

JACOB STEINMAN::: RIDGE ROAD. 1829 -

Jacob Steinman was born in Bavaria 1829, son of Frank Steinman. No details are known about his parents; however it is believed that they died when he was very young, about seven years old.

He went to Alsace Lorraine, where he was brought up by distant relatives.

Jacob came to North America in 1855 with Margaret Becker, whom he later married. They lived in Chippawa for three years, then returned to Chippawa. Their final move was to a home on Ridge Road , where they lived in a red brick farm house, on the west side of the road, north of Garrison. This is what we now know as Split Rock rd., and in 1866 the Fenian battle was fought on part of their farm.

Two paintings of the Steinman homestead are still in possession of family members .

FAMILY TIES

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STEINMANN and BECKER

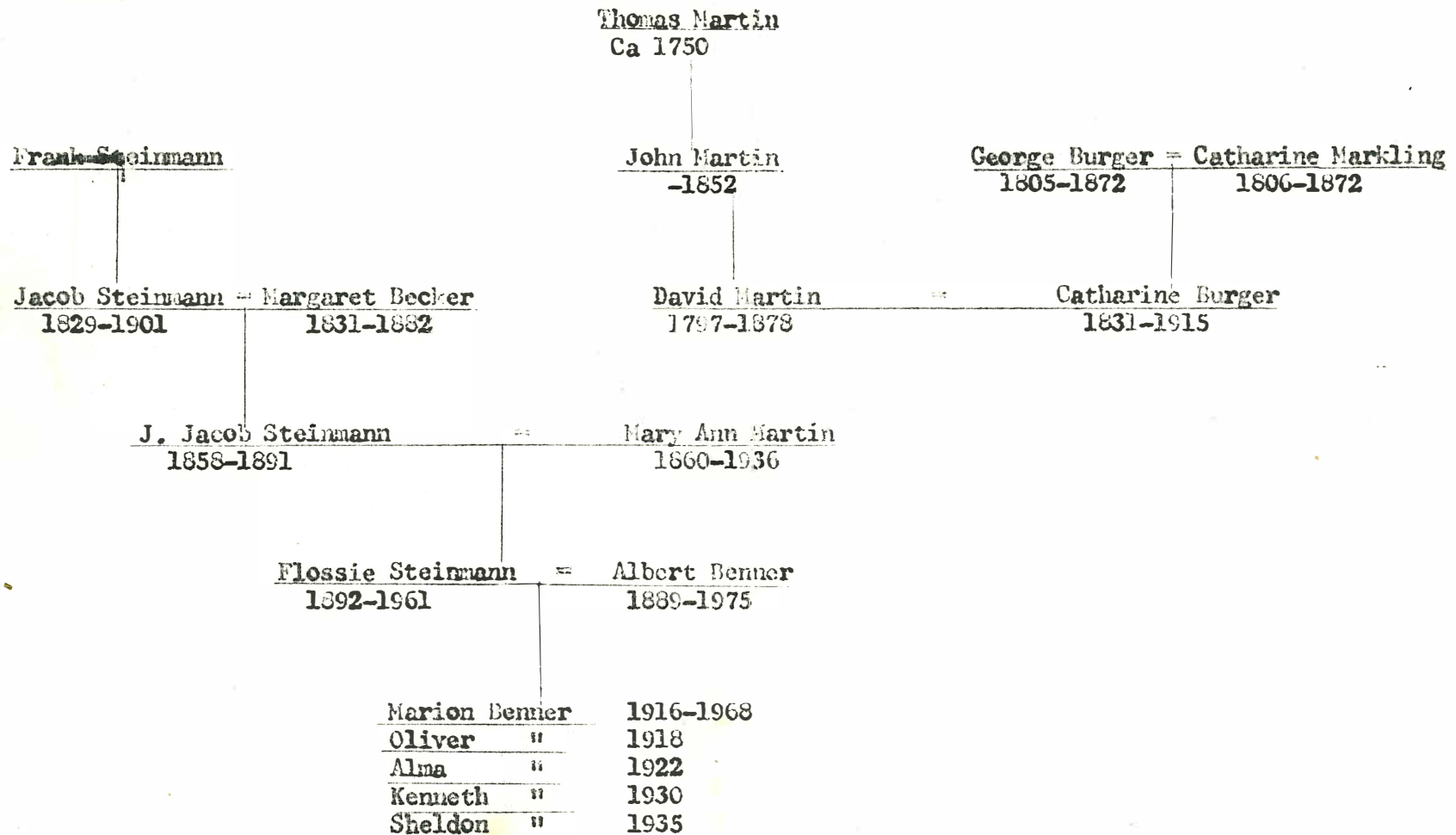
MARTIN and BURGER

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STEINMANN - BECKER LINE

MARTIN - BURGER - MARKLING LINE







Jacob Steinmann Sr., 1829-1902



## STEINMANN - BECKER LINE

Frank Steinmann, the first known ancestor in this line, lived in Bavaria, Germany. No details are known about him but it is assumed he and his wife died when their son, Jacob Steinmann, was very young, because at age 7 he went to Alsace Lorraine where he was brought up by relatives

Jacob Steinmann was born in 1829 and came to North America Ca 1855 with Margaret Becker, who was born in 1831 in France (probably Alsace Lorraine), and they were married in this country.

There is no information about the Becker family other than the names of Margaret's three brothers, George, Michael and Louis Becker.

