



The Family Tree

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1997 Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Family Reunion

July 18, 19, 20, 1997

Bowling Green, Ohio

Friday, July 18- Historical Day

- **9:00 a.m.** Meet at Quality Inn for driving tour of the historic Maumee River. Included in the trip will be a visit to historic Fort Meigs, a reconstructed fort used in the War of 1812, Otsego Cemetery to dedicate the new marker for John & Elizabeth (Hindman) Soash, the homesteads and cemeteries of the Soash families who settled in the area, including the site of the tile factory operated by Oscar Soash, the homestead of John F. and Anna Soash, and the houses of Marcella Long and Ross Soash. We also will see Pioneer Inn, one of the original stage coach stops in Ohio.
- **12:00** Lunch in Grand Rapids. Cost will be about \$6.00
- **1:00 p.m.** Visit to Grand Rapids, a restored historical town along the Maumee River, incorporated in 1803. Attractions include the local shops, Ludwig Mill powered by an operating horizontal water wheel and a mule powered trip on the canal (\$4.00 adults, \$3.00 children and seniors)
- **5:30 p.m.** - Buffet dinner at the American Legion (1258 River Rd on Rte # 24) near Grand Rapids. Cost \$6.50. Buffet will include 2 meats, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetables, salad, dessert, tea or coffee. There will be a bar where alcoholic drinks and soda can be purchased.
- Introductions, socialization and a short program about the history of the area.

Saturday, July 19- See the Sites

- We have three options for the Saturday Program, but we can do **only one**. All three trips will cost about \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children.
 - ◆ **Option 1.** Morning visit to the Wood County Historical Museum, housed in the old county infirmary built in 1868. It has an excellent collection of furniture, farm implements, school memorabilia and information of early Wood County. In the afternoon, we will visit Spiegelgrove, the home and museum of President Rutherford B. Hayes. Lunch on your own. 45 minutes driving time one way.
 - ◆ **Option 2.** Morning visit to the International Festival in Toledo on the south riverfront and to the *Willis B. Boyer*, former "King of the Great Lakes freighters." This ship, built in 1911 and retired from service in 1980, has been restored to give visitors a hands-on look at life on the lakes. It is a unique nautical museum with gorgeous cabinetwork. In the afternoon, a visit to COSI, the new interactive science museum on the north riverfront. Lunch on your own. 45 minutes driving time one way.
 - ◆ **Option 3.** Visit to the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI., with its huge auto display, antiques, and its slice of American life. See the car Kennedy rode in that day in Dallas, see an 1940's roadside diner, a 1930's Texaco station and numerous other sites. Lunch on your own at the museum. Travel time 1 1/2 hours one way. Greenfield Village is located next to the museum,

which houses the homes of famous Americans, including the lab used by Thomas Edison, the workshop of Henry Ford, and the Wright Brothers cycle shop. Because it is nearly impossible to visit both in one day, we will visit only the museum; you can plan to return on Sunday or Monday to see the village.

- **6:30 p.m.** Saturday evening banquet at the Browning Masonic Community Hall (8883 Browning Drive) in Waterville. The meal will include an appetizer, meat, potato, salad, vegetables and dessert. The cost will be \$15.00 for adults, \$6.25 for children. We have a large meeting room at Browning reserved for the entire day. If you don't feel up to the trip, plan to spend some time visiting with family.
- Business meeting - Election of officers, review of cemetery projects, and selection of reunion sites & hosts. We will also have our silent auction as a fundraiser. Please plan to bring your crafts.
- Bradley Sowash, pianist/composer of Columbus, OH, will present a short musical concert. He has delighted audiences throughout Europe, New York and the Midwest and recorded his own solo piano recording *Bittersweet* in 1996. We look forward to this chance to hear his unique work.

Sunday, July 20

- **8:00 a.m.** Meet at the motel for breakfast
- Church services as a group

Join us at this year's reunion.

Soash Family of Wood County, Ohio

Of all Sowash families, only two brothers, John Soash, Jr and David Soash, dropped the "w" from their names. Both were sons of John Sowash, Sr. of Westmoreland Co., PA.

David Soash (1F), born 01 Feb 1801, moved West to Iowa between 1850 and 1858. On the way he was said to have stopped in Wood Co., OH. to visit John Soash, Jr., his brother. David still appeared as "Sowash" in 1870 Butler Co. census, but all records after that date list the family as Soash. All of David's children who came West with also dropped the "w". Only David's oldest John Sowash (1F1), who settled in Richland Co., OH. retained the "w". There are still many Sowash families in the Richland Co., OH. area.

John Soash, Jr. (1B) was born 04 Sep 1795 in Westmoreland Co., PA. He married Elizabeth Hindman (born 31 Mar 1800 in Westmoreland Co., PA., daughter of John and Isabella Hindman) about 1823. They sold their land in Westmoreland Co., PA. in 1826 and moved West to Columbiana Co., OH. where they appeared in the 1830 census as Sowash. Soon

they moved on and bought land in Wood Co., OH., in 1834. John used the Soash name in this deed and from that time onward.

