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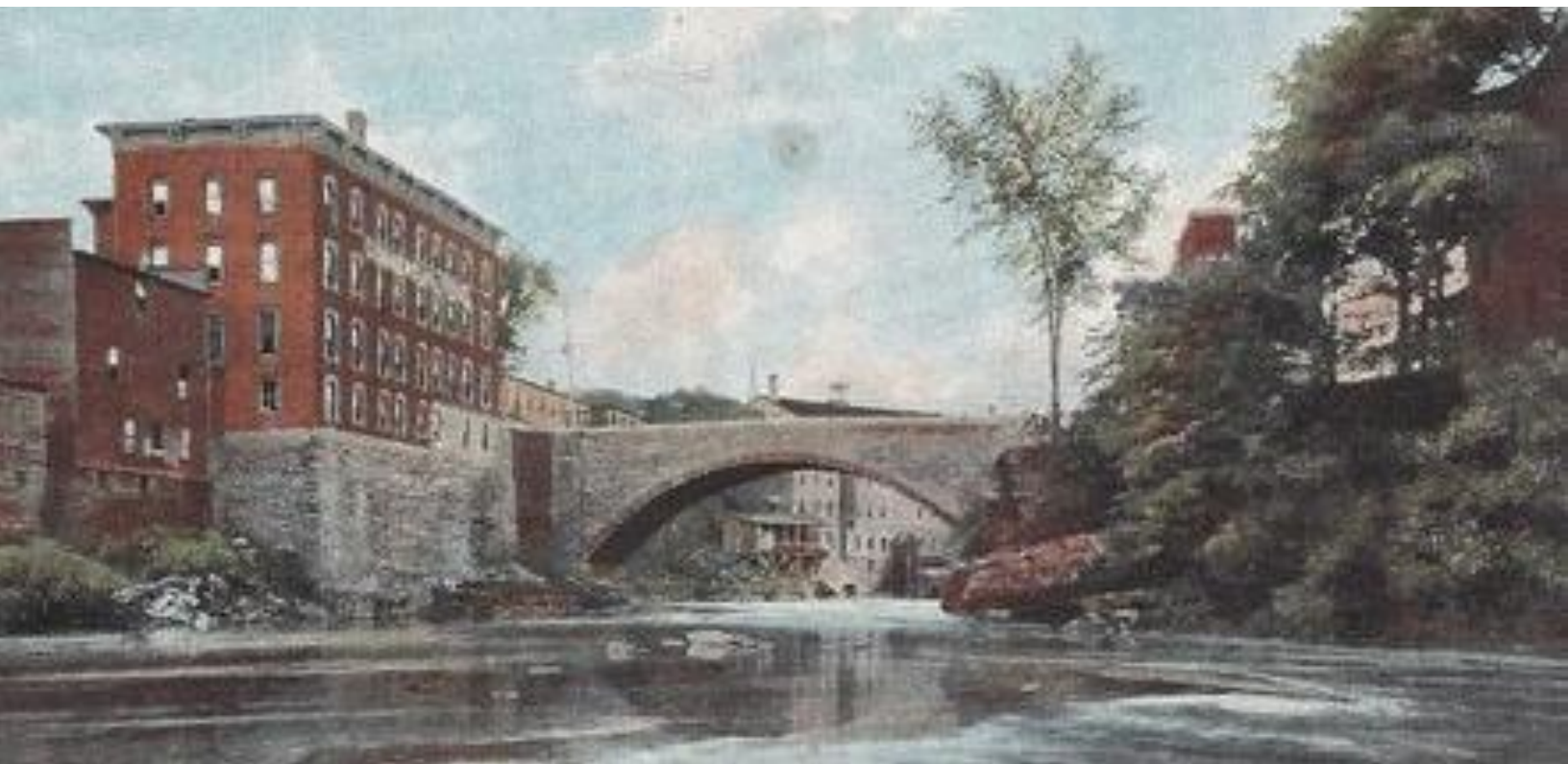
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In 1850, Lawrence Levasseur decided to move farther south of Quebec towards the town of Ausable, located in Clinton County, USA. The latter is a son of **Benjamin Levasseur** and Louise Carpentier, and a descendant of **Laurent Levasseur**. Formed in 1839, the town of AuSable takes its name from the AuSable River, which means "sand". At that time, the boom of the iron production was in full swing. Nestled within the city limits, the village of Keeseville benefited from the general prosperity of the region.

Those who cultivated the land thrived by supplying families who supported the iron industry. Transport facilities were implemented to allow the shipping of iron ore and goods to Lake Champlain. Rail centres developed. As people came to work in the mines in the region, the villages expanded and the needs for services in education and religion led to the construction of schools and churches.

