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Dear Mr. McDermott,

I would like to thank you for recognizing the name of Ora Douglas as being from Fort Erie. As Ollie Benner might have mentioned, the picture with her and my mother, Ida Steinmann was probably a farewell party in 1919 when Curtiss Aeroplane was eliminating its war time office force. Anyway, I am trying to get it published in the Buffalo News, hoping that some one will see their mother or grandmother in it and help me fill in the missing blanks. My current problem is trying to obtain more information on my HARP and STEVENS families. Hopefully, you might be able to point me in the right direction. Please see the enclosed STEVENS family sheets, pages 1 through 3.

The first point of interest is the marriage of John A. HARP and Mary J. HUMPHREY as shown at the top of page 2 of the STEVENS' sheets. Mary was the step-granddaughter of Charlotte (STEVENS) QUACKENBUSH/PHILLIPS. Charlotte died in 1899 and 14 months later this farmer came all the way from Aylmer, Ontario to get married in Black Rock. Even though he probably came by train, it still would have an arduous journey by today's standards, so he must have been related somehow. His parents were listed on the marriage license as John HARP and Mary GRANL (?-that's what it looked like). Do you have the name and address of a historian or genealogist in Aylmer who might have more information on this John A. HARP and his ancestors? Bridget (STEVENS) QUACKENBUSH, along with her Bertie property, inherited property way out in Sombra, Ontario (near the St. Clair River) so the family must have really spread out.

Hazel Sauer of Welland (her husband, Merritt, is my 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin on the STEINMANN side) just sent me information on land grants and early settlers of Humberstone Township. The list includes Edward HARP and his wife, Angelica KETTLE, and John HARP and his wife, Elizabeth FEERO. Here again, I would appreciate a name and address of someone knowledgeable of the descendants of these HARP families in Humberstone. Of course, this is contrary to the 1851 census for Bertie Township that indicates that George STEVENS and Christiana HARP were born in the U.S. Also, in the 1880 U.S. census, both Sophia (STEVENS) DAYTON and John STEVENS indicated that their parents were born in New York State and it was the same for Sophia in the 1900 U.S. census. I could not find any record of the John B. STEVENS family after 1880.

I still have to try to get copies of the marriage records from Toronto, hopefully, to find the names of the parents of George STEVENS. There was an Aaron STEPHENS living near HARP families in Schoharie County in the early 1800's so it is possible that George STEVENS and Christiana HARP met there or on the trail going West towards Buffalo and then crossed the Niagara River into Fort Erie, Bertie Township. If the birthplaces for Michael HARP and Charlotte ARMSTRONG and the estimated birth dates are correct then these two families would not have been involved in the Revolution, but I don't know when the STEVENS family emigrated to North America. However, since the family migrated to Canada, they could have had Loyalist sympathies. The first land purchase that could be found for George STEVENS was in 1842 (50 acres, W ½, Lot 5, Concession 5 in Bertie) but, from the birth dates of his children, he would have been in Canada before 1828. Perhaps he rented land prior to 1842.

I do not have any dates or immigration data for Michael HARP and Charlotte ARMSTRONG. I obtained just the names and birthplaces from the "World Family Tree" Volume 1, Tree #2270 (Max B. Reitz) and Volume 9, Tree #1766 (Clark D. Holloway). I haven't been able to find a current address for Clark and Max hasn't responded to my request for his sources. They disagree on the order of the children so I used Clark's which better fits the possible entries in early New York censuses.

I hope you are able provide the names I need to continue my search and I would be grateful for any other information you could provide. I am enclosing a return envelope and two International Reply Coupons. I would be happy to pay any other costs for mailing and copying material that you think might be helpful to me.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Hennesen

