

1996 SAUVAGE/SOWASH/SOASH FAMILY REUNION

JULY 19-21 in GRAND ISLAND, NE

On Friday the group toured the Channel 5 TV station and National Weather Center in Hastings and then attended the IMAX Theater. A buffet lunch was served at the OK Café. In the afternoon, the group toured the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer in Grand Island. A buffet dinner was served at the Interstate Holiday Inn before the group went to a presentation at the Crane Meadows Nature Center on the Sand Hill Cranes that stop over on the Platt River near Grand Island every year.

On Saturday the group visited the Harp Warp Pioneer Village in Minden. It has a massive collection of items dating from the early pioneer days on the prairie to the present.

Saturday afternoon, the group met for visiting before dinner at Fonner Park for the evening meal and the business meeting. The raffle and silent auction collected \$130.25 for the project fund. Myra Schroeder won the raffle, taking home \$37.

The following officers were elected: Elinor Parish - President
 Richard Soash - Treasurer/Newletter

Elinor will host the 1997 Sauvage/Sowash/Soash Family Reunion in Bowling Green, OH, tentatively scheduled for July 18-20, 1997.

It was decided to delay the 1998 Westmoreland County, PA. Historical Reunion until 1999 since Richard will be out of the country. Larry Sowash has agreed to investigate hosting the 1998 reunion in Michigan. Hosts are needed for the 1999, 2000, and 2001 reunions. If you would be willing to host one of these reunions, please contact Richard Soash, 5723 N. Charles, Wichita, KS 67204 (316 832-0034).

Sunday morning the group met for breakfast at the hotel before heading home.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the 1996 reunion. Thanks to Edith & Charles Soash and Catharine & Hugh Miner for all their work preparing for this excellent reunion.

Current Reunion Plans

1997 - Bowling Green, OH	Host - Elinor Parish
1998 - Michigan (?)	Host - _____
1999 - Westmoreland County, PA Historical Reunion	Host - _____
2000 - _____	Host - _____
2001 - Berks County, PA Historical Reunion	Host - _____

Planned Cemetery Projects

In order to make the ongoing cemetery projects more accessible to the family, it was decided to try to complete cemetery projects in the areas where the reunion will be hosted. The following scheduled was approved, depending on the availability of funds to complete the projects:

1997 - Wood County, OH Reunion

Replacement stones for John & Elizabeth Soash (1B) - Otsego Cemetery, Wood Co., OH.

1999 - Westmoreland County, PA Historical Reunion

Engrave family stone for George & Elizabeth Sowash (1J) - Union Cemetery, Irwin, 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.

Stone for Abraham Sowash (2C) - St. Clair Cemetery, Westmoreland Co., PA.

Re-engrave marble stones in Brush Creek Cemetery, Westmoreland Co., PA.

2001 - Berks County, PA Historical Reunion

Marker for Johannes & Susannah Sauvage on their original Berks Co., PA. land purchased 1743.

Thanks to those who donated items and who made purchases during the silent auction.

Edith Soash	Clara Soash	Betty Sowash	Myra Schroeder	Sue Kelly
Becky Ellwanger	Beverly Skipton	Marijean Hawthorne	Hugh & Catharine Miner	

Thanks to others that I am sure I have missed.

People Attending 1996 Reunion

SURNAME	NAME	CODE	STATE
BOOTH	VIRGINIA	GUEST	IA
MINER	HUGH & CATHARINE	1F6A2C	NE
MINER	HUGH, JR. & JUDY	1F6A2C2	NE
MINER	RICHARD & MARIE	1F6A2D	NE
RYSSO	DEBBIE	GUEST	CO
SCHROEDER	MYRA	2B2A5B	IA
SKIPTON	BEVERLY & RANDY	1F6C2C	MN
SOASH	CHARLES & EDITH	1B7E6	KS
SOASH	CLARA	1F6C2/W3/	MN
SOASH	MERWIN, PEGGY, ROBERT & MICHAEL	1B4A3A	PA
SOASH	RICHARD L. & RACHEL	1B7E6B	KS
SOWASH	DENNIS, MICHELLE, & TREVA	1E2G1B1	NE
SOWASH	DONALD HAROLD	2C1B1A2A	OH
SOWASH	HARVEY & BETTY	1E2G1B	CA
SOWASH	LAURENCE J. & DIANE	2C12L3A2	MI
SOWASH	MICHAEL	2C12L3A2A	CO
SOWASH	WILLIAM HAROLD	2C1B1A2	OH

TOTAL ATTENDING - 30

STATES REPRESENTED - 9

OLDEST - WILLIAM HAROLD SOWASH (86)

YOUNGEST - RACHEL SOASH (15)

FURTHEREST - HARVEY & BETTY SOWASH (CA) & ROBERT SOWASH (NY)

SOASH REPRESENTED - 17

SOWASH REPRESENTED - 12