Jacob and Margaret Steinmann lived first in Chippawa, Ontario for three or four years, then moved to Westport, Missouri for a couple of years and back again to Chippawa. Their final move was to a farm on the Ridge Road, north of #3 highway, near Ridgeway, Ontario. This was to be the family home where they raised a family of 10 children. Two early paintings of the house are in existence - one owned by Oliver Steinmann of Rochester, N. Y. and the other by Alan Steinman of Fort Erie, Ontario. The house today is well preserved and the exterior little changed.

In June 1866, one of the battles of the Fenian Raid was fought on this farm and surrounding area. A plaque on #3 highway near Ridge Road marks the event.

The 1871 census for Bertie Township indicates the farm consisted of 175 acres.

Margaret Becker Steinmann died in 1882 and was buried in the Lutheran section of St. John's cemetery at Snyder. The tombstone is broken but the upper portion is still legible. After her death, Jacob went to Rochester, N.Y. to live with son, John and his wife Lydia. He died there in 1902 and is buried in Mount Hope cemetery in that city.

Most of the geneology we have for this family was provided by Wesley Steinmann but was never completed.

Jacob Steinmann	B 1829 in Bavaria, Germany	D 1902 in Rochester, N.Y.
M Ca 1855 to		
Margaret Becker	B 1831 in Alsace Lorraine	D 1882 in Bertie Township

### DESCENDENTS of JACOB and MARGARET BECKER STEINMANN

There were ten children born to Jacob and Margaret, namely, Margaret, Henry, J. Jacob, George, Martin, Catharine, Michael, John, Julia and Elizabeth Steinmann.

Margaret Steinmann B 1856, daughter of Jacob & Margaret Steinmann  
M to  
Abe Deterling

5 children - Eleanora, Cornelia, William, Irene & Esther Deterling.

Eleanora Deterling

M to

1. Charles Claus

2. Mr. Hahn

1 child

Marguerite Helena Claus

M to

Courtland Newcombe

4 children - David Royal, Howard Elibee, Nancy  
Eleanor and Michael Courtland Newcombe

Cornelia Deterling

M to

Edward Bueholtz

3 children

Edward Bueholtz, Jr.

Eleanor Bueholtz

M to

Mr. Naderson

3 sons, 1 daughter

Paul Bueholtz

2 sons

William Deterling - died very young

Irene Catharine Deterling

M to

Rev. Wm. Harold Gruhn

10 children

Irene Augusta Gruhn - died with first child

M to

Mr. Lund

Rev. Harold Gruhn

M to

2 children - Esther Helen & Marianne Carol  
Gruhn

August W. Gruhn

Carl L. "

Victor E. "

Esther E. "

Paul L. "

David B. "

Estelle M. "

M to

Mr. Miller

Dorothy Ann Gruhn

M to

Mr. Lubke

2 children

Carl Eric Lubke

Heidi Christina Lubke

Esther Amelia Deterling

M to

Mr. Gangloff

Henry Steinmann B 1857, son of Jacob & Margaret Steinmann.

M to

Wife's name unknown

1 child

George Steinmann

Henry Steinmann and his wife were market gardeners and lived on the Garrison Road in Bertie. It was their custom to take baby George with them as they worked in the field. One day he was left unshaded too long and suffered sunstroke which resulted in mental deficiency. After his parents were gone, he lived the remainder of his life at Sunset Haven in Welland.

George Steinmann b 1861, son of Jacob & Margaret Steinmann.

M to

Esther —

4 children

Grace Steinmann

M to

Karl Beutell

Betty Beutell

Fred Steinmann

Lydia "

Julia "

George and Esther Steinman lived in Chippawa. Polio seems to have afflicted various members of the Steinmann family. George was left very lame following polio. His grand daughter, Betty Beutell, in Rochester, N.Y. had polio after she was an adult, married woman and survived for several years by means of a rocking bed.

Martin Steinmann B 1864, son of Jacob & Margaret Steinmann.

M to

Martha Benner

6 children

John Steinmann

Wm. LeRoy Steinmann B 1895 D Jan. 26, 1967

M to

Matilda Wegner

Robert L. Steinmann B D Sept. 8 1964

M to

Alice Stokes

Lillian Steinmann

Ida Steinmann

M to

Charles Hennesen

Violet Steinmann

M to

Glen Hutton

Martin was another member of the family to be left lame from polio, He and his family lived in Fort Erie.



Catharine (Kate) Steinmann B 1866 Daughter of Jacob & Margaret Steinmann  
M to  
William Boetger  
3 children - Ella, Wm. jr. and Roy Boetger.

Michael Steinmann B 1868 Son of Jacob & Margaret Steinmann.  
M to  
Anna -----  
1 son - Virgil Steinmann  
This family moved to U.S.A.

