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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer has gone by much too quickly and Fall is here once again. With that, our Branch meetings have resumed for another year and for many of us time to get back at the research shelved over the summer.

Our meetings continue to be held at the Chatham Library the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:15 PM. We look forward to seeing you there. The input of members is what makes our Branch successful, and we encourage all members to be active participants! We welcome your genealogy material - family histories, Miramichi obituaries (those born in Northumberland County), and any other information you come across which might be of interest to our members. Sharing information is what we are all about.

In November we will be having our annual meeting and election of officers. We will have positions to fill - we cannot continue to operate with key positions vacant. Please consider offering. If you have questions about any position, contact the current incumbent or any member of the executive. But please....don't stay away from meetings because you feel you may be "roped" into a position. Come, enjoy the meetings and sharing

with fellow members. Participate in whatever way you feel comfortable. If you feel you would like to take a turn on the executive, we would love to have you.

Faye Baisley, President

MEETING BY MEETING

NBGS Miramichi Branch would like to update members from 'away' as to the activities of the group. With this in mind, we will let you know about the interesting speakers we have had lately and the ones who are booked to speak at the branch meetings. If you are in the area, plan to drop in.

SEPTEMBER

Our meetings resumed after the summer break on Tuesday, September 26th. This meeting was held at the Newcastle Library due to renovations at the Chatham Library. After a short business meeting, we caught up with what had happened over the summer with members' research and then had our annual Meet & Greet.

As is customary at our September meeting, we also presented an annual Volunteer Recognition Award. This year Branch Treasurer, Elsie Stefanyk, was the recipient of the award.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

At Miramichi Branch, we are fortunate to have many dedicated members who give generously of their time. Every year we try to recognize a

member (or members) with our Volunteer Recognition Award.

Branch Treasurer, Elsie Stefanyk, was this year's recipient of our recognition award.

A 20-year member, Elsie joined NBGS Miramichi in 1997. The Treasurer position is always a difficult one to fill and Elsie stepped up when the need was there and has done an excellent job in the position for the past three years. Although she lives some 40 KM from the city, she never misses a meeting, executive or regular, and has been an active volunteer at branch events including the Irish Festival, Our Miramichi Heritage Gatherings, Tabusintac Old Home Week, and Heritage Week Open House.

The Board recognized with thanks Elsie Stefanyk for her contributions to Miramichi Branch.

NEW MATERIAL IN BRANCH HOLDINGS

We continue to add resource materials to our cupboard at the Chatham Library. Since our last newsletter, we have added the following:

Publication: *James Innes - A Miramichi Pioneer – His History and His Life* by J. David Innes.

In 1784, twenty-one year old James Innes of Scotland arrived in Miramichi. Today all those bearing the Innes name on the river are descendants of this young man. This book is the story of James Innes, explores his background, where he came from and his relationship to the Innes family in Scotland. The author points out that “the Innes family story is an intriguing one which parallels the history of Scotland from the reign of King Malcolm IV through Robert the Bruce, through the Stewarts and finally the Reformation and Mary Queen of Scots.”

This is a must read not only those of Innes ancestry but all those with an interest in Miramichi and Scottish history.

Family Histories

We extend our thanks to member **Harry McEachern** who has generously donated his research on the following families to our Branch Holdings: Burbridge, McEachern, McConnell and Monaghan. It is through such generosity that we are able to provide material to assist people in their family history research. Part of the McEachern history appears below:

McEachern Family History

Member Harry McEachern, from Ohio recently submitted a copy of his family history to NBGS Miramichi. Although the full document is too long to appear in our newsletter, the first generation appears below. The complete document is now in our branch research holdings, thanks to Mr. McEachern.

Donald McEachern (c1746 – 1830)

The First Generation

Foreword

The writer became interested in his McEachern family about 1974, at 50 years of age, living in North East Ohio and having been born in Chatham, New Brunswick, Canada.

I can only speculate that this interest arose from a realization that my own family would have little knowledge of who they were or where their father grew up unless the distance between the Miramichi River and Hudson, Ohio was bridged.

