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Peter Reesor and his people settled in Markham, on the western branch of the Duffin's Creek, where he built a saw mill, a grist mill and also farmed extensively.

Abraham Stouffer followed the same creek up about seven miles almost to its source, where he also built saw and grist mills and did farming.

These were days of hard work and many privations but they were a healthy, hardy, hopeful, honest race, and soon became prosperous and highly respected families.

They never regretted having settled in this country, and Canada is much the richer and in every way the better for having these and similar families make their homes here.

We may say that the motive which prompted our fathers to come to this country was their loyalty to Britain and their preference for her government and institutions. They were, therefore, part of the people called "United Empire Loyalists," an ancestry to be proud of.

As stated above, Abraham Stouffer and Elizabeth Reesor, his wife, with their two children, Christian and Elizabeth, came to Canada in 1804, and settled on 600 acres of land on the townline between the township of Markham and Whitchurch, County of York, then Upper Canada, being lot 35, Markham, 200 acres, and lots 1 and 2, Whitchurch, 400 acres, in the 9th concession—now the village of Stouffville.

From this small beginning in 1804 has come forth a numerous family, a great many of whom have gone to the various parts of our Dominion and some to the neighbouring states of America.