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This explanation seems necessary in order that the younger generations may know that, though slightly different in the spelling of the name, we are still one and the same people.

This little sketch is divided into two parts.

Part I. commences with Daniel Stauffer in A.D. 1630, and ends with the immigration of Abraham Stouffer to Canada in 1804.

We are greatly indebted to Edward Stouffer, of the fourth generation of Canadians, who is now living in New York, a son of Christian Stouffer, of Stouffville, Ontario, for his painstaking research into the history of the family, as contained in Part I.

To Christian M. Stouffer, of the fourth generation, also a son of Christian Stouffer, of Stouffville, we express our appreciation and thanks for the mechanical share of the work done at his printing establishment in Toronto, and also for procuring the Coat of Arms and family crest—shown in the booklet—which is suggestive of the influential position occupied by the family in olden times. While we in our day do not place very much importance on titles of that description, yet, in those times, to be the Cup Bearer of a King or Emperor was looked upon as quite a distinction.

Part II. is undertaken by myself. I am now living in Toronto, although until eleven years ago I was a resident of the old town of Stouffville.

We thank all who have contributed towards making this sketch as complete as possible under the circumstances, and trust it will be a source of information and satisfaction to the whole numerous family.

## DAVID STOUFFER

(Of the III. Generation).