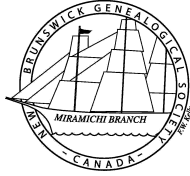


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to summer. We are looking forward to all the Events and Family Reunions this summer. We will be attending the Irish Festival again and looking forward to it. It is on the weekend of July 15 & 16. We will be at James M. Hill High School in the library this year. New surroundings for us. Hope to see you there. Also would like volunteers to help out. Hopefully we will be at more events through the summer.

We are doing very well with our "Genealogy Quilt Project". Judy Vautour is doing a superb job with ticket sales. It is a very time consuming job and it would be nice if we could get more volunteers to help Judy.

The workshops for reviving the "First Families" book are going well. We are getting a lot of research done. We have workshops on Saturdays at the library in Chatham. If you would like to attend you are very welcome. We can use all the help we can get.

Have a great summer

Anna MacDonald

BRANCH NEWS

THE QUILT PROJECT

The Quilt Project is rolling along quite well. Dollar by dollar, it is starting to add up at last! We have had some good publicity: Miramichi Leader, The Quilt Network, Kaye Woods Quilting Friends Newsletter, Generations Magazine, and more to come!

We have taken the quilt to The Newcastle Farmers' Market, the Beaubear Co-Op grocery store and plan to attend the Newcastle Superstore on May 14, The Chatham Head Rec. Centre Breakfast May 28, The Miramichi Quilt Show June 3 and 4, Chatham Superstore, the Irish Festival, the Scottish Festival, The MacLean Family Reunion, Miramichi Folksong Festival, Doaktown Quilt Fair, St. Thomas Church show, Kennebecasis Valley Quilt Show, the Napan Fair and other fairs and festivals. Invite us... we'll come!

The drawing will be made October 25 at our meeting during Library Month. We do hope this venture will be a big success and will help Chatham Public Library to purchase the digital microfilm reader soon.

By the way, it's not too late to send in a story about your ancestors featured in the quilt.

Have a great summer.

Submitted by Judy Vautour

ATTENTION!!

New service for all registered NBGS Miramichi branch members:

On our website we have an opportunity to place information about our earlier family members called "Early Settlers of Northumberland County". This is where we can display information about an ancestor whom you believe is worthy of note and wish the world to know about. The information (story) could contain information about when the person arrived in the county, how they earned a living, was the person married, did they have a family, and, if so, how many children did they have. It could also have any interesting tidbit that

you may have about the living conditions or connections about the individual.

All registered members should have received two e-mails from the program, one is from the administrator giving you information about the program. The information sheet also has your user name and password to give you access to the NBGS WIKI program. The second e-mail you should have received is from the WIKI program inviting you to go to the WIKI site and sign in using the assigned user name and password.

If any member has problems with the program they are encouraged to e-mail the program administrator at genealogy@nbgsmiramichi.org for help or information.

The following information is taken from the front page of our home page of the NBGS Wiki program.

NBGS Miramichi Branch - WIKI

The purpose of this section of the NBGS MIRAMICHI website is to provide an **online facility** that the members of NBGS Miramichi Branch may use to contribute genealogy information on selected topics.

Pages will be created on NBGSWIKI on selected topics and each member will have the opportunity to **edit** and **provide information** on each of these pages. An account will be created for each "**Paid Up**" member. An authentic email address is required to create an account. When their account is created, the member will receive an email requesting them to authenticate their email address. When the member verifies their email address, an email will be sent to them with a password that may be used to "Log In" to NBGSWIKI.

The list of links below will take you to pages that you may edit and add additional information. Remember you must "Log In" to edit a page in NBGSWIKI.

Book Donation:

Genealogical Listing of Some Miramichi Families, their Ancestors, Marriage Alliances and Connections by Glendene (Kenny) Reid
(includes a lot of Alnwick Parish surnames)

Family pamphlets on:

William **Adair** and Annie **Welch** of Newcastle
Thomas Richard **Blackmore** and Pheobe **Newman**
John **Cadger** and Sarah Ellen **Oilphant** of Maple Glen
Anthony **Cain** and Isabella **Russell** of Trout Brook
John **Chaplin** and Margaret **Chaplin** of Maine & Red Bank
John **Corney** and Margaret Susan **Underhill** of Blackville
John McCallum **England** and Ann Hannah **Kenny** of Tabusintac
Robert **England** and Marjorie **Brown** of Chatham
Frederic **Glover** and Henrietta "Josephine" **Mullan** of Newcastle
John Robert **Sutherland** and Abigail **Sewell** of Blissfield Parish
Thomas and Mary **Sutherland** of Blissfield

