

# TUSCANIA

**VanderLaan, George**  
**1886 MI – 1960 MI**

VANDERLAAN GEORGE		<i>2-5-60 8/4</i> <i>Xc 15.130.959</i>	
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU  
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16-11453-12		WW I	WW II	KOREA	ORIGINAL
1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST-FIRST-MIDDLE (Print or Type) <b>VanderLaan, George -</b>			<b>APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER</b> (See attached instructions. Complete and submit both copies)		
2. SERVICE NUMBER <b>251267</b>	3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER		13. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) <b>Falmouth, Michigan</b>		
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year) <b>11/20/17</b>	5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year) <b>4/29/19</b> <i>How</i>		14. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member of the Armed Forces of the United States.		
6. STATE <b>Michigan</b>	7. MEDALS <i>None</i>		I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.		
8. GRADE, BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT AND DIVISION <b>Pvt. Dem Co. 160 D Brigade</b> <i>OVER CAMP CUSTER MICH</i>			NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or Type) <b>Robert Boven,</b>		
9. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) <b>Nov. 26, 1886</b>	10. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year) <b>Feb. 5, 1960</b>		RELATIONSHIP <b>Nephew</b>		
11. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> LATIN CROSS (Christian) <input type="checkbox"/> STAR OF DAVID (Hebrew) <input type="checkbox"/> NO EMBLEM	12. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE MARKER		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>Robert Boven</i>		
DO NOT WRITE HERE			15. FREIGHT STATION <b>Cadillac, Michigan</b>		
FOR VERIFICATION <b>MAR 29 1960</b> B/L <b>WY 9742644</b>			16. SHIP TO (Print or type name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) <b>Robert Boven, McBain, Michigan</b>		
ORDERED <b>APR 22 1960</b> CONTRACTOR <b>HER CO., INC.</b> <b>WEST CHELMSFORD, MASS.</b>			The applicant for this stone or marker has made arrangements with me to transport same to the cemetery.		
Signature <i>Robert Boven</i>			Signature <i>Robert Boven</i>		
DA FORM 1815 1 MAY 59			PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE.		
			IMPORTANT - Item 17 on reverse side must be completed.		

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## Geert Vander Laan

in the U.S., Dutch Christian Reformed Church Vital Records, 1856-1970

Name	Geert Vander Laan
Event Type	Baptism
Birth Date	26 Nov 1886
Baptism Date	1 May 1887
Baptism Place	Vogel Center, Michigan, USA
Church	Vogel Center
Description	Membership Records
Father	Jacob Vander Laan
Mother	Gridje Vander Laan [Gridje Blaauw]

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/201939:60524?tid=56988563&pid=36016744843&queryId=30ded47a1c381976b18652d4b0c06887&phsrc=hFB64480&phstart=successSource>

By Associated Press.

DETROIT, Feb. 8.—The Detroit Journal Friday received from its Washington correspondent a list of persons aboard the liner Tuscania. The list includes soldiers and civilians and does not designate the companies to which the men belonged. Eighteen men were from Detroit. The remainder of the list follows:

Lansing—Wilbur Clark, Otto K. Cady, Glenn F. Dennison.

Bay City—Ralph Story, Marshall J. Smith, sanitary squad;  
Louis Chaltraw, sanitary squad; Barney Mienkiewicz, sanitary squad;  
Richard L. Thomas.

Grand Rapids—Henry Vrondyke, William W. Eaton, Albert A. Bettings.

Muskegon—Arthur J. Siplon.

Kalamazoo—Roscoe Leland, first lieutenant, sanitary squad;

John E. Stevens and Robert H. Broyles, sanitary squad.

Battle Creek—Connor Collins, Oliver T. Knies.

Birmingham—William E. Boughner.

McBain—George Vanderlaan.

Marion—Ralph Winkel.

Harrisville—Wilburn S. Adair.

