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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the early arrival of spring we can see summer fast approaching and our vacation plans developing. Lawn mowing season brings to mind the care of cemeteries where our ancestors have been laid to rest. Have you thought about visiting those cemeteries and touching up the area with flowers while thinking about the lives of our families and friends?

Do you know of any cemeteries that have been left to grow over and to be forgotten by most of us? Some conscientious groups have made every effort to honour our ancestors by reclaiming those cemeteries and beautifying the surroundings. Even if no stones are left to record, some kind of monument can be created so that people will recognize the existence of those who have gone before us.

If no stones remain, community elders and local histories can be used to create a record of families who have given life to the communities in which we live. The immigrants who bravely came to New Brunswick to face the unknown deserve recognition for their efforts. Consider the groups of settlers who cleared the land, moved rocks from the fields to facilitate ploughing, and who raised families without modern conveniences. Consider the fishermen and the lumbermen who risked their lives in all types of weather to support their families. Consider the businessmen and women who risked capital and reputation to create new lives in the wilderness. Some were successful; others were not. Many lives were lost fighting the challenges. Many could not afford tombstones.

Can we, as genealogists, attempt to rectify the misfortune of many by determining the locations of any lost cemeteries and by making a commitment to record and rebuild the histories of those cemeteries and their

occupants? This is a fundamental part of recognizing the achievements of our ancestors.

Carolyn Harris

BRANCH NEWS

G. Andrew Stillman

G. Andrew Stillman, U.E. was born in Fredericton in 1967 to George and Dora (Palmer) Stillman. He lived in Fredericton for 21 years, completing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree at the University of New Brunswick. After moving to Toronto in 1990 to work for Imperial Oil Limited, he attended York University while pursuing an MBA in finance. Subsequently, he went to work for the Bank of Nova Scotia for 10 years in Toronto, followed by 3 in London, England in their precious metals division. Currently, he works for Standard and Poor's in London.

At an early age, during regular visits to his maternal grandparents in Ludlow, Andrew became fascinated with the stories the old timers exchanged about family members. When his mother and several other family members purchased copies of "The Descendants of Edmund and Jane (Webb) Price" by Keith, Amos and Perry in 1978-79, being descended from this couple no less than 3 ways, he was irrevocably hooked. When the Boiestown Branch of the NBGS was formed in March 1985, he was an inaugural member and served as the Branch's Secretary until its unfortunate demise in 1987 (or was it 1986? Cannot recall at the moment!). Following this, Andrew continued to be a member of the Capital Branch whilst completing his undergraduate degree. Upon moving to Toronto and the formation of the Miramichi Branch, Andrew became a member of this branch.

In 1985, Andrew published a history of his mother's paternal family, entitled "A Genealogy of Palmers". Through the use of DNA testing, Andrew was able to establish that his Stillman ancestors were actually descendants of a German family which settled in Pennsylvania in 1751, by the name of Dillmann from Neureut, Baden. Recently, Andrew, Vice-President of the Dillman Family Association, arranged a 2- week tour of the Dillmann's homeland in Germany for a group of Dillman Family Association members. Andrew is also a regular contributor to the Dillman Family Association's Quarterly Newsletter.

Andrew continues to be active in researching his family history and serves as the New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island Co-ordinators for Canada GenWeb's Cemetery project which he has been involved with for the past 5 years. <http://cemetery.canadagenweb.org/NB/index.html> Andrew has received his United Empire Loyalist certificate based on his ancestor, George Adam Dillmann/Stillman who settled in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia following the American Revolutionary War. Andrew continues to belong to the Governor Simcoe Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada, as well as being a member of the Genealogical Society of Nova Scotia and the UK Society of Genealogists.

He is researching Palmer, Dudley, Price, Hovey, Pond, MacKay, Green, Stillman (N.S.) and Smith (Pugwash, N.S.).

Newsletter Publications

We at the local branch are always looking for news items for publication in our newsletter. Write a few lines or a few paragraphs, whatever, to tell of your experiences regarding your personal genealogy research.

A reminder that the deadline for submissions to the next newsletter will be **October 12**. Submissions may be e-mailed to membership@nbgsmiramichi.org or mailed to:
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OUR FAMILY TREE

DNA the new tool in the genealogical tool box

Do you have an ancestor in your family tree that just happened or was born under a cabbage leaf as my grandmother used to say. If you have that elusive ancestor who is your brick wall, then DNA may be the answer.

I have three ancestors I would like to know more about and I have turned to DNA testing to see if it will provide the answers. This is my journey through the DNA testing.

There are two types of DNA testing that I am familiar with. The first is Y DNA and this test is for the male paternal line. The second is mtDNA and looks at the maternal line.

I have a gg great-grandmother whose life I have well documented, except I do not know who her maternal line is. I have found a female cousin who descends through the female line back to this grandmother and she was tested about 3 years ago. So far the testing has yielded no answers. Disappointing but then the pool so far of maternal DNA is still very small. Perhaps in my life time the pool will grow and some answers will arrive.

An interesting book written for the lay reader about mtDNA is *The Seven Daughters of Eve* by Bryan Sykes, 2001, W. W. Norton & Company.

The next ancestor I am looking for is the above ladies husband, Charles Rapley; he appeared and disappeared in a five year span. The only documentation I have on him is his name on the death certificates of his two sons and a newspaper reporting his death at age 37. Charles Rapley died 13 days before my great-grandfather was born. My great grandfather's biography was published, and there are some clues about his father as to who he was, but nothing as to his parentage. In this case I have had my brother tested for the Y DNA line. In two years time there has been only one 25 marker match with a different surname. Statistically we have a 90% chance of being related 10 to 13 generations ago. Just to make the search more difficult, Charles is a very common name in the Rapley surname community. Although Rapley is an English surname it would appear the name is very uncommon in the UK today with a greater



population being in Australia and to a lesser extent in USA and Canada.

The most recent person to be tested is a male in the Sauntry line. In this line we have a paper trail to the great grandfather, William Sauntry, who died abt 1849 in Ireland. The reason to do DNA testing here is to see if the small number of Sauntry's living in Ireland today relate to our Sauntry family. Once again, the surname appears very rare in Ireland, whereas there would appear to be about one hundred listed in the USA today, as well as four generations of the one known family in Canada. At present one Sauntry in the USA has been tested and is awaiting results. We are hoping for someone in Ireland to participate as well.

I am a newbie at this DNA testing, and every time I read about it I need a dictionary and a scientist at my side. Thankfully, there are some great lists I belong to and someone usually has the answers to my questions. The Y DNA results are presented as matches in 12, 25, 37 and 67 markers.

As I have said, the Rapley surname has few matches. The Sauntry line has 107 matches at the 12 marker and that just means in plain language many eons ago we have a common ancestor. There are 5 matches at the 25 marker, but again all different surnames. At the 37 marker there is one exact match and the help file tells me that 16 generations ago we have a 96% chance of being related. Overall, including the 12, 25 and 37 marker matches at 1, 2, 3 and 4 genetic distances, the Sauntry DNA line has 385 matches as compared to the Rapley surname with 8 matches at the various markers. I have asked why so many matches on one surname and not on the other so far I have not had a clear answer. Once a close match at 37 and 67 is found then a comparison of trees and further research into the paper trail will need to be done to show the relationship.

The interesting thing I found in the Sauntry matches were the Miramichi /Irish names, such as Casey, Donahue, Dickinson, O Mahony, Crowley, O Donoghue, Hayes, Donovan, Murphy, Flynn, Sullivan, Smith, Stewart, Keane, and O'Brien. My conclusion is that Adam came from Ireland!

This is my journey down the DNA genealogical trail. The YDNA testing was done through FTDNA and the maternal mtDNA at Ancestry. Time will tell if we find

more ancestors. This new tool is still in the early stages and we await more to join the club and get tested.

I am researching in the Miramichi area the following family names: Sauntry, Donahue, Hogan, Grennan, Masterson, and Harrigan.

Submitted by Jeannette Rapley Sauntry, Fredericton, NB; an out of town member

Maine Legislature May Close Vital Records

A bill recorded as LD 1781, An Act To Allow Electronic Filing of Vital Records and Closing of Records To Guard against Fraud and Make Other Changes to the Vital Records Laws will go before the legislature's Health and Human Services committee in the state of Maine, USA.

Sec. 12. 22 part 2706, Disclosure of Vital Records, reads "After 100 years from the date of birth for birth certificates, after 100 years from the date of death for fetal death certificates and death certificates, after 100 years from the date of marriage for marriage certificates and after 100 years from the registration of domestic partnerships, any person may obtain informational copies of these vital records in accordance with the department's rules."

That would effectively close records to all but immediate family or legal representatives for 100 years after they're created, throwing a big obstacle in the way of family historians with Maine ancestors.

The bill does let record custodians "permit inspection of records, or issue certified copies of certificates or records, or any parts thereof, when satisfied that the applicant therefore has a direct and legitimate interest in the matter recorded."

But there's no allowance for uncertified records, unofficial documents that many states issue for genealogy research.

Submitted by Dianne Mullin

"Genealogy First"

A new website called 'Genealogy First -- Genealogy and the First People of New Brunswick' offers First Nations

people a chance at researching their surnames, while in the process collaborating in collecting, preserving and sharing their rich heritage.



Chief Joseph Knockwood of the Fort Folly First Nations Reserve has created one of the first genealogy websites written specifically for Native people. He worked as an historian and researcher at the Union of New Brunswick Indians in the 1970s. At first he worked on specific land claims for First Nations which led him to doing genealogical research for a court case. Knockwood was asked to research a family name for Nicholas, a lawyer at the time, working on a case for a First Nations man who had been arrested with a dead beaver in the back of his car.

"That was my first genealogy project, doing a family chart. And I did the family chart all the way back to around 1760, because it had to go back to the Treaty of 1778. When we won that case, the premier at the time, it was Hatfield, said, 'Well, that is only one Indian that has aboriginal rights, now you have to prove every one, individually.' And that was when Graydon said it is time to put together a large book and do all the families."

The clearly written and well designed site provides a list of 1,400 surnames, an introduction to the process of genealogical searches, and examples of different sources of records and where they can be found. The website also provides links to other research tools.

Knockwood says that tracking down names can be difficult. The chief and his wife spent many hours copying names by hand from church records on First Nations across the Maritime provinces.

There was a time when there was no record of First Nation people, says Knockwood, "When you go back to a certain time, the church records don't carry facts about First Nations. In 1851 there is a record that says, 'Also there are Indians living here' on the back of the document."

The origins of today's database came from a fire in the Union of New Brunswick Indians building in the 1990s. Instead of throwing away damaged paperwork, Knockwood kept all the photos and lists of names that he could recover and had them put in archives.

Later, university students, including his own daughter Patricia Knockwood, who was working on her Masters in Library Science, organized all the material.

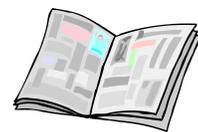
Anyone who has tried to trace their family name knows that the path is fraught with puzzles. But the history of First Nation people in New Brunswick adds further complications because, says Knockwood, there were times when "people hid information."

"If a girl was pregnant from a Native guy, they'd make sure that the father was never known," he explains. "And it was the other way around too. When a young French girl, say at 15 or 16 years old, had a baby with a French boy, and her family did not want her to have the child, they brought it to the First Nations. I know a case of this, where the person is still living there. Presently the website can be found online at

<http://beta.genealogyfirst.ca/> but it will soon be available at <http://www.genealogyfirst.ca/>

Source: excerpts from Times & Transcript: February 20, 2010

LOCAL NEWS



Members wishing to do research at the Chatham Public Library are reminded that effective June 14, the library summer hours will be as follows:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 1pm-5pm and 6pm-8pm

CLOSED: Saturday and Sunday

Please remember that your membership card will be required if you wish to access the Genealogy cupboard.

Community Place Names in New Brunswick Canada

Extractions with permission of Robert F. Fellows

Campbell Settlement: Former community, 3 mi. SE of Blackville: Blackville Parish, Northumberland County.

Carleton Parish: Kent County: it was established in 1814 as a parish in Northumberland County and it included Richibucto (or Liverpool) Parish until 1826, Weldford Parish until 1835, Saint-Louis (or Palmerston) Parish until 1855, and Acadieville Parish until 1876.

Carleton Station: See Rogersville (Rogersville Parish, Northumberland County)

Carrolls Crossing: Settlement on S side of the Southwest Miramichi River, 3 mi. NE of McNamee, on road to Doaktown: Ludlow Parish, Northumberland County: settled in 1809: PO 1890-1970: in 1898 Carrolls Crossing was a flag station on Canada Eastern Railway and a farming and lumbering settlement with 1 post office and a population of 75: today it is a dispersed community.

Cassilis: Settlement on S side of Northwest Miramichi River, 3 mi. SW of Whitney, on the road to Red Bank: Southesk Parish, Northumberland County: first called Chaplin Settlement: renamed Cassilis when post office was created: PO 1884-1968: in 1898 Cassilis was a farming, lumbering and fishing settlement with 1 post office and a population of 50: today it is a dispersed community.

Centre Napan: Settlement on the Napan River, 3 mi. SE of Chatham: Glenelg Parish, Northumberland County: PO *Centre Napan* 1907-1969: it included the settlement of Kerrville: PO *Kerrville* 1919-1920: today Centre Napan is a dispersed community.

Submitted by Carolyn Harris

Miramichi centenarian never late for Church

For over 90 years, Tom Power was never late for church – due to his preference for leaving home at least one hour before the scheduled mass.

Mr. Power, who celebrates his 100th birthday on March 14, now faithfully watches *Mass for Shut-Ins* on television after finding it difficult to get out for mass at St. Michael's Basilica in Chatham.

"We never missed mass. After he retired, he used to go to daily mass, he and my mother, Anna (Phee Connell)," said his step-daughter Mary Derry in an interview.

Mr. Power was an active member of St. Margaret's Church for 40 years when he lived in the nearby community of Wine River and at St. Michael's since he moved to Chatham in 1950.

He was born March 14, 1910 in Wine River. His mother, Anna Malloy, came from Enniscrone, County Sligo, Ireland, and his father, John A. Power, who farmed and worked in the woods, was from Wine River.

At one time, some 10 families lived in Wine River, about two miles down a road near St. Margaret's Church. The small community was home to families of Flynns, Powers, McGraths, Reinsboroughs and Lynches. Mr Power has a friend he grew up with, Thomas McGrath, of Kouchibouguac, who is turning 100 in May.

Mr. Power has one remaining member in his family of eight, a sister, Anna Dunn, 92, who lives in a nursing home in Colgan, Ontario. "They phone her now and then," said Ms. Derry.

He had twin brothers, Terrence and John, his youngest brother, Leo, who was killed in the Second World War and four other sisters, Edna, Evelyn, Dorothy and Margaret.

Mr. Power has two sons, Jimmy Power of Shediac and Wayne Power of Rothesay, a step-son, Michael Connell of Ontario, a step-daughter, Mary (Connell) Derry of Miramichi, 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A second step-son, Jack Connell, died in 2008.

One of Mr. Powers 'famous stories' is that when he was a young boy in Wine River, he saw two partridges on a fence. He picked up a stone, threw it and bagged both of the birds in one shot.

Mr. Power worked as a lumberman and later as a carpenter before retiring from CFB Chatham at 65. After retirement, Mr. Power and his wife, Anna, delivered Meals on Wheels for several years.

While working as a lumberman, Mr. Power once walked from Wine River, to Nelson-Miramichi and to red Bank in order to start working in the woods near Sevoile. There was an overnight stop along the way.

Mr. Power was an active driver until he was 90 and an avid gardener into his 90's. He still sits on the front porch of his family home at 259 Wellington Street in Chatham waving to cars as they honk on the way by.

He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, an Irish Catholic fraternal organization aimed at the preservation of Irish history, and a member of the Holy Name Society. He has been a member of the Father Broderick Council 1219 Knights of Columbus for 55 years.

Mr. Power loved his Sunday night card games in which family members gathered to play Auction 45. "Every Sunday night it was card night. He still enjoys playing Knights of Columbus TV Bingo every Tuesday evening," said Ms. Derry.

A family gathering will be held at Mr. Power's home on March 14 to celebrate his birthday.

Source: Doug Prince; The New Freeman, Vol. 110, No. 11.

STRAYS FROM AWAY

Northumberland County Strays from Around New Brunswick

Extractions from Westmorland County, N.B. Marriage Register, Part 2: 1857-1888. Compiled by Ken Kanner & Bing Geldart, 1986.

Marriage #D-140-6955 – Mon. Aug. 20, 1877 Andrew H. JOHNSON Chatham, North. Co. & Minnie J. BURNS Dorchester mar. at Moncton.

Marriage #D-154-7003 – Jul. 31, 1877 John W. BISHOP Shediac & Ella Thompson Chatham. Mar. at Moncton.

Marriage #D-173-7068 – Sep. 17, 1874 James FIRTH Chatham P., North. Co. & Penelope MCKELLOPE Shediac P.

Marriage #D-213-7198 – Nov. 24, 1876 Richard WALL & Margaret FOLEY both of Town of Chatham.

Marriage #D-215-7205 – Nov. 28, 1876 Alexander DEGRACE Town of Chatham, North. Co. & Maggie ROBBINS Moncton P.

Marriage #D-241-7301 – Dec. 14, 1877 Jonathan BASS Douglastown, North. Co. & Martha FEARMAN same place.

Submitted by Carolyn Harris

SLEETH, CARL E. (CHUCK) passed away at the Loch Lomond Villa, Saint John. Carl was in his 85th year and was predeceased by his wife Elaine (Mikki). Born in Douglastown, NB, he was the son of the late Chester and

Margaret SLEETH. He was a veteran of WWII having served overseas with R.C.E.M.E. Carl retired from the Irving Oil Refinery in 1990 after being employed as a stationary engineer for 30 years. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 64. He was predeceased by his parents and 4 brothers, Beverly, Chester, William and Frank, 4 sisters, Margaret (ESTEY), Pearl (JOHNSTONE), Wanda and Gertrude. He is survived by one sister, Gloria COOPER, of Hamilton, ON and many nieces and nephews. At Carl's request, cremation has taken place and he will be laid to rest in the Veterans section of Woodland Cemetery, in Hamilton, with his brothers Beverly and Chester. Carl led a full life. My heartfelt thanks go to our nephew and niece, Harold and Joanne JOHNSTONE.

Source: Telegraph-Journal, March 07, 2009

THIBODEAU, Hazel (McKIE) died March 02, 2003 (*note date*)

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Hazel Constance THIBODEAU, at the age of 45 after a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by a loving family, her husband of 23 years, Spencer, children Kyle and Dallas, of Fort McMurray, Alberta, parents Ken and Celine McKIE, brothers Kevin, Brian and sister Adeline all of NB. Hazel was predeceased by her son Tyler in 1983 and her brother Roy in 1999. Funeral services will be held at St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Fort Mac, March 4 with Father Gerard Gauthier officiating. A memorial service will be held in St. Mary's RC Church, Newcastle at the same time. Interment will take place in Richibucto, N.B. in the spring.

Source: Fort McMurray Today on March 03rd, 2003; courtesy of Ann Moriarty

BOSENCE, REGINALD D. - On February 24th, 2009, Reginald D. Bosence, son of the late Reginald and May (Dickson) Bosence passed away at the Saint John Regional Hospital. Besides his wife, Shirley (Hughes) Koval-Basence, he is survived by five step-sons, two step-daughters, a sister, Susan Dickson of Miramichi, and several nieces and nephews. Interment will take place in Cedar Hill Extension Cemetery.

Source: www.brenansfh.com.

GLENELG

Glenelg in geography is one of the most common palindromes, a name that reads the same backwards and

forwards. The original Glenelg in the highlands of Scotland is both a village and a mountainous peninsula and a bay in Ross-Shire that look across the Sound of Sleat to the Isle of Skye. This highland name Glenelg is said to derive from the Gaelic Gleann Seilg, the Glen of Hunting.

There are many other Glenelgs, including a Glenelg village and lake in Nova Scotia, and a Glenelg in Ontario. In the 1830's Lord Glenelg was England's Secretary of State for the Colonies; and his name commonly appears on Australian and New Zealand rivers and street signs. Our Glenelg Parish is "So named for the native place in Scotland of Major McDonald of the 78th Highlanders, a prominent resident, who settled there about 1790."*

Originally a part of Newcastle Parish, the New Brunswick Northumberland County Parish of Glenelg was set up in 1814 and included Nelson, Hardwicke, and a small part of Rogersville. Hardwicke was set up in 1851 as a separate parish, and Rogersville set up in 1881. Glenelg took its final and present form in 1900.

In the 1840 Census the old Glenelg Parish had 237 houses sheltering 244 families; 11 houses were under construction [there were 281 houses in the 1851 Census]. The population was 1351--690 males and 661 females; there were no residents "of Colour." There were 3828 cleared acres, and the community was served by 3 grist mills and 1 saw mill. There were four churches: 1 Church of England, 2 Presbyterian, and 1 Roman Catholic. People outnumbered churches, but people were far outnumbered by farm animals. There were 249 horses, 1155 "Neat Cattle," 943 sheep, and 852 swine. Poultry were probably too small to mention and too numerous to count.

Folks in Black River in palindromic Glenelg Parish were more forward than backward--all the folks I knew there were humorous and quick--and often quite contrary.

*Source: *Ganong, W.F. Additions and Corrections to Monographs on the Place-nomenclature, Cartography, Historical Sites, Boundaries and Settlement-origins of the Province of New Brunswick, in Proceedings and Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada. 2nd Series, Vol. XII (1906), p.25.*

Census Taking in Glenelg:

The 1851 Northumberland County Census is the earliest record of households in Glenelg Parish. The Census contains the names of family members, their sex, relationship, age, national origin, occupation, religion (*if known*) and their date of arrival in what was then a colony. Researchers have noted that the Glenelg Census was often inaccurate.* Compilers of the printed version assigned house numbers, and these are included in the following to simplify research reference.

There were 281 households in Glenelg, compared with 501 in Chatham. The majority of Glenelg settlers were Scots and Irish, followed by French, English, Welsh, and a smattering from Shetland, Portugal, USA, and the Isle of Man. Houses #77 and #78 were located in the Fox Island Establishment.**

Most of the settlers arrived in the 1820s and 1830s. The earliest settler identified in the Glenelg Census is Widow Sarah **McIntyre** (house #59), who arrived from America in 1774. Widow Isabella **McInnes** (#88) arrived from Scotland in 1778. The oldest resident was 88 year old widow Elizabeth **McKnight** in house # 158, the youngest was one month old Barbara MacDonald in house #69.

While there were many labourers, and remarkably quite a few servants, the great majority were farmers, although some had a sideline. There was one farmer who was also a cooper (*barrel-maker*), one lighthouse keeper (*Escuminac*), one mason, two carpenters, two millers, two proprietors, three joiners, five shoemakers, seven teachers, eight lumberers, nine fishermen, ten river pilots, and ten weavers. John **McDonald** (house #123) was a fisherman and a magistrate.

Chatham had many farmers, but most were folks whose occupations you would find in any town. Given its location, there were a large number of shipwrights; the town also had many cordwainers, makers of leather shoes. Some parishes, not Glenelg, had "Paupers," and there was one "Mantua maker" (*dressmaker*), and in Nelson George **Ripley** (#60) was a "Thompsonian Farmer?"-- while the modern editor of the Census seems puzzled, **Ripley** was what today would be called an organic farmer.

Some of the Glenelg names were unusual: **Farquhar McRae, Bona McKinnon, Asa Parley, Phineas**

Gallagher, Sylvanus Dutcher, Gluttid Muzerall.
Isabella was a quite common name, and evidence of Census inaccuracy is apparent in Elspet **McDonald** and Elspit **Ullock**.

Not everyone in Glenelg was well. Here they are by house and problem: #7 and #138 had folks who were infirm, #11 infirm/debility, #46 lame, two in house #66 were "Silly," #75 lunatic, #105 imbecile/bedridden (21 years), #164 idiot, and #269 deaf and dumb. If some were not at all well or not all there, some were not even there at all: two in households #92 and #104 were "absent (prison)." The saddest absent case was Chatham Parish's Johanna **Gilbert** (#116), "St. John Asylum."

In the 1851 Census our **MacNaughton** ancestors are unremarkable. Two daughters of Donald **MacNaughton** and Margaret **MacBeath** were teachers. Malcolm MacNaughton and Barbara MacBeath's daughter Elizabeth lived with her parents along with her husband, Alexander **Dick**, "labourer." Alexander MacNaughton's widow, Janet **Jack**, had in her home the family of her daughter Christina and Christina's husband, Jubal **Watling**.

*Written by Donald Edge to Dianne Mullin
 November 2001*

KENT CO. MARRIAGES 1845 – 1887
 (Film 1247, Vol. 1, couples by male names)
Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

COUPLE	DATE
ARSENEAU, Peter & DAIGLE, MATILDA	Nov.27, 1847
ARSENEAU, John Chryostan & PELERIN, Justine	Nov.08, 1852
ARSENEAU, Jude & BRAULT, Adelaide	Nov.13, 1854
ARSENEAU, James & POIRIER, Mary	Nov. 13, 1851
BARNES, Wm. & MCEACHRAN, Mary Ann	Mar. 18, 1846
BARREAULT, Joseph & GUELMONT, Mary Blanche	Nov. 04, 1856
BARRETT, Michael & WHITNEY, Jane	June 28, 1855
BARRIAULT, Isidore & JOHNSTON, Victorie	Apr. 18, 1853

CARTER, Robert & MCDONALD, Elsie C.	Dec. 27, 1855
CARTER, Wm. & SHADWICK, Jane	July 03, 1854
CASEY, Clement & NOWLAN, Margaret	Nov. 07, 1859
CASEY, John & CASLAE?, Catherine	Nov. 23, 1852

NEWS FROM EARLIER TIMES

UNION ADVOCATE

Jan, 1874 – Dec, 1890

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

Aiton, Jabez, Salt Springs, Kings Co., was married to Margaret A. Astels, Derby, at St. Andrews Manse, Chatham, April 25, 1893, by Rev. Joseph McCoy, M.A.

Abrams, Ruth Ellen, Douglastown, died at Douglastown, Dec. 21, 1881 of diphtheria, only child of Ja??? And Maggie Abrams, aged three years and five months.

Bain, Maggie, second d/o the late Hugh Bain, Esq., of Chatham, was married to George I. Wilson, merchant of Chatham, at the residence of Mrs. I. Bain, on Thursday evening, Oct. 11, 1877, inst., by Rev. Wm. Wilson.

Cain, Anthony, No. Esk, was married to Annie M. McLean, No. Esk, on Jan. 8, 1876, by the Rev. Samuel Russell.

Darley, Charles, died at Regina, July 21, 1890, age 52 years old.

Property Sale- Wm. Edmunds, land for sale in Tabusintac, Parish of Alnwick, by Barrister M. Adams of Newcastle, Nov. 8, 1876.

Replacement- Rev. E. Evans, former pastor of the Methodist church on the Miramichi, has moved to St. John, his place was filled by Rev. Dr. Pickard, Sackville, Apr. 19, 1876.

Moonlight Excursion- C.T. Fairey, Sec'y., Newcastle, the Newcastle Square Committee intend holding another of their popular moonlight excursions on Thurs. next, 21st June, 1883, instant, -on board the "Andover", will leave Chatham at 8pm, sharp, Newcastle at 9, calling at Douglastown and Nelson, and proceed up river to Derby, going up the NorthWest Branch as far as the bridge and passing through the Tickle, returning to Chatham at about midnight. Good music will be provided for dancing, refreshments for sale on board. By order of the Square Committee. T.C. Fairey, Sec'y. Newcastle, June 19, 1883.

Geikie, David, died at Newcastle, on the 3rd of April, 1878, inst., aged 66 years, a native of Perthshire, Scotland.

Hamilton, Mary B., Alnwick, was married to John D. Loggie, Alnwick, Nov. 17, 1881, at the Canada House, Chatham, by Rev. J.A.F. McBain.

Innes, Isabella, Dundee Settlement, was married to John Hamilto, Eel River, Nov. 4, 1874, at the manse in Campellton. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. W. Murray.

Jardine, Barbara, Newcastle, was married to Charles Atkinson, Campbellton, April 19, 1877, by Rev. Robt. S. Crisp, in Newcastle.

Keating, Michael, died at Chatham, Oct. 22, 1892, aged 19 years, s/o Thomas & Kate Keating.

REUNIONS AND FESTIVALS 2010

Canada's Irish Festival: the 27th annual festival will be held from July 15-18th here on the Miramichi. Miramichi branch will be on hand to help you research your family tree. Our display is located in the gym at NBCC Miramichi College Campus on University Ave, not far from the Lord Beaverbrook Arena. We will have all our resource material on display so come and join us. You can stay and research for two days: Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Volunteers will be available for assistance with research.

Our genealogy t-shirts, along with over 30 different books, (Northumberland County census 1851-1901, Births, Marriages, Obituaries, etc.) will be available for one to purchase. This is a great opportunity to introduce yourself and chat with fellow members. President Carolyn Harris will be conducting workshops on Saturday am and pm. Hope to see you there and bring a friend or two!

Tabusintac Old Home Week which is held every five years is set for the week of July 31-August 7, 2010. Genealogy Fair will be held at the Tabusintac Library & Museum all week. A "Kenny" family reunion is also being held around this event. For more info contact: OLD HOME WEEK INC.
4449 Route 11 Tabusintac, N.B. E9H 1H3
Tel: (506) 779-4504 (Tanya McEachern)
Or by www.tabusintac.org/old_home_week.html

5th Annual McAllister Reunion is set for Saturday, July 31, at 4:00 pm
4460 Route 108 Hwy., Bryenton, New Brunswick.
Celebrating the lives of William Munn McAllister and his wife Sarah Emily (Tozer) McAllister and their descendants.

The Hiller Reunion:

August 6-7, 2010
All events will take place at England's Hollow in Chatham.
Friday night: 7 pm: Opening Ceremonies followed by local entertainment
At dusk: a candle lighting ceremony. Candles must be purchased between mid May and July 30 at a cost of \$1 each from Debbie Carroll and Isabell Carroll.

For more information contact the planning committee:

Linda at cleopat@nb.sympatico.ca
Isabel at Isabel.carroll@hotmail.com
Debbie at sassygirlhere@hotmail.com
Or by calling Cil at 506-773-7297.

Miramichi Scottish Festival, August 20-22 at the Rodd Miramichi River Hotel and on Waterford Green in the Historic Chatham Business District.

Two Schools: One Spirit August 27-29, 2010

The communities of Upper Miramichi and Doaktown are planning a series of special events to celebrate the opening of the new Central New Brunswick Academy while, at the same time, paying tribute to those schools in our respective communities whose long histories will soon be coming to an end.

Highlights for the weekend will be a "Meet & Greet," tours of the school facilities (new and old), an ecumenical church service and songfest, "The Last Dance" Prom, and much, much more. Registration information and a complete schedule of events will be available soon. Keep visiting their website at

www.uppermiramichi.ca

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

Jenny Colford, *Experience Doaktown*

506-365-4305 or experiencedoaktown@bellaliant.com

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Web Site: **2010 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.

To submit your query on a Northumberland County family:

E-mail dmullin@nbnet.nb.ca

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

Queries

Dear Members:

This is a query from the phorum on our website

(www.nbgsmiramichi.org)

Since we have not received a response, maybe you can help.

Aaron is my gr-gr-grandfather and I've been trying to tie him to his family for years now. Family notes have him coming originally from "Miramichi" (which, of course, didn't exist when he was born). I've been focusing my search on Chatham, Napan and Newcastle. I do know that his body was returned to Newcastle after he died in Maine in 1903. No church or cemetery is mentioned, however. A search of the Headstone Database connected to this site came up with nothing.

The following is what I also know about Aaron:

The 1851 census shows an "Aron" age 15 <b. 1836> with Ellen age 27 <b. 1824> as Scottish servants in the household of James Parker in Chatham.

At some point, he made his way inland to Sunbury Co., where he married Emily Grace Welton in Hardwood Ridge on 2 Jan. 1865. The minister was Baptist.

The 1871 census shows Aaron age 31 <b. 1840> with wife Emily and young children in Northfield Parish, Sunbury, listed as a lumberman, Baptist and Scottish.

The 1881 census shows an Aaron age 42 <b. 1839> enumerated with two widows (Isabella Cameron, 72, and Jessie Cameron, 30) in Andover, Victoria Co. He's listed as a laborer, Irish and Baptist. He is not listed as married. Emily and children were back in Northfield living with her brother-in-law.

At some point after 1881, the family, reunited, left Hardwood Ridge for nearby Newcastle Bridge, Queens Co.

About 1888-90, the family left NB altogether and settled in Auburn, Maine.

The 1900 census shows Aaron age 55 <b. 1845>, wife Emily and two "children" (I actually believe they are grandchildren) in Auburn. As stated before, Aaron dies in Auburn in 1903 and his death certificate states his body was returned to Newcastle.

For years, I scoured records in Sunbury and Queens Cos. looking for Aaron's family. Several years ago, I stumbled upon a baptism record for an Aaron on 29 Feb. 1836 at the United Church of St. Andrew and St. John in Chatham. This Aaron was the son of Robert and Margaret (McFarlane) Thompson. Other baptismal record for this couple included: Joseph (1823), Ellen (1824), Janet McF. (1832), Sarah (1834), George (1838) and Isabella (1840, presented by then widowed Mrs. Robert Thompson).

So, the question was: Is this "my Aaron"? The birth year was definitely earlier than I had ever seen, but, then, his

birth year tended to jump around anyway over the years. Suddenly the family note about him being from the Miramichi area made more sense, as did the fact that his body was returned to Newcastle upon his death. Having his father die at such a young age, but not being the oldest son made sense, too, that he might have to strike out on his own. Further still, the Christian name "Aaron" seems to be unique in all of NB at this time.

It is my hope that this forum might offer some insight, thoughts, suggestions, etc. about how I might best proceed from here, especially with respect to proving or disproving this link to Robert Thompson of Chatham.

Please answer this person online or send your reponse to NBGS Miramichi, P.O. Box 403, Miramichi, NB E1N 3A8 and we will get in touch with him.

QUOTE

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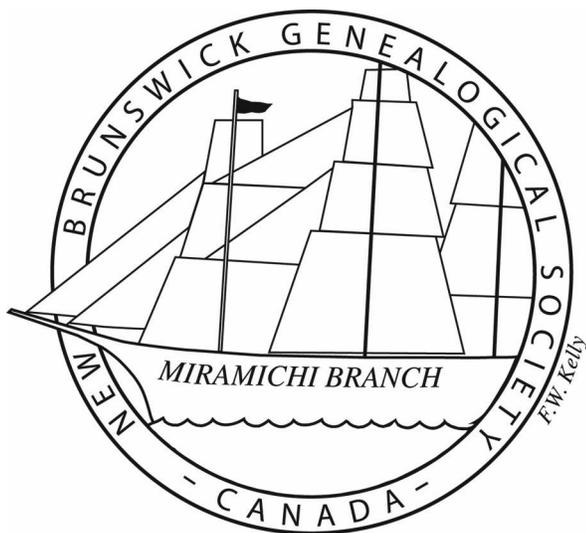
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