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Member, Melanie McCombs has graciously volunteered to act as public relations coordinator for our branch. If you are aware of any upcoming events that would be of interest to the branch in the promotion of genealogy, please e-mail her at: cmccombs@nbnet.nb.ca

GENEALOGY SHIRTS FOR SALE

Miramichi Branch has a limited supply of t-shirts:

Golf style short sleeve t-shirt; men's cut; 100 % preshrunk cotton
Sizes L – XL
Sand in color with green stitched NBGS Miramichi logo on left side of chest;
\$25.00 plus shipping and handling (\$10-\$15) depending on location
To order visit www.nbgsmiramichi.org

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATIONS

Our local branch of genealogy is always interested in hearing from members who do not live in the Miramichi area. Why not write a few lines, paragraphs, short stories, etc., pertaining to your genealogy experiences, family history, family gatherings or what have you and we will publish it in upcoming newsletters.

The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter will be **OCTOBER 11, 2011**. Submissions may be e-mailed to membership@nbgsmiramichi.org or mailed to:

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

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We are still searching for a member to fill the position of Newsletter Editor.

SUMMER HOURS AT CHATHAM LIBRARY

Effective the third Monday in June, the Miramichi Public Library (Chatham branch) will be changing to summer hours as follows:

Mon, Wed and Fri: 10am – 1 pm and 2pm – 5pm
Tue and Thu: 1pm – 5pm and 6pm – 8pm
Sat and Sun CLOSED

Please remember that your NBGS membership card is required in order to access the holdings of the genealogy branch.



From Our Family Tree

SOMERS: The death of Joan Evelyn SOMERS, wife of Frank SOMERS of Whitney, NB, occurred on April 1, 2011 at the Miramichi Regional Hospital at the age of 67. Born in Newcastle, NB, she was the daughter of the late Clarence and Gertrude (SHARPE) MENZIES. Joan was a member of Little Southwest Baptist Church, Sillikers and a retired bookkeeper. In the later years she was a caregiver for the elderly. Joan was also a member of the Whitney Willing Workers and Teddies for Tragedies. Besides her husband, Frank, Joan is survived by: two daughters: Kathy Somers of Strathadam, NB; Trudy Hache (Shawn) of Douglastown, NB; four

grandsons: Matthew and Myles Messer and Philip and Benjamin Walsh and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, Joan is predeceased by: brother: Frank Menzies and sister: Betty Parks.

At Joan's request, there will be no visitation. A public funeral service will be held later in the spring. Funeral services provided by: [Bell's Funeral Home](#)

-Joan was a member of NBGS Miramichi.

DICKSON: Edna Arlene DICKSON, widow of the late Dallas R. DICKSON, of the South Napan Road, passed away suddenly at the Miramichi Regional Hospital, on Tuesday, April 4, 2011, at the age of 92.

Born in Napan Bay, on July 18, 1918, she was the daughter of the late John and Nina (TAYLOR)

MACINNIS. She is survived by one daughter, Janice Flanagan, of Napan and one son, John, one brother, Milton (Betty), of Miramichi; one son in law, Lloyd MacKnight, 6 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was

predeceased by her husband, Dallas, in 1984; one daughter, Lois McKnight; seven sisters, Stella McKnight, Rose Barnes, Bessie Gilliss, Mildred Dickson, Kathleen Dickson, Lylla and Emma MacInnis; three brothers, Bryden (Bud), Leonard and Leigh MacInnis. The funeral service was held from Carmel United Church, Napan, on April 8, 2011, conducted by Penny Postlethwaite. Interment will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Miramichi, later in the spring.

www.adamsfh.ca

-Mother of member, Janice Flanagan

NEWTON: Janet "Jean" A. NEWTON, 92, of Moncton, passed away peacefully at her residence on April 1, 2011. Born in Centre Napan, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Reta (MACDONALD) JARDINE. Jean will be sadly missed by her children, Marlene O'Brien, Moncton; son, Robert (Kathryn), Ottawa, ON; precious grandchildren, Michael Leger (Tanya), Derek and Gregory Newton; great grandchildren, Chris and Samantha; several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, John F. Newton (October 14, 1999); one sister, Ruby MacKnight and her brother, Eldon Jardine. Funeral Service will be held at Ferguson Knowles Funeral Home Chapel on April 4, 2011 with Rev. Aaron Billard officiating. Interment, Elmwood Cemetery. *-Aunt of member, Velna Dickson*

TOZER: Frederick "Fred" TOZER; age 69, of Moncton, NB; passed away at Saint John Regional Hospital, on Wednesday, April 13, 2011. Born in Derby, NB on April 15, 1941 he was the son of the late Vincent and Rosella (CURTIS)TOZER.

