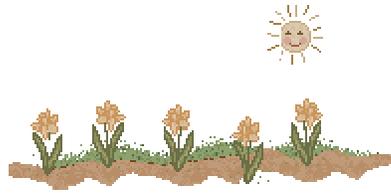




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Inside! *President's Message, Branch & Local News, New Members, Editor's Perspective, Kent County Marriages, Early Families, Royal Visits to New Brunswick, Strays and Queries, Books for Sale, Obituaries*

Message from the President

Hi All,

Here we are in 2012 looking forward to a great year in Genealogy.

Our Quilt Raffle is over with great success. Again we would like to thank everyone that was involved with the project.

We will be continuing with the revising of First Families. We need volunteers to help with the research. We have workshops for this at the library in Chatham. If anyone is interested we would love to have you.

We will be participating in Heritage Week again this year. We usually have our research material out on display. We try to follow the Theme of Heritage Week with displays.

President

Anna MacDonald



BRANCH & LOCAL NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR FUTURE MEMBERS:

It seems that every family has at least one member who wishes to research their family roots. If you know one of these inquirers, is it not time to invite them to join us at NBGS on the Miramichi? Nothing ventured.....



Our Island Websites:

Website: www.beaubearsisland.ca

Website: www.historicmiddleisland.com

ATTENTION!! It bears repeating....

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, marital status, if they had a family, and, if so, how many children they had. 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.

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?

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

EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Thank you for letting us serve our group in assembling the Miramichi Branch NBGS newsletter. Please let us know your interesting memories at dbharp@earthlink.net.

Even between friends there are sometimes glitches in the world of the Internet. We have found out that certain computer filters exist between our nations that get in the way of our e-mails to and from all of you. We are not sure which side of our border is the culprit. But please keep sending your e-mails. And we have also found that they do get through the filters depending on which ISP you may be using. We want to hear from you and apologize for this inconvenience. And, you can mail your information to us at:

Dave and Melinda Harper
NBGS Miramichi Chapter
1565 Emerald Hills Drive
Bountiful, UT 84010 USA

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

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

Email

If you wish to contact us through email, we will see that the appropriate person or committee receives your correspondence.

Dianne Mullin: dmullin@NOSPAMnbnet.nb.ca

(Remove NOSPAM when emailing)



Material for our Society Cupboard

We continue to add resource material to our members' cupboard located at Chatham Public Library at 30 King Street, Miramichi.

If you have your family information documented we would love to have this information for our cupboard. It does not have to be printed by a company in a book form. A folder is efficient.

We accept anything on Northumberland County such as a family history, a copy of a church register, a school register or any other documentation of an important event pertaining on the Miramichi. Obituaries are also welcome.

Chatham Public Library Hours of Operation:
Winter/Spring

Tuesday	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

NB Genealogical Society Miramichi meeting

We were pleased to have Nancy Avery in attendance as our guest speaker.

Nancy spoke on the subject of British Home Children, and during the course of her lecture it became obvious that it was a subject near to her heart.

Providing a wealth of information on a subject that only a few of us were overly familiar with, Nancy painted the story of the British Home Child. Initially, the program was developed in the late 1800s to place British orphans into farming community families in Canada, among other countries, to provide the children with a better life and to provide relief to the farmers who faced a shortage of workers. No doubt many children would have perished of ill health if left in Britain, and the opportunities available to them in a new land were of benefit to them. However, like many initiatives with good intentions, the system fell victim to greed and many children were snatched from their homes, never to see their families again, and suffered terrible living conditions in their new homes.

Nancy's speech took on a personal note when she shared that her father himself was a British Home Child who, despite having had a successful career and adult family life in Canada, never completely recovered from the trauma he suffered as a result of his circumstances as a British Home Child. Nancy was drawn to genealogy in the course of trying to find her father's family, a task made difficult by the fact that many children's names were changed so as to deter their families from finding them early on, unwillingness on the part of organizations involved to share information out of fear of reprisal, and shame and secrecy on the part of the victims.

