



**VINING FAMILY ASSOCIATION
FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER**

Proclamation for Thomas F. Vining

The Vining Family Association recently presented Thomas F. Vining with a proclamation honoring his creation of the Vining Online Genealogy and several other categories to enable Vinings to research their ancestors. The Association also thanked Thomas for establishing the Vining Family Association.

**Vining Family Association
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Vining Family Association recognizes Thomas F. Vining for his vision in creating a website of Vining genealogy.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Vining Family Association recognizes Thomas F. Vining as the founder of the Vining Family Association, a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization created to bring awareness of Vining genealogy and research.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Vining Family Association recognizes Thomas F. Vining, Website Manager, for his creation of the “A through Z” Online Genealogy.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Vining Family Association recognizes Thomas F. Vining for his creation of additional online categories: Newsletter, News and Notes, Research Problems, Census Records, Vining Migration, and Places and People.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Vining Family Association recognizes and thanks Thomas F. Vining for his tireless efforts in researching genealogy to enable Vinings worldwide to discover their roots, and research and connect their genealogy.

NOW, THEREFORE, John Vining, Judi Vining, Jim Vining, Charlotte Vining, Tammy Nolen, and Mike Smith , do hereby proclaim and recognize the positive, lasting impact that Thomas F. Vining has had on the Vining Family Association.

A Walk Down Memory Lane –

On July 13, 1893, the Vining Family held their annual reunion at the home of Adoniram Vining on Park Street in South Weymouth, Massachusetts. The reunion was attended by approximately 100 descendants of Noah Vining, a descendant of John Vining who settled in North Weymouth, Massachusetts, in 1652. The house where the reunion was held has been occupied by some member of the family for 150 years.

Source: *Worcester Daily Spy Newspaper*, Worcester, MA, Friday, July 14, 1893.

It's A Sign of the Times

The Wolverines of Polk County High School, Columbus, North Carolina, have been winning state championships in cross-country track, track and soccer from 1991 through 2018.

To recognize their accomplishments, John Vining, a Wolverine fan, proposed the idea of a sign listing the Wolverine wins to school and district officials this year. The Board approved, and the sign, designed by officials and John Vining, is displayed at the entrance to the school in Polk County. The sign can also be seen by passersby traveling on Route 108 in Columbus, North Carolina.

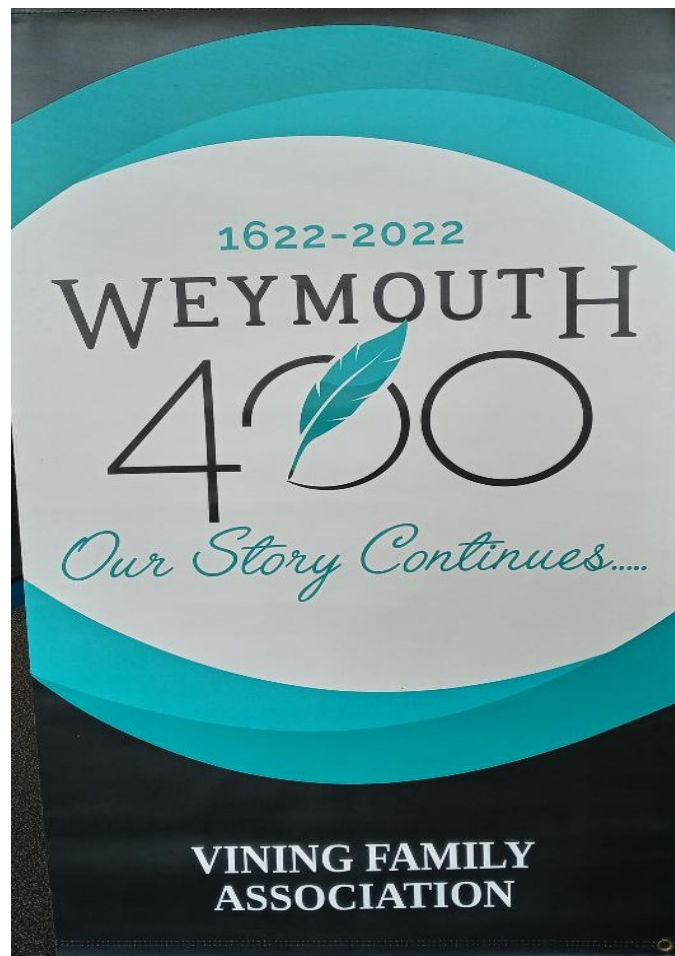
Congratulations, Wolverines, and thank you, John Vining!

Source: *Tryon Daily Bulletin*, August 2, 2023.

Weymouth 400th Anniversary Banner

The Town of Weymouth, Massachusetts, was founded in 1622. Four-hundred years later, Weymouth held a year-long celebration, known as Weymouth 400, to honor early families and founders and to celebrate and commemorate the many accomplishments of Weymouth through the centuries. John Vining, a cooper and ancestor to many Vinings throughout North America, emigrated to North Weymouth in 1652.

This is the beautiful banner that the Vining Family Association donated which was proudly displayed in the North Weymouth Village on street lampposts during the celebrations in 2022. The banner measures 30 inches wide by 60 inches long and is made of durable, flexible material to withstand weather. The Weymouth 400 Committee recently returned the banner to the Vining Family Association where it is stored in the Vining Family Association library.



October is Family History Month

Did you know that October is Family History Month? October was designated so by the Senate in 2001.