John Steinmann B 1870 Son of Jacob & Margaret Steinmann  
M Sept. 13, 1893 D 1911  
Lydia Bode B 1867 D 1948  
4 sons - Wesley, Milton, Oliver & Vernon Steinmann

Jefferson Wesley Steinmann B Oct 8, 1895D 27th Dec./1970  
M to Aug. 1, 1919  
Margaret Nowack B May 27, 1897 D  
2 children - Dorothy & Donald Steinmann

Dorothy M Steinmann B 1920  
M to  
Elmer Schaefer  
5 children

Christina Schaefer  
M to  
Michael Campbell  
1 child - Victoria Gage

Karen Schaefer  
M to  
Guy Morivan  
1 child - Laurie Morivan

Paul Schaefer  
M to  
Donna -----  
3 children - Cadon Schaefer & Rebecca Schaefer  
& a son

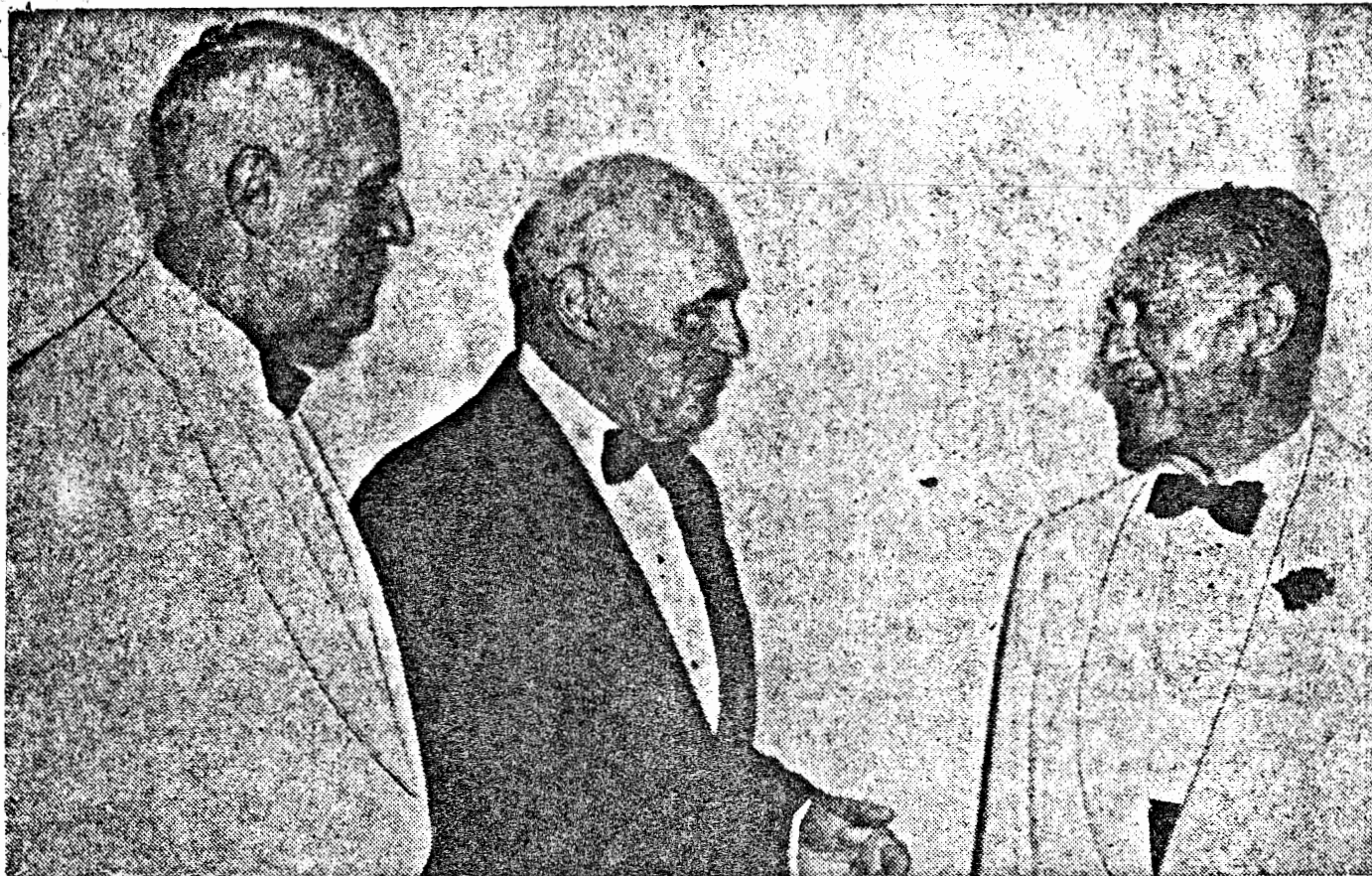
Eric Schaefer  
M to (Divorced)  
Cheryl Casey  
2 child - Heather Schaefer & Zachary Schaefer

Mark Schaefer

Donald Steinmann D 1981 B Oct. 6, 1926  
M to  
Doree Knopke  
4 girls - Donna, Debbie, Dale & Darlene

Donna Steinmann  
M to  
Ronald Rogers

Elizabeth Steinmann daughter of Jacob & Margaret Steinmann  
B Jan 1872 D Dec. 28, 1961 - unmarried.



**SHOWN CHATTING** at the 50th anniversary dinner of the Ontario Paper Company Saturday

night at the Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, are, from the left J. Howard Wood, pub-

lisher of the Chicago Tribune; Hon. W. Earl Rowe, lieutenant governor of Ontario, and Ar-

thur A. Schmon, Ontario Paper Company chairman and chief executive officer.

## Chicago Tribune Chief's Parents Wed In Welland

By BILL WILKERSON

**NIAGARA FALLS** — A leading figure in one of the largest newspaper and investment empires in North America has links with the Welland area.

At the anniversary dinner Saturday night, commemorating Ontario Paper Company's 50th year, held in the Sheraton Brock Hotel ballroom, J. Howard Wood, publisher of the Chicago Tribune and president of the Tribune company, related how his father, Robert Edward Wood, was born in Campbellford, Ont., taught school just outside Ridgeway, married in Welland, and then initiated a newspaper career in central Illinois.

