

# VAN VLEET FAMILY

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Benjamin<sup>1</sup> Van Vleet was born about 1787 in the state of New York.<sup>[1]</sup> He last resided in Milton Township, Wayne County, Ohio, and died before 25 November 1861.<sup>[2]</sup> He was apparently first married to A. \_\_\_\_\_, the mother of Garrett, and presumably of those of his other children who were not born to his subsequent wives.<sup>[3]</sup> Benjamin applied for license to marry Betsey Miller on 18 March 1842 in Medina County, Ohio, but it does not appear that they executed the license.<sup>[4]</sup> Instead, he married secondly in Wayne County on 19 May 1842 Sally G. Hoffstetter,<sup>[5]</sup> who was born about 1805 in Ohio, and was living with him in 1850.<sup>[6]</sup> He married thirdly, in Medina County on 18 February 1858, Mary Ann Blannett,<sup>[7]</sup> who was born in the state of New York, about 1813,<sup>[8]</sup> survived him, and was living in Wayne County on 26 April 1852. Benjamin was living in Lafayette Township, Medina County, when he executed a will on 18 December 1845. In this instrument, he named as his sole heir "Elizabeth Jane Vanvleet daughter of Benjamin and Sally G. Vanvleet."<sup>[9]</sup> This directive clearly would have been prejudicial to the interests not only of his widow, but also of his youngest daughter, Amanda, who was aged 14 years in 1860,<sup>[10]</sup> and consequently still a minor at the time of Benjamin's death. Thus, although his will was filed in Wayne County on 5 November 1861, and proven by sworn statements of the witnesses, it was apparently set aside, and Wiseman Cotton appointed administrator with the will annexed. Cotton then entered a petition naming all of Benjamin's heirs at law, even though seeking distribution for the benefit of Elizabeth, Amanda, and Mary Ann.

Children of Benjamin<sup>1</sup> Van Vleet, apparently by A. \_\_\_\_\_, are:<sup>[11]</sup>

i. BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> VAN VLEET, b. say 1812, apparently the man who m. Crawford Co., Ohio, 20 Dec. 1832

SARAH ANN CHAMPION.<sup>[12]</sup>

ii. JOHN VAN VLEET, b. N. Y., ca. 1814, m. Medina Co. 16 Feb. 1837 ABIGAIL BROWN,<sup>[13]</sup> b. Ohio, ca. 1820,

both res. Brooklyn Twp., Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, 1850.<sup>[14]</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Vliet household, 1850 U. S. census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Milton Township, page 146, dwelling 194, family 195, micropublication M432, roll 739 (Washington: National Archives). My summary of his family expands on Austin W. Spencer, "Re: VanVleet," VanVleet Family Genealogy Forum, 16 April 2011, online <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/vanvleet/messages/141.html>>.

<sup>2</sup> Benjamin Van Vleet, Wayne County, Ohio, estate file no. 1921, FHL microfilm 1,952,934.

<sup>3</sup> Fulton County, Ohio, Probate Court, Record of Deaths, A:186, FHL microfilm 423,615, names Garrett's parents as "B & A Vanvleet."

<sup>4</sup> Medina County, Ohio, Marriage License Affidavits, A:196, FHL microfilm 423,817.

<sup>5</sup> Wayne County, Ohio, Marriage Records, 4B:33, FHL microfilm 425,754.

<sup>6</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Milton Township, page 146, dwelling 194, family 195, micropublication M432, roll 739.

<sup>7</sup> Medina County, Ohio, Marriage Records, D:154, FHL microfilm 423,819.

<sup>8</sup> Benjamin Vanvleet household, 1860 U. S. census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Milton Township, page 226, dwelling 817, family 817, micropublication M653, roll 1051 (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>9</sup> Benjamin Van Vleet, Wayne county estate file no. 1921.

<sup>10</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Milton Township, page 226, dwelling 817, family 817, micropublication M653, roll 1051.