It started one Sunday afternoon, while visiting my mother and step-father, when I asked if we could visit one or more of the older cemeteries in Chatham looking for the marker of my great great grandfather, John McEachern (ca 1784 – 1879), whom my cousin Katherine Bernetta McEachern, told me was buried in an old cemetery somewhere

near the Rockheads between Chatham and Loggieville.

I have yet to find that old cemetery or his headstone, but the journey that started that day, has been and continues to be an exciting one, even as I write this. It allowed me to correspond and meet with distant cousins all over North America and put me in touch with people, such as Jack Connell and Carm Williston of Chatham, Bob and Shirley McDonald of Petaluma, California, (our great grandparents were brother and sister) and Jim Allen then of Toronto, without whom, some of what I am about to write, would not have been possible.

In the ensuing years of research, two discoveries were pivotal. The first was the finding of a petition for land by John McEachern, dated 1824, in which it became known for the first time, that he had moved from Prince Edward Island in 1819, with his wife and children.

The second was the finding by Mrs. Beryl Barrett of Charlottetown, PEI of the sale of land by John McEachern and family, which linked him to a family on PEI, which in turn showed that family was on the brig *Humphreys* when it arrived in 1806 in Charlottetown from Tobermory, Mull, Scotland.

The early goal of the writer was to learn where in Scotland the family originated, whether or not it was really Mull. The only proof so far are the headstones at St. John's Church in Belfast, PEI.

In all of the following the spelling McEachern has been used regardless of the spelling in any of the data researched. Whether it is Mac or Mc, or Ran, Arn, Eron, Ren or Ern is not important; we are all one family regardless of the spelling.

It is ironic that the writer at an early age was traversing the area between Chatham and Point Escuminac with his paternal grandfather, James Burbridge, and was unaware until some 40 years later that this was the land which knew his father's family so well.

I remember clearly, one of the earliest trips made to Point Escuminac to spend two weeks with my grandfather, James Burbridge, at the canning

factory owned and operated by the W.S. Loggie Co. of Chatham.

It would be early July, probably 1932, I was 8 years old, school was over as of June 30 and two months' vacation lay ahead. My mother thought it would be great for me to spend some time with my grandfather.

Monday morning, Campbell Russell, truck driver for W.S. Loggie pulled up to the old house on McCurdy Street., no numbers then, in an old chain drive Federal built truck piled high with "stuff" for the factory.

The first stop would be the Terminal Hotel in Loggieville to see Ben Williston, the proprietor, an old acquaintance. Perhaps the two sons, Leonard and Bernie were there also. Bernie was the book-keeper for my grandfather one summer.

Loggie's store at Hardwicke was the next stop as Loggie's did not have a store at Bay du Vin or Miramichi. I remember grandfather arranging credit for a family and seeing a small boy, my own age, struggling home carrying a gallon jug filled with molasses.

Grandfather always stopped at Escuminac Village, for it was here that many of his fishermen and their families lived. One memory is of a line of unpainted two story shingled frame houses on the south side of the road and the locals sitting in front of them waiting for something to happen or just putting in time. One person remembered was Ozzie Williston who was a good natured person and a fisherman. He was lost in the 1959 gale that claimed many lives. Ozzie's name is on the statue commemorating the disaster.

You never went "to the point" without stopping at the home of Will and Kate Nash, the last house before you started across the road over the barren to the point. This road changed every year because of the erosion along the shore. It was road over a peat moss bog, hugging the shore line until you hit solid ground about half a mile from the factory run by A & R Loggie Co., of Loggieville.

Kate Nash was a spirited woman, who was very kind to the writer, who was extremely shy. She and her husband loved company and were most hospitable.

The journey covered about 50 miles, and took most of the day. Campbell Russell “chewed” tobacco, probably a fig of Navy Cut. There was a small hole in the floorboard of the cab and between the noise of the engine, Campbell and my grandfather yelling their conversation at each other, the heat and Campbell trying to hit the hole as he frequently spit, how could one forget such an experience.

There were 3 factories at Point Escuminac before you got to the lighthouse run by Capt. MacLennan, his son Bliss and daughter Jean.

The factories were owned by A & R Loggie, W.S. Loggie and Harrison Smith.

The two covered bridges, first at the Little Branch then the Bay du Vin River were always a mile marker for the writer. The noise from the floor boards as you crossed was so distinctive.