2017 Gathering of the Levasseur families In the Quebec City Region

The Levasseur Association of America will be gathering on September 2, 2017, from 8:30 to 17:00 at the André-Coin-dre pavilion on the Notre-Dame-de-Foy Campus in, Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures. QC, G3A 1B3.

We cordially invite the descendants of the ancestors of Jean, Pierre and Laurent Levasseur, to come to socialize together, at this September 2, gathering in Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures. Today these descendants may be carrying the names of Levasseur, Carmel, Borgia, Vasseur, Vassar. We rely on you to invite family members, be they members or non-members of the Association to participate at this gathering. We encourage you to sign up reserve the date of September 2 on your calendar.

The gathering will be held in one of the pavilions of the Campus Notre-Dame-de-Foy, a school at the college level. Student rooms with complete washroom facilities will be available at a very reasonable price. We invite you to book your room early on the Internet site of the institution: <http://www.hebergementcndf.com/>

Some of the elements of the programme for the gathering will include in the morning, the Association's general meeting, followed by various genealogy workshops, scanning and numbering of old photos. A cold buffet will be served for lunch followed by guided visit to the Museum of First Nations in Wendake. We are in the process of finalizing a program for the day and it will soon be published in a special issue of the Levasseur Newsletter to be sent to all our members with an E-Mail address. For more information, visit: www.levasseur.org/quebec2017

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<http://townofausable.com/about/town-of-usable-history>

To the US Levasseur Association Members



[Ernie Levasseur](#)

My name is Ernest Levasseur. I currently live in Boiling Springs, PA. I was born in Fall River, Massachusetts and grew up in North Tiverton RI. I am pleased to serve as your US Levasseur Association Representative, as announced in the September 2016 Issue of the Association's Newsletter. In all probability, I am also a relative, distant or otherwise, to many of you, particularly to those of you living in New England.

Since we are at the beginning of a new year, I thought it might be a good time to communicate directly with you and to let you know that I am willing to be of assistance to you in "Levasseur" related matters. All of us have information about our family that could fill in the blanks of other Levasseur Trees. The Association is very interested in receiving any and all information you wish to share about your research efforts; for example, writing a story about your ancestor and providing any photos and newsworthy information, all of which will be placed in the Association's Data Base. Your information could be used by other members of the Association in their research efforts. How to get your information to the Association can be found in the Association Newsletter and/or on their web site.

Periodically, the Association sponsors a meeting of members somewhere near the southern border of Canada. This year (2017) the Association will hold a gathering of members on September 2, 2017 in Quebec. I plan on attending. If you have never been to Canada or to Quebec please seriously consider attending and spending a few days in that beautiful city. I have been to several of the gatherings and actually found cousins I did not know I had. Look for more news about the gathering in the next Association's Newsletter.

Don't worry if you don't speak French--I don't and I have never had a problem. My wife and I have been cordially welcomed to the family gatherings! Many of the members also speak English. You will need a passport to enter Canada so if you think you might want to go, get your passport application in. Your local Post Office or city hall can provide assistance.

I would be interested in knowing if any of you would be interested in attending a gathering of US members somewhere in the US. If your answer is yes, (because I would be setting up the first one) I recommend that our first gathering be in Carlisle Pennsylvania because I live nearby. Carlisle is in south central Pennsylvania, not far from the Capital, Harrisburg, and Hershey Park and many historical areas such as the Gettysburg Battlefield, the Carlisle Barracks, the nation's oldest military installation, as well as being the location of the US Army War College.

There is both Revolutionary War and Civil War history associated with this town. Carlisle is a very interesting and quaint small town which I think most of you would enjoy. A trip to this location would be a great family vacation. Washington DC, Philadelphia and Baltimore MD are all about 2 hours away via auto. Harrisburg has an airport. Since there will be a gathering in Canada in 2017, I suggest some time in 2018 as our first US Gathering. I encourage your comments and/or suggestions about my proposal. If we do have a meeting in the US, key Association members from Canada would attend and help us set up the agenda as well as providing answers to your questions and giving you an opportunity to meet them face to face. If you are able and interested in attending a Stateside meeting, please let me know by responding directly via this e-mail. In fact, I would appreciate if ALL of you respond that you have received this e-mail so I will know that I have your correct data. I'll keep all of you posted as to the response for a Stateside meeting in a future e-mail.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. The "Levasseur Tree" is filled with many extraordinary, talented and famous people whose memory and deeds need to be recorded and shared by all of us.