<sup>11</sup> Benjamin Van Vleet, Wayne county estate file no. 1921.

<sup>12</sup> Crawford County, Ohio, Marriage Records, 1:no. 66, FHL microfilm 388,675.

<sup>13</sup> Medina County, Ohio, Marriage Records, A:150, FHL microfilm 423,817.

<sup>14</sup> John Van Vliet household, 1850 U. S. census, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, population schedule, Brooklyn

Township, page 59, dwelling 849, family 959, micropublication M432, roll 673 (Washington: National Archives).

iii. CATHERINE VAN VLEET, b. say 1814, d. Genoa, Vernon Co., Wis., 28 Oct. 1876,<sup>[15]</sup> m. Medina Co. 5 Feb. 1841 JABEZ HUNT.<sup>[16]</sup> No issue; her estate file names her heirs as follows: "brothers, John Van Vleet supposed deceased, Garret Van Vleet Hannah Huntington Stephen Vleet [sic] Jacob Van Vleet Benjamin Van Vleet Alfred Van Vleet your petitioner and Sally married but last name unknown."<sup>[17]</sup>

iv. HANNAH VAN VLEET, b. 12 Aug. 1816, d. 29 Dec. 1893,<sup>[18]</sup> m. Kane Co., Ill., at the residence of Jabez Hunt, 13 June 1847, LUTHER HUNTINGTON,<sup>[19]</sup> b. 6 June 1810, d. 20 July 1887, both bur. Genoa.<sup>[20]</sup>

v. GARRETT VAN VLEET, b. Cortland Co., N. Y.,<sup>[21]</sup> 31 Aug. 1818,<sup>[22]</sup> d. Pike Twp., Fulton Co., Ohio, 16 Sept. 1885, aged 66y 9m 16d,<sup>[23]</sup> m. Medina Co. 15 Aug. 1839 MARY M. HANCHITT,<sup>[24]</sup> b. Ohio, 6 Jan. 1818, d. York, Fulton Co., Ohio, 22 Mar. 1886, aged 68y 2m 16d.<sup>[25]</sup>

vi. STEPHEN VAN VLEET, b. N. Y., ca. 1821,<sup>[26]</sup> d. Red Willow Co., Neb., before 7 Aug. 1896,<sup>[27]</sup> m. ABIGAIL SWOPE,<sup>[28]</sup> b. N. Y., ca. 1835,<sup>[29]</sup> d. Danbury, Red Willow Co., Neb., 7 Nov. 1907.<sup>[30]</sup>

vii. SARAH JANE VAN VLEET, b. 6 Sept. 1823, d. 14 May 1865,<sup>[31]</sup> m. Medina Co. 18 Jan. 1847 JOHN BATTLES,<sup>[32]</sup> b. Pa., 5 Jan. 1807, d. Niles, Trumbull Co., Ohio, 28 Nov. 1895, both bur. Niles.<sup>[33]</sup>

viii. JACOB VAN VLEET, b. 11 Mar. 1826, d. 26 May 1904, m. ELIZABETH STOWE.

ix. ALFRED VAN VLEET, b. 14 Mar. 1827, d. 23 Jan. 1895,<sup>[34]</sup> m. McHenry Co., Ill., 4 July 1851 ALMIRA HUNTINGTON,<sup>[35]</sup> b. 13 Feb. 1834, d. 28 Sept. 1906, both bur. Genoa.<sup>[36]</sup>

Children of Benjamin<sup>1</sup> and Sally G. (Hoffstetter) Van Vleet, born in Ohio, are:<sup>[37]</sup>

x. ELIZABETH JANE VAN VLEET, b. ca. 1843, living 1860.

xi. AMANDA VAN VLEET, b. ca. 1846, m. Medina Co. 30 May 1867 JOHN C. LEE.<sup>[38]</sup>

<sup>38</sup> Medina County Marriage Records, D:153.

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