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BRADT Allied Families (Canada)

Names of direct line ancestors found in most articles and extracts are underlined.

Runchey
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Ransier
Johnson
Davidson/Davison
Hedden
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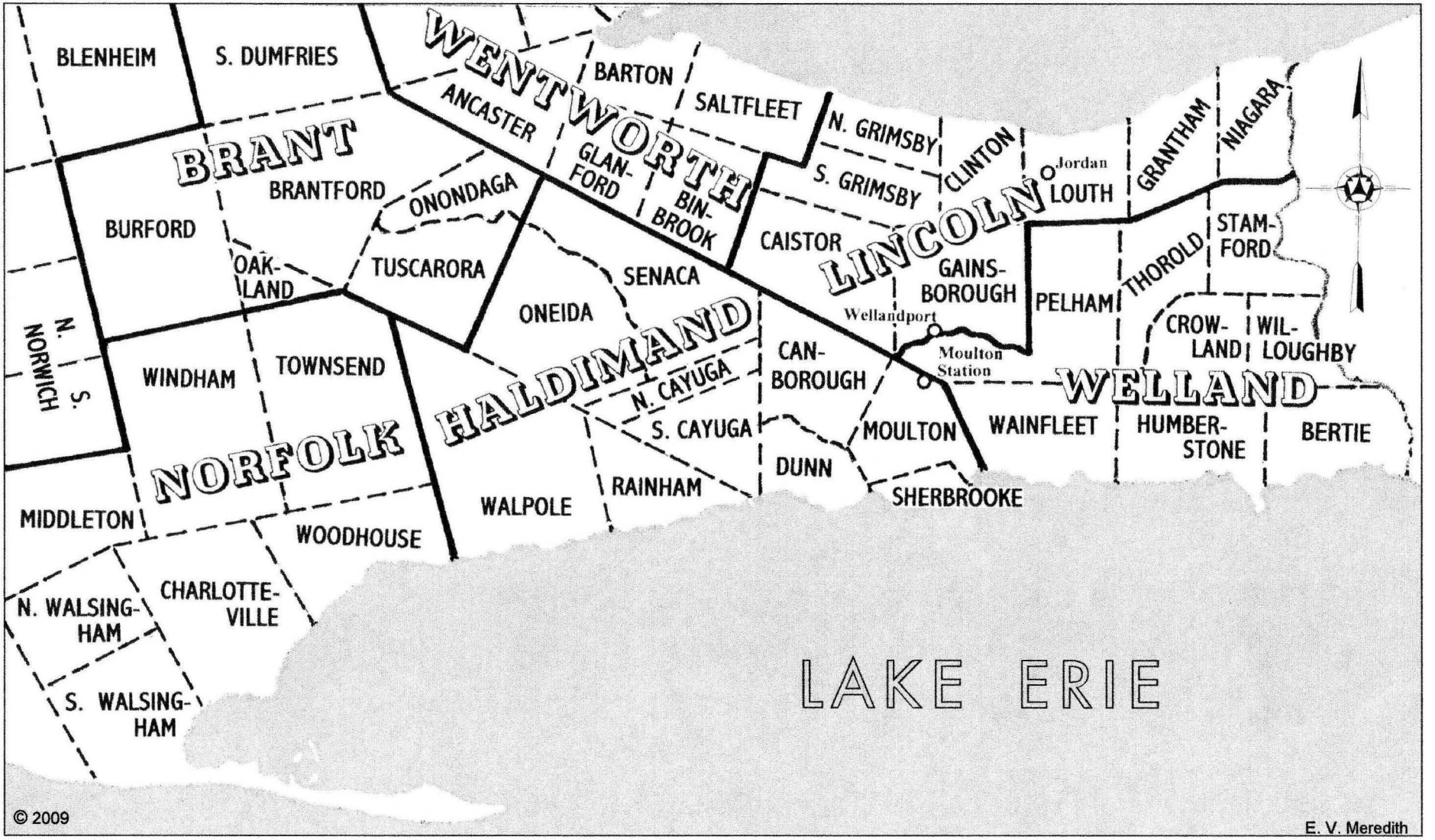

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This map is somewhat stylized and not necessarily geographically or politically exact. The boundaries approximate those extant in the last quarter of the 19th century.

Pedigree Chart - BRADT Allied Families (Canada)

Chart no. _____

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An asterisk following a name indicates that ancestor has not been proven by this compiler. Consult the appropriate family section or the ahnentafel chart for the continuation of lines ending with a plus sign.