1. Donald McEachern – ca. 1746 – 1830. Very little is known about Donald or his wife Sarah. Research so far after 20 plus years has not revealed where they lived in Scotland, where they were born, when they were married and so on. We do know that in July of 1806, they boarded the brig *Humphreys* with family and worldly possessions, and left Scotland forever, bound for the New World, arriving in Charlottetown, PEI. Donald and Sarah had 9 children; Archibald, Donald, John, Mary, Dugald, Charles, Janet and Hector.

John was listed as 60 years of age; hence, born about 1746. Sarah was 53 years old upon entering the colony. There were 14 McEacherns on the *Humphreys*.

Of note is a statement by Jim Allen, originally from Peterborough, Ontario, that his grandfather Captain Angus McEachern (1866 – 1933) always said that the MacKinnon’s and McEacherns were very close.

If this statement referred to the MacKinnon’s on board the *Humphreys* in 1806, of which there were 25, comprising four (4) families, then possibly these six families were neighbors in Scotland and planned to emigrate together. Three McEachern spouses were MacKinnon’s.

An indenture, dated Dec. 14, 1808, indicates, Donald and three of his sons, Archibald, John and Charles, purchased some 558 acres of farm land on the Portree River, Lot 57, from James Williams, attorney for Lord Selkirk. The purchase price was £231. The indenture does not say whether it was Donald Sr. or Donald Jr. who signed. These four also bought an island of 20 acres adjoining the 558 acres purchased.

We find Donald in the legal system in 1811 looking for some £67 owed him by a James Sinclair.

The next reference to him concerns the murder of a John Ross. The accused was John Nicolson. Petitions were circulated in the Flat River, Great Belfast and Wood Islands areas requesting clemency for Nicolson; the date is March 13, 1813 and Sarah and Donald, plus John, Nancy, Charles, Margaret and Archibald, all McEacherns, made their mark.

Note – John McEachern and Ann (Nancy) MacDougald were married at St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Charlottetown on January 27, 1812 and, apparently, are living near or with his parents, brothers and sisters.

On Aug 9, 1821 the estate of Lord Selkirk went to court to obtain £46 plus, from Donald McEachern and a James Wilson, which monies were paid on Aug. 13, 1821. It is assumed this is our Donald McEachern who is now some 75 years of age. No mention of Sarah, his wife, or who was James Wilson?

Aug 12, 1830 saw the recording of the sale of 130 acres of the land bought in 1808 to Alexander Frazer. It is stated in this indenture that Donald McEachern, farmer, died intestate, but no date is given. Neither is there any mention of Sarah. Presumably both passed

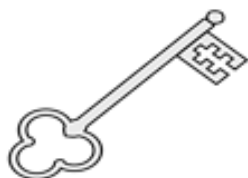
away, and no record of their deaths or burial has been found. Why they are not recorded or listed at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Belfast is a puzzle.

Finally it is of interest to speculate on how this family accumulated £231 to purchase the land from Lord Selkirk. No mention of mortgages or loans in those days.

2. Sarah (?) McEachern - Sarah was 52 when she left Scotland; hence, born about 1754. The only reference to her is the signing of the John Nicolson petition in 1813. Who her family was, etc., is not known. Perhaps she was a MacKinnon?
3. Ann McEachern – born about 1756 in Scotland. Was Ann a sister or sister-in-law to Donald? Charles age 17 in 1806 is noted as her son, but he is also stated to be the son of John and Sarah in the indenture for the sale of land in 1830. Another puzzle!!

Editor's Note: Our research library currently includes over 100 family histories that have been generously donated to the branch by both members and non-members. If you have research you would like to share, we would love to have it. We would welcome a paper or digital copy. You can contact me or any member of the executive.

Please use these materials as you continue your research – but do not take any of these materials from the Library. Materials are there for all members to view.



Learning your family history is the key to unlocking who you are.



NEW AT THE ARCHIVES

The Provincial Archives recently added some new records that have a Miramichi connection so may be of interest to our members.

MC4004 Ken Weatherby collection: Records are primarily related to Black River and Loggieville and are comprised of records from the MacNaughton family of Black River, St. Stephen United Church, the Independent Order of Good Templars (a temperance fraternity located in the area under the name of White Birch Lodge No. 15) and record books believed to be from the W. S. Loggie store in Chatham, N.B.

