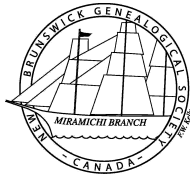


# NBGS MIRAMICHI BRANCH NEWS LETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here's welcoming in a new year for the NBGS Miramichi Branch. We are looking forward to new discoveries in our Family Tree. I'm sure there are members out there, like me that have a lot of blanks we would like to fill with information and or pictures. We plan to have a number of workshops this year. Maybe we can help each other in that task.

Welcome to the new executive members who volunteered to serve this year and thank you to the members who served last year. It is very important we have members to volunteer for these positions. If we didn't have members to do this we would not have a Miramichi Branch. So, thanks again, Members.

We have started revising "First Families". It's going well. We are doing the work at workshops that we have. Any member is welcome to join and help us with this. Also if any member has information for "First Families" we would appreciate hearing from you. If any member knows of a family that should be in the book let us know. Contact us at NBGS Miramichi, P.O. Box 403, Miramichi, NB E1N 3A8 or E-Mail at [membership@nbgsmiramichi.org](mailto:membership@nbgsmiramichi.org).

We have a number of Family Histories in our cupboard and thanks to the members who donated them. We would like more members to donate their family histories if they wish, it would be a great addition to our research materials for our members to use.

We are looking forward to attending the Irish Festival and other events on the Miramichi this year. We always have a great time meeting people from the area and from away. We try to help them with their research, if we can. They get a look at our research material and learn a bit about us and our branch. Some of them become

members. We are always looking for members to volunteer to help out when we attend these events.

Goals for this year is finishing the revising of "First Families", helping members with their research, collecting more research material, acquiring family books that is if anyone publishes their family tree we buy the book for the cupboard and assisting the Chatham library with the purchase of micro film readers.

In closing, wishing everyone a good year in their research. See you all at next meeting and bring a friend.

Anna MacDonald.

## BRANCH NEWS

### 'THE QUILT'

(See story on page 2)



## The Quilt Project

When Jennifer Wilcox, librarian at Chatham Public Library (where we hold our NBGS meetings) asked if we could donate some funding to help purchase a digital microfilm reader, we were in full agreement. The old machine is older than I am and it's in worse shape! After some consideration, we decided we could raise more money by embarking on a project.

It was suggested that we have a quilt raffle. Normally, these are very successful in our area, but for a group of genealogy fans, the design of the quilt had to reflect our interests and attract attention.

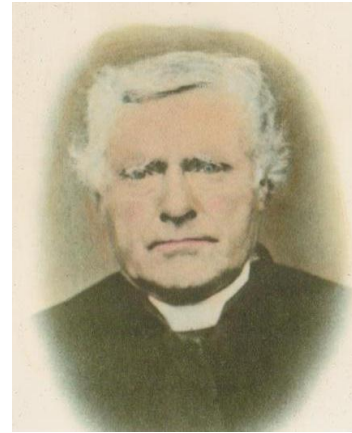
We sent out letters to members, near and far, asking for copies of pre-1920 photographs of ancestors or anyone who had lived in Northumberland County in the past. We also asked non-members and friends to help as well. After a slow start, the mail and email started bringing in dozens of great photos. Out of all the images sent, 112 of the best images were transferred onto fabric and we constructed the quilt. Voila! See how nice it turned out? All the photos have been captioned and collected into an album for later reference.

Now - for the fund-raising: tickets have been made and will sell for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, and we plan to take the quilt to historical venues and festivals from now until the draw date. The work isn't over yet!

Because October is Library Month and the proceeds are for the Library, the drawing will take place October 25, 2011 at Chatham Public Library on that date.

Thanks to all those who helped get the project off the ground, especially to **Judy Vautour** who has done most of the work to date. Thanks also to all those who will assist in making the project a success, either by helping to sell tickets or by buying the tickets.

A few of the photos that appear in the quilt:



**Rev. Richard Veriker** was born about 1800 in Slieverough, County Kilkenny, Ireland, and came to New Brunswick in 1833 with Rev. Michael Egan. He was in Deacon's orders when he arrived, but shortly thereafter was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest and began his career as a missionary, first in Miramichi and then in Grand Falls, Woodstock and finally St. Andrews. As the St. Andrew's paper said, at the time of his death in 1873, "He travelled with missionary zeal, penetrating the forests and swamps of New Brunswick to carry the consolation of religion to the backwoodsmen in their huts and shanties enduring hardships, poverty and suffering in the work. He was, in fact, the chief founder of the Roman Catholic Church in this Diocese."

