

## The Van Blaricom Papers

### Fonds 12 in the Hastings County Historical Society Archives

This Preliminary Finding Aid was prepared in 2002 by members of the Society's Archives Workshop Committee under the leadership of Gerry Boyce and Mary Jane Throop.<sup>1</sup> It is based on the filing arrangement developed by the late Earl W. Van Blaricom of Kelowna B.C. and outlined by him in correspondence concerning the donation of the materials to the Society (commencing 1969).<sup>2</sup>

Earl Van Blaricom entitled the collection:

"The United Loyalists and Earliest Settlers of the Counties of Prince Edward and Hastings in 1784 and the years following: Genealogies of the Families of the Earliest Settlers, etc."

File No.	Topic (as identified by Earl W. Van Blaricom) <sup>3</sup>	Total No. of files, books & binders
3373-		
A	Instructions and Index	1
B-C	Correspondence with Hastings County Museum and Belleville Public Library, 1963-1973 [see also File # 28]	2
Pre-1	The families' history before the Treaty of Paris in 1783	3
1.	The first Van Blaricom families in Upper Canada: Peter, Abraham and Martinus who settled on the High Shore near Picton	5

<sup>1</sup> In arranging this material, Committee members tried to adhere as closely as possible to the original order suggested by the donor. Very few items were deaccessioned. Deaccessioned items included blank paper, illegible notes, envelopes and clippings without any family or genealogical information, Christmas cards and other correspondence without any family or genealogical information, shopping lists, and notes on books to be consulted.

<sup>2</sup> The earliest files received (July-September 1969) were assigned Accession Number 969.052 by the Hastings County Historical Society. In 1976, James R.B. Ketcheson compiled a pamphlet from these records (mainly File #5) entitled *Nine Generations of the Van Blaricom Family*. It was assigned Accession No. 976.30.1.

<sup>3</sup> Earl designated the headings for files # Pre-File 1 to 28 and suggested possible headings and/or arrangements for some of the other materials.

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| 2.  | "Mart" Van Blaricum of Hilton, Ontario, Farmer, who died near Hilton in the United Counties of Durham and Northumberland, in 1869. When Earl began this file, he thought that it would relate to Martmus Van Blaricom who was born in New Jersey on 9 August 1776 and died near Picton, Ontario on 11 March, 1783 and whose land was Lot 22 in Concession 1, Township of Sophiasburg, Prince Edward County, Upper Canada, for which he finally received his Crown Patent in 1804 and of whose three children (David, Benjamin and Abram) there are good records. File No. 2 relates to the ancestor of Norman Henry Van Blaricum of Armley and Ridgedale Saskatchewan, Farmer, whose ancestry is dealt with also in File No. 18. However, Earl moved most of the material from File 18 to File 2. | 2                        |
| 3.  | Elisha Van Blaricom (1812-1882), the son of Abraham Van Blaricom  | 7                        |
| 4.  | Abigail Van Blaricum Benson (1829-1904), a grand daughter of Abraham Van Blaricom via David Van Blaricom.   | 3                        |
| 5.  | Foster Van Blaricom (1833-1882), a grandson of Abraham Van Blaricom via David Van Blaricom  | 6                        |
| 6.  | Thomas Giles Van Blaricom (1838-1916) a grandson of Abraham Van Blaricom via David Van Blaricom   | 3                        |
| 7.  | Peter Van Blaricom (1840-1906), a grandson of Abraham Van Blaricom via David Van Blaricom   | 1                        |
| 8.  | (a) Charles Van Blaricom (1878-1952) and his descendants Group (originally intended for File No. 19)<br>(b) Earl W. and Kathleen Van Blaricom<br><i>[see also files after #33 for much additional information on Earl, the donor of this collection, and his wife]</i><br>(c) William (1845-1911)   | 2<br>6 <sup>4</sup><br>1 |
| 9.  | John Wesley Van Blaricom (1845-1887), a grandson of Abraham Van Blaricom via David Van Blaricom   | 2                        |
| 10. | Francis Marvin Van Blaricom (1847-1912), a grandson of Abraham Van Blaricom via David Van Blaricom  | 1                        |
| 11. | <b>Holland, Amsterdam and particularly Blaricum</b>   | <b>1</b>                 |

<sup>4</sup> File 8.B.3 includes an annotated copy of Waldo Smith's *History of Albert College*, of special interest because of Earl's references to attendance at Albert College of Earl's wife and other family members.

