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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back after a busy summer of vacations, research, and genealogy fairs!

With winter approaching, many of us settle down to organize photos, scrapbooks, and newspaper clippings. These items can be of great value to genealogists. Consider making copies to send to our branch for inclusion in our collection of resources and family histories.

Photos and obituaries can be placed on our website, whereas scrapbook items can be published in our newsletters, and family histories can be placed in our private cupboard for easy access by members and friends.

Some people might think of scrapbooks as temporary diversions for housebound individuals. In fact, for one family I was researching years ago, a long lost branch was found in Kansas City, USA, after one son took his mother from New Brunswick to live with him there. An old obituary sent to the family in New Brunswick was carefully placed in a scrapbook where it was discovered by a relative one hundred years after the mother's death. The scrapbook was, thoughtfully, donated to a local library for all to see.

We never know how important our individual endeavours can become! What some might label a waste of time might prove to be invaluable to others. Remember that the jigsaw puzzle we are working on will never be completed but will continue to grow with our help!

Carolyn Harris

BRANCH NEWS

IRISH FESTIVAL

We had a successful two days at the Community College during the Irish Festival this summer. I would like to thank all the members and non-members who helped out. They did a super job. I would also like to thank Leigh Ann Bennici of the Irish Festival, who was very helpful to us, and for the invitation to participate in the Irish Festival activities. We appreciate when we are invited to partake in events as it gives us the opportunity to show the public the research materials we have, and we also help visitors with questions they may have about their family tree. It is a great opportunity to meet new people.

NOW AVAILABLE

BIRTH STATS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

(compiled by Anna MacDonald)

SET OF FIVE BOOKS (\$30.00 each = \$150.00)

- 1 – By child's name (A-L); 476 pages and over 7,000 entries
- 2 – By child's name (M-Z); 445 pages and over 6,500 entries
- 3 – By father's name (A-L); 417 pages and over 6,000 entries
- 4 – By father's name (M-Z); 386 pages and over 5,700 entries
- 5 – By mother's name (A-Z); 318 pages and over 4,700 entries

Our thanks to local member, Anna MacDonald, who spent three years compiling the often-requested

information. The books, five separate volumes in alphabetical order, have been divided into three sections for easy researching (by child, by father and by mother). They are finally ready to be used and enjoyed by our members and the general public alike, and we know you'll be impressed with the amount of valuable material made available for you to use at your leisure in your own home.

Each book contains birth notices and birthday announcements, mostly taken from several local newspapers, spanning over 35 years (1970-2007). As well as birth dates, entries often include place of birth, residence; grandparents; spouse; sibling names and more. Often, links are made to siblings with different surnames. This is a valuable genealogical resource that any serious family researcher won't want to be without.

Because these books contain recent personal data on those listed, they **will not** be published on our Website, with the exception of those born before 1926. They are available in hard copy only through NBGS-Miramichi Branch.

Don't forget – many other publications are also available to you. For more details, check out our Website at: www.nbgsmiramichi.org

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The Neighbourhood: Black River Bridge circa 1939 by

Donald E. M. Glendenning

Boom Road: Your Story by Lena Mullin & Bernice

Johnstone

Descendants of John Bailey & Phoebe Stymiest by

Carmen Williston

Carrolls of Bartibog (2007 edition) by Joseph Carroll

For those who wish to purchase any of the above, email dmullin@nbnet.nb.ca for more details.

T Shirts for Sale

We have a limited supply of NBGS tshirts.
Golf style short sleeve tshirt; men's cut; 100 %
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OUR FAMILY TREE

Submitted by Edna Thompson

Adolphus McIntosh 1795 to Oct.7,1861 and Ann
(McIntosh) McIntosh 1809/ 1810 to Jan 22, 1891.

Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Tabusintac, N.B.

From childhood I was always interested to learn about my ancestors and how they lived their lives. This was in the days before computers and the answers to questions from my parents was always the same – they didn't know, except they had been in Canada a long time and were Scottish and Irish. So, when I retired about 6 years ago I moved back to Kent County, N.B. where my father grew up. I purchased a computer and joined the Miramichi Branch of N.B.G.S. to research my roots.

My mother was Kathryn MacIntosh, born 1916 in Tabusintac, N.B. and her greatgrandparents had lived in Lower Neguac next to the wharf. In the 1851 Northumberland County census I found the family, which was a big one – 12 children. Then I found 2 more. Duncan, the eldest born 1831 and Adolphus, the youngest born 1852. Wow, 14 children whose lives I have been tracing.

I wanted to start with their parents and I found a lot of records about Adolphus McIntosh. He was a shipbuilder. He was a shipcarpenter firstly in Richibucto, Kent Co., N.B. for John Jardine from 1826

to 1840s and then moved to Neguac and built ships with his sons. Petitioned for land in St. Andrews, Charlotte Co., N.B. in 1824.

The only recollection I had about where they lived was back in the 1950s on a trip from Moncton, N.B. (my home growing up) to Tabusintac to visit my grandparents, Duncan and Annie (Murray) McIntosh. I asked my mum if we could stop in Neguac on the drive home so I could see the house where the old McIntoshes lived. She pointed out a big 2 storey house. I etched that memory in my head and I didn't get to return for over 50 years. One day on a visit to Tabusintac with my mother in 2006 we spent some time with her best teenage friend, Marg Stymeist. I asked her if she would like to go for a drive with us to Neguac and show us where the old homestead had been. All we saw were trees and a hint of a lane, which I later learned had been called McIntosh Lane. To see nothing there but trees made me feel empty and I decided I was going back another time on my own to check neighbours and find out who now owned the property. What an interesting visit that turned out to be.

The present owner is Bob Savoy. We have become friends and he is such a wonderful story teller and knows a lot of the old history of the area. He built a house on the land closer to the water and eventually he had to tear down the remains of the big house and another small one, which when he was growing up was called the sheep pen. He thinks it may have been the first McIntosh structure they lived in because the inside was finished with plaster. He told me the big house was all pegged like a ship. The property originally was a land grant to Otto Savoy, then a parcel of 15 acres sold to McIntosh and then sold back again to Savoys. By 1937 there were no McIntoshes living on the property. Bob Savoy was just a young boy when his parents home burned in Neguac and they needed a place to live. His parents, James Edward Rogers Savoy and Elda (McWilliam) Savoy were good friends with my grandfather, Duncan McIntosh in Tabusintac and arrangements were made for the Savoys to move in, and they eventually purchased the property, which has now come full circle.

I love to go the extra step to find the stories that go with my ancestors. This is only one of what I am learning by reaching out to those living today.

My line on my mother's side is

Parents	Thompson, Earl and Kathryn (MacIntosh)
Grandparents	McIntosh, Duncan and Annie (Murray)
Ggrandparents	McIntosh, Charles and Janet (McWilliam)
GGgrandparents	McIntosh, Adolphus and Ann (McIntosh)

I am still trying to find proof of where Adolphus was born and who his parents were. Recently I made contact with McIntoshes in England and Wales who descend from the eldest child Duncan, born in 1831 in Richibucto, N.B. According to them he got on a ship in Richibucto at age 14 in 1845 and run away to Liverpool, England where he became a ships carpenter in Liverpool and eventually married. Today his descendents and I are corresponding trying to figure out who was Adolphus. The story handed down to one of them was he was born in Scotland, Maine. I was stunned to learn there was a Scotland, Maine named by a Duncan McIntosh and his wife who came from Scotland to Portland, Maine in the late 1700s and purchased property outside Portland and settled on it and called it Scotland. Today it is the city of Windham. There were also other McIntoshes in that area of Maine at that time so now I will be researching to see if there might be a connection.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who may have information related to this family.

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Wish me well. Edna Thompson, Nov. 9, 2009

COMMUNITY PLACE NAMES IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

Extractions with permission of Robert F. Fellows

Ashton Hill: Settlement, 4 mi. NW of Chaplin Island Road, on the road to Trout Brook: Northesk Parish, Northumberland County: William G. Ashton was an early settler.

Auburnville: Settlement on Bay du Vin River, 2 mi. S of Bay du Vin, on the road to St. Margarets: Hardwicke Parish, Northumberland County: first called Fitzpatrick: PO 1895-1913 with John Fitzpatrick as postmaster: in 1898 Fitzpatrick was a farming and lumbering settlement with 1 post office and a population of 75: name was changed in 1913: PO *Auburnville* 1913-1956: today Auburnville is a dispersed community.

Back Woods Settlement: Former community near Tabusintac: Alnwick Parish, Northumberland County: in 1866 Back Woods Settlement was a farming community with approximately 20 resident families including 6 McKenzie families.



LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARY

McKNIGHT, Lois M., wife of Lloyd E. McKnight, of the North Napan Road, Napan, passed away at the Miramichi Regional Hospital, on August 10, 2009. She was born in Chatham, on March 16, 1939, the daughter of Edna (MacInnis) and the late Dallas Dickson.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Glenn and Gerald, her mother, Edna Dickson, one sister, Janice Flanagan, one brother, John Dickson and five grandchildren. Lois was a member of NBGS, Miramichi Branch.

MY NEW BRUNSWICK VISIT

Dollypearle says I should write a report on my visit to New Brunswick and the Miramichi area. So here goes:

Details first: flew in to Moncton on Thursday the 17th of September, rented a car and drove up to Chatham to stay at the Sunny Side Inn. Toured the area, met many people, visited cemeteries and museums over the next week or more and then drove to PEI on Saturday the 26th to stay for a couple of nights at the Heritage inn in Tignish. From there I went to see the Hopewell Rocks and then flew back to Minneapolis on Wednesday the 30th.

This was a whirlwind tour that kept me active every day and I came back with a mass of new genealogical

information that will take me at least all winter to go through, make sense of, and get into my database and into the various write-ups I'm attempting.

But certainly the highlight of almost every day was meeting the many people that I had been communicating with for many years. Carman Williston was the first and I think we started with letters (remember those?) some 15 years ago or more—spent a nice couple of hours with him and his wife, Nell. Then there's Penny Creamer and her husband, Brian, who showed me around on Friday and gave me a quick feel for the area. Regis Carroll took some time to yak with me. And Dick MacDougall spent a day and a half touring me around the Bay du Vin, Baie Ste Anne, and Escuminac areas with its many cemeteries (we even made a breakthrough in deciphering a much-degraded Carroll stone in the Escuminac cemetery). Then the notice in the paper (I'm in print!) and meeting all the Carrolls at the Meet and Greet at the almost-closed library on Tuesday evening along with seeing the faces of names that I'd seen in the Newsletter over the years. Spent some time with Carolyn and Ed McFarlane (Carolyn is a sister to Carmel Savage of Ontario whom I had also been communicating with for many years). I then drove up to Bathurst to spend time and tour with Hazel Carroll and her husband, Eddy (the Bathurst Carrolls have some way-back connection to the Bartibog area). And, finally I drove out to meet Vaughn and Edison Carroll of the Carroll's Crossing Carrolls.

Of course, staying at the Sunny Side Inn, I was able to talk a while with Cyril Donohue (Troy's uncle?) and had a few dinners at O'Donoghue's Pub.

I also visited Middle Island (talked with Caroline Daley there) and then, of course, spent lots of time at St. Michaels Museum copying baptismal and cemetery records and some time at the Chatham library looking at old newspapers. Visited the Rankin House (with Manford Wasson) and Richie's Wharf as well as purchased some cookies from Carroll's Bakery. I also toured the back roads on both sides of the Bartibog River and walked the shores of the Miramichi. In both of these latter areas, I suspect that I was viewing what my great-grandparents had viewed as they lived here in the 1830s and early 1840s. Of course, what I saw was quite different from what they saw, and I'm sure we looked at these with very different motivations.

Now that I look back on what I saw and did, I realize that it was only a fraction of what was there. But that's

always the case, I guess; maybe another time. The spirit is willing but the two F's (flesh and finances) are weak.

Anyway, thank you to all of you; you made the trip a huge wonderful experience for which I am very grateful.

-Signed: Joseph Carroll

What I Did on my Summer Vacation

It certainly seemed to be a busy summer on the Acadian Peninsula this year. There were hundreds of things to do and see and many family reunions to attend as well. There was no Vautour reunion to go to and, even though there were many activities hosted by the Savoies, my plan was to attend some crafting events.

Six of us quilters piled in my van and set off for Neguac. The first stop was St. Bernard's Church. This is an edifice I always wanted to visit and it didn't disappoint! Downstairs, we found an art gallery of work by Acadian people. We saw lovely paintings by locals and others. One of our quilters had displayed her works there and someone had painted a portrait of her, too. That was a surprise! Upstairs in the Sanctuary, there was a display of hooked rugs and pictures of the hooked rugs made by school children of Grand Pre, Nova Scotia. The project was to have the school children interpret their thoughts on Acadia using the medium of hooked rugs. The works were very well done. We had also hoped to see rugs being made, but this display was quite charming.

Next stop: Covedell to attend a quilt show (what else?) hosted by the ladies of Tabusintac. I'll never understand how they could fill the hall so full of quilts. The variety and patterns were lovely and the colours sparkled. (I even saw one of my own designs). Just before leaving, I asked the lady at the door if she knew of my uncle's wife, Naomi Ross Matheson who came from Tabusintac. I have been researching her background. What luck ! The lady brought me out to the cemetery and showed me Naomi's parents' tombstone and that of her siblings. The helpful lady was Naomi's cousin!

Lunch was next in Neguac before we hit the trail again. This trip was to Pont-Landry to attend a craft show. One of our group was a Landry descendant so she was, of course, interested in finding a Landry to talk to. She did. The show was impressive. One collector had displayed hundreds of aprons: old, new, short, long, frilly and plain. Apparently she has over 5,000 aprons in her

collection. Besides aprons, there were knitted things, crocheted items, embroidery and quilts. Then, on to the little church next door to view the lovely handmade stained glass windows. There were not the usual kind, they were rather abstract but based on scripture.

St. Isidore was the last stop before heading back to Miramichi. There we visited the fabric outlet and several purchases were made. It was quiet in the van on the way home. I think we had a very full day and were tired out. Not only was I pleased with our visits, but I was impressed by the beauty of the countryside once off the main highway.

Submitted by Judy Vautour

STRAYS FROM AWAY

Northumberland County Strays from Around New Brunswick

Extractions from Westmorland County, N.B. Marriage Register, Part 1: 1790-1856. Compiled by Ken Kanner & Bing Geldart, 1986.

Marriage #B-335-2896 – March 6, 1848 John BUCKLEY Chatham, North. Co. & Catharine BUTLER Botsford, West. Co.

Marriage #B-344-2930 – April 15, 1844 John BARNABAS (Indian, wid.) Miramichi, North. Co. & Vererande NOCOUTE Shediac, West. Co.

Marriage #B-384-3090 – Fe. 11, 1850 Amand LEBLANC Chatham P., North. Co. & Osithe BOURK same place.

This completes the extractions from Part 1.

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NEWS FROM EARLIER TIMES

CHARLES AND WILLARD DELANO

Charles and Willard Delano died in Newcastle at a garage fire at Leith Motors on Dec. 16, 1959.

It was a cold December day when the call came in at 2:50am that a car repair shop was on fire at the top of Radio Street. The Newcastle Fire Dept. responded, but the building was fully involved on their arrival. They ran hose from every available hydrant and kept pouring water on it till 5 am. At the time there were four members on one side of the building: the Delano brothers, Stewart Trevors, and Fred Haining. The other members were on the other side of the building. The group of four was about five feet from the front of the building, looking in the front door, when the explosion happened. With a garage fire there are so many things that can explode. It was filled with batteries, gas, and oil: all highly combustible. They had no warning. As the explosion occurred, Fred Haining looked up and saw a 20-foot section of wall coming down. Fred yelled out "Run!!" and grabbed the closest man to him, Stewart Trevors. They were hit with the falling blocks. The Delano brothers did not hear the warning, as the wall collapsed on them both, killing them instantly.

Stewart was seriously hurt with a broken hip, leg and ankle, a chip off his spine as well as other bruises. Fred Haining hurt his shoulder and back, and suffered numerous bruises. The investigation was started the next day. It was known that the fire started in the corner of the building where there were 100 batteries stored. As the fire spread, tanks of gas and oil exploded, adding to the threat. It was these blasts that were believed to be responsible for blowing out the front wall.

The Delano brothers were active members of the fire department, as well as many other organizations in the town. Charles began the firm CW Delano Co., a bakery firm, and managed the Victoria Bakery on Pleasant Street. His brother, Willard (Bill) managed the Gem Bakery on George Street. One of the largest-attended funeral services ever witnessed in this community was held for Willard and Charles Delano. Following a short prayer service at each house, a double funeral was held at St. James and St. Johns United Church. The Rev. S. R. Purchase of St. James and St. Johns and Rev. A. B. Craig, Pastor of St. Andrews Anglican Church conducted the service, with two church choirs of over 100 members also in attendance. The brothers were taken to the Miramichi Cemetery on the back of two Newcastle fire trucks. Fire departments from all over New Brunswick attended, as well as the Lieutenant-

Governor of New Brunswick, J. Leonard O'Brien, Fire Marshall Earl Sturgeon of Fredericton, and Deputy Fire Marshall, Hector Fournier of Bathurst. All stores in the town were closed for the funeral. To quote injured fireman, Fred Haining, 25 years later: **"What 'bravery' means to one person may mean something different to another. I don't believe they thought they were being brave. I believe they felt like all firefighters do. They were there at the time to do a job that had to be done, and they were willing to do the job."**

TONIGHT, WE HONOR THE FAMILIES OF THESE TWO MEN WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

THANK YOU TO WILLARD AND CHARLES WE REMEMBER YOU ON THIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Source: Compiled by Marshall Gaston from various documents, newspaper clippings, interviews of firemen at that time for presentation at the upcoming fire department Christmas supper in honor of 50th anniversary of fire deaths of Willard and Charles Delano.

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS



This photograph was published in 1975 in the Miramichi Press with a plea that someone identify the ladies in the picture. Emmett Lockerbie related that his wife had taken the photo in 1922 with a Brownie 116. He identifies the ladies as (left to right): Mrs. John MacInnis, Mrs. Alfred Taylor, Mrs. Ben Sweezey (holding baby Emma MacInnis), Mrs. Frank Sweezey Sr., Mrs. Eleanor (Sweezey) Williston (at rear), Mrs.

James MacDonald, Mrs. John M. Gilliss, Mrs. Jennie Crocker, Mrs. Simon MacDonald, Mrs. Charles MacNaughton, Mrs. Duncan MacNaughton, Miss Margaret Gilliss and Mrs. James MacKnight.

(Source: collection of Velna Dickson)

JARDINE, Samuel
(d. Dec. 15, 1917)

Samuel JARDINE, whose death from pneumonias occurred 15th Dec., 1917, at the home of his son Robert, Lower Napan, was born 23 April 1839, in a dwelling which stood near the Richibucto Road, between the present residence of Chas. Campbell and south side Napan River.

He was the third child and son of George JARDINE, a native of Ecclefechen, Dumfries, Scotland (noted as the birthplace of Thomas Carlyle), and of Janet Ferguson of the Miramichi.

Of the days of his youth, a life-long friend has said: --“People were far more friendly then and kind to one another. They used to have “frolics” to help each other clear land.’

His marriage to Janet, a daughter of John DICKSON, was celebrated by the Rev. Alex Garvie, minister of St. John’s Church, Chatham, 18th Nov. 1868. The children are George Alex of Loggieville, Mary WOODS, wife of Fr. LOCKERBIE, and Wilhelmina, now Mrs. Gilliss SWEEZEY, both of Napan; Artemas A. of Athol, Mass.; John D.; Alberta, wife of R. BREMNER, and Robert F., all of Napan. These and his widow survive him, whose death is the first break in the family circle for the unusual period of 49 years. He was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Loggieville, the minister of Black River and Napan officiating. The pallbearers were Messrs. James and George DICKSON, James MCKNIGHT, Alex GILLISS, Andrew LOCKERBIE, and David SAVOY.

Mr. JARDINE was a regular attendant and faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, occupying the

office of Trustee from the erection, approximately, of the Napan Church in 1883 until a few years ago. Possessed of many friends he had no enemies. A ‘just’ man, his memory is blessed.

The JARDINES were among the early settlers of Napan. The first to immigrate was George, the eldest son of Joseph JARDINE and father of the subject of this sketch, who returned to Scotland for his parents, his four brothers and two sisters, settled as follows –

...where his grandson John lived...
John, married Betsey DICKSON;
William married and removed to P.E.I.
Samuel died a bachelor;
Jean became Mrs. Francis MCKNIGHT of Burnt Church;
Janet married Sam MCKNIGHT and emigrated to Meggs County, Ohio.

The mother was known to all as ‘Granny’ JARDINE. She died fifty-eight years ago, at a good old age. The house, unused, is still standing, her grandson, Archibald JARDINE, occupying a new house close to the old site. Here Sunday School is held in turn, much as it was sixty or more years ago. The father, Joseph was a weaver, and at his death, he left a web in the loom, unfinished. It was completed by his son, George who continued in the same occupation. At his death, some 38 years ago, at the age of 84, he too, had in the loom—a web—but he left none skilled to complete it. His wife, Janet, died 31 years ago and both are buried in St. John’s cemetery, Chatham. He had seven children, four of whom are still living:- Joseph of Athol, Mass.; Arch of Upper Napan; Samuel (just deceased); Jean, Mrs. John MCKENZIE of Blackville; James died in Albert Co.; Thomas of Lower Napan and John, who died 30 years ago. Broad of speech, possessing a good voice, and a great singer of Scotch airs, Mr. George JARDINE was a man sought for his company’s sake.

Source: Local newspaper clipping (courtesy the collection of Velna Dickson)

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

KENT CO. MARRIAGES 1845 – 1862

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

COUPLE	DATE
QUASEY, Raphael & MAILLET, MARY	Aug. 24, 1854
QUASEY, Clement & LEBLANC, Olive	Nov, 13, 1854
QUESSY, Raphael & MCGRATH, Philemina	Oct. 29, 1855
QUESSY, Leon (of Shediac) & POIRIER, Isabella	June 17, 1850
QUINN, Patrick & NOONAN, Mary	May 3, 1847
QUIRK, Michael & CADY (KEADY), Margaret	Nov. 15, 1861
SARGANT, Henry & MCLEAN, Ann	Aug. 9, 1848
SAUNIER, Dominique & MENNIER, Gertrude	Oct. 12, 1858
SAVOIE, Marcel & MAILLET, Marguerite	Feb. 06, 1849
SAVOIE, Pierre & MENNIER, Margaret	Nov. 30, 1859
SAVOIE, Maure & GERRIOR, HENERITTA	Sep 11, 1860
SAVOIE, James & MAILLET, Barbe	Nov.19, 1849
SAVOIE, Luc & RICHARD, Rebecca	May 02, 1853
VAUTOUR, Simon & GUELMONT, Pelagi	Sep. 01, 1856
VATOUR, Lawrence & GUELMONT, Scholastique	Nov. 15, 1852
VATOUR, Maxime & ARSENEAU, Celeste	Jan. 08, 1849

OCTOGENARIANS EMIGRATING

Mr. and Mrs. Bunbry, the former 86 years of age and the latter 82 years of age, who have resided in Rosebank for fifty five years, leave this morning for the west, but not to "grow up with the country". They are going to live with their son, the well know "Tom" Burbry, who, on many festive occasions, with hornpipes, jigs, strathespeys and reels, put life and metal in the heels of the present generation of Newcastle and used to rasp his bow at numerous frolics in the Indian town till "roof and rafter did a dirl". He is now in Chicago, and has sent for more comfortable and happy while near him. We saw his aged parents to come and end their days with him, thinking they will be better provided for and this old couple just before starting and they seem in the best of spirits over the prospects of the long journey before them, though somewhat sad at having to tear themselves away from old friends and associations with which they have been so long mingled.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunbry came to this country from Ireland in 1831. It was about six years after the Great Fire (of Miramichi) and Mr. Bunbry said everything looked bleak and uninviting. Mr. Abrams was carrying on large shipbuilding operations at Rosebank at that time and Mr. Bunbry, being a shoemaker by trade, soon found a lucrative occupation in supplying boots and shoes to the yard hands. In politics, the old man said he always "plumped" for Mitchell (The Hon Peter Mitchell of Newcastle--one of the Fathers of Confederations) and was very anxious to know if there was going to be an election this fall. He said he would like to give Mitchell one more vote before he died. He said the elections now of these times were only tea-meetings compared with the rowing and excitement of former ones. His eyes lit up as he described the election between Streit and Williston in 1843, and there was a smile of satisfaction came over his

face when he told how the Newcastle Boys "got away with the Chatham fellers". The old couple go by way of Toronto and will be looked after by the various train officials en route.

Union Advocate: October 6, 1886

Submitted by Robert Wood, NBGS Miramichi branch member. Bob is researching the Wood, Geikie and Bunbry families.

REUNIONS

Upcoming Reunion 2010

Descendants of Herman And Hazel Underhill

Network: Global

Start Time: Saturday, **July 31, 2010** at 8:00am

End Time: Monday, **August 2, 2010** at 7:30pm

Location: Blackville, New Brunswick

ACADIAN CONGRESS 2009

BREAU FAMILY REUNION

A gathering of the Breau's from around the world, particularly from Louisiana, Quebec, New England, France and most U.S. states and Canadian provinces was held August 21, 2009 in Neguac, N.B.

Events included a family breakfast, genealogical seminars, rally, Tribute to Jean-Francois Breau, a Mass at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church, and a party at the Sportsplex with local musical group, Fair Isle Liens.

The Breau Family including its many spelling variations is one of the oldest Acadian families dating back to the first Breau colonist, Vincent Breault, who arrived in Port Royal Acadia in 1650 as part of Governor Charles D'Aulnay French colonial recruitment initiatives.

Vincent was a field labourer from the Poitiers area (Poitou-Charentes region) of France and sailed from La Rochelle to step foot in the New World. He married Marie Bourg in 1661 and had 11 children. It is his descendants who are gathering together during the World Acadian Congress.

The Great Deportation of the Acadians in 1755 by the British scattered many of the descendants of Vincent throughout New Brunswick, Louisiana, France, Quebec and New England. The community of Neguac has a

large number of descendants of Ambrose Breau, grandson of Vincent, who had earlier moved his family to Chipoudy across the Bay of Fundy and barely escaped the Deportation. He supported the Acadian guerrilla forces led by Beausoleil Brassard and found refuge at the Camp of Hope on Beaubear's Island in Miramichi and led by French Commander Boishebert.

More than 600 Acadians perished on the island during the winter of 1756.

Ambrose and his family followed the Savoie family to Neguac where they received the assistance and protection of the Mi'kmaq Nation (which paid the price of being burnt by the British Navy in 1755, (hence the name of the community, Burnt Church.)

Today, Acadians and Mi'kmaq form a bond of true friendship and respect.

Reprinted from article in Miramichi Leader

MORE THAN 800 SAVOIES FLOOD NEGUAC

What's in a name? For the Savoies their name meant a chance to celebrate their Acadian pride with close family and family they had never met before.

Yvon Savoie drove all the way from B.C. to the Savoie Reunion held in Neguac for the World Acadian Congress 2009. Originally from the area, he and all 10 siblings came home for the event. And his 86-year-old-mother took care of them all. Driving into town, you might think the reunion was taking place at her house instead of at the local school. An enormous banner proudly bearing the Savoie name stood on her lawn and cars, and mobile trailers littered the yard.

That couldn't exactly compare to the 800 Savoies registered for the weekend events!

President of the Association de Savoie d'Amerique, Therese Savoie had spent endless hours ensuring the reunion would run smoothly and making sure everyone felt like family. Planning for the event since the 1000 day countdown began, Therese states "Now that it's finally here...it's like a dream come true all those people are here".

The event was celebrated August 8, 9 and 10, 2009.