Hillsdale—Leigh Wright.

Flowerfield—Mack C. Rogers.

Hubbardston—Leonard Ree.

Vancourt—Ernest Bridges.

Tecumseh—Garland R. Cave.

Zeeland—Jacob Hamatra.

[list continues]

“Lansing (MI) State Journal” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

## TUSCANIA DISASTER SURVIVORS

### V

JESSE E. VEITCH, Ballston, Va.

SHANNON L. VAN VALZAH, Baltimore, Md

FRANCIS J. VINE, New Bedford, Mass.

COLUMBUS J. VANNEDOM, Marshfield, Wis.

HARRY PETER VANDERBURG, Trempeleau, Wis.

GEORGE VANDERLAAN, McBain, Mich.

“Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 3

Siblings:



SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No.	
none		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		41 14844	
If veteran, name war		Bureau of Records and Statistics		Local File No. 3	
FULL NAME Benjamin Vander Laan					
PLACE OF DEATH			USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:		
County Kent			State		
Township Alpine			County		
City or Village Comstock Park			Township		
Name of hospital 415 Clark Drive			City or Village		
(If not in hospital, give street address.)			Street No.		
Length of stay: In hospital			If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.?		
In this community 14 years			years		
Sex male	Color or Race white	Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced married	MEDICAL CERTIFICATION		
NAME OF HUSBAND or WIFE			Date of death 1/29/1941		
Name Margaret			I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 1/29/1941 to 1/29/1941. I last saw him alive on 1/29/1941. Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at 10:30 P.M.		
Age, if alive 41			Duration		
Birth date of deceased April 4, 1889			Immediate cause of death		
Age: Years 51 Months 9 Days 25			Cerebral hemorrhage 3 hrs.		
If less than one day			Hypertensive heart disease 5 yrs.		
Birthplace Falmouth, Michigan			Other contributory causes of importance		
Usual occupation Common Labor			Major findings and dates:		
Industry or business			(If operations)		
Name Jacob Vander Laan			In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or suicide		
Birthplace Netherlands			Date		
Maiden Name Grace unknown			Where did injury occur? (Specify city, county, or state)		
Birthplace Netherlands			In industry, home or public place?		
Informant Mrs. Margaret Vander Laan			Is there a disease or injury related to occupation of deceased?		
Address 415 Clark Drive, Comstock Park			Signature E. H. Fuller M.D.		
Burial, cremation or removal (Circle the word which applies)			Address 702 Ashton Bldg		
Place Grand Rapids			Filed Feb 15, 1941 Alfred Cordes Local Registrar		
Cemetery Fairplains Date Jan 30, 1941					
Funeral director Van Strien Funeral Home, Inc.					
Signature By Julian L. Alman					
Address 421 Dean St., N.E., Grand Rapids					

MI death record of brother Benjamin Vander Laan (1889-1941) Find A Grave 79998720

Half-siblings: on his mother's side



Half-sister Etta Koster Parker (1868-1917) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/56988563/person/36016742522/media/733875ff-edfe-492e-8bb6-ab893c04d3f5>



Half-brother William John Koster (1869-1932) & wife Mary - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/56988563/person/36016741915/media/884cc9cf-ab91-46fb-8f1a-bb4f9c868897>

#### Michigan, Deaths and Burials Index, 1867-1995

[View record](#)

Name	Nellie Burghouse
Birth Date	1870
Birth Place	Holland
Death Date	24 Apr 1906
Death Place	Aetna, Missaukee, Michigan
Death Age	36
Occupation	Housewife
Race	White
Marital Status	Married
Gender	Female
Father Name	Tom Koster
Mother Name	Clara Blue
FHL Film Number	964503

MI death record of half-sister Nellie Koster Berghouse (not Burghouse) (1872-1906) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/56988563/person/36016742523/facts>

