



VAN DEVENTER FAMILY

THE VAN DEVENTER CONNECTION

By Thomas G Van Deventer

The hymn, "I Surrender All", was composed by J. W. Van Deventer (1855-1939) and set to music by Winfield S. Weeden (1847-1909). I was always curious if Judson was a relative.

In 1943, a book, "THE VAN DEVENTER FAMILY" was published by the Press of E. W. Stephens Company, Columbia, MO. The book was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Willis Van Devanter, who spent years gathering genealogy records of the Van Deventer families in the USA since 1662 when the 1st Van Deventer arrived. Jan#1 Van Deventer was born in Deventer, Holland in 1627, married in 1652 in Houten, Utrecht, Netherlands and came to America in 1662. They had 3 sons and 2 daughters.

Willis served as a member of the Supreme Court from 1/3/1911, at the age of 51, until 1937 when he retired. Willis served the last 25 years as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. He hired genealogists to help him collect the ancestry information. In the book are accounts of civil war battles and information about the lives of many individuals. Willis Van Devanter died in 1941. A cousin, Christobelle Van Deventer, compiled his records and had them published in 1943. Note that the spelling of "Van Deventer" has varied a little and is recorded the way each family spelled it. In the book is a map of the village of Deventer in Holland. The following is an excerpt from the book.

Judson Wheeler Van Deventer was born December 5, 1855 to John Wesley and Eliza Ann (Wheeler) Van Deventer. He was the 2nd of 5 children (4 boys and 1 girl). After graduating from Hillsdale College in 1879, he taught art in New Lyme Academy and was superintendant of art in schools of Sharon and Braddock, PA. He became a successful evangelist in the Methodist church, in the USA and in England and Scotland, and began writing hymns. On January 1, 1880 he married Malissa Miller (1858-1924). They had 2 children, Cleo Iva (1881-1902) and Paul Dore (1888-?). After 1924 he married a pianist, Caroline (Carrie) Jackson. They resided in Temple Terrace, Tampa, FL. Judson's son, Paul Dore, who was a photographer, had a son born 2/11/1913 also named Judson. Judson Wheeler Van Deventer was the great-great-great-great-great grandson of Jan#1 Van Deventer.

More Trivia on the Judson Wheeler Van Deventer line—

Jan#1 (John) Pietersz Van Deventer 1627-1692 married Maria Hooageboom 1635-?

Pieter#2 Jansen Van Deventer 1653-? married Mayke Christiaense Van Doorn

Christian#5 Van Deventer 1687-? married Patience ?

Isaac#9 Van Deventer married Ann Willett



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John#13 Van Deventer 1773-1831 married Duanna Simonson 1776-?

George#29 Canton Van Deventer 1795-1865 married Lucinda Rolfe

John#32 Wesley Van Deventer 1826-1901 married Eliza Ann Wheeler 1830-1914

Judson Wheeler Van Deventer 1855-1939 married Malissa Miller 1858-1924

This chart shows the paternal ancestors of Judson Wheeler Van Deventer and the paternal ancestors of Thomas Gale Van Deventer. Note that the numbers after the first name differentiate others in the book with the same name.

Jan#1 (John) Pietersz Van Deventer came to America in 1662 Jan#1 (John) Pietersz Van Deventer

Pieter#2 Jansen Van Deventer son of Jan#1 Pieter#2 Jansen Van Deventer

Christian#5 Van Deventer <----- brothers -----> Isaac#7 Van Deventer

Isaac#9 Van Deventer <----- 1st cousins -----> Abraham#58 Vandeventer

John#13 Van Deventer <----- 2nd cousins -----> Thomas#123 Vandeventer

George#29 Canton Van Deventer <-----3rd cousins -----> James#129 Vandeventer

John#32 Wesley Van Deventer <-----4th cousins -----> Thomas#138 Vandeventer

Judson Wheeler Van Deventer <----- 5th cousins -----> George#51 Louis Van Deventer

Lloyd Clifton Van Deventer

Gale Thomas Van Deventer

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Judson Wheeler Van Deventer is Thomas Gale Van Deventer's great-grandfather's 5th cousin (or 5th cousin 3 generations removed).

Judson Wheeler Van Deventer is Jan#1 Pietersz Van Deventer's 5xgreat-grandson (7 generations down).

Jan#1 Pietersz Van Deventer is Thomas Gale Van Deventer's 8xgreat-grandfather (10 generations up)



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More Trivia on the ancestors and siblings of Thomas Gale Van Deventer—

Jan#1 (John) Pietersz Van Deventer 1627-1692 married Maria Hoogeboom 1635-?