This sequence of events, transpiring in the years sandwiching the turn of the century, began when Robert Edward, the son of a farmer, left home to take up teaching duties in a small country schoolhouse just outside

Ridgeway proper.

Soon thereafter, he met Julia Barbara Steinmenn, a farmer's daughter, born and raised in Ridgeway.

The pair married, with the solemnization carried out somewhat informally in a pastor's kitchen, in Welland, in 1898.

Soon, Mr. Wood related, his father was to abandon his teaching duties, and strike out for Illinois, where with the assistance of relatives living there, he hoped to enter into a newspaper career.

Moderate success was the fruit of his travels, as Robert Edward eventually moved from a reporter's spot on a tiny Illinois weekly to the post of editor of a small daily in central state.

The Woods lived in Illinois for about a year and a half before J. Howard arrived. And with that arrival was born the future kingpin of a powerful newspaper dynasty.



John Jacob Steinmann 3rd child of Jacob & Margaret Steinmann  
and our direct ancestor.

J. Jacob Steinmann B 1858 D 1891  
M 1879 to

Mary Ann Martin B 1860 D 1936  
4 children - George, Mabel, Norman & Flossie Steinmann

George David Steinmann B June 30, 1880 D. Jan. 11, 1956  
M Sept. 12, 1923 to  
Nellie Spear B Aug. 22, 1889 D Oct. 12, 1979

Mabel Cornelia Steinmann B. Mar. 15, 1882 D June 4, 1973  
M June 22, 1904 to  
George Henry Sauer B. Aug. 21, 1877 D. Aug. 15, 1965  
2 children - Evelyn & Merritt Sauer

Evelyn Gertrude Sauer B Apr. 28, 1905 D.  
M June 22, 1926 to  
Wesley W. Benner B May 20, 1903 D.  
3 children - Marvin, Donald and Gene Benner

Marvin Carl Benner B. Sept. 17, 1927  
M Feb. 24, 1951 to  
Laura Cooper B. Mar. 24, 1926  
2 children - Lindsay and Stacey Benner

Lindsay Benner B. Apr. 10, 1956  
M June 22, 1974 to  
Susan Sigmore B. Nov. 9, 1954  
2 children - Nicole and Keith Benner

Nicole Benner B July 26, 1977  
Keith " B Aug. 16, 1979

Stacey Benner B. Mar. 3, 1964

Donald Merritt Benner B. Sept. 13, 1931  
M to June 7, 1952  
Erma Shane B. Jan. 26, 1932  
2 children - James and Donna Benner

James Benner B. Aug. 16, 1954  
M May 31, 1980 to  
Susan Martin B. Aug. 13, 1960

Donna Marie Benner B. Nov. 22, 1958  
M 1978 to

Peter Mosher B. Mar. 4, 1955  
1 child - Melinda Mosher B. Aug. 21, 1980

Gene Ross Benner B. Jan. 9, 1941  
M July 18, 1964 to  
Carol Greenaway B. July 3, 1942  
1 child - Lisa Marie Benner B. June 25, 1970

Merritt George Sauer B. Nov. 16, 1907 D.  
M June 7, 1934 to  
Hazel Elizabeth Chambers B. Apr. 24, 1912 D.  
2 children - Rodney and Ronald Sauer

Rodney Merritt Sauer B. Dec. 15, 1936 D. Dec. 15, 1936

Ronald Steinman Sauer B. Jan. 15, 1940  
M Sept. 1, 1962 to  
Judith Ann Newman B. Mar. 16, 1942  
Divorced Dec. 22, 1972  
M June 29, 1973 to  
Margaret Jean Collins B. Dec. 13, 1943

Norman John Steinman B. Jan. 1, 1888 D. July 29, 1972  
M Sept. 2, 1914 to  
Sarah Pearl Church B. Nov. 27, 1890 D. Nov. 17, 1976  
2 children - Alan and Norma Steinman

Alan Howard Steinman B. June 25, 1915  
M Aug. 10, 1938 to  
Vera Hopley B. Aug. 10, 1914

Norma Theo Steinman B. Apr. 20, 1930  
D. Sept. 19, 1935

Flossie May Steinman B. Apr. 20, 1892 D. Aug. 15, 1961  
M Sept. 12, 1915 to  
Albert March Benner B. Mar. 26, 1889 D. Oct. 26, 1975  
5 children - Marion, Oliver, Alma, Kenneth & Sheldon Benner

Marion Benner B. Aug. 14, 1916 D. Sept. 18, 1968  
M Dec. 25, 1942 to  
Philo Harry Dean B. Jan. 11, 1912 D.  
4 children - Sheldon, Gwendolyn, Karen & Kenneth Dean

Sheldon Harry Dean B. Apr. 5, 1950  
M to SEPT. 9, 1978  
Jillian Howie B. Sept. 1, 1948  
1 child - Kiri Dean B. AUG.