Imagine that your young child or grandchild (aged approximately 6 to 11 years) has been sent without any family to accompany him, across the ocean to live with total strangers in a foreign country. There is a good chance that this little one was torn from your family without your knowledge or consent and he probably will be completely cut off from any future family contact for the remainder of his life. Authorities in each country will forever deny you access to each other.

While dealing with severe loneliness, culture shock and perhaps various forms of abuse, this small child is forced to work like an adult from dawn to dusk every day until the age of 18. Meanwhile, he has no-one to hug him and nobody cares about his fears or well being.

This gut wrenching scene actually happened to 100,000 disadvantaged British boys and girls who were sent to Canada over approximately a 100 year time frame. Despite

facing enormous obstacles, most of these British Home Children grew up to become solid Canadian citizens and they made enormous contributions to our country.

A high percentage of these children would grieve in silence the remainder of their life and sadly, many thousands would go to their graves never telling a soul ... and that includes their spouse and children... about their stolen childhood and the horrors they endured. Only one third of these little ones ended up in good homes; the remainder ended up in worse situations than they left in Great Britain. Today the descendants of these British Home Children comprise an estimated 10 to 13 % of Canada's population.

Have you an aunt, an uncle, a grandparent or great-aunt or great-uncle in your family whose origins are shrouded in mystery? Chances are 10 to 15% that they might have been a British Home Child. To learn more about this little known chapter of Canada's history, check out the following links:

freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~britishhomechildren/

www.theshipslist.com/Research/Resource.htm

www.middlemoreatlanticsociety.com

The golden bridge: young immigrants by Marjorie Kohli.

OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY IS ON FEBRUARY 28, 2012 AT THE CHATHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 6:00 P.M. SEE YOU THERE!



BOOKS FOR SALE

No books for sale were submitted for this issue; however, books are available.

Being from far away has its interesting connection points to home for the Harpers in the USA. Dave is a high school teacher in the center of Salt Lake City, Utah. His classroom is about three blocks from the Family History Library of the Mormon Church. The building is five stories of some of the most complete genealogical record holdings in the world today. It was not long after we moved to Utah that, at the prompting of our children, Dave visited the FHL. Now, like most of us, he

where the Harper family started in North America. Dave even had a name of a town, but little else. So, with a quick check in the computer based FHL catalog, he and the children arrived at the third floor stacks and found the section marked New Brunswick. Dozens of books, pamphlets, and a complete collection of a journal called "Generations" gave us a huge springboard to our on-going hobby of our past and our identity as Canadians and Americans.

Now if you access the Family History Library search page using Google, you will find two files of that same catalog for your use. And, since we have no books to sell you, please feel free to request page or pages of a book in FHL that you cannot access anywhere else. We cannot copy a whole book but would be happy to help you on your genealogical way where we can. Let this be our thanks to Carman and Nellie Williston and all of you for your constant help and support for our researches.

Just e-mail us at dbharp@earthlink.net

ARTICLE FROM AN OLD NEWSPAPER

The Wreck of the Martha, 1783: Transcript, Summary and Commentary.

The following is a transcript of the account of the sinking of the transport "Martha", an English ship carrying Loyalist soldiers, their families, slaves, and goods from New York City to Saint John, Nova Scotia (soon to be New Brunswick) at the end of the American Revolution. The document source is the January 11, 1919 Acadian Recorder, page 10, under the regular column heading: "Occasional's Letter". The scrapbook copy of this newspaper article is held at the Nova Scotia Public Archives in Halifax, Nova Scotia. A search did not produce a microfilm copy and the transcription reads in its entirety as follows from the scrapbook edition:

Paragraph #1:

"On September 23rd. 1783, at four o'clock in the morning, the transport ship "Martha", Willis, as master, struck on a ledge of rocks between Cape Sable and the Seal or Tusket Islands. The master had said the previous evening that he had seen land, and, of course, every person on board supposed he would lay to in the night; but as he set out from New York in a suit of old sails, some of which he had been obliged to change before the above unfortunate day; the few men who composed the crew (for he had not on board above twelve seaman and boys capable of navigating the vessel) were employed a number of hours rigging and setting up a new main topsail in the place of one which had ____e to pieces early in the night, [the] weather being tempestuous.