Name	John T. Koster
Birth Date	abt 1874
Birth Place	Michigan
Death Date	27 Apr 1891
Death Place	Clam Union, Missaukee, Michigan
Death Age	17
Occupation	Laborer
Race	White
Marital Status	Single
Gender	Male
Mother Name	Grietje Vanderbaam
FHL Film Number	964503

MI death record of half-brother John T. Koster (1873-1891) - birthdate is inaccurate - [https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1004632:2549?tid=56988563&pid=36016742524&queryId=51009e20d94762e5c0fbf13d33c2877d&\\_phsrc=hFB64489&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1004632:2549?tid=56988563&pid=36016742524&queryId=51009e20d94762e5c0fbf13d33c2877d&_phsrc=hFB64489&_phstart=successSource)

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF MICHIGAN: 2

Return of Deaths in the County of *Missaukee*

RECORD NUMBER	DATE OF DEATH			FULL NAME OF THE DECEASED	MALE OR FEMALE	WHITE, BLACK, MEXICAN, ETC.	MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOW, OR WIDOWER	AGE			PLACE OF DEATH
	MONTH	DAY	YEAR					YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	
479	April	27	1891	John T. Koster	M.	White	Single	17	4		Clam Union, Mich

Death of John T. Koster, age 17 - [https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/107255017/person/210056645112/media/665fb5ed-cccb-46c9-97a0-8da53df96e15?\\_phsrc=hFB64490&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/107255017/person/210056645112/media/665fb5ed-cccb-46c9-97a0-8da53df96e15?_phsrc=hFB64490&_phstart=successSource)

## John Koster

in the Michigan, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1867-1911

Name	John Koster
Gender	Male
Birth Place	Ottawa, Michigan
Birth Date	Nov 1873
Baptism Place	Ottawa, Michigan
Father's Name	Thomas Koster
Mother's Name	Geertje
FHL Film Number	984233

MI birth record of John T. Koster - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/318860:2560>

### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

### Name: George VanderLaan – Geert VanderLaan

Name variations: van der Laan – Vander Laan

#### Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. E - private

Serial number: 251,267

Entered service from: McBain, Missaukee MI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: George Vanderlaan

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: sister Agnes Boven, McBain MI

Returned from war on: “Winifredian” Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: George Vanderlaan

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Ben Vanderlaan, Falmouth MI (pvt, Co. F, 101st Supply Train) [Ben is his brother, not his father]

World War I draft registration (1917): as George Vanderlaan - b. 26 Nov 1886 Clam Union MI; res: Falmouth, Missaukee MI. Single. Farming for self at Aetna, Missaukee MI. Claimed exemption from draft: “I should take care of crops.” Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as George Vander Laan - b. 26 Nov 1886 Missaukee Co. MI; res: Falmouth, Aetna [i.e. Aetna], Missaukee MI. NOK George Bowen, McBain MI. [brother-in-law] Employed by self, farming, Falmouth RFD, Missaukee MI. Height: 5’9” – 155 lbs.

## Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 20 Nov 1917

Discharged: 29 Apr 1919

Address: Falmouth MI

Rank/unit: private, Casual Detachment, 160<sup>th</sup> Depot BrigadeBirth & death:

Born: 26 Nov 1886 Clam Union, Missaukee MI

Died: 5 Feb 1960 Clam Union, Missaukee MI (42 years to the day since Tuscania sank)

Find A Grave record: 118266732 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Falmouth, Missaukee MI

Cemetery: Clam Union

Tombstone: veteran flat: Michigan Pvt 160 Depot Brigade WWI [headstone app also lists service in Co. E, 137 Inf., 35 Div.] - neither of these units match other data

Father: Jacob VanderLaan, 16 Feb 1851 Terheijl, Noordenveld, Drenthe, Netherlands – 5 May 1927 Clam Union, Missaukee MI.

Son of Meint Harms van der Laan &amp; Hilje Jacobs ter Veen.

