

'ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY YEARS
OF SERVICE'

THE VANDERVOORTS
OF
SIDNEY TOWNSHIP

SCOTT RANDOLPH
FOXBERG SENIOR
ELEMENTARY

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In 1802 many families from New York State crossed the border and settled in Sidney Township. Although they came several years later than the first United Empire Loyalists, they were still considered Loyalists. One of these families was the Vandervoort family which for the past 180 years has, in many ways and capacities, served in the development of Sidney Township.

The Vandervoorts were of Dutch origin. Their name is found under forty different anglicized versions of the Dutch name Van Der Voort. The original pioneer, Michael Paulis Van Der Voort came to North America from the province of East Flanders in 1640. He and his wife, Marie, settled in New Amsterdam, New York. They had a son named Paul who was born on Long Island, New York. He married Lysbeth Pinkson. They had a son, also named Paul, who married Nulze Stoats. Their son, Nicholas, married Abigail Halstead and they settled in Orange County, New York. They had six children: John, Paul, Peter, Willian, Jonah, and Martha. These children became heads of the many family branches of the Vandervoort family, from which

the Canadian Pioneer, Francis Vandervoort, was descended.

He was a native of Dutchess County and a weaver by trade. He had married Hanna Acker before coming to Canada. Their family consisted of seven sons and a daughter: Peter, James, Samuel, George, David, John, Willian, and Catherine. Realizing that he and his family would have a better chance in the new province of Upper Canada, he emigrated to this country.

With his children and all his worldly possessions they followed the Mohawk River as far as they could. They then sailed up the Oswego River to the American shore of Lake Ontario, from where they crossed to the Canadian shore. They then proceeded up the Bay of Quinte until they landed at Whites Creek. There they remained for a few years, later on settling on Lot I7 on the Second concession of Sidney Township.

By the time the Vandervoorts had arrived in Sidney Township, the area was becoming fairly well developed by settlers who had arrived earlier. Francis was able to start up his trade of weaving.

and before long was prospering.

Although Francis and his family had not emigrated because of political preferences, his loyalty was never questioned. When war was declared in 1812, Francis and his five sons took up arms in defence of their adopted country. The youngest of the sons, Peter, was only fifteen years old. They served in the Hastings Militia, where Francis held a commission.

In the early days of cabin life, before any churches of the Methodist faith had been built, the home of the Vandervoorts was used for services. Even after Aikens Methodist Church was built, the Vandervoort house was considered the home of itinerant ministers.

During the early years of Sidney Township, Francis Vandervoort and other members of his family served in many capacities in the politics of the township. This is a tradition which has carried on up to the present, as may be seen in the Minute Books of Sidney Township.

Francis Vandervoort served in many positions: in 1809 he served as a councilman; in 1811 and 1814 as a Pathmaster, which the person who sees

to the building of roads in the township; and from 1817 to 1818 he was a Poundkeeper, which is an appointed official charged with looking after stray animals. James, his son, was a Pathmaster in 1813 and 1817. Another son, Samuel, was a Pathmaster in 1814 and 1825. He was also Township Warden in 1826 and 1832 and a Poundkeeper in 1830 and 1832..

David Vandervoort served as a Pathmaster in 1827, 1828, and 1831. George Vandervoort was a Pathmaster in 1828 and 1829 and 1835. William Vandervoort served as a Pathmaster in 1829 and John, the son of Peter, was a Township Qarden in 1827.

Captain Benjamin Vandervoort held the office of Deputy Reeve from 1878 to 1880. Addison Vandervoort became Assistant Registrar of Hastings County in 1878 and at some time later became acting Registrar. Stanley T. Vandervoort served as a councilman from 1899 to 1902. He also held the longest record of being Reeve, serving in 1904, 1905, 1907, and 1908. Walter Vandervoort served as a councillman from 1922 to 1926. Today, Robert Vandervoort holds the office of Treasurrer for

Sidney Township.

Francis Vandervoort died in 1836 and his wife in 1850.

William Vandervoort, his grandson, decided to get involved in the cheese industry in the Bay of Quinte district. The cheese factory was supplemented with a box factory. The cheese factory was made larger by the year 1905. Also, the box factory was turning out 75,000 to 100,000 boxes each year.

William R. Vandervoort, William Sr.'s son, helped greatly in his father's enterprises and eventually they became partners in business. In 1906, William R. Vandervoort turned the management over to his two sons Stanley T. and Edgar H. Vandervoort.

