



## Family of Matthew Steele and Elizabeth Benson in Upper Canada

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### Generation One

#### 1. **Matthew Steele** #176742.

Lived in Sophiasburgh. UEL.

He married **Elizabeth Benson** #176741,<sup>1</sup> (daughter of **Matthew Benson** #176738 and **(unidentified)** #176739).

#### *Children:*

2. i. **Mary Steele** #177320.
3. ii. **Jane (Jinney?) Steele** #177321.
4. iii. **Margaret Steele** #177323.
5. iv. **Abraham Steele** #177324.
6. v. **Elizabeth Steele** #177325.
7. vi. **John Steele** #177327.
8. vii. **Rachel Steele** #177328.

### Generation Two

#### 2. **Mary Steele** #177320.

She married **John Ruttan** #118620, 08 June 1807 in Adolphustown,<sup>2</sup> b. c. 1784 - 1796 in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario,<sup>3,4</sup> (son of **Peter Ruttan** #177738 and **Jannetje Ackerman** #177739), occupation 1851 Farmer in Adolphustown.

#### **John:**

1851: Lived with family in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario.

#### *Children:*

9. i. **Matthew Ruttan** #118623 b. c. 1808.
10. ii. **Elisha Ruttan** #114859 b. c. 1824.
11. iii. **Stewart Ruttan** #114863 b. c. 1828.

3. **Jane (Jinney?) Steele** #177321, b. in Adolphustown, baptized 24 February 1788 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericksburgh, Lennox County, Ontario.<sup>5</sup> .

She married **Stephen Burdett** #177322.<sup>1</sup>

**Stephen:**

Lived in Sophiasburgh.

4. **Margaret Steele** #177323.

She married **Jacob Hoover** #109432, 23 November 1808 in Adolphustown,<sup>2</sup> b. c. 1790 in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario,<sup>6,3</sup> (son of **Jacob Hoover** #176895 and **Millicent Ferguson** #123900), baptized 11 July 1790 in St. Paul's Church, Fredericksburgh, Lennox County, Ontario,<sup>1,5</sup> occupation 1851 Carpenter in Adolphustown, d. 1879,<sup>6</sup> buried Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>6</sup>

**Jacob:**

Surname also recorded as "HOVER"

1851: Lived with family in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario.

1871: Lived with wife, son Archibald in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.

*Children:*

12. i. **Phoebe A. Hoover** #118682 b. c. 1817.
13. ii. **Nancy Hoover** #118681 b. c. 1820.
14. iii. **Archibald Hoover** #109434 b. c. 1822 \*.
15. iv. **Charles Hoover** #118683 b. c. 1830.
16. v. **Jane Hoover** #116259 b. 1833.
17. vi. **Millicent Hoover** #236236 b. 13 October 1809.

5. **Abraham Steele** #177324, occupation 1822 Glenora Ferry Operator.

Lived in Sophiasburgh.

He married **Lucy Adams** #204052, b. 22 April 1806 in Hallowell Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>7</sup> (daughter of **Elphalet Adams** #168280 and **Mary Washburn** #168281).

6. **Elizabeth Steele** #177325, b.<sup>1</sup>

She married **David Burdett** #177326.<sup>1</sup>

7. **John Steele** #177327, b.<sup>1</sup>

8. **Rachel Steele** #177328, b.<sup>1</sup>

9. **Matthew Ruttan** #118623, b. c. 1808 in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario,<sup>3</sup> occupation 1851 Farmer in Adolphustown.

Relationship to parents based on consecutive enumeration on 1851 Adolphustown census.

He married **Mary Ann (unidentified)** #118624, b. c. 1810 in United States of America.<sup>3</sup>

*Children:*

18. i. **William Ruttan** #118625 b. c. 1838.
  19. ii. **Elvin H. Ruttan** #118626 b. c. 1845.
  20. iii. **Elisha Cecil Ruttan** #118627 b. c. 1850.
10. **Elisha Ruttan** #114859, b. c. 1824 in Ontario,<sup>8</sup> d. 20 August 1916 in Adolphustown, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,<sup>8,9</sup> buried in Adolphustown United Church Cemetery, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.<sup>8</sup> .

