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Mission Statement

The purpose of the nonprofit Vining Family Association is to promote, support, and preserve research about the history of the surname Vining and those who bear it worldwide. To accomplish this purpose, the association will bring together in one place and in a convenient form an online genealogy and related material such as, but not limited to, census records, gravestone images, photographs, and news articles. It will provide a forum for exchange of information, for asking and answering questions about Vining genealogy and history, and will generally encourage an interest in the fascinating world of genealogy.

Online Genealogy by Thomas F. Vining

My name is Thomas F. Vining (Tom), and I am a member of the board of directors of the Vining Family Association. Some of us on the board fulfill additional roles, and mine is as website manager. My responsibility involves keeping the association's website (<http://www.vining-family.org>) up to date. In each newsletter (and this is the first!), I will write about some aspect of the site.

Probably the most visited portion of the website is the "Online Genealogy", which contains genealogical information (of course) as well as documentation – primarily images of census records but also of birth, marriage, and death certificates; photographs of Vining family members; obituaries; gravestone images; and more.

Online Genealogy (continued)

It may not be true that there is a time and place for *everything*, but in genealogy every event *has* occurred at a particular time (date) and in a particular place. My goal is to determine and post the date and place for each event. This is obviously too much of a task for one person, but perhaps together we can accomplish this. I encourage you to start with your own family (and if it isn't in the online genealogy, please let me know), and supply as many missing dates and places as you can. You may e-mail me at info@vining-family.org, write to me at Vining Family Association website / 167 Thorne Mountain Rd., Canton, Maine 04221, or call me at 207-266-5748. I look forward to hearing from you.

Discovering My Roots by Judi A. Vining

Several years ago, while randomly surfing various websites on the internet, I happened upon the Vining List. I selected the letter "D" on the list and scrolled down to find my great, great grandfather, Daniel Henry Vining. The site took me all the way back to my ancestor, John Vining, the first Vining to arrive in North Weymouth, Massachusetts, from England in 1652. John Vining married Naomi Bicknell, daughter of Zachary Bicknell, one of the first settlers in North Weymouth. The Vining family has lived on Sea Street in North Weymouth, Massachusetts, for over two hundred forty years.

Through the Online Genealogy, I also discovered that I am a direct descendant of David Vining, a Revolutionary War patriot from South Weymouth, Massachusetts. That discovery enabled me to obtain membership in the Daughters of the American Revolutionary War. I have also discovered other ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War, The War of 1812 and the Civil War, and I am still researching. After a lifetime of wondering who my ancestors were, what a thrill it was to discover them, and in one place to boot!

DNA Finding Our Ancestors the Scientific Way by Tammera Nolen

I was curious about all the DNA claims in the media. I didn't personally know anyone that had "done their DNA" so there wasn't anyone I could ask about it. "Does it work?" "Is it worth the cost?" How long does it take and what do the results look like?" So I just got a wild hair and ordered myself a kit to check it out on my own.

The test from Ancestry was very easy. Just spit into a small vial that looks like the ones they use for the stems of fresh roses. Seal the vial and mail it in and concurrently register the sample on the web site. They were very good at keeping me posted along the way. They notified me when the sample arrived at the lab and when it had begun to process. The results came back fairly quickly (about 4 weeks).

DNA Finding Our Ancestors the Scientific Way (continued)

The first thing I noticed was that I was an excellent match to a probable first cousin and it was a cousin that I am very familiar with, and we are indeed first cousins. That was very reassuring. The results then list potential relations by order of likeliness of the dna matches. I have contacted and continue to be contacted by many of the persons that show up in my set of matches. As of this writing, I have 180 persons that are dna matches of 4th cousin or closer, and my mother (the Vining) has 320 dna matches that are 4th cousin or closer! That's a lot of cousins! It has been a wonderful adventure and for the cost of a dinner out, well worth the money! It is extremely satisfying and exhilarating to meet a cousin that you never knew existed and to confirm relationships that you are certain or fairly certain are true and correct relatives.