On the Miramichi, in addition to his religious work, he left a further mark; the Veriker name lives on in the descendants of the many nieces and nephews he brought to the New World. These include Richard and Stephen Veriker of Nowlanville, Catherine Veriker Ivory of Nowlanville, Bridget Veriker O'Brien of Quarryville, Michael Veriker of Nelson, and Tobias Veriker of Chatham. As well he brought two clergymen nephews, Rev. James Veriker of Sussex and Rev. Robert Walsh of Saint John and Mass.

*-Submitted by Marilyn Creamer-Fowler*

**Jonathan Harper**, b. 18 Dec. 1832, Harper Farm on Harper Road (named such later in the 1800's); m. 24 Dec. 1861; d. Chatham Head, Bushville, Harper Farm, 17 April 1917). Son of Alexander Harper, Chatham Watch and Clock Maker. Family shop was on Water

Street. Great grandmother was Margaret Ann Gremley (b. 3 Sept 1841 in Newcastle, m. 24 Dec 1861, d. 1926, Harper Farm.

Both are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery.



Photo was taken in 1908 (on the porch of the original home) of Jonathan and Margaret Ann Gremley Harper at Harper Farm (Fairview) Bushville. Miramichi River in the background. Others of this group exist as well.

Even though a great distance separates us, we would like to do what we can to aid in this project.

As always, our best to you and the society,  
*Dave and Melinda Harper*



Johanna (Maher) Bracken (standing), Sylvester Bracken, Willie Bracken, Nora (Maher) Skidd

**Sylvester Bracken** was born in 1839 in County Westmeath, Ireland.

Sylvester, his parents, James and Ann Bracken, and his brother, Michael left Ireland via Liverpool, England in April 1847. They were aboard the famine ship, LOOSHTAUK, bound for Quebec. His father did not survive the voyage. Typhus broke out by the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and within a week scarlet fever, which is particularly lethal to young children, broke out. Sylvester was fortunate to survive as within another week scarlet fever had claimed the lives of three-quarters of all the infants and youngest children.

When he, his mother and brother arrived on Middle Island they were placed in quarantine for three weeks. Rather than journey on to Quebec, Ann and her sons remained on the Miramichi. Ann worked for Father Egan as a housekeeper for a period of time and in 1851 married Thomas King, a stepfather for Sylvester and Michael and the beginning of the King/Bracken family relationship.

On June 28, 1875 Sylvester married Johanna Maher and made their home in the area of Douglasfield (Now known as Jackson Street). He and Johanna had five (5) children: Alice Mary (William Hartery), Mary Ann (Joseph King), William (Loretta Woods), Annie (Robert Fernandez), and Loretta (1889-1919). He died June 16, 1929 at his home at the age of 90 years. He is buried in St. Patrick's Church Cemetery. He was the last known survivor of the famine ship, the LOOSHTAULK.

Sylvester and Johanna's home passed on to his daughter Alice and her husband, William Hartery. They raised their family in the home, a wonderful home it was, it became the gathering place for the family for many years, until it was destroyed by fire in 1970. The property remains in the family to this day.

*Submitted by Maureen English & Bill Flynn*

## THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out from us to member Joanne J. Cowdrick of Washington State. She has sent in her Book on her McEacharn Family. It will be featured during Heritage Week and added to our collection of Genealogy Resources which is kept at Chatham Library. Good job. Thank you, Joanne.

Mora Cairns donated “*Lewis Urquhart*” Family for which we are very grateful.

Also, we recently received a donation of the latest volume of genealogy published by member, **Joseph E. Carroll**. *Early Carroll Families of Glenelg & Hardwicke Parishes*, November 2010 has now been added to our branch library.