Paragraph #2:

This...[illegible]...standing off [illegible] and, unhappily, at four o'clock in the morning the vessel struck. The master, after fruitless attempts of the soldiers, at his request, to keep the pumps clear, was solicited to get the boats out, but he declined it, insisting that the vessel could be got off, even after water had gained considerably in the hold. After some time he ordered the boats out. The cutter being got out, he ordered four seamen to keep her at a distance til the long boat would be got out, but unfortunately, after she had gone into the water, the mainmast, falling on her suddenly, stove her to pieces."

COMMUNITY PLACE NAMES IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

Extractions with permission of Robert F. Fellows

Derby Junction: Settlement at confluence of the Northwest and Southwest Miramichi Rivers, 3 mi. NE of Lower Derby: Derby Parish, Northumberland County: PO 1908-1968: in 1898 Derby Junction was a station on the Intercolonial Railway and a farming and fishing settlement with a population of 100: today Derby Junction is a dispersed community.

Derby Parish: Northumberland County: erected from Nelson Parish in 1859: named for Edward George Geoffrey Smith Stanley (1799-1869), the 14th Earl of Derby, Prime Minister of England.

Doak Portage: See Betts Mill Brook (Blissfield Parish, Northumberland County)

Doak's: See Blissfield (Blissfield Parish, Northumberland County)

Doaktown: Settlement on S side of Southwest Miramichi River, 1 mi. SE of Storeytown, on the road to Blissfield: Blissfield Parish, Northumberland County: named in 1854 to honour Robert Doak (1785-1857), a. native of Ochiltree in Scotland who settled about 1825 and operated a carding mill, grist mill, sawmill and kiln: PO from 1854: in 1866 Doaktown was a farming and lumbering settlement with about 80 families including 6 Bamford and 6 Mitchell families: in 1871 Doaktown had a population of 250: in 1898 Doaktown was a station on the Canada Eastern Railway and a community with 1 post office, 3 stores, 2 hotels, 1 sawmill, 2 sash and door factories, 2 churches and a population of 300: included Russelltown, 1 mi. S of Storeytown: also included South Road Settlement, 4 mi. NE of Doaktown: Doaktown was incorporated as a village in 1966.

Submitted by Carolyn Harris

SOURCES FOR NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY RESEARCH

Previously we listed the Gubbins recourse without sufficient explanation. British officer Gubbins made two inspection tours of our area and kept this journal about his travels naming people and places along his way. This source provides an excellent snapshot of the early settlers on the river and some tantalizing clues about some of our ancestors.

Gubbins New Brunswick Journals 1811 & 1813, ed. Howard Temperley. Kings Landing; Fredericton, 1980.

And for the loyalist descendants among us:

So Obstinate Loyal: James Moody (1744-1809), Susan Burgess Shenstone, Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press, 2000.

SOURCES FROM FAR AWAY PLACES FOR NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY RESEARCH

The Aberdeen and Northeast Scotland Family History Society is one of the finest research groups in Scotland with an excellent website:

www.anesfhs.org.uk/

In County Cork, Ireland there is a little known website of fascinating information found at:

<http://www.bandon-genealogy.com/>

For British & Irish origins:

<http://www.britishorigins.com/>

For British Seamen & Their Ships:

<http://www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/Site.html>

For Scottish Census Records:

<http://www.census-online.com/links/Scotland/>

SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILY RESEARCH 1871 Census now available online by Diane Lynn Tibert:

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/census-1871/index-e.html

PANB UPDATE: The Provincial Archives has now digitized and made available death certificates up to 1934 and marriages up to 1961. Once again, another reason why PANB is the best public archives in North America! Tons of FREE data and a release time table that is reasonable to the general public and genealogist!!

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 a revision of an existing box list.

RS 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 1930s, 1970s and 1980s.

AISO AT PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES WEBSITE

Digitized images of original birth and marriage records:

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);

RS141B7 Marriage Records (483,292 records).