Fred was the first qualified Professional Quantity Surveyor in New Brunswick; he was a former member of Ducks Unlimited Canada, a former member of the Kinsmen Club in Saint John, NB and Whitby, ON; a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #10 in Miramichi with 48 years service and he is a retired member of the NBSCETT.

Fred will be sadly missed by his wife of 46 years' Pat MULLIN; sons Jonathan (Pascale) Tozer of Riverview and Charles Tozer of Victoria, BC; adoring grand daughter Emily Emmanuelle Tozer; three brothers Herb (Jenny), Gerald (Rhonda), and Wayne (Anne).

Besides his parents he was predeceased by his baby sister Mary Elizabeth.

The funeral service was held at Tuttle Brothers Memorial Chapel on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 1:00 pm with Father Dan Melanson officiating.

-Member, also husband of member, Patricia Tozer

MCWILLIAMS: Melvin MCWILLIAMS of Banning, CA, USA, passed away Oct. 25, 2010 at the age of 85.

-Member since 1997

DRYSDALE: Donna Sue (Gower) DRYSDALE, 43, wife of John Andrew Drysdale passed away Jan. 25, 2009 at the Penobscat Medical Center, Penobscat, Maine.

Among her many survivors are her mother-in-law, Dollypearle Drysdale- Martin, Douglstown, NB; brother-in-law, James Edgar (Eddy) Drysdale, his wife, Nancy and their family; brother-in-law, Charles Wesley Drysdale, his wife, Dawn and their family.

-Daughter-in-law of member, Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

DOYLE: The death of James (Jimmy) Arthur DOYLE, husband of Barbara (Stewart) Doyle, of Doyle's Brook, NB, occurred on Dec. 7, 2009 at his late residence at the age of 59.

Born in Newcastle, he was the son of the late Walter and Mary Doyle. He was a member of St. Edward's R.C. Church, and was a meat cutter at various grocery stores

over the years, the most recent being the Beaubear Co-op, Nelson.

Besides his wife, Barbara, he is survived by one son, Matthew, at home; step-son, Darrin and Angie Burke, Doyle's Brook; sisters: Bettyann and Guy Laurin, Doyle's Brook; Rita and Leo LeBlanc; Patricia and Clarence Curtis, all of Chatham, NB; one brother, Walter and Moreen of Chatham; grandchildren: DJ, Jesse and Kayla Burke. Besides his parents, Jimmy is predeceased by a brother, Billy and an infant sister, Theresa.

-Brother of member, Bettyann Laurin

HUBBARD: The death of Gladys Helen "Pearl" HUBBARD of Miramichi, NB occurred at the Miramichi Regional Hospital on Jan. 5, 2010 at the age of 81. Born in Blackville, NB, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Pearl (Duncan) Johnson.

Pearl was a homemaker, cook at the Fundy Line Motel Restaurant and a waitress at the MicMac Restaurant and the Tea Garden Restaurant, past member of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. # 10, Newcastle and attended St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Newcastle.

Pearl is survived by daughters: Judy and Gordon Russell; Sharon Simpson and Marjorie and Gerald Hubbard-Doiron, all of Miramichi, NB; sons: Roger, Miramichi and Francis and Dale, Oak Point, NB; brother Robert and Helen, Sault Ste. Marie, On; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Predeceased by infant son, Wesley, infant grandson, Scott, son-in-law, Doug Simpson; sisters: Annabell Warren, Alice Astle, Gina Gillespie, Ruth Lee and Marjorie Warren; brothers, Edward and Wallace.

-Mother of member, Judith Ann Russell

LOCAL NEWS



Ruby (Dutcher) Wilson (1932-2011) of Riverview, NB passed away on May 1, 2011. She was born in Loggieville, NB, on June 14, 1932, the daughter of the late Harrison and Laura (MacNaughton) Dutcher. She was a seamstress for T. Eaton Co. for many years. She was the first female instructor to ever work in maximum security for Dorchester Penitentiary.