We are engaged in searching for our ancestors. We search for names, dates, places but what can we do to find joy and keep the journey intriguing? Here are a few suggestions:

1. Take time to send a text to a family member with whom you haven't connected in a while.
2. Prepare a family favorite recipe. Share your creation along with a story about why it is a "fam fave."
3. Prepare food from the homeland of one of your ancestors.
4. Take time to record stories about family memorabilia that you have in your possession.
5. Create a new family holiday tradition. Make sure you document with lots of photos.
6. Pick up the phone and call an older relative just to chat.
7. If you want a few additional activities, go to familysearch.org. A few fun activities are:
 - a. Relatives Around Me (This is fun and interesting!)
 - b. Famous Relatives (Find out what famous or infamous relatives are in your family tree.)
 - c. Compare-a-Face (Compare your face with family members. See who you resemble.)
 - d. In Home Activities (More ideas to connect with your family and relatives)

So, gather your family and enjoy learning more about each other and those who have gone before us in fun and creative ways! – Charlotte Vining

What Do Dentistry and Biomedical Engineering Have in Common?

Why Dr. Kyle Vining, of course!

When choosing between two career paths – dentistry and engineering - Kyle Vining decided on both.

As far back as middle school, Kyle Vining wanted to be a biomedical engineer. As a biomedical engineering undergraduate at Northwestern University, Vining worked in a materials science lab studying the chemistry of surfaces.

Then as a student at University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, Vining realized that this same materials science research had many applications in dentistry. While in dental school, Vining conducted independent research in a materials science lab that led to the opportunity to do a yearlong fellowship in a cell and developmental biology lab at the National Institutes of Health.

Vining credits this fellowship with launching him towards a Ph.D., which he completed in bioengineering at Harvard in 2020. After earning his Ph.D., Vining conducted research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Vining was then recruited to be part of the Center for Innovation & Precision Dentistry (CiPD), the joint center of Penn Dental Medicine and Penn Engineering. Vining says that it was Penn's scientific community and the opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations that drew him there.

In July 2022, Dr. Kyle Vining joined the University of Pennsylvania and is jointly appointed to the School of Dental Medicine and the School of Engineering and Applied Science. Dr. Vining balances dentistry and engineering to bring new innovations to the clinic. Vining's research at Penn aims to understand how the biophysical properties of materials impact cellular processes such as inflammation and fibrosis.

Vining believes that having exposure to different fields or different knowledge while you're a student is good for students and the profession in general. Vining is a proponent of more crosstalk between clinicians and researchers. Vining says that he would encourage those pursuing a career in dentistry to do so with an interdisciplinary approach.

Dr. Vining finds that the benefits of having a dual career are that he can help both individual patients and contribute to scientific and clinical progress. Dr. Vining hopes that his research at Penn will help to push forward the state of clinical dentistry.

For an in-depth look at Dr. Vining's path to a dual career and his amazing accomplishments, read his interview in *Penn Today Health Sciences*.

Source: *Penn Today Health Sciences*, July 12, 2023.

A Note of Passing -

It is with deep sorrow that the Vining Family Association mourns the passing of Nancy Vining Startin, VFA life member, who passed away on October 13, 2023, at age 90. Nancy was the mother of Tammy Nolen, VFA Board Officer. Condolences to Tammy and her family. Rest in peace, Nancy.

In Fields of Gold

Colonels stand tall in fields of gold,
Wrapped in green coats lined with silk threads soft as gossamer,
With red and gold tasseled tops,
They stand guard over many rows in the bright sun
Making them an army strong
In fields of gold. – Judi A. Vining

Vining Volunteers

We know Vinings are awesome, but the Vining Volunteers of Stanwood, Michigan, give new meaning to the word “volunteer.”

Every year, the Vining Volunteers organize and participate in the Memorial Day Parade – Veterans Walk, a 10/20 mile walk in their community, to raise funds for programs to help local veterans. This past May was the Vinings 4th annual Memorial Day – Veterans Walk.

In spring, Vining Volunteers hold a Vining Volunteer Spring Cleanup Fundraiser and in fall, a Vining Volunteer Fall Cleanup Fundraiser to tidy up neighborhoods and cemeteries. Donations received this year enabled the volunteers to purchase a new fence for a local cemetery.

And that’s not all....

This amazing family organizes and holds numerous annual events to benefit their community. Here are a few:

Vining Volunteer Veterans Walk
Muskegon River Trash Bash
Trick The Halls
Fall Road Cleanup
Sock, hat and mitten drive for Our Brothers Keeper and WISE shelters
Cozy, Comfy Winter Fundraiser “It’s Hygge Time”

The volunteerism and generosity of the Vining Volunteers in caring for those in their community and for making their community a better place is amazing and inspirational. Vining Volunteers certainly live up to their profile page motto: “Be The Change”.

Source: *The Pioneer*, Big Rapids, Michigan, Cathie Crew, Staff Writer, June 19, 2023.

Vining Family Association Membership

Dues are:

\$5 for January 1 through June 30, or July 1 through December 31.

\$10 annually

\$100 for life membership

Why not consider joining the Vining Family Association or consider giving a gift of membership to a friend or relative interested in genealogy.

Membership dues may be mailed to Judi A. Vining, Treasurer, Vining Family Association, P. O. Box 505, Yardley, PA 19067

Donations are also welcome.

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Judi A. Vining, Newsletter

