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Wednesdays, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM,
Fridays and Saturdays, 9:00 AM to noon.

Brought in by Randy Ray

Individual Report for Albert Bovee

Individual Summary: **Albert Bovee**

Sex: Male

Father: Isaac Bovee

Mother: Rebecca Vedder



Individual Facts:

Birth: 24 May 1799 in Schenectady, Schenectady, New York, United States

Residence: 1880 in Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin, USA; Marital Status: Widower;

Relation to Head of House: Self

Death: 1897 in Arena, Iowa, Wisconsin, USA

Comment 1: 3rd husband, around 1850-1851

Alt. Spelling: Bouvee

Shared Facts: **Mary Polly Vandyke**

[no facts]

Children: [no children with Mary Polly Vandyke]

Shared Facts: **Valeria Trout**

Marriage: 13 Nov 1843 in Waukesha, Waukesha, Wisconsin, USA

Children: [no children with Valeria Trout]

Notes:

Person Notes: In letters from Valeria to her nephew she discribes Albert as mean.

Individual Report for Valeria Trout

Individual Summary: Valeria Trout

Sex: Female
Father: Jacob Trout
Mother: Unknown Unknown



Individual Facts:

Birth: 1795 in Bordentown, Burlington, New Jersey, USA
Arrival: 15 Apr 1842 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Residence: 1850 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
Death: 20 Mar 1853 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
Burial: 23 Mar 1853 ; Age 58/Odd Fellows Cem. removed to Lawnview Cem 1951
Departure: Bordeaux, France
Comment 2: Valeria goes to Eagle, WI with Albert and returns alone to Philadelphia.

Shared Facts: Jean Alexandre DuBois

[no facts]
Children: Jacques (James) DuBois
Alexandre DuBois

Shared Facts: Louis Chartres

[no facts]
Children: Jerome Chartres

Shared Facts: Albert Bovee

Marriage: 13 Nov 1843 in Waukesha, Waukesha, Wisconsin, USA
Children: [no children with Albert Bovee]

Notes:

Person Notes:

From Maggini Journal No. 2 Oct. 1991

VALERIA was born in 1795, and was 5 years older than her sister Juliet. But she led a more exciting life than Juliet, and became known as, VALERIA - THE BELL OF BORDENTOWN

After the war years, when Valeria was growing into an attractive young lady, in the early 1800's, Bordentown became quite a fashionable resort town, with travelers from Philadelphia and other areas going back and forth for the social events. Among them were political emigres arriving from France. One of these was Napoleon's brother, Joseph Bonaparte, who came with a large entourage, bought up land to the extent of 1000 acres. He built a great mansion, with a park and many buildings to house his staff, military personnel and workmen.

The French brought an aura of romance and gaiety to the region, and Valeria was soon caught up in the social whirl. She was vivacious and popular, and was dubbed "THE BELL OF BORDENTOWN". She had three husbands, all of the Frenchmen.

The first was Louis Chartres, by whom she had a son, Jerome, born in 1815. Louis didn't last long, and next we hear of a second marriage to Jean Alesandre DuBois, who seems to have been the love of her life, as she lived happily with him in Bordeaux, where their two sons, Jacques and Alexandre were born. Presumably, death took Jean Alexandre, the boys grew up and returned to America, and Valeria returned alone in 1842.

Individual Summary: Valeria Trout

Sex: Female

Father: Jacob Trout

Mother: Unknown Unknown



Notes:

We next hear from Valeria herself, in one of her two lengthy, newsy letters written in 1850 and 1851, to "Mon Cher Nepheu", at which time she was again married, unhappily, to a man named Bovee. The letters are fascinating, and give a good insight into her character. Her "Cher Nepheu" was Joseph Anthony Maggini, second son of Juliet and Joseph Felix.

HER LETTERS

Each letter is 3 pages of fine handwriting, faded and difficult to read.

Feb. 2, 1850

"We are looking for Mrs. Chanier after church to take tea. So I write in haste to have this closed before her arrival to enjoy ourselves in a French chat.... that you was here to share it with us. So far it has been very pleasant. Some evenings there will be Charnier and daughter and three daughters in law and my three sons. So you can judge if there is a little chit chatting in French always to be preferred before English."