Gwendolyn May Dean B. Apr. 5, 1952  
M to  
James Grilz B.  
1 child - Jamie Grilz

Karen Ann Dean B. Oct. 22, 1956  
M to SEPT. 3, 1977  
James Drittle B. SEPT. 29  
1 child - Keri Lyn Drittle B. DEC. 7, 1978

Kenneth Albert Dean B. May 25, 1958

Lawrence Oliver Benner B. Sept. 29, 1918 - unmarried

Alma Rose Benner B. Nov. 1, 1922  
M July 31, 1948 to  
Wilfred Gilmour B. Nov. 25, 1922  
2 children - Lynn and Beverley Gilmour

Lynn Wilfred Gilmour B. Apr. 30, 1961

Beverley Jean Gilmour B. Mar. 6, 1964

Kenneth Royal Benner B. Aug. 19, 1930  
M June 12, 1954 to  
Norma Possinger B. Nov. 30, 1929  
2 children - Carl & Glen Benner

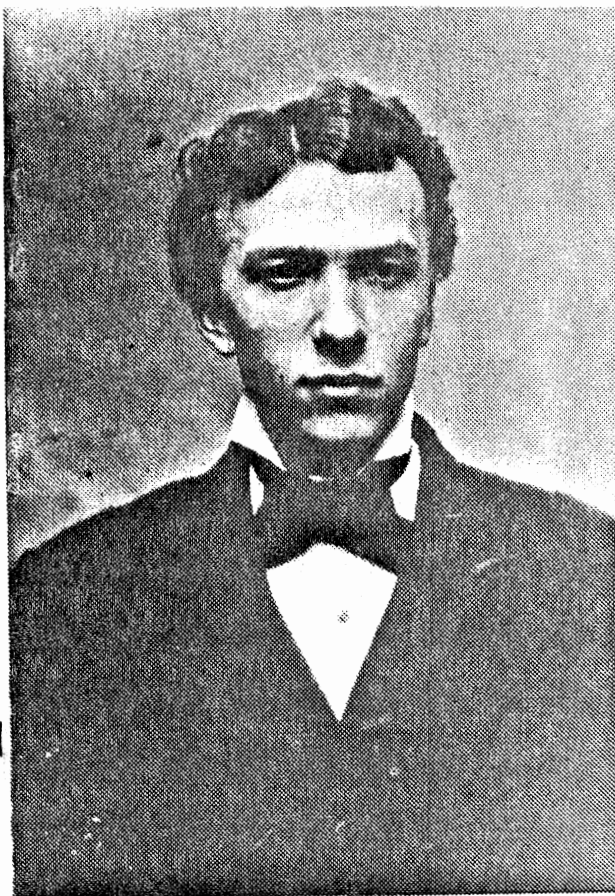
Carl Albert Benner B. June 6, 1959

Glen Howard Benner B. Sept. 16, 1961  
M to 1981

Marilyn Gibbons B. APR. 24, 1963  
1 child - Terry Benner B. SEPT. 18, 1981

Sheldon Dean Benner B. July 10, 1935 - unmarried





J. Jacob Steinmann  
1858-1891



Mary Ann Martin Steinman  
1860-1936



Mabel & Flossie Steinman

## J. JACOB and MARY ANN STEINMAN & FAMILY

J. Jacob Steinmann was the third child of Jacob and Margaret Steinmann. He was actually named John Jacob but commonly went by Jacob or J. Jacob to distinguish him from his father. Perhaps this is why, later, a younger brother was given the name John. We know nothing of his childhood except that he grew up on the family farm on the Ridge Road in Bertie.

In 1879 he married Mary Ann Martin of Pelham, daughter of David and Catharine Martin. It is understood in the family that the marriage was engineered by Mary Ann's mother. Presumably the Steinmann and Burger families in Bertie were at least acquaintances, if not friends. Since David Martin, Mary Ann's father, had just died the year before, the young couple stayed on with the widowed mother for some time. Their first two children, George David and Mabel Cornelia, were born there.

In 1883 they purchased a farm in Bertie Township, Lot 2, Concession 6, on the corner of Bertie Road and what is now Sunset Drive. The cost was \$3000.00 and records in the Welland Registry indicate that Catharine Burger<sup>MARTIN</sup> paid for the farm for her daughter. At the time of writing, a grandson, Oliver Benner, still lives in the family home.

J. Jacob's picture shows him to be a handsome young man, and he was very energetic and hard working. We are told he would have his team hitched, waiting for daylight, to go to the field, ignoring inclement weather. This may have been a contributing factor to his becoming ill with what was called galloping consumption in those days and after a brief illness died on Feb. 9, 1891, just 32 years old. His tombstone in St. John's cemetery at Snyder is well preserved. Twenty years later his younger brother, John, also was to die of T.B. while still a young man. J. Jacob's two sons, George and Norman, suffered severely from emphysema in their later years. One would suspect a family respiratory weakness.

Mary Ann needed all the habits of thrift and hard work, learned from her German mother, to cope with the struggle of running a farm and raising her young family. George, not yet 12 when his father died, soon shouldered a man's work in helping with the farm work, Mabel, soon to be 10, learned at an early age to help with household duties.

Extra income was earned by boarding Miss Rose Seaton, the teacher at S.S.#4, the school attended by the Steinmann children, and later by Mabel and Flossie's children. It is believed that Mary Ann's mother also gave financial assistance during those difficult years. Mabel always extolled the virtues of this grandmother. Perhaps as a child she had often benefited from her kindness.

Mabel wanted to be a tailoress but since there was no money for training, she took employment as a domestic with a Buffalo family by the name of Baker. She was so fond of their little boy, Merritt, that a few years later she gave her own son that name. While still a little girl, through her friend and neighbour, Ida Benner, she met and became good friends with relatives of the latter, Eda and Ida Michael, who were twins from Sherkston. Little did she dream then that one day her son would marry Eda's daughter. It was also through Ida Benner, who married Jacob Sauer, that Mabel met and married George Sauer. Eventually they were to live next door to Mary Ann Steinman.



