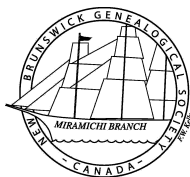


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome! I hope that each and everyone of you had a great summer. Here on the river, we had a rainy summer which encouraged the growth of lush green things. Not the best conditions for gardening, BBQ's and all those other summer activities but we manage. These days we are experiencing some lovely sunny weather and the trees have changed colour to vibrant reds, oranges, and yellows.

At our annual meet'n'greet in September we honoured DollyPearle Drysdale-Martin for her long term contribution to NBGS-Miramichi as Membership Secretary. As well, DollyPearle has served Miramichi Branch in other executive positions and is always there to lend a hand when needed.

Speaking of Executive! We have a number of vacant positions and plans are underway to hold an election in November. If you have thoughts about serving your NBGS branch now is your chance. Get in touch with Velna Dickson or one of her committee members to discuss this possibility.

The potential growth of tourism on the Miramichi is tremendous. For NBGS-Miramichi Branch to make a substantial contribution to this tourism growth is more than a possibility. The "Boomers" are retiring with more disposable income than any previous generation. Many of these people are attracted to and aggressively searching for their ancestors.

Geographically, our area was one of first stopping places for Europeans in the "*New World*". From here the tentacles spread throughout Canada, United States and elsewhere. Miramichi is one of the most natural places in North America to be a center for Genealogical-tourism.

Bernie M. Walsh

BRANCH NEWS

Della O'Neill

Della O'Neill was born in Black River Bridge December 21, 1946 to Thomas Irenus Adams and Mildred Iva MacDougall. She has two sisters, Doris Taylor (Dawson) and Vera James (David) and one brother Wilfred Adams who passed away in 2006.

Her paternal grandparents were: George Adams and Ida May McLenaghan. Maternal grandparents were Hugh MacDougall and Christina Susan Godfrey.

She attended the Little Branch and Victoria Schools and graduated from Miramichi Rural High School. She worked in Ottawa at Mutual Life Assurance Company as a medical claims underwriter and then took a clerk-typist course at the Moncton Technical School. After graduating from there she worked as a clerk-typist at the Technical School in Moncton. She now does the bookkeeping for her husband's welding company, Bayside Welding.

She married John Patrick O'Neill of Escuminac, son of Raymond O'Neill and Adelia Poirier. They have five children and one grandchild.

Her hobbies are oil painting, planting flowers and vegetables and reading (biography and mystery novels) and genealogy. She joined the NBGS Miramichi Branch on June 4, 1991 and is one of the charter members.

Bye- Bye Apolline

Apolline (aka "Apple" to friends and employers) finished up her 12 weeks employment with NBGS

Miramichi Branch on August 8. A few of us celebrated the completion of her experience by taking her out to lunch at Maisies on Ritchie Wharf, Newcastle's tourist hub. After a few words of encouragement, good luck and thanks for a job well done, Penny presented Apple with an 'official' document of freedom.

Kidding aside, Apple was a most industrious employee. She translated several French Church Histories, assisted at the Irish Festival and the Annual General Meeting. She transcribed over 1900 obituaries and almost finished the Avadne Connolly Collection. She did research and typing for the newsletter. She transcribed material for our newest book and transcribed vital statistics from local newsletters. And did all that with a ready smile, joke and giggle.

Best of luck to you, Apple, as you return to your studies at St. Thomas University. Be sure to keep in touch.

Submitted by Judy Vautour

Irish Festival

Once again NBGS-Miramichi Branch contributed to the Cultural Events aspect of the 25th Irish Festival. Our venue was in the New Brunswick Community College. Visitors researching were from New England, all the Atlantic provinces and elsewhere in Canada. We were able to assist these searchers in some information regarding their family history.

This year several of our members presented genealogy/family history books which they had authored. **Sally Davidson** presented James Davidson 1783-1824: A History by Sally (Stephenson) Davidson.

Velna Dickson and Sharon Connors presented three:

1. MacKnight Family History by Velna Dickson and Sharon Connors
2. Connors Family History by Sharon Connors and
3. Jardines of Atlantic Canada by Donald Jardine assisted by Velna Dickson and others.

I would especially like to thank all those who helped to make this endeavour a success. I won't mention names as I might inadvertently miss someone. Some of you lugged books back and forth from the library, made and put up posters, sold our publications, handled money, packed and unpacked and talked to visitors. A huge THANKS for all your great work and in making this a success.

All for now.

Bernie Walsh

Have a look at Historic Miramichi!

Funded by the federal government, many of the city's historic places have been photographed and added to a website which is sure to be of interest to NBGS members. Family researchers will be interested in seeing the places that were once familiar to their ancestors such as homes, workplaces, schools and churches. Reading the descriptions will enhance understanding of the place and times. In some cases, old photographs are used as well as recent ones.

