

Dear Ruth Ann,

I am researching the Van Vleck family in Rock County, Wisconsin (Porter and Cooksville and later Evansville). Rachael Van Vleck, wife of John P., was Rachael "Lockey" Ashton from Cayuga County, New York. I am interested in any information on her family. She and John had at least 4 children: Melvin, Dudley, Eugene, and Mortimer but I only find later information on Dudley. I noticed you had posted several items about the family but could not tell if you were posting newspaper items or had a particular interest in the Van Vleck family.

I find the family in the 1850, 1860, 1870 censuses for Porter and the 1880 for Cooksville.

Thank you for any help you may be able to give me.

Gay Wickersham Davis, Ph.D.  
Washington State

Excellent, thank you, Ruth

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Ruth Montgomery](#)

**To:** [Gay Davis](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2004 12:02 PM

**Subject:** RE: Van Vleck

Gay I found him in the listing of the 40th Infantry, company C and he did die in the war. He is listed as James M. Van Vleck, Porter, May 15, '64 died July 16, 1963, Memphis, Tennessee, disease.  
Dudley is listed also as having enlisted May 15, 1864 and served until September 16, 1864 when he was mustered out.

This regiment was to serve for 100 days according to the information

## 40th Regiment Infantry (100-Day Men, No Company "H"), Company D

[http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/roster/results.asp?image\\_id=2665](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/roster/results.asp?image_id=2665)

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**From:** Gay Davis [mailto:gdavis99@prodigy.net]

**Sent:** Thu 7/1/2004 1:34 PM

**To:** Ruth Montgomery

**Subject:** Re: Van Vleck

His burial listing for the Cooksville Lutheran Church Cemetery Records (Old Waucoma Cemetery) gives that information for Melvin. I don't know if it is correct but he did die in 1864. He was born and raised in Rock County, so it is doubtful that he would have enlisted elsewhere. I didn't know that Dudley served also. Thanks for that information.

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**From:** [Ruth Montgomery](#)

**To:** [Gay Davis](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2004 10:22 AM

**Subject:** RE: Van Vleck

This is the website with the roster of Civil War servicemen from Wisconsin, searching for Van Vleck.

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/roster/searchresults.asp?lastName=Van+Vleck&firstName=>

Dorsey, J., a private in the 1st cavalry, company A

Dudley, a private in the 40th Infantry, company C

Everett, a private in the First Cavalry, company H

are the only ones listed, no Melvin. Could he have signed up from a different state?

COOKSVILLE.

Miss Brain, of Center, will teach our school, this winter. It commenced Monday.

Miss Irine Wells, of Independence, Iowa, is visiting at her father's, Mr. W. H. Wells.

Miss Ella Morgan is at Milwaukee, visiting a brother's family.

Mr. G. E. Newman has gone to Madison, to attend the University.

Tobacco is all shedded, and mostly without the touch of frost. Farmers feel pleased.

Mr. Van Vleck took his horse potatoe planter both to the State and County fairs.

Mr. C. H. Woodbury is getting in his new fall goods.

Mr. Chas. Miller did not make a purchase of the Spaulding farm, near Janesville, as was reported.

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SEMINARY.

September 25, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4,

Evansville, Wisconsin

## COOKSVILLE,

Glad to see Mr. Wm. Rice out again after his severe illness.

C. H. Woodbury was in Chicago last week, laying in a new supply of goods.

There is another vacant house in our village now—and another empty place in our little church—for the wife of Joel Sturtevant has followed him into that Silent Land of which we know so little, only that it lies within the borders of God's realm. Saturday, Oct., 2d, while at the home of Robert Craigor, and apparently in her usual health, she either made a misstep, or suffering from some sudden attack of disease, fell forward against the chamber door bursting it open, and died within five minutes. And there were not wanting loving hands to do for her all that may be done for the dead—to robe her in a comely way—to arrange fair flowers and autumn leaves for her casket, to bear her tenderly forth; nor loving voices to sing comforting hymns, and hopeful words to the living.

A week ago, Miss Ida Harriman made her friends in this vicinity quite a visit.

Miss Belle Rice ran up to Madison to spend a day with Miss Leila Dow last week.

On the evening of Sept. 30th, quite a number of the friends of Mrs. Dudley Van Vleck gathered at her house ostensibly to commemorate her birthday, but really to leave a china tea-set as a sort of milestone to indicate the china wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Vav Vleck passed a few weeks before. "A perfect surprise a happy host and hostes and a general good time," described the event.