## &gt; Marriage &lt;

- .8. Michael HARP  
est 1775 est 1845 > est 1802<  
Germany U.S. Charlotte (ARMSTRONG) HARP  
est 1780 est 1850  
Ireland  
8 children - born  
Mary 1800-1810 (est 1804) - \*  
Christiana 5/18/1806 - see below - .7. George STEVENS  
Henry A. 1810-1820 (est 1811) - \*  
Ellen 1810-1820 (est 1813) - \*  
Margaret 1810-1820 (est 1815) - \*  
Anna 1810-1820 (est 1817) - \*  
John 1810-1820 (est 1819) - \*  
Jacob aft 1820 (est 1821) - \*  
\*see World Family Tree  
Volume 1, Tree #2270 and  
Volume 9, Tree #1766
- 7 Samuel QUACKENBUSH  
est 1810 est 1880 > est 1835<  
Margaret ( ) QUACKENBUSH  
est 1815 burial 1/ 5/1854  
St Paul's Anglican-Fort Erie  
? children - Samuel, ?
- .7. George STEVENS/farmer  
8/ 2/1802 7/21/1865 > 7/11/1825<  
NYS \* Bertie/Curtis Rd Cem Bertie or N.Y.S. NYS \* Bertie/Curtis Rd Cemetery  
12 children - born died \* religion-Wesleyan Methodist  
Joseph 10/14/1826 see below  
Charlotte 4/21/1828 Canada - see below - 6 John QUACKENBUSH  
Sophia 4/12/1830 Canada - see page 2 - 6 Henry M DAYTON  
Bridget 12/18/1831 Bertie - see page 3 - 6 Samuel QUACKENBUSH  
John B 4/13/1834 Bertie - see page 3  
George Jr 4/17/1836 Bertie - see page 3  
William 9/13/1838 Bertie 9/28/1860 - Bertie/Curtis Rd Cemetery (STEVENS)  
Almyra 11/26/1840 Bertie - see page 3 - .6. Henry BENNER  
Nancy Jane 2/15/1843 8/26/1847 - Bertie/Curtis Rd Cemetery (STEFFENS)  
Martha 7/26/1845 Bertie 8/ 1/1867 - Bertie/Curtis Rd Cemetery (STEVENS)  
Edna 1/26/1848 Bertie - see page 3 - 6 James BURKE  
Helen E 5/15/1850 Bertie 8/16/1853 - Bertie/Curtis Rd Cemetery (STEFFENS)
- 6 Joseph STEVENS  
10/14/1826 est 1895 >12/26/1857<  
? children - Harvey Margaret (NEAR) STEVENS  
est 1830 est 1900
- 5 Harvey STEVENS/R R switchman  
1859 est 1930 > 2/22/1883<  
Canada Riverside M.E. Canada Emily (PLATO) STEVENS  
ca 1867 est 1940
- 6 John Z QUACKENBUSH  
5/22/1830 8/15/1870 > 2/ 7/1853<1  
NYS Buffalo/Forest Ln Bflo J of P Charlotte (STEVENS) QUACKENBUSH  
4/21/1828 (see page 2)  
3 children - George, Edith, Oriole - Gen # 5 Canada (6 - Andrew PHILLIPS)
- 5 George E QUACKENBUSH  
ca 1854 12/21/1921 > aft 1878<  
Lewiston, NY Lisette (? RAYMOND) QUACKENBUSH  
est 1860 12/18/1918-12/21/1921
- (1st marriage - step family)
- 5s Richard HUMPHREY/flour merchant  
3/ /1849 US-1868 1> ca 1868<  
Wales see page 2 Catherine (JONES) HUMPHREY  
3/29/1844 11/29/1880  
3 children - William, Mary, Catherine - Gen # 4s Wales Forest Lawn
- 4s William G HUMPHREY/coal merchant  
9/ /1869 12/ 2/1942 > 6/26/1895<  
Alexander, NY Buffalo/For Ln Dearborn St Bapt Sarah E (DeWITT) HUMPHREY  
9/ /1870 6/14/1930  
1 child - Roger - Gen # 3s Buffalo 359 Dearborn/Forest Lawn
- 3s Roger Kenneth HUMPHREY/claim auditor  
5/ /1897 [80 S Irving Terr] >11/30/1929<  
Buffalo [Kenmore in 1943] St Stephen's Un Ev Kathryn M (YOX) HUMPHREY/steno  
ca 1904  
Buffalo

