlenberg County. The chart also showed that Jacob and Mary were Stephen's parents. My uncle Bob Ed had taken us to the Williams Family cemetery where he had relocated Stephen and all of our family buried in the Vick Family cemetery. Due to strip mining near the Vick Family cemetery, Uncle Bob Ed filed a civil suit in 1957 (Muhlenberg County, KY, Circuit Court Action; File No. 863; 1 Nov 1957)to relocate those buried there. On Stephen's monument, it said he was the son of Jacob and Mary and was "of" Dobbs County, NC.



When my daughter studied the pedigree chart, she wondered why it stopped with Jacob. She wanted to know who Jacob was and who his father was. At the time, we lived in Tidewater Virginia. We spent many days together visiting libraries and the local Family History Center researching all we could find about Jacob and Mary Vick. Eventually, we found a Jacob and Mary that we thought must be our Jacob and Mary.

In the course of our research, we learned that John D. Beatty was writing a book about the descendants of Joseph Vick of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. So, we decided to write him and see if he knew anything about our branch of the Vick family. John replied right back and told us he did not believe the Jacob and Mary we had found were the ones we were looking for. He also shared his research with us on what he believed was our correct line (although he could not prove his conclusion since the relevant records had been

destroyed in courthouse fires).

Kathy and I had found a Jacob and Mary who John believed were too old and in the wrong place in North Carolina to be the Jacob and Mary of Dobbs County, NC. This Jacob's line was Jacob⁴, Jacob³, Richard², Joseph¹. There was no evidence that he had children.

John suggested the more likely Jacob was of the line Jacob⁴, Isaac³, William², Joseph¹. No matter where we looked or how hard we searched, we could not find any proof as to who our Jacob was. We also developed a deep sense of respect for the thoroughness of John's research. John also pointed me to Joseph and Billie Jurlina who provided a wealth of information on the Vick family.

So, we found our brick wall with Jacob in 1991 and nothing changed until 2005. By 2005, my daughter had long lost her zeal for Vick research, but I had not. My daughter had gotten me more than interested in family history. In 2005, I saw a program

about a project the National Geographic Society, IBM, and the Waitt Family Foundation had funded to trace the migration of man around the world using DNA. This effort was called the Genographic Project. The program said that by purchasing a kit and donating a sample of my DNA, I could discover my deep ancestry and trace my genetic lineage. I was not sure what all of that meant, but it seemed like a worthy project. Perhaps I was trying to make up for all the trouble I had caused my high school biology teacher who so kindly gave me a "D" and let me pass the course.

When my DNA test was finished and the results were in, I was a little in awe that geneticists could find out so much from my DNA (a small snippet of my Y chromosome DNA to be exact). I was also very surprised to learn that my Y-DNA could also be used in our Vick genealogical research. There was a link at the bottom of my Genographic page that said, "Click on the link below to learn how Family Tree DNA, our

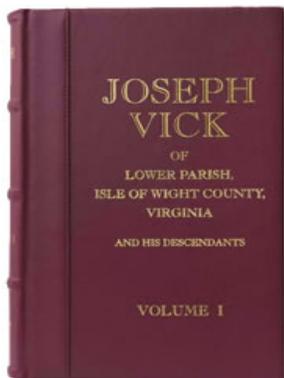
testing partner, can help you apply your results from the Genographic Project to research your family genealogy." Little did I know that I was about to enter a whole new world of possibilities useful in resolving the question of which Jacob⁴ was my ancestor.



When I clicked the link, I found that I was the first male Vick that had Y-DNA results in the Family Tree DNA database (or at least the first that was willing to share his results). I had wondered if I would match a Vick, or if I would match another surname. I had no idea whether my Y-DNA signature would be common or rare. As it turns out, the patrilineal descendants of Joseph share a rare Y-DNA signature. As it also turned out, I did not match anyone in the Family Tree DNA database that was willing to share his Y-

DNA signature. So, I was in for a wait to see when someone would turn up as a match. Five months later, Lannes Melvin Ray Vick showed up as a match. Ray had also tested through the Genographic Project, and he too was eager to learn about his Vick family history. Ray started contacting as many Vicks as he could find to try to get them to join our project. He set up a website, and we were off and running with a goal to reconstruct the Vick family tree.

It turns out that I am not the only Vick with an unproven line. Based upon the research in *Joseph Vick of Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, Virginia and His Descendants*, there are at least 127 lines from the first five generations that John and Di Ann were not able to prove.



I will not drag you through all of the details, but the answer to which Jacob I am descended from became clear as more and more Vick men tested. We are very lucky that John and Di Ann wrote such a great reference book for our family. Only by combining the research of John and Di Ann along with the Y-DNA results was I able to see that John was right in his conclusion that my Jacob was the one from the William² line. Incidentally, many others in those 127 lines are also on the cusp of finding Y-DNA support for their lines also.

