

Son of Johannes Bender & Magdalena Streit

After the American Revolution John Benner brought his family from Duchesse County, N.Y. State, to settle near his brother Jacob in Bertie Township. By now the Bender name seems to have reverted to Benner as it had been centuries earlier. As well, the German form of the first names had gradually given way to the English version.

During the years 1807 & 1808 John Benner bought property in lots 24 & 25 in concessions 2 & 3 from Lake Erie in Bertie Twp. There was set aside a family burying ground on this property, now known as the Benner Cemetery, located on Nigh Road, between Gorham Road and Ridge Road, on the outskirts of Ridgeway, Ont. Unfortunately this cemetery suffered a great deal of vandalism over the years and few stones are left. There is no stone for John or his wife but there is a badly broken one for his son Jacob and for his wife Christiana. The stone for his brother Jacob and his wife is still quite legible, as well as those for the latter's two sons, Jacob and Philip and spouses.

The names and baptismal dates below as supplied by Evelyn L. Elliott 17 Gablewood Cres., London, Ont. N6 G 2Z8, a direct descendant of John Benner Jr. (Baptisms in New York State Church records)

JOHN BENNER B. Oct. 6, 1753 in Rhinebeck, N.Y.

M. to -

Anna Margaretha Muller Bapt. Oct. 12, 1755 Duchesse Co.

d/o Cornelius Muller & Christina Neher (Near)

7 ch. -

1. Catharina Benner Bapt. June 21, 1778

M. Nov. 21, 1797 to -

(^{or} Shufeld) Caspar Zufeld B. D. Jan. 5, 1813 of disease while serving as a Private in 3rd Lincoln Reg. Welland Co. John Benner was made guardian of the children - two only known

Elizabeth Zufeld B. 1809 Upper Can. D. Apr. 16, 1880 B.L.C.

M. to -

John Michael B. Apr. 10, 1806 " " D. Apr. 19, 1883 B.L.C.

s/o Nicholas Michael I & Catharine Near

8 ch. - Catharine, Elizabeth, John, William, Nelson, Eve, Elias & Mary Michael

Margaret Zufeld

M. to Lewis Vanderveer

Their daughter Margaret Vanderveer married Abraham Michael, s/o Nicholas Michael II & Christena Shisler, nephew to John Michael above.

2. Petrus Benner Bapt. Mar. 19, 1780

3. Jacob Benner Bapt. May 5, 1782 D. May 22, 1863 in Bertie

M. to -

Christiana B. 1787 in U.S.A D. 1874 in Bertie

no known children. They are buried in the Benner Cemetery, the stones broken off and partially overgrown with sod.

4. Christina Benner Bapt. May 14, 1784

5. John Benner B. Nov. 19, 1789 D. Mar. 4, 1865 in Malahide Twp.

M. to -

Dorothy House B. June 21, 1791 D. May 19, 1863

12 ch. - see expanded family on page 4

John Benner & Margaretha Muller Family

- * 6. George Benner B.1795 D.post 1875
M. to -
Mary Huffman B.ca 1799
8 ch.- for expanded family see pages 5-7
By 1871 George Benner and family had left Bertie and was in
Monk District.
7. Cornelius Benner Bapt.Feb.24,1799
He was listed in the 1828 Bertie census.