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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is a special year for NBGS Miramichi as we celebrate our 25th anniversary. On Friday, April 19, 1991, a group organized by Carman Williston gathered at the Chatham Public Library. In response to an advertisement in the Miramichi Weekend newspaper, a total of 18 people attended that initial meeting. Based on

the interest of those present, the decision was made to

form a local branch of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society. Subsequent nominations and elections placed the following members as the first executive of the Branch:

President: Carman Williston
Vice President: Don Ross
Secretary/Treasurer: Carl Landry

Director: Earle English
Director: Avadne Connolly
Director: Billy Hilchey
Director: Nellie Williston

From that initial meeting, NBGS Miramichi Branch became a reality. Thanks to the dedication and support of those charter members, and all others who over the years have volunteered their services whenever required, we have not only survived for 25 years--we have thrived. Today our membership of 100+ is comprised of people from the Miramichi area, as well as from many areas throughout North America.

As a Branch, we can proudly say that our accomplishments not only rival but exceed those of branches in larger cities. Just to highlight a few--our branch website with a database containing over 18,000 Let's continue to grow and thrive as we begin our second quarter century!

obituaries; our many printed publications, including obituary books, cemetery records for every cemetery in Northumberland county, census records, first families and our new people profiles. (For a full list of Branch publications see pages 11 & 12 in this newsletter).

The Branch's cupboard at the Chatham Public Library contains copies of all Branch publications, also a large number of local books and family histories which have been generously donated to us over the years. These are available for all members to use in their research.

Over the past 25 years, members have not only researched their own family roots and participated in Branch activities, but also have helped, and continue to help, numerous others from near and far with their inquiries.

During 2016, the Branch will be holding a number of special events to recognize and celebrate our 25th Anniversary and information on those events will be communicated as it becomes available.

We began our celebrations at the April meeting with a 'wee' social, highlighted by the cutting of an anniversary cake by Charter Member, Velna Dickson. After a short business meeting, members reminisced about their genealogical journeys and the people they've encountered along the way.

Submitted: Faye Baisley, President

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MEETING BY MEETING

NBGS Miramichi Branch would like to update local members who have not been able to join us at monthly meetings, as well as those from 'away' on the activities of the group. With this in mind, we will let you know about the interesting speakers we have had lately and those who are booked to speak at upcoming branch meetings. If you are in the area, plan to drop in. Our meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday evening of the month (with the exception of July, August and December) at the Chatham Public Library, King Street, Miramichi East at 6:15 pm.

January - In January, I amused the group with the life story of my ancestor Senator John Glasier, lumberman, and politician, around the time of Confederation. An unusual man, to be sure, who had many interesting exploits. (*Editor: please refer to the February 2016 newsletter for a more detailed write-up on Mr. Glasier*)

February – regular business meeting.

March - **Marjorie Sinclair, who has been a librarian and is on the Board of Chatham Public Library, joined us for the March meeting. Marjorie and our librarian, Jennifer Wilcox, had written a book about the village of Nelson for the anniversary last year. Marjorie was kind enough to do a presentation of the History of Nelson through Photographs for us. It was truly an interesting presentation and, since Marjorie had done site visits, she was able to tell stories about the locations.**

April - Congratulations everyone – former and current members – the April meeting was an Anniversary meeting. Our very first meeting was April 19, 1991. We had a short business meeting followed by a social hour, shared stories and reminiscences with the group and had a very nice cake for the occasion. A more formal gathering will occur in September.

May - In May, **Charlotte Loggie** will be on hand to tell us about her story delving into her family history here and overseas.

June - **Heather MacKenzie** will tell us of her on-going research on the Mackenzie's. As a McKenzie and MacKenzie descendant (yes, both grandmothers were Mc and Mac), I know I am looking forward to this presentation. We would love to have as many Mac/McKenzie's as possible join us, even non- members! Heather would like to meet you.

Mark your calendars: On Saturday, June 25, we will welcome **Sally Armstrong** to a special meeting to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Seniors Building on Sutton Rd in Nelson (fondly known as the 'little white school'). Sally wrote the book on Charlotte Taylor, pioneer of Tabusintac. Sally is an author, journalist and human rights activist. She has been honoured by various institutions and has received 10 honorary doctorate degrees. Her work in Afghanistan and other war-torn countries on women's lives has been very important. There will be books for sale and a book-signing as well. We hope to have a good attendance for this meeting. Well known and world renowned speakers like Sally are a real gift and are inspirational. We would encourage book-lovers, genealogists, young people and women's groups, especially, to come. There will be no charge for admission, but donations will be accepted. Make a plan to come to honour and get to know this wonderful woman.

