



The Family Tree

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1998 SAUVAGE/SOWASH/SOASH FAMILY REUNION JULY 10,11 & 12, 1998 MACKINAC CITY, MICHIGAN

Friday, July 10--Sault Sainte Marie, Great Lakes Commerce and the War of 1812

- Visit the Sault Locks, active since 1850, to see ore freighters passing at nearly arm's length.
- Tour early (1800) homes of traders and military officers active in the War of 1812. Visit site of Fort Brady (1850), including numerous mid-nineteenth century military buildings, now a part of Lake Superior State University.
- Visit the "Valley Camp", a former ore freighter now maintained as a museum, with artifacts from the "Edmund Fitzgerald".
- Lunch at the Ojibway Hotel overlooking the Locks.
- Boat tour of the Locks, if time permits.
- Dinner in Mackinac City.

Saturday, July 11--Mackinac Straits Colonial History

- Visit Fort Michilimackinac (1715), site of the first massacre of Pontiac's uprising. An ongoing archeological site is open to visitors.
- Visit Old Mackinac Lighthouse (1840), one of the earliest Great Lakes lighthouses.
- Visit Mackinac Island and Fort Mackinac (1781), an active U.S. Army installation until 1890 and maintained in its historical state. Visit sites of the American Fur Company, headquartered on Mackinac Island until 1850 and preserved intact.
- Dinner, business meeting and 50th Anniversary video on the building of the Mackinac Bridge, historic construction footage and interviews.

Sunday, July 12--Breakfast in Mackinac City & Church Services.

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WEB Page

Check out the Sauvage Sowash Soash Family web page at <http://www.feist.com/~rsoash/soash.html>.

Cemetery News



- **Brush Creek** - Irwin, PA- The new stones for Henry Sowash and his son Daniel Sowash (2), both Revolutionary War veterans, have been approved by Veterans Administration. The location of their actual graves is unknown, but the stones will be placed this spring beside the other family members in historic Brush Creek Cemetery.
- **Union Cemetery** - Irwin, PA- The engraving of the Sowash family stone for George & Elizabeth Sowash (1J) has been completed (see graphic at left).
- **St Clair Cemetery** - Greensburg, PA- A stone has been ordered for Abraham Sowash (2C) in St. Clair Cemetery. The location of his grave is unknown, but the stone will be placed next to the stone for his wife and other family members. This project should be completed this spring.

Donations to the Cemetery Fund

Donations to the Cemetery Fund have made the above projects possible. We have recently received donations from Arthur Heming and Harvey & Betty Sowash. Thanks to all those people over the years who have contributed.

Membership Dues

Membership dues help keep the organization active and make these newsletters possible. Dues are \$8 per year, payable to the Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Family Association. Send dues to Richard Soash, 5723 N. Charles, Wichita, KS 67204. If M98 appears below the zip code on the mailing label below, you have paid your 1998 dues. Thanks for your continued support.