Before William R. Vandervoort joined his father in business, he was involved in several other local business enterprises. From 1850 to 1862, when the Montreal Telegraph Company was starting up, he was an operator at Trenton. From 1859 to 1862 he sailed on the Great Lakes in the position of purser on the ill-fated steamer "Moir".

On October 9, 1862 the steamer had an accident about 18 miles from the Bay of Quinte. Within an hour it filled with water and sank. There were only twenty-five people aboard, five of whom were passengers. Everything was lost except the crew and passengers who escaped in the lifeboats. It was at this point he decided to give up sailing and joined his father's business.

Peter Vandervoort, son of James and grandson of the original settler Francis, was a tailor by trade in the town of Trenton. His son, Oakley, continued this trade for some years until he moved to the Stirling area and began farming. He was born in 1850 and died in 1940. He and his wife Roseanne, had three children: Louise, Mable, and Arthur. Arthur continued on the family farm, moving into the family homestead. He had three sons: George, Harry, and Ralph. George lives in Vancouver and is a retired banker. Ralph is a dentist in Toronto. It was Harry Vandervoort who took over the family farm from his father, Arthur, and moved into the family homestead. He and his wife, Neva, have five children: Roseann (Deceased), Robert, Elaine, Carol, and Mark.

Robert now lives in the original homestead, although the major part of the farm was sold when Harry Vandervoort retired.

The Vandervoort family is one of the most historic and active families in Sidney Township. They have served in the development of the township for 180 years, and continue to do so today.

THE VANDERVOORTS

Francis Vandervoort m. Hanna Acker

The Children and Grandchildren:

- I. Peter Vandervoort, b. 1784, d. 1840
 m. 1st, Rebecca Meyers; Issue: George
 m. 2nd, Mary Meyers; Issue: Tobias, John,
 David, Ira, Uriah, William H., Emmeline,
 Catharine, Matilda, Anna, Mary, Margaret,
 and Ellen
- II. James Vandervoort, b. 1787, d. 1877
 m. Mary Meyers; Issue: Peter, John A.,
 Lydia, Catharine, Jane, and Mary A.
- III. Samuel Vandervoort, b. 1790, d. 1870
 m. Catharine Hess; Issue: John H., David,
 Emery, Johiel, Matilda, Catharine, Madora,
 and Elizabeth
- IV. George Vandervoort, b. 1793, d. 1870
 m. 1st, Eunice Nicholson; Issue: Francis W.,
 James A., Samuel
 m. 2nd Catharine Hogle; Issue: Joseph A.,
 Benjamin, John, Anson G., and Elizabeth M.
- V. David Vandervoort, b. 1795, d. 1882
 m. 1st Betsy Hess; Issue: Cinderella, and Emily
 m. 2nd Tarnazia Jones

VI. John Vandervoort, b. 1800, d. 1879

m. Anna M Stickel; Issue: John W., Nelson,
Nathan, Edward, Albert, Mary, and Hannah

VII. William Vandervoort, b. 1801, d. 1891

m. Abigail Nicholson; Issue: William R.,
Wilbur F., Sarah M., Hannah A., Susan E.,
and Jennie

VIII Catherine Vandervoort,

m. Stephen Hess; Issue: Jacob, Samuel,
Francis, James, Henry, William, John, Stephen,
and Amelia A.

The Peter Vandervoort Branch

- I. George Vandervoort, m. Maria Philips
2. Tobias Vandervoort, m. Julia Sharpe
 - Issue: a) Ranson, m. Rebecca McMullen
Issue: Walter, John, Christiana,
Emma, and Ada
 - b) Catherine, m. James Hogle
Issue: Anne, Ernest, Ada, John
 - c) Anne, m. John Sanderson
Issue: Bruce, Caroline, and Ornice
 - d) Elizabeth, m. Henry Bowler
Issue: Cora, May, Arthur, and Pearl
 - e) Burton, m. Edith Nicholson
Issue: Charles H., Percy H., and
Minnie G.
 - f) Herbert, m. Ann Bowler
Issue: Lilly, Mabel, Howard, and
Ethel
3. John Vandervoort, m. 1st Sarah McCreery
m. 2nd Elizabeth Mather
4. David Vandervoort, m. 1st Jane Brown
m. 2nd Louise German