God Bless

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Marcel H. Levasseur (01-07-41/23-12-16)



Marcel, a life member of the Levasseur Association, was born in Pembroke Ontario. Marcel was the son of Lorenzo Levasseur and Estelle Demers, a descendant of the ancestor, Pierre Levasseur and the cousin of Roger Levasseur, President of the Association. He was married to his dear Lise, Réginbald Levasseur for 51 years. He was the father of three children: Sylvie, Daniel and Joël. Marcel was very proud of his children and seven grandchildren, especially because they are all perfectly bilingual. Having always lived in Pembroke, a mainly English-speaking community, he was proud of his mother tongue, French. Marcel was a music enthusiast: also he could often sing and play his guitar for hours. Another of his passions was sports be it hockey, baseball, football, soccer, or curling. But his first love was the Montreal Canadians and the Expos. Unfortunately, Marcel, this dear husband, dad and Grandpa left us at the end of December.



The United States LeVasseur descendants from Lawrence LeVasseur and Jane Gladu.

by: [Victoria Vassar](#) (636)

« In the hopes of furthering the knowledge of the Levasseur organization and the members, I am submitting an article today for your perusal about the LeVasseur descendants that left Quebec for the United States. That may not have been the original intent, as several of the borders between Canada and the United States were under dispute and constantly shifting at the time of my ancestor's movement, but nonetheless they ended up in the United States and started branching further out. I hope to help clarify the branching of three separate LeVasseur descendant lines as the migrated into the United States at the end of the 19th century. »

Lawrence LeVasseur, born in Saint-Basile-le-Grand, Madawaska, New Brunswick, Canada, on June 16, 1833, is the son of Benjamin LeVasseur and Louise Carpentier, descendant of Laurent Levasseur. He decided to move further south out of Quebec into the town of Ausable, New-York. In 1850 census, Lawrence is recorded as living in the house of Hiram Allen and Mary Allen, and their two children. Lawrence's occupation is « sawyer » which means he worked at a sawmill, cutting lumber. Lawrence is also recorded as being a carpenter in later census records..

Photo: Alfred Vassar was granted land in Wisconsin and he wasted no time packing up his wife, his mother in law, and her children. and they all left, destined for Florence, Wisconsin. The Vassar boys built their home - Alfred built a cabin - and they began life in Wisconsin. The winters were harsh, but it was not anything they were not used to in New-York mountains.

The LeVasseur and the Hammer

Of note, in the 1850 census, Lawrence was living next door to a John Hammer, who would have been the son on Alanson Hammer and Abigail Taylor, his future daughter in law Orilla's great uncle. The Vassars and the Hammers of Black Brook, New-York, are quite interconnected. Martha Hammer, married to Lawrence and Jane's Charles, and Orilla Hammer, married to Charles' brother Alfred, were sisters. Orissa Hammer, married to Lawrence and Jane's Henry, is a second cousin to Orilla and Martha.

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SCHEDULE 1—Free Inhabitants in the town of Ausable in the County of Clinton State of New York enumerated by me, on the 6th day of September, 1850. J. H. S. S. S. Ass't Marshal

Post Office Ausable

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Description	Years or Hours Overseas		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict
					Years	Hours		
1	John Burke	M	47				New York	
2	Michael	M	50					
3	Kate	F	15					
4	James Moffatt	M	30	Wagoner		100	Ireland	
5	Bridget	F	27					
6	James	M	42				New York	
7	Amos French	M	22				New York	
8	Anna	F	22				Ireland	
9	Helena	F	10				New York	
10	Thomas	M	40					
11	Mary	F	15					
12	Lawrence Nash	M	26	Carpenter			Canada	
13	Jane	F	25					
14	Elizabeth	F	4				New York	
15	Alfred	M	1					
16	Joseph Dineen	M	46	Seamster		30	Canada	
17	Eloza	F	26					
18	Eloza	F	12				New York	
19	James	M	10					
20	John	M	8	Knitter				Frederick
21	Philippus	M	6					
22	Mary	F	4					
23	Sarah	F	1					
24	Ali Honor	M	40	Matchman		100	New York	
25	Elizabeth	F	40				New York	
26	John	M	13					
27	John	M	11					
28	Helena	F	7					
29	Henry Brown	M	30	Blower		20	England	
30	Amelia	F	32				New York	
31	William	M	16	Shoemaker				
32	Oliver	M	13					
33	Edward	M	9					
34	Isabella	F	8					
35	Samuel	M	7					
36	Simon	M	1					
37	Penny Smith	F	68	Stone Mason	100	100	Ireland	
38	Kate	F	26					
39	Ellen Burd	F	3				New York	
40	Unoccupied							

No. white males, 19 No. colored males, No. foreign born, No. blind, 670 657
 No. white females, 15 No. colored females, No. deaf and dumb, No. insane, No. pauper, No. convict.

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1703, (8 mai) Rivière-Ouelle. ⁹

III.—LEVASSEUR, PIERRE, [LAURENT II. b 1679; s 27 oct. 1738, à Kamouraska. ⁴

MICHAUD, Marie-Elisabeth, [PIERRE I b 1685; s ⁴ 29 juillet 1766.