Type in www.historicplaces.ca. Choose your language, then type in the city "Miramichi" and click "search". It takes a few minutes. Be sure to use those "next" buttons to get a more full description.

Welcome home!

Submitted by Judy Vautour

NBGS MIRAMICHI BOOKS FOR SALE

New Book for Sale Anglican Burials Register

This book, containing transcribed burial records, completes the set of marriages, baptisms and burial registers for St. Paul's Anglican Church in Bushville, NB (now part of the city of Miramichi). The burial records cover the years from 1822 to 1970. Included are surname, given name, place of residence (and sometimes origin or associated ships), burial date, some death dates, place of burial (indicated in later years as more options became available), age and officiating minister.

The Anglican Burial Register publication is plastic covered, coil bound and contains over 200 pages. It differs from St. Paul's Cemetery transcriptions because it also includes those who are buried without tombstones or those who once had stones that no longer exist, and also includes some others who had service at St. Paul's Church, and later St. Mary's Church also, but are buried in other locations.

The book is fully indexed and the price is \$25.00 (Canadian) plus shipping costs. To order, contact

Dianne at (506) 836-2644 or email:
dmullin@nbnet.nb.ca

Be sure to check the complete list of NBGS-Miramichi publications for sale on our Website at:
nbgsmiramichi.org



SOUTH SHORE ENTREPRENEUR: TRACER OF FAMILY TREES; Abington man spends his spare time tracking down clients' ancestors.

*By A.J. BAUER
The Patriot Ledger*

ABINGTON - Michael Brophy, owner of Brophy Professional Genealogy & Heir Tracing, divides his time chasing two types of people: the living and the dead

And while the two categories - searching for living heirs to estates and for people's ancestors - each represents about half of his revenue and time, the 42-year-old Abington resident said he prefers searching for the dead ones.

"Intrinsically, it's more of who I am," Brophy said.

Brophy first became interested in genealogy about seven years ago when the death of a relative caused his cousin to compile information on the maternal side of his family tree.

"So I talked to my dad and said, 'What do we know about the Brophy family history?'" Brophy recalled. "He said, 'Not much.'"

And so began Brophy's digging through archives of old ship passenger logs, newspaper clippings and official records, through which he traced the Brophy surname back more than 200 years to its Irish roots.

In 2004, Brophy decided to turn his fascination with research into a business. He now spends about 15 to 20

hours a week researching for five or six client projects at a time.

Brophy has attended genealogy conferences and last year completed a week-long "genealogy boot camp" through the Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Birmingham, Ala. His specialty, based as much on his own personal interest as on demand, is in researching the backgrounds of Irish-Americans - an ethnicity that can prove difficult to research, he said.

"Irish records are difficult to come by because the Irish public records office was destroyed at the end of the Irish civil war in 1922," Brophy said.

In addition to researching for clients, Brophy lectures regularly around the South Shore. His next speaking engagement, scheduled for Saturday at the Thayer Public Library in Braintree, will be geared toward starting up family history projects, he said.

For now, Brophy said he is content to continue growing at a modest pace - increasing his client base and lecture schedule. Ultimately, however, Brophy said he hopes to build his credibility as a researcher by publishing historical books about the area.

"I've got a few book projects in mind, kicking around in my head," Brophy said. "What's that they say about professors? It's publish or perish."

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(Mike is the son of NBGS Miramichi branch member, Joe Brophy)

"Remembering Loggieville" – Don Ross

Peter, Anne Loggie among original Loggieville residents

In 1857 Peter Loggie (1826-1900) married Annie MacDonald (1826-1910), the daughter of Alexander MacDonald and Janet Taylor. They were the original MacDonald family of Point Aux Carr. Peter and Annie raised seven children on their Rockheads farm. Their

children were; William (1858-1916), Mary (1861-1946), Margaret (1859-1947), Amanda (1865-1926), Alexander (1863-1946), John F. (1867-1943), and Ellen (1870-?).

William (Little Will) married Lottie Inglis. The couple had no children. They built their home on Manse Street on what became the Ernie Watling house and presently the home of Ernie's grandson Greg Watling.

Mary married Robert J. Swezey of Napan Bay. Their home was the last house coming out of Napan Bay community going east toward Point Aux Carr, specifically on the north side of the road just east of the crick. They had three children, the eldest was a boy that died young and is buried in the Old Saint Andrew's Cemetery in Chatham. The youngest son Lyman never married and a daughter Myrtle married George Taylor of Napan Bay.

