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Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada, circa 1912—1923

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

circa 1912-14



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



OUTING B

3rd from left: Mary Pärssinen Hermanson
5th from left: Ida Turpeinen (educated guess)
4th from left (in back), Lauri Pärssinen
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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 Tarnanen Pärssinen
Sitting, 2nd from left: Anna Ulvila
c. 1919-23

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Lauri Pärssinen & Henri Rouvinen
c.1912-14



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, 2nd from right: Lauri Pärssinen

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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“Henri [Rouvinen] in Khaki”
1916

DUPLICATE ATTESTATION PAPER.
CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
CONDITIONS TO BE MET BEFORE ATTESTATION

Name	Henri Rouvinen
Rank	Private
Service No.	10000
Company	1st Battalion
Regiment	1st Canadian Infantry
Branch	Infantry
Service	1st Canadian Expeditionary Force
Period of Service	1915-1918
Place of Birth	Finland
Place of Residence	Port Arthur, Ontario
Parents	Mr. and Mrs. J. Rouvinen
Relatives	None
Character	Good
Health	Good
Education	None
Occupation	None
Marital Status	Single
Religion	None
Political Opinions	None
Other	None

**Canadian Expeditionary Forces
attestation dated
25 January 1916**

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



Duluth 1/7/19

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

Message on back of postcard

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GROUP IN BIG FINN HALL

c.1917-18

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