Marie-Anne, b ⁹ 16 sept. 1704. — Marie, b ⁹ 13 juin 1706. — Geneviève, b ⁹ 14 juin 1708; m ⁴ 16 avril 1733, à Jacques GUÉREZ.—Marie-Joseph, b... m ⁴ 17 nov. 1727, à Zacharie AYOT.—Marguerite, b... m ⁴ 28 mai 1733, à André OUELLET.—Marie-Rose, b 1711; m ⁴ 7 nov. 1735, à Michel GUÉREZ; s ⁴ 11 déc. 1756.—Pierre, b... m ⁴ 7 nov. 1735, à Geneviève PHOCAS.—Joseph-Clément, b 1719; 1^o m ⁴ 15 janvier 1742, à Marie-Madeleine ALBERT; 2^o m ⁴ 15 juin 1767, à Marie-Joseph PORDEVIN; s ⁴ 15 sept. 1781. — Elisabeth, b... m ⁴ 29 juillet 1743, à Alexandre PARADIS; s ⁴ 8 février 1752.—Marie, b 1721; m ⁴ 10 avril 1741, à Nicolas COTÉ.—Marie-Rose, b ⁴ 14 nov. 1729.—Jean-Joachim, b... m 1751, à Claire NADEAU.

Above, an excerpt from Quebec Genealogical Dictionary of Canadian. Pierre Levasseur is a great-grandfather of Benjamin Levasseur.

Pierre Levasseur 1679-1738
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 Pierre Levasseur abt 1710-1791
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 Jean-Baptiste Levasseur 1752-1828
 |
 Benjamin Levasseur 1795 - ????

Lawrence LeVasseur and Jane Gladu marriage

In 1852, Lawrence married another french-canadian immigrant, Geneviève, later known as « Jane ». Her surname is fairly for debate at this point, due to the record being inconsistent. Their marriage record states Jane was known as « Clodgo », but we will refer to her from here on out as Jane Gladu. Jane's father was Pierre Gladu dit Sanschagrín, 1808-1886, and her mother Genevieve Stebenne 1812-1887 . They had both moved to the Ausable area by 1860. Pierre is logged in the 1860 census as « Peter Gladu », Genevieve is logged as « Jane Gladu ».

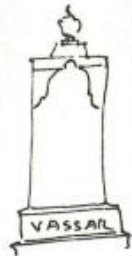
Lawrence and Jane had nine children. They are as follows:

1. **Harriet Elizabeth Vasseur** (Vassar) was born on November 11, 1855 in Keeseville, Essex, New York, USA. She died on Mar 1, 1940 in Ausable Forks, New York. She married Arthur Sheffield on October 31, 1885 in Saint Matthew Church, Black Brook, NY. He was born in 1853 in New York State.
2. **Alfred David Vassar, Sr.** was born on Apr 10, 1858 in Black Brook, Clinton, New York, USA. He died on May 12, 1934 in New York, USA. He married Orilla Harriet Hanmer in 1875 in Black Brook, Clinton, New York, USA. She was born on Sep 4, 1857 in Au Sable, Clinton, New York, USA. She died on Sep 28, 1932 in Florence County, Wisconsin, USA.
3. **Charles Vasseur** (Vassar) was born on March 25, 1862 in Keeseville, Clinton, New York, United States. He died on Apr 2, 1944 in Iron River, Iron, Michigan, United States. He married, Martha Jane Hanmer (daughter of Norman H. Hanmer and Izah Warren Cross, sister to Orilla, above) about 1883 in Florence, Wisconsin, USA. She was born on Mar 31, 1869 in Black Brook, Clinton, New York, United States. She died on 9 Jun 1948 in Iron River, Iron County, Michigan, United States.
4. **Jesse Isidore Vasseur** (Vassar) was born on Oct 28, 1864 in Keeseville, Essex, New York, United States. He died on Apr 14, 1947. He married Eleonora "Ellen" Sawyer in 1888. She was born on Jun 26, 1870 in Keeseville, Clinton, New York, USA. She died in 1926 in Wisconsin, USA.
5. **William Walter Vasseur** was born on Feb 25, 1867 and baptized as "Benedictus Vasseur", on May 25, 1868 in St. John the Baptist, Keeseville, NY, USA. He died on Sep 8, 1951 in Lake Placid, Essex, New York, USA. He married Julia Fortune. She was born on Apr 4, 1869 in New York. She died on 21 May 1935 in Bloomingdale, Essex County, New York, USA.
6. **Antoine Antwine Vassar** was born on Aug 29, 1869 in Keeseville, Essex, New York, USA. He died on Aug 18, 1954 in Au Sable, Clinton, New York, USA. He married Exilda Lefebvre in 1890. She was born in Oct 1870 in New York.
7. **Margaret E Vasseur** (Vassar) was born on May 3, 1871 in Black Brook, Clinton, New York, United States. She died in 1960 in Lake Placid, Essex, New York, USA. She married George Watson. He was born in 1873. He died in 1962. She married Lewis Sawyer in 1889. He was born in Oct 1867 in New York.
8. **Henry Vasseur** (Vassar) was born on Apr 15, 1873 in Black Brook, Clinton, New York, United States. He died on Oct 31, 1926 in Lake Placid, Essex, New York, USA. He married Orissa A Hanmer (daughter of Truman Thomas Hamner and Susan Elizabeth Winch) in 1901. She was born in Feb 1884 in New York, United States. She died in 1937 in Lake Placid, Essex, NY.
9. **George H Vassar** was born on September 12, 1877 in Ausable Forks, New York. He died on 11 Mar 1910. He married Jennie Dowling on Oct 24, 1899 in Nashua, New Hampshire. She was born in May 1879 in Nashua, Hillsborough, New Hampshire, USA.

