

THE GOULDING FAMILY OF BERTIE TOWNSHIP,

WELLAND COUNTY, ONTARIO

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William Goulding, son of George and Elizabeth (Reay) Goulding, was born 25 April 1820 at Lowplains, Lazonby, Cumberland, England. He married Abigail Benner of Bertie township 15 April 1848 at Buffalo, New York. He died 26 May 1886 and is buried at St. Paul's Church, Fort Erie, Ont.

He came to Canada with his parents in 1844. He had the following children:

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| 1. Elizabeth  | b. 4 March 1850, Bertie     | m. Nease             |
| 2. Alice      | b. 29 Nov 1851, "           | m. Henry Thompson    |
| 3. Mary Ann   | b. 12 March 1854, Buffalo   | d. 1861              |
| 4. George     | b. 30 June 1856, Bertie     | d. 1877              |
| 5. Jane       | b. 2 August 1858, "         | m. William H. Metler |
| 6. Joseph     | b. 14 October 1861, Buffalo | m. Alice V. Logan    |
| 7. William C. | b. 12 February 1864, Bertie | m. Jennie Burt       |
| 8. John C.    | b. 21 January 1867, "       | m. Winnie S. Allcut. |

William's wife Abigail died 26 October 1874 and is buried at St. Paul's Church. His older daughters were already married and his daughter Jane kept house for him and raised her three younger brothers. She told that he was called "Old Perpendicular". Another nickname he had according to Jane's son, William A. Metler, was "Cumberland Jack". It is probable that his daughter and her husband, William H. Metler, lived with him when they were first married.

William's four sons were all railroad enginemen. George died when he was 21 and has an engine on his tombstone. He worked for the Grand Trunk Railway. Joseph Goulding remained in Bridgeburg (Fort Erie) where he lived on Phipps street next door to his sister Jane Metler. He worked for the Michigan Central R.R.

The youngest son John pursued his railroad career to Blue Island, Illinois where he lived and raised his family. He worked for the B. & O. Railroad. William C. Goulding settled in Buffalo after a railroad experience that took him from Winnipeg to Stevens Point, Wisconsin to Louisiana. He worked for the New York Central Railroad for 43 years, retiring as engineer of the Empire State Express.

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1850; Elizabeth Anne Goulding born March 4th. 1850  
daughter of William Goulding & Abigail(Benner) Goulding. Baptized  
at St. John's , Ridgemount:FortErie, May 19th.

Alice Goulding born Nov. 29th., 1851 : daughter of  
William Goulding or Bertie farmer. Baptized July 11th.

Sp. Abigail(Benner) Philip Benner

Christine Benner Elizabeth Benner.