

The Vincent Tin Horn

A Newsletter for Our Vincent Family
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Family of Thomas Caywood Vincent Connected in Connecticut

THOMAS CAYWOOD VINCENT (VF3-#2041), a descendant of Ambrose Vincent (VF #14) and son of Michael D. Vincent (VF3-#1066) has been connected to the family with recent research. Peter Lee of Salem, CT, a descendant, furnished additional information on descendants and some wonderful old photos of the family. Thomas Caywood Vincent was born on 14 July 1862 in New Jersey. He married Ellen Alice Minnix circa 1892 and they had 10 children. They lived in New Haven and in the 1910 census his occupation was that of traveling salesman of sea food. He died on 14 December 1949 at New Haven, CT, at age 87. The family plots is at Section P., St. Lawrence Cemetery, very near the Yale Bowl, New Haven, CT. His obituary published 15 December 1949, page 2 of the *New Haven Register*

In this city, December 14, 1949, Thomas C. Vincent Sr., husband of the late Ellen Minnix Vincent at his late residence, 1914 Chapel Street. Funeral will take place from the parlors of M. F. Walker & Sons, 1201 Chapel Street, Saturday morning at 8:30. Solemn high mass of requiem at St. Aedan's Church at 9 o'clock. Friends may call Friday from 3 to 9 p.m.

Children of Thomas Caywood1 Vincent and Ellen Alice Minnix:

- i. THOMAS CAYWOOD VINCENT JR., was born in June 1893 at Connecticut. He married Mary Foley, daughter of Patrick J. Foley and Mary Knox. In the 1930 census the family resided in New Canaan Town, Fairfield Co., CT. His occupation was executive in a paper contracting company.
- ii. LILLIAN A. VINCENT. was born on 10 October 1894 at Connecticut; 1900 census gave birth as Oct 1894. She married Harold Ryan. She

died in April 1981 at age 86;

- iii. HARRY MATTISON VINCENT born 30 April 1897 at New Haven, New Haven Co., CT; married Florence Magee. was born on 30 April 1897 at New Haven, New Haven Co., CT; Date of birth was 30 April 1897 on his death certificate. The 1900 census gave his birth as April 1895. He died on 3 March 1961 at VA Hospital, Madison, New Haven Co., CT, at age 63; The death certificate named his residence as Overshore Drive West, Madison, CT, the same address as was given by his son Donald Vincent, who was the informant for the death. Harry Mattison Vincent's occupation was Toll Collector and he was a veteran of World War I in the U. S. Navy. He was buried at Bay View Cemetery, Greenville, NJ;
- iv. GEORGE HENRY VINCENT, born 17 October 1899 at New Haven, New Haven, CT; married Esther Abigail Bradley was born on 17 October 1899 at New Haven, New Haven, CT. He married Esther Abigail Bradley, daughter of Walter Hubbard Bradley and Anna Marie Keating, on 30 January 1930 at Meriden, CT. He died on 13 August 1983 at Old Saybrook, CT, at age 83. In the 1930 census George H. and Ester Vincent were living in Meridian City, New Haven, CT. His occupation was salesman for a construction company. They had been married within the year. .
- v. HELEN GERTRUDE VINCENT was born on 4 September 1901 at New Haven, New Haven Co., CT; Her obituary gave her birth year as 1901, however when she filled out her social security application the date 1903 was recorded. However, her sister Julia Doris was born at about the same time in 1903, so the 1901 year is assumed correct. She married Robert J. Slattery (12532). She died on 4 April 1979 at Fowler Convalescent Care Center, Guilford, New Haven Co., CT, at age 77; Her residence was at 39 West Overshores Dr., Madison, CT.
- vi. JULIA DORIS VINCENT was born on 31 August 1903 at New Haven, Connecticut. She married Andrew Paterson. She died on 28 February 1986 at Danbury Hospital, Danbury, Fairfield Co., CT, at age 82; At the time of her death, she was residing in Danbury, CT with the address of Snug Harbor.

