

1988 Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Family Reunion
June 25-27, 1988
Greensburg, PA

This reunion celebrated the 250th anniversary of the arrival of Johannes H. Sauvage in America on May 9, 1738. He settled in Berks County, PA., where he and his family lived and farmed. Johannes died in February 1761. His son Henry Sauvage/Sowash lived in Berks County where all six of his children were born. His wife Maria Anna Esther Schneider died between 1772 and 1783. Henry's children moved west, so Henry sold his land and moved with them. They settled in Westmoreland County, PA., where Henry died in 1799. Both he and his son Daniel served in the Revolutionary War.

Henry had two sons, Daniel and John. Henry also had four daughters, but their lines have proved difficult to trace. Both Daniel and John lived and died in Westmoreland County. John was buried in Brush Creek Cemetery. Daniel was almost certainly buried there also though there is no longer a stone to mark his grave.

125 people attended the reunion, representing twenty states:

Pennsylvania	Kansas	New Jersey
Virginia	Ohio	Texas
Maryland	Indiana	West Virginia
Missouri	Iowa	Arizona
Minnesota	North Carolina	California
Florida	Illinois	Colorado
Washington	Michigan	

Miss Hazel Sowash (Greensburg), age 89, was the oldest.

The reunion was held at the Mountain View Inn in Greensburg. A get-together was held from 7-10 pm on Friday, June 24. On Saturday morning, individuals were encouraged to visit sites in Westmoreland County associated with their branch of the family.

On Saturday afternoon, the group met at Brush Creek Church east of Irwin for a get-together where they heard the Reverend Paul Ruff explain the early history of the Reformed Church and the Sowash family's connection to the church. The Reverend John William Weber baptized most of the children of John (1) and Daniel (2) Sowash. Reverend Weber was instrumental in having the present Brush Creek Church built though he died several weeks before it was completed.

On Saturday evening, the group met for a banquet and meeting at the Blue Angels Restaurant at Latrobe. Sue Kelly, President, opened the meeting. She thanked Pat Vaughn for all her help arranging the reunion. Elections for officers were held:

Stella Winckler, President & Host of the 1991 reunion.
Vice-President & Host of the 1994 reunion.

Edna Soash,

Laura Soash, Secretary
Richard Soash, Treasurer

On Sunday, members who were interested attended services at the Brush Creek Church.

Attending the reunion were:

Edna Soash (IA, 1F6E3)
Clara Soash (MN, 1F6C2)
Frances Llewellyn (CA, 2D4G3)
Tom & Ginger Bolton (CA, 2D4G3A)
Bob & Pat Vaughn (PA, Unknown)
Ed & Flo Painter (PA, Unknown)
Walt & Sue Kelley (OH, 2B5D1B1)
Jodie Robinson (OH, 2B5D1B1C)
Lloyd & Patricia Patterson (IA, 2C3G1C2)
Dave & Darlene Collins (CA, 1J7E4E)
Eleanor Sowash (MO, 1J7E4C)
Glenn & Olga Sowash (NJ, 1J7E4F)
Larry, Diane, & Mike Sowash (MI, 2C12L3A2)
George & Janet Sowash (NC, 1J4B1)
Elinor Parish (OH, 1B4B1A1)
Homer & Sara Jane Smith (PA, 1J2A7)
Bern & Joanne Dixon (PA, 1J2A7C)
William, Joan, & Mary Sowash (VA, 1J7E4A)
John F. & Louise Sowash (PA, 1F1A3B)
Mary Lou, Ricky, Katie Locke (VA, 1F1A3B1)
Charles & Edith Soash (KS, 1B7E6)
John, Linda, David, Amanda, Courtney Baxter (KS, 1F1A3B2)
Theon & Connie Ashworth (WV, 2B5I4A)
Regina Camp (WV, 2B5I8A)
Richard, Gail, & Thomas McQuigg (VA, 1J7E4A1)
Eric Whitehair (VA, 1J7E4A1A)
Connie Hornickel (PA, 1J4C3)
Stella Winckler (CA, 1E2G1D1)
Albert Sowash (CA, 1E2G1D)
James Brenner (IL, 1F2D2F1)
Mary Slack (MD, 1F1A1A)
Jason & Jessica VanBrackle (MD, ??, 13116 Midway Ave, Rockville, MD)
Jane Fox (MD, 1F1A1A3)
Jack & Dorris Sowash (PA, 2D4J4)
John (Jack) Sowash (TX, 1J7E4B2 ?)
Jack & Reo Sowash (MO, 1J7E4B)
James Sowash (MO, 1J7E4D)
Beverly & Randy Skipton (MN, 1F6C2C)
Glenn & Jonelle Sowash (PA, 1J7G1)

Gladys Stoker (PA, 1J7G3)
Hazel Sowash (PA, 1J2B1)
Richard, Laura, & Rachel Soash (KS, 1B7E6B)
Wayne Hallstein (FL, 2B5D2C)
William, Carol, & Eric Fels (VA, 1F1A3A1)
Judy & Mark Sowards (MD, 1F1A3A2)
Jeanne & Tina Freeman (MD, 1F1A3A1)
Kim & Michael Resh (MD, 1F1A3A1A & B)
Raymond & Maxine Soash (WA, 1B7K1)
Helen & Gene Fels (AZ, 1F1A3A)
Donald & Doris Brenner (KS, 1F2D2E)
Janice Brenner (CO, 1F2D2E2)
Wayne Devenny (CA, 1B7F6)
John, Janet, Rachel & Rebecca Miller (PA, 1F1A3B3)
John & Ruth Thomas (OH, 1B4B1A5)
Gerald, Nettie, David, Thomas, Cheryl, & Kathryn Emigh (PA, 1J2A7H)
Jean & John Churchill (NJ, 2B5D2C1)