That wraps up our meeting schedule. Until September, then, have a great summer, digging into your Roots.

Submitted by Judy Vautour

NEW BRANCH PUBLICATIONS

One of our dedicated members, Penny Creamer, has undertaken a new project – People Profiles – resulting in a three volume set now in our Branch Library and available for sale. Volume one contains write-ups on individuals with

surnames A to G; Volume 2 – surnames H to M; and Volume 3 – N to Z. These are transcribed from articles that originally appeared in newspapers over a number of years. Below is a sample of the material contained in these publications.

UILKE (JEEP) BOSMA

Family Risks Everything to Protect Girl

by Kyle Houlston

Uilke (Jeep) Bosma listened to the radio one morning in May 1940 as a report came across that Germany had invaded Holland. The Miramichi man says he remembers the Dutch anthem played for the last time.

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While listening to the sounds of war in the distance, he left his bakery by bicycle for the next village to bring his wife back to their small town of Grouw. “Our first thoughts were of shooting, looting and murder, but it didn’t happen. The Germans were very disciplined.” Fighting lasted about three days with the bombing of Rotterdam and other Dutch cities, Grouw, in northern Holland, saw the first German troops move in and take over. “At first, they took all our copper and church bells for ammunition. Soon they marked all the Jews with stars. We were given food stamps, rations, cigarettes, electricity, and told us to register for labor if the Germans needed us.” But Bosma did not sign up for fear of being sent to a work camp in Germany.

Then came a curfew. No one was allowed out between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Bosma attempted to sneak out one night to go to his bakery. “Just as I had stepped out and locked the door, I heard talking at the street corner no more than 50 feet away. I desperately tried to unlock the door and no sooner than I got in my house, two German shepherds hit the door. I heard the Germans walking up because they had the clinkers under their boots. They stood in front of the house for a while and left again. My heart was beating awfully hard.”

Soon they started rounding up the Jews with the help of the “Jan Hagel.” These were natives of the Netherlands who helped the Germans hunt the Jews and seek out the Resistance. These people often thought the Germans would give them powerful or prestigious jobs after the war.

Bosma’s sister worked for a Jewish man who wanted to hide his daughter from the invaders so Bosma talked his in-laws into hiding her in their home.

When speaking of the Holocaust, he said, “We did not know what was happening, but had a strong idea.” When Bosma’s brother-in-law was taken to jail by the Germans, he saw what was happening to people who protected the Jews. He urged his parents to find her another place to hide after his release three months later.

Bosma, knowing the risk to himself, took in the seven- year-old Lia, fearing if she was caught she would be sent to Wassterbark, a concentration camp in the Netherlands. During her stay with Bosma and his wife, they had a close call with the Jan Hagel. “One day they had all the streets around our house cordoned off. They were looking for the leader of the underground.” Fearing their house might be checked, Mrs. Bosma hid the Jewish girl in a hole in the floor where they kept black coal for the stoves. “I said no way we can put a little girl down there.” He opened the lid and took her out when he got home. Bosma told her to sit in the corner and play with her dolls and if anybody came, to be quiet, and he would do the talking.

The Jan Hagel never came to the Bosma’s house. But Lia was later caught. While out one day, a German soldier chased her to a canal, where Lia had no choice but to dive in. The soldier followed and soon had the little girl taken to jail.

About three years ago Bosma received a letter from Virginia Beach. It was Lia, and she had survived. She never had to go to a concentration camp. She and Bosma exchanged letters and she expressed her gratitude for all he had done for her during the war.

Without Work Papers Bosma Nearly Arrested

Uilke (Jeep) Bosma didn't sign up for labor duty, as everyone between 16 and 65 was supposed to. It nearly cost him dearly.

"On day I got caught and because I had no pass, I was in trouble." But a German soldier recognized Bosma from the bakery he regularly went to. "He pleaded with his commandant to let me go, because I was their baker." They threatened Bosma with work camp, but let him go with a stern warning to get his papers. Bosma said most of the German soldiers were "good people" and were only doing their jobs." It was the Gestapo and SS who terrorized and struck fear into the community." Once a German soldier told Bosma "that they did not want to be in Holland, they all just wanted to go back home to Germany," said Bosma. "We were more afraid of the Russians than the Germans," he said.

Life Tougher as War Drags On

Life grew tougher as the war went on, says Uilke (Jeep) Bosma. As the war continued the Germans began taking more and more out of Holland – radios, cars, trucks and food stamps became increasingly scarce and some families traded everything they owned for food.

One day as Bosma told it, the Jan Hagel, a group of Dutch Collaborators, confiscated a saw from a man in their village. Bosma, feeling they went too far, went to

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them and demanded the man's saw back. A bold move on his part. "I can't remember if I ever got it back from them," he laughed.