March 2, 1852

"I went to a ball the 19 of last month in honor of the Odd Fellows new hall. Also a very eloquent oration and dedication. The diner was par excellence. I wish that you could of been there to of chosen a partner from very handsome girls. My dear Joseph, let me choose you a partner for life as yet I have not been deceived. Alexander's wife was my choice and she is a pearl. And her sister Hannah is the same quite pretty girl just 18 years of age. She resides with her sister until Alexander's return.

So if it's in power to this spring to see you all try to make it convenient to go with me to Phil. and pay visit amongst all our relatives."

NOTE

"Nepheu Joseph" was a wary cautious bachelor and did not take her up on the offer. he held out until 1863. He was 37 when he married Sarah Frances Callahan, aged 29.

Valeria's son, Jerome Chartres, married a popular young lady of Bordentown, Deborah Ann Thorn, whose parents were prominent in educational work.

OBITUARY

Her letters to Joseph were prophetic, as she died Mar. 23, 1853 at the age of 58.

Excerpts from a letter to her nephew on Feb. 2, 1850 from Philadelphia:

...Mr. Bovee and self left Milwaukee last September arrived in Phil. 15 of December and was happy to find all my children in good health also Cousin Chanier. We stayed in different cities on our way to visit all B. (Mr. Bovee) relatives they were the most kind in particular Brother wanted us to remain all winter. But I wished to see my children and grand ch. five in all. James has 2 boys one girl, Jerome one daughter, Alexander a daughter, calls it after Cousin Fanny.....

Individual Summary: Valeria Trout

Sex: Female
Father: Jacob Trout
Mother: Unknown Unknown



Notes:

.....Tell Brother Maggini to bring my sister to Philadelphia so I can see her once more before God separates us for my heart has never been reconciled since I left Cincinnati. Give my respects to Eliza and all Cousin Loder family....

.....At present we are at Alexanders. B. will leave for Milwaukee next month and I am going to board with Cousin Chanier until his return. He talks of going to the gold regions which I hope will be as to have enough to go and see all my friends once more. Jerome and his Brother Alexander are selling off to go to California by the first steamer in March, leaves their wives in Phila. Janet the wife of Alexander thinks of going to Milwaukee on a visit to her sister. There are a great number of families going from this city....

Now my dear nephew - I wish you to give me some information respecting Mr. Charles Moses our cousin who was married some six months ago to John McBrain's daughter Kate and says she will not live with him. Some person gave out the news that he was married to Cousin Loder's daughter. Step-daughter. He called to see me and stated that it was time they had been engaged. How much better for him to not have broken the promise. As the other declares she will never see him again.....

....James is doing very well is now in Phil. Thomas Ambrois is married has a young son, Cousin Portia Pine (?) now lives in New York. John McBrain's wife obtained a divorce it's very cutting to his father....The best was George his father said he was the only one who gave him satisfaction was to repenting on his death bed. Has left a nice little daughter, the mother keeps house for Uncle McB....

P.S. Address to the care of Mrs. F. Chanier, South Third below German, Philadelphia....

Letter addressed to "Mr. Joseph Maggini, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio.
To the care of Mr. Smith"

Copied by Ursula Guinan, June 12, 1978.
Original in possession of Mary Jane A'Hearn, Cincinnati

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VALERIA TROUT

Sister of Juliet Josephine Trout (Mrs. Joseph Felix Maggini)

This photograph was made from a Daguerreotype which is a possession of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Keonig, III, Cincinnati. Loaned for copying.

Valeria was a daughter of Jacob Trout and _____

Valeria was born about 1795 at Bordentown, New Jersey.

Died 23 March 1853, Philadelphia, PA

Original burial was at The Odd Fellows Cemetery which was vacated in 1951. Cemetery was in Middletown, PA.

DuBois family burials removed to Lawnview Cemetery in Glenwood Lawn Section 58, Graves 19, 20 and 21. Lawnview Cemetery, Huntingdon Pike, Rockledge, Phila., PA 19111.