Because DNA is such a powerful tool for the family historian, I plan to reference the Vick Y-DNA Surname Project's results whenever possible in stories and articles in the newsletter. I will do this because DNA can prove that someone is not a descendant of Joseph¹, or it can support the traditional evidence that he is a descendant of Joseph¹. Knowing the answer can save folks from spending countless hours and a lot of money looking in the wrong

places. In our Vick Y-DNA Surname Project, Y-DNA has even shown one member that, while he is a descendant of Joseph¹, his pedigree was incorrect. When he saw that his Y-DNA signature did not fit his pedigree, he went back and reexamined the records his pedigree was based upon. During this reexamination, he found a mistake that led him to the correct pedigree (and it matched the Y-DNA signature of those with that pedigree). Rather than be a descendant of William², the Y-DNA pointed to descent from Robert².

I look forward to working with you as we share our knowledge and stories about our Vick family history. You will have to excuse me, though, if I have trouble containing my passion to learn more about our Vick family.

Larry Vick

Note to Future JVFOA Members

For the past week my husband and I have been savoring the many memories from the JVFOA Reunion that

was combined with the Vick Ranch 100-Year Reunion & Celebration. It was wonderful to meet so many new Vicks and to share fellowship with everyone.

This reunion for Austin and me was the result of a little story that began a couple of years ago when husband Austin Lafayette⁹ Vick and I joined the Vick Y-DNA Project. The genealogical information that we had on Austin's family was very limited to say the least. However, Larry Vick knew right away with this information that Austin most probably was a Joseph Vick descendant. He also told us about the Joseph Vick book authored by John Beatty and Di Ann Vick, and he told us about Austin's new (to us) cousin!

That cousin turned out to be John Edward Vick, a JVFOA Board member. He was very generous about sharing all the information he and his wife, Alta, had researched. Soon we were burning up the internet sharing e-mails and planning to meet face to face. We planned to travel

through the ancestors' cemeteries together, as he knew where they all were! These Vicks had come to Texas before the Civil War and some cemeteries were near the reunion location, in Gonzales and other adjacent counties.

John and Austin share a gg-grandfather, Richard⁵ Vick. John had collected a lot of information about Austin's g grandfather, William Martin⁶ Vick, because he said he was "interesting!" It's been very fortunate for us that he felt that way! As John's story goes, he wanted to know where William Martin was buried, and he had to get his uncle out of the nursing home to show him where this little Vick cemetery near Pottsville, Texas, was located. He knew it was unmarked and out in a pasture and relatively obscured by trees and brambles.

After John and Alta located the graves, they could see that they were only marked with stones and carved initials. John and Alta had granite stones made and placed them on the graves of William Martin and his

second wife Mary Potts. The other nine (at least) graves were unmarked as far as names go. Their actions, no doubt, saved these graves from just melting into the landscape in a very short time. And Austin would have never known where his great grandfather was buried! (I have to say here that the landowner had done the proper thing by fencing out the graves from his pasture. They were not fenced out from the road, however, so we could just walk right up to them.)

In this journey of only a little more one a day, we were able to view



countryside where his ancestors lived as well as the gravesites of Austin's grandfather, grandmother, gg grandfather, three gg-grandparents, and a ggg-grandfather's bronze monument recognizing

his services in the Texas Revolution; and a host of gravesites for other relatives. While this was only a short journey for us, it represented about 200 years of history of Austin's relatives.

So our good fortune came about through participating in the Vick Y-DNA Project, and through Larry's wonderful management of that program, and through the JVFOA's great research and sharing nature. We now have all the collective information from the Joseph Vick book, the Y-DNA results, and friendships that will last a lifetime. What a journey this has been! I am sure we'll travel this road together again.

Pam Vick

New Members

Shirley OLIGNEY BAKER, (Floy Christine BRANTLEY¹⁰, Chester Veto BRANTLEY⁹, George Washington BRANTLEY⁸, Ebben BRANTLEY⁷, Henry BRANTLEY⁶, Josiah C. BRANTLEY⁵, ?⁴,

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1st line (Gertrude LANE¹⁰, Lemma⁹, James A.⁸, Arthur Robert⁷, Shadrach Rivers⁶, Arthur⁵, Shadrack⁴, Arthur³, Richard², Joseph¹)

2nd Line (Gertrude LANE¹⁰, Lemma⁹, James A.⁸, Arthur Robert⁷, Shadrach Rivers⁶, Nancy REESE⁵, Piety⁴, William³, Richard², Joseph¹)

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NOTE: Joseph Samuel Vick is a member of the Vick Y-DNA Surname Project and has a Y-DNA signature that supports his descent from Joseph¹)

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In Memoriam

Gloria Jean Putnam Vick, 80, died March 10, 2008 in her home in Portsmouth, Virginia surrounded by her family. Mrs. Vick was born in Portsmouth, the daughter of the late Frank Putnam and Estelle Ferguson Putnam. She was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Ralph Langhorne Vick, Sr.; two daughters, Sharon V. Mokris of Lawrenceville, GA., Janice B. Jones of St. Simons Island, GA; a son Ralph Langhorne Vick, Jr. of St. Simons Island. She was the proud grandmother of Heather, Samantha, Kelly Erin and Langley; and proud great grandmother of Haden Charles and Alyson Pamela. Also surviving are a half-brother Mike Putnam and a half-sister Karen Putnam. She was preceded in death by a daughter Pamela Vick Kepner; a half-sister Linda Butler; and a half brother, David Alexander.