N.B. Irish Portal

Brennan Funeral Home Records

Immigration Administration Records

Passenger Lists

Irish immigrants

N.B. Census 1851

Submitted by Dolly Pearle Drysdale-Martin



And now a call for sources:

Many times individuals and families have valuable papers in their possession that are excellent local history information. Problem is that few folks outside an immediate family are even aware such sources exist. An example of this is that I was given a copy of a small journal entitled, *John Burchill's War Time Experiences*, with descriptions of his surviving service in World War II. Through his accounts we also have a picture of other Canadian servicemen in the war. If you have similar kinds of papers and would like to insure their survival for others to learn from, please submit to our NBGS, Miramichi collections for the enjoyment of all.

FIRST FAMILIES PROJECT

First Families Workshops have already begun. The typing and proof reading is being done. The First Families project is going to print as soon as possible and help is always appreciated. Contact any society officer to volunteer or to submit First Families' information. We require basic facts such as arrival date in NB and where they came from, full name, birth date, marriage date with spouse's name & dates, and parents' names (if possible), occupation, and names of children, religion, and where they lived.

If the narrative is too long, the editors must spend a lot of time weeding out extra information; however, if the newcomer is significant to the overall river valley history, one or two extra paragraphs are acceptable. The idea has been to keep each family to a page, but this is not possible when they have more than about eight children. In order to keep things simple, condense everything. We are simply giving people bare facts that can be found in government and parish records--nothing that should need "approval" unless there is an illegitimate child that is being protected. Since we're dealing, primarily, with people who arrived in the early 1800s, our biggest concern is distinguishing between fact and fiction.

Some ancestors told tales that aren't true, but which have been handed down through the generations. We have found many errors in names, dates, etc., in the first volume, which we're correcting as we sort through the records.

Submitted by Dave & Melinda Harper

EARLY FAMILIES OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The family of David Bleakney arrived in Nova Scotia in November 1782 and in New Brunswick, April 1783:

Bleakney, David b. c1770, South Carolina s/o David

- Issue: 1. Isaac
2. Murray
3. daughter, married a Hayward
4. Elizabeth, married Thomas Morsman

David Bleakney arrived in Nova Scotia in Nov. 1782 and arrived in New Brunswick in 1783.

James Bleakney born circa 1780 in South Carolina as son of David. Married Catherine Bleakney, born April 9, 1777, daughter of Chambers and Catherine Bleakney.

- Issue: Kate, married Adam King
Chambers, married Lavinia Cane
Lucretia, married George Price
David, married Rachel Keith
Rebecca, married John King
Uz, married Ann Morsman
James, married Abigail Herrett
Phoebe, married James Herritt
William died
Elizabeth died
Emily, married Daniel Keith

*Reference: Mrs. Dean Bleakney
Petitcodiac, NB EOA 2HO*

STRAYS AND QUERIES:

2011 Queries

For those who have not seen the "phorum" part of our website, more queries that have been posted will be published soon. There are answers posted as well and if you don't have a computer, ask your public librarian to help to find this. To submit your query on a Northumberland county family:

E-mail dmullin@nbnet.nb.ca

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

The editors of our newsletter are very grateful to Dianne Mullin for her excellent assistance to the society in so many ways.

KENT CO. MARRIAGES 1845 - 1887

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

Couple	Date
LeBlanc , Aimable of Richibucto Babineau , Pelagai of Richibucto Wit: Israel LeBlanc & Damien Richard	m. 9 Nov 1846
Arseneau , Maurice of Wellington Cormier , Susanne of Wellington Wit: Louis Arseneau & Hebert Cormier	m. 31 Mar 1845
Arseneau , Fidele of Richibucto Masture , Mary Louise of Richibucto Wit: Fidele Gallant & Pallone Gallant	m. 1 Oct 1849
Barriault , Ignallius of Palmer(s)ton Johnson , Margaret of Palmer(s)ton Wit: Barcel Bani & Melorse Johnson	m. 12 Jan 1857
Barry , William. Of Richibucto Morrission , Mary of Richibucto Wit: Catherine Cox & Robert Byer	m. 7 July 1855
Barry , John of Wellington McDonald , Ann of Richibucto Wit: Richard Caulie & Eliz, Murray	m. 12 Jan 1850
Casey , Charles of Richibucto Robichaud , Christine of Richibucto Wit: Daniel Morton & Isabella Tracy	m. 26 Nov 1860
Casey , Luke of Weldford Boucher , Mary of Weldford Wit: Francis Boucher & Heneritta Boucher	m. 7 Nov 1859
Casey , Narcisse of Weldford Martini , Marie of Weldford Wit: Abraham Caissie & Aidele Daigle	m. 3 May 1851
David , Jean (John) of Richibucto Robichaud , Mary Ann of Richibucto Wit: Jos. Robichard & Marquerite David	m. 15 Apr 1861



