

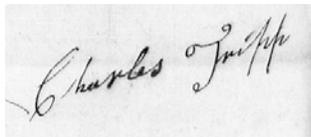
## Research and DNA Change Charles Tripp's Stories

Dear Skye, Finn, Dash, Lola, and Willow,

Remember my saying that if we found new information about Charles Tripp's parents the stories I am writing for you would change? Well, that is exactly what has happened, so read on to see what I have learned about our ancestors. To write the first two stories, I was using Herman Tripp's Research, the best information I could find, but even Herman stated that the Charles Tripp descent was not definite and needed to be proven or disproven. Fortunately I discovered the web site <http://www.ontariogenealogy.com/> belonging to Michael Stephenson, a genealogist from Ontario, Canada previously called Upper Canada (UC). Michael's web site contains a database of over 450,000 records of ancestors from Ontario, and to get a copy all you have to do is look through the index place an order. So, I ordered every record I could identify belonging to our family, namely, Charles Tripp Sr and Nathan W Tripp's land petitions, John Tripp and Esther Pott's marriage record, and Lydia Tripp and William Sheffield's marriage record. Then PING, I suddenly had the most exciting digital images of Ol' English, quill pen, hand written records to read, transcribe, and study.

### The Research Story

In Charles Tripp Sr's 1819 Land Petition, Charles Tripp of Scarborough Township (Twp), UC declares that he is a native of New York state, and that he immigrated to UC in 1800. He continues by declaring that he performed his duty in the militia during the War of 1812, thus he requests a grant of land from the



Crown. Unfortunately, he did not receive a grant of land, but I was so excited because now I had proof that Charles was a native of New York State, that he immigrated to UC in 1800, and best of all, I had a copy of his very own signature. So, suddenly my 3rd great grandfather began to feel

real to me.

And, equally exciting was the information from Nathan W Tripp's 1835 Land Petition where he declares that in the year of 1829, only 1 year after Charles Sr died, he leased 1 acre of Clergy land in the southeast part of Lot 2 in Concession 1 in Hamilton Twp close to Haldimand Twp. Nathan's choice of Hamilton Twp was puzzling to me because in good weather Hamilton Twp was one hard full-day's stage coach ride from Scarborough going east on Kingston Road. At the time I wondered why Nathan choose to move so far away from his mother and siblings in Scarborough, but I had no clue. Nathan further declares that he built a house, planted an orchard, and made a dam to procure a supply of water for a turning lathe, and he requests the Crown to sell him this acre of land. Alas, Nathan was not able to purchase the land, however he was allowed to continue the lease.

In addition, the marriage records confirm that Lydia Tripp and William Sheffield were married in Scarborough on August 16, 1832, 4 years after Charles Sr died, and that witnesses to their marriage were Andrew A Tomson and Sarah Weller. And, the records confirm that John Tripp and Esther Potts were married in Reach Twp, located between Scarborough and Hamilton Twps, on Sept 17, 1833, and that witnesses to their marriage were John's older brothers, Charles Tripp, Jr and Nathan W Tripp. The

Map of York, Ontario, Durham, and Northumberland Counties below shows the location of Scarborough, Reach, Hamilton, and Haldimand Twps where our Tripps have been located.



Needless to say, I was hooked!! If I could obtain this much concrete information about my ancestors so quickly, I wanted more. And I loved transcribing the Ol' English handwriting and language such as ". . he humbly requests that your Excellency will be generously pleased . . .". Yeah, I bet Charles just loved begging the King of England for land, but copies of the actual documents transported me back in time, and I felt close to my 3rd great grandfather. So, I emailed Michael and asked whether he could research the Canadian Archives for more records about our Tripp family, and he said he would. So armed with what little information I could provide him, off he went to Toronto to see what he could find. The first feedback was disappointing because he found no land patent records for Charles Tripp Sr or any of his sons (which proves that none of them ever owned any land in UC), and he had no luck finding birth or additional marriage records. However, the next batch of information from Michael sent the ball rolling in a direction I had never imagined.

### **Haldimand Township Story**

Michael researched all the Tripps who resided in UC after the Revolutionary War, and found two Charles Tripps, one in Percy Twp and the other in Haldimand Twp (later in Scarborough Twp). Having two Charles Tripps was confusing at first, however using his family history knowledge of Ontario, Michael pointed me to the Charles Tripp first found in Haldimand Twp in 1806. He sent me rare and precious census records from Haldimand Twp for the years 1803 through 1825, and walked me through the story the census records tell. See the table below for a compilation of the data. To help understand the story, you need to know that in the 1800s a census was taken by someone walking/riding from house to house, so those households listed close together are usually neighbors, frequently family or close friends. The other thing to be aware of is that in the 1800s families stuck together just to survive.

