
S T O U F F E R

Abraham had six children. The fourth, Abraham, was born January 9, 1780, in Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Reesor. They came to Canada in 1804, bringing with them their two children, Christian and Elizabeth. He died October 27, 1857, at the home of his son Abraham, at Stouffville, Ontario. His wife, Elizabeth, died April 7, 1835, being 61 years of age.

PART II.

It may be of interest to our people, and to those who shall follow, to know that in 1802 Peter Reesor, 22 years of age, a brother-in-law of our revered grandfather, came to Canada on horseback, in order to investigate the prospect for settlement. He was favourably impressed, and made his arrangements for locating in the township of Markham, near what is now Cedar Grove. He returned to Toronto—then Little York—and was offered four hundred acres of land near the centre of the township of Whitchurch for his horse, saddle and bridle. Though not having seen the land, he accepted the offer, and returned the five hundred miles on foot to his home in Pennsylvania. Mr. Reesor then busied himself in making arrangements to emigrate to Canada, which the Reesors, Stouffers, and others did in 1804.

Their means of transport were four large, strong, canopied waggons, drawn by four and six horses to each waggon. These families brought their possessions through the trackless forests, in many places having to cut their way, fording rivers or making bridges over them, until, after six weeks of strenuous work and adventure, they arrived at their destination, to hew out of the forest their future homes.