

The Family Tree

The Newsletter of the Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Family

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1997 SAUVAGE/SOWASH/SOASH FAMILY REUNION JULY 18-20 in Bowling Green, OH

Friday, July 18

The group met for the morning driving tour of the historic Maumee Valley. Included in the trip was a visit to historic Fort Meigs, ordered built by William Henry Harrison in 1813. The present day fort has been restored and is the largest walled fortification in America.



The next stop was Otsego Cemetery to dedicate the new marker for John & Elizabeth (Hindman) Soash, Jr. Others buried at the cemetery are Joel & Emily (Soash) Foote and Charles and Lucretia (Soash) Hollis.

The group also stopped at the sites of the homesteads of early Soash settlers and the site of the tile factory operated by Oscar Soash.

The group then stopped at Weston Cemetery, where John F. & Anna (Gates) Soash and many of their descendants are buried. The group visited the home sites and farms of

John F. and Anna Soash as well as the original home of Ross and Pearl (Sautter) Soash that still remains in the family.

After lunch, the group visited town incorporated in 1803 that was also took a mule-powered trip on the powered by an operating horizontal

Grand Rapids, a restored historical built beside the Maumee River. They canal and saw the Ludwig Mill water wheel. business meeting was held.



After dinner Friday evening, the

The first topic was the cemetery projects. The following projects were approved for completion in the following order:

- Engrave family stone for George & Elizabeth Sowash (1J) - Union Cemetery, Irwin, PA.
Completed November 1997. Total cost \$744.20
- Stone for Abraham Sowash (2C) - St. Clair Cemetery, Westmoreland Co., PA.
- Revolutionary War stones for Daniel Sowash and Henry Sowash - Brush Creek Cemetery, Westmoreland Co., PA. **These two stones are on order and will be provided by the Veterans Administration.** The family association will have to pay the foundation and installation fees only.
- Replacing marble stones of Catherine Sowash and her daughters in Brush Creek Cemetery, Westmoreland Co., PA.
- Marker for Johannes & Susannah Sauvage on their original land purchased in 1743. The group decided to investigate purchasing a small tract of land or acquiring a perpetual easement on the land, perhaps near the road, on which to place a monument.

The group discussed future reunions and approved the following reunions:

1998 - July 10-12 Mackinac City, Michigan	Hosts - Larry & Diane Sowash
1999 - Westmoreland County, PA	Historical Reunion Host - _____
2000 - San Diego, CA	Host - Judi Dunlap
2001 - Berks County, PA	Historical Reunion Host - _____

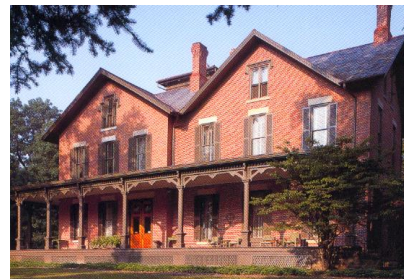
They also discussed sending out a survey with the January newsletter to get a better idea of how many people are interested in the reunions and what types of reunions they would like to have.

The following officers were elected:

President - Larry Sowash

Vice President - Merwin Soash

Secretary-Treasurer - Richard Soash



Saturday, July 19

In the morning, the group visited Speigel Grove, the home and museum of President Rutherford B. Hayes. They had lunch at Serwin's in Fremont.

Saturday afternoon was left for free time, with an option to go 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.

After the Saturday evening's banquet, the group watched the video "The Great Black Swamp" about the hardships of settling in Wood County, Ohio. Several people went to the musical *Music Man* at Bowling Green University.

Sunday, July 20

The group met for breakfast at Bob Evans and then several of the group attended church services at the First Methodist Church in Bowling Green.

Thirty-nine people from six states (FL, KS, MI, MN, OH, PA) attended the reunion:

SURNAME	NAME	CODE	SOASH	ERIC M	1B4A3A2
ASBURY	CARL	1B4B1A5A1	SOASH	MERWIN	1B4A3A
FRITSCH	CARL	1F6C1B1/H/	SOASH	RICHARD	1B4A1A3A
FRITSCH	PATRICIA	1F6C1B1	SOWASH	DIANE	2C12L3A2/W/
KELLEY	GENE	1B4B1A4/H/	SOWASH	DONALD	2C1B1A2A
KELLEY	JANIS	1B4B1A4	SOWASH	HAROLD	2C1B1A2
KISTLER	CAROLYN	GUEST	SOWASH	LARRY	2C12L3A2
LAZOR	DONALD	1B4B1A1B/H/	THOMAS	ALBERT C	1B4B1A2
LAZOR	KATHLEEN	1B4B1A1B	THOMAS	BARBARA	1B4B1A3/W/
McCLURG	BETTY	2A3F3B/W/	THOMAS	BRENDAN	1B4B1A6A1
McCLURG	CONRAD	2A3F3C	THOMAS	DAWN	1B4B1A6A
McCLURG	LYNN	2A3F3C/W/	THOMAS	FRANCES	1B4B1B2
McCLURG	WILLIAM	2A3F3B	THOMAS	GARY	1B4B1B2/H/
PARISH	ELINOR	1B4B1A1	THOMAS	JOHN	1B4B1A5
SKIPTON	BEVERLY	1F6C2C	THOMAS	JULIA	1B4B1A5A
SKIPTON	RANDY	1F6C2C/H/	THOMAS	RUTH	1B4B1A5/W/
SOASH	CHARLES	1B7E6	THOMAS	RUTH O	1B4B1A
SOASH	DON E	1B4A1A3	THOMAS	SHARON	1B4B1A6/W/
SOASH	EDITH	1B7E6/W/	THOMAS	WILBUR S.	1B4B1A6
SOASH	ELLEN	1B4A1A3	WILLIAMS	MARY KATHLEEN	1B4B1A7

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- Dean Soash
- Al & Christine Sowash
- John C. & Dorris Sowash
- Harvey & Betty Sowash
- Larry & Diane Sowash
- W. Harold Sowash
- Margaret J. Thompson



Some of the group at a stop



Descendants of Ruth Thomas (left)

My Apologies

I regret being so slow in getting out the newsletter. Right before the reunion, my boss took another job. The school district chose not to replace her, so we divided up the workload and now carry on as before, only much busier. How many years until I can retire and keep up with my hobbies?

I will send out a newsletter to everyone on the mailing list in January. Below are some possible questions for the survey. If you have additions, corrections or suggestions, please send them to me by **December 15, 1997.**

Are you interested in attending Savage/ Sowash/ Soash Family reunions? Yes ___ No ___
 Would you like to continue to receive the newsletters? Yes ___ No ___

In what areas of the United States would you like to see reunions held?
 Do you prefer a 2 or 3 day weekend format or weekdays?
 Would you prefer a reunion every year or at regular intervals (every 2 years or 3 years)? Please circle.
 What time of the year / month would be best for you to attend a reunion?
 Do you plan on attending any of the following reunions:

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| 1998 - July 10-12 Mackinac City, Michigan | Yes ___ No ___ |
| 1999 - Westmoreland County, PA Historical Reunion | Yes ___ No ___ |
| 2000 - San Diego, CA | Yes ___ No ___ |
| 2001 - Berks County, PA Historical Reunion | Yes ___ No ___ |
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