1 Harry BRADT/VANBRADT
B: 21 Jun 1879
P: Moulton Twp, Haldimand, ON, CAN
M: 31 Jul 1922 to Amy Fern VEERKAMP
P: Vinita, Craig, OK)
D: 20 Aug 1968
P: Clinton, Custer, OK

2 William (B.?) BRADT
B: 21 Jun 1853
P: Moulton Twp, Haldimand, ON, CAN
M: 1 Mar 1876
P: Buffalo? Erie? NY? (divorced)
D: 19 Mar 1929
P: Clarence, Erie, NY

3 Elizabeth Ann JOHNSON
B: 31 Aug 1848 or 1851
P: Gainsborough? Lincoln? ON, CAN
D: 9 May 1930
P: Tonawanda, Erie, NY

4 Aaron BRADT
B: 13 May 1820
P: Louth Twp, Lincoln, ON, CAN
M: abt 1844
P: Louth Twp? Lincoln? ON, CAN
D: 13 Oct 1899
P: Moulton Twp, Haldimand, ON, CAN

5 Sarah/Sara Ann RUNCHEY
B: (bpt) 6 Sep 1820
P: Louth Twp, Lincoln, ON, CAN
D: 19 May 1901
P: Moulton Twp, Haldimand, ON, CAN

6 George JOHNSON
B: bet 1807 and 1811
P: Queenston, Lincoln, ON, CAN
M: abt 1833
P: Ontario, CAN?
D: 1 May 1884
P: Wainfleet Twp, Welland, ON, CAN

7 Elizabeth DAVIDSON/DAVISON
B: bet 1809 and 1812
P: Gainsborough Twp? Lincoln? ON, CAN
D: 1 Feb 1857
P: Gainsborough Twp? Lincoln? ON, CAN

8 Daniel BRADT
B: 10 Oct 1797
P: Louth Twp, Lincoln, ON, CAN
M: abt 1819
P: Louth Twp? Lincoln? ON, CAN
D: 19 Aug 1863
P: Moulton Twp, Haldimand, ON, CAN

9 Juliana/Julia Ann HEDDEN
B: abt 1800
P: US
D: Oct 1889
P: Moulton Twp, Haldimand, ON, CAN

10 Robert/Reuben RUNCHEY
B: 22 Dec 1787
P: Pt. St. Charles, Quebec, CAN or "at sea"
M: abt 1807
P: Ontario, CAN
D: 27 Mar 1867
P: Louth Twp, Lincoln, ON, CAN

11 Ann "Nancy" HUFFMAN
B: 8 Sep 1788
P: Bertie Twp, Welland, ON, CAN
D: 19 Mar 1864
P: Louth Twp, Lincoln, ON, CAN

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12 Hector JOHNSON
B:
P: US?
M:
P: Ontario, CAN?
D:
P: Ontario, CAN

13 Nancy [Ann?]
B:
P: US?
D:
P: Ontario, CAN

14 Samuel* DAVIDSON/DAVISON
B:
P:
M: 29 Nov 1801
P: Niagara, Lincoln, ON, CAN
D: bet 1808 and 1813
P: Gainsborough Twp? Lincoln? ON, CAN

15 Flora McDONELL*
B:
P: Ontario, CAN
D:
P: Ontario, CAN

16 Peter BRADT cont. +
B: 8 Nov 1767
D: 25 Nov 1824

17 Mercy BURTCH cont. +
B: 8 Sep 1776
D: 13 Dec 1850

18 John* HEDDEN cont. ___
B:
D: bet 1825 and 1828

19 cont. ___
B:
D:

