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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that the festive season is behind us, we begin a new year refreshed and ready for the next challenges.

We rely on our membership of over one hundred, spread all over Canada and the US, to inform others of our local communities. We have a responsibility that is supported by the enthusiasm and dedication of all the volunteers who strive to compile and publish material relating to the Miramichi and surrounding areas. Our web site and our newsletter enable us to reach many who might never actually walk the trails of early settlers and must settle for insight gained through the printed word.

As we plan another year of activities and projects, let's bear in mind the importance of NBGS Miramichi in promoting our region and its history. For those who live afar, keep your letters and queries coming and tell your friends about NBGS.

Carolyn Harris

BRANCH NEWS

Harry McEachern

Harry was born in Chatham, NB in 1924 to Chas. A. and Josephine M. (Burbridge) McEachern. He attended Chatham Grammar School, graduating in 1941; was awarded the Highland Society of NB at Miramichi, so entered UNB, Fredericton; graduated in 1945 with a B. SC degree in Chemistry. He joined the army and was discharged late that year. He joined Canadian Synthetic Rubber Co. in Sarnia, ON (became Polysar Ltd.). Harry

travelled extensively for the company including the Pacific Rim, South and North America and Europe. Harry married Beverley Warren of Dundas, ON in 1954. They have five children and 10 grandchildren. They moved to Ohio in 1964 to form Polysar Co. in Akron. After retirement, they continue to live in Ohio. Harry joined the Miramichi branch of NBGS in 1993. He is also a member of PEI Gen. Soc., Gen. Assoc., NS, Hudson Gen. Soc., Highland Soc. of NB, Miramichi. His hobbies are golf, genealogy, assisting at gardening, and maintaining a 130-year old farm house. He is presently researching Burbridge (Gloucester Co., North. Co.); MacArthur, McConnell (Gloucester Co., North. Co.); McEachern (North. Co.); Ward (Gloucester Co.); Monaghan (PEI, North. Co.) and Shand. To contact Harry, his mailing address is: 110 East Streetsboro St., Hudson, OH 44236, USA; phone: 330-653-6262 or e-mail hamc24@adelphia.net.

Miramichi branch of NBGS extends **condolences** to member, Gordon Hebert on the passing of his father, Edgar Joseph Allan Hebert (1922-2009), of Rexton.

Condolences are extended to member, Marilyn Creamer-Fowler on the death of her step-son, and son of Donald and Thelma (Priest) Fowler, Nathan Donald Fowler of Holtville, NB who passed away at his residence in Ft. McMurray, AB on March 18, 2009.

Update on Website obituary postings

Be sure to keep checking our Website for updates. Recently over 3000 new obituaries have been posted on our site and more will be posted in the weeks and months to come, so check in often. Also, we welcome any obituaries from members' collections that we can add to our files. Be sure to include source information

(if possible) and send either to the President (on our Website) or Attention Obituaries Committee at our snail mail address.

Genealogy Fair

On February 14, 2009, NBGS Miramichi Branch held a Genealogy Fair, celebrating Heritage Week. It was held in the meeting room at Chatham Public Library, 'staffed' by Anna, Bill, Dianne, Judy, Marshall and Mary. A display of our books was made and we prepared to assist anyone researching their Northumberland County roots. Despite the snowstorm and the various Valentines Day activities, several brave souls came to visit us and we were grateful for their interest and motivation. Thanks to all who supported us that day.



Our Family Tree Quilt

I noticed this interesting quilt kit in the Keepsake Quilting catalogue last month. I did a bit more research and found it in their online catalogue also. Those of you who are interested in a family tree wall-hanging can go online and see it. The finished project is 31" x 31" and has enough labels for 23 ancestors. It also includes border, backing and binding fabrics. It's worth a look. For those who are not into sewing, I am sure there are lots of folks around who might agree to make it up for you...maybe one of YOUR descendants!

www.keepsakequilting.com. Type in "Family Tree" in the search box and it should come right up.

They also have one other wall hanging of a family tree project but this one isn't on the website. Owls on this 40"x 49" colourful wall hanging ask: "Whooo's Your Granddaddy?" To see that one, you would have to order the catalogue.

In both hangings, the names are to be printed on the tree's leaves.

ADVENTURES OF A GENEALOGIST

I have been researching my family history for several years. My mother's side of the family had already been done by an aunt 20 years earlier and, except for adding the more recent additions to the family, there was nothing to do but type everything into Family Tree Maker. Wow! That was easy, I thought, happily, I like genealogy!