He married **Susannah Outwater** #114860,<sup>10</sup> b. c. 1836 in Ontario,<sup>11</sup> d. 17 January 1893 in Adolphustown, Lennox and Addington, Ontario,<sup>11</sup> buried in St. Alban's Anglican Cemetery, Adolphustown, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.<sup>11</sup>

*Children:*

21. i. **Benson Ruttan** #114861 b. 23 February 1860.
  22. ii. **Charles Nelson Ruttan** #114862 b. 08 May 1862.
  23. iii. **John Ruttan** #209219 b. c. 19 July 1870.
11. **Stewart Ruttan** #114863, b. c. 1828 in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario.<sup>3</sup> .

He married **Nancy (unidentified)** #114864.<sup>10</sup>

*Children:*

24. i. **George A. Ruttan** #114865 b. 22 November 1861.
12. **Phoebe A. Hoover** #118682, b. c. 1817 in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>3</sup> .
13. **Nancy Hoover** #118681, b. c. 1820 in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario.<sup>3</sup> .
14. **Archibald Hoover** #109434, b. c. 1822 \* in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario,<sup>6,3</sup> occupation 1851 Carpenter in Adolphustown, d. 1892,<sup>6</sup> buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>6</sup> .

Is this the same man who is living with parents Jacob and Margaret in Picton, 1871? Age shown as 35... born c. 1835?

15. **Charles Hoover** #118683, b. c. 1830 in Marysburgh Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>3</sup> occupation 1851 Farmer in Adolphustown.

16. **Jane Hoover** #116259, b. 1833 in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario,<sup>3</sup> religion 1861 Wesleyan Methodist, d. 05 December 1914 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario, buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.

She married (1) **Edward Barker Stickney** #116258, b. 14 September 1827 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>12</sup> occupation 1851 Farmer, religion 1861 Society of Friends/Quaker, d. 10 May 1866 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>12,13</sup> buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>12</sup>

**Edward:**

See Glenwood Cemetery gravestone, Section D, Block 94, Grave 8.

1851: Enumerated in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario, but shown to be living in Prince Edward County

1861: Lived in Picton, Hallowell Township with family.

*Children:*

25. i. **Charles H. Stickney** #116260 b. 11 October 1852.

She married (2) **Jasper Dingman** #113950,<sup>12</sup> b. 21 March 1821 in Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>12</sup> (son of **John Dingman** #116289 and **Susannah Vandusen** #141193), occupation 1871 Farmer in Hallowell Township, d. 10 January 1904 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>12</sup> buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>12</sup>

**Jasper:**

1871: Lived in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario with family, Florence Emma DINGMAN, 14, lived with the family.

17. **Millicent Hoover** #236236, b. 13 October 1809 in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario.<sup>14</sup> .

*Generation Four*

18. **William Ruttan** #118625, b. c. 1838 in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario.<sup>3</sup> .  
19. **Elvin H. Ruttan** #118626, b. c. 1845 in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario.<sup>3</sup> .  
20. **Elisha Cecil Ruttan** #118627, b. c. 1850 in Adolphustown, Lennox County, Ontario,<sup>3</sup> occupation 1879 Farmer in Kaladar.

He married **Emma Cadman** #255876.

*Children:*

26. i. **Elisha Hill Ruttan** #255877 b. 03 March 1879.
21. **Benson Ruttan** #114861, b. 23 February 1860 in Adolphustown, Ontario,<sup>10</sup> baptized 18 October 1862 in Adolphustown, Ontario.<sup>10</sup> .

1934: Informant at brother John's death, lived in Picton.

22. **Charles Nelson Ruttan** #114862, b. 08 May 1862 in Adolphustown, Ontario,<sup>10</sup> baptized 18 October 1862 in Adolphustown, Ontario,<sup>10</sup> occupation 1911 Farmer in Adolphustown, religion 1911 Methodist.

He married **Edith Mabel Johnson** #98776, 21 February 1911 in Lot 24, Con. 2, MT Hallowell, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>15</sup> b. 25 August 1881 in Athol Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>16</sup> (daughter of **Herbert Manly Johnson** #98770 [Farmer in Hallowell Township] and **Cynthia Maria Haslitt** #98771), occupation 1911 Nurse in Hallowell Township.

