

Louis A. Vandale

Pioneer of 1815

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Two Louis Vandale [aka Vandal/Vandale/Vandalle]:

The presence of two Louis Vandale's on the prairie led to confusion for researchers tracking them through early Oregon Territory records. Louis A. Vandale (1796-1862) was often called "the elder" or "of Lac la Biche" to distinguish him from his younger cousin. From 1815-1821 he was with the Northwest Company in the Columbia District. In 1822 he became a milieu with the Hudsons Bay Company. After his retirement he took up a claim in the swampy southern part of the prairie on Lake Labish and became a naturalized citizen in 1851. He is often show with a middle initial of A, with Louis Vandal "the younger" having a middle intial of B which leads to speculation that these initials were adopted as an additional means of identifying the two rather than representing actual middle names.

Louis B. Vandale (1819-1859), often referred to as "the younger" was an engage of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1838 as a middleman. He remained in that position until 1843/4 when he took up a claim a short distance from Woodburn. He first married Cecile McDonald, metises daughter of Chief Trader Allan McDonald. She died in 1848, leaving two living children. He then married Marie Anne Delard, daughter of Joseph Delard, aged about thirteen. She bore him six children. Vandale was stabbed to death in an argument with Tobias Machetti in 1859. His widow married Medard Foisy. After the death of Foisy she married again to Joseph Morrel

See bottom of this file for Vandal Family Tree compiled by Prof. Raymonde Gauthier documenting ancestry of the two Louis Vandal families

Louis A. Vandale

b. 1796 Quebec, Canada

d. 28 Sep 1862 Marion County, Oregon

s/o Antoine Vandal and Genevieve Felix/Poliquin aka Phoenix/Polliquin

m1. 22 Feb 1819 Sorel, Quebec, Canada

Catherine Bernier

b. c1804

d. 19 Oct 1820

d/o Joseph Bernier and Agathe Jolin

m2. c1830 Oregon Territory

Catharine Porteuse/Nankaselias, a Carrier woman

b. 1810 Oregon Territory

d. 09 May 1866 St. Louis, Marion County, Oregon

1840: at Vancouver where children were baptized

1840: Both Louis B. Vandalle and Louis A. Vandalle were noted in Matthieu's account books in 1840.

1850: Marion County, Oregon, February 1, 1851; Louis A. Vandalle, 47, farmer, \$4000, Canada; Catharine, 40, OT; Louis, 17, OT; Genevieve, 11, OT; Marie, 9, OT; Catharine, 3, OT

1860: Labish, Marion County, Oregon, June 26, 1860; A. Delore, 25, farmer, \$1000 \$355, OR; M. Delore, 18, f, OR; Unnamed Delore, 1, m, OR; L. Vandall, 75, farmer, Canada; Cath Vandall[Catharine], 13, OR; unnamed Vandall, 15, f, OR; unnamed Vandall, 13, m, OR; Lewy Vandall, 30, Canada; Zana Vandall, 33, OR; B. Delore, 36, OR; unnamed Delore, 32, f, OR; unnamed Delore, 6, f, OR; unnamed Delore, 4, m, OR; unnamed Delore, 2, f, OR

[a handwritten note at the bottom of the census record states: "where the given name is blank it was from inability of persons from whom the information was collected to give the name in English"]

***"Vandalle, Louis [a] [variation: Vandal, Vandale, Vandal] (c. 1800 - 1862) (Canadian: French)***

***Birth: probably in or near Sorel or Lac La Biche, Lower Canada - c. 1800***

***Death: St. Louis, Oregon - September 28, 1862***

***Fur trade employee***

*1815-1821 NWC Employee, Columbia District*

*1821-1822 HBC Middleman, New Caledonia*

*1822-1823 Middleman, Fort Babine [Fort Kilmaurs]*

*1823-1824 Middleman, New Caledonia*

*1824-1825 Middleman, Fort St. James*

*1825-1828 Middleman, New Caledonia*

*1825 Labourer, Fort Babine [Fort Kilmaurs]*

*1829-1831 Untraced vocation, New Caledonia*

*1831-1842 Boute, New Caledonia*

*1841-1842 Settler, Willamette*

*Louis Vandal [a] joined the NWC in 1815 most likely as a middleman, and later the HBC in 1821. In the late fall of 1822, he helped to build a new post at the north end of Babine Lake. He served through until 1827 when he deserted and lived with the natives for the better part of a year. However, he returned to work with the Company. Later he took a claim on the swampy southern part of French Prairie, Oregon [lac La Biche aka Lake Labish], where he farmed, and became a naturalized U.S. Citizen in 1851. He died in the St. Louis parish on September 28, 1862. Louis Vandalle had one wife [he had at least two wives] and five recorded children. On June 19, 1841 at St. Paul, Oregon, he formalized his marriage to Unat/Catherine Porteuse/Nankas Elias, Carrier (c.1801-66). Their recorded children were Louis (c.1834-52); Genevieve (1839-?), Marie (1842-?), Cecile (1844-?) and Catherine (1847-?). Catherine Porteuse died on May 9, 1866 at St. Louis.*

