

Loyalist Directory: Simon DeForest

Surname:	DeForest
Given name:	Simon
Rank:	
Where Resettled:	Native of Stamford. 1819 appears to be in Toronto.
Status as Loyalist	
Source:	Upper Canada Land petition (1763-1865) Mikan Number: 205131. Microfilm: C-1745. Pages 288-292. Simon DeForest declared he is the son of Abraham DeForest.
Notes (expunged, Suspended, Reinstated):	
Regiment:	
Enlisted Date:	
Date & Place of Birth:	Between 17 Mar 1789–1791, Albany, NY.
Settled before the war:	
Date and Place of Death:	1861 death in Milton, Nassagaweya Township, Halton Co. Ont. Will of Simon DeForest, 1861, mentions wife Mary but only refers to children as his remaining living children but no names are mentioned.
Place of Burial:	Buried DeForest Cemetery, Halton Township. Northwest corner Walkers line and Derry Road.
Wife Name:	Mary Pear
Children:	Simon Deforest II and Mary Pear had the following children: i. PHILIP2 DEFOREST was born between 1812-1819 in Halton Co. Ont.. He died on 06 Jan 1868. He married Elizabeth Ann Skinner, daughter of Benjamin Skinner and Emily Deborah Perrin on 22 Jan 1842. She was born in 1827. She died in May 1861. ii. ABRAHAM DEFOREST was born between 1814-1817 in Famboro, Halton Co. Ont.. He died on 14 Jan 1897 in Halton County, Ontario. He married Jane Chapman, daughter of John Chapman and Mary about 1835 in Halton Co. Ont.. She was born between 1817-1821 in Ireland. She died on 07 Jan 1884 in Pinconning, Mich.. iii. PETER DEFOREST was born on 18 May 1819 in Ont.. He died on 14 Feb 1910 in Wentworth Co. East Flamboro, Ont.. He married Isabella Dixon, daughter of John Dixon on 26 Sep 1839 in Nelson twp., Halton Co. Ont.. She was born in 1821. She died on 09 Mar 1913 in Halton Co. Ont.. iv. ADAM DEFOREST was born on 09 Oct 1819 in Ont.. He died on 26 Feb 1910 in Peel House of Refuge. He married SUSAN RYCHMAN. She was born in 1823. She died in 1890. He married SUSANNA. v. SARAH ELIZABETH DEFOREST was born between 1823-1825 in Ontario. She died on Aug 1895 in Mount Forest, Wellington Co., Ontario. She married JOHN WILLIAMSON KIRBY. He was born about 1818 in England.

	<p>vi. SIMON DEFOREST III was born between 1826-1828 in Halton Co. Ont.. He died in 1864. He married Catherine Ferrier, daughter of David Ferrier and Elizabeth about 1854.</p> <p>vii. ESTHER ABIGAIL DEFOREST was born between 1830-1833 in Ont.. Notes for Esther Abigail DeForest: There is an Esther Eliz. DeForest, age 31, married 28 Aug. 1871 to Jas Alexander Lee. Problem is she lists parents as Abraham DeForest and Ester Wise, marriage in Nelson County.</p> <p>viii. JOHN DEFOREST III was born between 27 Jan 1831-1836 in Ont.. He died on 28 Aug 1909 in Halton Co. Ont.. He married SARAH JANE GALLAGHER. She was born on 22 Jan 1840 in Nelson Twp. Halton Co.. She died on 17 Jul 1911 in Waterloo County, div. Galt.</p> <p>ix. GILBERT DEFOREST was born between 10 Aug 1834-1837 in Ont.. He died on 15 Jan 1910 in Halton Co. Ont..</p>
Biography:	
Proven Descendants:	
Military Info:	
Loyalist Genealogy:	
Family History:	1851 census - Halton County, Nelson twp., Simon 60, Mary 50, Simon 25, John 20, Esther Abigail 21, Gilbert 17.
Family Genealogy:	
Other Info:	<p>OIC - land grant July 9, 1801. <a href="http://www.halinet.on.ca/sigs/ogshp/h/ne16.htm">http://www.halinet.on.ca/sigs/ogshp/h/ne16.htm</a></p> <p>History: Little seems to be known about this cemetery located on the northwest corner of Walker's Line, and Derry Road at the top of the hill. Some of the stones are gone with only the bases remaining. The last transcripts were made during Jan Speers' visit in 1983, W. Britnell's recording of 1977 and from a listing done by the Burlington Historical Society. The following tidbits of information were discovered while attempting to find out some history. They are not proven at this time.</p> <p>DeForest school house also held church services.</p> <p>St. John's Nassagaweya Anglican minister mentioned that this cemetery may have been used by early Anglicans. Others thought it was Methodist or just one started by necessity by the family with others from area buried there.</p> <p>Elizabeth DeForest received land from the Crown. Sales of this property always show 'excepting a small piece', which is probably the cemetery.</p> <p>The 1877 Historical Atlas shows this property owned by John DeForest but no cemetery is shown. However, a church and cemetery are shown on the west side of this same lot (at Guelph Line) which at that time was owned by John Turnbull. Note: this is St. George's Church and Cemetery</p> <p>The following was taken from the DeForest family history by the Burlington Historical Society: Three DeForest brothers, who were Huguenots, came to New Amsterdam, N.Y., from France in 1600. Isaac DeForest was a Loyalist and was imprisoned with his son,</p>

Abraham. While escaping, Isaac was shot but Abraham escaped to Canada at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Abraham, born 1769, married Elizabeth in 1795. He was given 200 acres in Nelson and received an additional 100 acres later. His son, James, was given land at Lot 13, Conc 6, Nelson. Abraham Jr., of Nelson, also asked for 200 acres in 1832, receiving it February 28, 1833. John DeForest had a son, David, in 1877 by his second wife, Eliza. David's son Norman, resided in Central Burlington. David's sisters were Emma and Mary. One married a Hewson in Milton Heights. Today the cemetery is looked after by Milton which has no information or records. Widening of Derry Road is cutting into the hillside, and it is hoped it does not cause further destruction to this pioneer cemetery. Perhaps this cemetery should be considered for a cairn to safeguard the remaining stones. [by Trudy Mann]  
Simon Deforest (1789-1861) @

On March 17, 1789, he was born in Albany, New York to Abraham Deforest (1767-1842), a Loyalist, and Elizabeth Bowman (DEF1). Served in the 1st Flank Company in 1812 (5L237a). He served October 25 to November 24, 1812 (5L332). He served November 25 to December 16, 1812 (5L337). After the war he made a land claim (ILC). On June 15, 1819, Simon De Forest made a land petition as a yeoman of Toronto Twp. He was over 21 years old, had done his duty in the late war, and was the son of Abraham De Forest of the same township and previously of the Niagara District (U742). On June 16, 1819, he married Mary Pear. On September 12, 1861, he died in Nelson Twp. and was buried in the Deforrest Pioneer Cemetery (DEF2).

Land Petition - relationship between Simon DeForest & his father Abraham DeForest  
My information on Simon DeForest's parentage comes from his Upper Canada Land Petition online at

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.01-e.php>

Microfilm C-1745, pages 288-292, accessed September 13, 2013. Simon declared that he was the son of Abraham.

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