*Children:*

27. i. **Harold Johnson Ruttan** #224024 b. 18 November 1914.
23. **John Ruttan** #209219, b. c. 19 July 1870 in Ontario,<sup>17</sup> never married, occupation 1934 Gentleman in Picton, d. 21 June 1934 in Ferguson Street, Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>17</sup> buried 25 June 1934 in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>17</sup>
24. **George A. Ruttan** #114865, b. 22 November 1861 in Adolphustown, Ontario,<sup>10</sup> baptized 05 September 1861 in Adolphustown, Ontario.<sup>10</sup>
25. **Charles H. Stickney** #116260, b. 11 October 1852,<sup>12,18</sup> occupation 1882 Gentleman in Picton, religion 1861 Society of Friends/Quaker, d. 20 October 1882 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>12,18</sup> buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Picton, Prince Edward County.<sup>12</sup>

*Generation Five*

26. **Elisha Hill Ruttan** #255877, b. 03 March 1879 in Kaladar and Anglesea, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.<sup>19</sup>
27. **Harold Johnson Ruttan** #224024, b. 18 November 1914 in Lot 24, 2 MT, Hallowell Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>20</sup> occupation 1936 Machinist in Picton.

He married **Mary Antoinette Burley** #225939, 05 May 1936 in Picton, Prince Edward County, Ontario,<sup>21</sup> b. c. 1914 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (daughter of **Arnold Edward Burley** #225940 and **Martha Loreen Hanland** #225941), occupation 1936 Lady in Picton.

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<sup>1</sup> "The Loyalists in Ontario, the Sons and Daughters of The American Loyalists of Upper Canada", William D. REID, 1973.

<sup>2</sup> Register of the McDowall Church, Rev. Robert McDowall, 1800 - 1816; and others to 1836..

<sup>3</sup> 1851 Adolphustown, Lennox County census; age/birthplace/assumed relationship.

<sup>4</sup> "The Loyalist Tiles of St. Alban's, Encaustic Memorial Tiles of the 19th Century," Diane Berlet, 2020.

<sup>5</sup> "A Register of Baptisms for the Township of Fredericksburgh," Rev. John LANGHORN, 1787.

<sup>6</sup> Glenwood Cemetery, Section H, July 2018; Image 18-06219.

<sup>7</sup> "A Register of Baptisms by the Reverend Robert McDowall for Hallowell Township, Prince Edward County"

<sup>8</sup> Gosport Cemetery, Lennox and Addington, Ontario; Adolphustown-Fredericksburgh Heritage Website.

<sup>9</sup> ONVS Deaths, ref. 020271-1916; c/d: Old age and kidney failure; Informant: John RUTTAN, Dorland, Lennox and Addington.

<sup>10</sup> Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register, 1828-1910.

<sup>11</sup> St. Alban's Anglican Church Cemetery, Adolphustown, Lennox and Addington, Ontario.

<sup>12</sup> findagrave.com 2017; Glenwood Cemetery, Picton.

<sup>13</sup> West Lake Register of Births and Deaths, 1820 - 1866; Society of Friends; Archives: H-11-1; Tom Pollard transcription.

<sup>14</sup> "A Register of Baptisms by the Reverend Robert McDowall for Adolphustown Township"

<sup>15</sup> ONVS Marriages, ref. 012665-1911; Witnesses: Charles E. OUTWATER, Plainfield; Naomi JOHNSON, Picton.

<sup>16</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 029706-1882.

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- <sup>17</sup> ONVS Deaths, ref. 028340-1934; c/d: Myocarditis, endocarditis; Informant: Benson RUTTAN, Brother, Picton.  
<sup>18</sup> ONVS Deaths, ref. 015797-1882; c/d; Remittent fever, ten days; Informant: "Reported".  
<sup>19</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 015655-1879.  
<sup>20</sup> ONVS Births, ref. 049641-1914.  
<sup>21</sup> ONVS Marriages, ref. 029344-1936; Witnesses: Gordon A. DEANS, Elizabeth WREN; both in Picton.