(Kent Co. Marriages, 1845-1887, continued)

David , Augustine of Richibucto Richard , Susanne of Richibucto Wit: Louis Richard & Marquerite David	m. 2 Sept 1861
Davidson , Joseph of Richibucto Pine , Emily of Richibucto Wit: Nathenile Pine & George Davidson	m. 21 Aug 1845
Fitzpatrick , Patrick of Glenelg, North. Co. Williston , Isabella of Glenelg, North. Co. Wit: Lewis Preston & Joseph James	m. 13 Oct 1846
Fitzpatrick , Michael of Richibucto McNulty , Eleanor of Wellington Wit: Thomas Roberts & Elizabeth McNulty	m. 9 Sept 1858
Flanagan , John of Wellford Roberts , Margaret of Wellford Wit: Ephiram Roberts & Elizabeth Young	m. 26 Aug 1850
Gauthier , Sylvain of Dundas Liret , Dauphine of Dundas Wit: John McHugh & Rose Liret	m. 17 Jan 1861
Gautreau , Paulim of Shediac West Co. LeBlanc , Domilite of Dundas Wit: Dominique Gautreau & Louis LeBlanc	m. 25 Nov 1846
Gerouard , Peter of Wellford Waith , Marie of Wellford Wit: Anseleme Gilrouard & Oliver Girouard	m. 24 Apr 1854
Hebert , Peter of Wellington LeBlanc , Margaret of Wellington Wit: Steven LeBlanc & Islem LeBlanc	m. 16 Feb 1852
Herbert , Pacific of Dundas Poirier , Clotide of Dundas Wit: Francis Hebert & Cheline Poirier	m. 3 Oct 1859
Hebert , Auguste of Dundas Gueguen , Susanne of Dundas Wit: Joseph Hebert & Placide Gueguen	m. 14 Jun 1847

(to be continued next issue)

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

OBI TUARIES

From Our Family Tree:

Our Sincere Condolences to the families of:

CASSIDY: Royce Robert Wesley Cassidy of Burnt River Road, Burnt Church, NB passed away on January 7, 2012 at the age of 71. The son of the late Harry and Alice (**Davidson**) **Cassidy**, Royce was a self-employed farmer and fisherman. He attended St. David's United and was a member of the "Church River Co-op & Credit Union" and the "Agricultural Society of New Brunswick. Mr. Cassidy is survived by his 3 sisters, Catherine Holling of Calgary, AB, Elsie Stefanyk (Ed) of Burnt Church, NB and Margaret McLeod (Bob) of Burnt Church, NB and also a special friend Mavis Pelletier. Besides his parents, Royce is predeceased by his brother, Lorne. The funeral service was held on Wednesday at Davidson's Funeral Home Chapel with Rev Lori Beth Sheffield Bowles officiating. Burial will follow in the spring in Burnt Church Union Cemetery. In his memory, donations were made to the "Historical Society of Church River", the "New Brunswick Genealogical Society—Miramichi Branch" or the "Burnt Church Union Cemetery". (*Brother of branch members Elsie Stefanyk, Catherine Holling and brother in law of Bob McLeod*).

STEVENS: It is with great sadness that the family announces the unexpected passing of Mel Stevens of Saint John who passed away on January 8th, 2012, with his family at his side. Born in Saint John in July of 1939 he was the youngest son of Roy and Mary (Cotton) Stevens. Mel worked for the City of Saint John for over 26 years retiring in 2000. He is survived by his loving wife Jean **Dutcher**; daughters Peggy & Melissa, grandchildren Chelisa (Billy), Jeffrey and Colin; one precious great-grandson Carter. Interment to follow at Ocean View Memorial Garden, Saint John, NB. (*Relative of member Dolly Pearle Drysdale-Martin*).