George and Myrtle Taylor had two children; a son, Lyman, who married Marjorie Carter of Ontario. The couple had two sons, Kenneth and Neil, and a daughter Edith E. She married Forrest Walsh in 1942. Eventually Edith and Forrest purchased the Cecil Blake house from Art Touchie on Russell Street in Loggieville in 1953 and raised a family of eight; Joan, Ruth, Jack, Joy, Mary, Roy, Billy and Kevin.

Margaret Loggie married Alger Baker and they had two children Ruby and Mildred (1902). They built their home on Manse Street. They left the village but not before selling their house to Cyrus Loggie.

Amanda Loggie married Jack Whyte of Napan and they had a son Roy. Jack Whyte was the yard boss for A&R Loggie prior to E.C. Weeks and he built his home on Manse Street.

After the Whyte's left the village Ernest McDougall and family purchased the house. The MacDougall's sold to Gerry and Betty Lanteigne who are the present owners.

Alexander Loggie married Clara Campbell. They took up residence in Chatham with their three children Colin C., K. King, and Norman.

John F. Loggie married Elizabeth Russell of Russellville. They had ten children; Ira (1900), Hazel (1902), Bruce (1903), Annie (1906), Clara (1908), Florence (1909), Ruby (1911), Bobby (1913-1973), Doris and Edith. Ira, Bruce, Clara, and Florence, all

went to the USA to work. Hazel married Willard Wilson and they moved to Petiscodiac. Annie married Alex McNaughton in Napan Bay and they had no children. Ruby married Alfred Gerling. Doris died as a baby. Mrs. Loggie died shortly after Edith's birth and the child was raised by her uncle Archie Russell and his wife Elizabeth. Edith married Ernest Doyle and they had three children; Rita, Marion, and Orval.

Bobby Loggie married Ina Taylor and they had six children; Roland, Adele, Stephen, Minerva, Gwen, and Bruce. The girls married and moved elsewhere with their families. Adele married Tolsen Penny and moved to Moncton.

Minerva married twice, first to Joe Sullivan and they had five children: Michael, Gary, Cindy, Robbie, and Beverly. She then married Ian O'Donnell and they live in Ontario. Gwen married John Kelly, they have four children; Kyle (1988), Corey (1990), Christina (1992), and Christopher (1996) and they live on Kelly Rd. in Chatham.

The three boys married and set up housekeeping on the farm. Rollie married Ruth Walsh and they have two daughters Shelley and Tammy. Stephen married Wendy Matchett and they have two children; Tony and Krista. Bruce married Lana McLean and they also have two children, Robert and Alexis.

There is some history to this farm. Originally Lot 15 was granted to Roger MacDougall in 1787.

He in turn sold to James Gordon in 1788 and he to Alex Gillis. Peter Loggie purchased the lot in the 1840's. Peter bequeathed the farm to John F. Loggie (his son) and he in turn to his son Bobby Loggie.

Presently the farm is occupied by Bobby's three sons, Rollie, Stephen, and Bruce, their wives, and their families and the boys mother Ina.

Ellen Loggie married Peter Manderson and they had a son Leonard Manderson (handicapped). Peter and Ellen built a house on Manse, today occupied by Duncan Jardine.

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LOCAL NEWS



THANK YOU

A *special thanks* to member Bruce Duncan of Nova Scotia who sent us the Duncan Family Tree. James Duncan of Port Daniel, Gaspé, Quebec married Margary Garrett of the Township of Cox, New Richmond, Quebec and they settled in Blackville, NB. James & Margary had a family of nine children who married into the Walls, McKenzie, Collins, Underhill, and Johnson families. A few of the other surnames mentioned are Connors, Manderville, Mountain, Simpson, Kennedy and Hambrook. This large book contains pictures, statistics and some interesting stories. It has been placed in our branch library which is accessible to all branch members. Thanks again Bruce. For more information on donating information or books to our library, contact us at www.nbgsmiramichi.org

Seeking information on the Vye Family:

The Vye Bicentennial Reunion Committee recently presented their research material to the librarian of the Newcastle Public Library, Miramichi for safe keeping. This information will be catalogued by Catherine Reid and placed in the archival room or historical section for public display.

“N. B. Airwoman is First W. D. to “hit the silk”.

Parachute descent made by Sgt. Ethel M Clark of Blackville. The first Canadian airwoman to make a parachute jump is a little nervous about her history-making leap today. The heroine of the jump is Sgt. Ethel M. **Clark** of the RCAF Women’s Division, who made a 7,000 foot parachute decent from an Anson training plane northwest of Shelburne, Ontario last night. She was a passenger in a plane piloted by FO W Temple of the RAF, LAC. JR. Cripps, RCAF from Bathurst, NB was the other member of the Anson’s crew.

