

Van Wormer Family



The saga of the VanWormer family in Saginaw County, Michigan begins in 1859, when a young man, 26 years of age, brought his bride, age 19, to the Bridgeport-Frankenmuth area.

That young man was James VanWormer and his bride was Anne nee Teasdale. James and Anne were married on July 22, 1858 in Buffalo Erie County, New York. The marriage was probably against her parents' wishes because they eloped from their home in Canada to be married in the United States, with no family present. After their move to Michigan, Anne never again saw her two brothers, two sisters or her parents.

The farm James and Anne settled was on the northwest corner of what is now Herzog and Reimer Roads, Bridgeport Township, Michigan. James built a large home on that farm and both lived in that house until they died. Anne died on January 25, 1905 and James died on October 30, 1910. The farm was then worked by their second son, Frederick W. VanWormer.

James was born on July 27, 1833 in Thorold, Welland County, Ontario, Canada, to John VanWormer and Catherine Eve Bouck. John VanWormer came into Canada in 1816 as a settler from Schoharie County, New York. He never gave up his American citizenship but lived in Canada until he died, sometime between 1845 and 1851.

James and Anne VanWormer raised a family of four children in the Bridgeport-Frankenmuth area. They were: Flora, James W., Frederick W. and Catherine Grace.

Flora VanWormer married Dellivan Lloyd and had a son, Percy. After they divorced, Flora married James Hagen. They moved west to Oregon and had four children: Barney, Harry, Francis and Alice.

James W. VanWormer (September 2, 1869–November 18, 1948) married Elizabeth May Smith of Bridgeport on New Year's Day 1896. They had eight children: Howard G., Agnes Druscilla, William Theodore, Ralph Deal, Ross Dale, Alice Ann, Fred Albert and James Henry. After Elizabeth died in 1925, James W. married a second time in 1929 to Hattie Laura Near. They had two children: Lucille Marie and Louis Charles.

Fred W. VanWormer married Minnie Augusta Roeglin on February 22, 1905. They had six children:

Theodore Stanley married Selma Herzog and had four children.

Frederick Carl married Edna Herzog and had four children.

Alfred Louis married Ruth List and had two children.

Dorothy Augusta married Fred Mohr and had two children.

Walter Nelson died at the age of 10.

Harold Herman married Lois List and they had one child.

Catherine Grace VanWormer married George Herbert Campbell of Birch Run, and moved west to Washington State, where they raised five daughters: Dorothy, Frieda, Ruby, Elsie and Virginia.



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