A funeral was held at 11 am on Thursday March 13, 2008 in Foster Funeral Home by the Rev. Gary Alvis. Burial was in Olive Branch Cemetery followed by a reception at Centenary United Methodist Church.

(NOTE: Information for this obituary was supplied by Kenneth Thomas Vick, II. Ralph Langhorne Vick Sr.'s line is Ralph Langhorne Sr.⁹, Kenneth Thomas I⁸, Frank J.⁷, John⁶, John⁵, ?John⁴, Simon³, William², Joseph¹ - Ralph Langhorne Sr., and Ralph Langhorne Jr. are members of the Vick Y-DNA Surname Project and have Y-DNA signatures that support their descent from Joseph¹. Kenneth Thomas Vick, II is the nephew of Ralph Langhorne Sr. and is also a member of the Vick Y-DNA Surname project and has a Y-DNA signature that supports descent from Joseph¹.)

J. Marlin Moss was born June 9, 1938, and passed away February 17, 2008. Marlin had a tremendous love for

baseball and tried out for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1960. He has recently coached many teams in Fort Worth. He served four years in the United States Air Force and retired from Southwestern Bell (currently AT&T) after 30 years of dedicated service. Marlin was preceded in death by his parents, Odell and Jessie Prewitt Moss, brother-in-law, Vernon Edwards; and nephew, Greg Edwards. He is survived by his wife, Judy A. Moss; daughter, Debbie Eaton; son, Dell M. Moss; grandchildren, Josh Eaton and Jessica Pressler and husband, Terry; sister, Bettye Edwards; niece, Paula Edwards; nephew, Brad Edwards; niece-in-law, Pam Edwards; his children's mother, Gina Ferrillo; and a host of other family and friends. Visitation was Wednesday, February 20, 2008, in Restland Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Fallen Patriot Fund, C/O Bank of America Private Bank, Texas 1-492-19-09, P.O. Box 832409, Dallas, Texas 75283-2409, 217-658-7125.

(NOTE: Information for this obituary was supplied by Mary Lou Smith. Marlin's Vick line is as follows: J. Marlin¹⁰, Odell MOSS⁹, Joseph Anselum PREWITT⁸, Mary Jesse⁷, Mastin Crawford⁶, Edmund R., Sr.⁵, ?Jordan⁴, Robert³, Robert², Joseph¹. Mary Lou's line is Mary Lou¹⁰, Maxwell Monroe⁹, George Rufas SANDERFORD⁸, Mary Jesse⁷, Mastin Crawford⁶, Edmund R., Sr.⁵, ?Jordan⁴, Robert³, Robert², Joseph¹)

Verlene Vesta Vick Hughes passed away peacefully at home on February 20, 2008 in El Cajon, CA. She was surrounded by her children, Kellie Anne Hughes age 25, Travis Clinton Hughes age 28, Brandi Christina (Sid) Billings age 31 and ex-husband Robert Hughes.

Verlene was born on September 1, 1950 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, of Olpha Ray Vick Jr. and Vesta Emma Mae Grieve. She is also survived by her brother, Lannes Melvin Ray Vick; and two grandchildren, Jenner

Billings and Kallie Ray Billings.

Services were at Skyline Church in La Mesa, CA.

(NOTE: Information for this obituary was supplied by Lannes Melvin Ray Vick. Verlene's line was Verlene Vesta¹⁰, Olpha Ray, Jr.⁹, Olpha Ray, Sr.⁸, Elza Ross⁷, Arthur Dillard⁶, Arthur⁵, Shadrack⁴, Arthur³, Richard², Joseph¹. Ray Vick is a member of the Vick Y-DNA Surname Project and has a Y-DNA signature that supports their descent from Joseph¹)

The Joseph Vick Family of America Joined Forces with the Vick Family of Texas to Have One Great Reunion

The joint Vick Family of Texas and Joseph Vick Family of America reunion in Salado, TX, June 20-22, 2008, was a huge success by all measures. Over 120 reunion attendees signed in (see the names on pages 21 and 22) either Friday or Saturday.

More important than the number that attended the reunion was the great time everyone had at the reunion. It was packed with entertainment, information, and camaraderie. The reunion committee was comprised of JVFOA Director Gailen Vick (JVFOA co-chair), Beverly Strickland (Vick Family of Texas co-chair), Tommy Jack Vick, Jeremy Vick, and JVFOA Director John Edward Vick. The committee did a terrific job in selecting locations and activities for the events.



