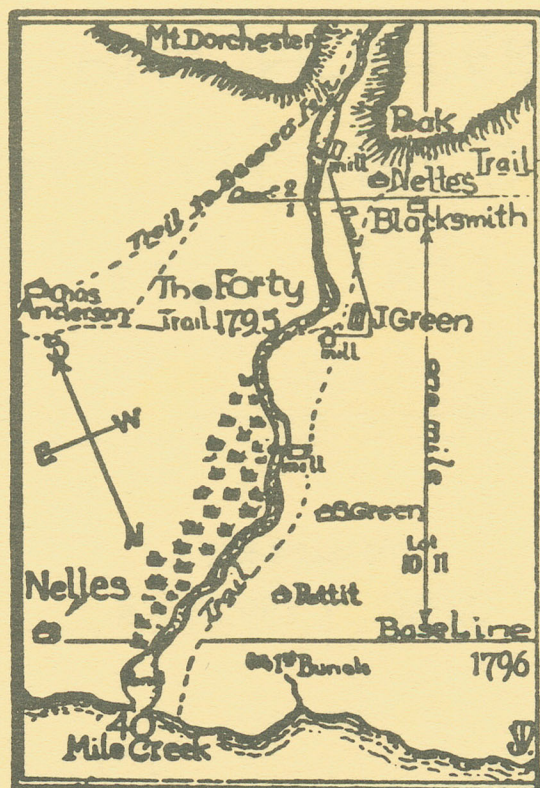


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Peter Horning and Margaret Kribs, 26 Nov., 1818. (Rev. Leeming Records).

Sarah Horning and David Springer, 26 December 1821.

Mary Horning and Jonas Culp — no date given.

Information regarding the Horning family to be found in the historical Atlas of Wentworth County and Wentworth Historical Society Papers.

HOUSE

The first member of this family to reach the American shores was **Christian Haus**. He came from Alpentier-Staden, Duchy of Salis, Germany with the Palatines, landing in New York in 1709. A year later he married Anna Catherine Becker and they had six sons and two daughters.

In 1725 land at the junction of the Mohawk river and Little Canada Creek was deeded to a Christian House, a son of Christian Sr.

Conrad House, a descendant of Christian, wife Engelje (Angelina) had five sons — **John, Harmanus** (Harmonious), **Christian, Nicholas** and **George**. One history of the family claims that **Harmanus** was the only Tory who fought with the British during the War of the Revolution and as a Loyalist, emigrated to Canada. However, early records of Niagara give the names of Phillip and George House and, in the War of 1812, **Andrew, Frederick**, and **Patrick** served with the 4th. Lincoln Regiment and Nicholas House with the 2nd. Lincoln.

In the statement of Archives headed — 'Those heads of families (Butler's Rangers) at the settlement of Niagara, 1784', Harmanus is mentioned — Head of family, with one woman, three boys, two girls.

Harmanus or Harmonious, as he was called, was granted land in Clinton township — Lots 10 & 11, Concs. III and IV. This was the famous 'Cave Springs' farm, where, at the top of the escarpment unique examples of Indian carvings were found. Only two remain and the faces, carved in solid rock, are believed to have been the work of the ancient Neutral Indians. Here in the caves under the cliffs ashes remain — proof of the Indian ovens in use several centuries ago. Many Indian relics have been found on the farm and in the vicinity.

Harmonious was an active member in the community life. He served on the first Municipal Council of Clinton township in 1793 as one of two town Wardens and as Poundkeeper. His name is on the voter's list in 1812 but not on the list of 1816, which would indicate that he died sometime between those dates. It is said that he and his wife, Margaretha, were buried on the farm but the stones marking their

resting place have long since been removed. Children of Harmonious and Margaret House — dates and order uncertain:-

Daniel, b. about 1766 listed at Niagara 1787 with a wife and one daughter. In 1791 Daniel was settled on Lots 18, 19, 20, Conc. 11, Clinton township.

Joseph, b. 1768, m. Rebecca House 7 June 1790. They had 13 children. Rebecca died 25 October 1813 and the following year Joseph married Elizabeth Rousseaux and they had seven children. Joseph settled first on Lot 8, Conc. III, Clinton twp. but before 1808 he had moved to Lot 40 Conc. III, Ancaster twp. He served as a Lieutenant with the 5th. Lincoln Battalion in Capt. John Aiken's Company in the War of 1812 and his losses in the war were listed as £57 - 15 - .