The document starts with the arrival, in 1828 from Co. Meath, Ireland, of Patrick and Margaret (EVERETT) CARROLL and their five (six?) children. It uses various sources to follow this family and their descendants throughout the remainder of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. All of the CARROLLS in Hardwicke Parish though the 1911 census derive from this single family. Joe states, “It is hoped that this document can provide a basic structure from which the reader can carry out future research”.

It’s so gratifying to know our members are thinking about us and about others concerned with researching their families. Our mission is to share knowledge and it’s wonderful to see it returned in kind.

Many thanks to Joe for his generosity - again.

*Submitted by Judy Vautour*

## Project: First Families Update

*Miramichi Branch members are in the process of updating the First Families Volume 1. If you have submitted a family and now have more information, please send the additional information by mail or e-mail through our site. Here is one of the families submitted and revised.*

James **Anderson** was born in Dranie near Lossiemouth, Elgin Co., Scotland in 1761. He belonged to a family of three brothers; John, James, and William **Anderson**. John, the eldest, went to London, England and carried on business. There he married a widow who had two daughters. He had no issue. James exchanged his lot on Beaubears Island for one owned by blacksmith (*name unknown*) at Burnt Church in 1782 and lived at this location for some years. His family in Scotland never came to this county as far as is known. James traded fish and timber. One autumn he was returning from Halifax, where he had gone to sell his summer catch of

fish, and his schooner was wrecked on Prince Edward Island. Here he had to spend the winter, during which he became acquainted with a family named Murray, who was Loyalists from Albany, New York. When he returned to Burnt Church in the spring he brought Mary **Murray** with him as his bride, and her sister, Ellen as a guest. It is related that Mrs. John Davidson, who had been for years, the only white woman in the place, wept tears of joy when she saw the women. James Anderson died on March 14, 1857 at Burnt Church, N.B. *A tombstone for Mary Anderson was located at Moorefield Cemetery but not for James.*

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Married:** Mary **Murray** born c1773 Harpersfield, Tryon Co., N.Y., daughter of John **Murray** Sr. and Mary **Kennedy** (both Scotland).

Married James **Anderson** on P.E.I. in 1797;

Died July 15, 1857 at Burnt Church, N.B.

### Children of James and Mary Anderson:

- (1) Margaret Born c1800 Burnt Church; died before 1881. Married Alexander **Stewart** in 1824.
- (2) Jane Born c1802 Burnt Church; died April 27, 1864. Married Hugh **Murray**, a widower who was born c1797 on Isle of Saint John (P.E.I.) between 1824 and 1826. They resided in Tabusintac, N.B. and had eight children.
- (3) William Born on April 6, 1803 Burnt Church; died August 8, 1857 at Burnt Church. William remained single, and a tombstone was located at First Burnt Church Cemetery.
- (4) James Born on May 6, 1806 Burnt Church; died on November 25, 1866 at Burnt Church. He also remained single and was buried next to his brother, William.
- (5) Mary Born on May 24, 1808 Burnt Church; died May 21, 1884 at Burnt Church. On\_\_\_\_, Mary married John **Cassidy** who came here from Nova Scotia. John was born on January 29, 1798 and died on January 29, 1872 at Burnt Church. Mary and John had at least six children.

- (6) Elizabeth Born on April 1, 1810; died on May 21, 1884 at Burnt Church. On October 17, 1839 Elizabeth married Robert **Davidson**, the son of John **Davidson** and Margaret **Loggie** of Burnt Church. Robert was born Mar. 30, 1800 and died on October 8, 1886. They resided in Burnt Church and had a family of seven.
- (7) Janet Born c1812 at Burnt Church and died before the 1861 Census. Janet married James **Simpson** on July 8, 1833. No issue.
- (8) John Born March 9, 1814 at Burnt Church; died on October 2, 1874 at Burnt Church. On October 21, 1847, John married Margery **Loggie**, the daughter of William **Loggie** and Jane **Urquhart**; who came from Morayshire, Scotland. They had at least three children.

