

Hall County history

Vandivers from Holland

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The families of Northeast Georgia by surname Vandiver have ancestry from the land of the Dutch, windmills and dikes. The original family name was Van Bornselen Wolfert and the name and the people came from the City of VEER, the location of an old Roman Ferry.

The 10th son of the family built the Castle of Sanderburg, repaired the ferry in the province of Seeland and was granted a Charter of Nobility and the title of Lord Van Der Veer (meaning "from the Ferry").

In America the name is spelled in many different ways because the original Hollanders were unable to write English and after pronouncing their name an official would write and spell the name as it sounded to him. Although the name is spelled in official documents: Vanderver, Vandever, Vandiver, all have a common ancestry and are akin.

The progenitor of the American Vandivers was Jacob Van der Veer, a Sargeant at Fort Althens, now Wilmington, Del. He emigrated from Alkmaar, a town in the North Netherlands. The farmhouse of Jacob Vandiver was still standing in Wilmington, Del. as late as 1888.

William Vandiver, the son of Jacob, was born at Wilmington, Del. in 1656, and died 1719 and buried in the Old Swede Churchyard in Wilmington. William is the forefather of the Vandivers who emigrated to

South Carolina and to Northeast Georgia.

Edward, son of William Vandier, moved from Maryland to the Spartanburg District, S.C., about the year 1769. He then removed to Fairfield, S.C., and in 1796 moved to Pendleton District near Neal's Creek Church. He bought land and resided there until his death in 1837. Edward Vandiver was a Revolutionary soldier and fought in the battle of Eutaw Springs under Col. Hopkins.

Edward Vandiver married first Helena Frost and their six sons: John, George, Paul, Sanford, Matthew and Lambkin, were all Baptist preachers. Edward and Helena were parents of two daughters: Nancy, who married Moses Holland, and Stony, who married James McGraw.

The second wife of Edward Vandiver was Catherine Poole. Edward and Catherine were parents of six sons and one daughter: William, Aaron, Manning, Izban, Enoch, Edward and Esther.

The 1800 Federal Census of Anderson County, S.C.,

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LONDON (UPI) —Ballerina Natalia Makarova, 30, who defected from the Soviet Leningrad Korov Ballet in London last September and went to the United States, said Thursday she will marry her manager, Vladimir Rodzenko, 33.

enumerates household No. 786, Edward Vanderver with four males under age 10, three males age 10 and under age 16, two males age 16 and under age 26, one male age 45 and over. There was one female under age 10, one female age 16 and under age 26, one female age 26 and under age 45. Living in the same vicinity were a number of families who are found in Hall County in the 1820 and 1830 census: Burfords, Bennetts, Wades, Hollands and others.

William Vandiver Jr., son of Edward and Catherine Poole Vandiver, was born 1790 and died May 8, 1876. He was the father of seven children: Pinkney, Adeline, Mahala, Lucinda, Louise, Harriet and Callaway. Descendants of the first born, Benjamin Pinkney Vandiver, live throughout Northeast Georgia.

Benjamin Pinkney Vandiver was born July 24, 1817, and died at the age of 66, April 11, 1903.

He was married to Mary Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Isom Brown, Oct. 19, 1843. Mary Elizabeth Brown Vandiver was born Oct. 13, 1826 and died June 20, 1906, in Westminster, S.C. Benjamin Pinkney and Mary Elizabeth Brown Vandiver were parents of 13 children:

1. Mary Jane Vandiver was born July 4, 1844, and died Feb. 25, 1932. She is buried in the Broad River Baptist Church Cemetery, S.C. She never married.

II. William Isom Pinkney Vandiver was born Jan. 9, 1846, and died Oct. 22, 1930. He was married Nov. 11, 1869, to Eliza Missouri Vaughters. Eight children were born to the couple. William I.P. Vandiver fought in the Civil War. Children of William and Eliza Vandiver were: Mary (Mollie) Elizabeth, Sarah (Sallie) Arminta, Samuel Ernest Pinkney, John Lent, Etta Victoria, William Enoch, Essie Estelle

and Gladys Mozelle Vandiver.

III. Martha Ann Matilda Vandiver, born Nov. 22, 1847, and died Dec. 28, 1929. She was married to Bryant Eskew and was the mother of 12 children.

IV. George Albert C. Vandiver, born Nov. 22, 1849, and died Aug. 16, 1931. His first wife was Julia Ledbetter and the second wife was Minnie —. He was father to six children.

V. Nancy Mahalia Susan Vandiver, born Sept. 25, 1851, and died April 21, 1949. She was married to Joel C. Addison and was mother to seven children.

VI. Harriet Vandiver, born Aug. 25, 1853, and died May 6, 1948. She and her husband, William Bentley, were parents of four children.

Other children of Benjamin Pinkney Vandiver were: Joseph Green Berry, John Graves York, Amanda J., Benjamin Samuel Mosley, (Kate) Eliza Catherine, and Julia Magnolia Louella Vandiver.