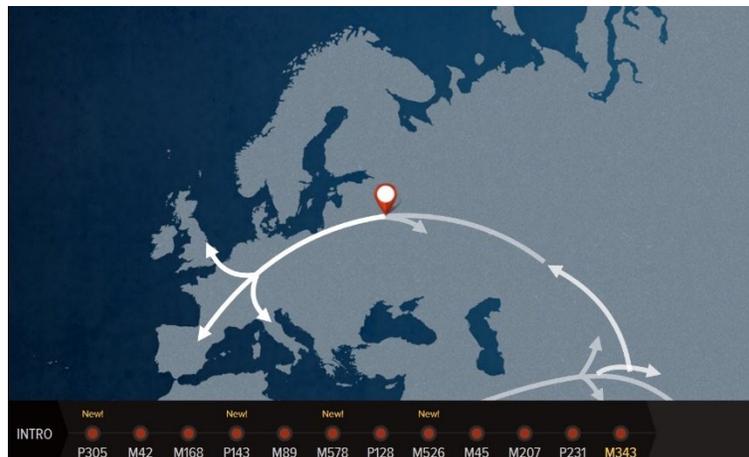
The ethnicity estimate was also fascinating. I am 65% Great Britain and 25% Europe West with 5% other regions. My mother is 90% Great Britain and 10% other regions. I know that on my mother's maternal side her Great-Great Grandfather came from Prussia (Germany) so that accounts for part of the Great Britain results. Does anyone know where the Vinings came from? France, Germany or England? My guess would be Germany, but I guess I'll have to wait and see. I can't wait to find out!

This past Christmas I took a kit home to Washington with the hopes that I could get my mother Nancy Vining to submit her dna. She was very excited to participate, and her results had proven even more enlightening than mine did. I am very hopeful that between the two of us we can get a good trace on our Vining ancestors. As of this writing, I have only made it as far back as my mother's Great Grandfather – Ancil Vining (1839-1902). As more and more people and hopefully Vinings submit dna samples, I am certain that a direct match will eventually be found and I can break past Ancil and get that line of my family tree filled up.

I welcome any questions you may have about the test. There are many choices for labs to do the dna test. I would love to hear from any of the Vinings that have been tested and, if so, what product they used. If we could all get into the same dna pool, we could compare our results.

Happy hunting!

Tammy Startin Nolen – Lexington, Kentucky



Jlm Vining's DNA migratory route

Murray Vining's Tragedy **by Mike Smith**

My great grandfather Murray Vining (April 8, 1868, Ontario, CA – April 20, 1946, Flint, MI, USA) was married to Lily Delille (whose lineage I am still trying to find). They had 9 children: Edna, Simeon, my grandfather, Sarah, Maude, Bernice, Edward, Lillian, Glidden and Roy. Roy was actually stillborn on October 4, 1918, the first of several tragic events in the family that month. The date serves as a clue as to what happened. Murray's wife, Lily, died 18 days later, on October 22 at the age of 42. Two days after that their eldest child Edna died. She was 26 years old, married and the mother of 3 children. The next day, October 25, Murray and Lily's sixth oldest child, 12 year-old Edward also died. And the eighth oldest, 5 year old Glidden, died on October 28. In all, Murray lost his wife and 4 of his 9 children in a little less than a month, all to the 1918 influenza. Murray moved to a farm in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, returning to the Flint, MI, area in the early 1940s; he died there in 1946. Murray, Lily, Roy, Edward and Glidden are buried in the same plot in Flint; Murray and Lily's graves are marked, and I'm hoping to get markers for my great uncles soon. Edna was buried in a family plot with her husband Emil Lienhard near the family homestead in Snover, MI.

Murray's father was Glidden Bodwell Vining (1820-1881); the family line from there is Salomon (or Salmon, 1797 – 1879), Ebenezer (1754-1843), Josiah (1720-1774), Thomas (1703-?), George (1679-1723), John (1636-1685), Robert (1610-1672), William (1580-1665), Robert (1550-1644) and John (1529-1584).

Prelude to Spring

from the book of poems
On Second Thought
by Dorothea Vining Barnes

Snow and snowbanks everywhere
Yet they cannot last
An alert is in the air
That their day is past.

A sheltered spot yields warmth and hope
An aconite peeks out
Through softening snow its yellow head
Proclaims the winter's rout.

Tree branches stretching, reaching high
With buds on every tip
Impatient as the grass below
Still held in frosty grip.

Returning from their winter haunts
Birds know their song-hour near
And now and then their voices test
To hail the time of year.

Lucent light is all around
Sky-blue is more intense,
On tiptoe expectation stands
Of springtime imminence.

Other Vining Books

The Vining Family by Dorothea Vining Barnes 1980
The Vining Family by Janice Roden 2014
On Second Thought, poems by Dorothea Vining Barnes

Membership

The Vining Family Association is open to all persons who are interested in supporting its purpose as set forth in the Mission Statement. Dues are:

Lifetime - \$100

Individual – annual \$10; semiannual \$5

Donations accepted

Dues and donations may be made payable to the Vining Family Association, c/o T. Nolen, 721 Stonetown Rd., Stamping Ground, KY 40379

Newsletter Items

Please mail or email items (photographs, stories, inquiries, research) you wish to see in the Vining Family Association Newsletter to Judi A. Vining, P. O. Box 505, Yardley, PA 19067; judi.vining@aol.com.