**References:** *Acadiensis*, October 1908  
*Burnt Church As I Remember It* by J. Ernest Anderson, NY  
*Early Marriages of Northumberland County*  
 Newcastle Protestant & Alnwick Parish Cemeteries Transcriptions

*Submitted by Dianne Mullin*

## Newsletter Publications

The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter will be **May 10, 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

*Be kind to your children. They choose your nursing home!*



## *From Our Family Tree:*

**ATCHISON:** Richard William (March 02, 1955- d. January 01, 2011). Rick passed away on Saturday, January 01, 2011, will live forever in the hearts of his many, many friends. Visiting at Markey Dermody Funeral Home, Hamilton, on January 07, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Service to follow in Chapel at 11 a.m. Interment, Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. In Rick's memory, a Service of Remembrance will be held at Christ's Church Cathedral on Saturday, January 08, 2011. Source: *Hamilton Spectator*, January 06, 2011 & [www.obits.dignitymemorial.com](http://www.obits.dignitymemorial.com)  
*-Cousin of Dollypearle Drysdale Martin*

**McKAY:** Mr. and Mrs. Boyd: Boyd Thomas McKAY, born in Saskatoon, SK to Loran McKay and Ellen Elizabeth (WILSON) McKAY passed away on May 26, 2010 in Rosetown, SK in his 95<sup>th</sup> year. He was a grandson of Matthew McKAY and Jessie SHERRARD of Strathadam, NB.

A farm boy at heart, he spent the rest of his life on the farm north of Rosetown. He retired from actively farming in the mid 1990's, but still kept up with all the happenings in the farm world via the *Western Producer* and visits with Harold Cole.

His wife, Frances DRURY passed away on November 6, 2010 at the age of 89. Frances loved the farm life also, being very active in the Horticultural Society, and grew wonderful vegetables and fruits. After her family was grown she had time to indulge her dreams of painting. She became an accomplished artist, never afraid to try new mediums. She showed many of her paintings in juried art shows and traveling art shows throughout Saskatchewan. . A memorial service and burial in the Rosetown Cemetery will be held at a later date.

*-The McKays were parents of NBGS Miramichi members Loran and Barb McKay of Aticama, Mexico*

**HOVEY:** Mrs. Margaret Theresa Hovey, widow of the late Wilson David Hovey of Doaktown NB, passed away January 11, 2011 at Oromocto Public Hospital, at the age of 80. Born in Doaktown NB, she was the daughter of the late William Alexander and Lucy (Robinson) Gaston. She is survived by two daughters, Marilyn Weaver, Shirley Amos, one son, Jerry Hovey, five sisters, Betty Neess, Shirley Harkness, Sharon Clowater, Eleanor Gilks, Joanne Gaston of Fredericton, four brothers, William, Edward, Wilfred and Bev Gaston, sister-in-laws, Lona and Exelda, four

grandchildren and one great grandchild Seth. Besides her parents and her husband she was predeceased by four brothers, Floyd, Morrissey, Ronald and Robert Gaston, sisters-in-law, Roberta and Deanna. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on January 15 at Our Lady of Annunciation Roman Catholic Church, Doaktown, with Father Leon Creamer officiating. Burial will follow in the Holy Name of Mary Roman Catholic Cemetery, Blissfield.

*-Aunt of member Marshall Gaston*

HELLSTROM, Lillian A. (STEPHENSON) (May 13, 1924 - November 26, 2010)

Lillian was the oldest daughter of the late Elizabeth Stewart and Charles STEPHENSON of Chatham. She was one of ten children and was married to Arne HELLSTROM (deceased) of Montreal. Lillian lived most of her life in Montreal and then retired to her beloved Miramichi. She was an avid bridge player as well as a tremendous football fan; she had great “Grey Cup” parties. A celebration of her life was held at a Memorial Service on the Miramichi at Holy Trinity Congregational Church at Retirement Village on Sunday, December 05.

*-Sister of member Sally Davidson.*

### TREVORS FAMILY – EMIGRATION TO NEW BRUNSWICK

I first started to research the Trevors Family Tree when I was posted to the UK in 1972. The questions which I had at that time were: from what part of the UK did they come; when did they come to Canada; and how can I prove where they lived in the UK? The 1851 NB Census stated that the family arrived in NB in 1822. Older members of the family stated that the family came from County Cavan, in what is now part of the Republic of Ireland.

