



Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum

Vanderveer House and Museum Timeline

- 1743 Jacobus VDV, Sr. purchases property on west side of river from Daniel Axtell.
- 1759 Jacobus VDV, Sr. dies and wills property to his son, Jacobus VDV, Jr. (relevant documents: will) Jacob Vanderveer - Private in Captain Simon Duryee's Company, 2nd Regiment, Somerset County Militia. Was in active service in the alarm at Raritan Landing on January 3, 1781 (NJSA: Rev. War slip). Applied for damages as a result of the British during the war. Catherine VanDerveer - As "Widdow Vandivere" sold one hogshead and two barrels for 4-12-6 to the continental army for "backing beef" in December of 1778. (Quartermaster's records, National Archives)
- 1777 - Samuel Sutphen, a New Jersey slave during the Revolution, describes a skirmish in the area, referencing Van Derveer's mills. August 22, 1778 - Jacobus Van Derveer paid by quartermasters for pasturing cattle (Dunham collection, Rutgers University). October 30, 1778 - Sidney Berry to Moore Furman. The quartermaster's proposes to store grain at several area mills, including Mr. VanderVeers Mills near Pluckemin." 18th century / early 19th century census records and tax ratables (or Jacobus, James, Elias, Widow, and Henry Vanderveer). Family genealogy for Jacobus and Elias Vanderveer.
- 1810 James Jacobus Vanderveer dies and wills property to his son, Henry S. (relevant documents: will and inventory)
- 1812 Henry S. Vanderveer dies and wills property to his daughter, Mary (relevant documents; will and inventory)
- 1830 - 1832 - Margaret Mellick and her husband Abram Huff rent property.
- 1833 Mary Hardenburg Vanderveer sells property to Dr. Henry Vanderveer (Elias' son).(relevant document deed)
- 1868 Dr. Henry VDV dies; will is disputed.
- 1875 - Decision is reached calling for Dr. Henry's property to be sold at auction, and the proceeds to go to the nephews/nieces. Based on info in the final agreement, it appears that Israel Schenck, one of the nephews, had taken care of the property in the 1868-1875 period and had rented out the property. (relevant documents: final agreement, map showing land in Bedminster Twp.)
- 1875 - Henry Ludlow buys property at auction (relevant documents: deed - Census records for Henry Ludlow).
- 1909 - Henry Ludlow sells property to Frank A. Ballantine (relevant document: deed) Frank Ballantine "repaired the house, stuccoed the exterior, and added some porches." (NPS records, Morristown)
- 1916 Frank A. Ballantine sells property to Grant B. Schley (relevant document: deed)
- 1917 Grant B. Schley dies and passes property to his son, Kenneth B. Schley, Sr. Prior to World War II, the property was utilized for both hunting and polo matches. Kenneth B. Schley, Jr. (Grant's grandson) remembers collecting rent in the 1950s from Virginia Brice, the tenant who lived in the house. The daughter of the houndsman who kept the hunting dogs; Ms. Brice built a stable in rear of property.
- 1935 - house described and photo documented by NPS Morristown personnel
- 1989 Township buys property with Green Acres funds.

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