*PS: HBCA FtStJmsLS 1; YFASA 1-2, 47, 11-14, 19-21; FtBabPJ 1; YFDS 2b, 3b, 4b-7; FtStJmsRD 3; FtStJmsCB 6; FtVanASA 2-6; HBCABio; OHS 1850 US Census, Oregon*

*Territory, Marion Co. PPS: CCR 1a, 2a, 3a*” [Lives Lived West of the Divide by Bruce Watson McIntyre p. 953]

Children of Louis Vandale and Catherine Porteuse:

1. Louis Vandale
- b. 1833 Oregon
- d. 1852

1840: “Louis Vendal. This 17 Jun, 1840, we priest undersigned have baptized Louis, aged 6 years and a half, natural son of Louis Vendal and Unat Carrier woman. Godfather Louis Brown who has not known how to sign.” [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick Vancouver I p. 60 B-25]

1850: Marion County, Oregon, February 1, 1851; Louis A. Vandalle, 47, farmer, \$4000, Canada; Catharine, 40, OT; Louis, 17, OT; Genevieve, 11, OT; Marie, 9, OT; Catharine, 3, OT

2. Genevieve Vandale
- b. Sep 1839 Oregon
- d. Marion County, Oregon

m. 07 Nov 1853 Marion County, Oregon  
Louis Pichette  
b. 1832 Canada  
d. Jul 1857 St. Paul, Marion County, Oregon  
s/o Louis Pichette dit Dupre and Marguerite Bercier

m2. 04 Aug 1857 St. Louis, Marion County, Oregon  
Louis Poirer (aka Poirier, Poyer)  
b. 1805  
d. Oregon

1840: “Genevieve Vendal. This 17 Jun, 1840, we priest undersigned have baptized Genevieve, aged 10 months, natural daughter of Louis Vendal and Unat Carrier woman. Godfather Louis Brown who has not known how to sign.” [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick Vancouver I p. 60 B-26]

1850: Marion County, Oregon, February 1, 1851; Louis A. Vandalle, 47, farmer, \$4000, Canada; Catharine, 40, OT; Louis, 17, OT; Genevieve, 11, OT; Marie, 9, OT; Catharine, 3, OT

1853: The 7 November 1853 after the publication of 3 banns of marriage made at the sermon of our parish masses of St. Louis and St. Paul three consecutive Sundays,

between Louis Pichette, of age son of the living Louis Pichette dit Dupre and Marguerite Bercier, inhabitants of the parish of St. Paul on the one part and Genevieve Vandale, minor daughter of the living Louis Vandale of Lake LaBiche and Catherine Porteur of the parish of St. Louis and by the consent of whom it proceeds on the other part; not having discovered any impediment, we undersigned parish priest of St. Louis have received their mutual consent to marriage and have given them the nuptial benediction in the presence of M. I. A. Lebas, priest, who has signed with us, Louis Pichette, father of the groom, Louis Vandale, father of the bride, Francois Bernier, Louis Aussan, William Tison and Nancy Humpherville.” [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick St. Louis I p. 57 M-13]

1857: “The 04 Aug 1857 we undersigned priest of St. Louis after having granted the dispensation of three banns, nor having furthermore, encountered any impediment, have received the mutual consent to marriage of Louis Poirer of the parish of St. Louis of age son of Toussaint Poirer and of Catherine, Indian, on the one part; and of Genevieve Vandale, widow of Louis Pichette on the other part; and have given them the nuptial benediction in the presence of Joseph Dellart and of Louis Vandale who could not sign.” [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick St. Louis I p. 104 M-4]

Children of Louis Pichette and Genevieve Vandale:

- i. Louis Pichette
- b. 08 Apr 1855 Marion County, Oregon
- d.

“The 9 April 1855 we undersigned parish priest of St. Louis have baptized Louis born the day before of the legitimate marriage of Louis Pichette and of Genevieve Vandale, inhabitants of this parish. The godfather has been Louis Vandale of Lake LaBiche and the godmother Marguerite Bercier who could not sign.” [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick St. Louis I p. 74 B-18]

Children of Louis Poirer and Genevieve Vandale:

- i. Marie Poirer
- b. 21 Oct 1867 Marion County, Oregon
- d.

1867: “The November 1867 we undersigned parish priest of St. Louis baptized Marie, born the 21 of October last of the legitimate marriage of Louis Poirer and og Genevieve Vandale of Polk County. Godfather J.B. Vandale, godmother Cecile Dellart” [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick St. Louis I p. 201 B-22]

ii. Catherine Poirer

b. 22 May 1871 Marion County, Oregon

d.