Married in Eennum, De Marne, Groningen, Netherlands, on 26 Nov 1874 to Martje Boikema (1851-before Feb 1884). Emigrated to the US after Apr 1881 with Martje & 3 children.

Married in 1884 to Grietje Blaauw, who was George's mother.

Buried in Clam Union Cemetery, Falmouth, Missaukee MI, next to his son Martin.

Find A Grave: 118267898

Mother: Grietje Blaauw Koster VanderLaan, 17 Jul 1846 Niekerk, Grootegast, Groningen, Netherlands – 24 Aug 1924 Spring Lake, Ottawa Co. MI.

Daughter of Wietse Geerts Blaauw &amp; Neeltje Jans Bolheem.

Grietje married on 13 Apr 1867 in Kloosterburen, De Marne, Groningen, Netherlands to Tamme Jans Koster. She was age 20 & he was age 25.

Tamme Jans Koster, the son of Jan Pieters Tammes Koster & Asitje Jans Dijkhuis, was born 29 Dec 1841 in Hornhuizen, De Marne, Groningen, Netherlands & died 1 May 1882 in Spring Lake, Ottawa Co. MI. Eight children are listed on an Ancestry.com family tree. Tamme & Grietje Koster immigrated with no children, departing on 3 May 1867 from Kloosterburen, De Marne, Groningen, Netherlands, arriving in NYC on 20 May 1867 aboard "City of Boston." Tamme Koster is buried in Spring Lake, Ottawa Co. MI but the grave is unmarked. Greitje is buried as Grietje Koster, in a plot purchased by Jacob VanderLaan, in Spring Lake Cemetery, Spring Lake, Ottawa Co. MI.

Find A Grave: 119642773

Marriage: 27 Feb 1884 Spring Lake, Ottawa Co. MI

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Spouse marriage:



### Children:

### Siblings:

- Agnes Thijs Vanderlaan Boven, 28 Nov 1884 Clam Union, Missaukee MI – 19 Jan 1953. Wife of George Thomas Boven (1881 Netherlands – 1955 MI, F: 118267860), the son of Gerhardus Boven & Gritje Tichelaar. They married 22 Feb 1904 in Prosper, Missaukee MI. Agnes & George Boven are buried in Clam Union Cemetery, Falmouth, Missaukee MI. F: 118267844
- Benjamin Vander Laan, 4 Apr 1889 Falmouth, Missaukee MI – 29 Jan 1941 Comstock Park, Kent MI. Married 7 Nov 1917 in Manton, Wexford MI to Margaret Jane McDonald (1900-1986). Was married at the time of his death. Buried in Fairplains Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Kent MI. F: 79998720

Half-siblings: by his father Jacob VanderLaan's 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, to Martje Boikema

- Alice ("Hiltje") van der Laan Wiers, 8 Jun 1875 Westernieland, De Marne, Groningen, Netherlands – 19 Feb 1912 Wyoming, Kent MI. Wife of Lambert Wiers (1873-1955, F: 44478352). Died of pernicious anemia with Bright's disease as a contributing factor. Buried in Fulton Street Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Kent MI. F: 44549900
- Martin VanderLaan, Nov 1877 Westernieland, De Marne, Groningen, Netherlands – 28 Nov 1944 Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI. Buried in Clam Union Cemetery, Falmouth, Missaukee MI. F: 118267875
- Meint van der Laan, 22 Oct 1879 Westernieland, De Marne, Groningen, Netherlands – 3 Apr 1880 Westernieland, De Marne, Groningen, Netherlands. Male.
- Menno van der Laan, 12 Mar 1891 Westernieland, De Marne, Groningen, Netherlands –

Half-siblings: by his mother Grietje Blaauw's 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, to Tamme Jans Koster:

- Etta Koster Parker, 31 Jan 1868 MI – 11 Aug 1917 Cadillac, Wexford MI. Married on 25 Oct 1887 in Missaukee Co. MI to David Wallace Parker (1865-1941, F: 85186498). Buried in Prosper Cemetery, Clam Union township, Missaukee MI. F: 85186446
- William John Koster, 28 Jul 1869 MI – 1 Sep 1932 Missaukee Co. MI. Married in Lake City, Missaukee MI on 25 Jun 1895 to Marigje W. ("Mary") Haveman (1877-1945, F: 78271187), the daughter of Thys Jans Haveman & Waandiena Holstege. Buried in Prosper Cemetery, Clam Union township, Missaukee Co. MI. F: 78264391
- Nellie Koster Berghouse, 14 Feb 1872 Spring Lake, Ottawa MI – 24 Apr 1906 Aetna, Missaukee MI. Married 2 Jul 1891 in Spring Lake, Missaukee MI to Claus Berghouse (1887-1940, F: 197209233), who remarried in 1927 to Gertrude. Nellie is buried in Prosper Cemetery, Clam Union township, Missaukee MI. F: 197209412
- John T. Koster, 21 Nov 1873 Spring Lake, Ottawa MI – 27 Apr 1891 Clam Union, Missaukee MI. Buried in Prosper Cemetery, Clam Union township, Missaukee Co. MI. F: 197309202
- John Koster, 1877 Spring Lake, Ottawa MI – 5 Oct 1878 Crockery, Ottawa MI.
- Harriet (Hattie) Koster Phelps, 27 Apr 1879 Spring Lake, Ottawa MI – 2 Jul 1933 Norwich, Missaukee MI. Wife of Ambrose L. Phelps (1870-1952, F: 115234307) whom she married 10 Apr 1900 in Lake City, Missaukee MI. Buried in Stittsville Cemetery, Stittsville, Missaukee MI. F: 115234103
- Joseph John Koster, 27 Apr 1880 Crockery, Ottawa MI – before 1 May 1882 [not sure how this date was computed]. In the 1880 census.

- Thomas T. (Tom) Koster, 1 Mar 1882 Crockery, Ottawa MI – 19 Apr 1960 Grand Rapids, Kent MI. Husband of Reka Kathrina Veen (1889-1959, F: 244781405) whom he married 28 Mar 1903 in Falmouth, Missaukee MI. Buried in Rosedale Memorial Park, Tallmadge township, Ottawa Co. MI. F: 244781424

Notes:

Father's family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/56988563/person/36016742530/facts>

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 374-22-1900

Censuses:

1900 Clam Union, Missaukee MI

Jacob VANDERLAAU [as indexed, but can be read Vanderlaan], 50 Holland, Feb 1850, parents b. Holland, emigrated 1880, in US for 20 years, papers filed, married 16 years, farmer

Grietje, 55 Holland, Jul 1844, parents b. Holland, emigrated 1868, in US for 32 years, gave birth to 11 children, 8 are living [indexed as Gaietje but appears to read Grietje]

Aggie, 15 MI, Nov 1884, at school

George, 13 MI, Nov 1886, at school

Benjamin, 11 MI, Apr 1889, at school

1910 Aetna, Missaukee MI

George Vanderlaan, 23 MI, parents b. Holland, single, farmer, working out

Living with: George (52 Austria/Italy) & Carrie (41 NY) Dince, he being a farmer

1920 Portland, Lucas MI – line 23

George Van Derlaan, 33 MI, parents b. Holland, single, laborer, lumber camp

Boarder along with other lumber camp workers, the head being Thomas Vallier, lumber camp cook

1930 Reeder, Missaukee MI

Gerrit VANDERLOAN, 43 MI, parents b. Netherlands, single, same place in 1935, farm laborer, WWI veteran -

Living with his brother-in-law of George Bowen (48 Netherlands) & his wife [George's sister] Agnes [Vanderlaan] Bowen (45 MI) & their 4 children. Bowen is a farmer.

1940 cannot locate

1950 cannot locate