Pieter#2 Jansen Van Deventer 1653-? married Mayke Christiaense Van Doorn

Isaac#7 Van Deventer 1697-1775 married Saartje (Sara) Couwenhoven

Abraham#58 Vandeventer 1753-1836 married Mary Jones

Thomas#123 Vandeventer 1779-1855 married Abigail Walling

James#129 Vandeventer 1801-1882 married Mary Ellen Hopkins 1803-1866

Thomas#138 Vandeventer 1820-? married Elizabeth Arbogast 1817-1909

George#51 Louis Van Deventer 1853-1898 married Nancy M. Bailey 1858-?

Lloyd Clifton Van Deventer 1882-1964 married Lenora Hadfield 1888-1976

Gale Thomas Van Deventer 1918-1991 married Jean 1922-2001

Thomas Gale Van Deventer married Linda (Bradley, Craig)

Lawrence Glen Van Deventer married Mary (Juli, Melinda)

Janet Sue Van Deventer married John (Jennifer)

David Wayne Van Deventer 1955-1996 married Jennifer (Brett, Allison, Abigail)

Diana Marie Van Deventer married Richard (Kara, Christopher)

Darrell Alan Van Deventer married Susan (Eric, Todd)

Duane Mark Van Deventer married Janet (Lesley, Lucas)

Brian Jay Van Deventer married Paula (Heath, Emily)



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This Chart Shows where Willis Van Devanter fits into the Family Tree.

Jan#1 (John) Pietersz Van Deventer came to America in 1662 Jan#1 (John) Pietersz Van Deventer

Pieter#2 Jansen Van Deventer son of Jan#1 Pieter#2 Jansen Van Deventer

Isaac#7 Van Deventer <----- son of Pieter#2 -----> Isaac#7 Van Deventer

Peter#54 Van Devanter 1742-1820 <--- brothers ----> Abraham#58 Vandeventer

Jacob#60 Van Devanter 1787-1840 <---- 1st cousins ----> Thomas#123 Vandeventer

Isaac#76 Van Devanter 1821-1898 <----2nd cousins ---> James#129 Vandeventer

Willis#80 Van Devanter 1859-1941 <----3rd cousins ----> Thomas#138 Vandeventer

George#51 Louis Van Deventer

Lloyd Clifton Van Deventer

Gale Thomas Van Deventer

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So, Willis would be my 3 rd cousin 4 generations removed.



**Photo of the Justice Center in Marion, Indiana
Named after Willis Van Devanter**



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This Chart Shows where Christobelle Van Deventer fits into the Family Tree.

Jan#1 (John) Pietersz Van Deventer came to America in 1662 Jan#1 (John) Pietersz Van Deventer

Pieter#2 Jansen Van Deventer son of Jan#1 Pieter#2 Jansen Van Deventer

Isaac#7 Van Deventer <----- son of Pieter#2 -----> Isaac#7 Van Deventer

Abraham#58 Vandeventer <-----son of Isaac#7-----> Abraham#58 Vandeventer

Thomas#123 Vandeventer <--- son of Abraham#58 ---> Thomas#123 Vandeventer

William#130 Vandeventer 1810-1860 <---brothers ---> James#129 Vandeventer

Houston#171 Van Deventer 1835-1926 <--1st cousins --> Thomas#138 Vandeventer

Christobelle Van Deventer 1866-? <---- 2 nd cousins ---> George#51 Louis Van Deventer

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So, Christobelle would be my 2nd cousin 3 generations removed.



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More Trivia about Van Deventer Heritage.

Another book, “A Trip to California in 1853” was written by George Washington Bailey, whose daughter Nancy married George#51 Louis Van Deventer. George Washington Bailey, aka Washington Bailey, or just ‘Wash’ wrote about a 2-3 year trip by wagon train with relatives from Indiana and Illinois to search for gold in California. The book documents many trials and obstacles along the way, fighting Indians, and surviving the elements. He did find gold, returned to Illinois where he purchased large amounts of land, raised his family, and lived to tell his stories about the trip well into his nineties. My father, Gale Van Deventer (his great grand-son) remembered seeing him on the steps of the LeRoy, IL post office telling stories to gathered listeners when Washington was in his nineties and my dad was around 3 years old. The book published in 1915 can be found on the internet as triptocalifornia00bail.pdf or as a recently transcribed Project Gutenberg eBook at <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/38351> (Note- click HTML to read).

Tom Van Deventer