In November 1997, I wrote to Rev Mark Lidwill who was rector of the Anglican Church in Cavan Town in County Cavan and he provided me with the names of three children born to John and Mary Travers (spelling of name has been changed to Trevors) between 1807 and 1820. The children’s names were John, \*Nicholas and Elizabeth. I have not been able to find the baptismal information on the other members of the family who

were David, Joseph, Richard and Mary. I have spoken with the staff of the Cavan Town Genealogy Society and they stated that not all of the information on births etc. has been entered into the Irish Genealogy Data Base at this time so some information on the other four members of the original family may become available later. In addition, Anglican Churches were not mandated to maintain records of baptisms, marriages and deaths until 1812. Consequently, the baptismal information of the other four members of the John and Mary Trevors Family may not exist.

I have attached the Baptismal Certificate for John Travers (I also have copies of the baptismal certificates of Elizabeth and Nicholas Travers). Anyone can verify these documents by logging onto the Irish Genealogy Web Site at [www.ireland.ie](http://www.ireland.ie) and by paying the five Euro fee, which is required to open each document you wish to look at.

\*Nicholas did not come to Canada with his family so may have died as a child.



### Church Baptism Record

Name:	John Travers	Date of Baptism/Birth:	15-Jan-1807
Address:	Drumgoon	Parish/District:	CAVAN
Gender:	Male	County:	Co. Cavan
		Church:	Church
		Denomination:	Of Ireland
Father:	John Travers	Mother:	Mary Travers
Occupation:			
Sponsor 1 / Informant 1:		Sponsor 2 / Informant 2:	

*Submitted by Ken Trevors*

## Book Review

### *Memories of the Escuminac Disaster: June 1959*

From the collection of Charlene Jenkins Godin—Self-published

People often say, “Do you remember where you were when John Kennedy was assassinated?” “Where were you when the Twin Towers were attacked?” I remember very vividly where I was when I learned of the Escuminac Disaster. It was June 20, 1959, and my family was having a celebration for my parents’ 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. My future brother-in-law (an Escuminac native) arrived from Saint John for the festivities not knowing what had happened on the 19<sup>th</sup>. When told, he said, “None of my family or friends would be fishing at this time.” When he made a phone call home, he discovered that his best friend, Adrien Chiasson, was among the missing, along with several other friends.

2009 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the disaster. With it came many memorial services, tributes and a book *Memories of the Escuminac Disaster*. This book, first put together in 1994 by Charlene Jenkins Godin for her father, Cyril Jenkins, and for her aunt is a compilation of news articles of the time from various NB newspapers and other publications. It illustrates very vividly the enormous tragedy this was, and the effect of the loss of 32 lives on several small fishing communities as well as on the lives of the 26 widows and the 83 fatherless children.

If your name is Chaisson, Chapman, Cook, Daigle, Manuel, Robichaud, Williston, to name a few, and your family ties are in Escuminac, Baie Ste. Anne, or Hardwick area, you may find useful information on family members lost or among those who survived. This book is an important part of our local Miramichi history.

*Submitted by Marilyn Creamer-Fowler*

## LOCAL NEWS & INFORMATION



## COMMUNITY PLACE NAMES IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

**Chatham Head:** Settlement on S side Miramichi River, 1 mi. N of Nelson-Miramichi, at the upper end of Chatham Parish: Chatham Parish, Northumberland County: in 1866 it was a farming community with approximately 6 families: PO 1922-1967: in 1904 it had 1 store and 1 steam sawmill: Chatham Head is now part of the city of Miramichi.

**Chatham Junction:** Community, 4 mi. NW of Barnaby River, on the Canadian National Railway line to Derby Junction: Nelson Parish, Northumberland County: in 1898 it was a junction of the Intercolonial Railway and Canada Eastern Railway and a settlement with 1 hotel and a population of 25: became part of the community of Passmore.

**Chatham Parish:** Northumberland County: established in 1814: named for William Pitt, Earl of Chatham (1759-1806), Prime Minister of England.

**Chelmsford:** Settlement on the S side of the Southwest Miramichi River, 2 mi. NE of McKinleyville, on road to Nelson-Miramichi: Nelson Parish, Northumberland County: PO 1879-1954: in 1898 Chelmsford was a flag station on the Canada Eastern Railway and a farming, lumbering and fishing settlement with 1 post office, 1 store, 1 hotel, 1 church and a population of 100: today Chelmsford is a dispersed community.