Valeria was married three times:

1. Louis Chartres
2. Jean Alexandre DuBois
3. Bovee

typed from hand written letters

Phil. Feb. 2, 1850

142 years ago

Mon Cher Nephew

I hope you will pardon my long silence it was not for want of often thinking how much ingratitude in not answering your kind letters, always something to prevent. Sunday morning, and they wanted me to go with them to Church. I was bent on not deferring any longer writing to you, in giving all particulars past and present. Mr. Bovee and self left Milwaukee last September arrived in Phil. 15 of December and was happy to find all my children in good health also Cousin Chanier. We stayed in different cities on our way to visit all B. relatives they were the most kind in particular Brother wanted us to remain all winter. But I wished to see my children and grand ch. five in all. James has 2 boys one girl, Jerome one daughter, Alexander a daughter, calls it after Cousin Fanny. They are all nice children. It's a great satisfaction for me to kiss them and have two on my lap at once. Dear Joseph if rich how soon I would pay you all a visit so keep your promise and come to Phil. all will be pleased to see you. Mr. Amboise and family are well and sends their sincere respects to all. Tell Brother Maggini to bring my sister to Philadelphia so I can see her once more before God separates us for my heart has never been reconciled since I left Cincinnati. Give my respects to Eliza and all Cousin Loder family. Times are very dull here but a very mild winter since one month its more like spring than winter no ice in the Delaware. At present we are at Alexander's, B. will leave for Milwaukee next month and I am going to board with Cousin Chanier until his return. He talks of going to the gold regions which I hope will be as to have enough to go and see all my friends once more. Jerome and his Brother Alexander are selling off to go to California by the first steamer in March, leaves their wives in Phila. Janet the wife of Alexander thinks of going to Milwaukee on a visit to her sister. There are a great number of families going from this city. A Mr. Buquet just arrived from C. left two of his sons there to come the gold. No doubt they will return rich. Oh! how I should like to go with my sons. But no means at present. Hopes for the future at my age yet not a home. It causes me to look back on the past future. Why time for the few days we are want on this earth. In fact I take it pretty much as it comes, for thanks to the Supreme for the good health he has blest me with far above riches. If God spares my two sons and their wives its hoped they will be able to buy a farm. Please call and see Cousin Loder before you answer this to let me know how all are, also if your father travels yet, if him and another come if they think proper to let me return with them. But little hopes of that. Tho what did I do to merit this. Nothing, its the consolation. Sincere respects to Mrs. Smith, how happy would I be to see her just the society to replace those I left in France (?) they are seldom to be found. Some few left in Wisconsin.

this must have been some trip in 1850!

(Mr. Bovee)

trying to figure this out might be Ballinger

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will never see him again. If he could think like myself it's for his future happiness. Not the least doubt. The last news of him was in Baltimore. Said he was going to California. Also told me his mother was angry because he did not go to New York. On that part he is right not to humble as he has done nothing. Please do not forget in your next and if possible answer by the next mail. And I will do the same. We are looking for Mrs. Chanier after Church to take tea. So I write in haste to have this closed before her arrival to enjoy ourselves in a French chat that you was here to share in with us. So far it has been very pleasant. Some evenings there will be Chanier and daughter and three daughters-in-law and my three sons. So you can judge there is not a little chit-chatting in French always preferred before the English. Now very soon we will all be separated. James is doing very well is now in Phil. Thomas Ambrois is married has a young son, Cousin Portia Pine (?) now lives in New York. John McBrain's wife obtained a divorce it's very cutting to his father, there was none like his children. The best was George his father said he was the only one who gave him satisfaction was to repenting on his death bed. Has left a nice little daughter, the mother keeps house for Uncle MCB. Nothing very interesting, perhaps I will have in the next with me all particulars. Adieu mon cher neveu to tant je vous ami.

Valeria Bovee

P.S. Address to the care of Mrs. F. Chanier, South Third below German, Philadelphia

My children made me very handsome presents for Christmas. I forgot, if not too late, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Sunt Valeria married first, Louis Chartres
Then, second Jean Alexander DuBois
then, third the man Mr. Bovee*

Lived in France.

Born in Bordentown, NJ

Quite a fascinating lady.

Letter addressed to "Mr. Joseph Maggini, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio.
To the care of Mr. Smith."

Copied by Ursula Guinan, June 12, 1978.

Original in possession of Mary Jane A'Hearn, Cincinnati.

