

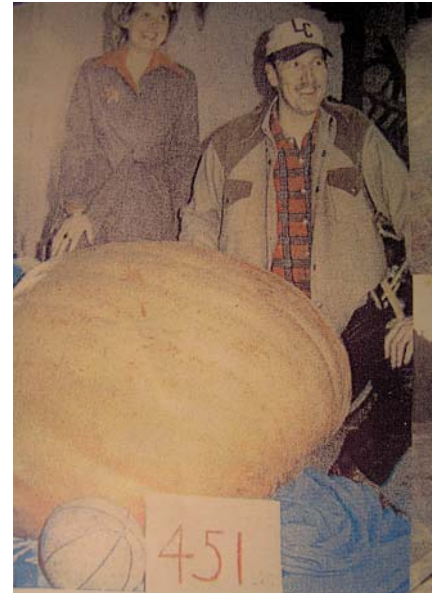
The 129 year Journey to 2000 pounds

Time has a way of blurring the past. And yet it has everything to do with the future. Those who grew before thousands of years before us, ebbed out of the wild a species of Pumpkin which for millennia had been producing 300 or so pound fruits. Their goal was to maximize a food supply per fruit for the masses. But during the last century things changed. Food was more readily available, so "Growers" had some time on their hands.. And curiosity set in. This new breed of growers took the process of Natural Selection and morphed it into the process of Artificial selection, soon after Charles Darwin laid out his foundations of the theory of evolution and transformed the way we think about the Natural World.

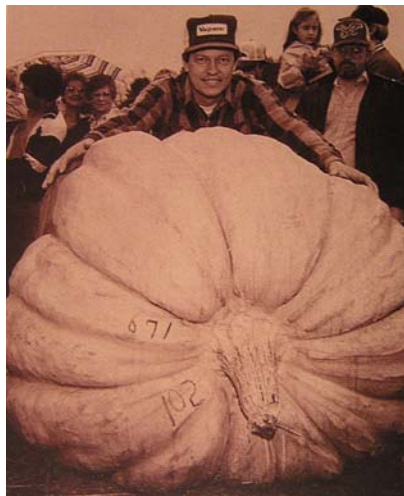
<u>Year</u>	<u>Grower</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Wt (lbs)</u>
1883	Charles Hewitt	Halifax Canada	292
1884	Joseph Dunn	Bryantsville, KY	226
1893	William Warnock	Chicago Worlds Fair	365
1900	William Warnock	Paris Worlds Fair	400
1904	William Warnock	St Louis Worlds Fair	403
1905	A. W. Roel	Brattleboro, VT	289
1906	A. W. Roel	Brattleboro, VT	322.5
1976	Bob Ford	Pennsylvania	451
1977	Howard Dill	Windsor, Nova Scotia	287
1978	Edgar Van Wick	Roland, MB	382
1979	Howard Dill	Windsor, Nova Scotia	438.5
1980	Howard Dill	Windsor, Nova Scotia	459
1981	Howard Dill	Windsor, Nova Scotia	493.5
1982	Howard Dill	Windsor, Nova Scotia	445
1983	Owan Woodman	Falmouth, Nova Scotia	481
1984	Norm Gallagher	Chelan, WA	612
1985	Michael Hodgson	River Phillip, NS	531
1986	Robert Gancarz	Wrightstown, NS	671
1987	Don Fleming	Morrisville, VT	604.5
1988	Keith Chappel	Upper Granville, NS	651
1989	Gordon Thompson	Hemmingford, PQ	755
1990	Ed Gancarz	Wrightston, NJ	816.5
1991	Ray Waterman	Collins, NY	780.5
1992	Joel Holland	Puyallup, WA	827
1993	Donald Black	Winthrop, NY	884
1994	Herman Bax	Brockville, Ontario	990
1995	Paula Zehr	Lowville, NY	963
1996	Paula/Nathan Zehr	Lowville, NY	1061
1997	Chris Anderson	Moraga, CA	977
1998	Gary Burke	Simcoe, Ontario	1092
1999	Gerry Checkon	Spanglar, PA	1131
2000	Dave Stelts	Leetonia, OH	1140
2001	Geneva Emmons	Sammamish, WA	1262
2002	Charlie Houghton	Goffstown, NH	1337.6
2003	Steve Daletas	Canby, OR	1385
2004	Al Eaton	Ontario, Canada	1446
2005	Larry Checkon	Altoona, PA	1469
2006	Ron Wallace	Greene, RI	1502
2007	Joe Jutras	North Smithfield, RI	1689
2008	Jake VanKooten	Port Alberni , BC	1536.5
2009	Christy Harp	Massillon, OH	1725
2010	Chris Stevens	New Richmond, WI	1810.5
2011	Jim Bryson	Ormstown, Quebec	1818.5
2012	Ron Wallace	Greene, RI	2009
2013	Tim Matheson	Napa, CA	2032



William Warnock and 403 WR in 1904.



Bob Ford with 451 lb WR in 1976.



Robert Gancarz with 671 WR in 1986.



Joe Jutras with 1689 WR in 2007.



Howard Dill and his 493.5 WR in 1981.



Chris Stevens with 1810.5 WR in 2010.

Paula and Nathan Zehr in 1996 with Ray Waterman in Collins, New York, with the first 1000 pounder. This Giant Pumpkin weighed 1061 pounds.