William Golightly, my ggggrandfather on Dad's mother's side was a ship's carpenter who was said to have died at sea, but there was no documentation of his death. I determined from the census and the dates of birth of his children that I had a 10 year window of opportunity, and for a couple of years, I waded through thousands of ship wreck records to no avail. And then, thanks to the cooperative nature of genealogists, I got two pieces of information that I know are going to break down this newest wall! From Judy Vautour, I learned that a mariner named William S. Golightly was a lodger in a home in Newcastle in 1861. For some unknown reason, I was inspired to consider that William was related to this family. (Are there patron saints or guardian angels of genealogy?) On that same day, I got an email from a "cousin" in Colorado who got a response to a query on Genealogy.com. A British woman living in Maine wondered if our William could be William Steel Golightly living in Whitehaven, Cumberland, England in 1841. Our searches had never turned up this particular William, but it fit perfectly. I took one look at the profession of William Steel's father and knew this was our boy. Joseph Golightly was the Deputy Harbormaster and it seemed very reasonable for him to have a son who would grow up to be a mariner and a ship's carpenter. (Research has since shown that many of the Golightly men were employed in jobs connected to ships and sailing.) A couple of key strokes brought me to Family Search.com which gave us the names of Joseph's mother and father, and so, in a period of three days, we had three generations of Golightlys and enough data to look in a dozen different ways for more.

I still didn't know when our William died, but last Thursday, I found another William Steel Golightly born in 1877. I didn't have the time to look further at that moment, but I zipped off the news to "cousin" Liz in Colorado and she just emailed back saying that this young William was the son of Isaac Golightly, brother of our William. I am convinced that the child received this name because his uncle had died not too long before the birth. The time frame for William's death at sea has been significantly reduced.

What is next? Well, I still have to find a ship wreck with William on board. This coming week will find me calling the Maritime History Archive at Memorial University of Newfoundland. I own their CD of Ships and Seafarers of Atlantic Canada, and my hope is that they will help me identify the likely wreck. I will

also prowl the Internet for lost ships secure in my faith that there will be an answer to this latest mystery.

Genealogy is an on-going adventure of discovery, mystery, tragedy and joy. I now realize how much I owe to those who have gone before me. My heart breaks at the losses they suffered and the hardships they endured. I appreciate my life and my own family so much more now that I have before me the lessons the ancestors offer. I have had a lot of laughs, experienced the high joy of discovery, and more than a few frustrations and moments of discouragement. I feel blessed to have the wonderful tools available for today's researchers, and, while I will always love libraries and those musty old record books, I would not want to give up the incredible accessibility offered by the Internet. In addition to all the genealogy sites and the access they provide to billions of records, it is the computer and the Internet that has permitted me to connect with wonderful people who willingly respond to requests for information and are so generous with their time and expertise. I feel encircled by family and I now believe that we are truly all related if only by our mutual love for the search for family so that no one is ever lost.

--Gloria Moreau

LOCAL NEWS



Miramichi Women First Magistrates

Miss Mona McMAHON of Chatham and Miss Anne MORRELL of Newcastle (later Mrs. Arthur COPP) held positions of responsibility in the judicial system long before the Women's Movement came into being.

In 1935 Mona McMahon was appointed sitting Chief Magistrate of the Town of Chatham, during Magistrate Mersereau's illness.

The Chatham Gazette of September 27, 1935 reported: "This is the first time in the history of the province that a woman has occupied such a position and it is not likely that a parallel incident will be found in the rest of the Dominion. The appointment adds to the distinction of Northumberland County having the only woman active in public life in the province, says the Fredericton mail,

Miss Frances FISH being the Reconstruction candidate in that city."

The article stated that Miss McMahon's association with policing authorities began in 1928 in Chatham when she was employed as a secretary in the town's police magistrate office, a position that served as a springboard to the Magistrate's job.

Miss McMahon's counterpart in Newcastle was Miss Anne Morrell who began about the same time to act as Magistrate during the absence of Traven Aitken. She held the position of sitting Magistrate until 1940 when John MORRISEY was appointed.

Miss McMahon went on to spend 31 years with HRDC, Newcastle before retiring. Miss Morrell went on to work for No. 10 A.O.S. in Chatham and later transferred to the Municipal Affairs Office until her retirement in 1974.