## Haldimand Twp, Newcastle District, Northumberland County, UC Census Records, 1803 - 1825

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*Theory: This is our Charles Tripp Sr. and he is descendant of Jabes and David Tripp. David Tripp appears in the Town of Pompey, Onondaga County, NY 1800 Censes. Jan E Tripp is also looking into this theory.*

Year	Name	Line	> 60 Yrs		<60 to >16		<16 Yrs		Total	Comments/Possibilities
			M	F	M	F	M	F		
1803	Jabes Tripp	14	1	1					2	Jabes mb grandfather of Chs Sr & 6 siblings
	David Tripp	16			3	1	3	3	10	David mb father of Chr Sr & 6 siblings
	Daniel Tripp	17			1	1			2	mb brother of Ch Sr & 5 siblings
1804	Jabes Tripp	36	1	1					2	
	David Tripp	45			2	1	3	3	9	
					1	1			2	Daniel 1M>16, 1F>16 living in Hamilton Twp
1805	David Tripp	27			4	1	3	3	11	
	Daniel Tripp	28		1	1	1	1		4	mb Jabes died and widow is now w/Daniel
1806	David Tripp	1		1	3	1	3	3	11	Jabes widow w/David
	Daniel Tripp	7			1	1	1	1	4	
	Charles Tripp	47			1	1			2	mb Charles Sr & Lydia
1807	David Tripp	5			3	1	3	3	10	
	Daniel Tripp	10			1	1	2	2	6	
	Charles Tripp	81			1	1	1		3	mb Charles Jr born
1808	David Tripp	23			2	2	3	1	8	40 cul+160 acres, log house 2 ox, 4 cows
	Charles Tripp	24			1	1	1		3	12 cul+28 un acres, log house 1 horse
1809	David Tripp	58		1	1	3	2	1	8	50 cul+150 un, 1 horse, 2 ox, 4 cows, 1 pig
	Daniel Tripp	69		1	1	2	3	2	9	Moved to Ohio w/Standcliffs
1810	David Tripp	9		1	1	3	3	2	10	45 cul+155 un, 2 horses, 3 cows, 7 pigs
1811	David Tripp	??	Not	on	micro	film	?	?	?	40 cul+160 acres, 1 horse, 2 cows
1812-14	No Tripps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No Tripps in Haldimand Twp for 3 yrs-War1812
1815	Widow Tripp	16			2	2	1	1	6	Lucena or Asenith--200 acres, mb David died
1816	Asenith Tripp	82			2	2	1	1	6	200 acres, house of sq logs
	Charles Tripp	83			1	1	4	1	7	Chr Sr. gone/7 yrs, returns next to widow Tripp
1817-23	No Tripps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No Tripps in Haldimand Twp for 7 yrs
1824	Harvey Tripp	9			2				2	
1825	Harvey Tripp	127			1	1			2	
1829										Nathan W leased 1 acre in HamiltonTwp
1832					1	1	1		3	Nathan & Hannah framed house/Hamilton
1833					2	1			3	Nathan & Hannah, 2 horses/Hamilton Twp

*Note: Data from Haldimand Assessment Records researched by Michael Stephenson for Janet Tripp Andrews. Added Years 1804, 1811, 1824 from Jan E Tripp research found on the web + some line nos and acres, etc.*

The census story begins in 1803 when a Jabez Tripp, David Tripp, Daniel Tripp, and 3 years later a Charles Tripp are living close together in Haldimand Twp. Looking at the people in each household their ages tell us that in 1803 and 1804 Jabez and his wife are over 60 years of age and are living close to David and Daniel. But in 1805 Jabez disappears from the census, so this may be the year he died. David and his wife have a log house full of children including 2 boys older than 16 and several other children

under 16. And, in 1803 Daniel and wife are living in Haldimand Twp, while in 1804 they are living in Hamilton Twp just west of Haldimand Twp, but in 1805 they are back in Haldimand with 1 son and probably Jabez's widow residing in their household. Then in 1806 David's household has 1 fewer males over 16 and miraculously Charles and his wife appear living nearby, and begin to raise a family. I believe this is the very first sighting of our Charles and Lydia Tripp, and from this data we can infer they were married around this time in UC. But, in 1809 Charles no longer resides in Haldimand Twp and from 1812-14 there are no Tripps living there. The Haldimand story continues, however, in 1815, when a widow Tripp appears declaring her name as Lucena or Asenith, followed by a return of Charles to Haldimand in 1816 living in the log house next to the widow's house of square logs. A possible explanation is that David died around 1815, his widow returns to Haldimand, and son Charles returns a year later to help his widowed mother. The other information shown in the census is that a Harvey Tripp is found in Haldimand Twp in 1824, and Nathan W Tripp, Charles Tripp Sr's 2nd son, is found in the area in 1829 one year after Charles dies. So I'm beginning to understand that when Nathan leased an acre of land, and built a house and dam in Hamilton Twp, he was returning to his childhood home and friends.

