



The Family Tree

The Newsletter of the Sauvage /Sowash /Soash Family

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2001 SAUVAGE / SOWASH / SOASH FAMILY REUNION

Initial plans called for the 2001 SAUVAGE / SOWASH / SOASH FAMILY REUNION to be held July 19-22, 2001, in Reading, Pennsylvania with Merwin and Peggy Soash as hosts.

Friday, July 20, will be a historical day, with visits to the tract of land that Johannes Sauvage purchased in 1743 where the family association will be dedicating a monument in memory of Johannes and Susannah Sauvage. Other possible visits might include the Mertz Church in Dryville where the original church book recording the marriage of Henry Sowash and Anna Esther Schneider on 27 Nov 1749 was recorded. The Berks County Courthouse in Reading still houses the 1761 will of Johannes Sauvage as well as many other historical family documents.

On Saturday, we can arrange a bus tour to either Lancaster County to visit Amish Country or to Philadelphia to visit the sites if there is enough interest.

Please contact Merwin as soon as possible if you are interested in attending the reunion and whether you would prefer to visit Philadelphia or Lancaster County. He would be interested in any suggestions that you might have. Merwin Soash, 2 Ridgway Dr, Chadds Ford, PA 19317-9398
Phone 610 388-2461 Email Soash1M@aol.com.

The SAUVAGE / SOWASH / SOASH FAMILY REUNION, scheduled for July 2000 in San Diego, was canceled because of low interest. We would like to thank Judi Dunlap for all of her hard work and time in planning and organizing the reunion. She did a wonderful job as organizer.

Jacob Albert Sowash Descendants' Reunion

After the cancellation of the San Diego reunion, descendents of Jacob Albert Sowash gathered for a mini-reunion. Some of the group hadn't seen each other in 35 years. Some of people attending were Phillip Sowash, Fern (Sowash) Busalacchi and her son and daughter-in-law Gary and Joyce Maple, Harvey and Betty Sowash, their two sons and families (Dennis Sowash, Randy and his wife Jan, and Montie and Shelly Sowash and their children Montie and Rachel), Albert and Chris Sowash and some of their children (Richard Sowash, Rosemary Sowash, Barbara Sowash, Stella (Sowash) and Norman Winkler).

Fern, Phillip, Harvey and Albert, all siblings, enjoyed getting together with their families while the cousins enjoyed meeting each other for the first time or getting reacquainted.

Everyone enjoyed the picture scrapbook that Stella Winkler put together of old newspaper articles as well as old and new pictures.

The group also took up a collection to be donated to the family association's cemetery fund.

Thanks to the following for their generous donations to the Cemetery Fund:

**Albert & Christine Sowash 1E2G1D
Dean Soash 1F6E2A**

**Jack C. Sowash 1J7E4B2
Dorothy Hansen 2E4C1D**

Descendants of Jacob Albert Sowash

We have done some preliminary work on the cost of installing a monument to honor Johannes & Susanna Sauvage on the site of their land, purchased on 1743 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Initial estimates were as high as \$4,000 for the memorial and 14 x 18" bronze marker on the memorial. We currently have about \$1200.00 in the cemetery fund. Donations can be sent to Richard so that we can complete this project in time for the 2001 reunion.

Richard did some checking into moving a large stone from the area to the site, but this option. Although it is not certain that Johannes and Susanna were buried on the site, it seems highly likely as the old cemetery was vacated (legally abandoned) in the 1860's, so the cemetery was quite old and probably dates from

Here is a draft of a possible inscription for the bronze marker for Johannes & Susanna Sauvage. We will be limited to about 200 characters. Send suggestions to Richard Soash at his new address: 11614 W. Dora Ct, Wichita, KS 67209-4229 (Phone 316 729-6591 or email rsoash@feist.com).

**In honor of Johannes H Sauvage (1698?-1761)
& his wife Susanna
Emigrated to Philadelphia 05 Sep 1738
Purchased and farmed this land 1743
Probably buried at this site
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