The children's mother, Jane, died in 1892. She was interred in St. John's Cemetery in Keeseville, NY. Lawrence, aging, went to live with his son William and daughter in law Julia until he passed away in 1917, at the age of 84. Three of his children were gone from the area to Florence, Wisconsin by 1910: Alfred, Charles, and Jesse, along with their wives and children.

St. Johns R.C. Cem.
Keeseville, N.Y.

VASSAR
Clodgo



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(front)
VASSAR/ (on base)

(back)
Jane Clodgo/Wife of/Lawrence Vassar/
Died/Nov. 25, 1892,/Aged 64 Yrs./

May her soul rest in peace./

Gone but not forgotten/

hs: Our/Mother/

St. Johns R.C. Cem.
Keeseville, N.Y.

VIENT
Rondeau
Minor



metal

Frank Vient/1871-1950/



metal

1880-1940/
Mary Rondeau Wife of/Frank Vient/

This is the original order for Jane's headstone, kept on file at the Keeseville library.



Orilla Harriet Hanmer's parents, Izah Warren Cross and Norman Hanmer

It is a family rumor (through several different branches of cousins now located throughout the United States) that Izah is a Native American descendant. Paper records have not substantiated this claim and it has not been clear in DNA testing, mostly because the descendants are too far removed from Izah herself to clearly show anything in DNA results.



Orilla Harriet Hanmer with her youngest daughter Nellie and two grandchildren.

Orilla Harriet Hanmer was born September 4, 1857, to Norman H. Hanmer and Izah Warren Cross. Norman Hanmer was enlisted in the 12th NY, Company G, out of Plattsburgh, New York. Orilla was the third of thirteen children born to Norman and Izah, who had the following children in total:

1. **George K Hanmer** was born in 1851 in Clinton, Clinton, New York, USA. He died in 1910 in Richmond, Contra Costa, California, USA.
2. **William Joseph Hanmer** was born on February 15, 1855 in Au Sable, Clinton County, New York, USA. He died on January 20, 1924 in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, USA. He married Mary Watson in 1880 in Hibbing, St Louis, Minnesota. She was born in July 1860 in Vermont. She died in 1918 in St Louis, Minnesota, USA.
3. **Orilla Harriet Hanmer** was born on September 4, 1857 in Ausable, Clinton, New York, USA. She died on September 28, 1932 in Florence County, Wisconsin, USA. She married Alfred David Vassar Sr (son of Laurence Lawrence Vassar and Jane Gladu) on September 25, 1879, in Black Brook, Clinton, New York, USA. He was born on 10 Apr 1858 in Black Brook, Clinton, New York, USA. He died on 12 May 1934 in Bates, Iron, Michigan, USA.
4. **Norman Hanmer** was born on 03 Apr 1859 in Ausable Forks, Clinton, New York, USA. He died on 20 Oct 1887 in Florence, Florence, Wisconsin, USA.
5. **Susan L Hanmer** was born on March 20, 1861 in New York, USA. She died on March 29, 1924, New York, USA. She married Harry Benjamin Soper.
6. **Frederick Warren Hanmer** was born on 30 Mar 1865 in Black Brook, Clinton, New York, USA. He died on 20 Feb 1937 in Fence, Florence, Wisconsin, USA.
7. **Edward C Hanmer** was born on 2 November 1867 in Black Brook, Clinton, New York, USA. He died in Mexico, Oxford, Maine, USA.
8. **Martha Jane Hanmer** was born on 31 Mar 1869 in Black Brook, Clinton, New York, USA. She died on 9 Jun 1948 in Iron River, Iron, Michigan, USA. She married Charles Vasseur (Vassar) (son of Laurence Lawrence Vassar and Jane Gladu) about 1883 in Florence, WI. He was born on 24 Sep 1860 in Keeseville, Clinton, New York, USA. He died on 2 Apr 1944 in Iron River, Iron, Michigan, USA.
9. **Anna Lillie (Mina) Hammer** was born on 21 January 1871 in Black Brook, Clinton, New York, USA. She died on 7 August 1948, Union Beach, Manmouth Co., New Jersey, USA. She married William Otto Borns.
10. **Samuel Walter Hamner** was born on 13 Feb 1874 in Blackbrook, Clinton, New York. He died on 03 Aug 1931 in Iron River, Iron, Michigan, USA.