20 Robert RUNCHEY cont. ___
B: 1759
D: (bur) 17 Jul 1819

21 Eleanor/Eléonard BONNAT cont. ___
B:
D: bet 1819 and 1828

22 Michael HUFFMAN cont. +
B: abt 1763
D: 23 Jun 1835

23 Elizabeth RANSIER cont. +
B: 1 Aug 1770
D: bef 1830

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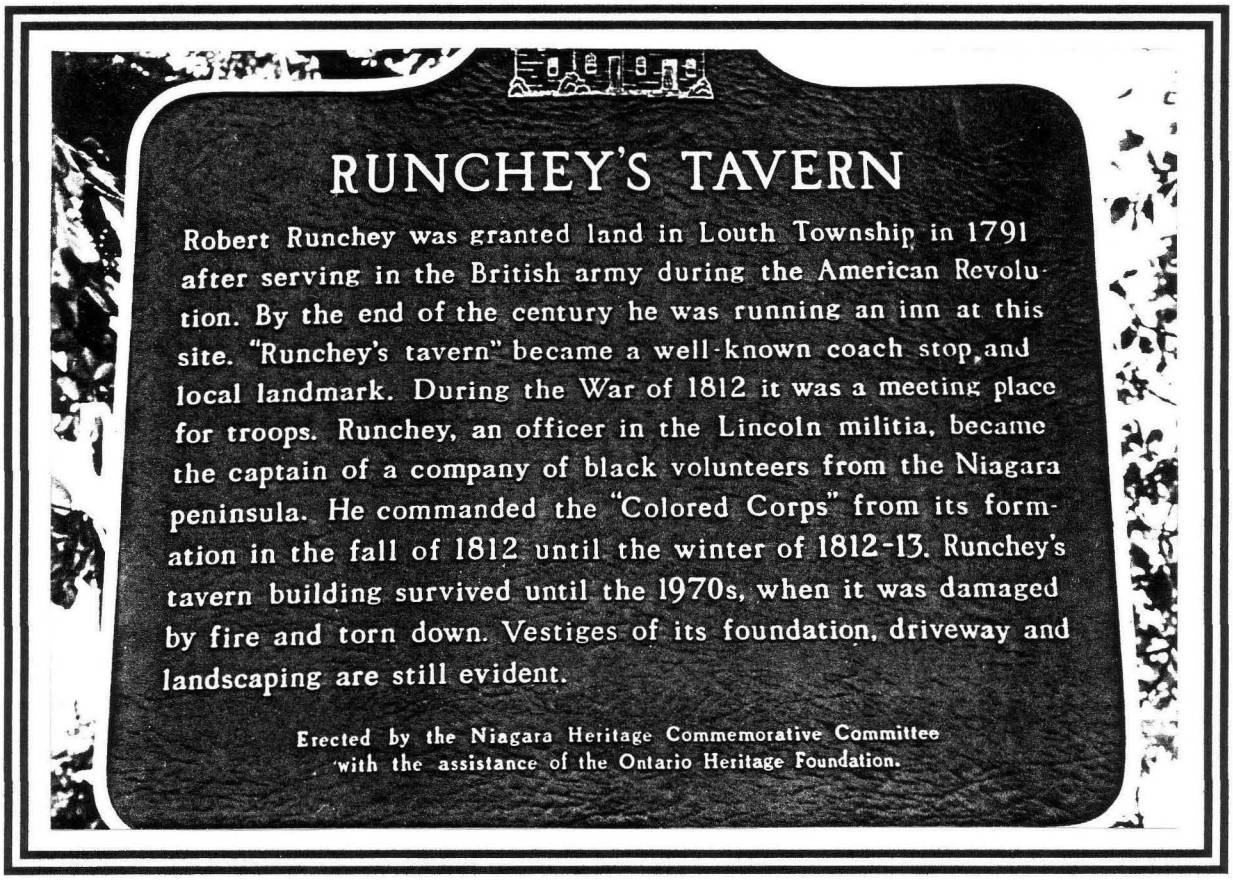

THIS HISTORICAL MARKER IDENTIFYING
THE FORMER SITE OF RUNCHEY'S TAVERN IS LOCATED ON
LOT 15, CONCESSION V, LOUTH TOWNSHIP, LINCOLN COUNTY, ONTARIO,
ABOUT ONE MILE EAST OF JORDAN.

RUNCHEY

Robert Runchey, Sr., born 1759, a tavern/innkeeper,[1] owned land about a mile east of Jordan made up of Lots Fifteen in the Fourth and Fifth Concessions of Louth, Lincoln County, Ontario.[2] Earlier he had owned Lot Three in the Second Concession which he and his wife Eleanor sold to James Patterson in 1815.[3] Robert's birthplace is not known, but in the 1871 Canadian censuses the Runcheys consistently say their ethnicity is Irish.[4] From land petitions Robert stated he served for many years in the 5th Regiment of Foot (British) and was discharged in 1797.[5] This coincides with the Regiment's departure from Canada.[6]