George Steinman bought his own house in Fort Erie long before he was married. Ma Steinman, as she was called by all her family, kept house for him there until he was married. Merritt boarded with them in the winter months during high school days. George would chide Merritt that his writing in his books looked as though chickens with dirty feet had walked on the page. He had a ridiculous sense of humor, but never offended with his outrageous comments.

Norman married beautiful Pearl Church and went to live in Buffalo, N.Y. where Alan was born. They came back to Fort Erie and Norman worked as chief electrician at Horton Steel until his retirement. He was an ingenious workman and should have patented some of his inventions. He was Merritt's supervisor and demanding teacher when he apprenticed there. His motto was "anything worth doing, must be done right". Pearl was the outgoing, hospitable aunt. Merritt "baby sat" for Alan so was often in their home. They suffered a tragic blow when their five year old daughter Norma died, and again when Alan suffered a severe case of polio.

In the intervening years Flossie and husband Albert Benner had taken over the home farm and raised their family there. There was always a close warm relationship between the two sisters and the cousins next door. When George married Nellie Spear in 1923, Ma Steinman came back to live out her years with Flossie on the home place. Even when she was older, she maintained a well-ordered vegetable and flower garden, with raised beds according to European custom, and where no weeds dared grow.

She died following a stroke at 75 years of age in 1936. She had lived to see the family she had struggled to raise during the early, difficult years, now all happily settled in homes of their own. Her children and grandchildren all gave her the love and respect she deserved.

When Mary Ann died, her estate was willed to her two sons, George and Norman Steinman. This was in accordance with the wishes of her mother, Catharine Martin Howard, who, during her lifetime, had purchased a farm for each of her three daughters, and, upon her death, had left cash legacies to each of her six granddaughters. The grandsons were to inherit the farm or equivalent from each of their respective mothers. Even from beyond the grave, the matriarch's power was exercised.

Gradually, over the years, the Canadian Steinman families dropped the final "n" from the spelling of their name, whereas the American families continued to use the double "n".

## MARTIN LINE

Much of the following information has come from John Bossert, a direct descendant, in the sixth generation, from the original Thomas Martin, to be raised on the family homestead in Pelham. Beside family records, he has done some research through the Canadian Archives in Ottawa.

Thomas Martin is the first known ancestor in this line. Born about 1750 in Ireland, he served for about five years in the British Navy. During the American Revolution he was taken prisoner of war at Stoney Point. After the war he married a girl from Vermont who was of an United Empire Loyalist family - name unknown. They came to Canada and settled as squatters along Lyons Creek, on lots 16 and 17 in Concession 2 in Willoughby Township Ca 1789. His first petition for ownership was refused in 1793 on the basis of insufficient proof that his wife was a bona fide United Empire Loyalist. He petitioned again in June 1795 and was granted ownership of the land. \*

They had two sons, Daniel and John Martin. .

Daniel Martin was a blacksmith in Niagara Township and never married.

John Matthias Martin filed petition at Newark, then the capital, in 1795 for 1200 acres of crown land, generally along the Canboro Road in Pelham Township and received title to his property in 1808.\* He and his wife, name unknown, had seven children.

David	Martin	= Catharine Burger
Christina	"	= John Bitner
Mary	"	= Mr. Rinker
Andrew	"	= Lenore Moyer
Margaret	"	= Mr. Haney
Elizabeth	"	= Mr. Metler (John Metler's great grandparents)
Susie	"	= Mr. Smith

On the official Canadian list of United Empire Loyalists there appears the name, Thomas Martin, with the notation "near five years in the navy". Also John Martin is listed as "firm Loyalist".

\* Canadian Archives in Ottawa

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DAVID MARTIN B. May 11, 1797

Although Thomas Martin came from Ireland, the origin of his grandson, David Martin, is listed as German on the 1871 Pelham Township census. Origin was always determined from the paternal side.

In his book, "The Trail of the Black Walnut", Dr. G. E. Reaman tells of the great migration from Germany to America in the early 1700's. An invitation to settle colonists in America came from Queen Anne of England and was circulated throughout the Palatinate along the Rhine in Germany. Because of economic and religious pressures there, the response was overwhelming. It proved a staggering task to arrange transportation to and settlement in America for so many. Three thousand of these Germans, who were linen weavers, were taken to Ireland where a settlement was established near Limerick, which still flourishes today. Dr. Reaman says this is why some Canadians, born in Ireland, claim German ancestry. If, by chance, Thomas Martin's parents had been among that group settled in Ireland, it would explain why he, Thomas, could have been recorded as Irish while many years later his grandson, David Martin, was listed as of German origin.

When David was in his mid-thirties, he inherited some money from his Uncle Daniel's estate. Although unmarried he decided to buy a farm and home of his own. Property near his father's farm became available about this time so, on August 20, 1831, he purchased Lot 11, Concession 13, in Pelham Township for 125 English pounds. It was fertile land, with a creek running through, an apple orchard, a well, and some bush land. The pine log house had two rooms - a bedroom and a general purpose room. The barn was also constructed of logs.