Things got underway on Friday evening when Gailen Vick kicked things off for the Joseph Vick Family of America at the Holiday Inn Express in Salado. Gailen welcomed everyone, gave an overview of the reunion schedule, and discussed future web initiatives to improve JVFOA. Then everyone enjoyed a delicious Tex-Mex buffet.



After the buffet, Jeremy Vick told the group about a cemetery documentation service project that he and his scout troop undertook at the Live Oak Cemetery May 16-17, 2008. Scouts taking part in the project came from Troop 200 in Cedar Park, TX. After a fun day of camping and playing capture the flag at the Vick Ranch, the scouts (Cubs, Boy Scouts, Venture and Varsity Scouting) headed over to Live Oak Cemetery.



The Scouts counted, photographed, and documented the graves. Their work will be appreciated by the family of the people buried there. Many descendants of Robert Lee⁷ Vick

(Edmund R.⁶, Edmond⁵, ?Jordan⁴, Robert³, Robert², Joseph¹) are buried at the Live Oak Cemetery.

James Larry Vick gave a presentation on his search for his Vick roots, and how JVFOA is using Y-DNA to reconstruct the Joseph¹ family tree (see pages 3-6) and to find Joseph¹'s roots (see the article on pages 17-20).

Jesse Mayfield (his line is Jesse MAYFIELD¹⁰, Mary Elizabeth⁹, Daniel Jordan⁸, Benjamin Henry⁷, Henry⁶, Isaac⁵, Howell⁴, John³, John², Joseph¹) had a display of CDs and printed material from his family history research. Jesse had over 3,000 pictures and volumes of material in his collection.

After a great meal, much conversation, and the two presentations, the group retired for the evening.

The Joseph Vick Family of America Annual Meeting

Things got started again at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Holiday Inn

Express with the JVFOA annual meeting. JVFOA board members John Edward Vick, Gailen Vick, Jerry Thomas Vick, and Shirley Anne Vick were present along with Jesse Mayfield, Robert Kyle Vick, Pam Vick, Alta Vick, Pat Wilson, Prentice Rogers Vick, Austin Lafayette Vick, and James Larry Vick. Director John Edward Vick conducted the meeting since President Joseph Jurlina could not be there due to illness. Gailen Vick gave an invocation, and then Director Jerry Thomas Vick called the roll. John Edward Vick presented the proof of due notice of the meeting, and the previous board meeting minutes from May 18, 2008, were read and approved.



The group then discussed the site of the next reunion. They settled upon Vicksburg, MS. Gailen Vick, as chair of the reunion committee, solicited

members to work with him on the reunion. While initially the decision was to hold the reunion the third weekend in June 2009, there was later discussion that the third weekend in July would be better since the later dates would not conflict with the annual Vick Family of Texas reunion (which is held in June).

Prentice Rogers Vick asked about sharing information at the reunion, and Jerry Thomas Vick suggested that in Vicksburg there should be a meeting room with a separate table for descendants of each of Joseph¹'s sons. Attendees could then go to the table for their line to share information.

John Edward Vick said that there were a couple of excellent speakers in Vicksburg that the reunion committee probably could get to speak at the 2009 reunion. The director of the Vicksburg Battlefield had agreed in the past to speak at a JVFOA reunion, and there was an excellent speaker at the courthouse. Also, he said the Mary Vick House (circa 1830)

would be an interesting venue. The group could have supper there or a "get acquainted" ice breaker. The house has the ambiance of the 1830s.



Gailen Vick reported on the recognition given to John Beatty, Di Ann Vick, and James Boyd Davis for their work in researching, recording, and publishing the history of the Joseph Vick Family of America. Gailen said that John Beatty had expressed his appreciation for JVFOA's recognition.

Next, Jerry Thomas Vick made a motion to retain all of the directors wishing to remain on the board. All ten directors were retained. Due to the earlier resignation of John Beatty from the board, John Edward Vick asked for nominations to fill the vacant board position. Gailen Vick nominated James Larry Vick, and the nomination was seconded and approved

by a voice vote. The following were retained or elected as a director for the next year:

James Boyd Davis
 Gailen Vick
 Robert Allen Vick, III
 Mary Ann Vick Graves
 James Larry Vick
 Shirley Anne Vick
 Joseph Jurlina
 Jerry Thomas Vick
 O. Richard Wright
 Di Ann Vick
 John Edward Vick

How to handle renewal of memberships was the next item of discussion. A decision was made to post a statement in the next newsletter (see page 21). Additionally, the editor was asked to put a request in the next newsletter for members to provide their e-mail address (see page 21). Distributing the newsletter by e-mail could keep membership dues down.

Gailen Vick said that no funds from the treasury would be needed to cover the 2008 reunion costs. The attendees were covering all costs.

Pam Vick suggested dedicating some funds to aid the DNA project where a DNA test would be of particular benefit to reconstructing the Joseph Vick family tree or to finding Joseph¹'s ancestors. The need to preserve historically significant Vick monuments in cemeteries was also mentioned as an objective of JVFOA.