It is interesting to speculate on Robert Runchey's whereabouts before his arrival in Canada. This is best done by following the whereabouts of the 5th Regiment. In 1774 this unit was dispatched from Ireland to the Colonies. After a series of engagements from Bunker Hill to Brandywine to New York, in 1778 soldiers of the 5th Regiment were assigned to duty as marines aboard Admiral Byron's fleet and sent to Saint Lucia in the West Indies. Two years later in December 1780 the unit returned to Ireland where they were still stationed at the official end of the Revolution in 1783. The 5th Regiment served in Canada from 1787 to 1797.[7]

The year 1787 date coincides with the birth/baptismal date of oldest Runchey son, Robert, more commonly known as Reuben.[8] This might explain the entry in the 1861 Louth County census of "Atlantic" as Reuben's birthplace.[9] Reuben may have been born at the end of his father's 1787 Atlantic crossing from Ireland and baptized in Quebec.

There are accounts in 1798 and 1801 of people having stayed at Runchey's Inn and Tavern. Also there is a newspaper advertisement in the Niagara *Spectator* of 17 May 1817 seeking passengers for a stagecoach line Runchey was running between Niagara and York.[10]

To quote from *The Lady and the Manor* by William F. Rannie: "Runchey himself has been described as a violent man. It is recorded that in 1803 'the Smith boys of Louth' assaulted Runchey and his wife, Eleanor, and were fined for the deed. [If this is meant as an example, it does not appear that Runchey was the violent one.] The innkeeper's reputation was severely mauled by an old military adversary, Colonel Raife Clench; in 1811, in a report to the Adjutant General, Clench labeled Runchey a 'worthless, troublesome malcontent.' An earlier report from the same source referred to him as a 'tavern keeper and discontented demagogue.'"[11]

This criticism does not seem to have interfered with his raising of "Captain Runchey's Company of Coloured Men" in the War of 1812-1815. Earlier he was a Lieutenant in the 1st Regiment of Lincoln County Militia. Robert Runchey's sons also have records of service in the Lincoln County Militia, the War of 1812-1815 and other conflicts.[12]

On 25 May 1819 Robert Runchey wrote his will naming three sons, Reuben, George and Thomas, identifying each as "by my wife Eleanor."[13] As his current wife was Eleanor, this might imply there were additional children, legitimate or otherwise, mothered by someone else, or the phrase may have been simply to verify relationships. Robert Runchey, Sr. was buried 17 July 1819 in St. Andrew's churchyard, Grimsby.[14]

R. Janet Powell in *Annals of the Forty*, No. 8, was incorrect in her speculation that in addition to proven sons Reuben, George and Thomas that Robert Runchey, Sr. may also have had sons Robert, William and Cyrus.[15]

Proven son Reuben and Powell's speculative son Robert are the same person. In part this confusion arises because in various records the names Reuben and Robert are frequently interchanged, on at least one occasion within the same document.[16] In one land petition, Robert Runchey, Sr., is referred to as "Reuben Runchey, Sr."[17] William and Cyrus, cited as sons of Robert Runchy, Sr., in *Annals of the Forty* are the sons of Robert/Reuben Runchey, Jr.[18] For the remainder of this discourse the name Reuben will be used exclusively to refer to the oldest son of Robert Runchey, Sr.

Reuben Runchey was christened Amable Robert Runchey in the parish of Saint-Charles-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, 23 December 1787, his birth recorded as December 22. His parents were noted as Robert Runchey and Eléonarde Bonnat.[19] In the 1861 census for Louth Township, Lincoln County, Reuben Runchey's birthplace is shown as "Atlantic," the inference being that he was born at sea.[20] In an 1817 land petition Reuben says he was born in Lower Canada (Quebec) and had resided in Ontario for "upwards of twenty years."[21] On the death certificate of Reuben's son, Cyrus, his father's birthplace is given as Pt. St. Charles, Quebec.[22]

Reuben Runchey was married about 1807 to Ann Huffman, daughter of Michael Huffman and Elizabeth Ransier.[23] Between 1808 and 1823 Robert/Reuben and Ann had the following children, William, John, Margaret, Sara Ann and Elizabeth, baptized by the Reverend Robert Addison.[24]

In the War of 1812-1814 Reuben Runchey served as a private in the 1st Troop Niagara Provincial Light Dragoons from May to December of 1812.[25] He also served enlistments in the Lincoln County Militia during this same conflict.[26]