MC4045 Joan Burchill collection: M2017.15: Original Burchill family records, largely correspondence, including records related to Rev. Samuel Bacon, Senator George P. Burchill, and St. Peters and St. Paul's Anglican Church, Chatham. Also includes records related to the extended family, including Bacon, Wilkinson, Cutler, Haviland, Lockwood and Sargeant families. The collection also contains Joan Burchill's family genealogy research files.

STRAYS FROM AWAY

A stray is defined as a person who is described in a record of an event as being from or connected with a place outside of Northumberland County in which the event took place. For example, if a person was born on the Miramichi but passes away in Alberta, this person is considered a stray. When you come across an obituary while researching, please transcribe the information, indicate its source (newspaper and date) and send it along to us. We would love to hear from out of town members who I am sure have some family news clippings they could share with us.

ANDERSEN, Norma (HARDING)

Passed away at the Campbellton Regional Hospital on September 24, 2016 at the age of 82, Mrs. Norma **(HARDING) ANDERSEN** of Dalhousie, wife of the late Raymond E. **ANDERSEN**. Born in

Cains Point, NB on October 22, 1933 daughter of the late Harold G. **HARDING** and the late Ellen “Nellie” **HARDING**. She is survived by her daughter Lynn ANDERSEN of Dalhousie; daughter Sheila CALHOUN (Neal) of Whitby, Ontario; son Harold (Tina) of Dalhousie; son Donald (Larissa) of Red Deer, Alberta; brother Evan **HARDING** (Barbie) of Dalhousie; sisters Mina SANDERS, Irma HACHEY and Anne BELLEFEUR all of Dalhousie; 9 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband and parents, Norma was predeceased by her sisters Shirley FILLMORE and Marie HAYWOOD. Funeral service was held at St. Johns United Church, Dalhousie, on September 29th followed by interment in New Mills Cemetery

ARSENAULT: Normand (1955-2016) after a courageous battle against ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease), at the age of 61, passed away Normand **ARSENAULT** of Rogersville, on November 21, 2016, at the Miramichi Regional Hospital. Born on November 3, 1955, he was the son of Gerard **ARSENAULT** and the late Marie-Luce **BELLIVEAU**. Besides his father, he is survived by his common-law partner: Joanne ARSENAULT; two sons: Shawn (Misty ROBINSON) and Gerard (Melissa CORMIER); the mother of his children: Yvette HACHEY ARSENAULT; four sisters: two brothers: The funeral service was celebrated at the Saint-François-de-Sales, Roman Catholic Church of Rogersville, November 25th. *Source: Moncton Times-Transcript, November 22, 2016*

BAISLEY, ELMER V. (1949-2017)
Elmer BAISLEY, 68, of Adamsville, NB; passed away at his daughter's residence in Boudreau - Ouest, NB, on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. Born in Newcastle, NB, he was the son of the late Bertram and Hildred (**MULLIN**) **BAISLEY**. Prior to his retirement Elmer worked at A & M Auto Repair. He was a car guy and a former stock car driver and racing enthusiast, he also enjoyed NASCAR. Elmer was called Mr. Fix-it, he was everyone’s go to guy. A kind and gentle father, grandfather, brother, special friend and friend to all that knew him, he

will be sadly missed by his daughters Bekki (Marc) and Kim; grandson Trent; his special friend Zelia; a brother Harold; sisters Willa and Evelyn as well as several nieces, nephews and also by all his car buddies. Besides his parents and two infant brothers, he was predeceased by sisters Josephine, Edna, Muriel and Della and by a brother Delbert. Honoring Elmer's wishes, cremation has taken place at Tuttle Brothers Crematorium. A private family service will be held in Newcastle at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Tuttle Brothers & Riverview Funeral Home 214 Pine Glen Rd. Riverview, NB (506) 857-9544.

BARATH, Ann (SHATTUCK):
The death of Ann (Shattuck) Barath, age 78, widow of Victor **BARATH** occurred at her home in Toronto, ON on October 13, 2016. Ann was the daughter of the late Harvey and Gertrude (**O’SHEA**) (**SHADDICK**) **SHATTUCK**. Anne is survived by her sister Geraldine FLANAGAN of Miramichi. Interment took place in St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Cemetery, Miramichi, NB.