- 5. Ira Vandervoort, m. Sarah Ferguson
- 6. Uriah Vandervoort, m. Maggie Sharp
- 7. William H. Vandervoort, m. Alice Sharp
- 8. Emeline Vandervoort
- 9. Catherine Vandervoort
- 10. Matilda Vandervoort, m. Adam Cook
- 11. Anna Vandervoort, m. Wesley Morrison
- 12. Mary A. Vandervoort, m. William Wallbridge
- 13. Margaret Vandervoort, m. William McMullen
- 14. Ellen Vandervoort, m. James McLaren

The James Vandervoort Family

I. Peter Vandervoort, m. Elizabeth Billings

Issue: a) Lorenzo Vandervoort, m. Hannah Michael

Issue: Carrie, Sanford, and William R.

b) Janette Vandervoort

c) Sabra Vandervoort

d) Albert Vandervoort

e) Oakley Vandervoort, m. Roseann

Issue: Arthur Vandervoort, m.

Issue: George, b. 1906

Ralph, b. 1924

Harry, b. 1914, m. Neva

Issue: Roseann, Robert, Elaine
(d.d.)
Carol, Mark

2. John A Vandervoort, m. Melissa Bradshaw

Issue: a) Nancy Vandervoort, m. Orlean Hart

Issue: Lottie, Fred,

Maude, and Florence

b) William Vandervoort, m. Elizabeth
Witcher

c) James W. Vandervoort, m. Elizabeth
Norris

d) Martha Vandervoort

e) Charles Vandervoort

f) Harris S. Vandervoort, m. Emily
Irvine

g) Manly B. Vandervoort

h) George W. Vandervoort

i) Eva Vandervoort,

j) Matilda Vandervoort, m. Stanley
Lansing

3. Lyda Vandervoort, m. James Westfall

Issue: Emily, Mary, Eliza, George and Peter

4. Catharine Vandervoort, m. Hiram Lott

Issue: Wilson and Clista

5. Jane Vandervoort, m. Charles Hawley

Issue: James, Henrietta, Harriet, Mary, and Myra

6. Mary A Vandervoort, m. George Reeves

Issue: Emily, Melissa, George R., Mary, and Laura

The Samuel Vandervoort Family

- I. John H. Vandervoort, m. Elizabeth B. Bonisteel
 Issue: Anna, Melvinda, Frank, Baldwin, and Nettie
- 2. David Vandervoort, m. 1st Ester Harman
 Issue: Sidney and William
 m. 2nd Ruth Bates
- 3. Emery Vandervoort, m. Deborah Hagerman
 Issue: Alva
- 4. Johiel Vandervoort
- 5. Matilda Vandervoort, m.
- 6. Catharine Vandervoort, m.
- 7. Madora Vandervoort, m.
- 8. Elizabeth Vandervoort, m.

The George Vandervoort Family

1. Francis W. Vandervoort, m. 1st Anna Hogle
 Issue: George, Sina, Margaret, and David
 m. 2nd Fanny Murray
 Issue: John, James, Florence, Frederick,
 Frank, Albert, and Walter
2. James Vandervoort, m. 1st Amanda Crouter
 m. 2nd Jane Pierce
 Issue: Amelia, Charles and Wilmot
3. Samuel Vandervoort, m. Margaret German
 Issue: Emma, Maud, Blanche, German, and Will
4. Joseph A Vandervoort, m. Ellen Jones
 Issue: Bertha and Cecilia
5. Benjamin H. Vandervoort (Capt.) m. Charity Outwaters
 Issue: a) Elgin Vandervoort, m. Henrietta sills
 Issue: Stella, Allie, and May
 b) Lyman Vandervoort, m.
 Issue: Victor, Clara, and Oliver
 c) Joseph Willis Vandervoort, m. Amelia Griffith
 Issue: Stanley and Willis V.
 d) Carrie May Vandervoort, m. 1st Arthur Wilkin
 m. 2nd Adolph Bein

6. John Vandervoort, m. Margaret Merritt
Issue: Myra, m. Duncan Ketcheson
7. Anson G. Vandervoort, m. Eliza Ockerman
8. Elizabeth Vandervoort, m. George Morden
Issue: George, Ethel and Rodney

The John Vandervoort Family

1. John W. Vandervoort, m. Mary Jones

Issue: Maria, Elizabeth, Wellington, Emma,
Catharine, James, Ella, Lillie, Charles,
Frederick, Harry, Maude, and Gertrude