Submitted by Dianne Mullin

Genealogical Sources:

I came across this new database that has mostly Canadian newspapers online searchable for free. A quick look shows me that they are incomplete for the years advertised, a work in progress.

However, I think it is well worth signing up for by and getting a user name and password as they digitize this database. Google is in on this project.

Link: <http://www.paperofrecord.com/default.asp>

Submitted by Michael Brophy

Here is another new Canadian database for arrivals to Quebec in the late 19th century that may be of interest. From Archives Canada:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/passenger-s-quebec-1865-1900/index-e.html>

Submitted by Dianne Mullin

Recently my Australian cousin Helen wrote to tell me about this great new genealogy site she has been exploring. The collection has been accessed by her library in Melbourne, Australia but it is a Canadian source. It wasn't long before I found I could access the

“Drouin Collection” computer site through Ancestry .Ca. and I have been having fun with it ever since. Perhaps it can help you, too.

According to the Ancestry website, Joseph Drouin founded the Drouin Genealogical Institute in 1899 and began publishing books based on vital records he had gathered. Eventually his son Gabriel took over. The collection represents the largest and most valuable family history resources available and comprises over 15 million records. It includes:

Quebec Vital and Church Records
Quebec Notarial Records
Acadian Catholic Church Records
Ontario French Catholic Church Records
Early U.S. French Catholic Church records
Miscellaneous French records

The collection covers 1850 to 1867 and the period 1621 to 1849 will be available soon, the website informs us/

But wait! Don’t exclude the possibility of this helping with your family search just because you don’t happen to have a French Catholic background. Helen and I found a lot of our family information in there and our ancestors were English Baptists from Fredericton! It is certainly worth a look.

The Drouin Collection can be found online with www.ancestry.ca and it requires a membership fee.

Happy hunting!

Submitted by Judy Vautour

OBITUARIES

Ethel May Clark of Miramichi passed away on Jan. 4, 2009 at the age of 92. She was a daughter of the late Ernest and Clara (Sturgeon) Clark. She was a member of NBGS, Miramichi branch for several years. RE: (Oct. 2008 Newsletter) ‘N.B. Airwoman is First W.D. to “hit the silk”

Rita Savoie, Robichaud Settlement -passed away on February 3, 2009 at the age of 72, Mrs Rita Savoie, beloved wife of Cyrille J. Savoie, was the daughter of the late Ludger E. Robichaud and the

late Martha Rousselle. Mrs Savoie was a teacher for 29 years; she was also an active volunteer in many organizations including 'Histoire de Chez Nous' historical society, an active participant in 'La Chorale St-Bernard' of Neguac and the Neguac Golden Age Club.

Kenneth Goodwin Sinclair of Halifax and formerly of Miramichi, passed away on Jan. 8, 2009 at age of 83. He was born Nov. 7, 1925 in Airdrie, AB and at an early age, moved with his mother and sister to Fort Lawrence, NS. He is predeceased by his wife, Jean Denoon Anderson. Genealogy was one of his many interests and he was a member of NBGS, Miramichi Branch.

Ernest Hugh MacLean of Black River Bridge passed away on March 3, 2009 at age of 87. He is survived by his wife, the former Helen MacNaughton, three daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren and two sisters. He was a former member of NBGS, Miramichi Branch.

STRAYS FROM AWAY

BUGGIE, Armand M.
(d. February 27, 2008 – age 91)

Armand M. BUGGIE 91, formerly of Renous, died Feb. 27, 2008, at Spencer Memorial Home, Moncton. He was the son of the late Mae (DONOVAN) and Daniel BUGGIE. . He was predeceased by his wife Evelyn (MATCHETT) (2007). Burial was in Shediac Rd. Cemetery.

CAMPBELL, Glen Leslie
(d. age 78)

Glen Leslie Campbell, Blissfield, formerly of Upper Blackville, passed away this evening (no date given), at age 78. He was the son of the late Charles and Violet (ARBEAU) CAMPBELL. Survived by wife Marion, daughters Glenna and Barry SULLIVAN, Christina CAMPBELL, Lillian and Michel MOREHOUSE, sons Robert and Shana; Charles and Wendy, Sister Janet and Larry BLACK, brothers, Orville and Rhona, Rev. Floyd and Marjorie, 9 grandchildren. Predeceased by brothers Lee and Carl and sister, Thelma.