BILLINGS, Leonard “Len” Murray, 77 of Fall River passed away unexpectedly on November 21, 2016 at the QE II Hospital. Born in Sillikers, NB, he was the son of the late Edison B. and B. “Jennie” (**MUTCH**) **BILLINGS**. He is survived by daughter, Wendy (George Aylward) Billings, son Bradley (Erin) Billings, sisters, Sandra (Noel) Clark; Joan (Joe) McElman, brother, John (Betty Ann) COLEPAUGH, Miramichi, NB, a loving Grampie to Blake, Evan and Colby. Wife Sandra (Pollard), son Robert “Robbie”, siblings Sheila and Terry Billings, predeceased Len. Burial in Oakridge Memorial Gardens.
Source: www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com courtesy of Ann Moriarty

BREAU: Jean-Niel of Neguac, who died at the Tracadie Hospital November 04, 2016, husband of Odette **MAZEROLLE** Born on May 06, 1944, he was the son of the late Leo **BREAU** and the late Leona **CAISSIE**. He is survived by a daughter, Sylvie (Patrice); two sons: Mario and Julien; two

grandchildren: Maxime and Laurie; four sisters: Carmel, Marcella, Rose-Marie (only two listed). Funeral service took place at Saint-Bernard de Neguac church on November 9th.
Source: www.salonrobichaud.com

BULMER, Miriam (MILLER) 1939–2017

Miriam Bulmer of Riverview, passed away on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at The Miramichi Regional Hospital. Born in Sevogle, NB, she was the daughter of Stella (MULLIN) and the late Randolph MILLER.

Miriam graduated from The Moncton Hospital School of Nursing in 1960, and worked as an R.N. at the Moncton Hospital in the E.R. Once she and David married she worked alongside her husband at Bulmer's Product Bar for over twenty-seven and a half years. In her later years, she enjoyed yard sales, birdwatching, and playing 45's with Jimmy and Lois. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her precious grandchildren. Some of her most cherished memories took place at one of her favourite places – the cottage in Sunny Corner where she and her family spent many summers.

Along with her mother, Stella, she will be dearly missed by her loving husband, David; sons, Pete and Bill (Wendy) of Riverview; grandchildren, Patricia, Eilish and Marshall; her sisters, Lois Baker of Fredericton, Heather Wheaton (Bob) of The Glades, Ann McCosh (Rob) of Douglstown, and Marilyn Shaw of Beaverbrook Rd; her brother, Harry Miller (Jennie) of Hilltop Rd.; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Besides her father, she was predeceased by an infant brother, James.

Funeral service was held at Cobb's Funeral Home Memorial Chapel on Friday, June 23, 2017 at 10:30am with The Venerable Brent Ham officiating. *Telegraph Journal, June 21, 2017*

DAY, MARY E. (SOMERS)

CARIBOU, MAINE – Mary E. DAY, 83, passed away on Monday, September 11, 2017, with her

family by her side. She was born in Halcomb, New Brunswick, the daughter of Claude and Ignita (TAYLOR) SOMERS.

Mary was raised on the beautiful Miramichi River. After graduating from New Brunswick Bible Institute in 1956, Mary headed out to Western Canada to work with the Canadian Sunday school mission teaching children. She returned to New Brunswick to cook at New Brunswick Bible Institute where she met her husband Bob. Together they served the Lord faithfully in missions work and in giving.

Mary worked for Dr. Paul Hamlin for many years and afterwards worked delivering Meals on Wheels in Presque Isle and on the paper assembly line at Northeast Publishing. She was a wonderful musician and loved playing piano, accordion and guitar even though she'd never had a lesson. For the past 7 years she was a patient at the County Dialysis Center and her family is eternally thankful for the care she received there.

Mary is survived by her daughter Kim, and John KIEHM of Caribou, her siblings, Verne and Judy SOMERS of Newfoundland, Ella TAKACS of Edmonton, Alberta, Hazel and John BULMAN of Moncton, NB, and her grandchildren, Robbie, Jacob, Elyse and Kelsey KIEHM. In addition, she will be missed by many nieces and nephews and sister in laws Charlene (Chester) GAGE, Leila DAY, Ruby DAY, Marcia MULDOWNEY, and brother in law Clayton DAY.