When wood for their stoves became scarce, Bosma and a friend started to fell a tree. They did not realize the tree would strike communication wires set up by the Germans. They brought down the wires along with the tree. Fearing reprisals, they fled the scene as quickly as possible.

Germans Leave In a Hurry at War's End

The war ended quickly for Uilke (Jeep) Bosma. "One day the Germans were there in our streets, the next gone back to Germany. They left in the middle of the night, we didn't see them go," he said. "We were all so happy that they had finally gone," his wife, Maudie added.

Their village of Grouw in northern Holland did not see much of the fierce fighting between the Canadians and Germans in southern Holland in the fall of 1944. "We were very lucky."

The Canadian victory in the Netherlands brought feasts, parties and huge dances in the streets, as the Canadians continued into Germany.

During the war, the Bosma's decided to leave the Netherlands to go and live in a country with fewer restrictions due to high population. "We thought of moving to the U.S., Australia, New Zealand and Canada," Maudie Bosma said.

In April 1955 they made the trip to Canada. Bosma picked up his baking trade once again to make a living here. Bosma then worked at the Golf and Country Club in Bushville and Curling Rink in Newcastle. He and his wife are volunteers for Meals on Wheels and very active with their church and community. Maudie said, "We must keep this history alive, we can never have what happened to occur again, especially what they did to the Jews."

Source: Miramichi Leader – November 10, 1995

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

MATERIALS DONATED TO NBGS LIBRARY

Someone came into the Chatham Library and dropped off a bag full of CD's and binders of different information on genealogies as well as family histories. The items listed below were dropped off:

French/English Dictionary for Genealogists Relationship Chart

Illustrated History of Kennebec County Maine 1625- 1892

MAPQuest List of New Brunswick Counties

The Direct Line Ancestors of Agnes Alberta Morrell (nee Hopper)

Heberts in Acadian Church Records

Descendants of Antoine Hebert 1621 to 1800s compiled by Tim Hebert 1998

Descendants of Etienne Hebert 1630 to 1800s compiled by Tim Hebert 1998

CD of Family Gunter Headstones in Gagetown, NB CD of Genealogy My family Tree 2005 edition CD of Ships

Passengers BeauBasin Maps

CD of Family Tree program

CD of family ancestors of Agnes, Alden, Allin, Attwood (Atwood), Bruce, Fafard, Hewitt, Hill, Holland, Howatt, Hull, McGlashing, Melanson, Meunier, Moyneux, Morrell, Mullins, Ogden, Pollard, Somers, Stanley, Ulrich, Vallieres, Warren, Willis

CD of Descendants of John Coleman McGlashing, Farquharson, Howatt, Molyneux, Thomas Morrell (1580) and William Morrell (1890-1954)

CD on Fafard CD on Meunier

CD on families on Brown A, Brown AL, Gunter, Hopper, Jenkin Gunter, O'Brien, Wheaton, Wilson

CD on Gunter and Jenkin Gunter CD on Ulrich and Valliere/Villiers

The person who dropped off these materials did not leave a name or phone number so we have not been able to contact him/her. If you dropped off this material, or know who did, please let a member of the executive know so we can extend a personal thank you.

Submitted by: Donna Kelly

Editor's Note: If you have family history material, old scrapbooks, etc., that you no longer want, please consider donating it to the local Branch. Remember the old adage: one person's trash is another person's treasure.

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NEW RELEASES FROM LOCAL AUTHORS

Beautiful Blackville Meet Rushing Renous by Ben Donovan

On April 6th, local resident Ben Donovan launched his new book titled *Beautiful Blackville Meet Rushing Renous*. The book includes a history of Blackville, stories on local residents including those who, not only have achieved prominence on the national and international stage, but also famous people who visited the Miramichi, such as Marilyn Monroe and Ted Williams. Also included are stories on Quarryville, Renous, Plaster Rock Highway, the Game Reserve and businesses in Renous. The book has 14 chapters, 600 pages, and is published by Polycor Imprimerie Ltee in Richibucto. The book sells for \$40. A recent article in the local paper indicated that only a limited number of copies are available.

Talented Miramichiers in the Gilded Age by Thomas W. Creaghan

For a genealogist, Tom Creehan's recently published "Talented Miramichiers in the Gilded Age" is a very interesting and well-researched book on one 19th century family from Douglstown, NB—the Adams family.