RYAN: Robert "Bob" Bernard Ryan's death occurred unexpectedly on December 20, 2011 at his home in Saint John. Born 1941 in Saint John he was the son of the late Joseph and Ethel (**Campbell**) **Ryan**. Bob was a self-employed businessman owning Ryan Amusements for many years. He will be missed by his brothers: Edward (Florence) Ryan of Renous, Daniel of Saint John; half-brothers John Ryan of Ontario & William Price of Saint John; several nieces and nephews and many friends. Funeral service was held at Fundy Funeral Home Chapel on January 21, 2012. Interment will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in the spring. (*Brother of member Ed Ryan*).

Strays from Away

The family of Winnie M. **Young** sadly announces his passing at the Brantford General Hospital on Saturday, December 17, 2011 in his 88th year after a courageous battle with cancer. Beloved husband for 57 years of the late Audrey (nee **McInerney**, 2003). Much loved father of Glenna Gress, Janice Dennison and Laurie May. Loving grandfather of Craig, Kerri, Lindsay, Britney (Cody) and Terry (Tricia) and great-grandfather of Tiffany, Courtney, Braeden and Makella. Predeceased by his parents Nelson and Bertha (**Matchett**) **Young** of Sunny Corner and five brothers. He is survived by sisters-in-law, Norma, Mary and Maud **Young** and Ina McInerney, nieces and nephews, all in New Brunswick. Winnie was an employee of Massey Ferguson M Foundry where he worked for 33 years as a moulder and retired as a supervisor. Interment will be in Oakhill Cemetery.

Source: Brantford Expositor, December 19, 2011.

Whitney, Royden (March 09, 1938-October 21, 2011) Royden peacefully passed away October 21, 2011 at the age of 73, surrounded by the joined hands of his loving family with his battle with Lymphoma at an end. Royden is survived by his wife, Darlene; son, Douglas of Banff; daughter Catherine; and grandchildren, Courtney, Megan and Austin of Cochrane. He is also remembered by his sister, Donna (Mel) Johnson; brothers, Arnott (Lorna) and Bud (Roberta); sister-in-law Raili Whitney in Thunder Bay, ON; and nieces and nephews both in Thunder Bay and Calgary. He is predeceased by his father, David Kenneth **Whitney** mother Audrey **Mutch-Whitney** and brother Merlyn.

Royden was born March 09, 1938 in Whitney, NB, moving to Port Arthur (Thunder Bay) at the age of six. He began a successful life-long career in retail at Sears, Canada before starting his Canadian Tire career as a Dealer in 1972. He moved his family from Kitchener, ON to Calgary in 1978 where Canadian Tire was venturing and opened the new Richmond Road S.W. store. Royden felt at home in Calgary and this is where he chose to live the rest of his life. His retirement from Canadian Tire in 1996 was followed by many vacations. The highlight being last year's 50th wedding anniversary trip he and Darlene spent cruising the S. Pacific, Australia and New Zealand. Royden was a Shriner in the Al Azhar Motor Corps, Calgary, AB.

Source: Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal, October 24, 2011.

**EVERYONE INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY SAVES
OBITUARIES, RIGHT? RIGHT!**

**WELL, WE NEED YOUR COLLECTIONS OF
OBITUARIES.**

Every obituary posted on our website (nbgsmiramichi.org) was provided by branch members or their families/friends. To date there are almost 14,000 obituaries posted there for use by our members and, to some extent, the general public. Several volunteers, far too many to name and thank individually, have been working for a number of years to make this possible. We would appreciate your assistance as we continue this project.