The three had to “hit the silk” when their craft ran into bad weather and ice frosted the wings. Sgt Clark, whose home is in Blackville, New Brunswick, said she knew the parachute-jumping routine fairly well. The airwoman ended her midnight leap in a mud-puddle—

ruining her uniform but escaping without a bruise.
North Shore Leader: 1945.

Miss Ethel May Clark was born in the Chelmsford area in 1916, a daughter of Ernest **Clark** and Clara “Adeline” **Sturgeon**. She was one of nine children. Miss Clark was a member of the Miramichi Branch of NBGS for several years. Ethel retired and remained in Kingston, Ontario. Being single, she decided to return to the Miramichi to be closer to her family. Now being hearing impaired, she is unable to attend the local meetings but she is very interested in the society’s objectives and goals. Upon dropping off census books to her two years ago, member Dianne Mullin learned she still has a keen interest in her roots and if she were younger, she would love to take another tour to Scotland. If you wish to share your story with us, email Elsie at estefany@nb.sympatico.ca. We would love to hear from out of town members.

Neguac Ancestors?

Are you descended from a Neguac-area family? Then you may be interested in the *Association Histoire de Chez Nous* (AHCN), a historical and genealogy interest group which had its start in July 1999 by a small group in Neguac. Today, there are about 600 members who live in various parts of Canada.

Mme Rita Savoie was able to give me some details. Members pay just \$ 20.00 per year and receive a bulletin or magazine every three months with a ‘special’ issue at the end of each year. The bulletin, *La Voix du Passé*, has a broad scope: stories, interviews, folklore, family histories and land grant information. It represents the writings of many authors and contributors and most of it is written in French.

The geographical area covers Allainville, Bas-Neguac, Canton-des-Robichaud, Chemin des Breau, Chemin des Caissie, Chemin des Drisdelle, Chemin des Grattan, Chemin des Stymiest, Comeau Settlement, Covedell, Fair-Isle, Lagaceville, Lavillette, Neguac, Riviere des Caches, St. Wilfred and Village Saint-Laurent. Your Neguac-area ancestors may appear in the bulletin sometime.

The Association also has a website: <http://ahcn.ca>.

If you are interested in joining the group, write to Association Histoire de Chez Nous, 53 Chemin Honore, Robichaud Settlement, N.B., E9G 3A8, or e-mail ahcn@achn.ca.

Submitted by Judy Vautour

OBITUARIES

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

August 20, 2007

An Anglican priest who once ministered on the Miramichi and was famous for blessing pets, died recently in Quebec at the age of 91. Canon Horace G. **BAUGH** was ordained at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton in 1944 and moved to the Miramichi area to start his ministry. From there he moved to Grand Manan before going back to his native Quebec in 1950. He was made a canon of the church (Anglican) in 1975 and officially retired as a full-time pastor in 1983, but he continued to minister almost up until his death. He became famous when he began an annual Blessings-of-The-Pets Ceremony 56 years ago in Mt. Royal. He blessed more than 60, 000 pets, ranging from dogs and cats, to horses, snakes, rabbits, turtles, snakes, lizards and skunks. In 1980, his own cat saved his life by alerting him to a fire in his home. He suffered burns, survived and his wife escaped unharmed. Unfortunately, the cat died in the fire. An avid outdoorsman and down hill skier, he was perhaps known across Canada as the priest who built the Skier's Chapel, St. Frances of the Birds, in St.Sauveur des Monts, in the Laurentians. Neither the Catholic bishop nor his own Anglican bishop wanted to fund a chapel in the area, so in 1951 he convinced John H. Molson of Molson Breweries, to pay for the construction. During his life, BAUGH also served as a town councillor in Morin Heights. He was justice of the peace, a school commissioner and chaplain at the Mirabel Airport. He is estimated to have performed about 3,000 baptisms, 2, 000 weddings and 2,000 funerals.

STRAYS FROM AWAY

Muriel J. Joslin of Gardner, MA died April 6, 2007. She was born March 14, 1912 in New Jersey, NB, daughter of Bertram and Annie (Cassidy) Joslin. -Athol Daily News - April 7, 2007

NEWS FROM EARLIER TIMES

South Esk, N.B.,
June 27, 1930

Mr. William McKay
Nordin, N.B.

Dear Sir:

Hearing you are in need of a teacher for your school for the coming year, I beg to be an applicant for the position.

I hold a Second Class License and have had ten years experience in teaching.

I would be willing to teach for Four Hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) per year (exclusive of Gov't Grant).