The pulpit here was filled Sunday afternoon by a young man only lately from England. In the evening, Mr. Crooker, who was to have spoken, failed to put in an appearance.

Another railroad excitement in our little burg—engine running in air as yet however, and not a very strong prospect of its ever reaching terra firma.

COOKSVILLE.

Inadvertently omitted last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson were suddenly called to Madison last week, by the illness of their daughter, but Mr. Robertson returned the next day with the glad tidings that Mrs. Alford was better.

Miss Avis Savage has gone to Janesville to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Anna Soverhill. Little Cora will be glad to see her.

Ella Morgan is a trifle under the weather, Miss Ethel VanVleck taught in her place Monday but the pupils found Ella in the school-room again Tuesday morning.

Fishing is the order of the day. Many parties passing on their way to Stebbinsville.

J. T. Dow ran in upon old friends last week.

Harry Hough has moved into the old Leedle place.

Mrs. Morton Stebbins is quite poorly.

After his visit here, Leon Champney went to Minnesota. He has sold out in Dakota.

Gid. Newman Jr., was down from Madison last week.

Electa Savage is raising chickens for sale.

Miss Lila Dow is visiting a few of her many friends in this vicinity.

Farmers are getting in their corn, having full faith that rain will fall, by and by, upon the just and the unjust.

A few are watering tobacco plants, and some will have nothing more to do with the vexatious crop.

hosts and guests.

### COOKSVILLE.

A little prospect of rain!

A Temperance Sunday School Concert in preparation for next Sunday evening. Come out and listen to the little folks.

Some tramps, rather more hungry than avaricious, evidently, broke into C. H. Woodbury's store last week and helped themselves to all the crackers, cheese, pickles and canned salmon they wanted—then took a prize watch, probable to time their flight with, and decamped. Without Mr. J. P. VanVleck's knowledge or consent they borrowed a few tools of him for their nefarious deed. Mr. Woodbury and E. T. Stoneburner started out in pursuit the day following, but failed to overhaul the guilty parties.

G. E. Newman and James Gillie<sup>s</sup> were at First lank fishing a few days<sup>s</sup> last week and had pretty good luck. "Come near freezing" however, which reminds us that we had a couple of cool days once upon a time.

James Scott was in Janesville a few days ago looking and talking of going to California.

The Assessor has been making his rounds.

A piece of corn over in the town of Dunkirk is tasseling out.

Mrs. Rice is having an outing this week.

A field of corn in this vicinity has been cut by frost.

Haying is in progress. Crops light but nice.

Jim Sweeney has a nice baby boy.

School closes next week.

trouble the party may be at.

Walter McFarlane. □

COOKSVILLE

—Mr. Mayo has rented his house for a year to Mr. Williams, who comes from Indianford.

—Mortimer VanVleck had a colt badly injured by getting on a barbed wire. The wound was sewed up and they think it will survive.

—A number are getting ready for the "Fresh Air" children, it will be one more little ripple for our village.

—Mrs Maggie Alford and children are again down to cheer her father's home.

—The hum of the thresher is heard and the whistle just delights the "small boy" and things are lively, no "soft snap" around the steam threshing machine.

—Annie Soverhill and children are up from Janesville to spend a month with her brother Eddie Porter who is not well.

—We have found a man who voted for "Tippecanoe and Tyler too" but who assures us that he is through voting for "coon skins and hard cider" and if he lives to go to the polls in November he will vote for Fisk and Brooks, the only straight temperance ticket.

—A very fine talk on "A woman's why" was given by Mrs. Williams to our Prohibition Club at the last meeting. Our next meeting is two weeks from the last, and let the bell ring as often as possible for Prohibition. Mr. and Mrs. Will Leedle and Ethel VanVleck are the committee and a fine program is in preparation. All come out and have a good time.

—What's the matter with J. P. VanVleck. He's all right, only he won't get one of those little badges to wear.

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COOKSVILLE.

—Mr. Charles Miller is very seriously sick. Dr. Evans attends him but Dr Palmer, of Janesville, will be here to-day as council. It is sincerely hoped he may recover.

—Mr. Frank Newman, who has been visiting his parents for a few weeks starts for his home in Dakota this week. He takes a car with him loaded with farming implements and a span of horses.

—Mr. J. H. Porter, has been quit sick for a number of days but is improving now it was throat and lung difficulty.