If you have obituaries that are connected **in any way** to Northumberland County, we would like to have copies of them. Typed and sent by email through our website would be the ideal, but we will also accept any photocopies of funeral announcements, death notices, obituaries or memorial services you would be willing to share. Simply send them to our branch address:

**NBGS-Miramichi Branch
Obituaries Committee
P.O. Box 403
Miramichi, NB
E1N 3A8**

We especially rely on our out-of-town members to keep us updated on deaths occurring in far-away places. Many people born in this area have moved and they are difficult to track down at times. If you would keep an eye on obituaries in your area and send any "strays from away" to us, it could really make someone's day to find that particular treasure. Just do a search for the name 'Miramichi' (or Chatham and Newcastle) and if you find it, forward it to us. One out-of-town member, Ann Moriarty of Ontario, has been on the job for quite a few years now and does us a service beyond compare. I'm sure some of you can also help.

**AND, REMEMBER, EVERY *LITTLE* BIT
CAN MAKE A *BIG* DIFFERENCE.**



More Strays from Away

Mason: Ralph Hugh of Oromocto passed away peacefully in the presence of his family, on January 05, 2012 at the age of 94. Born in Saint John, NB on February 02, 1917 to the late Frank and Margaret Mason. He is survived by his daughter Joan, daughter-in-law Mavis, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wife, the former Bertha **Allison** of Whitney in 2006, his daughter Sandra Emmet and son Brian Mason, and grandson Robert Larry Bryant. At Ralph's request, there will be no visitation. A graveside service will take place this Sunday, January 08, 2012 at 2:00 pm at the Pine Grove Cemetery, Burton, NB. *Source: Fredericton Daily Gleaner, January 07, 2012.* Chapel at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14th, 2012. *Source: Fredericton Daily Gleaner, January 12, 2012*

Maloney: Marie Elvina Maloney passed away after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease, on Wednesday September 21, 2011 at her residence Rocmaura Nursing Home, with her family at her side. Born 1921 in Rogersville she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Angelie (**Doucet**) **Finnigan**. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her husband Bernard Alphonsus **Maloney**, brothers Malcolm, Gerard, Armand, Leandre, Leo and Jean. Marie grew up in Rogersville and resided in Belmont for over 50 years, where she was active in many community activities. Marie was a very spiritual person, dedicated to her faith and parish where she served as both Lay Reader and Eucharistic Minister. She had been an active participant in Queen of Peace Prayer group and had been a member of CWL St. Augustine's Parish, and long-time member of St. Matthew's Parish. She is survived by her loving children: sons, Robert, Leo, Ronald & Dr. Gerald; daughters Betty Ann Maloney Linda Webb, Mary Lou Vienneau, twin daughters Maureen Gagnon and Cathleen Sunderman, 42 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also survived by her brothers Laurent & Fernard Finnigan sisters Eva, Claudia & Therese Bourque. Interment will follow in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

Source: www.fundyfuneralhome.co

Fellow Genealogists

The following article was taken from the web site of the Mighty Miramichi, and is the notice of the death Dianne Mullin's mom. You can contact the funeral home directly to send any condolences or you could also contact Dianne directly via her e-mail. Dianne Mullin E-mail Address:

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Diane is a member and Director of the New Brunswick Genealogy Society - Miramichi Branch and is the Provincial Membership Secretary of our Society.

Yours in Genealogy
President's Delegate

Althea Mae Matchett



25 Jan 2012

Funeral Date, Time and Location

Sat 28 Jan 2012 02:00 PM
Meadows Funeral Chapel
Resting Location: Meadows Funeral Home
Visitation Period: Friday from 2-4 & 7-9
Wishes: Atlantic Missionary Society, St. Stephen's Presbyterian Cemetery or a memorial of one's choice.

It is with great sadness the family announces the passing of Althea (Dunnet) Matchett, the wife of Sinclair Matchett of Sunny corner which occurred on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the Miramichi Regional Hospital as the result of a motor vehicle accident on Sunday. Born in Atholville, NB on December 23, 1929, she was a daughter of the late Norman & Carcilla (Sinclair) Dunnet of Whitney. A retired secretary and a member of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Althea was involved with the North & South Esk Recreational Council, the Atlantic Missionary Society, and the Miramichi Cancer Support Group and was church treasurer for over 25 years.