Alfred Vassar and wife
Orilla Jane Hanmer
with their eight children
in Florence, Wisconsin



Alfred Vassar and Orilla Harriet Hanmer's children - Clockwise from top - Alfred Vassar Jr, who was employed as an auto mechanic, Nelly Jane with her husband Mort Whaley, and below are Walter Warren Vassar and his sister Lillian.



Victoria Vassar's tree

Laurent Levasseur	30 April 1670 Québec, QC	Marie Marchand
Pierre Levasseur	8 May 1703 Rivière-Ouelle, QC	Élisabeth Michaud
Pierre Levasseur	7 November 1735 Kamouraska, QC	Geneviève Raymond/Phocas
Jean-Baptiste Levasseur	22 August 1775 Kamouraska, QC	Madeleine Landry
Benjamin Levasseur	4 February 1822 L'Acadie, St-Jean, QC	Louise Carpentier
Lawrence Vassar	1 January 1852 Keeseville, NY	Jane Genevieve Gladu
Alfred David Levasseur	December 1879 Redford, Clinton, NY	Orilla (Aurilla) Harriet Hanmer
Walter Warren Vassar	25 June 1906 Florence, Florence, WI	Edith Blanche White
Walter David Vassar	18 June 1936 Stambaugh, Iron, MI	Caroline Alice Stephens
Warren Walter Vassar	26 October 1982 Tempe, AZ	Ginger Jean Erickson



Charles Vassar and wife Martha Jane Hanmer in Florence, Wisconsin Alfred Vassar's cabin in Florence, Wisconsin below.



The Hanmer's history

Norman Hanmer, and Truman Hanmer, descendants of Joseph Hanmer and Matilda Hamilton, are descendants of John Hanmer of Scituate, a colonist settler of the United States who immigrated in 1635 from England with the Winthrop Fleet. By June 1, 1658, John was admitted a freeman of the Plymouth Colony. John was a deacon in the church at Scituate, whose home was next to a man named Isaac Robinson. On June 3, 1662, John Hanmore (as his name was often adapted) is recorded in a list of twenty four men "that were servants and others that are ancient freeman" to be granted a parcel of land purchased from the Native Americans. John also had a large lot of land in the part of Scituate that is now Hanover. This was sold by his sons before 1690, and was dubbed "Hanmer's Hook".

Norman and Truman Hanmer are also descendants of Rowland Taylor, 1510-1555, who was martyred during the Marian Persecutions in England. At the time of his death, Rowland was a rector in Hadleigh, Suffolk, England. His great-grandson, William Taylor, immigrated to Virginia in 1637. Norman's father descends from this line as well. Norman and Truman both served in the American Civil War, fighting for the Union, and their grandfather (and great-grandfather, for Truman) Alanson Hanmer, served in the War of 1812 with the New York Militia.

Further Recommended Reading:

New England, The Great Migration and The
Great Migration Begins, 1620-1635
Great Migration, Vol 3, G-H

ANSWERED HIS LONG-BELL CALL.

A Veteran of the Civil War Dies in the Hospital at Plattsburgh Barracks.

Norman Hanmer, aged 57 years, a veteran of the civil war, died in the hospital at Plattsburgh Barracks yesterday morning.

On the night of Decembeer 8th he called at the guard house at the Post and asked to be kept over night, saying he was sick from exposure. He was taken by a member of the guard to the hospital, where a G. A. R. badge was found upon his coat, and from papers in his possession it was learned that he had been a member of the 12th United States Infantry. He was given every attention and care by the hospital officers and corps from the time he was given into their charge until death came, and too much credit cannot be given for the kindness shown the soldier of long ago, and in notifying the local G. A. R. Post of his death.

His funeral will be held from the hospital at one o'clock this afternoon, and all members of Walter H. Benedict Post who can do so are requested to be present.

Hanmer was for a number of years a well-known character in the south part of this county. He was for many years caretaker of the large timber tracts of the J. & J. Rogers Co., and lived almost a hermit's life in the woods, spending his time in hunting and fishing and watching the timber lands of the Rogers Company.