—Miss Susie Porter, entertained a party of ladies Saturday afternoon and evening.

—Eugene VanVleck, is very poorly again, he has been sick most of the winter.

—There has been a more than unusual amount of sickness among the children here this winter, nothing dangerous, but lung and throat diseases that have kept them indoors for a time they are all improving now.

—Mrs. Kemp and her...

## COOKSVILLE.

MARCH 21.—Old lady Hanson is very low with no hopes of her recovery. She has been very poorly all winter and is growing weaker.

Mr. Newell is congratulating himself that his tobacco is all sorted and ready for the buyer that offers him ten cents a pound.

Eugene VanVleck is quite bad again this spring, coughs badly and is confined to the house.

There was no G. T. Lodge last Saturday eve on account of most of the members going to Indian Ford where the Dramatic Club gave their entertainment to a small but highly gratified audience. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson furnished the instrumental music.

A woodshed is the building now in process of erection for the Lutheran church. Workmen will soon begin on the church proper.

Susie and Frank Porter have returned from their visit with happy faces. They had a good time.

The members of the Dramatic Club are so sorry they offended Daniel Webster when they declined his polite offer to sing for them, for he has given them such a good send off that it is too bad he is not one of them as he wished to be.

The wedding cards of Miriam Graves and Albert Gilley are out for March 31st. "So mote it be."

Miss Avis Savage closed her term of school in Dist. No. 8 last Saturday with graduating exercises. Winnie J. Smart acquitted himself finely and received his diploma.

March 25, 1892, p. 4, col. 3, Enterprise, Evansville,

COOKSVILLE

—Last Thursday was the day all were looking to to determine what the rest of the winter would be. It must have satisfied all for it was disagreeable and stormy all day. The old bear could not even get his nose out.

—Charles Miller had a bad sick spell last week, it was feared that his old disease was threatening him. Dr. Evans was called and we are glad to write that he is better.

—G. E. Newman lost his best cow last week, cause of death not known.

—We hear that the Masons intend giving a party some time in the near future.

—Will Allen surprised the village by driving his team after the school children last Thursday.

—A short call on Mr. Morgan found him well and very cheerful although he has lost a limb this fall.

—Most of the sick are better, Lynn Whaley sits up some now. Whooping cough is in nearly every family where there are children.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lys Miller, from Milton, Sundayed with Miss Avis Savage last week.

—Joseph Porter and sons Will and Jo. have sold their tobacco, forty-five acres in all. Quite a quantity to get over these awful roads.

—Lynn Whaley has collected and sent the crippled boy in Palmyra, Oliver Smith by name, over five hundred cancelled postage stamps.

—Dudley Van Vleck has rented a farm near Evansville and will soon move. We shall miss them.

—Jimmy Hanson has been afflicted with an abscess on the lungs and one in his head. He is not able to eat anything but oranges.

**Cooksville Conflagration.**

DEC. 5, 1893—The Opera house block, better known as the Cooksville auditorium, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The building was a large two-story structure on corner of Main street and Waucoma avenue. The fire was suppose to have originated in the boiler room of VanPatten & Newkirks, Lard Rendering establishment, which occupied the first floor of the entire building. The Opera hall covered the second story and was under the management of our esteemed fellow-townsmen, Mr. J. P. VanVleck, whose genial and urbane manner has endeared him to all.

Fire Warden Whaley was first to discover the blaze and after partaking of an early breakfast promptly called out the entire department, but the fire was beyond control before they got there with the "Invigorated Squirt" ready for action.

With a degree of forethought worthy of better cause. Mr. E. T. Stoneburner suggested the hook and ladder company an organization of which everyone seemed to be justly proud. Some delay ensued in trying to find the janitor of Pioneer Hook and Ladder company No 1's building, but at last he was secured after he had gone home for the key. Mr. Stoneburner then ran swiftly down the street to awaken the foreman, but after he had dressed himself carefully and inquired anxiously about the fire he said he was the foreman since the 2nd of last April. On the streets was all confusion. The hoarse cry of fire had been taken up by the excited crowd and passed from one to another until it had swollen into a dull roar. The cry of fire in a small town is always a grand sight. As the devouring elements burst through the roof of the building, the

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E M STEBBINS  
dealer in  
Soft and hard coal, ice cream, wood, lime, cement, perfumery, nails, putty, spectacles and tomato catsup, chocolate caramels and tar roofing, hides, tallow and maple syrup, fine gold jewelry, silverware, salt, glue, codfish and gents neck wear, full line of patent medicines, diseases of horses and children a specialty,