Eagleville, March 2, 1851

Mon Cher Nepheu:

I received your affectionate letter last April. Whilst in Phila. But did not find time to answer it as my two boys were preparing for California. They left in June. I received a letter from Cousin Chanier dated 2 of Feb. She notes all particulars respecting my children. They give news to their wives every month. It seems they like that country. Alexander thinks of returning next April, no doubt anxious to see his young son, born since he left now seven months old. She has also a dear little daughter very much like your sister Eliza's first babe. Cousin marks in her last that she was very sick. I hope God will spare her until my return and ever after for she is a beautiful child. Your cousin James has four children, three sons. He was down to see C. Charnier last Christmas and had the two eldest with him and Coz. says they are noble looking little fellows. All that flatters a grandmother. If not real, we are very apt to think so. Jerome's daughter is also a very nice child, an excellent disposition and refined tenere. I passed the winter amidst them all. Left there last May and long to see them again. Hope to return next summer. Oh, my dear Joseph, how I wish we should all be to see you in Phila. Do take time and come. And bring your mother and Eliza. Give my most sincere respects to them all and your respected father. As to me, it will never be in my power again to come and see you all . . . Brother Joseph would be going to Phila. in his own carriage and could let me go with him for it costs much to travel. Oh, that I was rich to come and see my only sister once more before Death for it will never be erased from my memory, our last separation. Alas, she knows not all my hard tryals through life. If she could of been eye witness perhaps she would sympathize with a sister. There is one year since I am obliged to work and mention myself. Signed all over to his children would not give back the hundred dollars that was mine before marriage. So I have appealed for a separation for he is too mean a man to have a wife. A great consolation for me is that all his relatives and sisters take my part. There are other mean actions layed to his charge. All contribute to my unhappiness. Altho I have been called something of a philosopher but we have not so much courage when old. Thanks to the Great for my good health. Have spent the winter with Bovee's sister, one of the best women in the States. Has been the most affectionate towards me indeed of all his relatives. Enough of this, in particular to a young man.

*his sons
went to
California
during the
Gold Rush*

*She is
talking
about
Mr. Bovee*

I was on a visit to your Aunt Susan last September and they were all enjoying good health and she expressed much regret in not seeing your father and brother-in-law. They passed close by his house through all my brother. Lord it would of been a sincere pleasure for me to of seen them. Tell them to come again and cross our prairies. Cousin Bellange lives in style. I dined with them not long since. They have three nice children. Mrs. Henderseh and children are quite well. I saw them several times whilst in Milwaukee.

*Susan
Trotter
Milwaukee,
we think*

Milwaukee

I went to a ball the 19 of last month in honneur of the
* Odd Fellow new hall. Also a very eloquent oration and dedication.
The dinner was par excellence. I wish that you could of been
there to of chosen a partner from very handsome girls. My dear
Joseph. Let me choose you a partner for life, as yet I have not
been deceived. Alexander's wife was my choice and she is a pearl.
And her sister Hannah is the same, quite a pretty girl just 18
years of age. She resides with her sister until Alexander's
return. So if it's in power to this spring to see you all try to
make it convenient to go with me to Phil and pay a visit amongst
all our relatives. Cousin Chanier had a letter from her son
Alfred. He is coming to see his mother next July. Since so long
they have not seen him no doubt it will be a very sensible meeting.
Captain Hargrave speaks very highly of Alfred and he is doing well.
Please read this to our dear Cousin Loder. Give my respects to all
the family. Oh, how I should like to see you all once more. So,
Joseph make no delay in answering this and let me know if Father
or you will be going to Phil. If not let me know how much it would
cost from Cincinnata to Phil. No more at present. Give my sincere
respects to the amiable Mrs. Smith and family. Accept a share for
you and yours.

Adieu.
from your Aunt
Valeria Bovee

A letter to Joseph A. Maggini, Sr., from Aunt Valeria Bovee,
from Eagleville, Wisconsin.
Joseph wrote: "Aunt Valeria Bovee, Mother's sister"
Copied by Ursula Maggini Guinan, June 12, 1978
Original in possession of Mary Jane A'Hearn, Cincinnati

*Aunt Valeria was a sister to Juliet Josephine
Trout (Mrs. Joseph J. Maggini). She loved to
gossip!
Aunt Valeria made it back to Philadelphia and
died there in 1853.*