John Edward Vick thanked everyone for their attendance, and there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and approved by voice vote. The meeting was then declared adjourned.

Joseph Vick Family of America Board Meeting

A Joseph Vick Family of America board meeting was held immediately following the annual meeting. Board members John Edward Vick, Gailen Vick, Jerry Thomas Vick, Shirley Anne Vick, and James Larry Vick attended. The first order of business was to elect officers and to appoint committee chairs. Director John

Edward Vick presided over the meeting since President Joseph Jurlina was not able to attend due to illness.

The board elected the following officers:

President - John Edward Vick
First Vice President and Legal Counsel – O. Richard Wright, Esq.
Second Vice President and Secretary – Shirley Anne Vick
Treasurer – Mary Ann Vick Graves

The following were appointed committee chairs:

Reunion – Gailen Vick
Newsletter – James Larry Vick
DNA – James Larry Vick

The board also approved appointing Di Ann Vick as editor emeritus.

At Gailen's suggestion, the board discussed succession planning. Additionally, the board discussed having a backup person for each committee to assume the committee chair position if the need arose. Larry suggested Pam Vick would be a great choice for assistant editor. The

board asked Larry to talk to Pam about serving in that role.

The board then discussed several potential by-law changes to improve the operation of the association. John Edward Vick took an action to work with O. Richard Wright to propose amendments such as changing directors' terms to two years, staggering those terms to minimize turbulence, and distinguishing the annual membership meeting from the board meeting. Any changes would be brought to the next annual meeting for the memberships' approval.



John Edward Vick suggested the board should formally recognize the excellent work Joseph Jurlina had done through the years for the Joseph Vick Family of America. The board approved, and Joseph Jurlina will be named an "honorary"

Vick for now and forever.

A motion was then made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. John Edward Vick then adjourned the meeting. All were then off to the Longhorn Room at the historic Stagecoach Inn for the next activity of the reunion.

The Vick Family of Texas Knows How to Party



At 10:30 Saturday morning the Joseph Vick Family of America joined the Vick Family of Texas at the Stagecoach Inn in Salado. Beverly Strickland introduced Gailen Vick who discussed the Joseph Vick Family of America. She then introduced James Larry Vick who told the group about the Vick Y-DNA Surname Project. Then Beverly went over the program and kicked off the events. After a meet and greet, a sumptuous

buffet was served. Attendees then played bingo. Finally, the Vick Family of Texas held its 14th annual auction.

No one went away hungry. The buffet had all the things you would expect of a Texas chuck wagon feast – from the BBQ brisket to the beans. All of the Vick Family of Texas activities (both at the Stagecoach Inn and at the Vick Ranch) were covered by the over \$4,000 raised at the auction. There was even a little money left over to seed next year's Vick Family of Texas reunion. You would not believe how good some of the homemade pies must have been given the winning bids! The attendees' donated everything from children's toys to family heirlooms and then bid to buy them at the auction. Some items went for a dollar, and some went for a lot more. Everyone had a great time watching the bidders vie for their favorite items.



The Joseph Vick Family of America contributed five copies of *Joseph Vick of Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, Virginia and His Descendants* for the auction. There was also a kit for testing deep ancestry from the Genographic Project (see page 5) auctioned.

Of all the people in the room the one that had the potential for the greatest contribution to the Vick Y-DNA Surname Project was Prentice Rogers Vick (his line is Prentice Rogers Jr.¹⁰, Prentice Rogers, Sr.⁹, William Eugene⁸, Henry T.⁷, Andrew Jackson⁶, Henry⁵, Cooper⁴, Joseph³, Robert², Joseph¹). There are at least 74 unproven lines from Robert²'s sons in just the next four generations according to *Joseph Vick of Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, Virginia and His Descendants*. Prentice is from a proven line, and his Y-DNA signature could

help support the conclusions of John Beatty and Di Ann Vick about the unproven Robert² descendants' lines. As fate would have it, Prentice was the high bidder for the kit.



After all that food it was time to go outdoors. So, the reunion moved to the Live Oak Cemetery.

Like Oak Cemetery Visit



Attendees caravanned out to the Live Oak Cemetery from the Stagecoach Inn. The cemetery has been designated an historic site by the Texas Historical Commission. Those that went to the cemetery saw the graves of many of Robert Lee Vick's descendants. The cemetery is well maintained and sits in

the rolling countryside in Bell County, TX, north of Youngsport (where the Vick Ranch is located).

From the cemetery the group again caravanned to the Vick Ranch to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ranch with its owner, Tommy Jack Vick.

The Vick Ranch

A wonderful day was capped off with a barbeque and music at the Vick Ranch with Jack and Heidi Vick and their families celebrating 100 years of the Vick Ranch.