Catherine, b. 1 February, 1769, m. Capt. James Henry. (For history see Henry.)

John, b. about 1771, wife's name Christina. Children — **Catherine, Robert, John, Sally**. John served with the 4th Lincoln in the War of 1812. He inherited the Cave Springs farm, died in 1832.

Angelina, no further record.

Margaret, b. 1780, m. Joseph Smith of Louth. Dr. Harmonus Smith of Ancaster was a son.

Harmonus, probably born in Canada. He married Susan Bradt 2 January, 1808. (Rev. Addison's records). His war losses listed as £15 - 15 - .

At the time of the War of 1812 some of the American regiments contained members of the same family as our early Loyalists and met them in battle, as the following story, told in the House history verifies—

Lewis House, who before the War of 1812 lived near Buffalo, came into Canada with the invading enemy troops. He was made a prisoner at the Battle of Lundy's Lane and taken to a prison camp near John House's farm at 'Cave Springs.' The prisoners were allowed to go to the farm for water and one day Lewis House, prisoner, met Catherine, granddaughter of Harmonious and they fell in love. Perchance if the old Tory had lived to see the day the romance would not have been allowed to blossom and this story would never have been told. However, on the 16th. June, 1818 the Rev. Wm. Sampson of St. Andrew's church, Grimsby united Lewis and Catherine House of Clinton in the holy bands of matrimony and the story goes on to say, Lewis secured a portion of the home farm.

Children:- **Fred, Andrew, Calvin, Jerald, Horato, Caroline, Prudence, Nancy and Eliza Jane**.

Later Lewis House's brother, Isaac, came to live in Canada. He

was born 24 May 1807 and married Sarah Ann Tiffany 6 May 1832. They lived in Grimsby township near Smithville.

Philip House who came to the Niagara district at the same time as Harmonious, was probably a brother. He was listed as single and he settled on Lot 13 Conc. III, Clinton. He also served on the first Clinton township meeting and in 1798 the council met at Philip House's tavern.

George House was either a brother or son of Harmonious and settled next to the later on Lot 9 Concs. III & IV.

For those historians, who may be searching for early history of their ancestors, we record the following marriages:-

Samuel Stafford and **May House**, 5 Sept. 1801.
 David Culp and **Margaret House**, 18 Sept. 1804.
George House and Mary French, 1813. No date of day or month.
Patrick House and Anna Culp, 31 Aug. 1815.
John House and Polly Hedgern, 11 Jan. 1816.
 Abraham Nelles and **Mary House**, 7 Nov. 1815.
Lewis House and **Catherine House**, 16 June 1818.
 John Morris and **Ann House**, 6 March, 1823.
 George Couse and **Sarah House**, 25 March, 1828.
Philip House, Ancaster, and Phoebe Lampman, 1 March 1831.
Isaac House and Sarah Ann Tiffany, 6 May 1832.
 Levi Bradley and **Sarah House** 18 Nov., 1833.
 John Boam, and **Frances E. House**, Sept. 1837.
Nicholas House and Rachel Bellinger, 3 March 1843.
 George Vandyke and **Dinah House**, 9 Oct. 1842.
 Joseph Boughner and **Sarah Ann House**, 26 April 1838.
Robert House and Jane Stinson, 22 Oct., 1838.
 James Dougherty and **Elizabeth House**, 7 May 1839.
Harmon House and Lydia Tallman, 27 Oct. 1840.
 Levi Wilson and **Mary House**, widow, 23 March 1841.
Jacob House and **Mary House**, 26 June, 1841.
 Wm. Palmer and **Mary Margaret House**, 10 Feb. 1844.
Frederick House and Sarah Beamer, 4 June, 1846.
Calvin House and Nancy Boughner, 1 April 1847.
 Jacob Beamer and **Prudence House** 9 November 1847.

HUFFMAN

Christopher Huffman, Loyalist, came to Canada from Sussex County, New Jersey in 1788. His petition for land, dated 18 May, 1796, states that he had been a Sergeant in the New Jersey Volunteers from 1777 to 1783 and that he had a wife (Nancy Smith) and five children. He was granted Lot 6 Conc. 1, Glanford township, in 1801 and lived there until his death in 1806.