Meantime the fire fiend continued to rise up ever and anon on its hind feet and lick up chicken crate after chicken crate, in close proximity to the doomed building. By this time the Hook and Ladder company had got to the fire and were soon ready for action, but refused to enter the burning building. It was discovered that some valuables had been left in the office of VanPatten & Co's. Packing establishment. 'Twas a thrilling sight to see Mr. VanPatten as he entered the burning building and in the full glare of the devouring element rushed out with a link of bologna and a summer ulster. This was greeted by a wild applause from the bystanders, during which the Hook and Ladder company fell over each other and added to the horror of the scene by a mad burst of male blue profanity. Twice Mr. Van-

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Just as the town seemed doomed, the fire company came rushing down the street wrapped in heavy rubber suits, and physical calm, and after discussing the valuation of the building for a time began to twist the tail of the fire head. It was a thrilling sight as Mr. Jack Robinson (foreman of Company A) ascended one of the ladders and at the height of seven feet from the ground fell off again, and was encircled by the large and aristocratic audience.

This morning a space 28 feet long and 16 feet wide, where but yesterday, all was joy, prosperity, and beauty, is covered over with blackened ruins. Mr. Van Vleck is quite overcome with grief over the loss of his building, but assures us that if he is successful in getting the full amount of his insurance, he will take the money and erect two blocks, either of which will be far more imposing than the one destroyed by fire this morning. The Red Wolf Comedy company was just closing a four week's engagement in the opera house and sustained a heavy loss, Bertie Love, a member of the company, lost his entire wardrobe which consisted of a very fine gauze undershirt tattooed with red paint which he valued very highly and one which he always wore in his great scalp-dance act.

Van Patten & Company also met with a heavy loss as most of their stock and machinery were destroyed with only a few hundred dollars insurance on same. We understand that a movement is on foot to give a literary and musical entertainment to raise funds for those who suffered the heaviest losses, at which the ex-Prohibition Glee club has consented to sing "When The Robins Nest Again" and in his honor the village justice will deliver a fitting address for the occasion. A. G. Franklin and William Johnson will give a joint talk on the care of Stockers, and fall Shoats, which no doubt will be interesting, Ellen Love has promised to recite "Ostler Joe" a selection which never fails to offend the best people everywhere. D. M. Johnson will recite the beautiful poem entitled "Queen Of The Meadow" which is a nice thing when recited well, and is also good when taken internally. The Admission will be 25 cents to all parts of the house. Everybody should turn out. \*\*

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Fire at Cooksville.

The fire fiend struck Cooksville Wednesday morning and burnt out the meat market of VanPatten & Newkirk. How the fire originated is not known, but a defective flue is supposed to be the cause. It appears that after a fire was built early that morning, Van Patten went to breakfast and when he returned to the shop found it was in flames in the inside, and before anything could be saved, the roof fell in consuming every thing.

The second story of the building has been used by an Indian doctor for lecturing purposes, and therein was a valuable assortment of old and rare coins, medicines, paraphernalia, etc., which was a total loss to the doctor.

The building was owned by Mr. J. P. VanVleck and on which there was an insurance of nearly \$300. An insurance on goods in the meat shop was carried by Mr. Matter of Brodhead.

The destruction of this building removes one of the oldest landmarks in that village, and is the second fire which has ever appeared there to destroy property. The one previous to this was a dwelling house for Mr. Allen Hoxie in the '60's. This building was erected sometime in 1845, by Messrs. Stoughton & Lawrence, and occupied by J. D. Chambers who kept a general merchandise store. Since then it has been occupied as a store by several different people till of late years it was used by present owner as a storage building. Its reminiscences are many and the old settlers can relate many incidents which have happened within the walls during the territorial times of the state.

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### COOKSVILLE.

The grand lecturer of the Y. O. G. T. will give a lecture here Tuesday evening Dec. 19. After the lecture a social will be held in the basement. All are invited to come and have a good time..... The A. P. A's elected officers last Friday evening. Chas. Miller was chosen as president.....Mr. Van-Vleck will get no insurance on his building that was burned last Wednesday, as it was insured as a dwelling house, but used as a meat market and public hall, so we are informed..... All the children that were given a cent to use for Sunday school work are requested to be at Sunday school next Sunday.....Rev. Washburn from the Universalist church in Stoughton, preaches here next Sunday evening....