Hoping to receive a favorable reply at an early date, I am

Yours truly,
Mary M. Taylor

(Letter donated by NBGS member, Mora McKay Cairns)

HINES, Thomas **(d. January 23, 1929 *)**

Thomas **HINES**, formerly of Red Bank, N.B. died today in Spokane, Wash. He had lived in the U.S. for the last fifty years, but he visited his old home several times over the years. He is survived by nieces Mrs. Dennis MCCARTHY, Barnaby River, Mrs. Michael LYNCH, Chatham; nephews, John and William J. WALSH, Boom Road, Thomas J. HINES, Jr., Seattle, Wash., James WALSH, Western N.S. Thomas was laid to rest in Washington.

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

KENT CO. MARRIAGES 1845 – 1862

(Film 1247, Vol. 1, couples by male names)
 Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

| COUPLE | DATE |
|--|----------------|
| D'AIGLE, Alex & DAIGLE, Rosalie | Sept.16,1861 |
| D'AIGLE, Michael & SAVOY, Henrietta | Nov.18, 1844 |
| D'AIGLE, Luc & HENRY, Urusula | Aug. 23, 1852 |
| ELLIS, Jos. & JONES, Jane | Sept. 12, 1860 |
| ELWARD, James & RICHARD, Margaret | July 29, 1861 |
| ENGLISH, Daniel & FORSTER, Jane | Feb. 06, 1850 |
| ENGLISH, Richard & FITZGERALD, Nancy | Nov. 23, 1848 |
| ESPLEN, David & MCNIEL, Mary | June 8, 1846 |
| EVANS, John & FERGUSON, Jane | Jan. 23, 1849 |
| FARGERIS, Edw. (Shediac) & POIRIER, Lavinia (Shediac) | Oct. 27, 1845 |
| FAHEY, Thomas & BALDWIN, Lucy | Oct. 29, 1860 |
| FARREL, James & SHERIDAN, Phebe | May 31, 1860 |
| FEARAN(ON), Wm. & THOMPSON, Mary | Apr. 20, 1848 |
| FEARON, Robt. & RODGER(ROGER), Margaret | Aug 29, 1855 |
| FELECT, Louis & DEPLACY, Elizabeth | May 24, 1855 |
| FENNUNO?, Joseph & MCGRAW, Jane | June 28, 1855 |
| FERGUSON, Jacob & MCNAIRN, Elizabeth | Aug. 13, 1848 |
| FERGUSON, Jacob & DICKIE, Agnes | July 25, 1858 |
| FISHER, Daniel W. (No.Esk) & MCKINNON, Sarah (Richibucto) | Oct. 15, 1857 |
| FISHER, James & SHERWOOD, Charity | Nov. 15, 1851 |
| GAIN, Michael & COLLINS (?), Elizabeth | May 18, 1857 |
| GAINN, Patrick & REID, Nancy | Dec. 02, 1858 |

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|--|---------------|
| GALAND, Warren (widower) & POWER, Suzanne | May 06, 1856 |
| GALAND, Victor & ARSENEAU, Eulalle | Nov. 08, 1847 |
| GALAND, Fidelle & BRO, Sophie | Jan. 01, 1848 |
| GALAND, Charlee & ARSENEAU, Appoline | Nov. 03, 1846 |
| GALAND, Urban & MELANSON, Margaret | Jan. 24, 1853 |
| GALAND, Maurice (Shediac) & RICHARD, Cecile (Shediac) | Oct. 20, 1845 |

N.B. VITAL STATISTICS FROM NEWSPAPERS 1832-1834

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

July 31, 1832- William Ure married Joannah Daly by Rev. Johnstone at Chatham.
 John V. Smith married Mary Munroe, Blackville, by Rev. Souter, in Newcastle.
 July 10, 1832- Nelson- Ranald McEchran drowned while breaking a timer jam at Little Southwest Brook. Inquest will be held.
 July 10, 1832- Newcastle- John ?, cabinboy of Brig. "Auspicious", drowned. Inquest will be held.

A Handsome Couple

Recently a pair of old photographs came to NBGS Miramichi Branch donated by member Susan Kranz of Minnesota. We were happy to receive the photos of Angus Matheson (1839 - 1909) and his bride Bridget Ahern (1843 - 1874). It's very nice to see the faces of people who came from this area so long ago.

Angus was the youngest son of John Matheson (1799 - ?) and Barbara Gunn (1809 - 1872) who were married in Scotland had two children there (William John, 1829, and Samuel, 1826) before emigrating to Canada. They settled in the Black River area in 1831. They had four more children born in Canada: Ellen (1831), Christina (1833), Wilhelmina (1835) and Angus (1837)

John's year of death is unknown to us but we know that the Barbara was recorded as a widow in the 1851 Northumberland County Census. Barbara gave up farming in her 'golden years' and moved to Bridgetown with her son William John and his wife Agnes Margaret

Robinson. She died in 1872 and is at rest in the cemetery in Newcastle.