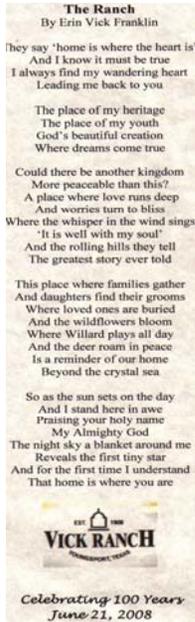
There were hamburgers and hotdogs cooked and smoked on a really big grill and all the trimmings to go with them. There were enough kinds of cookies and brownies to satisfy all the yearnings for sweets too. But the iced down watermelon was waiting in the galvanized tubs to be enjoyed by everyone. The kids had games to play and there was even horseshoes for the adults.



The guests sat around on bales of hay, in lawn chairs, and on the steps of the restored ranch house to hear the musicians sing and play. It was a serene and peaceful way to enjoy visiting with each other and feel the "family atmosphere" that is so very important to this family. The JVFOA members were even up close to the stage to perform to the music, and believe me that was a hoot!

Some time ago, Jack had wanted to learn to play an instrument while "sitting around on the back porch," so he took up playing the guitar and singing with a group of musicians that included the music minister at their church and one of his sons-in-law. They were very entertaining. Erin, Jack's and Heidi's daughter, read a poem that she had written about her feelings of faith, home, family, and the ranch. It was a great way to end the evening, as we all knew just what

she was writing about.
Finally, with the sun
setting it was time to
call it a night.



The Ranch
By
Erin Vick Franklin

They say 'home is
where the heart is'
And I know it must be
true
I always find my
wandering heart
Leading back to you.

The place of my heritage
The place of my youth
God's beautiful creation
What dreams come true.

Could there be another
kingdom
More peaceable than
this?
A place where love runs
deep

And worries turn to bliss
Where the whisper in
the wind sings
'It is well with my soul'
And the rolling hills
they tell
The greatest story ever
told

This place where
families gather
And daughters find their
grooms
Where loved ones are
buried
And the wildflowers
bloom
Where Willard plays all
day
And the deer roam in
peace
Is a reminder of our
home
Beyond the crystal sea

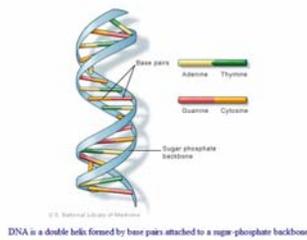
So as the sun sets on the
day
And I stand here in awe
Praising your holy name
My Almighty God
The night sky a blanket
around me
Reveals the first tiny star
And for the first time I
understand
That home is where you
are

(NOTE: Erin's Vick line
is as follows: Erin¹¹,
Tommy Jack¹⁰, Willard
Jack⁹, Willard Burnice⁸,
Robert Lee⁷, Edmund
R., Jr.⁶, Edmund R.,
Sr.⁵, ?Jordan⁴, Robert³,
Robert², Joseph¹. Her

father, Tommy Jack
Vick, is a member of the
Vick Y-DNA Surname
Project and has a Y-
DNA signature that
supports their descent
from Joseph¹)

Reunion Close

On Sunday morning
there was time for each
family to visit a local
church of their choice or
do whatever they
desired. While some
folks had to catch a
flight others met that
afternoon to share more
Vick family history.
But like all good things,
the reunion finally came
to a close. Many folks
left thinking about the
fun that awaits next year
in Vicksburg.



Where Was Joseph Vick of Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Born and Who Was His Father?

In their book *Joseph Vick of Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, Virginia and His Descendants*, John Beatty and Di Ann Vick said on page 3 ““JOSEPH¹ VICK, planter of Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, Virginia, was probably a native of Gloucestershire in England. His exact place of birth is unknown....”

You do not have to look far on the internet to find pedigrees that say that Joseph¹ was born in Gloucestershire, England, and that he was the son of Richard who was also born in Gloucestershire.

Since John and Di Ann could not find any record of Joseph¹ being born in Gloucestershire (or England), one of the goals of the Vick Y-DNA Surname Project is to answer the question of Joseph¹'s ancestry. This will require combining genetics with traditional research. Where was Joseph¹ born and who was his father? While Y-DNA cannot directly answer those questions, it can help focus our research in a geographic area and narrow down the list of possible recent common ancestors. Perhaps if we have a better idea of where to look, we may find answers to our questions. Y-DNA can also rule out recent common ancestry with a person who does not share the Y-DNA signature of Joseph¹'s descendants. While it would be best if we could find a written record of Joseph¹'s birth that was supported by DNA evidence, we may have to settle ultimately for circumstantial paper evidence that is supported by Y-DNA test results.

Since Joseph¹ lived in Southeastern Virginia, it is highly likely that he

either came from England or was of English descent. The Tidewater area of Virginia was settled by Englishmen, and according to *Albion's Seed* by David Hackett Fisher there was a “mass migration...of southern English cavaliers and their servants to the Chesapeake Bay region between 1640 and 1675.”

