

The Family Tree

The Newsletter of the Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Family Association

August 31, 1994

1994 Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Family Reunion

The 1994 Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Family Reunion in Waverly, Iowa, was a great success, thanks to all of the work of Jane (Soash) Brown and Dean Soash and their families. Fifty-nine people from ten states attended with more descendants from the Soash branches than from the Sowash lines.

The group gathered on Friday, Jun 24 for a tour of Shell Rock, including the old mill, the site of Edna Soash's home, the original Soash homestead in Butler County, and the Shell Rock Cemetery.

In the evening, the group met for a catered dinner and craft sale. Beverly Skipton did a great job organizing and running the craft sale which netted over \$300 for the research and cemetery funds.

On Saturday, the group gathered for the trip to the Ammana Colonies. The group enjoyed the main colony until early afternoon, and then had a tour of the other colonies.

In the evening, the group gathered for a banquet and business meeting at the Red Fox Inn. The group voted to use the money in the cemetery fund to place a stone on the collective grave of Susanna Sowash (2C/W/) and six other of her descendants. They were originally buried in the Old German Cemetery in Greensburg, PA. In the 1930's, the cemetery was moved, and the seven were reburied in a collective grave in St. Clair Cemetery in Greensburg. Since the last reunion, a new gravestone was placed on the grave of John Sowash (1) at Brush Creek Cemetery in Irwin, PA. Other projects to be undertaken as money allows are the graves of George and Elizabeth (Bankart) Sowash (1J) in Irwin, PA. at an approximate cost of \$720 each and permanent stones for John and Elizabeth

(Hindman) Soash (1B) in Otsego Cemetery in Wood Co., OH. Donations are always welcome.

It was also decided to have a reunion at least every two years. A cash raffle was held, with half of the proceeds going to the research fund. Richard Sowash won the raffle. 1994-1995 officers were elected:

President:	Merwin Soash
Vice-President:	David G. Soash
Secretary:	Nancy Robinson
Treasurer:	Richard Soash
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1995 Reunion

The 1995 reunion will be held on Jun 30, Jul 1 & 2 at the Holiday Inn, 2545 N. Fifth Street, Reading, PA. 19601 (215 929-4741). Room rates will be 65.72 per night (double occupancy) or \$72.08 per night (three or four people). Reading is the county seat of Berks County where Johannes Sauvage purchased land in Berks County on 20 Mar 1743. He and his family lived in the county until his death in 1761. His son Henry and grandson Daniel (2) served in the Revolutionary War from Berks County. Both John Sowash, Sr. (1) and Daniel Sowash (2), progenitors of all Soash/Sowash families, were born in Rockland Twp., Berks Co., PA. Most of the family migrated to Westmoreland County, PA. by the late 1770's. However, some of the family remained in Berks County and retained the original Savage. Their exact connection to the family has yet to be proven, but there was quite a large number of descendants.

As a part of the 1995 reunion, the family will be able to see the original will of Johannes Sauvage that was made 16 Feb 1761 and signed with his mark.

With any luck, we also will be able to visit the land that Johannes purchased in 1761.

There are many attractions close to the Reading area, including Lancaster County, center of the Pennsylvania Dutch settlements, Brandywine Revolutionary

Battlefield, Valley Forge National Park, Hershey Chocolate World, and the outlet malls of Reading itself. On the 3rd and 4th of Jul, Gettysburg presents a reenactment of the original battles that is well worth a visit.

We hope many will be able to attend this exciting chance to return to our roots. For more information, contact Merwin Soash, 2 Ridgeway Drive, Chadds Ford, PA 19317-9398 (610 388-2461) or Richard Soash, 5723 N. Charles, Wichita, KS 67204 (316 832-0034).

1994 Reunion Attendees

Clark Brown	Bristow, IA
Jane & Jack Brown	Bristow, IA
Pat & Carl Fritsche	Niles, MI
Elizabeth & John Gray	Phoenix, AZ
Jerri, Amanda, Delynn, Kristopher, Scott Hardee	& Nicole Gregory Urbandale, IA Shell Rock, IA
Linda Hennings	Waverly, IA
Madeline Metzger	Waverly, IA
Hugh & Catharine Miner	Grand Island, NE
Elinor Parish	Huron, OH
Myra Schroeder	Washington, IA
Jill, Brandon, & Nick Silber	Citrus Heights, CA
Robin & Roy Singer	Bloomington, MN
Beverly & Randy Skipton	Burnsville, MN
Beth & Phil Soash	Waverly, IA
Charles & Edith Soash	Mankato, KS
Clara Soash	White Bear Lake, MN
Dean & Sandy Soash	Waverly, IA
George & June Soash	Burnsville, MN
Jeff, Sue, & Donnie Soash	Waverly, IA
Merwin & Peggy Soash	Chadds Ford, PA

Richard Soash
Dennis & Michelle Sowash
Harvey & Betty Sowash
Jack & Reo Sowash
John & Nancy Sowash
Laurence & Diane Sowash
Richard Sowash
Joyce & Leland Stevenson
Ruth Thomas
E. J. & Thelma Van Nostrand
Stella Winckler

Wichita, KS
Lincoln, NE
King City, CA
Windsor, MO
Alpena, MI
Okemos, MI
Rohnert Park, CA
Phoenix, AZ
Weston, OH
Indianola, IA
Kelseyville, CA

Have you paid your dues for 1994 yet? If the mailing label has MP on the bottom line, we would appreciate your support.

Craft Sale Donations

*Also thanks to all those who bought
the craft goods!*

Thanks to the following people who
donated craft goods for the sale:

Jane Brown
Hugh Miner
Beverly Skipton & her daughter Polly
Clara Soash
Edith Soash
Sandy Soash
Sue Soash
Betty Sowash
Christine Sowash
John Sowash
Ruth Thomas

Donations to the
Cemetery/Research Funds

Janice Brenner

James Brenner

Donald Combs in memory of Phyllis
(Combs) Edwards

Sue Kelley

Noreen Mack

Nancy Robinson

Myra Schroeder

Charles Soash, Sr.

Clara Soash

Dean Soash

Evan Soash

Lorraine Soash in memory of Paul
Soash

Richard Soash

G. William Sowash

Harvey & Betty Sowash

Jack & Reo Sowash

Joan Sowash

Laurence Sowash

Joyce & Leland Stevenson

Several people have requested reprints of Book 1 (descendants of John Sowash, Sr.) and Book 2 (descendants of Daniel Sowash). If there is enough demand, the books will be reprinted. Cost will be \$35.00 + \$3.50 postage and handling. If you would like a copy, please contact Richard Soash, 5723 N. Charles, Wichita, KS 67204 (316 832-0034).