John's parents were Samuel Matheson (1765 - ?) and Christian Gordon (1765 - ?) of Kildonan, Scotland. Some of John's siblings were pioneers in Manitoba, members of the Selkirk Settlers. Times were tough in Scotland in those times and emigration to the wilds of North America was very risky.

Barbara's parents are unknown to us at this time.

Bridget Ahern was the eldest daughter of William Ahern (1819- ?) and Margaret Thomson (1820 - ?) of Nelson, N.B. She and Angus had two daughters, Margaret (1864 – 1925) and Wilhelmina (1866 - 1929) before they set off for a new life in Wisconsin. Bridget died young, in Oconto County, Wisconsin. Angus remarried in 1870 to Catherine Kingston. He died in 1909 in Hickory, Wisconsin.

Little is known about William Ahern and Margaret Thomson's parents although their descendants are well documented. If you know more about the Mathesons of Black River, or any of the other families, please write to us.

You can read more about the Selkirk Settlers in Lucille Campey's books. Just ask at your local library.

Submitted by Judy Matheson Vautour

UNION ADVOCATE

1874-1886

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

Daniel Dutcher, Bay du Vin, was married to Beda Mills, Oct. 18, 1886, at the St. John Evangelist Church in Bay du Vin, by Rev. W.J. Wilkinson.

Mr. Daniel Eagle, Alnwick, was married to Miss Annie McCullum, Nelson, at his residence, by Rev. J.A.F.M. Bain, Oct. 30, 1879.

B. Fairey, Newcastle, Jan. 2, 1886, to my numerous customers and friends, thank you.

John H. Galbraith, of River Charlo, was married to Rebecca J. Cook, River Charlo, Sept. 6, 1887, at River Charlo, by Rev. Baird.

S.J. H. _____? of Papineauville, P.Q., was married to M. Emma Russell, Newcastle, Sept. 8, 1881, at Ottawa City, by the Rev. William Moore, D.D.

R.B. Haddow, for sale: a lot of land in the rear of Mr. Call's dwelling opposite the County Buildings in the town of Newcastle, including a dwelling house and work shop, Newcastle, July 8, 1874.

Henry Ingram, Newcastle, was married to Annie E. Robertson, Newcastle, d/o John Robertson, Jan. 12, 1887 at the residence of her father by Rev. William Aitken.

Marion E. Jack, d/o Rev. Lewis Jack, was married to William M. Salter, Nov. 1, 1881, at Sunnyside Manse, Springfield, by the Rev. Lewis Jack (father of the bride) assisted by Rev. Chalmers Jack (brother of the bride).

The Caie Family

Union Advocate Jan. 1874 – Dec. 1883

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

Isabella P. Caie, Kouchibouguac, d/o Honourable W.S. Caie, 75 years old, died May 8, 1890.

Jas. P. Caie, Esq., Kouchibouguac, s/o the late W.S. Caie, was married to Eliza Harding of Chatham, eldest d/o Alex W. Paterson, Esq., at the bride's father's on Jan. 23, 1877, by the Rev. R.S. Crisp.

John Mackie Caie, died at London, England, Feb. 4, 1893. He was the general inspector of agencies of Messrs. Wheeler and Wilson, youngest s/o the late James Caie, Esq., Chatham, N.B.

Mary Little Johnson Caie, at Oak Banks Forfar, Scotland, widow of James Caie, Chatham, died June 13, 1891 age 77 years old.

Miss Jessie Richardson Caie, youngest d/o the late James Caie, Chatham, N.B. was married to Mr. Robert Freer Myles, M.A., L.L.B., Solicitor, Forfar, at the Forfar Manse, June 13, 1888, by Rev. George J. Caie, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. Thomas Myles, Aberlemno, and Rev. John Campbell, Buccleuch Parish, Edinburgh.

Mrs. James Caie, Richibucto, had a daughter on June 10, 1891.

Disaster on the Miramichi

The wind was light as the Halifax schooner Osceola tacked back and forth on the Miramichi River at about 3 miles per hour. She had left around 3 p.m. on August 17, 1895 with a full load of lumber from the Snowball Mill, headed for New York. Captain Dixon was on deck and Patrick Nowlan, pilot, was at the wheel. At the same time, the steamer Miramichi, a passenger ship that sailed between Newcastle, and downriver points had just left Black Brook, heading upriver, at 5 p.m. with 30 to 35 passengers. Captain Alex Degrace had seen the schooner but left William Tait, a deckhand with five months experience, in charge of the wheel while the Captain went for his supper. At 5:50 p.m., both vessels were abreast of the Russell Mill and midstream in the River when the schooner was run into by the steamer in spite of the efforts of Nowlan to avoid collision.