COMMUNITY PLACE NAMES IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

Extractions with permission of Robert F. Fellows

- Colepaugh:** Settlement, 8 mi. NW of Grainfield, on the road to Plaster Rock: Blissfield Parish, Northumberland County: PO 1895-1896: in 1898 Colepaugh was a farming and lumbering community with 1 post office and a population of 20: it became a locality.
- Collette:** Settlement, 1 mi. NW of North Rogersville, on the road to Barnaby River: Rogersville Parish, Northumberland County: established about 1875: Hosea, Alexis and David Collette were settlers: PO 1900-1969: in 1904 it was a farming settlement with 1 post office and a population of 50: today Collette is a dispersed community.
- Collette Settlement West:** See West Collette (Rogersville Parish, Northumberland Co.)
- Comeau Settlement:** Community, 2 mi. NE of Lower Neguac, on road to Tabusintac: Alnwick Parish, Northumberland County: PO 1953-1961: within village of Neguac.
- Covedell:** Settlement, 1 mi. S of Tabusintac, on road to Comeau Settlement: Alnwick Parish, Northumberland County: PO 1915-1961: today Covedell is a dispersed community.
- Craigville:** Settlement, 1 mi. SE of Nelson-Miramichi: Nelson Parish and Chatham Parish, Northumberland County: became part of Nelson-Miramichi, then Miramichi.
- Crocker Settlement:** Community, 4 mi. NE of Beaver Brook Station and 7 mi. W of Bartibog: Newcastle Parish, Northumberland County: surveyed in 1876 but never occupied: today Crocker Settlement is a locality.
- Cross Roads:** Community, 1 mi. N of Newcastle: Newcastle Parish, Northumberland County: became part of Newcastle, then city of Miramichi.
- Cuppage's:** See Red Bank (Southesk Parish, Northumberland County)
- Curtis Park:** Urban community and post office, 1 mi. S of Chatham: Chatham Parish, Northumberland County: named for Wilfred Austin Curtis, first Chief of Air Staff after World War II: it became part of Chatham, then the city of Miramichi.

Submitted by Carolyn Harris

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If these books are not available at your local library, ask for them on inter-library loan.

Submitted by Carolyn Harris

NEW RESOURCES AT THE PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES

Government Records

RS 194 - Agricultural Resource Study

Records 1969 – 1979 4.5m. The study began in 1974. The correspondence, studies and reports in this series covers every aspect of agriculture in the province. The finding aid is revision of an existing box list.

R 733 - Municipal Records, Chatham, Pioneer Days 1915 – 1990

MC 3513 -Bernice Mahoney fonds. Father Broderick's family films; scenes of Miramichi area and other places in N.B. in 1930's, 1970's and 1980's.

ADDITIONS TO NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES WEBSITE

RS 141 A1 Index to Late Registration of Births for 1914 (3,487 records)

RS 141 A5 Index to Births for 1914 6,178 records)

-Birth, Marriage Records: 483,292 digitized images of original birth and marriage records

-N.B. Irish Portal

-Brennan Funeral Home Records

-Immigration Administration Records

-Passenger Lists

-Irish immigrants

-N.B. Census 1851 and 1861

ANNUAL MEETING HOSTED AT NORDIN RECREATION CENTER

The most recent public event hosted by the Associates was the annual general meeting, this year held in Miramichi at the Nordin Recreation Center. The Associates elected two new directors to the Board: Dr. Gail Campbell of Fredericton and Phillip Christie of St. Stephen. Gail is a professor of History at UNB, specializing in Canadian social and political history, 19th century New Brunswick and Quantitative Methodology. Phillip is active in genealogy and local history and is a past member of the Charlotte County Archives board. Gwen Davies, Jocelyn Lebel, Frank Morehouse and Joan Pearce were elected for as continuing members.

