

# 1997 SAUVAGE/SOWASH/SOASH FAMILY REUNION

## JULY 18-20 in Bowling Green, OH

### Friday, July 18- Historical Day

The group met for driving tour of the historic Maumee River. Included in the trip will be a visit to historic Fort Meigs, a fort ordered built by William Henry Harrison in 1813. The present day fort has been restored and not 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 are buried. Also in the cemetery are many of their descendants and then proceeded to the home sites and farms of John F. and Anna Soash. They stopped at the home of Ross and Pearl (Sautter) Soash that still remains in the family.

After lunch in Grand Rapids, the group visited Grand Rapids, a restored historical town along the Maumee River, incorporated in 1803. They also took a mule powered trip on the canal and visited the Ludwig Mill powered by an operating horizontal water wheel.

After dinner Friday evening, the business meeting was held.

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

#### 1997 Reunion - Wood County, OH

- Replacement stone for John & Elizabeth Soash (1B) - Otsego Cemetery, Wood Co., OH. Completed May 1997. Total cost \$1236.31

#### 1999 Reunion - Westmoreland County, PA

- 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 stone for Daniel Sowash (2) - Brush Creek Cemetery, Westmoreland Co., PA.
- Revolutionary War stone for 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.

#### 2001 Reunion - Berks County, PA

Marker for Johannes & Susannah Sauvage on their original land purchased 1743. The group decided to investigate 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

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 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 *Musical Man* at Bowling Green University.

## **Sunday, July 20**

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

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

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