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The Thomas Caywood Vincent family, photo from Peter Lee. Back Row: Harry M. Vincent, Doris Vincent, George Henry Vincent, Helen J. Vincent, Kaywood (Thomas C. Jr.) Vincent. Front Row: Arthur M. Vincent, Thomas Caywood Vincent, Sr., M. Donald Vincent, Isabelle (Belle) Vincent, Grace M. Vincent, Lillian A. Vincent.

From the Editors Desk

There are a number of articles to share with you in this edition of *The Vincent Tin Horn*. It seems that the time goes faster and faster and we do have to work a bit at getting together content for the newsletter.

Thanks to Peter Lee for his contributions and photos on his ancestor Thomas Caywood Vincent. With some email correspondence we hooked up on his identity in the family and it was wonderful to connect his Thomas C. Vincent's 10 children and numerous descendants to our branch of the family.

Thanks also to Wes Vincent for his moving article on his experiences with the Aids disease in South Africa. His first hand experiences put a personal touch on the tragedy that usually feels so distant, but needs our awareness and support.

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I had a call the other day from Barbara Knickerbocker Beskind (VF3 #3264), who is planning on attending the Vincent Reunion Picnic on August 21. She mentioned that she has been doing some research on her Walloon roots and Adrian Vincent in Europe, including travel there. She is in the process of publishing a book as a first person narrative called *Quiet Powderkeg*. It will be very interesting to hear of her experiences.

Hope to see you all at the reunion picnic. Mike Vincent has done his usual excellent effort to get everything lined up for us again this year. We have included a pullout page with the details and map in this edition that will hopefully be helpful to you.

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- vii. ISABELLE VINCENT was born on 14 July 1906 at Connecticut. She married Raymond M. Sasso. She died on 6 January 1990 at age 83. At the time of the death of her brother, Arthur M. Vincent, Sr., his sister Mrs. Raymond Sasso resided in Madison, CT.
- viii. ARTHUR MINNIX VINCENT, born 12 August 1908 at New Haven, CT; married Madelyn Reiman. He died on 6 October 1965 at Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, New Haven, CT, at age 57. When Arthur Minnix Vincent made his social security application on 30 November 1936 he was employed by Chas. W. Scranton & Co. at 209 Church St., in New Haven, CT and lived at 18 Coe Ave., East Haven, CT.
- ix. GRACE MAY VINCENT was born on 21 May 1911 at New Haven, CT. She died on 5 August 1999 at Danbury, Fairfield Co., CT, at age 88; She was a retired waitress at Yale University in New Haven, CT.
- x. MICHAEL DONALD VINCENT was born 3 November 1903 at Connecticut. He died on 3 October 1990 at Broward, Florida; He was a self-employed investor before his retirement. He was recorded as M. DONALD (12512) in the 1930 census. When his brother Arthur M. Vincent, Sr. died, he was named one of two bothers as M. Donald Vincent of Madison, CT. There is a very short death notice for Michael Vincent in Florida "Vincent -- Michael of Pompano Beach, FL died Wednesday, October 3, 1990. Kraeer Pompano Beach Funeral Home."

Kills Trio of Skunks in Chicken Coop

It is fun to browse the old newspapers that are now online. This article, from *The Chronicle Telegram*, Elyria, Ohio on July 27, 1937 was amusing. I believe Clarence Vincent was a descendant of Hoxie Vincent's son John Vincent (VF3-1307).

Clarence Vincent of 1353 East Ave. was still busy today explaining to his neighbors and friends the presence of a nauseating odor which since Saturday night has been emanating from his chicken coop.

Vincent heard a noise in his chicken coop about 10:30 p.m. Saturday which drew his attention. About that same time his nostrils informed him of the presence of a skunk. Investigating he saw three of the malodorous animals in the chicken coop.

Realizing that the safe thing to do when in trouble is to call the authorities, Vincent called the sheriff's department. When deputies learned what the difficulty was, they advised him to call the police. He called police, and they promptly informed him that being a resident outside the city, he was not in their territory, and that he would have the call the sheriff.

"But I did call the Sheriff," Vincent protested.

"Why don't you shoot them?" the patrolman asked.

"How can I? It's out of season to kill skunks now." Vincent said.