The jibboom of the schooner struck the steamer between the wheelhouse and the smokestack, swept along clearing off the funnel, rail, seats, lifeboat and some passengers into the river. The mate of the damaged schooner threw anchor as their ship drifted and lowered their boat to rescue the injured. It was later reported that the steamer continued on for about half a mile, then turned back.

Matilda Stewart, daughter of Mrs. Alexander Stewart of Chatham and Catherine McLeod, daughter of Simon McLeod of Newcastle, passengers on the steamer, were badly hurt and swept overboard. There was confusion about whether anyone else went overboard but three girls, Rhoda K. Stewart, sister of the injured girl, and two sisters, Amanda and Maggie Lobban, daughters of John Lobban of Chatham, were soon confirmed missing.

The two injured girls were transferred from the lifeboat to the steamer while another ship, the steamer St. Andrew, towed the Miramichi to the wharf. No other victims were seen in the water but when Matilda regained consciousness, she confirmed that her sister was missing. The young ladies were treated for their injuries while boats at the scene of the accident grappled for the missing girls. The body of Rhoda Stewart was recovered by the schooner crew and brought to Chatham around midnight Saturday but Lobban sisters were not found until later in the week.

After viewing the body, coroner Dr. J.S. Benson swore in a jury and an inquest was scheduled to begin Monday at Police Court. The jury included: John Curry (foreman), Thomas Flanagan, Alex Robinson, Z. Tingley, Jas. Firth, Capt. J.J. Brown and L.H. Abbott.

The following witnesses were called to give evidence: Capt. Charles Dixon (captain of the schooner Osceola for the past three years), Patrick Nowlan (a pilot since 1882), Capt. Robert McLean (captain of the steamer St. Andrew), Joseph Hane (mate of the schooner Osceola), Captain Alex. Degrace (captain of the steamer Miramichi), William Tait (deck hand of the Miramichi), Warren Power, Theresa Burke, George Stothart and William Binkot (passengers on the steamer) Hiram Drillon (labourer at Russell's Mill) and Dr. J.S. Benson (Chatham physician and coroner).

Meanwhile, the body of Maggie Lobban was recovered Wednesday by Peter Loggie of Black Brook and Amanda Lobban's body was seen by boys around the Chatham wharf, drifting towards the shore behind John Johnston's barn. Dr. Baxter and Frederick Bowden recovered the remains and removed them to Mr. William McLean's undertaking rooms following identification.

The coroner was again notified and a second jury was sworn and a second inquest was held. The second jury included: R.A. Murdoch (foreman), Chas. Gunn, Wm. Johnston, W.J. Connors, T.M. Herrington, A.J. Pine and Wm. Anderson. They examined the remains and conducted an inquest.

Witnesses called to give evidence were: Peter Loggie (salmon fisherman), Frederick Bowden (clerk who helped recover Amanda's body), Edward Nelson Lobban (tinsmith and brother of the Lobban sisters), William Tait (deckhand on the Miramichi), Matilda Stewart (recovered victim), Dr. Baxter (Chatham physician who helped recover Amanda's body), Patrick Nowlan (pilot), Capt. Alex Degrace (captain of the Miramichi), and David William Stothart, Theresa Burke, Mrs. Agnes Marshall Morrison, and Nellie Burke (passengers on the steamer Miramichi).

The verdicts of the two inquests were similar: The steamer Miramichi collided with the schooner Osceola, the headgear of which swept the deceased overboard into the water of the Miramichi River where they suffocated and drowned. The cause of the disaster was gross carelessness of William Tait while steering the steamer, because he had no experience and did not know the rules of navigation. And gross carelessness of Captain Degrace, master, in entrusting the wheel to said William Tait without having an officer in charge of the deck and a look-out, so as to secure the safe navigation of the steamer Miramichi.

Source: Chatham World, Chatham, N.B.; August 19, 1895

REUNIONS

Creamer Family Reunion – A Different Experience

A Creamer Family Reunion was held this past summer on beautiful Prince Edward Island, and since I'm married to a Creamer, I was looking forward to attending it. Let me tell you all about it.

The story goes that our original David Creamer landed in Canada in 1824 with two brothers. Of course, as with all stories, we don't really know if that is true. Although there was a Creamer family who settled in Chatham, NB, about 10 km away, our Creamers started out in Nelson, NB - and the two families never seemed to meet at marriages, baptisms, funerals or what-have-you. Although traveling those 10 km by canoe would not have been the most comfortable method of transportation, that makes you wonder about that story, right? The third brother was supposed to have settled in PEI. No documentation has been found yet to support this theory, but we plan to be prepared. There are many PEI Creamers and we've been in touch through phone calls and email, visited back and forth, and shared family histories – just in case we need that info down the road somewhere. They, the PEI Creamers, organized the Creamer Reunion.