In addition to her parents, Mary was predeceased by her husband, Robert, infant children, David and Nathan, an infant sister, Claudia, her siblings, Virginia Hannah, and Ken SOMERS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.lancastermorgan.com

DONOVAN (nee WASHBURN) Lillian "Lil" Christina (Washburn) Donovan, 89, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, wife of the late Donald William Donovan, passed away peacefully at her home on

May 31st, 2017. Lil was born on October 26, 1927 in Howard, NB, to Alexander Christopher and Catherine Grace (**DOLAN**) **WASHBURN**. A proud Canadian, Lil was raised on a farm with her nine siblings along the Miramichi River in Blackville, NB. She worked as a teacher in several New Brunswick schools and as a secretary for the Comptroller General, a position she held for many years. After her marriage to Donald in 1954, she moved to Glastonbury, CT where she resided for the remainder of her life Lil is predeceased by her parents; her husband of 60 years, Donald Donovan; brothers James, Dennis, John, and Robert; sisters Isabel Washburn, Macrena MacNaughton, Rita Murphy, and Marie Washburn; and brother-in-laws Allan Cook and Stewart MacNaughton. She is survived by her two daughters, Lori Donovan of Charlestown, SC and Jamie Burton and husband Jesse of Glastonbury, CT sister Grace Cook of St. John, NL grandchildren, Katie DiGiovanni of Somerville, Massachusetts and Craig DiGiovanni and his partner, Glenn Buchberger, of Boston, Massachusetts; sisters-in-law Gladys (Sutherland) Washburn of Renous, Elizabeth "Betty" (Owens) Washburn, and Monica (Toner) Washburn of Fredericton, brother-in-law Joseph Murphy of Rocky Hill, CT her best friend, Marilyn Donzila of Glastonbury, CT; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins in Canada and the US.

Source: *The Hartford Courant, June 1, 2017.*

DUNNETT, Jean Gertrude: 87, of Riverview, passed away peacefully at her residence on February 7 2017. Born May 7 1929 in Red Bank, she was the daughter of the late George and Alexie (**CONNORS**) **HUBBARD**. Her husband Wilbur Edwin **DUNNETT**, whom she married July 28, 1951, predeceased her. They left the beautiful Miramichi, and Jean taught school for many years until they made a home in Riverview where she raised their five children. The youngest of seven children, she is predeceased by Mary, Kay, Alice, Willa, Jarvis, and George. A funeral was held on February 10 at Trinity United Church, Riverview. **Source:** *Moncton Times-Transcript, February 07, 2017*

LEWIS, Irene (BASQUE): Irene, wife of Michael **LEWIS** was born on August 23, 1962 in Newcastle, NB, was a daughter to the late Albine and Melina (**McGRAW**) **BASQUE**, and passed away on December 21, 2016 at Saint John Regional Hospital. Irene will be remembered by her husband Michael, their children: Julia (Peter) Halford and Jacob (Alisha Harvey) Lewis, her grandchildren: Benjamin, Penelope, Abigail, Eleanor and Brayden, siblings: Carmal **GOUGH**, Ronald, Anthony and David **BASQUE**, along with many members of her extended family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brenan's Funeral Home.

LINTON, Kathleen (MacCALLUM) passed peacefully in her sleep on March 03 2017 in Halifax at the age of 96. Born in Tabusintac, NB to the late Dan and Elizabeth (**ROBERTSON**) **MacCALLUM**. She was the last remaining member of her immediate family. In her early years, her family moved to Plaster Rock NB. Kay proudly enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and served in Lachine Quebec where she was one of the many women who kept the records of the men who were serving their country. After marriage to the Karl R. **LINTON**, she moved to Fredericton, NB then Halifax NS. She is survived by her son Brian (Shari) **LINTON**, daughters, Lynn and Mary **LINTON**, several grandchildren and great grandchildren and sister-in-law, Rose **MacCALLUM**. Besides her parents, her husband, Karl, siblings, Bertha, Lilah, Pearl, Clara, Mary, Neil, John, Fred and Malcolm, predeceased her. Arrangements have been entrusted to Atlantic Funeral Home, Halifax. A celebration of Kaye's life took place in Fairview United Church Fairview on March 9. Burial will be in Oakridge Memorial Gardens in Middle Sackville, NS. **Source:** *Victoria Star, Grand Falls, NB, March 08, 2017*