1871: "The 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1871. We the undersigned Parish Priest of Salem, have baptized Catherine, born the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May last of Louis Poirer and Genevieve Vandal. Sponsors P. Basil De Lord [Delard. De Lore] & Rosa Poirier." [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick Salem p. 29 B-17]

iii. Clodio Poirer

b. Feb. 1874 Marion County, Oregon

d. Nov 1875 St. Louis, Marion County, Oregon

1874: "On the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 1874. I the undersigned Priest solemnly baptized Clodio of 4 months, the lawful son of Louis Querrier [Poirer] and Genevieve Vandal of this Parish. The Sponsors were Bernard and Deliar Chorris." [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick Salem p. 41 B-7]

1875: "November 7, 1875 has buried in the cemetery of this parish the body of Claud, about 2 years old, son of Louis Poirrier and Genevieve Vendale." [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick St. Louis II p. 66 S-10]

iv. Antoine Poirier

b.

d. 22 Dec 1875 Polk County, Oregon

1875: "December 24, 1875 has buried in the cemetery of this parish the body of Antoine Poirrier, son of Poirrier and Genevieve Vandale, deceased in Polk county the 22<sup>nd</sup> day instant." [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick St. Louis II p. 68 S-16]

v. Noemi Poirer

b. 02 Jan 1877 Marion County, Oregon

d. 11 Sep 1877 Marion County, Oregon

1877: "February 6, 1877 we the undersigned have baptized Noemi born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January of the lawful marriage of Louis Poirier and Genevieve Vandale. Sponsors: Joseph and Moemi Lord." [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick Gervais p. 14 B-33]

1877: "September 11, 1877 Aleimy [sic-Noemi] Poirer has been buried in the grave yard of this parish the body of Aleimy, age 9 months, deceased the day previous, daughter of Louis Poirrier and Genevieve Vandale." [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick St. Louis II p. 76 S-9]

3. Marie Vandale

b. 1841 Oregon

d.

1850: Marion County, Oregon, February 1, 1851; Louis A. Vandalle, 47, farmer, \$4000, Canada; Catharine, 40, OT; Louis, 17, OT; Genevieve, 11, OT; Marie, 9, OT; Catharine, 3, OT

1859: “The 8 February 1859, we undersigned priest have baptized Joseph born the 3 of this month of Marie Vandale of this parish and of an unknown father, the godfather Louis Poirer and the godmother Genevieve Vendale who could not sign.” [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick St. Louis I p.127 B-6]

4. Cecile Vandale

b. 06 Aug 1844 Marion County, Oregon

d. before 1850 Marion County, Oregon

“Cecile Vendale. This 11 August 1844, we priest undersigned have baptized Cecile, born the 6<sup>th</sup> of this month of the legitimate marriage of Louis Vendale, farmer and of Catherine Porteuse. Godfather Louis Vendale, the younger, godmother Cecile McDonnell who as well as the father have not known how to sign.” [Catholic Church Records of the Pacific NW by Munnick St. Paul I p. 101 B-30]

5. Catherine Vandale

b. 1847 Oregon

d.

1850: Marion County, Oregon, February 1, 1851; Louis A. Vandalle, 47, farmer, \$4000, Canada; Catharine, 40, OT; Louis, 17, OT; Genevieve, 11, OT; Marie, 9, OT; Catharine, 3, OT

## **Vandal Family Tree**

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Francois Vandal

m. 1680 Neuville, Quebec, Canada

Madeleine Pinell

Child of Francois Vandal and Medeleine Pinell

1. Francois Vandal

b.

d. 1742

m. 1716 Neuville, Quebec, Canada

Antoinette Ripault/Rollet

Children of Francois Vandal and Antoinette Ripault/Rollet:

2-i. Francois Xavier Vandal (1716- )

m. 1752 Neuville, Quebec, Canada

Francoise Grenon

Child of Francois Vandal and Francoise Grenon:

3-i-i. Francois Vandal

m. 1782 Baie St. Paul, Quebec, Canada

Josephte Fortin

2-ii. Jean Baptiste Vandal (1717-1773)

m1.1749 Neuville, Quebec, Canada

Angelique Auger

m2. 1766 St. Charles sur Richelieu, Quebec, Canada

Marie Guegin/Laterreur

Children of Jean Baptiste Vandal and Angelique Auger:

3-ii-i. Antoine Vandal (1762- )

m. 1785 Sorel

Genevieve Felix/Peloquin

Children of Antoine Vandal and Genevieve Felix/Peloquin:

4-ii-i-i. **Louis Vandal (1796- )**: In NW same time as cousin

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m. 1819 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Catherine Bernier