Elizabeth died 11 Aug 1861. John died 13 Mar 1875., both in Wood Co., OH. They were buried in Otsego Cemetery, but the marble stones were broken and tossed over a bank. We have just completed a project of placing a new marker in the cemetery.

John and Elizabeth had seven children:
1. William Soash (remained in Wood Co.) 2. Isabella (Soash) McDonald (moved to Florida)
3. Emily (Soash) Oswald/ Foote (remained in Wood Co.) 4. John F. Soash (remained in Wood Co.) 5. Amelia (Soash) Bell (remained in Wood Co.) 6. Lucretia (Soash) Hollis (remained in Wood Co.) 7. James Knox Soash (moved to Kansas, Missouri & Washington)

If your member code (see the address label under the city) starts with 1B, you are a descendant of John and Elizabeth (Hindman) Soash of Wood County, Ohio. Come join us and visit your family history.

Donations to Cemetery Projects

James & Judith Brenner
Robert & Jean Chrestenson
Joanne S. Dixon
Judi Dunlap
Elizabeth & John Gray
Sue Kelley
Max & Alice Miller
Hugh & Catharine Miner
Lloyd & Patricia Patterson
Beverly & Randall Skipton
Lorraine Soash
Glenn & Jonelle Sowash
Jack C. Sowash, Jr.
Joan Sowash
William Burton Sowash

Family News

- Clarence Robinson (1F3E4A1/H/) passed away 04 Feb 1997
- Alexis Marie Hornickel (1J4C3B2) was born 14 Feb 1997. She is the daughter of Frank and Kristan (Baumgardner) Hornickel.
- Charles & Edith Soash (1B7E6) celebrated their 50th anniversary 04 Apr 1997.

Cemetery Projects

- ◆ We have replaced the stone of John and Elizabeth (Hindman) Soash in Otsego Cemetery in Wood Co., OH.
- ◆ Preliminary plans have been made for the engraving of the stone of George & Elizabeth (Bankert) Sowash (1J) in Union Cemetery in Irwin, PA. and for placing a memorial stone for Abraham Sowash (2C) in St. Clair Cemetery in Greensburg, PA.
- ◆ We are investigating putting a stone in historic Brush Creek Cemetery in Westmoreland Co., PA. for Henry Sowash and Daniel Sowash (son and grandson of Johannes Sauvage). Both served in the Revolutionary War from Berks Co., PA.

The Berks County Association for Graveyard Preservation recently found the abandoned cemetery on the land that Johannes Sauvage purchased in 1743. There are about 98 graves in what is now a plowed field. As yet we have no proof that Johannes and his family were buried in the cemetery, but it seems very likely. The land was sold in 1782 and the cemetery was vacated in 1865, which probably indicates that it had not been used in many years. We hope to be able to place an appropriate marker in the area.

Reunion Motel Information

A block of rooms will be held at the **Quality Inn** (1630 E. Wooster Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402) until **June 10**. The rate will be \$54.00 for a room with two double beds. The motel has a restaurant and large indoor swimming pool. It is located one block west of Exit 181 on I-75 (about 12 miles south of the Ohio Turnpike / I-75 Interchange). You need to call the motel directly at **419 352-2521** to make your reservation. Mention the Sowash/Soash Reunion and Elinor Parish. They will have maps and final itineraries at the motel if you need to join us during the day.

Craft Sale

Every year we have a silent auction and raffle to raise money for the cemetery projects. This year the silent auction will be Saturday, July 19. If you will be unable to attend but would like to donate an item, please mail it to Elinor Parish, 216 Atwood Pl., Huron, OH 44839-1106.

Future Reunions

- 1998** - Tentatively scheduled for Michigan. We need a host.
- 1999 Westmoreland County, PA.** Host needed.
- 2000** - We have an offer to go to San Diego.
- 2001 Berks County, PA.** Host needed.

Please return this page and checks made to the **Sowash/Soash Family Association** to Richard Soash, 5723 N. Charles, Wichita, KS 67204-1857 **by June 10**. We must know the approximate number planning to attend to make reservations. If you have questions or need help with reservations, please call Elinor Parish (419 433-7703).

Friday, July 18

◆ Canal trip	_____ Adults \$4.00	Total \$_____
	_____ Children \$3.00	
◆ Dinner	_____ \$6.50	Total \$_____
	_____ \$3.25 under 12	

Saturday, July 19

◆ Day trip admissions	_____ Adults \$12.00	Total \$_____
	_____ Children \$ 6.00	
◆ Dinner	_____ Adults \$15.00	Total \$_____
	_____ Under 12 \$ 6.25	

We may have to collect or refund money for the Saturday day trip after we finalize plans. At present we are planning car transportation, but we may be able to charter a bus.

I vote for: (Please number 1-3 in order of preference)

_____ Trip 1 - Wood County Museum & Spiegelgrove
 _____ Trip 2 - Toledo Festival, Boyer & COSI
 _____ Trip 3 - Henry Ford Museum

Family dues \$8.00 \$_____

(If your address label has M97 below the zip code, you have paid your 1997 dues)

Donation to the Research or Cemetery Fund \$_____

Total Enclosed \$_____