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# The Family Tree

The Newsletter of the Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Family Association

Dear Relatives and Friends,

Stella Winckler did an excellent job of organizing and conducting the 1991 reunion at the El Rancho Tropicana Hotel in 1991. Ten states were represented with a total of 75 people attending the three days of festivities. Thank you, Stella!

We have sad news to share with you. Edna Soash passed away 18 Sep 1992 of cancer. She was very dear to our family. As you know, Edna was president of the family association and was so looking forward to all of you coming to the 1994 reunion here in Iowa. Since Edna and I (I am her niece) had already started planning for the reunion, I agreed to continue as president and host to the next reunion.

I look forward to meeting many of you.

Yes, we are planning our 4th Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Reunion to be held at the Red Fox Inn-Best Western in Waverly, IA, on Jun 24, 25, and 26th, 1994. The motel has an indoor swimming pool, tennis courts, putting green, jacuzzi, restaurants, and lounge with live music. You may make reservations by calling 1-800-397-5330 and mention the Soash reunion. Rates are \$50. per single and \$60. per double with children under 12 free. Jet service and car rentals are available into Cedar Rapids and Des Moines.

We extend a Warm Midwestern Welcome to all of you. Preliminary plans include a "home-cookin" meal and craft sale on Friday. There will be activities for children, including swimming, the Kid's Kingdom Playground, and miniature golf.

Saturday you will have time to sight-see and visit family history sights in the Shell Rock area (six miles from Waverly). There is a new nature trail to hike or bike in Shell Rock. Saturday evening will be banquet time. Sunday will be available to attend church. Would you also like to have a family brunch together?

Other sights in a 3 hour drive are the Amana Colonies, Little Brown Church, Living History Farm, Botanical Center, baseball's Field of Dreams, Ertl factory, collector's toy store and the toy museum, the mighty Mississippi with its quaint towns and paddle wheel cruise boat, and Mall of America. There is a nice 18-hole golf course in Waverly.

Please begin your craft projects; we're planning on a big variety of items for our sale during the reunion.

Proceeds will go to the cemetery fund. Thanks to the craft sale at the 1991 reunion and all the hard work of David G. Soash, the 1827 gravestone of John Sowash, Sr. was replaced in June 1992 at a cost of \$885.00. Thanks to David for his work on this project. The new stone looks great. We are currently starting plans to add Rachel Sowash Brenner's (1F2) name to her husband's gravestone in Clay Center, KS. Estimated costs to straighten and engrave the stone are \$250.00. As additional funding becomes available, plans will be made for a marker for George Sowash (1J) in Irwin, PA., and several other unmarked graves in Greensburg, PA.

I welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please write or call Jane (Soash) Brown, 910 Church Street, Bristow, IA 50611 (Phone 515 775-3386). Mark your calendars and we'll be sending more information in the coming months.

In anticipation,



Jane

Richard Soash completed a long planned project for the microfilming of the complete Sauvage/Sowash/Soash archives. Full sets of microfilms are now available at the Salt Lake City library and at the Fort Wayne, IN. Public Library. If you are interested in donating copies of the microfilms to local libraries or historical societies, libraries can purchase them for about \$100.00 for the full set of ten films. These films make research files available to everyone and ensure the preservation of the archives. Contact Richard if you are interested.

Membership dues are \$8.00, payable to the Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Family Association. Dues help pay for printing and postage for the newsletter. Please send dues to Richard Soash, 5723 N. Charles, Wichita, KS 67204-1857. Donations to the research or cemetery fund are always welcome.