The highlight of the annual general meeting was a public presentation by Dr. Gwen Davies entitled: **The Swedes in Nordin, 1904-1920: A Little Told Story of the**

Miramichi. In an entertaining and informative lecture and slide presentation, Dr. Davies talked about one of the little-known sides of early twentieth-century Miramichi history, the arrival, around 1904, of a group of Swedish families and young people in the Rosebank (Nordin) area to work at the former Kerr Mill then being operated by the Swedish Nordin family under the name, the Swedish-Canadian Lumber Company. They bore such names as Neilson, Hedman, Zetterlund, Erickson, Bjurstrom, Haggstrom Hegback, Nordin, Johnson, Ander, and Lund. In 1905, the Post Office officially changed the name "Rosebank" to "Nordin" because there was already another "Rosebank" in New Brunswick, and because the bulk of the mail coming to the community was going to the Nordin-family mill. The Nordins also had side operations at Tide Head, Richibucto, and Rexton (including providing electricity to Rexton). One of the Swedes, Josef Ander, began the Canadian Gear Works in Newcastle in 1913 and records of this operation reveal that he had plans for a New Brunswick automobile.

Dr. Davies is the granddaughter of O.W. Nordin, who, as the original manager of the Swedish-Canadian Lumber Company, urged Swedish settlers to come to the area. Using pictures of Nordin in the 1904-1920 period that she obtained from family in Sweden, she delighted an audience of about 60 people and made contacts with residents who have stories and mementoes of the Swedes in Nordin.



Gwen Davies, Associates President is a descendant of the Swedes who gave their name to Nordin, just outside of Newcastle, in the early 20th century. Here she holds a Christmas tablecloth embroidered by her great-grandmother, Alette (Grung) Nordin (1840-1928), wishing everyone "God Jul" ("Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"). The tablecloth is decorated with variations on the "jultomte" (a Swedish Christmas gnome who is a Father Christmas figure).

John Leary	14
James Leary	10
James Kane	13
Michael Kane	11
John Woods	13
John Clark	14
Helen Ahern	9
John Sutton	8
Wm Sutton	6
John Donovan	12
Wm Donovan	6
John Carroll	10
Richard Ahern	12
Peter Dolan	6
James Driscoll	6
Hannah Foley	13
Margaret Malcolm	9
Mary Malcolm	7
Catherine Ahern	7
Nelson Carroll	10
Mary Woods	10
Mary Dolam	11
Mary Ann Ahern	11
Mary Donovan	6
Johanna Donovan	6
Mary Ann Leary	10
Margaret Duyer	8
Helen Wallace	8
Charles Clark	10

Silhouette - Winter 2010 - 2011- Associates of Provincial Archives in N.B.

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

The teacher was John Jamieson. It was known locally as the Monahan School. A photo taken of the school (taken before 1900) and pupils hangs in the corridor of the Nelson Rural School. The school closed in 1902.

NEWS FROM EARLIER TIMES

The first school in the Nelson Parish was situated in the village of Nelson-Miramichi on the property now owned and occupied by William Russell. It was likely built about 1820. It was listed as the Nelson Parish School No. 1 by the Province of New Brunswick. Here is the school register for the year 1842.

Pupil & Age:

Patrick Foley	15
James Foley	10
William Flett	12
Patrick Wallace	11



Submitted by Dianne Mullin
 Photo submitted by Maureen English

KENT CO. MARRIAGES 1845 – 1887
 (Film 1247, Vol. 1, couples by female names)

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

COUPLE	DATE
MCDONALD, JULY ANN & Hayes, Thomas	Sept 10, 1861
McDonald, Mary & Amos, Wm.	Nov 12, 1856
McDonald, Ann & Barry, John	Jan 12, 1850
MCDONALD, Euphemia & CAMERON, John	Dec 15, 1857
MCDONALD, Christy & MACQUINN, Angus	Oct 21, 1857
MCDONALD, Elsie C. & CARTER, Robt.	Dec 27, 1855
MCDONALD, Ann & PETLEY, James	June 02, 1856
MCDONALD, Martha Alice & MCLAUGHLIN, Patrick	Nov 25, 1848
MCDONALD, Flora & FOGARTY, John (widower)	Apr 05, 1858
CROSSMAN, Henritta (Heneritta) & CAMERON, Wm., Jr.	Sept 27, 1859
MCDONALD, Euphemia & CAMERON, John	Dec 15, 1857
BARTON, Jane & CAMERON, Alex.	Jan 13, 1851
BARTON, Margaret & CAMERON, James	Sept 25, 1846
LYONS, Amelia & CAMERON, Alex.	Aug 17, 1858
FARRER, Eliz. & RICHARDSON, James	Mar 13, 1855
GEDDES, Jane & MCLEAN, Donald	Nov 04, 1856
MCLEAN, Flora & MCLEAN, Lachlan	Aug 14, 1856
EATON, Jane & MCLEAN, Alex.	July 03, 1858
MCQUIRK, Christy & MCLEAN, Geo.	July 10, 1850
LEARY, Mary &	Feb 17, 1857