4-ii-i-ii. Antoine Marie Vandal (1787- )

m. 1803 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Marguerite Chalifoux

Children of Antoine Vandal and Marguerite Chalifoux:

5-ii-i-ii-i. Pierre Vandal (1813- )

m. 1842 St. Ours, Quebec, Canada  
Angele Poney

5-ii-i-ii-ii. Francois Vandal (1815- )

m. 1835 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Esther Lincourt

3-ii-ii. Augustin Vandal

m1. 1779 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Catherine Leclerc

m2. 1807 St. Ours, Quebec, Canada  
Barbe Durivage

Children of Augustin Vandal and Catherine Leclerc:

4-ii-ii-i. Antoine Vandal (1783- )

4-ii-ii-ii. Joseph Vandal (1797-1877)

m. in the west  
Marie Choret/Lachevrotiere (1805- )

Children of Augustin Vandal and Barbe Durivage:

4-ii-ii-iii. Louis Vandal (1818- ) Sorel, Quebec, Canada [In NW at same time as cousin]

4-ii-ii-iv. Pierre Vandal

m. 1836 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Sara-Lara Hall



3-ii-iii. Jean Baptiste Vandal

m.1783 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Theotiste-Marguerite St. Martin

Children of Jean Baptiste Vandal and Theotiste-Marguerite St. Martin

4-ii-iii-i. Joseph Vandal (1805- )

4-ii-iii-ii. Charles Amable Vandal (1812- )

4-ii-iii-iii. Antoine Vandal ? Sorel, Quebec, Canada or St. Ours, Quebec,  
Canada

3-ii-iv. Louis Joseph Vandal (1756- )

2-iii. Nicolas Vandal (1724- )

m. 1749 Donnacona  
Felicite Godlin

Child of Nicolas Vandal and Felicite Godlin:

3-iii-1. Nicolas Vandal

m. 1778 Neuville, Quebec, Canada  
Madeleine Pelletier

2-iv. Jacques Vandal (1725- )

m. 1757 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Therese Venne

Children of Jacques Vandal and Therese Venne:

3-iv-i. Pierre Vandal ( -1795)

m. 1786 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Genevieve Hus/Millet

Child of Pierre Vandal and Genevieve Hus/Millet:

4-iv-i-i. Francois Vandal (1795- )

m. 1812 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Anne St. Martin

Children of Francois Vandal and Anne St. Martin

5-iv-i-i-i. Francois Vandal (1816- )

m. 1833 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Euphrosine Ossant

5-iv-i-i-ii. Jacques Vandal (1818- )

m. 1840 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Catherine Gauthier

5-iv-i-i-iii. Norbert Vandal (1819- )

m. 1849 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Helen Hus/Paul

3-iv-ii. Antoine Vandal

m. 1771 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Charlotte Mandeville

Children of Antoine Vandal and Charlotte Mandeville:

4-iv-ii-i. Louis Vandal (1780- )

m. 1801 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Marguerite Bibeau

Children of Louis Vandal and Marguerite Bibeau:

5-iv-ii-i-i. Louis Vandal (1804- )

m. 1823 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Therese Joly

5-iv-ii-i-ii. Michel Vandal (1810- )

m. 1836 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Pelagie Dussault (1817- )

5-iv-ii-i-iii. Pierre-Daniel Vandal (1817- )

m. 1840 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Marie Felix/Poliquin

5-iv-ii-i-iv. Narcisse Vandal (1819- )

5-iv-ii-i-v. Jean Baptiste Vandal

m. 1845 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Domitilde Felix/Poliquin

4-iv-ii-ii. Michel Vandal (1790- )

m. 1817 Sorel, Quebec, Canada  
Anne Sanderson

4-iv-ii-iii. Antoine Vandal (1785- )

4-iv-ii-iv Pierre Vandal (1787- ) ?

4-iv-ii-v. Leonard Vandal (1793- )

m. 1818 Ile Dupas  
Josephte Plante

Child of Leonard Vandal and Josephte Plante  
5-iv-ii-v-i. Pierre Vandal (1819- ) ?

2-v. Antoine Vandal (1727- )

m1. 1754 Louiseville, Quebec, Canada  
Therese Carcy/Carrier

m2. 1857 St. Denis Richelieu  
Ursule Bourgeault/Lacroix

Child of Antoine Vandal:  
3-v-1 Antoine Vandal

m. 1790 L'Acadie, Quebec, Canada  
Felicite Bourassa

Children of Antoine Vandal and Felicite Bourassa:  
4-v-i-i. Nicholas Vandal

m. 1824 Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
Louise Lefebvre

4-v-i-ii. Antoine Vandal

m. 1820 L'Acadie, Quebec, Canada  
Catherine Laforest

2-vi. Michel Vandal (1729- )

m. 1756 Quebec  
Genevieve Verret