RUSSELL, Leo Joseph
(February 5, 1941 – September 18, 2017)

Leo Joseph Russell, passed away at home in Fredericton Junction on September 18, 2017. Leo was born in Chatham Head, NB on February 5,

1941. He worked in construction and maintenance most of his working life. Leo is survived by three sisters: Elizabeth RUSSELL, Celina McCANN and Rosemarie RUSSELL all of Fredericton Junction. One brother, Adelard RUSSELL of Fredericton Junction. Predeceased by his parents – Peter RUSSELL (Lagaciville, NB) and Harriet RUSSELL (VAUTOUR) (Neguac NB), his sisters: Yvonne RUSSELL, Muriel RUSSELL, Margaret TAPP (RUSSELL); and brothers: Eric, Donald and Ronald RUSSELL. By Leo's request, there will be no visitation or funeral. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Columba Cemetery, Fredericton Junction on September 22 at 1pm. Donations if you wish may be to St. Columba Cemetery or donor's choice. Condolences may be made at sunburyfuneralhome.com (368-2413).



Prior to this year's Irish Festival on the Miramichi, we asked members if they had any queries - information they were unable to find about certain ancestors, having 'hit a brick wall' in their research. We received a large number of queries which our volunteers attempted to deal with at the festival. Unfortunately, there were many we were not able to address. So we were including some of them in our newsletter, to a broader audience, hoping one of our members may be able to help. (others will be included in a future newsletter) If you can help remove a brick in any of these walls, please contact the inquirer directly.

Bridgett Paschall: (1802 – 1873). She was the wife of John Walsh (1798- 1868) of Blackville, New Brunswick. We are seeking information about the parents of Bridgett who may be from Saint John, Gagetown or Fredericton. Contact: don_donna@sympatico.ca (note the 'underscore' between the names in this email address).

Olivier Meunier (Munier) married Collette Brideau in Tracadie, New Brunswick. Who are the parents of Olivier? Olivier's daughter married Abel

Martin (born June 14 1854) in 1899. Looking for the burial place of Abel Martin also. Contact: Theresa Roy at 403-454-0591 or 506-622-1580

Andrew Phair born Nov 11, 1868 in Chatham. Parents are James Phair and Caroline Raiche. We need further information on the parents. Where did they come from: Ireland or Scotland? Was he a farmer? Contact: raeclerc@aol.com.

John Hynes (Hayins, Hines) was born in Co. Laois, Ireland in 1811 and came to Canada in 1835. He married Mary Mackey in Nelson, NB (source: Drouin collection) Mary's parents were Felix and Mary Delaney Mackey who emigrated in 1841 but moved on the Stillwater, Minnesota between 1852 & 1857. John and Mary's children were baptized at Red Bank, NB 1843-1847. Then they moved to Dane Co., Minnesota. Also seeking information about Joseph Hines, born 1807 in Co. Laois, Ireland who emigrated to Canada in 1841. Is he the brother of John?? Joseph married Elizabeth Perry and had 3 children in Ireland before coming to Canada and then had 4 here: Patrick (1841) Mary (1844) Catherine (1847) and Joseph (1849). More information is needed in connecting all these people. Contact: saunders21@gmail.com OR sukujuuria@gmail.com

James Patterson (b. c1809 – d. between 1881 & 1891 in Chatham) wife Bridget (b. 1811/12 d. 27 Apr 1861, Chatham, NB. Sons: (1) John Patterson 1837/8 d. 13 Dec 1895 wife Catherine Kelly. They had 12 children. (2) James Patterson, priest at Petit Rocher, NB 24 Aug 1840-27 Nov 1864 and Thomas Doyle b. between 1840 & 1851 in PEI and died 25 Sept 1910 in Saint John. He married Ann McGondle between Dec 1863 & April 1871. He resided in Chatham, N.B. In the 1860's and possibly early 1870's. Contact: regsmith46@hotmail.com OR 902-363-2142.