Male Vassar		Female Vassar		Female Vassar		Male Hanmer	
Generation 3 Descendant of Alfred David Vassar & Orilla Harriet Hanmer		Generation 2 Descendant of Alfred David Vassar & Orilla Harriet Hanmer		Generation 3 Descendant of Charles Vassar & Martha Jane Hanmer		Generation 3 Descendant of William J Hanmer & Mary Watson	
Population		Population		Population		Population	
North_Sea	34.28	North_Sea	34.94	North_Sea	32.39	North_Sea	37.92
Atlantic	29.65	Atlantic	26.44	Atlantic	27.24	Atlantic	28.10
Baltic	8.61	Baltic	11.17	Baltic	7.64	Baltic	12.27
Eastern_Euro	7.58	Eastern_Euro	8.44	Eastern_Euro	11.14	Eastern_Euro	7.47
West_Med	7.82	West_Med	11.95	West_Med	13.19	West_Med	5.93
West_Asian	3.45	West_Asian	3.56	West_Asian	5.21	West_Asian	6.43
East_Med	3.16	East_Med	-	East_Med	0.80	East_Med	-
Red_Sea	2.46	Red_Sea	1.34	Red_Sea	-	Red_Sea	-
South_Asian	-	South_Asian	1.36	South_Asian	0.47	South_Asian	0.29
Southeast_Asian	-	Southeast_Asian	-	Southeast_Asian	-	Southeast_Asian	-
Siberian	1.85	Siberian	-	Siberian	-	Siberian	-
Amerindian	0.30	Amerindian	0.80	Amerindian	0.85	Amerindian	0.83
Oceanian	0.09	Oceanian	-	Oceanian	0.12	Oceanian	0.07
Northeast_African	0.40	Northeast_African	-	Northeast_African	-	Northeast_African	0.67
Sub-Saharan	0.34	Sub-Saharan	-	Sub-Saharan	0.96	Sub-Saharan	-

Please note: Both descendants of Alfred David Vassar & Orilla Harriet Hanmer are also descendants of the Cornish Stephens family, whereas the other two DNA ethnicity profiles are not.

DNA Test

With the advancements of technology in recent years, we can take a DNA test and see our ethnicity breakdowns that we have inherited from our ancestors. Shown here are four Hanmer, three Hanmer-Vassar descendants. One can compare and contrast all four in variation to see what our ancestors were made up of. It is important to note that following DNA ethnicity results requires one to be quite familiar with the history of the populations and cultures in the world. For instance, someone from Mexico, whose ancestors were born and raised in Mexico, may expect to see some Iberian Peninsula DNA in their results due to the Spanish explorations.

One of the largest components to this genetic makeup that we see for all four candidates is something called "North Sea". This generally encompasses England, Scotland, some Sweden and Norway. The next largest, Atlantic, encompasses much of France, where the LeVasseurs immigrated from, as well as England, where the Hanmers are from. It bears well to keep in mind that with this genetic makeup, there have been brick walls and ends to paper trails on certain ancestors, and this genetic percentage dissection shown here should be taken with a grain of salt, especially in the case of the Amerindian percentage, which only hosts five Amerindian reference populations, both from North and Central America. This DNA analysis kit is the Eurogenes K15 on a website called Gedmatch. At this time, it appears to be the best kit for analysis of ethnicity of the Vassar/Hanmer genes. One must also note that the first male Vassar shown and the first female Vassar shown are also descendants of two sisters from the Stephens family, immigrants to America from Cornwall, England in the late 1860's.

The descendant names of this particular migratory branch of the Vassar family include Hanmer, Sawyer, Phaneuf, Valentine, Borden, Brown, Johnson, Sheffield, Wilkins, Whaley, Stockton, Milliron, Johnson, Anderson, and Peterson. I am continually tracing out these Vassars, who range all the way from New York to California, down to Arizona. If you wish to reach me, you may do so via email at vvassar@gmail.com