Sam Adams Sr., a tailor, arrived in the Miramichi from Ireland in 1835 – the Miramichi of Rankin, Gilmour, Cunard and Hutchison. He set up a tailoring business in Douglstown and within four years had married Mary Ann (Mame) Daley. Over the next twenty years Sam and Mame produced a family of eleven – 5 daughters and six sons. One daughter died at five in 1849 but the remainder went on to prosper, both in Canada and the USA, as dry goods entrepreneurs, as mining executives, and as politicians. One son Michael, the only son who did not go to the USA,

became a well-known lawyer, a politician at both the Provincial and Federal level, as well as a Canadian Senator. Three of the daughters remained on the Miramichi and married a McKendy, a Doyle and a Creaghan. This Creaghan was J. D. Creaghan, himself from Ireland and the grandfather of the author of the book. Certainly no one on the Miramichi or in NB, for that matter, would fail to recognize the Creaghan name and the contribution made to the local and provincial economy.

Just in case you think this is just a family history, it encompasses much more. It is a first-hand view of the business, the politics and the figures which dominated the 19th Century both in our country and our neighbor to the south.

In the Country by Wayne Curtis

The setting for *In the Country*, the author's 17th book, is rural New Brunswick in days gone by but not easily forgotten. It's a collection of stories of the hardships of rural life for his generation and the restrictions facing young people who yearned for a life beyond the farm. Readers can easily see Blackville and Newcastle in the fictional locales in the author's stories. Released in February of this year and published by Pottersfield Press, the book has 226 pages and sells for \$21.95. It's available at some local retailers (Pharmasave for one) and on-line at Chapters.

INVITATION – SPECIAL JUNE EVENT

Friends in Genealogy,

It is my pleasant duty to invite you to a special meeting in Miramichi this summer. On Saturday, June 25th from 2 to 4 pm., the Miramichi Branch of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society will welcome author Sally Armstrong to give a presentation.

You'll recall that Sally Armstrong wrote a book about her ancestor Charlotte Taylor, a courageous early settler at Tabusintac along the Miramichi River. But Sally has a greater reputation than that. Besides being an author, she is an Amnesty International award winner, a member of the Order of Canada, a documentary film maker, teacher, journalist, foreign correspondent, human rights activist and contributing editor of *Maclean's* magazine. She has covered stories from Bosnia to Somalia to Rwanda and Afghanistan. She has received ten honorary doctorates and a long list of prestigious awards.

Sally will be speaking about her book, *The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor* as well as her other books. She will bring a few books for sale and will sign some.

Her presentation is sure to appeal to people with many backgrounds: genealogists, historians, book lovers and human rights activists. Plan to join us Saturday, June 25th, 2 to 4 pm. at the Friendly Neighbor Senior Citizens Centre, 26 Sutton Road, Nelson-Miramichi, N.B.

Everyone welcome.

Submitted by: Judy Vautour

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Members - we need YOUR help - again.

We know, because we do it ourselves, that you have saved obituaries of members of your family and possibly of friends and neighbours, as well. If those obituaries pertain in any way to folks in Northumberland County, NB, we need copies of them.

Why? Well, because we are compiling books of obituaries to add to the resource material in our branch library. We are also posting the formatted obituaries to our Website - for full viewing to members only. A few of our members have been gathering and typing obituaries for a few years now and have generously shared them with us. Their help is truly appreciated. We acquired the extensive collection of our late member, Avadne Connolly, as well as over 30 years'

worth of newspapers from our local library (Newcastle) and the extensive collection of member Ben Donovan. Also, with the cooperation of the directors at the Natural History Museum, we are now in the process of copying obituaries from their early collection as well. A couple of members forward Northumberland County strays to us and another member tracks down others for us. Without the help of all these people, our obituary project would not enjoy the success it has been having—as noted when our Website was having problems last year.

The obituaries are produced in book form, a book for each letter of the alphabet (a few with letters combined), when the file contains enough obituaries to make it worthwhile. We are currently working on Volume 3 of our obituary books as well over two dozen have now been printed. As an example, surnames beginning with the letter ‘M’—Volume 1, totals 125 double-sided pages and contains approximately 800 obituaries. Imagine the information available in that one book!

This project is on-going, so there is no deadline for your reply, but **PLEASE**, take the time to dig out your collection of obituaries and send copies of them to us either by regular mail at:

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Attention: Obituary Committee

PO Box 403

Miramichi NB, Canada

E1N 3A8

or by email (preferred if typed) at:

pennyc@nbnet.nb.ca

Remember, you or your friends can take advantage of over 18, 000 posted obituaries online at our Website through membership in our genealogy society, which will give you access to the full obituaries that have been posted and are continuing to be posted every day.

Visit our Website to check it out: **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

Requesting Help!

Please Help Us to Help You.

It has come to our attention that the new death certificates posted at PANB Online often contain the place of burial of the deceased. Some of our members have been sending us this information when they discover that it is missing from our cemetery transcriptions.