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NOVEMBER AND REMEMBRANCE DAY

John Henry Foster Babcock (born July 23, 1900) who lives in Spokane, Washington, at age 109 is the only known surviving veteran of the Canadian military to have served in the First World War. Since the death of American Harry Patch on 25 July 2009 he is the oldest surviving participant of that conflict. Babcock first attempted to join the army at the age of fifteen, but was turned down and sent to work in Halifax until he was placed in the Young Soldier's battalion in August 1917. Babcock was then transferred to Britain, where he continued his training until the end of the war.

Having never seen combat, Babcock never considered himself a veteran and moved to the United States in the 1920s, where he joined the United States army and eventually became an electrician. He became a United States citizen in 1946, losing his Canadian Citizenship in the process. (At the time, Canada did not accept dual citizenship.) On 9 May 2007, following the death of Percy "Dwight" Wilson, he became the last surviving veteran of the First World War who served with the Canadian forces. Since then, he has received much international attention, including birthday greetings from the Queen of England, the Canadian Prime Minister and the Governor General of Canada. In 2008 he petitioned Prime Minister Stephen Harper and was reinstated as a Canadian Citizen and participated, via video, in Canadian 2008 Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Submitted by Dianne Mullin

Web Site: **2009 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 find this.*

To submit your query on a Northumberland County family:

email dmullin@nbnet.nb.ca

and I will post it on the Miramichi genealogy website at www.nbgsmiramichi.org

QUERY:

Recently we've heard from Janette of Ontario who needs some Miramichi help with her research. Perhaps someone on this mailing list can assist her with some Shea/McEachern information.

Her ancestor was James Archibald McEachern who usually went by his middle name. He was born in Escuminac to Angus and McEachern and Margaret Preston in 1862. Archibald married Mary Ann Shea Nov 12, 1883 in Chatham. She was born in PEI around 1860 (from census). From the Island Register listings on McEacherns, we find she died Dec. 1, 1941 in Chatham, but other than that, we can find very little about Mary Ann. Births of her children are in PANB but not her birth or death. There is a lot of information on James Archibald, who was a pilot and violinist, but little on his wife.

In the PANB website, there are several other Mary Ann Sheas, but little info about the one who was married to James Archibald McEachern. If you have some information about Mary Ann Shea McEachern, please send it to me and I will pass it along to Janette.

Submitted by Judy Vautour
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Subject: Life in the year 1909

This will boggle your mind!

The year is 1909.

One hundred years ago.

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1909 :

The average life expectancy was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average wage in 1909 was 22cents per hour.
The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year .
A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,
A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!
Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard. '

Sugar cost four cents a pound.
Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from Entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.
The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!!
Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write.
Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores.
Back then pharmacists said, 'Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health'.

(Shocking?)

Eighteen percent of households had at least One full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE !U.S.A.?!
I am now going to forward this to someone else without typing it myself.

From there, it will be sent to others all over the WORLD- all in a matter of seconds!

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years. IT STAGGERS THE MIND!

Come to one of our genealogy meetings. Every second month we have a guest speaker. NBGS Miramichi meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at Chatham Library, King Street, Miramichi from 6:00-8:30 pm. Bring a friend. *no meeting the month of December.

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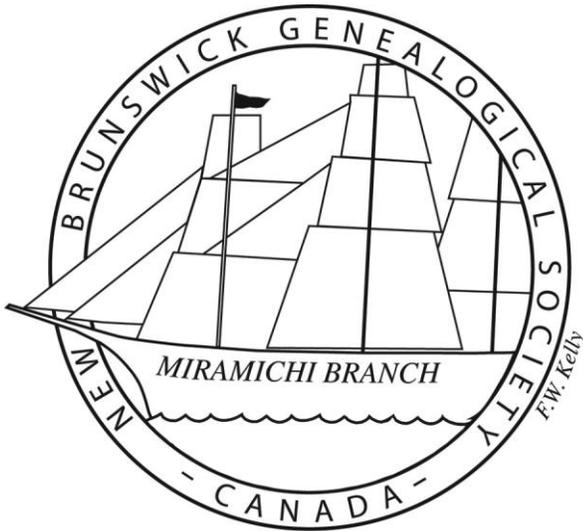
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