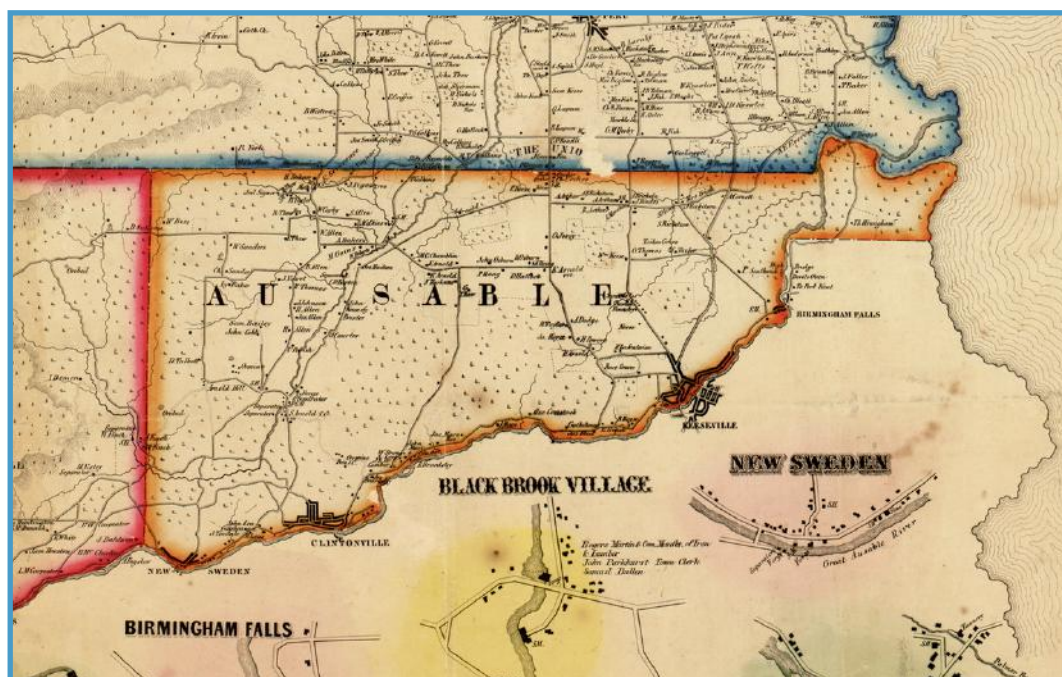
If you would like to view my Ancestry.com tree on the United States Vassar descendants, you may access it via the following URL:

<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/50553555/family?cfpid=26896930654>

A bit of history: Ausable - Town History and Background

When Samuel de Champlain and his men paddled down the great lake from Quebec in 1609 the area was magnificent. Fish and game, black flies and mosquitoes were plentiful. For many years, claim to this land was contested between the Mohawk members of the Iroquois Confederacy and the Algonquians. On his exploration trip, Champlain encountered and fought with the Iroquois who then became fierce enemies of the French invaders. The Iroquois eventually allied with the English and the area surrounding Lake Champlain became a bloody battleground in the French and Indian War. In the Treaty of Paris of 1763, the French surrendered their North American possessions to the British. And, the Iroquois claims to the land between the St. Lawrence River and Lake Champlain were finally recognized.

Source: <http://townofausable.com/about/town-of-ausable-history>



Heidi Levasseur returns to Rimouski to get ready.....

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Accomplishment. The long-distance swimmer, Heidi Levasseur, will return to Rimouski next Monday to prepare for her swim across the Atlantic.

Ms. Levasseur will hold a benefit evening of the type "server for a night" at the Crêpe Chignon restaurant, located in front of the Cathedral. "It will be a friendly gathering with ads about the development of her project to swim across the Atlantic. There will be exchanges, videos, promotional items as well as a presentation of the new jewelry collection "Creations to Cath". A lot of information will be distributed and there will be surprises!, explains, Ms. Levasseur.



Heidi Levasseur with a sculpture by [Roger Langevin](#). ©

She needs about \$500,000 to finance her expedition. In addition to the financial and athletic, aspects of this project, the scientific aspect creates much interest that includes a health research project by a researcher from the University of Sherbrooke. An agreement with the Research Center on Rimouski marine biotechnology (MBRC) remains to be clarified. Ms. Levasseur at the age, 36, has a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and another in psychology.

Since her passage in Rimouski in 2011, where she swam on the Saint Lawrence River from Trois-Rivières, Heidi Levasseur has developed affinities with navigators and scientists of the Rimouski region.

"I will leave from Cap-Vert, an island off the coast of Senegal, to Martinique. It will be a 1500 nautical mile swim across the Atlantic lasting 60 days, swimming eight hours a day, with a day off every four days. My goal is to start in December 2017," mentions Ms. Levasseur, also a friend of the sculptor Roger Langevin, who dedicated a work to her.

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GENERAL INFORMATIONS



The Association, Levasseur d'Amérique Inc. is a non-profit organization, founded in 1988, in accordance to a federal charter. Its goals are:

- To join together and unite a large number of Levasseur and other descendants who have adopted the patronymic Borgia, Carmel, Carmell, Vasseur, Vassor, Vasser.
- To promote, develop and diffuse historical genealogical knowledge about the Levasseur families with Internet, an electronic Newsletter published three times per year also the publication of genealogical dictionaries.
- To maintain and update, on an ongoing basis, the genealogical data base available to members at all times on the Internet.
- To make available to members a family photo album and the Newsletters that the Association has published since 1988.
- To honor the memory of our forefathers and their descendants by way of monuments, plaques or symbolic gestures that commemorate historic events that are chronicle the Levasseur family.
- To gather all documents related to the Levasseur family for the purpose of constructing archives that will constitute the heritage of our Association and that will provide a source of information for historians and genealogists.

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