"Shoot them anyway, on the grounds that they're stealing your chickens" the officer suggested.

Vincent followed the suggestion, procured a shotgun, and with one blast killed the offensive prowlers. He then transported them at the end of a rake to a deep hole, where he buried their bodies, but their sprit, he explained to neighbors, lingers on.

Experiencing the AIDS Pandemic in South Africa

By Wes Vincent

Editor's Note: Wesley A. Vincent (VF3 #4136) (Arthur, Reuben, Hiram, Reuben, Levi, Levi, Leonard, Leonard, Charles) and his wife Sharon moved to Pretoria, South Africa in June 2002, to serve as volunteer missionaries. They lived in Kokomo, Indiana for more than 25 years before their move and have since returned to the States in December of 2003 and are living in Mesa, AZ.. While in South Africa they have had many interesting experiences. In this article, Wes describes some first-hand experiences with the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

South Africa, with the most advanced medical facilities in Africa, has been slow to address the AIDS pandemic. Perhaps it is due to South African president, Thabo Mbeki, in the past refusing to acknowledge that HIV leads to AIDS. Although Mbeki has largely changed his opinion, South Africa has been slow to provide anti-retroviral drugs to fight AIDS. The Health Minister has been quoted to say, "anti-retroviral drugs are unsafe," and her position is that clinics need to be established to monitor and administer the drug. Meanwhile, HIV/AIDS victims simply die untreated with the formal cause listed as Tuberculosis or some other disease. Grim statistics are readily available. UNAIDS states that 20.1% of all adults in South Africa are living with HIV/AIDS.

A burial with dignity

Through the efforts of a non-profit organization we helped establish called Tswelopele Step by Step ministries, a retired couple was able to obtain pension identification and purchase a house in a third-world rural community called Stinkwater. A frail 37 old homeless woman, whom I will call Meddie, was welcomed by this retired couple, to move from an open field and live with them in their two-room house. We made weekly visits to encourage all three and assist with odd jobs. However, Meddie's health steadily declined, and during one visit we felt she needed hospitalization. We took her to a third-world hospital 10 miles away in our car. Blood tests confirmed she was HIV positive. No treatment was offered and the doctor and nurses adopted a hands off policy after the diagnosis. Sharon was the only one to provide comfort to Meddie before she passed away the following day.

Before she died, Sharon asked Meddie if she knew Jesus loved her? Meddie smiled slightly and said yes. It is because of His love, that we do not need to fear death when we accept what He has done for us on the cross. I believe Meddie experienced this peace and confidence.

We paid the fee required to obtain Meddie's body from the hospital morgue, and made arrangements with a funeral home for her burial. A graveside service was planned and taxi fare was provided so Meddie's homeless friends from the field could attend. The service included the singing of several songs, playing Amazing Grace on my trumpet, and a bible message. The simple pressed wood casket was briefly opened at the gravesite so people could pay their last respects. As is the tradition, attendees placed flower petals on the casket and men shoveled dirt to close the grave after the casket was lowered.

Following the service, we shared in a light meal with those in attendance and thanked the Lord for being able to provide a burial for Meddie with dignity. Otherwise, her body would have stayed in the morgue for six months and buried with other bodies in a mass grave for paupers.

Other encounters with AIDS

We encounter other difficult situations and death due to AIDS, in the sprawling township community of Temba. People with HIV/AIDS are in attendance at a hospice, where Sharon leads a bible study. Some people are provided care in nearby rooms and appear close to death. From time-to-time we hear of the death of one of our friends who attended the bible study. Many women are concerned about what will happen to their children when they are gone. Some babies are abandoned because the mother feels she is unable to care for them.

Still, hope exists. One young man, who asked for prayer at the bible study, confided in me that he was HIV positive. His request was that his new business would be successful so he could afford to get married and support a wife.