NEWS FROM EARLIER TIMES

Closing of Pulp Mill (or The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same)

Chatham – Chatham is face-to-face with a serious exodus. The closing of the pulp mill has had a far-reaching effect and many people are moving away. About sixty have gone in the past two weeks and twenty more are about leaving for Sydney C.B.*. A large number of men are going west to the harvesters' excursion, and others are making arrangements to go to Maine and Massachusetts.
Union Advocate, 20 Aug. 1902

(* Cape Breton)

Submitted by Judy Vautour

Harvesters Excursions

The third harvesters excursion run by the CPR left St. John Friday evening, about 100 persons going west.
North Shore Leader, October 1, 1909

For more information about the Harvesters Excursions, ask your librarian to find a copy of Harvest Train, written by A.A. MacKenzie and W.J. Cherwinski and published in 2002 by Breton Books. It contains real stories about real (Maritime) people.

Supper and Concert at Douglastown

The ladies of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Douglastown, held a very successful supper and concert last Thursday evening in aid of the Manse fund. Supper was served in Millar's Hall and the concert was held in the Temperance hall later. At the latter, Rev. F.C. Simpson presided. On the program were: Instrumental solo, Miss Hilda Bass; violin solo, Clare Geikies; song, Miss Bertie Vye; dialogue, Richard Bransfield and Stirling Wood; song, Andrew Cassie; song, Miss May Simpson; dialogue, Stirling Wood and Alice Alexander; song, Elmer Woods; song, George Lamont. The receipts were large, both functions being well attended.
North Shore Leader, October 8, 1909

Death at 100 years

ON Saturday, the 23rd of October, Mrs. James Murphy died at her residence in Clifton, Gloucester County at the great age of 100 years and five months. She was born in Ireland, and came to this country when she was 14 years of age with her father, the late Daniel Sullivan. Landing

at Miramichi, they shortly afterwards removed to Bathurst and then to Clifton where the deceased resided until the time of her death. She loved to tell of her young days when she came to Clifton, it almost a woods at that time, there being no road and the beach was the only way to get along. Mrs. Murphy was a strong healthy woman in her day and had good health and went about until a few months before her death. She leaves several children and grandchildren. Her remains were interred in the Grand Anse cemetery on the 25th of October, 1909.

North Shore Leader, November 26, 1909

Early Families

Arrived June 1766,

Christian STEEVES was born in Germany 1753, died Oct. 1820. Buried in Moncton, N.B. Free Meeting House Cemetery. He was the son of Heinrich and Rachel (DECOUR (Not proven)) STEEVES. He married Rosanna TRITES, who was born in 1753. She died in 1848. She was the daughter of Jacob and Elisina (?) TRITES. They had eight children and lived in Moncton.

1. Henry – born 1779; died 1830. Married Ann (Nancy) SINTON September 22, 1800. She was born 1778.
2. Mary was born 1782, died after 1851. Married John JACQUES. He was born 1775 and died 1827.

Jacob was born 1784 and died 1832. Married Sarah RICKER November 27,

3. Rachel – born 1776; died March. 24, 1859. Married 1796 to Robert CALPITTS – born November 25, 1770; died November 8, 1855.
4. 1806. She was the granddaughter of Jacob RICKER who came with Capt. Hall in 1766.
5. Ann was born? Died November 1838. Married James CARLISLE, born 1790.
6. Susanna born? Died 1842. Married Abraham TRITES, born 1780, died 1836.
7. Christian born? Died February 25, 1829. Married Olive LUTZ February 13, 1812/1813.
8. Job born 1789 died July 17, 1840. Married Katherine IMES February 29, 1806.

Reference – Steeves descendants/E.C. Wright Sapphire Greens/Rev. Raymond M. Shart 28 Lions Villa Salisbury, N.B. E0A 3E0/ Steeves Association – Kay Milton R.R. # 1, Hillsborough, N.B. E0A 1X0 .