## &gt; Marriage &lt;

- 4s John A HARP/farmer  
ca 1866 est 1935 > 3/15/1900<  
Aylmer, Ont Dearborn St Baptist Mary J (HUMPHREY) HARP  
ca 1872 bef 1924  
Alexander, Gen. Co. [Aylmer, Ont]
- 4s Daniel Clinton PIERCE/banker  
ca 1874 bef 1959 > 12/19/1901< 1/ /1874 3/27/1959  
Hamburg, NY Dearborn St Baptist Buffalo Hamburg, NY/Prospect Lawn Cem  
2 children - George M - 9/30/1903-4/ /1987-Hamburg, NY 14075  
Daniel C - 4/28/1907-5/ /1985-Delray Beach, FL 33444  
2 grandchildren as of 1959 - George M, Jr, Daniel C, Jr
- 5 Richard HUMPHREY/flour & feed merchant  
3/ /1849 \*\* 7/20/1932 2> 1/ 6/1881< 6/ /1855 \* 9/13/1924  
Wales 1858 Niagara/For Ln Dearborn St Baptist Canada 1858 Niagara/Forest Lawn  
Dearborn St Baptist Dearborn St Baptist  
4 children - Edith, Richard, Harold, Helen - Gen # 4  
\*\* US-1868, naturalized 10/ 8/1878 \* US-1856 - lived with Henry Dayton in 1880
- 4 Herbert Sinclair COLE/farmer  
ca 1876 est 1945 > 4/20/1905< 2/ /1882 aft 1959 teacher  
Port Dalhousie, Ont Dearborn St Baptist Buffalo [St Catherines, Ont 1924-53]
- 4 Richard C HUMPHREY  
1/ /1884 aft 1953 [Detroit, Mich 1924]  
NYS [Buffalo, NY 1932]
- 4 Harold H HUMPHREY/boat builder, truck driver  
10/ /1885 3/11/1953 > 8/26/1913< ca 1890 aft 1953  
Buffalo 383 Dearborn/For Ln St John's Germ Ev Buffalo  
3 children - Richard J - 2/12/1915 - see below  
William H - 10/18/1916 - 6/ /1977 - Buffalo 14207  
Katherine AYER - ca 1921  
3 grandchildren in 1953
- 3 Richard J HUMPHREY/Erie County Parks Dept  
2/12/1915 3/23/1999 > est 1940< est 1920  
3 children - Suzanne (Thomas) HALLUM, Loretta (Richard) MEADE, Richard W (Nancy)  
7 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild in 1999 HUMPHREY
- 4 Robert B JONES/machinist  
4/24/1886 1/ /1968 > aft 1910< 3/ /1888 aft 1959 teller  
NYS Buffalo 14215 NYS
- 5 William A HUNT/machinist  
ca 1860 est 1930 > 5/15/1884< ca 1864 1899-1921  
US Dearborn St Baptist US  
[in Walla-Walla, Washington in 1899]  
5 children Address in 1922  
Llewellyn HUNT Wichita, Sedgwick Co, Kansas  
William A HUNT, Jr Wichita, Sedgwick Co, Kansas  
7/13/1888 - 12/ /1965 - Wichita, Kansas  
Helen Marjorie HUNT 752 Heliotrope Dr, Los Angeles, Cal  
2/22/1890 - 7/ /1971 - Glendale, CA 91205  
W Walter HUNT 706 East Pike St, Apt A, Seattle, King Co, Wash  
George B HUNT/ 1330 South Flower St, Los Angeles, Cal  
engr on steamer "H F Alexander" - Los Angeles to Seattle
- 6 Andrew W PHILLIPS  
ca 1809 1/25/1887 > aft 1871< 4/21/1828 1/ 3/1899  
Buffalo/Evans Canada Buffalo/Forest Ln  
Dearborn St Baptist Dearborn Street Baptist
- 6 Henry M DAYTON/foreman-Gilberts Starch Factory  
11/24/1824 12/21/1909 > 3/28/1854< 4/12/1830 US-1852 3/28/1915  
Erie Co. 216 Dearborn/For Ln\* Buffalo Canada 216 Dearborn/Forest Lawn  
2 children - Lewis, Franklin \*from Dearborn St Baptist from Lafayette Baptist