Summary

Providing good medical treatment alone is not the answer to the AIDS pandemic. Young women, some who are pre-teens, sleep with older men to fund food and clothing for themselves and younger siblings. Men refuse to use condoms even through they are readily available for free at "condom bins" in public places. No wonder HIV is increasing at alarming rates! More emphasis on abstinence and monogamy, with and a change in lifestyle, are needed to slow the AIDS pandemic. Ultimately, we believe it's the transforming power of Jesus Christ that can provide the needed changes in attitude and behavior.

If you would like to become involved in extending compassion to the poor and destitute in South Africa, please contact us at wsvincent52@aol.com.



Wes and Sharon Vincent

Additional Printing of *The Vincent Family*

In 1998 when I published the third edition of *The Vincent Family* we had 400 copies printed, but not all of them bound. The printer offered to store the unbound copies for me. Along the line we realized that the stored copies were "lost." A pity, since the supplies are down to about a dozen copies. I sell 10 to 20 copies a year. We worked out an arrangement to get another 60 copies printed at half the normal cost. The bindery has changed ownership, but they did a masterful job of binding, although the price per book doubled. The new printing looks a bit different, with a slightly thinner look and a rounded binding, it looks very nice.

This should tie us over so that we do not go out of print until the time we can get going on the Fourth Edition (in my retirement years). We will have many additions with the new information has come to light, since the last edition.

In an attempt to try to recoup the added investment in these copies, I am planning on raising the price from \$35 to \$40 per book by the end of the year.

From *The Berkshire Evening Eagle*,
Friday November 16, 1951

Vincent Honored on 25th Year as Policeman

Patrolman Merton J. Vincent, senior officer of the police traffic bureau, was presented a gift today by his colleagues in recognition of 25 years with the force.

Patrolman Vincent, who is in charge of school traffic and is responsible for the training, assignment and equipping of the schoolboy patrol, was appointed to the force Nov. 8, 1926. For the past several years he has driven a cruiser on the day shift.

Born in Nassau, N. Y. on December 29, 1901, the veteran officer moved 11 years later to Housatonic where he lived for five years, attending the schools in Great Berrington. He has resided in Pittsfield 34 years. He and his wife, the former Virginia Perry, live at 18 Crossin Terrace. They have two sons, William 12, and Michael 2.



Ed note: this is another article that I found searching the old newspaper articles. The sons mentioned are our past president Bill Vincent and Mike Vincent is our Secretary-Treasurer.



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The 71st Annual Vincent Family Reunion

PLACE: **TACONIC STATE PARK**
COPAKE FALLS, NEW YORK
(See Directions and Map)

TIME: SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2004
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

WHAT TO BRING: MEAT AND BUNS
COLD DISH TO SHARE - SALAD, DESSERT, ETC.
LAWN CHAIRS AND TV TABLES
ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT
BATHING SUIT AND TOWELS
HOT DRINKS (i.e.-COFFEE) IN THERMOS
RAIN WEAR (just in case)

WHAT NOT TO BRING: EATING UTENSILS (Forks, Knives, Spoons, Cold Cups, Napkins, Etc.) THEY WILL BE FURNISHED
CHARCOLA GRILLS-EQUIPMENT FOR GRILLS
SODA AND ICE
CONDIMENTS (KETCHUP, RELISH, MUSTARD, PICKLES)

We hope to have a large turnout for the Reunion. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me (Mike Vincent Pittsfield, MA) at 413-499-1426.

Mike Vincent has reserved the pavilion that we have used now for several years, so hopefully Bob and Nicolette Boorem will not have to get there so early to stake squatters' rights.

Directions to Taconic State Park

From New York City

Take New York Thruway (Interstate 87). Get off at Exit 21 and go East on Route 23 and to Hillsdale NY. Go south on Route 22 to Copake Falls. Taconic State Park on your left.