My husband's brother and his wife accompanied us to the reunion and we were all excited about the chance of discovering long-lost relatives. We went well prepared with family charts, genealogy reports, photos and contact cards, among other things. Well, because the organizers ran into personal problems, they weren't able to put the effort into this affair that was necessary. And, as you can probably guess, it was mostly the PEI Creamers who attended. Did we feel like fish out of water? Not a bit! We had a terrific time. We were greeted like long-lost cousins by those we had been in contact with and were welcomed as new friends (and family) by those we hadn't already "met." There were Creamers there from all over Canada and the States and I was able to connect faces to the names of people I had been in touch with for years through long-distance communication and that was really interesting. Also, we did share source information and contact information and developed family connections through people who knew folks from our branch of the Creamer family in

other locations. We communicated, ate, drank and partied with our PEI Creamer "family" the entire weekend, had a wonderful time, and never once felt like we didn't belong.

Would I do it again? You bet! I'll never miss out on an opportunity to connect to possible family members. Even if it turns out there is no direct connection to be made at the reunion, it's a great weekend away with good people and with no cleaning, dishes, laundry, etc. to distract you from the really important stuff like, "Was your great-great-grandmother really found in a basket on the church doorstep? Do you know who her parents were?" It's people, past and present, who make genealogy so much fun. And it's people who make family reunions so much fun – whether you're actual family or not.

Submitted by Penny Creamer, NBGS-Miramichi member

Web Site: 2008 QUERIES

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN THE "PHORUM" PART OF OUR WEBSITE, THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE QUERIES THAT HAVE BEEN POSTED. THERE ARE ANSWERS POSTED AS WELL AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER, ASK YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARIAN TO HELP TO FIND THIS.

Queries:

I live in PEI and I am researching the **Vienneau** name. My gggrandfather, Charles **Veno** said he was born in NB abt 1858 and his parents were Charles Veno and Elizabeth McLaughlan. I have heard stories from ancestors that they came from Gloucester Co. and also Chatham NB.

I was wondering if you know if Charles Veno and Elizabeth McLaughlan are mentioned in any of the cemetery listings.

I am searching also for a James Veno who died in Chatham NB on Nov 24, 1906. Not sure the name of the catholic church at that time but the priest was O'Keefe. We'd love to know where he is buried in Chatham and if there is a tombstone.

Any advice would be appreciated. Would love to purchase any material that has information on these people-- just don't know where to begin.

Thanks,
Darlene Peters e-mail: speters@pei.sympatico.ca

Looking for where my ancestor '**Thomas McDonald**' was in N.B. He came to Washburn ME in 1837 from the Miramichi. He was born about 1800. Married to Alice Welch. Appreciate any info that may be available. My email address 'hemcdo@gmail.com',
Thankyou.

Harvey E. McDonald

HUMOR

Ancient Ancestry

The following was overheard at a recent 'high society' party: "My ancestry goes back all the way to Alexander the Great," said Christine. She then turned to Miriam and asked, "How far back does your family go?" "I don't know," replied Miriam, "All of our records were lost in the flood."

A henpecked husband reports that he hasn't spoken to his wife in about two years but he reckons it'll be his turn soon!

Denny: I have the most knowing dog you ever saw.

Jack: That so?

Denny: Sure. Every time he sees a tailor, he pants.

Source: North Shore Leader – October 18, 1907

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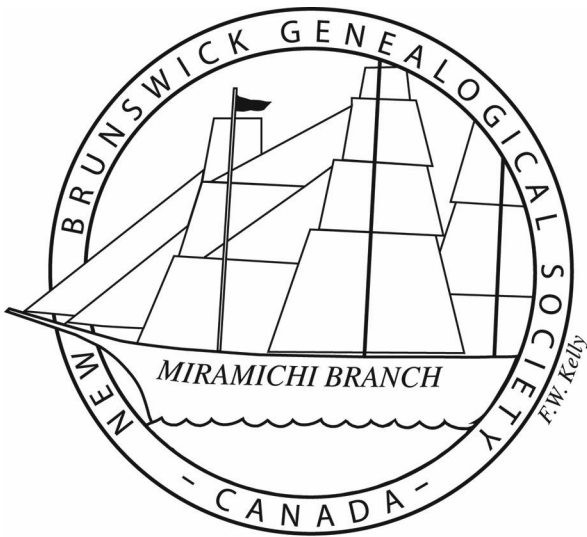
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