Michael also explained to me that it is becoming clear that our Tripps are not true farmers, because you can't farm and move around as much as Charles and David did. So, they must have had enough education or skill to make a living some other way, but what their occupation was, is not clear yet.

I couldn't fully believe the story at first, and I bet you can't either. After all these years of wondering who our mysterious ancestors from Canada are, how could someone put the pieces together so quickly? And why didn't we have any inkling about Jabez, David, and Daniel Tripp before now? So I spent the next few days pouring over the census, putting the data in Excel, and thinking about what it means. Slowly I began to realize the census tells a compelling story, but it is not direct, concrete proof of the relationship, so we still need more evidence. Luckily, I recalled seeing a table showing Tripps in Haldimand Twp similar to the one I have given to you here somewhere on the Internet. But who put it there, and could there possibly be a connection?

So, I searched the Internet again and found the web site [trippgenealogy.org](http://trippgenealogy.org) and left a message for Jan E Tripp, Project co-administrator. Soon I received a response saying how exciting it was to make contact with a descendant of Charles Tripp from Scarborough and that he is looking for a link between David and Jabez Tripp and his 3rd great grandfather, who, would you believe, is the other Charles Tripp from Percy Twp whom Michael had identified earlier. Jan told me that he has located his Charles Tripp and David Tripp owning adjacent property in Onondaga County, New York, around 1790 and has found several earlier associations between his Charles Tripp and Jabez Tripp in Dutchess County, NY around 1740-1770. But, so far, he has not found any direct evidence of their relationship either.

Jan then told me about the Family Tree Tripp Group DNA Project and asked whether I had a male cousin with the surname Tripp who would be willing to participate. Thankfully my cousin, Ralph Spencer Tripp, signed up for the DNA test in August, 2013 and got the ball rolling. Some of you already know the results, but here they are again.

## The DNA Story

What we learned is that my 3rd great grandfather, Charles Tripp of Scarborough, is closely genetically related to 3 other Tripps in the Tripp DNA genealogy project, two of them (Benjamin and Charles Tripp from Percy) lived in Ontario Canada in the 1800s. And we learned that our 3 Tripps from Canada (Benjamin, Charles/Scarborough, and Charles/Percy) are closely related to a descendant of John The Founder, born 1611 in England. We are also related, but not quite as closely, to 4 other Tripps in the Tripp DNA project. Details of our Charles Tripp's relationships are:

Closest Distant Ancestor	Born-Died	Place of Residence	# of Markers	Meaning
Benjamin Tripp	1817-1884	Reach Twp, Canada	36/37 match	Tightly Related
Charles Tripp	1761-1844	Percy Twp, Canada	35/37 match	Related
John Tripp (son Abiel)	1611-1678	Portsmouth, RI	35/37 match	Related
John Tripp	1818-[ ]	Pitt Co, No Carolina	34/37 match	Related
Joshua Tripp	1805-[ ]	Pitt Co, No Carolina	34/37 match	Related
John Tripp (son Joseph)	1611-1678	Portsmouth, RI	33/37 match	Probably Related
John Tripp (son John Jr)	1640-1719	RI	33/37 match	Probably Related

### *Who is Benjamin Tripp from Reach Twp, our closest distant ancestor?*

1817, born May 27 (a few years before Charles's sons Andrew and William R)

1842, married Eliza Still probably in Whitby Twp (close to Reach Twp)

1843, March 22, son Thomas born at Cedar Creek settlement, Conc 2 & Simcoe St, Reach Twp (where our Lydia Tripp, Charles Tripp Jr, and family were living at that time)

1850, son or daughter born, followed by death of Eliza

1853-187[ ], married Ann [ ], 10 other children born: Benjamin Jr, James P, Richard, George A, William, Marshall, Frederick, Franklin and 2 others

1861, living with family in frame house in Mariposa Twp, Victoria Co, Conc 1 or on northern shore of Lake Scugog

1871, moved from Mariposa Twp to Reach Twp, Conc 13 Lot 22 near Seagrave, Reach Twp. He also owned 1.5 acres of Lot 24 within Seagrave

1884, died, buried in Bethel Cemetery, Reach Twp.