**Chemin Savoie:** Former community in Northumberland County: PO 1930-1933.

**Church Point:** See Burnt Church (Alnwick Parish, Northumberland County)

**Clarkes Cove:** See Morrison Cove (Chatham Parish, Northumberland County)

*Submitted by Carolyn Harris*

## 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-573-5093 – Jan. 10, 1883 Robert E. LOANE Newcastle & Rebecca READ Sackville.

Marriage #D-709-7347 – Oct. 28, 1884 Thomas MULLIN Newcastle & Victoria HICKS Westmorland Co.

Marriage #E-010-7516 – May 28, 1883 James FOSTER & Henrietta GIFFORD both of Nelson, North. Co.

Marriage #E-012-7527 – Jan. 2, 1884 John BELL Chatham & Isabella GOLLAN Moncton.

Marriage #E-027-7583 – Sept. 27, 1883 Thomas HICKS Newcastle & Rosetta A. THEAL Shediac.

Marriage #E-099-8837 – Dec. 23, 1885 Frank PROBERT Moncton & Jane SMITH Rogersville, North. Co.

Marriage #E-106-8875 – Aug. 28, 1886 Frederick G. ROBBINS Moncton & Janet A. DRUMMOND Newcastle.

This concludes extractions from Part 2.

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*Submitted by Carolyn Harris*

**KENT CO. MARRIAGES 1845 – 1862**  
(Film 1247, Vol. 1, couples by female names)

*Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin*

<b>COUPLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
ATKINSON, Grace & FODDRED, Henry	Oct. 05, 1858
ATKINSON, Susanna Barnes & WARMAN, Henry P.	Dec. 01, 1857
BUCKLEY, Catherine & BLACK, John	July 25, 1853
DAVIDSON, Mary & GREEN, James	Nov. 12, 1846
KING, Susanna & COMMEAU, John	Oct. 12, 1855
Chryssorhtieess KING, Mary & GERRIOR, Jos.	Oct. 12, 1855
MULLIN, Eleanor & IRVINE, Robt.	Jan. 20, 1858

FLYNN, Eliza & HICKS, Isreal	Sept 06, 1859
MURRAY, Elizabeth & MORTON, James	July 25, 1854
MURRAY, Catherine & FITZGERALD, Wm.	Oct. 21, 1861
MURRAY, Eliza & PETLEY, John	May 12, 1857
MURRAY, Margaret & WELLWOOD, Samuel	June 26, 1854
MURRAY, Catherine & WOODS, Michael	Dec. 04, 1848
MURRAY, Sarah & MCDONALD, Michael	Mar. 09, 1853
MURRAY, Isabella & GRAHAM, Robt.	Jan. 23, 1849
MURRAY, Mary & MCMICHAEL, John	Oct. 05, 1859
MURRAY, Margaret & PETLEY, Wm.	May 25, 1850
MURRAY, Jane & DOBSON, Edward	July 23, 1858
KELLY, Ellen & MOORE, Edward	Aug. 18, 1850
KELLY, Mary & CHADWICK, John	Aug. 13, 1856
MATHESON, Catherine (widow) & FORSTER, Thomas	Jan. 31, 1855
MCKENZIE, Lucy & CAMPBELL, James	Apr. 10, 1848
MCKENZIE, Isabella & STEWART, Daniel	May 24, 1859
O'CONNELL, Jane & MCCORMICK, Ronald	Sept. 09, 1847
BROWN, Grace H. & PHINNEY, Harold	May 15, 1860
BROWN, ELIZA & CULLEN, MICHAEL	May 18, 1857
BROWN, Catherine MONOHAN, Moris	Feb. 09, 1855
(Maurice) MCDONALD, Isabella CARTER, Allan	Apr. 22, 1851

*“Families are like fudge...mostly sweet with a few nuts.”*



## NEWS FROM EARLIER TIMES

### Enjoyable trip on Max Aitken

The management of the Newcastle Steamboat Co. gave the citizens and business men of Newcastle a sail on the Str. "Max Aitken" Wednesday afternoon between Newcastle and Red Bank.

The sail was a delightful one and the number who took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the sail, speak in glowing terms of the hospitality of the management, Capt. Spurgeon Amos and the crew.

