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BACKGROUND

1902 Antti Pärssinen and wife Anna Tarnanen Pärssinen immigrated from Finland to the United States with toddler son Lauri and infant daughter Elna. They settled in Superior, Wisconsin where they had two more children, Esther and George.

1911 Anna Pärssinen arrived in Port Arthur in November with her four children, Lauri 11, Elna 9, Esther 4, and George 3. Presumably, husband Antti was already there or soon followed.

1919 Lauri Pärssinen, aged 19, returned to the United States to attend Valparaiso University in Indiana. He was an electrician's apprentice at the time of his return to the U.S.

1930 By this date, Antti and Anna and all 4 of their children had returned to the United States. Antti and Anna settled in Detroit, as did sons Lauri and George, who both married Finnish-American women in Detroit and raised families there.

Daughter Elna married Jack Burns of Buffalo, New York, and resided in Buffalo until her death; they had no children.

1931 Daughter Esther returned to Canada from Detroit with husband Evald Eric Carlson, who was also from Port Arthur. They returned to the Thunder Bay area where they raised five children.
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NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS
Back, L to R: Esther Pärssinen, Lempi, Aili
Middle, L to R: Lauri M., Urho, Waino, Sulo H., Sulo K., Lauri P.
Front, L to R: Ilmar, Lauri Pärssinen, Elina
 circa 1912-14

PÄRSSINEN CHILDREN
Lauri, Elna, Esther & George
 circa 1912-14

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1\textsuperscript{st} on left: Unidentified to date
2\textsuperscript{nd} from left: Mary Pärssinen Hermanson
3\textsuperscript{rd} from left: Ida Turpeinen (educated guess)
4\textsuperscript{th} from left: Anna Taranen Pärssinen

circa 1912-14

\textbf{Antti Pärssinen with three youngest children: Esther, George \& Elna}

circa 1912-14

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**OUTING A** - Hats Switched between Genders

Middle, first on left: Mary Pärssinen Hermanson  
Middle second on left: Ida Turpeinen (educated guess)  
Front, L to R: Henri Rouvinen, Lauri Pärssinen

 circa 1912-14

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**OUTING B**

3rd from left:, Mary Pärssinen Hermanson  
5th from left: Ida Turpeinen (educated guess)  
4th from left (in back), Lauri Pärssinen  

 circa 1912-14

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OUTING C
Back, 4th from left: Lauri Pärssinen
Front, first on left: Henri Rouvinen
   c. 1912-14

OUTING D
Standing, 2nd from left: Anna Taranen Pärssinen
   Sitting, 2nd from left: Anna Ulvila
   c. 1919-23

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Lauri Pärssinen & Henri Rouvinen
"Lauri Pärssinen & Henri Rouvinen c.1912-14"

Jenny Saarinen
"Jenny Saarinen c.1915-18"

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BAND #1
Seated on Floor, L to R: Lauri Pärssinen, Jenny Saarinen, Henri Rouvinen
c.1913-16
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BAND #2
Seated on right: Lauri Pärssinen
c.1917-18

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“Usi Poika”
[same photo session as BAND #2]
c.1917-18

Blond Horn Player
[same photo session as BAND #2]
c.1917-18

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BAND #3
PHOTOGRAPHED AT PORT ARTHUR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
2nd Row from back, 2\textsuperscript{nd} from right: Lauri Pärssinen
\textit{c.1917-18}
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Helen Laukka Ulvila with daughters Ilme & Anna
c.1914-16

Anna Ulvila
December 1919

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OUTING K
Standing, 2nd from left: Helen Laukka Ulvila
Sitting, last on right: Anna Tarnanen Pärssinen
  c. 1919-23

“CURRENT RIVER PARK”
L to R: Lauri Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, Elna Pärssinen
  c. 1919-23
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Photo taken in Port Arthur of lad in costume of Helsingin Kisa-Veikot Athletic Club c.1912-18

"JOHN & JACK" c.1912-18

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Hello Lauri,
[at university in U.S.]

Just a line to let you know I'm back from the war and in the best of health. Write to me to Carlson's house where I'm going to stay when I get to P.A. I'm going on this boat tonight and will be in old P.A. in the morning. I haven't had time to write a letter as I'm too busy getting in the civvies.

Write soon.

Your old chum, Henri

Canadian Expeditionary Forces attestation dated
25 January 1916

Henri Rouvinen was 16 when he joined CEF, 19 when he returned from war.

Message on back of postcard
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GROUP IN BIG FINN HALL

c.1917-18

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Blond horn player
Band #2

Lauri Pärssinen

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George Pärssinen

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