Besides her husband, Althea is survived by three daughters: Dianne Mullin (Jackie), Elaine Matchett (Brian Ashton) and Holly Sutherland (Kent) and one son, Stephen Matchett (Wendy); one sister Amy Dunnet, nine grandchildren: Leslie Anne Crosse, Jackie Lynn Mullin, Dustin, Darcy & Dacynda Ashton, Calvin & Danielle Matchett, Camden and Drew Sutherland and two great-grandchildren: Austin Crosse and Kalainy Jardine. She was predeceased by an infant daughter, Rhonda.

Visitation will be held at Meadows Funeral Home, Sunny Corner, NB on Friday, January 27, 2012 from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral service will be held from Meadows Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 2 PM with Rev. Gilles Smith officiating.

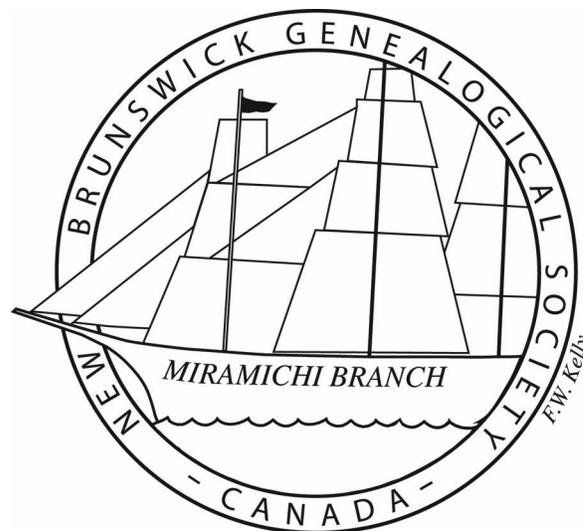
Burial will take place in the Boom Road Presbyterian Cemetery later in the spring.

In Althea's memory, donations may be made to the Atlantic Missionary Society, St. Stephen's Presbyterian Cemetery Fund or a memorial of one's choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Meadows Funeral Home, 150 Northwest Road, Sunny Corner, NB. Telephone 622-3600

Funeral services were provided by:
[Bell's Funeral Home](#)

Our sincerest condolences to Diane and her family on the passing of Althea Mae.





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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

A couple approached the desk of a genealogy society and inquired about their families. Bringing a minimum of family information and exasperating the help desk attendant they finally admitted they just wanted to find a relative now living in Florida!

And on the relationship side of humanity sometimes fights start between people and we title these notes "And then the fight started":

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked "What's on TV?" I said "Dust!" And then the fight started.

I rear-ended a car this morning...the start of a really bad day. The driver got out of the other car, and he was a dwarf! He looked up at me and said "I am not happy!" "Well which one are you then?" And then the fight started.

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale. And that's when the fight started.

OR, perhaps these one-liners will lighten your day:

I use to have a handle on life, but it broke.

Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up!

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "where's the self-help section?" She said "if she told me that would defeat its purpose".

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

If a child signs with swear words, does mom wash her hands with soap?

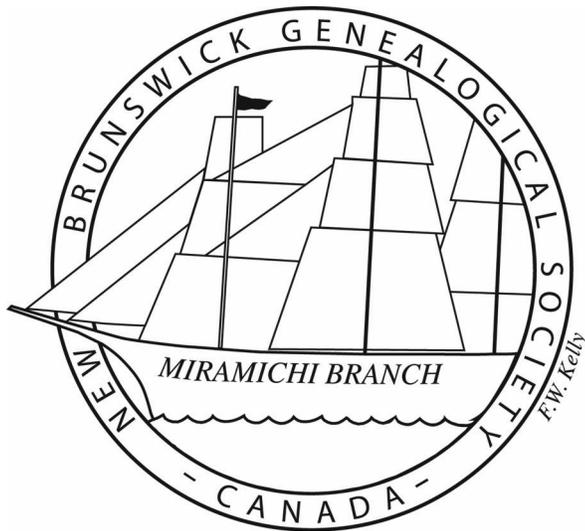
Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

What do you do if you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

Meeting every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Chatham library at
6:00 pm. Guests are Welcome.



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