12.	The Van Blaricoms of Nova Scotia	2
13.	(a) The U.S.A. Van Blaricom Groups who were not U.E.Ls (b) letters from and to M.W. <b>Hyatt</b> of Mercer Island, Washington, another ardent amateur historian/genealogist of the Van Blaricoms	1 1
14.	Snapshots, Prints, Negatives, Circulars, etc.	4
15.	The William Edgar <b>Van de Water</b> (1858-1958) Group (includes Edna & Harold Cameron of Belleville & Edna's art work)	3
16.	The Reuben Cronk Stickney (1813-1888) Group	7
17.	General, Unsorted, Extra Copies, Miscellaneous, etc.	1
18.	Norman Henry Van Blaricom (empty). <i>See also File No. 2</i>	1
19.	Intended to deal with the Charles Van Blaricom (1878-1952) Group, but instead File No. 8 deals with him and his descendants	nil
20.	The Thomas D. <b>Farley</b> Group (Thurlow and Sidney)	2
<b>21.</b>	<b>The Centenary District</b> or Community of Sidney Township including Gilbert's School District No. 7 (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles northwest of Belleville)	2
22.	(a) <b>The Conger Meeting House</b> , alias the White Chapel on the High Shore in Sophiasburgh Township;	2
	(b) The family of Elisha <b>Alger</b> who landed at Adolphustown on 16 June 1784 and whose daughter Rhoda married Abraham Van Blaricom	3
	(c) Correspondence with George Zabriskie, Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, who had his searches of the early Van Blaricoms published in the official quarterly of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society of 122 East 58 <sup>th</sup> Street, New York City, 10022	1
23.	Letters and copies of letters relating to the <b>U.E.L. Association</b> of Canada, including much correspondence with <b>Loral Wanamaker</b> , Belleville/ P.E. County genealogist	3
24.	Lake Van Blaricom (Latitude 55 degrees 23' 30"; Longitude 105 degrees 50' 0") near Lac La Ronge, Sask., so named by the Geographic Board of Canada on 26 November 1964 in honour of Earl and Kathleen Van Blaricom of Tisdale Saskatchewan, Pioneers.	1

25.	Van Blaricom Land Records in Sophiasburg Township in the Early Days	1
26.	(a) Index to annotated (by Earl Van Blaricom) books relating to the UELs	1
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	(b) Index to Files in the fonds (Earl's original plan) and the finding aid prepared by the Hastings County Historical Society in 2002	1
27.	Dutch Settlers' Society of Albany, N. Y.	1
28.	Belleville Public Library - correspondence re: this collection <i>See also correspondence in 3373-B and 3373-C.</i>	1
29.	Van Blaricoms(non UELs) in British Columbia, 1969	1
30.	Pickering Family Genealogy, including Verna Pickering's Personal Records (30-C) and Genealogy File for Grandchildren "Mom and Dad's Family and Summaries" (30-E) compiled by Verna Pickering	5
31.	Miscellaneous Genealogical notes, mostly on the Van Blaricom family; with letter from Roy Bonisteel of Sidney Township, correspondence from D. P. Van Blaricom of the Bellevue Police Department in Washington State, U.S.A., and notes on the Van Blaricoms (including Earl) in uniform	3
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32.	Van Blaricom Grandchildren (and children):	
	(a) Lawrence's family in North Carolina	2
	(b) Other	
	1	
33.	Earl Van Blaricom - personal files	
	(a) vital statistics, certificates, awards, etc.	1
	(b) estate/funeral matters/biography	2
	(c) sympathy cards	1
	(d) Masonic regalia/Legion pin	1
	(e) Guest Book, 1959-1979	1
	(f) Address Book/Birthday Book	1
	(g) " " /Books on Loan	1
	(h) Business Papers	1
34.	Genealogical charts for family, etc.	1
35.	(a) World War I	1
	(b) Kathleen and Earl's notes re: 1955 trip to WWI battle sites and other places in Europe	5

36. Van Blaricom Correspondence  
(arranged alphabetically with separate files for major topics such as:  
Public Archives of Canada, Queen's University, Saskatchewan  
Archives, and the University of Saskatchewan)<sup>5</sup> 18
37. GEM Books - a series of small binders with hundreds of interesting  
quotes and observations from a multitude of sources, and 2 books  
labelled "Kathleen's Health" and "Personal" 14
38. The Van Blaricom Scrapbooks (at least 2 prepared by Vema M.  
Pickering) - poems and other materials in small booklets 5