MCLEAN, John	
MCKAY, Mary & BARTON, Wm. G.	Jan 16, 1852
MCPHERSON, Nancy & MCPHERSON, Hugh	Nov 16, 1858
MCPHERSON, Isabella & MCWILLIAMS, Donald	Nov 17, 1859
CARRUTHERS, Margaret & WILSON, Peter (St. John Co.)	Mar 18, 1850
CARRUTHERS, Jane & ATKINSON, Edwin	Aug 22, 1850
CARRUTHERS, Agnes & WEBSTER, James	July 29, 1855



Hotel Touraine, Chatham, N. B.

Touraine Hotel, Chatham, NB was opened in 1908. It was destroyed by fire just after World War 11. The hotel was on a branch line of Canadian National Railway which brought tourists from Quebec.

Chatham man safe

Seventeen men who abandoned the sinking Canadian freighter, Lisieux in an Atlantic storm and drifted for hours in lifeboats were brought into port at St. John's, Nfld. over the weekend with the word that 10 others of the crew were missing and feared lost.

Second Engineer, Herbert Thibodeau, from Chatham, senior officer among those saved, commanded the lifeboat.

He said that, after the other boat drifted away with its single occupant, Allen Lyons, his men had tried vainly to row the boat back to the Lisieux against the heavy seas.

The sea was so rough it was almost impossible to use the oars. A sea anchor was rigged.

It was carried away by the force of the waves, and another was improvised to keep the boat's nose to the wind.

The North Shore Leader - December 6, 1940

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF TRACADIE, INC

When leprosy appeared in the northeastern region of New Brunswick at the beginning of the nineteenth century, the province of New Brunswick built a hospital on Sheldrake Island, near Chatham to prevent the spread of the disease. Between 1844 and 1949, everyone affected by leprosy was sent to this lazaretto. In 1849, the lazaretto was moved to Tracadie. The Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph of Montreal arrived in Tracadie in 1868 to care for the lepers. When jurisdiction over the lazaretto was transferred from the province to the federal government in 1880, the sisters assumed responsibility for the entire administration of the hospital. One year after the last leper at the lazaretto died in 1964, the institution closed its doors indefinitely. During its 121 years, the lazaretto treated 327 patients with Hansen's disease from different provinces and various countries. While some lepers were cured and released, most died and are buried in four cemeteries, one of which was reserved for lepers. A mini-museum opened in 1968 to celebrate the centennial of the arrival of the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph in Tracadie. Its founder, sister Dorina Frigault remained head of the museum in 2003, even at 83 years of age. Sister Dorina Frigault's mini-museum became the Historical Museum of Tracadie, Inc.

Le Musee Historique de Tracadie Inc. (The historical museum) is located at 399-222 rue du Couvent, Tracadie. It is open during June, July and August.

Leprosy cases actually cured

Dr. Montzambert, reports conditions greatly improved at Lazaretto—but 12 patients under treatment.

With but twelve patients remaining in the lazaretto at Tracadie, NB, and with the patients who are not hopeless cases steadily improving, Dr. F. Montizaubert, director-general of public health at Ottawa, reports a very splendid condition of affairs existing with respect to leprosy in this part of the dominion.

“We usually have anywhere from twenty-four to twenty-six patients, but there are but twelve under treatment now at Tracadie—the smallest number that has ever been there for treatment in the history of the institution,” declared Dr. Montizambert.

One patient at Tracadie is completely cured, but owing to the fact that she is destitute of support she is being retained from a philanthropic standpoint, although if she were in the ordinary circumstances of life she would be immediately discharged.

Four patients have been discharged as cured from the Tracadie institution during the last few years, according to Dr. Montizaubert.

“Two of these were discharged as cured,” he said, “even before curative treatment was introduced at the institution and of these cases I am of the opinion that the disease exhausted itself.

The other two, I claim as cured, but because of the fact that we have not carried on this work sufficiently long to be able to tell exactly when a cure is effected we are careful of announcing cures, but two of the four discharged I believe were cured through the measures we adopted.”

“The very fact that the patients at the Tracadie lazaretto are improving in health has had a splendid effect upon the morale of the institution,” continued Dr. Montizambert.

“Instead of being a place of deep gloom, the atmosphere is now one of the hope and recovery and this has helped us greatly in our efforts.”