Often, as we transcribed the tombstones, we noted that several stones seemed to be missing or they had deteriorated to the point where they could not be read. As well, people were sometimes buried with no marker. These, of course, are not included in our cemetery transcriptions.

We are currently updating our records with new tombstone information and also with some church records that we have been able to obtain for people buried with no stone. We would really appreciate it if you would take the time to send us any **Northumberland County** records you locate of burials that are **NOT** listed in our cemetery publications. This information may be titled “Cemetery Updates” and sent to: dmullin@nbnet.nb.ca or pennyc@nbnet.nb.ca Be sure to include sources for any information provided. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

LETTER FROM HOGAN DESCENDANT

Dear NBGS members:

My three times great-grandparents William and Mary (Thompson) Hogan came to New Brunswick from Kinsale, Ireland around 1819 and settled on the south side of the Southwest Miramichi River in Blissfield in the early 1820s. They had 11 children; however, by the



time the 1851 census was taken, their eldest daughter, Sally, had passed away. Sally's husband, Jeremiah Mahoney, and a six-month-old son resided in the Hogan household for the 1851 census indicating that Sally had likely passed due to a complication from childbirth. A larger and heavier tragedy would soon befall the Hogan household.

According to their poignant headstone in the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church cemetery in Howard, William and Mary Hogan died "simultaneously" on August 10, 1852. I have been unable to locate any newspaper or other account reliably describing how they met their demise. The basic story passed down is they were traveling by wagon either waiting for a ferry or were on a ferry when something unexpected occurred resulting in the wagon going into the water and their drowning.

For a number of years I had assumed the "ferry" involved was at "The Forks" of the Cains and the Southwest Miramichi in Howard. However, others have referenced ferries closer to Newcastle/ Chatham. For what it is worth, August 10th in 1852 fell on a Tuesday.

Here is the message on their headstone:

Erected by the children of William and Mary Hogan in memory of their beloved parents who departed this life simultaneously on the 10th Aug 1852

WILLIAM Born 25th Dec 1799

and MARRIED 14th SEPT 1822

Here lie the friends most loved, the parents most dear Who never knew joy but friendship might divide

Or gave their children grief but when they died

For the more curious, the latitude/longitude of the original William Hogan homestead are:

46°34'33.8"N 66°01'29.1"W

Any insights or suggestions appreciated.

Jeff Copeskey (pronounced "Cop-skee") 3058 Torrance Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809 email: ejriptide@yahoo.com

LIMERICK ANCESTORS

Anyone looking for ancestors in Limerick, Ireland may find the website below helpful. The site contains records extracted from the microfilm collection of The Limerick *CHRONICLE* newspaper. The years 1781 to 1947 are included. The site indicates that variations in the quality of the images are due to such variations occurring in the original microfilm image rather than in the scanning process.

They further state that while they have made every effort to be thorough they cannot guarantee that these listings are complete there may be reports of deaths, obituaries, etc. which have accidentally omitted.

[http://www.limerickcity.ie/Library/LocalStudies/Obituar
iesdeathnoticesetcfromTheLimerickChronicle/](http://www.limerickcity.ie/Library/LocalStudies/Obituar
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CULTURAL FOUNDERS MUSEUM

The Grand Anse Popes Museum displays have been dismantled and in their place there will be CULTURAL FOUNDERS Museum. There will be five rooms - one room for each of Native, Acadian, Scottish, Irish and English Founders. I am responsible for acquiring the info, maps, symbols, family stories etc. for the Irish room. Mary Calder of Caraquet takes charge of the Scottish room. Josee Landry is organizing all the rooms

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and Gaston Hachey is overseeing it all. They have 5 summer employees. The original plan is to cover the area from Caraquet to Bathurst. I may try to squeeze in Pokemouche and N Tetagouche (Kinsale). They may also want to extend it to cover additional areas in NB.

This is a great opportunity for us to display several cultures on this Irish Coast of the north shore. There is a lot of history that is not in the history books so we have to prepare and donate works. We have to tell the facts, regardless of who did what. If any of you have materials that could be helpful to us please contact me. We will be flying our Irish flags high in the winds of the Bay Chaleur.