When the boat landed at Newcastle wharf, T.M. Maltby moved a vote of thanks to the Steamboat Co., which was seconded by LeRoy White, and was tendered to the company in a very pleasing speech by Mr. C.E. Fish. It is to be hoped that the citizens and tourists will often take a trip on the S.S. Max Aitken, as no nicer scenery can be viewed than that along the Miramichi River, which surpasses the widely advertised beauties of Lake Louise, Banff and Jasper Park.

An amusing incident of the trip was the playing of a game of cards by three of the merchants present, to decide who would replace a hat which was owned by one of the guests and which was blown overboard by the wind.

When the game was ended the "bachelor merchant" had to replace the hat.

*The North Shore Leader August 25, 1925*

**UNION ADVOCATE** Jan. 1874-Dec. 1893

#### Married:

Miss Eliz. G. **Habberly**, d/o Samuel **Habberly**, Esq., Chatham, was married to Mr. Geo. **Watt**, Newcastle, at Chatham, on Wed., Apr. 9, 1879 by Rev. D. Forsyth. Apr. 23, 1879

Mr. Robt. **Irving**, Chatham, married Miss Janet **Currie**, Chatham, Sep. 27, 1892, at Newcastle, by Rev. Geo. Harrison. Oct 5, 1892

John J. **Irving**, Buctouche, was married to Minnie Eunice **Doherty**, eldest d/o R.N. **Doherty** of Nicholas River, Nov. 29, 1890, at Nicholas River, by Rev. Wm. Hamilton, assisted by Rev. J. H. Cameron. Dec. 3, 1890

Mr. Richard P. **Joyce**, Chatham, was married to Miss Sophie Eliz. **Hocken**, third d/o Richard **Hocken**, Esq., Chatham, at St. Mary's Church, Chatham, Aug. 19, 1879, inst. By Rev. D. Forsythe, Rector. Aug. 27, 1879

Miss Letita **Lyons**, 3<sup>rd</sup> d/o Chas. B. Lyons, Esq., Blackville, married Mr. Benjamin **Walls**, Blackville, at the manse, Blackville, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Jan. 1889, inst., by Rev. T. G. Johnstone. Jan. 16, 1889

Miss Catherine **Oxford**, No. Esk, was married to Mr. Sheppard **McKay**, No. Esk, Oct. 1, 1884, at the Methodist Parsonage by Rev. F.W. Harrison. Oct. 8, 1884

#### Died:

Margaret **Hutchison**, No. Esk, wife of Patrick **Katon**, 44years, survived by her husband and a large family, died Jun. 28, 1874. July 15, 1874 Anthony Jackson, Chatham Head, a native of Cumberland, England, came here in 1838m aged 78 years, died Jan. 01, 1874. Jan. 14, 1874

Mrs. Garret **Kavanagh**, died at Newcastle, at the residence of Mr. Benjamin Reid, May 3, 1889, in the 78<sup>th</sup> year of her age. May 8, 1889

Mr. Geo. **Knight**, died at Derby, Fri., Mar. 9, 1883, of inflammation of the lungs; he was a native of the Miramichi, aged 70 years. Mar. 14, 1883

Mrs. James Norman Abraham **Lacy**, of Nelson, d. Jan. 16, 1887, at the residence of her daughter, age 77 yrs. old. She was a native of England. Jan. 19, 1887

James **Maher**, Sr., aged 52 years, died Feb. 17, 1874. Feb 25, 1874

Wm. **McTavish**, So. Esk, died Nov. 18, 1891, age 75. Dec. 2, 1891

Ellen **O'Brien**, wife of Dennis **Sullivan** of Blackville and d/o the late Wm. **O'Brien**, Esq., aged 40, died Mar. 10, 1875. Mar. 17, 1875

#### Birth:

Mr. I. B. **Quigley** is the father of a bouncing baby boy, weighing 10 lbs. May 4, 1887

### **Chatham Notes:**

Upper Napan is pushing forward their new church, subscription list now foots up some 500 to 600 dollars. Apr. 18, 1883