From Eastern Mass. Maine, New Hampshire

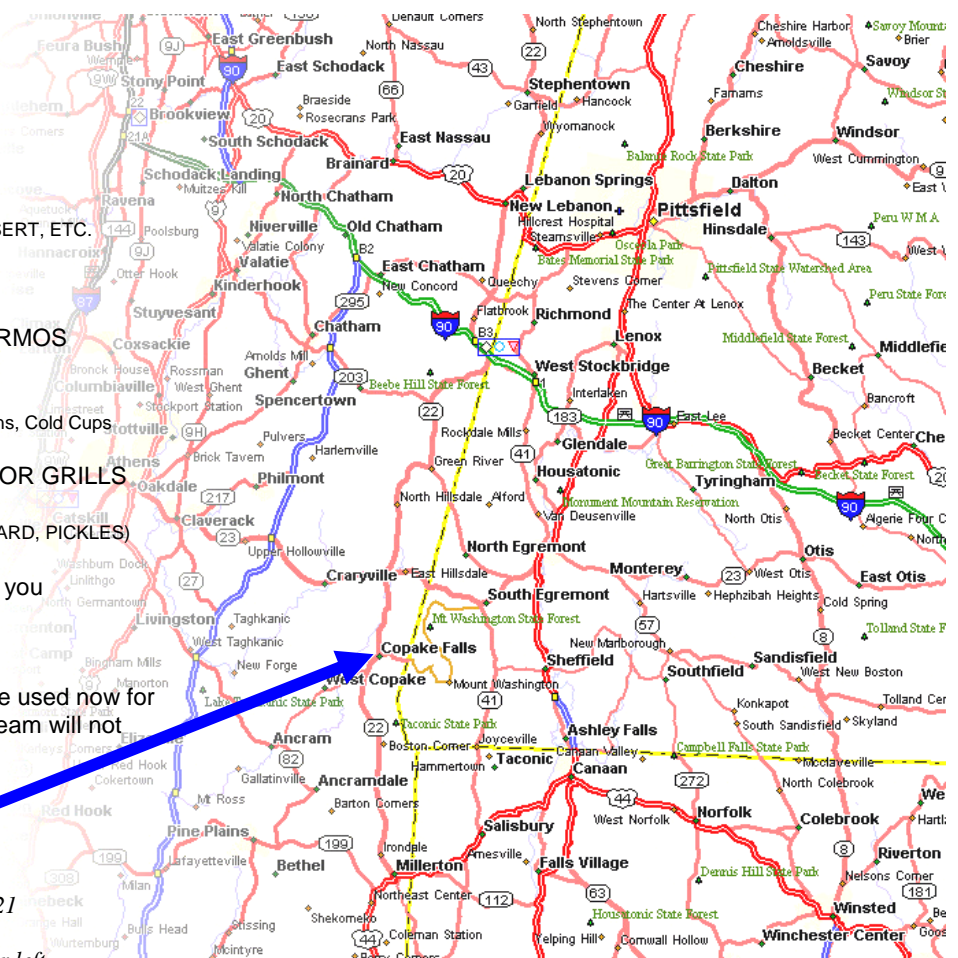
Take Mass. Turnpike (Interstate 90) West. Get off at Exit 2(Lee). Go south on Route 7 to Great Barrington. Take Route 23 West to Hillsdale NY. Go south on Route 22 to Park.

From Pittsfield Area and Vermont

Take Route 7 South from Pittsfield to Great Barrington. Take Route 23 West to Hillsdale. Go South on Route 22 to Park.

From Northern and Western New York

Go to Albany. Take Interstate 87-South to Exit 21. Go East on Route 23 to Hillsdale. Go South on Route 22 to Park.



The picnic meal starts at Noon, followed by a brief business meeting, and self introduction of attendees. Prizes will be awarded for the eldest, youngest, and furthest traveled attendee.

Additional copies of the book *The Vincent Family*, Third Edition (1998) will be available at \$35.



2003 Vincent Reunion

If you want to save the map on the reverse side, copy the information from these forms on a blank sheet of paper and mail to Mike or Sheridan. Thanks

Contributions

Your contributions to our Vincent Family Association help defray the costs of *The Vincent Tin Horn* as well as support the incidental costs for the annual picnic. With postage and printing, each edition of *The Vincent Tin Horn* runs up expenses of between \$150 and \$200. We hope you will be willing to contribute. We suggest an amount of \$8 annually. A special thanks to those who make of point of contributing each year. Make your contribution payable to our secretary-treasurer, Mike Vincent, and mail to Mike at the following address:

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