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin
Deaths 1969 – 1999

Ralphie MULLIN	July 22, 1969
Minto HARRIS	July 12, 1973
Kathy HETHERINGTON	July 31, 1973
Carmen L. TREVORS	July 18, 1980
Donald BURKE	July 19, 1984
Keith STURGEON	Aug 6, 1984
J. Damen AUGUSTINE	Aug 10, 1986
Minnie HARE	June 29, 1986
Beatrice ARBEAU	Aug 18, 1988
Lisa Ann FERGUSON	Aug 14, 1989
Guy SAVAGE	July 21, 1988
Hiram HARRIS	July 11, 1989
Tommy DUKE	Aug 3, 1991
Lloyd G. SMITH	Aug 12, 1991
Ellery Franklyn UNDERHILL	Aug 7, 1991
Stephen VICKERS	Feb 15, 1991
Claude R. MILLS	June 14, 1992
Judy HOLT HEBERT	Aug 20, 1993
Nicholas DONOVAN	May 13, 1996
Loman SULLIVAN	July 19, 1996
Raymond DINAN	July 30, 1997
Jeremiah FRANK	July 17, 1997
Leandre GIROUARD	June 16, 1997
Joseph W. O'HEARN	July 23, 1997
Adam ROBICHAUD	June 23, 1997
Rickey SULLIVAN	July 29, 1997
Dennis WASHBURN	July 22, 1997
Monte KENNY	July 18, 1998
Willard VICKERY	July 23, 1999
Tobi Dawn WAYNE	Aug 2, 1999

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

I found this clipping in my father's papers.

At Sea View Cemetery, Lorneville, St. John County:

Remember me as you pass by,
As you are now so once was I.
And as I am now so you must be
Prepare in time to follow me.

--From the stone of Benjamin Dean, Aug. 25, 1856

But should I decide to have no final stone, I did like a sentiment expressed in a cemetery I stopped at in the town of Sackville, which was dedicated in respect to

Titus Anderson who was lost at sea. On the stone it said:

"The canopies of heaven cover him that has no other tomb."

--unknown author

Submitted by Judy Vautour

In a certain small English village, there were two butchers living on the same street. One placarded his sausages at 1 s. a pound and his rival promptly placed 8 d. on his card. No. 1 then placed a notice in his window saying that sausages under 1 s. could not be guaranteed. No. 2's response was the announcement, "I have supplied sausages to the King." In the opposite window the following morning appeared an extra large card bearing the words "God Save The King." North Shore Leader, October 8, 1909

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Turnips \$1.00 barrel

Potatoes \$1. 25 barrel

Carrots \$2.00 barrel

Chicken \$ 0.40 lb

Salmon \$ 0.30 lb

Beef \$ 0.13 lb

Shad \$ 0.40 each

Live piglets \$ 5.00 each

Gaspeaux \$ 0.40 dozen

When you compare the prices today with the above items, I guess you have a good measure of the change that has occurred in food supplies.

KENT CO. MARRIAGES 1845 – 1862

(Film 1247, Vol. 1, couples by male names)

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

COUPLE	DATE
MACELLE, John & RICHARD, Mary	Feb 5, 1860
MACKINNON, Archibald & MASTERON, Mary (widow)	Sept. 29, 1846

MACKINNON, John & STEWART, Jane May 28, 1846
MACQUINN, Angus & MCDONALD, Christy Oct. 21, 1857
MAILLET, Valentine & GRAY, Margaret Jan 20, 1856
MAILLET, Germain, widower & LEBLANC, Mary Jan. 13, 1845
MAILLET, Lawrence & CHAVARIE, Mary Feb. 11, 1849
MAILLET, Laurent & GUELMONT, Rachel Nov. 16, 1856
MAILLET, Urbain & BARIANT, Marguerite Apr. 8, 1861
MAILLET, Dominique & DESROCHES, Susanne Jan 15, 1850
MACLEAN, Duncan & WHELAN, Mary Jan. 10, 1856
MYERS, Dosethea & LEGERE, Genieve Nov. 16, 1857
MYERS, Tomemus & CASEY, Magdeline Feb. 15, 1858
NASH, George & NOBLE, Margaret Jan. 24, 1853
NASH, John & NOWLAN, Mary Feb. 2, 1845
O'BRIEN, James, widower & CUMMINS, Helena Jan. 26, 1847
O'DONNELL, John & TRACY, Ann Sept. 13, 1858
O'FARREL, Andrew & WARD, Ann Feb. 18, 1851
OGDEN, James Priestly & TURNER, Ruth June 8, 1848
OGDEN, Millidge & CHAPMAN, Emma Jane Feb. 6, 1854

UNION ADVOCATE

Jan. 7, 1874-Dec. 27, 1889

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

Atchison, Miss Mary A., d/o Alexander Atchison, Newcastle, NB married Mr. Frederick W. Weldon, Victoria, BC, conductor of E & N Railway, at the

residence of the bride's father, on the 2nd Inst., by Rev. John A. Cork. U.A. Mar. 6, 1889

Atkin, John T., No. Esk, married Jane Russell, No. Esk, July 11, 1875, by the Rev. Samuel Russell. U.A. July 21, 1875

Austin, Eva, Queens Co., married John McColm, No. Esk, June 30, 1886, at manse in Chatham, by Rev. E. Wallace Watts. U.A. July 14, 1886.