TRENTON

Park Lots

Non Resident

John F. Flindell

Non Resident

A. H. Myers J. F. Flindall A. H. Myers

J. S. Knox A. H. Myers

A. H. Myers

J. H. Rowe R. Porter A. S. ...

Jacob Baker
A. H. Myers P. Saylor

J. H. R. S. P. J. Smith
Sam. Orr W. Orr

Webster White

Jas. Knox

R. H. Flindall T. W. Myers

E. Rupert R. Knox

T. W. Myers
A. H. Myers

Richd Harder

J. & W. Myers C. Potter

W. McMullen J. McMullen

W. H. Myers

J. A. W. Myers

S. McMullen J. Henry

J. W. Myers

J. Rowe
H. Rowe
& B. Hunt

A. Tott D. Vanderhoort

J. Frulich

S. Kelly

H. J. Tott

H. J. Tott

Michael White

Michael White

Wm. Edmunds

Chas Bonistell

Chas R. Bonistell

J. W. Vantasser

Thom Brooker

B. Rowe

G. Munro

A. Munro

School Lot

John W. Kelly

M. M. Jones J. Finkle

T. Finkle H. Ashams

J. M. Mastora

John Jones

S. H. Gilbert

S. H. Gilbert

Robt. Read

Hobart K. Graham

S. Ostrom

H. W. Ostrom

Mrs. G. Ostrom

J. H. Ostrom

Elijah C. Ketcheson

J. S. Ketcheson

W. H. Ketcheson

Elijah Ketcheson

C. R. Bonistell Ezekiel Young

Stephen Kelly

Stephen Kelly

R. Kelly

J. Crank

W. Vanderhoort

Fletcher J. Fletcher

J. Hoyle

Stephen E. Hoyle

W. Yates J. Yates

J. Yates

G. Fanning

B. Jones J. M. Mullen

Cornelius Lawrence

J. Rowe

G. Fanning

A. L. Crowder

Mrs. L. L. ...

D. Eagle

J. F. Eagle

Mrs. L. J. Hoyle

J. Cooper

J. D. J. Walker

J. S. D. Farley

Thos. D. Farley

J. S. D. Farley

Thos. D. Farley

Thos. D. Farley

A. L. Crowder J. M. Mullen

H. M. Mullen

L. Crowder

W. Mabee

J. D. Haight (Occ)

A. S. Chisholm

A. L. Crowder

J. H. ...

J. Briner

J. H. Callanath

G. Gilbert

Henry H. Goldsmith

W. Eugermit

D. Purdy

J. S. Vanderhoort
J. Henry



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BOYSTILLERY

SCHWASH

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BOYSTILLERY

E. Ketcheson

J. D. Ketcheson

J. D. Ketcheson

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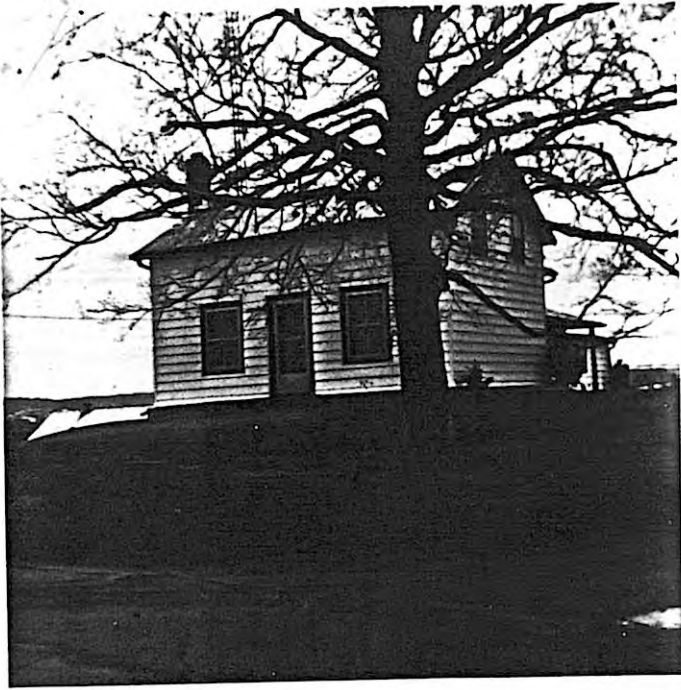
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THE VANDERVOORT
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