After John Martin's death Ca 1852, David's mother made her home with him until her death Ca 1855. The parents are buried in Hansler's cemetery. Registry records indicate David bought the west half of lot 12 in Concession 12 in 1850 from his father for 50 pounds. It is the family's understanding this property was given to him with the proviso he would care for his mother, and the payment could have been forgiven.

After his mother's death, David settled down to a bachelor's life again, but soon became ill, and each day grew worse so it seemed he would surely die. One day, from his sick bed, he overheard his sisters and sister-in-law in the other room making plans as to how they would divide his personal belongings after he died. He said to himself "If I ever get better, I'll have me an heir". This must have given him the necessary determination for he did get well and strong again.

On a subsequent visit to his sister, Christina Bitner in Bertie Township he asked if she could recommend someone as a housekeeper for him. She suggested Catharine Burger, eldest daughter of George Burger who lived nearby, and so it was that Catharine went off to Pelham with David. He was so greatly pleased with her work that he proposed marriage to her. Her first reaction was to want to run away. After all, at 61, he was 8 years older than her father. To leave though, meant a long way over poor roads through bush country with wolves and other wild animals. She further considered; she, herself, was 27 years old - a spinster by the standards of her day and furthermore, David had a hundred acres of good farm land, well watered, five yoke of oxen, seven cows, five horses and a little money. Her practical nature won, and, so it was, Catharine Burger and David Martin were married in 1858.

The next year their first child, a baby boy, was still born, a great disappointment to David who so much wanted an heir. Four daughters later were to make up their family - Mary Ann, Christina, Emily and Elizabeth.

One day in 1872, David had a vision in which he saw three coffins floating in the air above the creek, and he interpreted this as an omen of sad things to come. In July of that year, Catharine's father, George Burger, died. Then her mother, Catharine Burger died in November, and also their own little daughter, Elizabeth, from scarlet fever.

A second log house had replaced David's original one but now with a growing family, bigger buildings were required. A new barn of all pine construction, measuring 30' X 50' was erected. It is said one pine board was 3' wide. In 1873 a new house was built, a main section of brick and a frame part at right angles making a T shape. The frame section was again of pine and contained a wood shed large enough that a team and wagon could be driven in. The brick work was done by Catharine's two brothers, George and John Burger and this section of the house forms the west part of the present house. It has remained in the family through succeeding generations and they say the land is as fertile now as when David Martin first acquired it.

Family records say David Martin was a man 6 feet tall, of medium build. He refused to have a picture taken because of his Quaker background. When he was elderly he became bald and wore a small grey beard. He died in 1878 and was buried in Hillside cemetery on Canboro Road beside his little daughter, Elizabeth. When his wife Catharine died 37 years later, there was no more room in the family plot so she was buried in a new location. The body of David Martin was exhumed and, although the coffin was still in fairly good condition, a new one was built of lumber from the home bush by his son-in-law, Norman McClellan, and he was re-buried next to Catharine.

DAVID MARTIN B. May 11, 1797 D. June 15, 1878

M 1858 to

Catharine Burger B. 1831 D. Dec. 30, 1915

Descendants of David and Catharine Burger Martin

Stillborn Baby Boy 1859

Mary Ann Martin B. Dec. 23, 1860 D. Mar. 8, 1936

M 1879 to

J. Jacob Steinmann B. Dec. 16, 1858 D. Feb. 9, 1891

4 children - George, Mabel, Norman & Flossie Steinmann

(see Steinmann history for expanded family)

Christina Martin B. Oct. 16, 1862 D. Apr. 25, 1922

M to

Norman McClellan B. Sept. 25, 1858 D. Apr. 8, 1944

3 children - Edith, James and Jessie 1892-1918 McClellan.

Emily Martin B. May 26, 1865 D. Nov. 17, 1931

M Mar. 20, 1888 to

John Adam Bossert B. June 1, 1865 D. Oct. 14, 1929

4 children - Elizabeth Martin, Caroline, Earl and Fred Bossert

Elizabeth Martin B. Mar. 1, 1882 D. Oct. 6, 1969

M to

Wm. Kappler

5 children - Veda, Clifford, Vera, Orville and Arthur Kappler

Caroline (Carrie) Bossert B. June 29, 1889 D. Mar. 17, 1972

M Dec. 25, 1907 to

Noble Benson

11 children - Fred, Dorothy, Lloyd, Harry, Mildred, Willard, Jimmie,  
Robert, Dawson, Helen and Marilyn Benson

Earl Bossert B. Apr. 10, 1891 D. Sept. 6, 1960

M Aug. 2, 1916 to

Myrtle Holmes B. May 11, 1896 D.

6 children - Clarence, Wilson, Lloyd, Anna, Paul and Ralph Bossert

Frederick Bossert B. Aug. 18, 1895 D. Aug. 13, 1971

M Sept. 11, 1918 to

Elizabeth Sider B. Aug. 18, 1895 D.

4 children

Mary Bossert = Andrew McNiven

3 children - Donald, Robert and Marlene McNiven

John Bossert = Della Traver

1 child - Dawn Bossert

Eileen Bossert = Howard Traver

2 children - Kenneth and Rosemary Traver

Donald Bossert = Jean Sider

3 children - Kathy, Barbara and Jeffrey Bossert

Elizabeth Martin B. June 2, 1868 D. Nov. 5, 1872 - 4 years old.

Note - John Bossert of Stevensville has a much more detailed history  
of the Martin-Burger descendants.