Dr. Montizambert spent Wednesday of last week at the Tracadie institution and says that the patients are being treated splendidly and are given every care and attention by the superintendent, Dr. Loggie and his assistant.

Of the smallpox epidemic that was experienced last winter and during the spring throughout the maritime provinces, Dr. Montizambert said that it was the most difficult type to deal with.

It was mild and many persons who were not highly susceptible to it suffered from the disease, some calling it Cuban itch. It thus spread rapidly and when the neighbor of one who previously had the disease contracted it he was very apt to say, “Oh, Bill Jones had this thing three weeks ago and got over it all right; I'm not going to report it to the health authorities.”

The result was, said the doctor, that the disease spread and here and there persons who were susceptible to it contracted it and had a severe case.

The provincial and city authorities throughout the maritime provinces did splendid work, according to Dr. Montizambert, in stamping out this epidemic as effectively as they did when working under the severe handicap of it being of a mild type and difficult to trace and secure reports upon its appearance in different households.

The North Shore Leader July 19, 1918



“Loyalist”- one of several ferries that operated between downtown Chatham and Ferry Road before Centennial Bridge was opened in 1967.

UNION ADVOCATE

Jan. 7, 1874-Dec. 27, 1893

Laggan, John M., Esq., was married to Helen McDougald of Blackville, eldest d/o Hugh McDougald, Esq., June 27, 1874, at the manse in Blackville by the Rev. T.G. Johnstone. July 1, 1874.

Mills, Bella, was married to Daniel Dutcher of Bay du Vin, Oct. 18, 1886, at the St. John Evangelist Church in Bay du Vin by Rev. W.J. Wilkinson. Nov. 3, 1886.

Morrison, Alexander, of Burnt Church, a native of Scotland, died on the 22nd of June, 1880, inst., after a tedious illness, aged 70 yrs. 30 Jun 1880.

Morrison, Wm., of Oak Point, his brother was Duncan Morrison, age 48 yrs. old, died 17 Apr. 1887, interred at St. James Cemetery in Newcastle. May 11, 1887.

Muirhead, Agnes, was married to John Sadler, Esq., June 8, 1875, at the residence of the bride’s father, the Honourable Senator Muirhead, in Chatham. June 9, 1875.

Mullan, John, adopted s/o Henry and Ann Jane Vye, and s/o Robert and Rebecca Robertson, age 19, died at Lower Derby on Jan. 17, 1876. Jan. 26, 1876.

Murray, Mr. Hugh, Jr., was married to Elizabeth Vanadestine, second d/o Mr. Ebenezer Vanadestine on Nov. 4, 1874, in Tabusintac by Rev. J. Robertson. Nov. 11, 1874

Muzeroll, Edward, died at Lower Bay du Vin, Sunday a.m., Nov 20th, 1893, aged 67 years of age. 6 Dec. 1893.

McBeath, Isabella, d/o Donald McBeath, Esq., of Glenelg, was married to Charles Gun of Chatham, on Oct. 1, 1874, at the residence of the bride’s father in Black River. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Samuel Russell. Oct. 7, 1874.

McRae, Mrs. Christina, died at Black River, 18th ult., in 73rd year of her age. 1 Nov. 1893.

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

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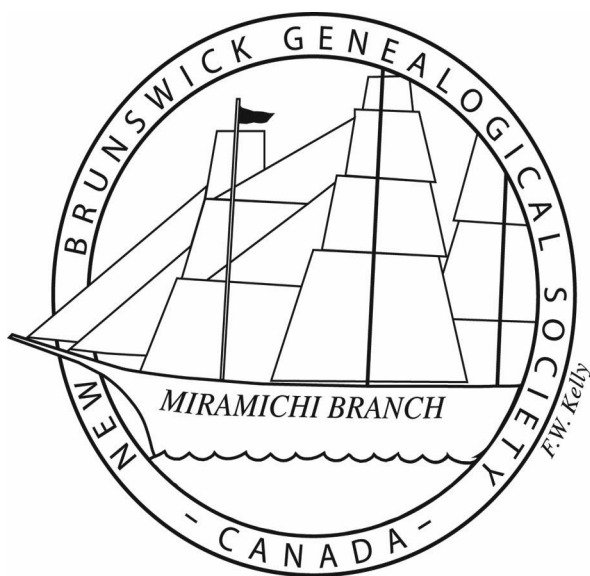
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