In 1831 Reuben Runchey purchased land in Louth Township (Lots 17 and 18, 8th Concession) from James McLaughlin.[27] (See the partial Louth Township plat map.) Eventually these properties came into the possession of his sons, William and Cyrus Runchey.[28]

Reuben Runchey who died 27 March 1867, and his wife Ann (Huffman) Runchey, who was born 8 September 1788, and died 19 March 1864, are buried in the Rockway Presbyterian Churchyard in Louth along with their son John who died in 1842.[29]

Ann Sarah/Sarah Ann Runchey, daughter of Robert/Reuben Runchey and his wife Ann, was born in Louth Township, Lincoln County, Ontario, and was baptized 6 September 1820.[30] Sarah Ann married Aaron Bradt probably in the early 1840's.[31] Aaron, who was born 13 May 1820, was the son of Daniel Bradt and Juliana (Hedden) Bradt.[32] Aaron Bradt died 13 Oct 1899 and Sarah Ann Runchey Bradt died 19 May 1901 at Moulton Station, Haldimand County, Ontario.[33]

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[1]William F. Rannie, *The Lady and the Manor: Stories about the Town of Lincoln and a 100-Question Trivia Quiz* (Lincoln, ON: Author, 1986), p. 67.

[2]Will of Robert Runchey, 25 May 1819/23 September 1819. Lincoln County, Ontario, Canada, Probate Papers 1813-1833, 1819, No. 213R. Film No. 579158. Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT [hereafter FHL].

[3]Niagara (orig. Lincoln) County, Ontario, Deed I:6450, 4 December 1815/2 April 1824. Film No. 170152. FHL.

[4]1871 Canadian Census, Lincoln (021), Port Dalhouise, p. 37, William Runchey, Film No. 349149; and Monck (018), Moulton and Sherbrooke, Div. 2, p. 12, Cyrus Runcky [Runchey] and Div. 2, p. 13, Ann Sarah [Runchey] Bradt. Film No. 349147. FHL.

[5]Upper Canada Land Petitions of Robert Runchey, MG 11, CO 42, "Q" Series, Vol. 285:255; and RG 1, L3, Vol. 445, R Leases /32. Library and Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3 [hereafter LAC].

[6]Richard Cannon, compiler, *Historical Record of the Fifth Regiment of Foot, or Northumberland Fusiliers* (London: W. Clowes and Sons, Printers, 1838), pp. 54-56.

[7]Ibid.

[8]Baptismal record of Amable Robert Runchey, 23 December 1787. Parish register of the church of St-Charles-sur-Richelieu, St-Hyacinth County, Quebec. Quebec Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection, 1621-1967), Saint Charles sur Richelieu 1787, p. 22.

[9]1861 Canadian Census, Louth Township, Lincoln Co., Ontario, E. D. 1, page 5. Film No. 349294. FHL.

[10]*The Lady and the Manor*, p. 68 and 70.

[11]Ibid., p. 69.

[12]William Gray, *Soldiers of the King: The Upper Canadian Militia 1812-1815* (Erin, Ontario: Boston Mills Press, 1995), pp. 135, 170, and 185-186.

[13]Will of Robert Runchey, 25 May 1819/23 September 1819.

[14]R. Janet Powell, comp., *Annals of the Forty*, No. 8: *Loyalist Pioneer Families, West Lincoln 1783-1833* (Grimsby, ON: Grimsby Historical Society, 1957; reprint ed., n.p., 1967), p. 11.

[15]Ibid., p. 12.

[16]Upper Canada Land Petition of Daniel Bradt, R.G. 1, C-1-1, Vol. 7, LAC. Film No. 1316423. FHL.

[17]Upper Canada Land Petition of Reuben Runchey, Jr., R.G. 1, L-3, Vol. 427, R 11/38, LAC.

[18]*Annals of the Forty*, p. 12. Also Douglas A. Robbins, comp., *Birth and Baptismal Records from Early Niagara* (St. Catharines, ON: Compiler, 1991), p. 115 [Records of Rev. Robert Addison]; and Death Register, Haldimand Co., Dunn Twp., No. 13401, 1910, Cyrus Runchey. Office of the Registrar General, Toronto. Ontario, Canada. Film No. 1854625. FHL.

[19]Baptismal record of Amable Robert Runchey.

[20]1861 Canadian Census, Louth Township, Lincoln Co., Ontario, E. D. 1, page 5.