## &gt; Marriage &lt;

- 5 Lewis P DAYTON/bookkeeper  
ca 1858 aft 1928 > 9/22/1891<  
Buffalo Riverside M E Lillian W (HOUSE) DAYTON  
ca 1869 [619 13th St] est 1940  
Buffalo [Niagara Falls, NY in 1928]  
[Suspension Bridge in 1891, 1909, 1915]
- 5 Franklin H DAYTON/telegraph operator  
ca 1860 8/10/1928  
Erie Co Soldiers Home-Dayton, Ohio
- 6 Samuel QUACKENBUSH/carpenter, boat builder  
ca 1842 aft 1876 >12/29/1857<  
USA (Baptist) Bridget (STEVENS) QUACKENBUSH  
12/18/1831 3/26/1876  
Bertie Bertie, Welland Co.  
will-1/10/1876, probate-5/16/1876  
no children in will
- (6) John B STEVENS/engr on boat  
4/13/1834 \*\* aft 1880 > est 1864< (5) Ellen (BENNER) STEVENS  
Bertie 5/ 1/1841 "Helena" aft 1892  
Bertie  
5 children - born died  
Willert ca 1865 Erie Co or Willard - aft 1880  
Mary ca 1867 Erie Co - aft 1880  
Julietta 3/ /1870 Erie Co "Julia" - aft 1880  
Mathew ca 1871 Erie Co "Mattie" - aft 1880  
son 5/ /1875 Erie Co - bef 1880  
\*\* US before age 18 - naturalized 5/ 1/1865
- (6) George STEVENS, Jr/farmer  
4/17/1836 10/24/1879 > 1/19/1863< (5) Julia Ann Elizabeth (BENNER) STEVENS  
Bertie Plato Cem Buffalo j.p. 1/28/1840 3/24/1926  
5 children - born died Canada \* Plato Cem  
Miza May 1863 1865 Plato Cem \* lived with Sophia  
Annetta 1866 1867 Plato Cem Dayton at 216 Dearborn  
Laura 1868 1874 Plato Cem in 1910 census,  
Caroline 1870 1885 Plato Cem in Bertie 1/ 6/1880  
Georganna BURK 11/ 5/1873 1954 (see Philip BENNER book - pages 51 & 52)
- .6. Henry BENNER/farmer  
3/ 7/1809 8/23/1881 > 1861-1867< Almyra (STEVENS) BENNER  
Bertie Ridgeway/Zion Cem 11/26/1840 6/ 2/1877  
6 children - born died Bertie Bertie/Zion Cem, Ridgeway  
Gerald E 9/26/1867 Bertie 10/ 4/1927 Overholt-Bethel  
Misa May HAYNER 11/ /1869 Bertie  
Warren William 6/10/1870 Bertie 4/ 1/1936 Greenwood Cem  
Martha STEINMANN 3/ 9/1872 Ridgeway 9/28/1946 Fort Erie/Greenwood Cem  
Christiana Grace 2/ 6/1874 Bertie 12/18/1876 Zion Cem  
Maude Etta TRAPP 10/ /1876 Bertie
- (see BENNER & STEINMANN trees)
- 6 James BURKE  
est 1845 est 1915 > ca 1867< Edna (STEVENS) BURKE  
1/26/1848 est 1915  
Bertie

**NOTE** - The STEINMANN/BENNER Family Bible lists the early (1825-1865) STEVENS information, apparently copied from a previous source. However, the name is spelled STEFFENS. The marriage announcement on April 5, 1854 in the Buffalo Daily Courier shows Sophia STEPHENS. 1862 Bertie land map shows George STEPHENS. All other civil and published records used STEVENS.

Dearborn Street Baptist Church - 234 Dearborn St. - Buffalo, New York  
Dedicated 1886 - Burned February 22, 1975. Record books were at the home of Mrs Flora Strohauer across the street from the church at the time of fire so were saved but location of records has not been determined at this time.