Avery, Charles, Boiestown, d. April 25, 1876, at age 70 years. U.A. May 17, 1876. **Gean, Miss Lydia Ann**, Blackville, married Mr. Simon McLaggan, Blackville, Sept. 30, 1874 in Blackville. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. T. G. Johnstone, U. A. Oct. 14, 1874.

Bigger, Sarah Jane, relic of the late Wm. Bigger, d. May 31, 1881 in Fredericton. She was a native of Glasgow, Scotland and for many years a resident of Newcastle. Age 60 yrs. U.A. June 8, 1881.

Black, Hugh Wesley, infant son of Hugh a& Jane Black, Newcastle, age 3 mos. And 12 days, died Nov. 20, 1876. U. A. Dec. 6, 1876.

Bockler, Frederick Wm. Died Mar. 22, 1886 in Newcastle. U. A. April 28, 1886.

Brander, Elizabeth J. 3rd d/o late John Brander, Esq., Newcastle, married E. P. Williston, Esq., Barrister of Newcastle, on Oct. 4, 1881, at Newcastle, by the Rev. T. G. Johnstone. U. A. Oct. 12, 1881.

Bubar, Miss Hannan, St. Mary's, was married to Mr. Wesley Clowater, No. Co. on Oct 30, 1884 at Fredericton, by Rev. W. Tippet. U. A. Nov 12, 1884.

Byron, Geo., d. at Derby, Jan. 28, 1893, of water on the brain, aged 3 years, s/o John & Nancy Vye Byron. U. A. Feb. 8, 1893.

Centerner, Miss Isaabel H., Newcastle, married Mr. Herman Schelpler, Newcastle, June 23, 1885, at the Newcastle Parsonage, by Rev. I. E. Bill, Jr. U. A. July 8, 1885.

Chamberlain, Mr. Alexander F., Campbellton, married Miss Jenn Murchie, youngest d/o late John Murchie, farmer, New Mills, at New Mills Presbyterian Church on

Dec. 27, 1892 by Rev. J. A. Greenlens. U. a. Jan. 4, 1893.

Cinnamond, Mr. John, Bathurst, married Miss Kate Luke, second d/o the late James Luke, Newcastle, at the residence of the bride/s mother, Mar. 22, 1883, inst., by Rev. Wm. Aitken. U. A. Mar. 28, 1883.

Clancy, Miss Margaret Jane, So. Esk, married James A. Matchett, So. Esk, Sept. 12, 1885, by Rev. John McCarter. U. A. Sept 23, 1885.

Cohans, Jerry, Company played in the Masonic Hall here on Tues. & Wed. evening of last week. Wed. afternoon the band occupied the platform on the square and played some secections. U. A. Aug. 29, 1883.

Crafts, Frank E., Reading, was married to Jennie N. Watling, d/o John Watling, late of Newcastle, Nov. 10, 1875, in Dover, Mass., U.S.A. U. A. Dec. 15, 1875.

Cudlip, J. Bright, Baltimore, U.S., son of late Hon. John W. Cudlip, married Georgina Croikshank, St. John, third do Robert Croik, Sept. 4, 1890, at St. Davis Church in St. John, by Rev. George Bruce. U. A. Sept. 10, 1890.

Cyr, Mrs. Benjamin, at Campbellton, died June 22, 1891, age 28 years old. U. A. Aug. 5, 1891.