Submitted: Mary Anne Riordon-Barry

STRAYS FROM AWAY

ARBEAU, Justin (Justy) Henry

The passing of Justin (Justy) Henry ARBEAU of Andersonville, NB, occurred on Monday, February 01, 2016 at Andersonville Special Care Home. Born on July 10, 1940 in Doaktown, NB, he was the son of the late Justice and Stella ARBEAU. Justy is survived by one brother, Robert ARBEAU (Norma); sister in law, Marlene; several nieces,

nephews and great nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Annabelle BREWER (Donald), Vivian ARBEAU, Leona CURTIS and Essie ARBEAU; brothers, Alton (Ruth), Henry, Clifford and Mancel ARBEAU. Interment will take place in Doaktown United Baptist Cemetery at a later date. *Source: www.yorkfh.com*

**ARBEAU, Rickey "Rick" Allen
(1962- November 16, 2015)**

The passing of Rickey A. ARBEAU of St. Jacques, NB and formerly of Fredericton occurred on November 16, 2015 at the Edmundston Regional Hospital. He was 53. Born in Newcastle, NB he was a son of Jean ARBEAU. He is survived by his mother Jean; spouse Angela ADAIR; children Crystal COTTON (Jason), Shawn HANLON, Chantal BOUDREAU, Josh BOUDREAU AND Grace BOUDREAU; six grandchildren; two great- grandchildren; brothers Hughie ARBEAU, Leroy ARBEAU and Kevin ARBEAU (Pam MARR); sisters Ruth ARBEAU (John CURRAN), Bonnie ARBEAU and Sheila ARBEAU; nieces and nephews. Predeceased by a sister Dolores PETERSON. A celebration of

Rickey's life will be held at the Serenity Free Will Baptist Church on November 21, 2015. Interment will be private. *Source: Fredericton Daily Gleaner, November 20, 2015*

MORRELL, Ann (LYONS)

It is with great sadness that the family of Anne Morrell announces her passing on Sunday, November 15th, 2015, at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton, NB. Born in Blissfield, NB, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Olive (Betts) Lyons and the wife of the late Maynard (Bert) Bordon Morrell. Anne is survived by her children, Rick (Josephine) of Lakeville Corner, NB, Bob (Leslie) of Rusagonis, NB, Liza of Saskatoon, SK, Brian of Lakeville Corner, NB, Susan Ackerson (Wendall) of Peterborough, ON, and Mark of Lakeville Corner, NB; brothers, Alvin Lyons of Doaktown, NB, George Lyons of Long Sault, ON, and Lloyd Lyons of Doaktown, NB; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, Anne was predeceased by sisters, Helen Donald and Ester Clowater and brothers, Charles Lyons, Don Lyons and Emmitt Lyons. A memorial service will take place on Wednesday, November 18th, at 11:00 AM at the Oromocto Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. Perry Edwards officiating. Interment will follow in the Byno

Cemetery in Lakeville Corner. *Source: www.romoctofh.com*

GALLAN: Paul Allan, born September 21, 1950 passed away surrounded by his loving family on Friday, February 19, 2016 in his 66th year. Beloved father of Cynthia Gallan, Christina Merrick and Tracy Jordan (Sean). Loving Papa to Richelle-Lynn and Daniel. Dear brother of Daniel, Paulette, Evelyn, Claudia and the late Beverly and Frederick. Son of the late Daniel and Pauline. A Memorial Service was held at Armstrong Funeral Home, Oshawa on February 24th. *Source: www.armstrongfuneralhome.net*

WALSH: Tragically in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 2nd, 2016. Christopher Michael Frederick Walsh of Arnprior was struck by a vehicle and passed away at the age of 29 years. Cherished companion of Karyn Giesbrecht. Chris became a Dad to his infant son, Ryder 4 months ago. Beloved son of Diane Swaine (Murray) and of the late Michael Walsh. Much loved "Big Brother" of Melissa (Ryley Burns). Dear grandson of Frank Walsh (Inge) of Carp; Dorothy Walsh of Halifax; Fred Mcleod (late Edna) of

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Miramichi, N.B. and John Swaine (late Doris) of White Lake. Fondly remembered and ever loved by his many aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends. A Service to honour and remember Chris Walsh will be conducted in the Pilon Family Chapel on Thursday morning . Interment Malloch Road Cemetery, Arnprior.

FROM OUR FAMILY TREE

SAUNTRY: John Leo (June 1, 1957, Newcastle, NB- February 9, 2016, Edmonton, AB) the son of late Eugene Sauntry and Juanita McKay of Williamstown passed away peacefully at the age of 58. Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 25 years, Phyllis Tilley, stepsons, grandchildren and a multiple brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. Celebration of Life was February 12, 2016 at Trinity Funeral Home, Edmonton.

Note: John is the brother in law of member Jeannette Sauntry of Fredericton, New Brunswick.

MAPLE GLEN CHURCH HISTORY

On August 18, 1901, the construction of a new church was completed in Maple Glen, then known as Protectionville, about 15 miles north of Newcastle.

Farming and lumbering opportunities had drawn families to the area to settle, as is evident from another name by which the community was known in the early 20th century: Sugary, from the fruit of the sugar bush maples growing in the area.