....Mrs. Miller has been very sick....

....Mrs. Electa Savage has been kept indoors two weeks with a bad cold....

James Gillies and daughter Beth are both sick.....Jack Robertson is just able to be out after a siege of sickness.....Mr. Rice is getting better under the care of Dr. Red Wolf.

### Now Try This.

It will cost you nothing and will surely do you good, if you have a cough, Cold, or any trouble with Throat, Chest or Lungs. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to give relief, or money will be paid back. Sufferers from La Grippe found it just the thing and under its use had a speedy and perfect recovery. Try a sample bottle at our expense and learn for yourself just how good a thing it is. Trial bottles free at J. M. EVANS' Drug Store. Large size 50c. and \$1.00.

Calkins has a new lot of Sorghum syrups and New Orleans molasses just opened.

E. J. Ballard has the finest display

100 acre farm, every 1000 acres with good tools and crops at a reasonable figure and v 160 acres 4 miles from Oregon, two house only \$33 per acre, terms easy, would take vi 100 acres 2½ miles north of Brooklyn. I \$60 per acre. Terms very easy.

116 acres, adjoining village limits, Evans \$70 per acre.

121 acres, 3 miles S. W. Oregon, good lan easy, would take village property part pay.

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### COOKSVILLE.

The whist club met at Mrs. Ellen Love's last Saturday night, and at Mrs. D. W. Johnson's Wednesday evening. Mr. E. M. Stebbins won the prize at the last named meeting. Miss Ella Morgan will entertain the club next Wednesday. ....Mrs. Electa Savage is still confined to the house with the grippe....

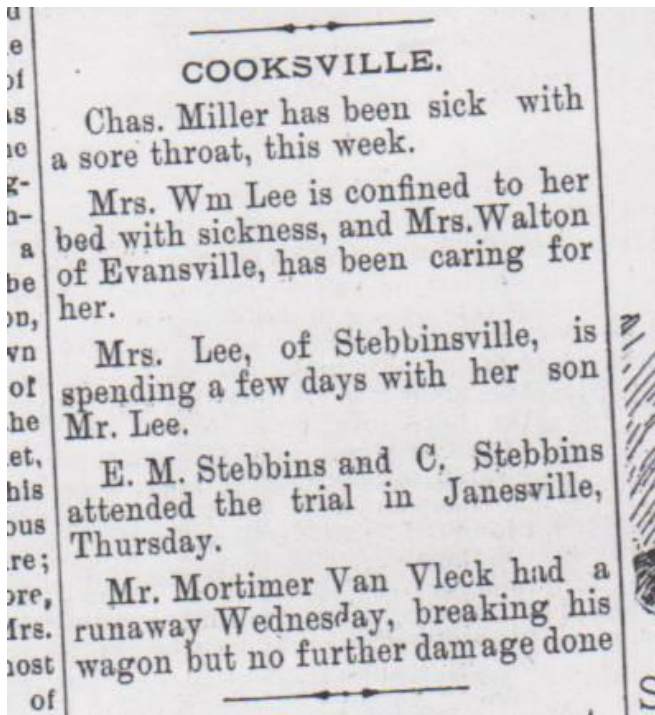
....Dr. Redwing's company will begin their entertainments again next week. We have not learned what hall they will occupy yet.....The date of the Musicial and Literary entertainment for the benefit of the fire sufferers has been put over another week. By order of committee.....Rev. Mr. Washburn, Universalist minister of Stoughton, will speak in the Congregational church next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock....

....Mr. E. T. Stoneburner wishes us to announce that he has a plush raspberry colored cow, nine years old, for sale. She is a high kicker, and gives milk frequently. To any man who is not afraid of death she is a great bargain. She is very much attracted to her house at present by means of a stay chain. She is one fourth shorthorn and three fourths hyena. Mr. S. will also throw in a 16 shot back action Winchester, (old pattern) which goes with her. In May she generally goes away for a week or two and returns with a tall red calf with mobby legs. Her name is Bess and Mr. S. prefers to sell her to some one living outside the state. DKW

December 15, 1893, Enterprise, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

D. A. Van Vleck and family moved in R. R. Winston's house on Water Street.

September 19, 1896, the Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin



April 30, 1897, Enterprise, p. 4, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Pearl Van Vleck closed a successful term of school in the Holt district yesterday. She has been engaged for the spring term.