[21]Upper Canada Land Petition of Reuben Runchey, Jr., R.G. 1, L-3, Vol. 427, R 11/38, LAC.

[22]Death Register, Haldimand Co., Dunn Twp., No. 13401, 1910, Cyrus Runchey.

[23]Ibid., and Upper Canada Land Petition of Michael Huffman, C-2044, H3/129, LAC. This petition states Michael Huffman had a child born before 1789, but does not name that child.

[24]*Birth and Baptismal Records from Early Niagara*, pp. 114 and 115.

[25]William Gray, *Soldiers of the King: The Upper Canada Militia 1812-1814* (Erin, ON: Boston Mills Press, 1995), p. 170.

[26]British Military Records, "C" Series, 1757-1899, 1701:157, Runchey. LAC. Film No. 1754446. FHL

[27]Land Records, Lincoln County, Ontario, Louth Twp., Deed A-B:1652, 29 November 1831/?, James McLaughlin to Reuben Runchey, 200 acres comprising Lots 17 and 18, 8th Concession. Film No. 170167. FHL.

[28]Land Records, Lincoln County, Ontario, Louth Twp., Deed A-B:9454, 19 October 1837/27 October 1857, Reuben Runchey to William Runchey, Lot 18, 8th Concession; and Deed A-B:8367, 27 June 1857/2 July 1857, Reuben Runchey and wife Ann to Cyrus Runchey, 100 acres comprising Lot 17, 8th Concession. Film No. 170167. FHL.

[29] Tombstone inscriptions from the cemetery of the Rockway Presbyterian Church, Louth Township, Lincoln County, Ontario. Tombstone photographs are found later in this compilation. The stones are badly worn and difficult to decipher.

[30] *Birth and Baptismal Records from Early Niagara*, p. 114.

[31] Ontario, Canada, Office of the Registrar General, Toronto, Marriage Register, Lincoln County, p. 348, Nancy Catherine Bradt, No. 10260, 17 Oct 1900. Film No. 1871077. FHL. The marriage of Nancy Catherine Bradt records her parents' names as Aaron Bradt and Sarah Runchey.

[32] Extractions from an old Dutch (Bradt) Bible owned in 1978 by Darius Ryckman of Beamsville, Ontario, Charlotte Luckhurst Papers, Rensselaerville (NY) Historical Society; and extractions from the Family Group Record (Peter Bradt) submitted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT, in January, 1953, by Mabel Hickman. Batch No. 7830503, sheets 3 and 4. FHL. Miss Hickman, who was the great-granddaughter of Joseph Bradt, the uncle of Aaron Bradt, states the family record was taken from original entries in Joseph Bradt's family Bible. Also Moulton Twp., Haldimand County, Ontario, Canada, Deed 97:3305. Trustees of Daniel Bradt to Aaron Bradt et al., 2 April 1891/28 April 1891. Haldimand County Hall of Records, Cayuga, Ontario.

[33] Ontario Death Register, Haldimand Co., Moulton Twp., 1899, p. 255, Aaron Bradt, No. 10611. Film No. 1854390. FHL; and 1901, p. 62, Sarah Ann Bradt No. 11298. Film No. 1854090. FHL. Both records recorded at Canada, Office of the Registrar General, Toronto.

BRITISH MILITARY UNIFORM BUTTONS

Buttons of 5th Regt: Roman Numerals - Officers; Arabic Numerals - Enlisted Men:

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FAMILY GROUP

Chart No. RUNCHEY-1

HUSBAND: RUNCHEY, Amable Robert[34]/Reuben See Note 1. Occupation: Farmer,[7] carpenter.[26]

Event	Day	Month	Year	Town(ship)	County	Prov./Country	Misc. Information
Born:	22	Dec	1787[34]	St-Charles-sur-Richelieu	St-Hyacinthe	Quebec CAN	Born: "Atlantic."[9] War of 1812: Pvt. Niagara
Mar.:		abt	1807			Ontario CAN	Lt. Dragoons[10] and Lincoln County Militia.[29]
Died:	27	Mar	1867[2]	Louth Twp.	Lincoln	Ontario CAN	Age at death 79 yrs, 3 mos, 6 days.[2]

Cemetery: Rockway Presbyterian Churchyard[2] Religion: Catholic?/Anglican

Father: **Robert RUNCHEY**[14] m. Mother: **Eleanor**[14]**/Eléonarde BONNAT**[34]

b. 1759[8] bur. 17 Jul 1819[13] b. d. abt 1828

WIFE: HUFFMAN, Ann[1, 19] "Nancy"[9] Mary[7] See Note 2. Occupation:

Event	Day	Month	Year	Town(ship)	County	Prov./Country	Misc. Information
Born:	8	Sep	1788[2]	Bertie Twp.	Welland	Ontario CAN	Age at death 75 yrs, 6 mos, 11 days.[2]
Died:	19	Mar	1864[2]	Louth Twp.	Lincoln	Ontario CAN	Born circa 1788[27]

Cemetery: Rockway Presbyterian Churchyard[2] Religion: Anglican

Father: **Michael HUFFMAN/HOFFMAN**[27] m. abt 1787 Mother: **Elizabeth RANSIER**[27]

b. abt 1763 d. 23 Jun 1835[28] b. 1 Aug 1770[25] d. bef 1830

The order of children may not be correct.

CHILDREN & spouses	Event	Day	Mo.	Year	Town(ship)	County	Province	Misc. Information
1. **William RUNCHEY**[1]	Bpt:	17	Oct	1808[1]	Louth Twp.	Lincoln	Ontario	Tavern/hotel keeper,[15, 34] farmer.[9]
(1) Ann SHEWFELT / SHUFELT[18]	Mar:	4	Nov	1833[18]	Fort Erie	Welland	Ontario	Li.: Port Dalhousie 1871,[15]
b. abt 1812[2] d. 11 Oct 1841[2]								
(2) Levica[17] / Lovicey[9]	Mar:							
b. abt 1818[7] d. aft 1871[15]	Died:	17	Sep	1879[34]		Welland	Ontario	
2. **Lucy RUNCHEY**** [9]	Born:		Jan	1810[20]	Louth Twp.	Lincoln	Ontario	
Unmarried[9]	Mar:							
	Died:	17	May	1874[20]	Port Colborne	Welland	Ontario	
3. **John RUNCHEY**[1]	Born:			1812[2]	Louth Twp.	Lincoln	Ontario	Bpt: 10 Feb 1814.[1]
	Mar:							
b. d.	Died:	6	Oct	1842[2]	Louth Twp.	Lincoln	Ontario	Bur.: Rockway Churchyard.[2]
4. **Margaret RUNCHEY**[1]	Bpt:	9	Mar	1820[1]	Louth Twp.	Lincoln	Ontario	
Simeon DODGE[24]	Mar:	26	Oct	1846[24]	Sherbrook	Niagara	Ontario	
b. 25 Oct 1822[30] d. 11 May 1909[22]	Died:	7	Sep	1876[23]	Moulton Twp.	Haldimand	Ontario	
*5. **Sarah**[6]**/Ann Sarah RUNCHEY**[1]	Bpt:	6	Sep	1820[1]	Louth Twp.	Lincoln	Ontario	Born: 17 Apr 1820.[31]
Aaron BRADT[6]	Mar:		abt	1844			Ontario?	Also spelled name "Sara."
b. 13 May 1820[5] d. 13 Oct 1899[4]	Died:	19	May	1901[3]	Moulton Twp.	Haldimand	Ontario	
6. **Elizabeth RUNCHEY**[1]	Bpt:	16	Jul	1823[1]	Louth Twp.	Lincoln	Ontario	Born: 30 Nov 1822.[33]
Amos MANN[11]	Mar:					Lincoln?	Ontario	Bur.: St. Andrew's United Church,
b. 3 Mar 1820[33] d. 10 Aug 1904[11]	Died:	13	May	1902[11]	Thorold?.	Welland?	Ontario	St. Catharines.[11]
7. **Cyrus RUNCHEY**[19]	Born:	21	Dec	1832[19]	Louth Twp.	Lincoln	Ontario	Farmer,[9] blacksmith.[16] Bur.: River-
Mary Melinda NIECE[12, 21]	Mar:	18	Oct	1855[12]		Haldimand	Ontario	side Cemetery, Dunnville.
b. 29 May 1836[32] d. 18 Apr 1915[21]	Died:	16	Dec	1910[19]	Dunn Twp.	Haldimand	Ontario	
8.	Born:							
	Mar:							
b. d.	Died:							
9.	Born:							
	Mar:							
b. d.	Died:							
10.	Born:							
	Mar:							
b. d.	Died:							

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**Not Proven.