Upper Nelson Notes

The fancy dress ball, given by Mrs. Alex Parks to her friends last week, was pronounced by all who attended to be the event of the season, in fact the best thing of its kind ever held around here. The ladies in their various costumes looked so charming that it was hard to decide who was belle. The general verdict however was in favor of Miss Jane McKinley, as "Undine" in green and silver and the eldest daughter of the host, Miss Jennie Parks, as "airy fairy Lillian" in blue and white. William Kirk as violinist, accompanied by Miss Mabel Parks on the piano, furnished music for dancing. Singing and parlor games were an attractive feature of the entertainment, which ended by the company joining hands and singing "Should auld acquaintance be forgot And never brought to mind", etc. Union Advocate 21 Oct. 1896

Submitted by Judy Vautour

REUNIONS

Seven river communities stretched along the Miramichi River have banded together in planning the largest homecoming reunion ever to be experienced in the area. "Come Home to the River" festivities are planned for Aug. 14-16, 2009 in McNamee. Past and present residents of McNamee, Carroll Crossing, O'Donnell Town, New Bandon, Ludlow, Porter Cove and Priceville, along with anyone who has ever visited are invited to attend the reunion.

"The homecoming will have something for everyone from youth to seniors," said Lorne Amos, the chairman of the committee. He added that the planning committee has started to organize events such as gospel concerts, ball tournaments, a craft show, canoe trips and races, walking excursions and dances.

The Footbridge, a 630-foot-long pedestrian bridge that spans the river between McNamee and Priceville, will also feature in the celebrations. This bridge has linked the community since it was built. It holds memories for many residents since a tragedy in 1939 that touched everyone's life in the close-knit community.

Amos said, "The committee has already started to work and after two meetings people from as far away as Vancouver, Toronto, Detroit and even as far as Amman, Jordan are making plans to attend."

The impetus for 'Come Home to the River' began as a topic on a Facebook group created by Irva Larsen, one of the committee members. "The group 'McNamee on the Mighty Miramichi' Facebook group has over 250 members and it is expected there will be over 500 people attending the homecoming," said Larsen.

The Volunteer Coordinator is Euphemia O'Donnell-Black. Volunteers who wish to be involved with "Come Home to the River — McNamee 2009" are invited to contact O'Donnell-Black at (506)369-9105 or through e-mail at aebblack@nb.sympatico.ca.

Watling

The descendants of Willard and Clara Watling of Point Aux Carr are holding a family reunion at the Point from July 31 – Aug. 2. If you are a family member and are interested in joining the celebration, contact Amy Watling at a_watling@hotmail.com or Loisanne at 228-4988.

What is the 2009 World Acadian Congress?

The World Acadian Congress is a huge gathering of Acadians from all over the world. It takes place every five years and the next one will be held in 2009 in the Acadian Peninsula, in northeast New Brunswick. It is a unique occasion for the residents of the Acadian Peninsula to showcase themselves to the rest of the world, as well as the perfect opportunity to meet with cousins from far away. A moment to celebrate together our common past.

The CMA 2009 is also a meeting place for family reunions, outdoor concerts, thematic and community events, and popular and scientific conferences. In short, the CMA 2009 will showcase a huge line-up of activities for all tastes and all ages, spread over the entire territory of the Acadian Peninsula.

The World Acadian Congress started to take form when a group of Acadian nationalists met in Toronto in December 1988. It is then that this group of approximately 10 people defined the mission of the Congress: To develop closer links among Acadians from all over the world. This reflects the strong will of Acadians people to exchange ideas with their cousins, meet family members long lost, and hear new points of view on current affairs and debate themes that are common to us, no matter where we live.

The first World Acadian Congress took place in 1994, in southeastern New Brunswick, and it was organized by nine francophone municipalities from that area. The second Congress took place in 1999 in Louisiana and the third was organized in 2004 in Nova Scotia. In 2009, the Acadian Peninsula is proudly hosting the 4th Congress. In this region, visitors can meet Acadians who live every day in French, surrounded by the magnificent maritime scenery that is particular to this part of New-Brunswick.

Implacable Roots (August 1-31)

Atlantic Visual Arts Festival: Location: Centre communautaire de Bertrand

Did you know that Neguac, Tracadie, Caraquet, Shippagan, and many other municipalities in the Acadian Peninsula owe their name to the Mi'kmaq language? During the CMA 2009, Acadia and aboriginal people will meet at the *Centre communautaire de Bertrand*, where the exhibition *Implacable Roots (Irréductibles racines)* will be presented by the Atlantic

Visual Arts Festival. Each participating municipality was attributed both an Acadian artist and an aboriginal artist who will have created, separately, an art piece inspired by the name of the municipality in question. You will be able to admire their art work in the company of a guide. For more information contact: (506) 727-7726 / fava@nb.aibn.com

In the village of Neguac on Wednesday; August 19, 2009: Official opening of the provincial historic site Otho Robichaud.: Prominent citizen in New Acadia, Otho Robichaud (1742- 1824) from Neguac was justice of the peace, militia officer, merchant, and church warden. He settled in this community in 1781. The *Société historique de Neguac inc.* is sponsoring this event.