April 6, 1901, The Badger, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Clara Chapel resigned as public librarian to attend nursing school in Chicago. Miss Pearl Van Vleck, after attending a librarian's school in Madison for six weeks will take Miss Chapel's place at the library.

June 29, 1901, The Badger, Evansville, Wisconsin

Miss Clara Chapel after serving two years as librarian very faithfully and satisfactorily has resigned and will attend a nurses training school in Chicago. Miss Pearl Van Vleck is her successor as librarian.

July 2, 1901, The Tribune, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

John Van Vleck has resigned as mail clerk on the railroad and accepted a position with the Baker Mfg. Co.

January 29, 1904, Tribune/Enterprise

## COOKSVILLE.

A hard rain Tuesday night kept the farmers in the house the following day and kept them from attending the special sales in the Evansville department stores.

Oscar Fursett has been very sick. An Evansville physician is attending him.

Mrs. Belle Gillies starts next week for an extended trip east to Baltimore, Washington, Boston and on to Maine, then to New York, where her daughter Ina resides, and who is coming back with her.

A Norwegian social was held in the basement of the English church Tuesday afternoon.

Nels Moe is kept very busy grading different lots in the cemetery and getting them in shape for decoration day.

A recent letter from Mrs. Evelyn Mayo, tells us that fruit of all kinds near Barnes, Kan., is killed, and gardening planted over and still cold.

A few years ago it was hard to get dandelions for greens, now our square is yellow with blossoms and the grass is getting thin.

Mr. Van Vleck is improving and is now able to be out of doors when it is warm enough.

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**From:** Gay Davis [mailto:gdavis99@prodigy.net]  
**Sent:** Thu 7/1/2004 11:37 AM  
**To:** Ruth Montgomery  
**Subject:** Re: Van Vleck

**Excellent, Ruth. Thank you. It looks like two of the boys, Eugene and Mortimer never married and Melvin died in the Civil War. Do you have any information on Wisconsin men in the Civil War? He was in Co C, 40th Wis GAR.**

Gay

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Ruth Montgomery](#)

**To:** [Gay Davis](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2004 8:38 AM

**Subject:** Van Vleck

Cooksville:

A most pleasant gathering convened at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Van Vleck in the early part of last week to commemorate their golden wedding anniversary. Some golden spectacles were left behind to remind them of the event. The best good wishes of all present and many others attend the pair in their journey of life together.

Evansville Review, January 1892, Evansville, Wisconsin

**I saw that after I emailed you. Thank you for your postings. Are there other sources I should be checking?**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [montgomery.ruthann@als.lib.wi.us](mailto:montgomery.ruthann@als.lib.wi.us)

**To:** [Gay Davis](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2004 7:36 AM

**Subject:** Re: Van Vleck

Gay, the following VAn Vlecks are buried in the Cooksville Cemetery.

17-18-01	VanVleck	Eugene F.	1846	1927	
17-18-03	VanVleck	John P.	Mar 24, 1818	Sep 7, 1910	
17-18-05	VanVleck	Melvin James	Jan 5, 1842	July 16, 1864	Co C 40 Wis GAR (no stone/monument)
17-18-04	VanVleck	Mortimer D.	1848	1927	
17-18-02	VanVleck	Rachel L. Ashton	Mar 24 1822	Aug 13, 1901	

Rachel L. is listed as the wife of John.

This appears to be the marriage of their son Dudley that was posted on Roots Web

MARRIED In Janesville, August 29th, by Rev. M. Manwell, Mr. Dudley Van Vleck to Anna Galt, all of Cooksville.

September 4, 1866, Evansville Citizen, Evansville, Wis

The following VAn Vlecks are buried in the Maple Hill Cemetery in Evansville:

Dudley A. Van Vleck, 1884-1909, Civil War

Annie S. Van Vleck (Galt), wife of Dudley A. 1846 - March 8, 1928 (Anna Van Vleck is listed in the 1928 burials in Maple Hill Cemetery

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=message&r=rw&p=localities.northam.usa.states.wisconsin.counties.rock&m=3277>

Winifred A. Van Vleck, 1883 - Jan. 2, 1924

Zadia Van Vleck, 1875-1877

Marian Van Vleck, 1871-1877

John G. Van Vleck, 1877- March 17, 1956

There is also this notice of the marriage of Dudley & Annie's daughter's marriage to Henry Porter:

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=message&r=rw&p=localities.northam.usa.states.wisconsin.counties.rock&m=696.1.1>

Cooksville

A very pleasant company assembled at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Van Vleck, Wednesday evening to witness the marriage of their eldest daughter Miss Ethel to Mr. Henry Porter. About forty relatives and friends were present on the festive occasion. The brides two little sisters, aged seven and nine years stood by the side of them. Mr. John Porter, of Evansville, was the best man and Miss Myrtle Dow, of Madison, was the bridesmaid. The parlor was a profusion of flowers and while Mrs. Williams was playing the wedding march the young people walked into the room and took their stand under a flower arch between the folding doors. Rev. B. F. Brown of Janesville performed the ceremony which made them man and wife. The many useful and ornamental presents they received were testimonials of the high esteem the young couple are held in here. The elaborate and delicious wedding supper was highly complimented by all the partakers and great credit is due to the managers of the occasion. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Porter will be pleased to hear that they will continue to reside in this place.

May 28, 1889, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

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**From:** Gay Davis <gdavis99@prodigy.net>

**Date:** Thursday, July 1, 2004 1:50 am

**Subject:** Van Vleck

➤ Dear Ruth Ann,

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> I am researching the Van Vleck family in Rock County, Wisconsin

> (Porter and Cooksville and later Evansville). Rachael Van Vleck,

> wife of John P., was Rachael "Lockey" Ashton from Cayuga County,

> New York.  
> I am interested in any information on her family. She and John  
> had at least 4 children: Melvin, Dudley, Eugene, and Mortimer but  
> I only find later information on Dudley. I noticed you had posted  
> several items about the family but could not tell if you were  
> posting newspaper items or had a particular interest in the Van  
> Vleck family.  
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> I find the family in the 1850, 1860, 1870 censuses for Porter and  
> the 1880 for Cooksville.  
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> Thank you for any help you may be able to give me.  
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> Gay Wickersham Davis, Ph.D.  
> Washington State  
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## DEATH OF JOHN P. VAN VLECK

John P. Van Vleck, one of the oldest settlers in Rock county, died at his home in Cooksville, Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 6, 1910, at the age of 92 years.

He was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., Mar. 24, 1818. His parents were of Dutch decent, coming from Holland at an early day and settling in New York. He was one of a family of eleven children. He was married Jan. 5, 1841, to Rachel Lockey Ashton and four children were born to them, two of whom having gone before, and the oldest son having died in the Civil war.

Mr. Van Vleck came west in 1846 and settled in Cooksville where he has since made his home. He owned a farm at that place but was engaged for the most part in the manufacture of corn and potato planters. He was a man of retiring habits but kind and thoughtful of his friends. He lived a clean and upright life and was liked by all who knew him.

He leaves two sons to mourn his death, Mortimer and Eugene, who have always made their home with him. The interment was in Cooksville.

September 8, 1910, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

On January 2, Winifred Van Vleck departed this world, having fought a brave and patient fight for the life she loved so well but could not hold.

She was born in Cooksville, Wisconsin but when small the family moved to Evansville, where she attended the schools until graduation at the High School in the class of 1902. For a time she was employed at the Bank of Evansville, but a college education had always been her desire and aim and after a short time she entered Beloit College but finished her course at the University of Wisconsin. She taught in the high schools of Edgerton, Racine and Des Plaines. With a wealth of versatility and a purpose to constantly accomplish greater things and urged, even then, by poor health, she left the teaching profession and took a course in photography. In company

with a close friend she bought a studio in Harvard, Ill., and here she lived and worked until the time of her death.

Success greeted her in all her undertakings because she had the determination and willingness to work. A strong, personality dominating in its forcefulness and gentleness gave her many friends who hold her in deep affection. It can be said of her, as it was of a soldier boy laid away on the hills of France, "Loving, Lovable, Loved."

She leaves to mourn her going her mother, Mrs. D. A. Van Vleck and one brother, John, both of Harvard, Ill.; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Porter of Evansville and Mrs. Walter Pflaum of Wauwatosa.

Services were held at the home Jan. 4, and a short service at Evansville, at the home of George L. Pullen. Interment at Maple Hill Cemetery.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends, those who sent flowers or assisted us or remembered us in any way in our sorrow.

Mrs. D. A. Van Vleck, Mr. John G. Van Vleck, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pflaum, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Porter and family.

January 10, 1924, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin