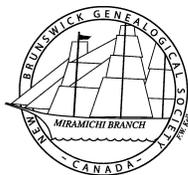


# NBGS MIRAMICHI BRANCH NEWS LETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After a busy summer with various activities on the Miramichi, we look forward to getting together to discuss our accomplishments, as well as our holidays. Hopefully, your summer has been a success in giving you a much needed break from your regular routine, as well as an opportunity to search for at least one missing piece of your own genealogy puzzle.

As we undertake fall activities, Miramichi Branch of NBGS is planning to revise the first volume of *First Families* and to create a quilt designed with photos of our early settlers. In this newsletter we are requesting input from our members to help make these projects successful.

Our membership numbers over 100, and we are always on the search for new members. Perhaps your local library is interested in obtaining NB genealogy/family history details. If you know others interested in the Miramichi area, please pass on our contact information or direct them to our website.

If you find strays from NB in your travels, we would like to know about them. Thousands of people emigrated from our area in search of a better life. Record information that is of interest to our membership—articles, stories, letters, obituaries, newspaper clippings, and cemetery transcriptions. You or a member of your family might have a story to tell about the movements of your family. You might be looking for a long lost ancestor, as most of us have at one time or another. Do you have a story to tell about a breakthrough or a road block in your research? We welcome material that we can share with others in our newsletter.

As you struggle with your family history research, keep in mind that there is always someone else out there who

is connected somehow and would enjoy sharing your load.

Carolyn Harris

## BRANCH NEWS

### MEMBER PROFILES

#### David Harper

David Harper was born in Marlborough, Massachusetts and grew up there. Melinda was born in Hollywood, California and lived and grew up in Burbank, California. Some 20 years ago, Melinda was an Events Co-ordinator for a university in Colorado. Dave was taking graduate classes and came to an event Melinda co-ordinated to honor one of his professors. Melinda was working (so didn't eat) and Dave (the struggling student that he was) didn't have the funds so they decided to "go out" and share their tales over a meal. Dave was already in Utah and Melinda in Colorado so there were many letters and phone calls. That was getting too expensive, so they were married in Boulder, Colo. to save money (Mar. 4, 1989).

Both are teachers, with Melinda having taught the younger grades and retiring last winter in 2009 Dave still teaching high school and loving it. They live in Bountiful, Utah with their cats, Maggie and Caleb. Their children are in Colorado, Massachusetts, and California. Their six grandchildren are all in these states, but they get to visit them yearly.

Following the 1996 death of Marge Nowlan, Dave's great aunt, the homestead on Harper Road in Bushville was bought by Dave and Melinda, where they spend

their summers and are neighbors to NBGS members, Sally and Bill Donald.

They joined NBGS Miramichi Jan. 23, 2008. Their hobbies include family history, reading, walking, beach time, horseback riding, Eastern Star, Free Masons, gardening, knitting, Bible study and any history.

Dave is the grandson of George H. Gremley Harper who emigrated from Bushville to Athol, Mass in 1899 to work for the L.S. Sterrett Tool Company.

Dave's grandfather, son of Jonathan Harper, was owner of the Noble Harper Homestead (Geo. H. G. Harper owned the homestead).

Jonathan Harper is one of the children of Alexander and Louisa Noble Harper. Louisa Noble's father, John, was a Loyalist in the Maryland Loyalist Regiment.

Alexander Harper came from Aberdeen, Scotland, and began the family clock and watch making business in Chatham.

## IRISH FESTIVAL

We attended the Irish Festival again this year and had a great turn-out. We had members from away come and visit us and do research. We met a lot of people interested in their Family Tree. They found our research material and books for sale interesting and helpful. Hopefully we were able to help them.

I would like to thank all the members who volunteered this year at our display and the setting up Thurs. and packing up Sat., also with bringing the books from the library and back. Everyone did a great job. If we didn't have the volunteers we would not be able to do this. Again, a very big THANK YOU TO ALL!!!!

A big "Thank you" goes out to **Velna Dickson**, a long-time member of NBGS-Miramichi. Last year, Velna loaned us her massive scrapbook of newspaper clippings, which included marriages, births, and obituaries of folks in and around the Napan, New Brunswick area. We typed them up and are in the process of adding them to the website. We are grateful for her patience since the typing procedure took well over a year. What a great collection! Thanks, Velna.

*Submitted by Judy Vautour*

## Member Appreciation:

Each year at our September "Meet n Greet" we thank all who have volunteered over the past year. Local members have volunteered to set up and work at our Irish Festival display, talk at Heritage Day in Doaktown, Newcastle and Chatham Libraries, set up for branch meetings, type obituaries, submit articles for our newsletter, check information on microfilm, help out-of-town members and guests, follow up on queries, etc.

This year we honored two members:

**Penny Creamer** has been an important part of our research team since she joined on February 22, 2000. Penny was an editor of our first newsletter, member of the census committee, and is currently a director on our executive. After member George Kingston passed away, she became the sole member of the Census Committee. Without Penny we would not have had the census transcriptions of Northumberland County available to members. She has tramped through cemeteries with us transcribing tombstones and actually I have seen her on her hands and knees digging up tombstones with a spoon, stick or whatever she can find! She has interviewed and supervised summer students, volunteered at the Scottish and Irish festivals, answered queries on our forum and posted obituaries on our site. With the help of a small team submitting information, Penny has indexed, formatted and produced all the books we have published. Penny spends time *every* day editing the thousands of obituaries so we can produce these in book format and on our site for members to access. As we all know this obituary project is ongoing. Thank you, Penny, for your dedication to our branch.

Out of town members can also contribute to our branch. This year we wish to honor member **Ann Moriarty** from Barrie, Ontario. Born in Newcastle, NB, Ann is the daughter of the late Emery Matchett of Sunny Corner, NB and the late Rose Marie Walsh of Bridgetown, NB, and she is researching her Miramichi roots. She is our "Lifesaver" when it comes to locating "Strays from Away" for the Miramichi Branch. She scours newspapers and funeral home sites for this information. She types, edits these, and emails them to Penny who formats them for our branch. She is also typing obituaries from the late Avadne Connolly collection of

newspapers. These tasks are also done on a daily basis and are very time consuming. Thanks Ann for your dedication to our branch.

In the past we have honored several members including Mary Houlston, Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin, Bertie McLean and Velna Dickson. I wish to thank all members who have contributed this past year. Sharing information is of utmost importance to our branch. This year we are working on our Heritage Quilt and First Families, and we hope all members will contribute to these projects.

*Submitted by Dianne Mullin*

### Summer Student Update:

Miramichi Branch received funding through the federal government to employ a student to assist with the transcription of documents, research and other projects.

This year Tiffany Hunter of Nelson Hollow, a recent graduate of Doaktown High School, was hired to work for ten weeks on projects in the Doaktown-Boiestown area. Her main focus was to work in the parishes of Ludlow and Blissfield and in doing so, locate and type local church histories, to type obituaries found in local newspapers and to update the cemeteries of the two parishes. Tiffany also photocopied some family histories for our library and assisted the librarians at the Doaktown Library with a photo display that was presented at their "One Spirit, Two Schools" Reunion which was held the last weekend in August.

I would like to thank Belva and Bonnie at the Doaktown Library for all their patience with Tiffany and me. Your help was much appreciated.

*Dianne*

### SPECIAL INTEREST

#### Quilt Raffle:

Chatham Public Library has asked us for some financial help in the acquisition of a digital microfilm reader that can scan, email and print microfilms. This machine would replace the older model which has seen better days. It will allow us to copy information on paper to take home, or email home, instead of

spending hours painstakingly copying by hand all those treasures we find in the census and old newspapers.

We have decided to prepare a quilt for raffle that will have photographs of our Northumberland County ancestors on it. A star-studded design has been chosen and the photographs will be sewn into the centre of each star. Funds raised, beyond expenses, will go towards the purchase of the new machine. We are hoping for your help in this project. We need photographs...lots of them.

Letters have been sent out to all NBGS Miramichi Branch members to explain how to prepare the submission of photos and information. Please read carefully and help us in this project. **We hope to have the quilt finished in time for Heritage Week in February.** Of course, tickets will have to be sold.

There will be more on this later. Watch this newsletter for updates and photographs of the quilt.



### Books and Family Histories added to our library:

*Doaktown United Baptist Church History*  
*Descendants of Lewis Holmes (Sharon, MA) and Rachel Betts (Doaktown) of Doaktown*  
*Patrick O'Donnell (Limerick, Ireland) and Lydia Price (Ludlow) of Carroll's Crossing*  
*Up River Tidbits* donated by Pamela O'Donnell  
*Joined by a River: History of Burnt Church & New Jersey*  
*The Descendants of Aaron Donovan (Renous) & Annie Grace Whalen (Boiestown), Fifth Edition,* donated by Gerald F Donovan

Family of Patrick **McCloskey** (Tyrone, Ireland) & Sarah **McKenna** (Bathurst) of Boiestown  
The History of the Name **Munn** by Mary Munn

### Quest for First Families

NBGS Miramichi Branch has been gathering material on as many First Families as possible. Two volumes of First Families have been published and well received by our membership and the public.

Now we are planning to revise the first volume and are asking members and previous contributors to submit material for this purpose. If you haven't yet submitted your First Family information for volumes one and two, we welcome your contribution for a future volume three. Please try to do so as soon as possible. A sample First Family is presented here compliments of the late George Kingston.

When detailing First Families, remember that it is very important to document source references. Others wanting to access the information will want to know where it was found. Referencing also ensures that information is as accurate as possible.

#### ***FIRST FAMILY: PAUL F. KINGSTON***

Born: Paul F Kingston was born about 1785 in Bantry Bay, County Cork, Ireland. He died January 25, 1867. He was the son of Samuel KINGSTON and unknown HALL.

#### **Paul arrived in Miramichi with his wife and family of four in the summer of 1826.**

Area of Residence: First settled at Sprigs Brook on the North West Miramichi and remained there until 1835 when the family moved to Wayerton. For some years, he and Lydia lived with their son Samuel and his family. In later years, Paul was living with his granddaughter Margaret Rolfe. Lydia spent her last years with their daughter Susannah who married William Allison.

Occupation: Paul was a farmer, teacher (untrained third class teacher at Copp's Settlement or Trout Brook), and lumberman. Paul did not prosper at teaching and, although living with his son, he and Lydia received relief from the Overseers of the Poor in 1858.

Religion: Episcopalian

Married: Lydia BYRD of Bantry Bay, Ireland about 1810 (in Ireland)

Born: About 1790 in Bantry Bay, Ireland. Died: May 16, 1869.

Father: ??? – Came to Ireland from England

Mother: ??? – Came to Ireland from England

Entry to Canada: Summer, 1826, at Miramichi

NB

Religion: Methodist

#### Children of Paul Kingston and Lydia Byrd:

(1) Avisia – Born about 1811 in Ireland; m. John FLYNN, Sept. 15, 1826

John Flynn: Born about 1802, Tulsk, Co. Roscommon, Ireland; Entered Colony in 1822

(2) Samuel – Born June 7, 1811 in Ireland; m. Mary CURRY, Sept. 28, 1835

Mary Curry: Born about 1816 in Belledune, NB

(3) Susannah – Born Mar. 15, 1813 in Ireland; m. William ALLISON, July 30, 1831

Wm. Allison: Born Aug. 1801, Londonderry, Ireland to Wm. ALLISON and Elizabeth SMYTH

(4) Paul – Born about 1820 in Ireland; not married (According to W D Hamilton, Paul raised a family and died in Pittsburgh, Penn about 1877)

References: W D Hamilton: "Old North Esk"  
1851 Northumberland County Census

Note: Any person who arrived in Northumberland County at any time is eligible to be included – the first person in the family who landed here, not sons and daughters (who would be second families), except as listed as "issue" to the first family. The info would include any information known about this first person, such as DOB, where born, to whom, when and where baptised, who married (and where and when), where they settled or moved to, occupation, religion, military service, hobbies, politics, illnesses, death dates (and places and burial info), their children (and spouses) with birth dates, baptism dates, occupations, death dates, where buried, etc.

## Newsletter Publications

We welcome any and all news for publication in our newsletter from our members. It doesn't matter whether you live in the Miramichi area, Australia or anywhere in between, we would like to hear from you! Write a few lines or several paragraphs to share your experiences as you travel down the genealogy path.

The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter will be Feb. 8, 2011. Submissions may be e-mailed to [membership@nbgsmiramichi.org](mailto:membership@nbgsmiramichi.org) or mailed to:

NBGS Miramichi  
P.O. Box 403  
Miramichi, NB E1N 3A8



## OUR FAMILY TREE

**Butler:** The death of Catherine (Kit) Butler, wife of the late Frederick J. Butler of Chaplin Island Road, Miramichi occurred at her late residence on July 8, 2010. Born in Larkhall, Scotland, on Sept. 27, 1919, Catherine was the daughter of the late James and Rachel (Kelly) Gordon. She was a war bride who married her husband in Scotland and arrived at Pier 21 in Halifax in August 1946. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Miramichi, NB. She is survived by five children, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by two sisters and one brother, and she was the last surviving member of her family.

*Mother of member Rachel Butler*

**Waye:** Kevin Earl Waye, husband of Barbara Anne (Baisley) Waye of Wayerton, passed away Saturday, September 11th, 2010 at the age 51. Born in Newcastle, NB, he was the son of Della Irene (Rolph) Waye and the late Earl Robert Waye. He was a Crusher Operator at Newcastle Ready Mix and a member of Wesley United Church, Trout Brook.

Besides his wife Barbara and his mother Della, he is survived by three sons, Keith, Kristopher, Kyle Waye at home, three sisters and one brother Blake (Marlene) Waye of Alberta, and three grandchildren, Aiden, Aunika and Naomi.

*Brother-in-law of member Faye Baisley*

**Votour** The death of Eldon Charles Votour, husband of Margaret (Dunn) Votour of Chatham Head, NB, occurred on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at the Saint John Regional Hospital at the age of 83. Born in Chatham Head, NB, he was the son of the late John and Irene (Furlotte) Votour. Eldon was a WWII Royal Canadian Navy Veteran and was retired from Morris Wholesale as a supervisor. He was an avid bowler and loved hunting and fishing. Besides his wife Margaret, Eldon is survived by: one daughter, Donna Deon; one son Ted; five sisters and two brothers, and four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

*Brother-in-law of member Judy Vautour*

**Houlston:** The death of Muriel Theresa "Molly" Houlston widow of Max Houlston of Miramichi, NB, occurred at the Miramichi Regional Hospital on, July 7, 2010 at the age of 88. Born in Blissfield, Molly was the daughter of the late Jack and Maggie (Moran) Bowes. Molly was a homemaker and attended St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Miramichi, NB. Molly is survived by five daughters, five sons, one sister, and several grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Predeceased by five sisters and three brothers.

*Sister-in-law of member Mary Houlston.*

**Ross,** Bessie (MacDONALD) February 20, 1921-June 22, 2010.

Born in Napan Bay on February 20, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Lillian (CREIGHTON) MacDONALD and passed away on June 22, 2010 at Mount St Joseph Nursing Home, Chatham. Bessie was the wife of late Hartt Ross. Interment was in St Andrew's Cemetery, Loggieville,  
*Source: Miramichi Leader, June 28, 2010*  
*Mother of member, Don Ross.*

**Upton,** David D. passed away Feb. 13, 2010 at the age of 66 in Drumheller, AB. David is survived by his wife, Alice Kay (Hanna) formerly of Douglastown, NB, and

children, Tenda (Phillip) Tyschuck, Tanya (Lorne Buchwalk, Tara Upton and David Upton, Jr. He is also survived by three grandchildren and his only sister, Myrna (Robert) Gorsalitz.

*Brother-in-law of member, Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin*

## LOCAL NEWS

### Community Place Names in New Brunswick Canada

Extractions with permission of Robert F. Fellows

**Chaplin Island Road:** Settlement, 6 mi. NW of Newcastle, on the road to Trout Brook:

Northesk Parish, Northumberland County: first called Davidson Settlement: possibly named for William Davidson (1740-1790), a prominent Miramichi settler in 1765: name of the community was changed when post office was created: in 1871 it had a population of 175: PO *Chaplin Road* 1910-1957.

**Chaplin Settlement:** See Cassilis (Southesk Parish, Northumberland County).

**Chatham:** Community on S side Miramichi River, 2 mi. E of Douglastown, on road to Loggieville: Chatham Parish, Northumberland County: founded in 1800 by Francis Peabody, a New Englander who moved from Maugerville on the Saint John River: community first called The Spruce Tree: then called Miramichi: PO *Miramichi* 1825-1843: settlement renamed Chatham in 1843 for William Pitt, father and son, who both became Earl of Chatham and Prime Minister of England: PO *Chatham* from 1843: in 1871 it had a population of 3,000: in 1898 Chatham was a seaport, a port of entry, a post, money order and postal note office, terminus of the Canada Eastern Railway and a town with 100 stores, 5 hotels, 2 steam sawmills, 2 sulphite pulp mills, 2 foundry and machine shops, 2 marine slips, 2 sash and door factories, 1 brick kiln, 3 carriage and sleigh factories, 3 printing offices, 7 churches and a population of 5,000: Chatham was incorporated as a town in 1896 and is now part of the city of Miramichi.

*Submitted by Carolyn Harris*

### Ludlow Baptist Church History

The Ludlow Baptist Church was organized in June of 1865 by eighteen members from the Baptist Church in Blackville who lived in the Ludlow area. The very first meeting of the church was held in the “Pond School House”, which used to sit on the left of where the present church building now stands. Elder Alex Estabrooks was the first pastor. He and his wife, the former Dorothea Hovey, later went to Burma as missionaries. Mrs. Estabrooks gave her life for the work she loved and died in India.

Land for the present church building and for the cemetery was donated by Mr. Stephen Hovey. Deacon Abel Pond was both architect and builder. The church building was dedicated in 1889 by Rev. William Edwards.

The Ludlow church had the honor of being the mother church of the Carroll’s Crossing Baptist church and the Boiestown one.

The first parsonage was bought from Mr. Addison Pond in 1917—this is located at 6914 Route 8 and was later sold and the money used to put a larger basement under the church to accommodate a wood furnace. In 1978 a new Parsonage was built on two acres of land at 6659 Route 8. In 1976 a substantial addition was made to the church building including complete kitchen facilities, two bathrooms and a large meeting room.

Church membership has fluctuated considerably over the last 100+ years to a high of 67 in 1983 to a low of 13 members in 2002. *Source: Mrs. Frances MacKay in January 2002*

Check out other church histories on our website at [www.nbgsmiramichi.org](http://www.nbgsmiramichi.org). If you have any histories which are not online, please contact Marilyn Creamer-Fowler at [marilyn\\_creamer-fowler@hotmail.com](mailto:marilyn_creamer-fowler@hotmail.com)

### Maple Glen Days Committee is looking for material on MAPLE GLEN TEACHERS, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Alexa Russell 1885  
Agnes Cameron 1886, 1887  
Laura A. Forest 1889  
Lizzie McNair 1888  
Laura J. Eddy 1890  
Maimie Andrews 1891

Hannah Copp 1891  
 Blanche M. Reid 1892  
 Nettie J. Dickson 1893  
 John Flanagan 1894  
 Mary A. Watson 1895,1896  
 M. A. Beatrice Watson 1897  
 Anna O. McLeod 1898  
 Lenna A. MacLean 1898, 1899  
 Annie Craig 1901  
 Lillian Murphy 1905  
 Edith M. Clark 1907  
 Edna Guptil 1909  
 Ida M. Gillis 1910  
 Margaret C. Murchie 1911  
 Jennie H. McMaster 1911  
 Muriel E. Atchison 1917  
 Helen B. Croft 1931  
 Jean P. Allison 1936  
 Mary Louise McCabe 1938  
 Carmel M. McDonald 1949  
 Mary Buckley 1953

For more information or to submit material, please contact Marilyn Creamer-Fowler at [marilyncreamer-fowler@hotmail.com](mailto:marilyncreamer-fowler@hotmail.com)

### The Loyalist Collection:

The Harriet Irving Library Microforms Department in Fredericton, NB is promoting their vast newspaper collection. The online searchable database for this is available at [www.lib.unb.ca/collections/loyalist](http://www.lib.unb.ca/collections/loyalist). The Collection contains microfilms of British, North American Colonial, and early Canadian primary sources from approximately 1740-1870, with the chief focus being the American Revolutions and the early years of Loyalist settlement in North America. In this collection there are over 4100 microfilms and microfiche. To view this in person visit the Harriet Irving Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor this is located on the University of New Brunswick For information on fees phone 506-453-4834, fax 506-453-4585 or email [mic@unb.ca](mailto:mic@unb.ca) or write P O Box 7500, 5 Macauley Lane, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H5

## 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-338-7640 – Jun. 5, 1880 Peter DAWSON Windsor, Hants Co., NS & Alice AYER Miramichi, North. Co.

Marriage #D-419-8093 – Aug. 6, 1881 Chester F. LAIRD Moncton & Alice A. MATHESON Newcastle, North. Co.

Marriage #D-427-9014 – Oct. 8, 1881 William BURNS Calais, Maine, US & Sarah VAUGHAN Newcastle, NB.

Marriage #D-432-2029 – Feb. 15, 1881 Pierre RICHARD Carleton P., North. Co. (sic: actually in Kent Co.) & Olive BOURGEOIS Dorchester P.

Marriage #D-449-4086 – Jan. 15, 1879 Robert W. Vye & Grace G. LEWIS both of Newcastle.

Marriage #D-497-6051 – Jun. 21, 1881 David GEEKIE Newcastle, North. Co. & Clara BANBURY Newcastle.

*Submitted by Carolyn Harris*

### KENT CO. MARRIAGES 1845 – 1862

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

*Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin*

COUPLE	DATE
PINE, Alfred & GRAHAM, ANN	Oct. 12, 1857
POIRIER, Pashcal, widower, & CASSEY, Mary	July 16, 1846
RAUSBERRY, Alexander & MOORE, Sarah	Oct. 10, 1853
RAUSBERRY, Lawrence & ARSENAULT, Bridget	Oct. 10, 1855
SARGANT, Henry & MCLEAN, Ann	Aug. 09, 1848
SAUNIER, Dominique & MENNTER, Gertrude	Oct. 12, 1858
TAYLOR, John & FAHEY, Mary	Aug. 05, 1853
TAYLOR, Archibald &	Nov. 19, 1851

**MAIN**, Janet  
**VATOUR**, Antoine & **BABIN**, Natalia Nov. 16, 1860  
**VATOUR**, Francis & **RICHARD**, Mary July 29, 1850  
**WADY**, Henry & **MCAFEE**, Sarah July 27, 1858  
**WALKER**, Wm. & **IRVING**, Nancy Apr. 10, 1848  
**YOUNG**, Garson & **MARSHALL**, Mary Oct. 09, 1854  
**YOUNG**, Walter & **HAINS(HAINES)**, Ann Eliz. May 06, 1853

1885, wife of Stephen Duthie, Esq., aged 40 yrs.  
Oct. 28, 1885

**Drowned:**

Patrick **Calahan**- The times of yesterday reports the drowning on Wed. last, of Patrick Calahan, of Miramichi, while stream driving on the Debert River. Nov. 1, 1893

**Advertisement**

Frances **Daughney**, Newcastle, found money between Newcastle and Douglastown. Feb. 9, 1887

B. Fairey, Newcastle Wool goods of all kinds, clothing store. Jan. 5, 1887

**NEWS FROM EARLIER TIMES**

**UNION ADVOCATE**

*Jan. 1874 – Dec. 1893*

*Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin*

**Advertisement**

**Adams & Lawler**, Barristers & attorneys at law, solicitors in bankruptcy, conveyancers, notaries public. Offices in Newcastle and Bathurst. Jan. 5, 1881

**Married:**

Mr Richard **Attridge**, Doaktown, married Miss Annie Purley, Chatham, at Chatham. 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1889, by Rev. N. McKay. Jul. 3, 1889

Naomi Medcalf Baker, d/o Prince Baker, Esq., No. Esk, married Wm. **Jones**, Esq., No. Esk on Nov 24, 1881 at St. Andrew's church, Newcastle by the Rev. J.M.S. Sweet. Dec. 14, 1881

**Died:**

Geo. **Byron**, at Derby, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893, of water on the brain, aged 3 years, s/o John & Nancy Vye. Feb. 8, 1893

Mrs. Mary Jane **Cutter**, died at Chatham, on Jan. 7, 1889, inst., aged 68, wife of George W. Cutter. Jan. 16, 1889

Mrs. Bridget Walsh **Duthie**, died at her residence, Chelmsford, Upper Nelson, Oct. 16,

**Estate Sale**

Wm. **Edmunds**, that property situate in Tabusintac, Parish of Alnwick, presently in occupation of Wm. Edmonds. Terms liberal, for any further information required apply to M. Adams, barrister, Newcastle. Apr. 25, 1877

**Died:**

Wm. C. **Everett**, Saint John, died Jan. 22, 1890, 39 yrs. old, leaving a wife and two children. Jan. 29, 1890

Wm. **Furze**, died at his residence, Newcastle, Thurs. last. A native of P.E.I. aged 50 years. Sep. 5, 1888

**Married:**

Miss Etla **Galloway**, third d/o Mr. John Galloway was married to Mr. Alex. Cameron of Chatham at the residence of the bride's father, in Napan, on Nov. 22, 1893, by Rev. Jos. McGoy. Dec. 6, 1893

Lawton C. **Gupitil** was married to Bessie Hutchinson, d/o C. H. Hutchinson of Milltown, Maine Apr. 15, 1890 at Milltown, by Rev. G. McCuly. May 14, 1890 (Lawton is of Grand Manan.)

**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](mailto:dmullin@nbnet.nb.ca)  
And I will post it on the Miramichi genealogy website at [www.nbgsmiramichi.org](http://www.nbgsmiramichi.org)

## Queries:

#1. We are looking for information on Edward KELLY, born about 1811 in County Laois, Ireland and who immigrated to Northumberland County, New Brunswick, Canada in 1830. Edward married Ann Bergin in July, 1835 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Nelson-Miramichi, NB, Canada. Ann Bergin is the daughter of John and Elizabeth Bergin. Witnesses to their marriage were Daniel Kelly and Mary Bergin. Edward and Ann Kelly had eleven children: Patrick (1835), Elizabeth (1841), John (our great grandfather-1843), Matthew (1845-1865), Johannah (1847), Edward (1849) Mary Ann (1850), Margaret Jane (1852), Teresa (1856), William (1854) and Susannah (1858). In the 1851 and 1861 Census they are listed as living in Blissfield, NB. Edward died on June 1, 1869. We know John, Edward (1849), Patrick and Elizabeth moved on to Stillwater, Minnesota by 1870. Ann and several other children joined them later c1884-5.

We began our research by reading *Old North Esk on the Miramichi* by W.D. Hamilton. The Archivist for the Diocese of St. John in New Brunswick, as well as the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, helped us locate names and dates. The Canadian Censuses of 1851 and 1871 and the New Brunswick Census of 1861 have been great resources. Also, through the book, *Cemeteries of the Parish of Blackville, Northumberland County* produced by the New Brunswick Genealogical Society Miramichi Branch, we found that Edward Kelly is buried with his son Matthew in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery in Howard, NB. Also buried nearby is his mother-in-law Elizabeth (McLaughlin) Bergin (d. 1840).

We hope to find the names of Edward’s parents and

eventually where he came from in County Laois. Also, we wonder if the Daniel Kelly who witnessed his marriage is a brother or cousin. Edward Kelly’s family may have known the Bergin’s prior to emigration since they are also from County Laois. We would love to connect with any of the descendants of Edward and Ann Bergin Kelly.

If you have information about Edward or his family, please email Mary at [eburns7@rochester.rr.com](mailto:eburns7@rochester.rr.com) or Kathi at [chipmonk\\_198@hotmail.com](mailto:chipmonk_198@hotmail.com). We will also check for replies on the forum. Any information on this family would be most welcome. Thank you.

