
S T O U F F E R

After an interval of about four hundred years, we take up the genealogical sketch of *Abraham Stauffer*, later Stouffer, who came from Pennsylvania to Canada, A.D. 1804.

We have been able to trace back his ancestry five generations, to Daniel Stauffer, who was born in Switzerland, A.D. 1630.

This sketch also traces his descendants to the present date, August 1, 1918, and includes five generations and a few of the sixth and seventh generations.

On account of the family having become so numerous, it is not thought wise to attempt giving the names, dates of birth, marriage and death of any beyond the third and fourth generation. After that, only the numbers in each family are given. Any family, commencing with these records, will be able to trace their own genealogy, if they so desire.

EXPLANATION ABOUT THE NAME.

No doubt "Stauffer" is the original and correct way of spelling the name, and not "Stouffer," as was adopted by our forefathers who are concerned in this sketch. The Government, wishing to do honor to the first settlers in that locality, when naming the Post Office, abbreviated the name and called the place Stouffville—as they thought, better to accord with the English language—which accounts for the change. Because of the age and importance of the present town, it would be difficult for those who have remained in the vicinity of the old town to revert to the former name, though some, who years ago moved away and settled in other parts, have done so. It, however, does seem a pity that the name was ever changed from the original.