



MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

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Mr. Louis McDermott

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PUBLIC ARCHIVES CANADA

SUBJECT
OBJET

BENNER, Jacob and family

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OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE
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YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE
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A Upper Canada Land Papers

Jacob Benner of Bertie Township petitioned for land on three occasions as a Loyalist who had served in the King's American Regiment of Foot: in February 1808 at York (RG 1, L 3, vol. 36, B 9/4, 5 pages, reel C-1622), on 2 November 1800, and on 7 February 1812 at York (RG 1, L 3, vol. 39, B 11/18, 5 pages, reel C-1624).

Later, on 10 July 1816, at Niagara, Dorothy Benner submitted a petition as the daughter of John Houck of Willoughby Township, a United Empire Loyalist, and the wife of John Benner of Bertie Township (RG 1, L 3, vol. 44, B 13/15, 4 pages, reel C-1626).

Copies of the letters patent for the original crown grants are filed in the Department of the Provincial Secretary and Citizenship, Toronto. Departmental references to crown grants are recorded in the Patents Section, Legal Services Branch, Department of Lands and Forests, Toronto. Correspondence relating to grants prior to 1857 is in the custody of the Archives of Ontario, 77 Grenville Street, Toronto. The registry office for later transactions is in each county.

B British Military and Naval Records

This collection contains several references to persons with the surname Benner, as well as numerous others to the name Bender. Unfortunately, to attempt to determine which if any of these relate to the family you are researching would constitute a more extensive task than we are able to undertake. However, the following may be of particular interest to you:

- a) Jacob Benner appears on a muster roll of the King's American Regiment under Colonel Fanning, dated 15 November 1779. A notation on this document indicates that Private Jacob Benner deserted on 14 October 1779 (RG 8, C.1902, p. 7, reel C-4223); *1797 A JACOB BENNER PETITIONED FOR LAND 1797 could be this man*
- b) Muster rolls of the 3rd Lincoln Militia dated November 1838 include the names of Privates Cornilius, Jacob, John P., and Philip Benner. George Benner is listed as an Ensign (RG 8, C.1040, p. 142, reel C-3365);
- c) Private Henry Benner is named on a similar roll for December 1838 (ibid., p. 145, reel C-3365);
- d) Also in December 1838, Bovor Benner was a Quarter Master Sergeant in the 3rd Incorporated Militia (ibid., p. 172, reel C-3365);

- e) Private William Benner is listed in the 1st Regiment, Lincoln Militia, no. 10 Company, on 23 April 1822 (RG 8, C.1702, p. 172, reel C-3839).

C Marriage bonds

We also have in our custody marriage bonds issued to the following people:

- a) Catherine Benner of Bertie Township and Abraham Beam of Willoughby Township. The bond is dated 12 August 1839 at Fort Erie; sureties were James Stanton and William Clark (RG 5, B 9, vol. 38, no. 6880, reel C-6788);
- b) Julia Benner of Dumfries Township, and Peter Clayton of Malahide Township. The bond was issued on 18 July 1836 at Brantford: sureties were John H. Pier and John W. Benner (RG 5, B 9, vol. 31, no. 5112, reel C-6785);
- c) Margaret Benner and Thomas Matthews, both of Malahide Township, dated at Sterling on 4 August 1832. Sureties were James Butler and William Cascadden (RG 5, B 9, vol. 23, no. 2950, reel C-6781);
- d) William Benner of Saltfleet Township, and Ann Evans of Binbrook Township dated at Ancaster on 8 November 1834. Sureties were John Wright and Matthew Crooks (RG 5, B 9, vol. 27, no. 3976, reel C-6783).

D Census records

Some information relating to the Benner family might be obtained from later census returns of Bertie Township, but unfortunately, the large number of requests received for reference service makes it impossible for us to undertake census searches. However, should you wish to examine these records personally, they are available on the microfilm reels cited below, and may be borrowed for your use through the interlibrary loan arrangement.

Bertie, Welland County:

1851 C-985
1861 C-1080
1871 C-613

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