### **Struck by Lightning**

Wm. Nowlan, No. Esk, during the thunder squall of last Wed. afternoon, the barn of Mr. Wm. Nowlan, Parish of No. Esk, was struck by lightning, shattering it to pieces, and a valuable horse was killed. Mr. Anthony Kain's barn was also struck about the same time and damaged considerably. Jul. 20, 1892

Jackson, Isaac-Constable of Miramichi-Shortly before 8 o'clock last night, the news reached us of a sad affair which took place across the river. Mr. Isaac Jackson, a constable, had arrested a Mr. O'Brien of Barnaby River. When his brother, John interferred with the constable, Jackson drew his revolver and shot him dead. A doctor and the coroner at once went over. (Full particulars in the Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Issue) Sept 26, 1888

Kain, John, Nelson

The store of John Kain, Nelson, was forcibly entered on Tuesday night, 18<sup>th</sup> inst. The cash box containing over \$100.00 was abstracted and a quantity of goods. In this building the post office is kept, from which a number of letters were taken and were opened by the robbers under an old building near the store. The tracks of two men were seen at the back of the store on Wed. a.m., but as yet no clue has been obtained as to the identity or whereabouts of the robbers. July 25, 1877

### **Anderson Co. Builds Additions**

For increased business—manufacturing kiddie car on runners

The W.S. Anderson Company and Anderson Planing Mill Co. of Newcastle, subsidiary branches of the firm of J.W. and J. Anderson of Burnt Church, are making extensive additions to their plant here. Some time ago a kiddies' sleigh, built somewhat on the style of a kiddie car was patented in Canada by this firm and the sleigh is meeting with such approval that additional labor is being employed at the factory. At the present time the firm is manufacturing about one hundred of these sleighs daily but this is not sufficient to meet the orders which are being booked. Representatives of the Anderson Company are soliciting business throughout the cities of

Canada and it is reported that some individual firms are requesting shipments in carload lots.

Negotiations are underway to have the patent registered in the United States and considerable more business is expected when this is accomplished. It is understood that the firm has more than one patent under consideration and expect to have their factory running night and day to meet the demand.

Since starting in the lumber manufacturing business in Newcastle, the Anderson Company has been continually enlarging their plant and now employ about 50 men on their daily payroll and expect to considerably enlarge their staff. Besides carrying on a business in Newcastle the Anderson concern has lumber operations at Beaverbrook and Ludlow.

*Source: The North Shore Leader, December 3, 1926*

*Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin*

### **REUNIONS**

Reminder--- to forward your information regarding upcoming events: e.g. Irish Festival, Scottish Festival, Family Reunion, etc. for inclusion in the May Newsletter.

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**Did you know:** In 2005 a student at Mount Allison University discovered the world's oldest Red Spruce Tree right here in New Brunswick? Judging from the rings of its trunk, scientists believe it is 445 years old!

(Source: *NB Book of Everything* by Martha Wells)

### **Web Site: 2011 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@nbn.net.nb.ca](mailto:dmullin@nbn.net.nb.ca)

and I will post it on the Miramichi genealogy website at [www.nbgsmiramichi.org](http://www.nbgsmiramichi.org)

**HUMOR**

*A Birth Certificate shows that we were  
born*

*A Death Certificate shows that we died  
Pictures show that we live!*

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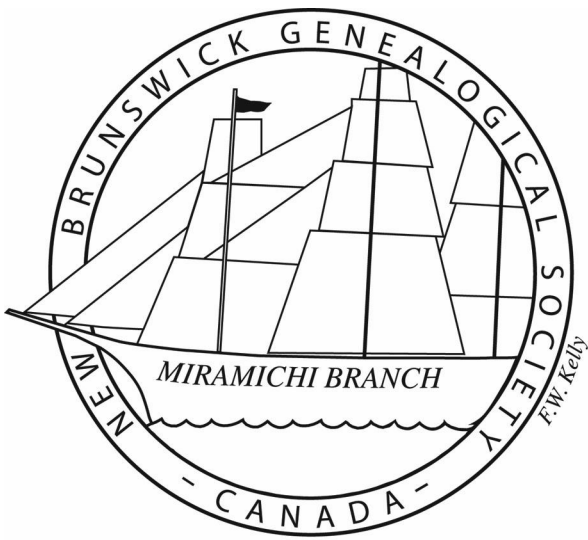
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