

Name of your Vance/Vans/Wentz ancestor: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Date and location of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and location of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last or Maiden Name)

Date and location of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and location of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's parents' names: \_\_\_\_\_

Children of this marriage:

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

(children continued from sheet 1)

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Name \_\_\_\_\_

dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name \_\_\_\_\_

dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

9. Name \_\_\_\_\_

dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

11. Name \_\_\_\_\_

dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

12. Name \_\_\_\_\_

dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

13. Name \_\_\_\_\_

dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

14. Name \_\_\_\_\_

dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

15. Name \_\_\_\_\_

dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

16. Name \_\_\_\_\_

dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

17. Name \_\_\_\_\_

dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ dod: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

## SUGGESTIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR VANCE PEDIGREE

The VFA Family Group Sheet is a good way to view your family “at a glance.” The VFA Family Group Sheets allow you to provide your ancestor’s date of birth (dob), date of death (dod), and marriage (m), along with the location of each event. You can now add the children of your Vance ancestors using the new form. These sheets also provide more space for documentation of the sources you relied upon for the vital statistics of your ancestral line. These vital statistics allow us to distinguish among other Vances with the same given names. When we search our database, we use last name, first name, middle name (or initial) and date of birth. We currently have 99 William Vances with no middle names or initials so we can only distinguish among them by their date of birth. After that, we have to look at the name of the spouse. We have listed below the sources that are helpful for documenting your family history. Many records are available on the Internet which can be printed out for your own personal use.

**Date of birth:** Birth certificate or baptismal record; death certificate; Social Security Death Index (online); family Bible records; federal and state censuses (the Census of 1900 has month and year of birth and numbers of years married); military draft registration cards; military pension records, military service records (DD214).

**Date of death:** Death certificate; headstone photos; cemetery interment records (church or institution), headstone transcriptions by genealogical societies (e.g., DAR, SAR, “Find a Grave” online) or individuals; mortuary records, Social Security Death Index (online); family Bible; newspaper obituary.

**Marriage:** Marriage license, marriage certificate (county records); marriage bonds/banns; church registries; newspaper wedding announcements; family Bibles; compilations made by genealogical societies. Obituaries often mention the year a couple were married.

Once you have this information, it is important to cite it as your source. If you are uncertain about a date, name or place, please identify it as “unk,” “ca,(circa)” or “abt.” For example, “dob ca 1852.” Most ages given in the US Census can be in error by + 1 yr, so the dob you calculate from a census would be “abt.” If you need help or have a question, ask us. The information you provide will make it possible to distinguish your ancestor from another member’s ancestors. Importantly, the information you provide remains confidential. The VFA Database is the sole property of the VFA and is not a public record.

Our suggestion for filling out the VFA Family Group Sheets is to start with yourself, your spouse and your children. You will be Generation No. 1 on page 1 (and possibly page 2). Continue with new sheets for each preceding generation going back to your earliest Vance ancestor. When you are finished, mail your Vance Pedigree sheets to:

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