**Sources:** Paper from Pat Tripp, Home District Marriage Record, Reach Census, & Surrogate Court will

We still don't know how Benjamin is related to us or who his parents are, but now we know we have relatives who are still living in Ontario, Canada.

### *Who is Charles Tripp from Percy Twp, our next closest ancestor?*

1761, born in Nine Partners, Dutchess County, NY (25 years older than our Charles/Scarborough)

1792, married Jane Woodworth in Mayfield, Montgomery, NY (had 13 children)

1781, enlisted in Revolutionary War fighting with the Patriots against the British

1792-1797, lived and owned property in Onondaga County, NY next to David Tripp.

1797, applied for a 200 acre free grant of land in Ontario, Canada & moved from Onondaga County, NY to Percy Twp, Northumberland County, Canada.

1800, patent issued for the land (he got ownership)

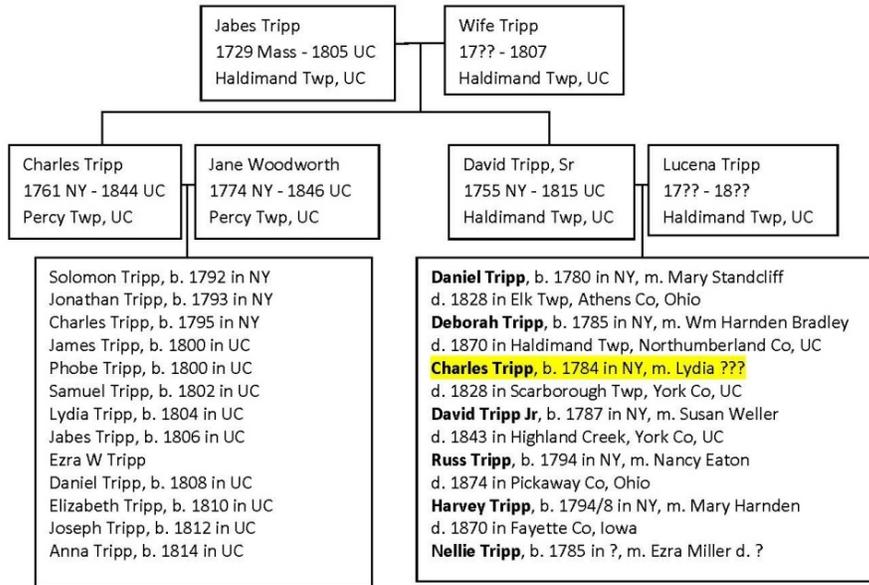
1844, Charles died in Percy Twp, Canada. (A number of his children came to Michigan while others stayed in Canada.)

**Source:** [trippgenealogy.org](http://trippgenealogy.org)

Charles Tripp from Percy is the 3rd great grandfather of Jan E Tripp, Michigan, the genealogist and head of the Family Tree Tripp DNA project I mentioned earlier. Below is a possible Jabez Tripp Tree that includes Jan's Charles from Percy and our own Charles Tripp, Sr. Again this tree is based on indirect evidence and must be proven or disproven.

**Possible Grandparents, Parents, Uncle, & Siblings  
of Our Charles Tripp Sr. (1784- 1828)**

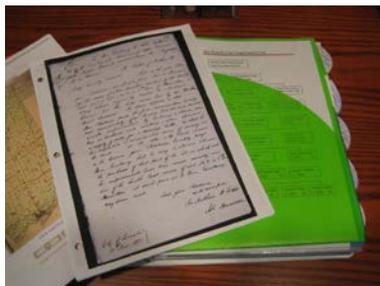
Per Jan E Tripp, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Charles Tripp (1761 - 1844) of Percy Twp is his 3rd Great Grandfather



Oh, and I almost forgot, there is no evidence of any Native American blood.

**Closing**

I have more records and much more information to share with you about our expanding Charles Tripp,



Sr family, but it is time to close and give you time to think about just this much. We still don't have direct evidence of our descent from Jabez and David Tripp, much less the complete line of our descent from John The Founder. But the indirect evidence is considerable and the story is compelling. However, I believe the records have been well scoured by our newly found cousin, Jan E Tripp, so we are near the end of our paper trail.

If this is the case, DNA testing for Genetic Genealogy has the greatest potential for breaking down our genealogy brick wall. If you are interested in learning more about DNA testing, Jan has pointed us to the web site <http://dna-explained.com>. My hope is that many more Tripps will participate in the Tripp DNA project to help us fully understand our heritage. So please encourage other male Tripps to sign up at <http://www.familyreedna.com/public/Tripp/> and select the Y-DNA37 test. There is a small fee for testing and analyzing the DNA, but my cousin Ralph said it is the best \$150 he ever spent, and I hope you will agree!