If Joseph¹ was English or of English ancestry, we may be able to find someone in England or of proven English patrilineal descent that matches his Y-DNA signature. A look at the 1841 Census of England reveals where it is most likely that Joseph¹ or his ancestor could have been born. The 1841 census shows that 85 percent of the people with the Vick surname lived in just three counties in England – Gloucestershire (53 percent), Hampshire (18 percent), and Sussex (14 percent).

Using census information, we can then focus our Y-DNA search on where it is most likely to bear fruit. The fact that Y-DNA can prove that two men

do not share a recent common patrilineal ancestor (i.e. within the approximately 800 years that surnames were used in England), can be very helpful. By comparing the Y-DNA signature of men in each of these three counties we can determine if we can rule out any of the men as sharing a recent common patrilineal ancestor with the Joseph¹ patrilineal descendants. While it would not be practical to test every man or every line from these counties, we can start with those that appear to have the greatest probability of success and hope that we get lucky. Throughout this article when the term ancestor is used, it refers to the male line only (since Y-DNA is only passed from father to son).

We are fortunate because early on Lannes Ray Vick convinced Arthur Stanley Vick to join the Vick Y-DNA Surname Project. Stan could prove his ancestry to Gloucestershire, and he agreed to be Y-DNA tested. Stan believed that he shared a recent common ancestor with Joseph¹. Stan's line is as follows: Arthur

Stanley, Valentine, Frederick, Walter, Elihu, Emanuel, John, William, William.

Stan's Y-DNA signature showed that he did not share a recent ancestor with the descendants of Joseph¹. Since it is important to check multiple lines to ensure there are no errors in pedigrees or lab results, we were again very lucky when Franklin James Vick of Saskatchewan, Canada, joined our project. Frank also had proven roots to Gloucestershire, and the most recent common patrilineal ancestor of Stan and Frank was Elihu (christened about 1759 in Standish, Gloucestershire).



Frank's line to Elihu is Franklin James, Henry William III, Henry William II, Henry William I, Miles, Elihu. Frank also did not have the Y-DNA signature of the Joseph¹ descendants,

but he matched Stan. The fact that the two matched told us that it was highly unlikely that Joseph¹ and Elihu shared a recent common ancestor. Next, we must see if we can find any other Vick lines in Gloucestershire that do not include Elihu and that have a living male descendant who is willing to test his Y-DNA. We cannot rule out the possibility that Joseph¹ did come from Gloucestershire, but that the line he descends from is unrelated to Elihu and has no living male descendants other than Joseph¹'s. It is possible that other Vick lines from Gloucestershire "daughtered out."

Hampshire was the next county of interest in England. James Vick "the Seedsman" (see Vol. XI, No. 4, pages 50-54) founder of the Vick Seed Company and *Vick's Illustrated Monthly Magazine*, was born on November 23, 1818, in Portsmouth, Hampshire, England. He immigrated with his parents to the United States in 1833. He eventually lived in Rochester, New York. Lannes Ray Vick found

Albert F.W. Vick, a descendant of James, and convinced Albert to test his Y-DNA.

Albert's line is Albert Fisher Woodruff, Albert Fisher Woodruff, Albert Fisher Woodruff, James, James "the Seedsman," James C., James, James, Joseph, John, John.

Again, the results showed that Albert and the descendants of Joseph¹ did not share a recent common ancestor. Also, Albert's Y-DNA signature did not match the one Stan and Frank share. Since Albert does not match Stan and Frank, the Vick surname appears to have multiple origins in England. We need to recruit at least one more descendant of James (from a different son of James) to see if another descendant matches Albert. We also need to recruit other Vicks from Hampshire to test.

We have yet to find a male Vick with proven roots to Sussex to test. When we do find someone who is willing to be tested, it will be interesting to see if he matches any of the English Vick clans we have found thus far (i.e. Elihu's, James "the Seedsman's" or

Joseph¹'s – assuming Joseph¹ does have English ancestry). We know there are at least two English clans, and maybe three, with Joseph¹'s descendants.

We also have members of the Vick Y-DNA Surname Project who trace their roots to Denmark, Germany, Norway, and even Africa (no doubt the descendant of a slave). None of those Vick clans shares a recent common ancestor with the Joseph¹ descendants. So, we are looking in places other than England.

Looking at even deeper roots we have found that Joseph¹'s Y-DNA signature matches those found in a couple of men with ancestry from Norway. These men lived in Shetland and Orkney off of mainland Scotland. Professor Stephen Oppenheimer of Oxford University examined James Larry Vick's Y-DNA signature and compared it to the small number of research samples that had the same Y-DNA signature. In an e-mail on February 18, 2007, Professor Oppenheimer said, "While, with these

very small numbers, it is impossible to date the movement ... from Norway to Shetland/Orkney, the information is nonetheless very specific and places your male ancestor most likely as an invader from northern Norway and ultimately from Asia."

