GEORGE STORRING
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The Staring name [or Starin, Stauring, Storing or Starling] has roots far back in the history of the German people. The "ing" ending in German names was common in Westphalia, a German province which borders the Netherlands southwest of Gelderland. The first spelling of the name in New York City was Staringer which is found in southern Germany on the border of Switzerland at Lake Constance. Today, in the United States the families spell it Storrings and in Canada, Storring.

George Staring, also known as Storring, was the son of Jacob and Catherine Staring and was born on May 29, 1764, baptized June 6, 1764 at Stone Arabia, Tyron County, New York. George participated in the Sullivan-Clinton Expedition and was on the list of Captain Serat Putman's Company.

On May 8, 1780, Jacob Staring/Storring and son George enlisted in the Second Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York, commanded by Lieutenant Col. Sir John Johnson. George was 16 years old and his records of service show that he was five feet seven and a half inches tall.

George returned to New York after the war and married Anna Hen Zimmerman on June 6, 1786 at the age of 22, in the Reformed Church, German Flats, New York. Anna was the daughter of Henry and Catherine (Fox) Zimmerman. They had eight children, four were born in the United States: Dorothea, bap. Sept. 20, 1788; Anna, bap. May 8, 1791 (died as an infant); Jacob, bap. Oct. 13, 1793; Lawrence, birth date unknown. George entered Canada during the years 1796-99 with wife Anna and these three children. They had four children born in Canada: George Jr., bap. Sept. 1800; Henry, bap. Dec. 17, 1804; John, birth date unknown; and a daughter, Catharine, birth date unknown.

George Storring qualified for 200 acres of land in Mecklenburgh District, Upper Canada, on June 25, 1794, but it is not known whether he took up this land. In 1808, he is described as being "of the Township of York."