# 2. Karen McLeod of Cyprus wrote “I saw a cross reference in a genealogy listing I’ve come across online to the NB First Families Vol. 1 in relation to my ggg-gfather **William McLeod** (his wife **Janet McDonald**) and possibly my gg-gfather **Isaac** and one of his brothers, **John**. We are talking about the time frame circa 1806-1830. When I looked on your site under Vol. 1 there was a William McLeod listed, hence my request.

I think they came to to NS first in the early 1800s - Isaac and his elder brother were born I think in Scotland, and then the next child John in 1825 (not sure if it was in NS or Dalhousie, Halifax). But then apparently they moved to NB. Isaac apparently married (1834) a Miramichi girl, Janet **Bremner** (b. Middle Island, Miramichi in 1815 I think) and John apparently married (1846) Helen **Alexander** (b. 1830) also from Miramichi. Eventually the two brothers and their families sailed in their boat "Sea Gull" to NZ from Douglastown on 1 October, 1861. I know their story from then on.

So really I am looking for any info about William and Janet (who did not go to NZ) and the remaining children as they had 9 in total. I’ve found a cemetery listing for a William and a Janet in the Old Fenwick Cemetery - Studholm Parish, Kings County but of course cannot prove it is them, only assume.

I have been working on this genealogy link for years and years and not getting very far. I’m trying to make the link between births in Scotland, and migration to Canada and I hope this book might help with the McLeods (and possibly the other families too). The late Avadene Connolly was researching the above McLeod family.” If anyone has any information that may help Karen email [www.nbgsmiramichi.org](http://www.nbgsmiramichi.org)

I am interested to know if my ggggparents **William McLeod** (his wife **Janet McDonald**) are connected with the first families of NB. I believe I have now established they married in Scotland in 1802 (only have OPRs to go on, not marriage certificates then) and had seven children there, the last of which I traced as having been born in 1817. Thereafter I'm told a son John was born in Dalhousie, NS in 1825. Two sons, Isaac (my great great grandfather) and the John born in Canada married Miramichi, NB girls. Isaac married Janet Bremner and John married Helen Alexander. I have now made connections with both the Bremner and Alexander line which substantiates this. Both these men left Canada for NZ in 1861 on their boat "Sea Gull".

What I cannot establish is this:-

- a) Any proof of **William and Janet's** arrival in Canada, and was it to Nova Scotia, if the information that John was born there is correct? The time frame would be 1817-1825.
- b) Did William and Janet follow their two sons to NB, and pass away there, or did they remain in NS?

The children of William and Janet, who didn't go to New Zealand but lived out their lives in Canada, were:-  
Duncan (b.1804), Eury (b.1808), Catherine (b.1810), Anne, (b.1812), Donald (b.1814), Grissel (Grace) (b.1817), all born in Scotland, and I think a Janet, born in Canada. If I could just make a link with descendents of one of these "Canadian McLeods" it would be helpful. Contact Karen McLeod at [karenmcleod@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:karenmcleod@cytanet.com.cy) or by writing me at the address below

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## RETARDED GRANDPARENTS

Written by a third grader, on what his grandparents do.

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school.

One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Arizona. Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on their bicycles, and wear name tags, because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now, they do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.

There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on. At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out.

And, they eat the same thing every night - early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and, says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

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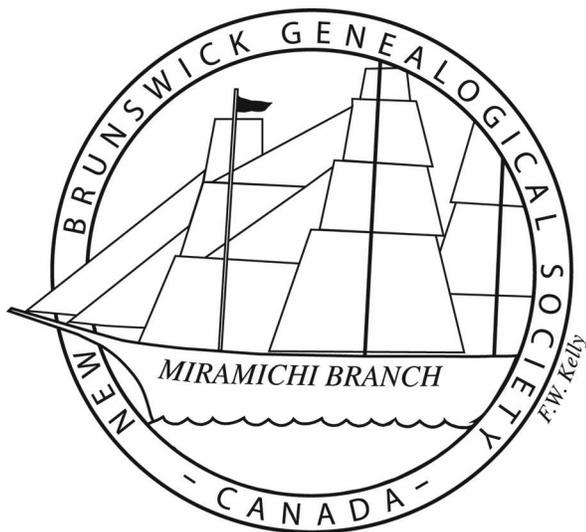
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