Phineas Gunn donated the land for the church, and community leaders such as Joe and Manford Sobey, William Campbell, and David Petrie directed the men and women who volunteered their efforts to the construction of the church.

The church was initially shared by all denominations in the community but later joined the Methodist Conference. With the Union of 1925, the church became part of the United Church of Canada. In the years that followed, Maple Glen United Church joined the Newcastle Pastoral Charge, sharing weekly worship services and functions of ministry with St. James and St. John United Church.

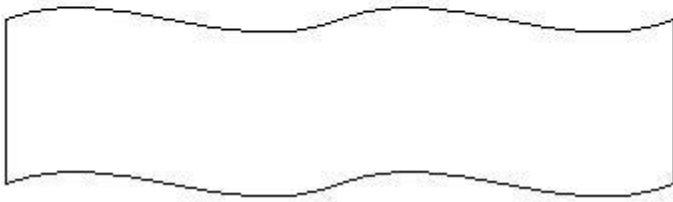
In 1980, a steeple and a bell were erected and major renovations were made to the sanctuary and basement.

The community cemetery is located across the street from the church at 1012 Route 435, Maple Glen. W. E. Baker donated this land. For years, the cemetery rested under the shade of a towering pine tree growing near the entrance gate, until the tree was destroyed by lightning in 1990. In 1996, a memorial gate was installed at the entrance of the cemetery in honor of Harrison Gunn for his time and dedication.

In addition, a Centennial Monument (1879-1979) was erected in honor of the pioneering families. Surnames engraved are Baker, Bothwell, Curtis, Drummond, Duncan, Fletcher, Gordon, Gunn, Haynes, Hughes, Jardine, King, Laurie, McKay, Major, Mullaly, McAllister, McCormick, Mullin, Newbury, Patterson, Petrie, Smallwood, Sobey, Todd and Wood. The transcription of the existing tombstones in 2002 can be located in our North Esk Parish Book.

A SIMPLE WAY TO READ OLD TOMBSTONES

Old tombstones are often worn and difficult to read. Here is a simple trick to help you overcome this common problem. The next time you go to the cemetery take a bottle of water with you. Pour the water over the face of the tombstone. It won't hurt the tombstone. What it will do, however, is to help make indents on the surface stand out more. Basically, this simple trick will make it much easier to read the remains of chiseled letters on old tombstones. Give it a try and you will be amazed at how much it can make old letters pop out. Technically, what is happening is that the surface of a worn and faded tombstone presents what is known as a diffuse reflection surface. This means that light reflecting off the tombstone tends to scatter and move in different (diffuse) directions. This makes it difficult for the human eye (or an image taken by a camera) to discern the pattern of faded letters chiseled into the surface. When water is added to the face of the tombstone, the water will fill in the letter crevices and make the surface more reflective. Scientifically, this is known as a specular reflection. In essence, the application of water to the surface of the tombstone



helps convert it from a diffuse reflection surface to a specular reflection surface. The lining up of the light rays in a specular reflection makes it much easier to discern the pattern of letters on a faded tombstone. See more at: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/articles/a-simple-way-to-read-oldtombstones.html#sthash.h1hdZGkh.dpuf>

HOW TO DIGITIZE A BOOK

A book's binding can make scanning the pages difficult. Flattening the book face-down on the glass scanning bed can break the spine. You may need to experiment to achieve the best results with the equipment you have. Try these options: Scan half at a time. Some flatbed scanners—with removable lids and a scanning bed positioned close to the edge of the machine—can accommodate bound materials. In this case, place one side of the open book face-down on the scanner, allowing the other side to hang off the edge. Use a special scanner. A library or FamilySearch Center near you may offer a specialized book scanner for patrons' use. These machines have a cradle to hold an open

book and angled cameras aimed at each page. Go Portable. A small, light photo scanner such as the FlipPal Mobile Scanner rests on top of a single page to digitize it. You also could use a handheld wand scanner such as the VuPoint Solutions Magic Wand.

Take pictures. Another possibility is to use a camera to snap a picture of the pages. The results aren't as sharp as what you get with a scanner but are adequate for research and preservation of the book's contents. Support the open book on a soft pillow so it's relatively flat, and photograph each page in abundant natural light. Keep the camera lens parallel with the page and, if possible, use a tripod and remote shutter release.

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You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.

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REUNIONS 2016

MC/MACDONALD

William Henry Mc(Mac)Donald was one of 10 children born to Angus McDonald of Scotland and Christina Dean of Miramichi. He married Harriet Harris and they had 9 children, and the saga continues. Event will take place the afternoon of July 30th at the Miramichi Valley Bible Camp (formerly The Enclosure Park). See

locationandphotosat:<http://miramichivalleybiblecamp.com/>

Pot Luck Dinner

Bring your favorite main course or dessert (and your appetite) and enjoy meeting friends and relatives.

NBGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, May 28 – 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Location: 28 Woolridge Ave, Riverview, NB

The Annual General Meeting of The New Brunswick Genealogical Society Inc. will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 Woolridge Ave., Riverview, NB. Guest Speaker will be Lawren Campbell, Heritage and Culture Co-ordinator of Resurgo Place, who will talk on the Historical Buildings of Moncton.

11:00 am – Executive Meeting 12:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 pm – AGM 2:00 pm - Speaker

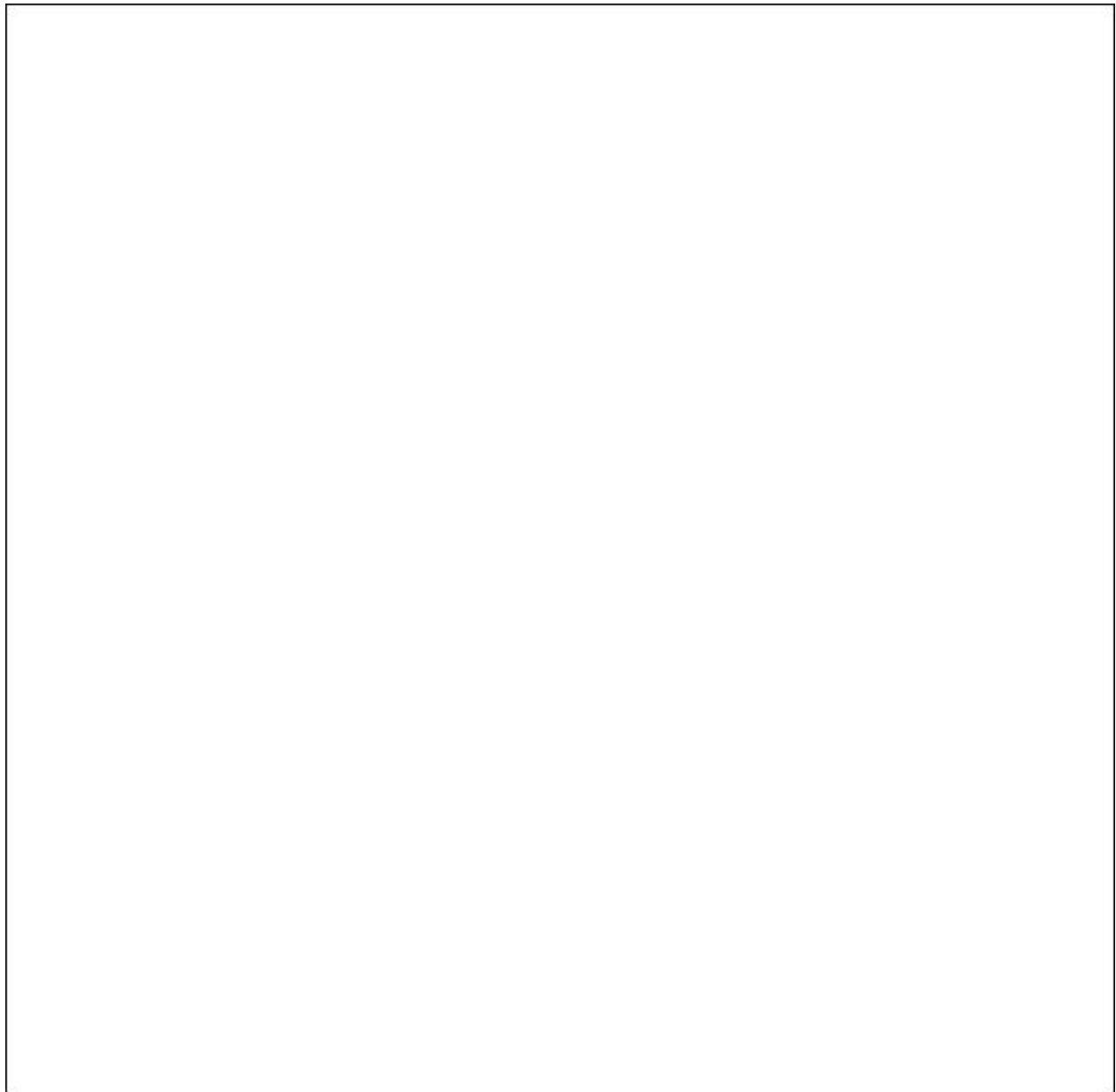
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Visitors are always welcome.

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