At the Pont-Lafrance Community Center on August 21 at 1 pm there will be an opening ceremony, national anthem, Acadian songs, and raising of the flag followed by a brief historical background of Charnassy village and at 3 pm there is an exhibition of quilts, antiques and family genealogy.

At Val Comeau on August 22 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. There will be an exhibition and projection of photos entitled "*Our inhabitants and our ancestors*" at the Aquatic Centre For information contact *Herménégilde Robichaud* at (506) 395-3972 regarding this event and the *Robichaud reunion*. There will also be an Exhibition on the first people at the Senior Citizens Club Exhibition showing the first lands that were given to the settlers of Val-Comeau in 1809 and the community's evolution. Celebrate with us our 200th anniversary in 2009. Free! For information contact *Onil Comeau* at (506) 393-6943

A huge family reunion The World Acadian Congress is a perfect opportunity to bring together Acadian descendants from all over the world. More than 70 family reunions will take place during the Congress. For instance, the Arsenault, Breau, Comeau, and Dugas families, most of them coming from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Louisiana, and Europe, will be getting together to celebrate their common origins and culture. In addition to the thousands of Acadian descendents, there will be other families who are "friends of Acadia" and wish to take part in this reunion because they have shared the Acadians' history, their struggles, and their dreams. If you are interested in the family reunions, please contact *Lisette Cormier-Noël* at (506) 336-2009 or 1-866-370-2009 or at lisette.cormier-noel@cma2009.ca.

Some of the ones of local interest are:

Breau-Breault-Breaux

August 21st, 2009

Sportplex Arena: Neguac

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Girouard: Giroir-Gerrior

August 19th & 20th 2009

Neguac area

For information

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McGrath-McGraw

August 21st & 22nd 2009

Knights of Columbus Center” Pont-Landry

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August 8th 2009

Neguac's Sportplex arena

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Richard

August 16th & 17th 2009

Neguac's community center LaFontaine

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Robichaud/Robicheau/Robichaux

August 14, 15 & 16th 2009

Tracadie-Sheila's S.A .Dionne arena

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Savoie

August 8-10, 2009

Neguac's community center school LaFontaine

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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:

Sinclair: I am looking for Erena (Sinclar) Baisley and her dau., Gertrude, who left the Miramichi around 1900.
--Dianne Mullin.

HUMOR

The ancient proverb says: You cannot get more from a bottle than you put in it. That's an error. Besides what he put in, he can get a headache, a sick stomach and perhaps ten days in the lock-up.

Source: Union Advocate, October 10, 1888

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EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Now that spring has arrived and the mountains of snow are disappearing, summer is not far behind. As evidenced by the enthusiasm in reunions being planned, it looks like another busy summer for the Miramichi and Acadian Peninsula. Maritimers are well known for their hospitality so I'm sure a "good time" will be had by all.

If you are planning a reunion, just let us know so we can include the information in the next issue.

We would like to thank the following members for taking an active role in our branch for the upcoming year:

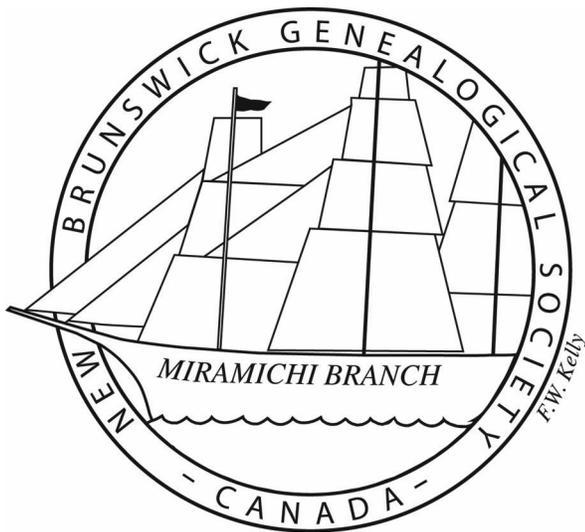
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Meeting every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Chatham library at 6:00 pm. Guests are Welcome.



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