Our search continues for Joseph¹'s oldest ancestors. Since these ancestors will predate the use of surnames and written records, Y-DNA will be our only way to recognize them. In future articles, we will discuss deep ancestry further. In the next newsletter, I will discuss how Y-DNA testing did help answer the question of whether William Alfred Vick (born about 1878 in AR) was a descendant of Joseph¹. Census records seemed to indicate that it was unlikely that he was a Joseph¹ descendant. Anyone who has used census records knows how helpful they can be and also how they can contain major mistakes. Again, Y-DNA can help sort the problems out.

If you are a male with the surname Vick and you are interested in

joining the Vick Y-DNA Surname Project contact Ray Vick (lrayvick@cox.net) or Larry Vick (jameslvick@yahoo.com) for more information.

2008 Vick Family of Texas and Joseph Vick Family of America Reunion Attendees

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Cole Bertling
Jacob Bertling
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Frank Bowles
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Sylvia Caudle
Janice Caudle (Neicy)
Amanda DeLanter
Sissy DeLanter
Catherine Edwards
Jacob Edwards
Wesley Edwards
Mary Fleming
Aaron Franklin
Anderson Franklin
E.J. Franklin
Erin Franklin
Mona Greenlee
Lou Hadlock
Jessica Harvey
Loir Harvey
Megan Harvey
Jeremy Ksionda
Stacey Ksionda
Caleb Lewis
Jessica Lewis
Seth Lewis
Stacey Luinere
Billie Lusk

Curtis Lusk
Donna Martin
Kenny Martin
Norma Martin
Robin Martin
Ronnie Martin
Roy Glenn Martin
Eddie Massey
Kelly Massey
Quinten Massey
Shae Massey
Sklyer Massey
Jesse Mayfield
Grace McIntyre
Jerry McIntyre
Lori Milsap
Tevor Nukols
Bobbie Petty
Carla Powell
McKenzie Powell
Robert Powell
Michaela Schwab
George Simpson
Paula Simpson
Kay Lusk Sinitiere
Chris Smith
Ed Smith
Karen Lusk Smith
Mary Lou Smith
Riley Smith
Tiffany Smith
Beverly Strickland
Gary Strickland
Carol Thompson
Chris Thompson
Patsy Thompson
Alice Vick
Alta Vick
Ashlyn Vick
Austin Vick
Austin Lafayette Vick
Billy Ed Vick
Brooke Vick
Brendon Vick
Caden Vick
Cindy Vick

Daniel Vick
Della Vick
Don Vick
Gailen Vick
Glenn Vick
Gretchen Vick
Heidi Vick
Issacc Vick
Jack Lee Vick
James Larry Vick
Jeremy Vick
Jerry Thomas Vick
James Everett Vick
John Edward Vick
Jon Vick
Kassidy Vick
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Kay Vick
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Lou Vick
Michael Mayfield Vick
Michelle Vick
Paige Vick
Pam Vick
Pat Vick
Patricia Vick
Prentice Rogers Vick
Raymond Vick
Reece Vick
Robert Kyle Vick
Roy Glenn Vick
Sarah Vick
Shirley Anne Vick
Stella Vick
Tabitha Vick
Tommy Jack Vick
Velta Vick
Warren Vick
Christine Walters
Joe Walters
Vicki Walters
Don Wikey
Laura Wikey
Pat Wilson
Garvin Wood
Lilah Wood

Lisa Wood
Neal Wood
Vicki Lusk Wood
Anne Woods

Can You Help with an Article on Corrections for *Joseph Vick of Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, Virginia and His Descendants?*

We would like to include an article containing corrections to *Joseph Vick of Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and His Descendants* in the next newsletter. If you have found an error in the book, we would like to publish a list of corrections. The list could include missing descendants in the first five generations, incorrect dates, etc. If you would like to share what you have found, please send the information to Larry Vick at jameslvick@yahoo.com or the following regular mail address: James Larry Vick, 5843 Bay Hill Circle, Lake Worth, FL 33463. We would love to include what you have found in the next

newsletter. Please include a source for your information, e.g. a census reference, birth, marriage, or death certificate, etc. Also, please include the page number where the correction needs to be made.

Facebook Joseph Vick Family of America Group

If you use Facebook, a social networking site (www.facebook.com), Thomas Kenneth Vick, II has started a Joseph Vick Family of America group on Facebook.

Membership Status

The JVFOA sincerely apologizes to all members for the hiatus that occurred with our newsletter. Despite the best intentions of everyone, occasionally things happen that are unavoidable. Because of the delay in resuming the publishing of newsletters, we are sending a copy of this newsletter to everyone that we have an address for, regardless of whether they are current

in their membership or not. In a future edition, your mailing label will indicate your membership status. Eventually, resources will likely cause our association to limit mailings to members that are current in their dues. The JVFOA would appreciate all past members that are not current in their dues renewing their membership. Dues are \$20 per year and should be sent to the treasurer, Mary Ann Vick Graves, PO Box 33024, Decatur, GA 30033-3024.

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