Catharine Burger Martin  
1831-1915



## THE BURGER - MARKLING LINE

GEORGE BURGER, our earliest known ancestor in this line, was born in Uhrweiler, Alsace-Lorraine, when it was part of France. He and his wife, Catharine Markling had six children, George Jr., Catharine, John, Margaret, Magdalene and Elizabeth Burger. We have no information about the Markling family.

In 1849 George Jr. migrated to Canada to escape military service. In 1856 the rest of the family decided to follow. The trip was made by covered wagon from Uhrweiler to Le Havre, France, where the company of immigrants embarked on an ocean sailing vessel. All came with food and other provisions for the long voyage, in addition to such other small articles as were possible in such crowded quarters. One can visualize the agony of deciding what treasures must be left behind.

They left Le Havre on December 31st, 1855, and New Year's Day, 1856, found them out on the ocean sailing for North America. The family recalls the stories told of a terrific storm at sea in the month of February, when all the passengers thought their dreams of making a new start in North America were not to be realized. Prayers were said for the safety of the ship and passengers. The vessel was caught in a pocket of the sea and whirled around several times. Then the captain cut the ropes of the sail which flew off into the ocean. After 53 days at sea, the ship docked at New York City and the Burger family made their way to Buffalo, N.Y. and then to Fort Erie, Ontario. After they left the docks in Fort Erie, most of the trip was made through thick bush in an open wagon to Stevensville in Bertie Township. One can only surmise that George Jr. had already located in that area.

Visitors to Uhrweiler in 1961 were able to locate the original Burger home there. It was identified because the Burger boys' names were written on the side of the house and still legible after more than a hundred years. The house was said to be in good condition.

The 1861 census for Bertie Township lists George Burger and his son John both as masons. Son George Jr. must have followed the same trade as noted in the account of building the new house of David and Catharine Burger Martin in 1873.

George Burger's tombstone is in St. John's Cemetery at Snyder.

### GEORGE and CATHARINE MARKLING BURGER

George Burger	B. 1805 in Alsace-Lorraine	D. 1872 in Bertie
M to		
Catharine Markling	B. 1806 " "	D. 1872 " "

### DESCENDANTS of George and Catharine Burger

George Burger Jr.	B. 1829 in Alsace	D. 1899
Catharine Burger	B. 1831 " "	D. 1915 in Pelham
M 1858 to		
David Martin	B. 1797 " Pelham	D. 1878 " "

Their descendants are recorded in the Martin history.

Catharine Burger was 25 years of age when she came to Canada with her family. We have already recorded how she met and married David Martin. In spite of the difference in their ages, they still had 20 years of married life. When he died at 81 years of age, she was left with three young daughters. Mary Ann, the oldest, was not yet 18 at the time.

Catharine continued to manage the sizeable farm and prospered. She was known to be an energetic and business-like woman, but at the same time always compassionate to those in need. We have pieces of linen for which she spun the flax and wove the fabric. Sometime prior to 1884 she married Michael Howald who was born May 4, 1832 and who lived until April, 1923.

Each of her three daughters was given a farm when they married. Mary Ann married J. Jacob Steinmann and their farm was in Bertie. Christina married Norman McClellan and a farm along the Welland River became their home. Emily married Adam Bossert and they came home to live with Catharine and eventually took over the home place. Descendants of the Bosserts still live there. It was understood that the farms given to her daughters would be inherited by the grandsons. When Catharine died, her money was willed to be equally divided amongst her six granddaughters, one of whom was Mabel Steinman Sauer. Her death occurred in 1915, during World War I. We have been told that if Alsace had been under German rule when she left that country, her estate would have been confiscated by the Canadian Government. This may or may not be true but conditions of probate attached to her will (Instrument #2723, dated 1916, Welland Registry office) state in part "No portion of assets may be distributed or paid during the war to any beneficiary or creditor who is a German, Austro-Hungarian, Turkish or Bulgarian subject, or other alien enemy, wherever resident, or to any one on his behalf".

Catharine Martin's second husband, Michael Howald, continued to live on the family farm until his death. He was considered "grandfather" by the younger generation and remembered as a kindly, pleasant person.

Descendants of George and Catharine Burger continued

John Burger I B. 1837 in Alsace D. Jan. 1921

M to

Elizabeth Woehl B. 1846, daughter of John & Elizabeth Woehl - See Appendix  
9 children in Sauer history

John, Charles, Peter, Edward, Elizabeth, Sarah, Rose, Margaret & Edna Burger

John Isaac Burger II B. 1870 D. 1929

m to

Catharine Morningstar B. 1879 D. 1958

3 children - John W., Dorothy & Catharine Bugar Stewart

Rev. John W. Burger III

M to

Marguerite ---

6 children

John E. Burger IV

Son - John F. Burger V

David Burger

Marguerite Burger

Paul "

J. Wesley "

Patricia "

Rev. John W. Burger was pastor at First Baptist Church  
in La Mesa, California. It was the writer's privilege  
to attend a service there in 1981 when he baptized his  
grandson, John F. Burger V.

Charles Burger

Peter Burger

Edward Burger

Elizabeth Burger = Thomas Morton

Sarah Burger = Melvin Beam

Rose Burger = Harry Mead

Margaret Burger unmarried

Edna Burger B. 1882 D. 1975 unmarried

Margaret Burger B. 1842 in Alsace

Magdalene Burger B. 1845 " " D. 1908

(Eleanor Schindler's great grandmother)

Elizabeth Burger B. 1848 in Alsace D. 1930

M to

Henry House.