Andrew Hay: (b. 1823) son of James Hay (b. 1790) and Anne Gray (b 1794). In 1851 census, Andrew is 'son' living with parents; 1861: he is 'son' residing with parents, a granddaughter, aged 6,

named Margaret Jane. Who were Margaret Jane's parents? Was Margaret Jane the child of Andrew? In 1865, Drouin records marriage of Andrew to Margaret Brown. They had 2 sons, George William 1866 and Henry 1871. The 1871 census shows Andrew as widower and lives with Margaret Jane age 16 and George age 5, Questions: Was Margaret Brown his first wife or second? Contact: ntcart@hotmail.com

Stephen Sherwood: born in the USA (NY?) & died 3 Oct 1823 in Derby parish, Miramichi NB. Arrived in Saint John 1783 with his children as Loyalists. Who was his wife? Second wife Mary MacKenzie. One daughter by her, Elizabeth Sherwood. Looking for descendants of granddaughters: Jane Jackson (Murray) and Mary Jackson. Contact: javautour@bellaliant.net.

Maude (Hickey) Whalen: (Nov 1867-Nov 1938) daughter of Thomas Hickey and Mary Ann Ryan Hickey of Chaplin Island Road. Married to John Whalen 1896. Looking for info on her and her brother Frank Hickey. Contact: javautour@bellaliant.net

John Kingston: According to the 1851 census, he came to Glenelg in 1821. A family of Kingstons came to NB in 1826 from Ireland. Was John related to that family? If not, where did he come from – Ireland or England? Contact: roy.kingston@sympatico.ca

Thomas Carroll: born 1812/13 in Tipperary, Ireland. Died Nov 1859 in Doaktown, NB. He was buried in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Blackville, NB. We are looking for his parents. Contact: dcars585672@aol.com

Murdoch MacKenzie: (c1795-c1821). Lived in Halifax and Nelson, NB. Married Mary Burke Cleveland, in Halifax in 1805 and moved to Nelson. Children: 1806 to 1820 Marion, Margaret Mary, Murdoch, Elizabeth, John James, Robert Hill and William. He may have died in 1919 in Miramichi, but there are no records of that even though his will

was in Probate for 10 years. Looking for further info of place of birth, parents. Contact: harmcknze@gmail.com.

John Aylward: b. 1796 in Ireland. Where in Ireland? Married Elizabeth Lawlor 1829 at St. Patrick's Church, Barnaby River (? Nelson). They are the parents of the researcher's g-grandfather, Patrick Aylward (1848-1904). Contact: sareagan@gmail.com.

William Fish of Maine and Newcastle, NB 1789 – 183?. Need date and place of death. Contact: yorkhill@eastlink.ca

(Michael) Frank Hickey: b. July 1877. Parents: Thomas and Mary Ann Ryan Hickey. Was a soldier WW I at Vimy Ridge. Sister Maude married John Whalen 1896. Contact: javautour@bellaliant.net.

William Laverty: b. 1815 in Ireland son of George and Elizabeth Laverty. The 'next' child of those parents as born in New Brunswick in 1816. William married Hannah Kelly in Houlton Maine 1848 and had 8 children. Settled on a farm in Oak Mountain, Carleton Co, New Brunswick. 1871 census indicated Hannah was “widow” She sold the farm, moved back to Maine and was buried in Houlton. Looking for a record of William's death or burial. Contact: dawnmatheson@icloud.com.

Catherine Ann Fitzpatrick: (b. 1816 in Ireland & d. 24 June 1883). Born perhaps Kilkenny, Ireland. Married Patrick Kelly at St. Patrick's Church in Nelson, NB 10 Feb. 1834. Contact: kelly.donna1@gmail.com (note the “One” after Donna's name).

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

It's that time of year again to remind members that dues for 2018 should be paid prior to February 15, 2018 to ensure there is no interruption in receiving *Generations* and Branch Newsletters. As has been

communicated in *Generations*, there will be an increase in dues for 2018.

- Individual Membership - \$40.00
- Family Membership - \$45.00
- Institutional Membership - \$45.00

Membership form is available in *Generations* or can be downloaded from the NBGS website.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of NBGS Miramichi will be held on November 28 at 6:15 PM at the Chatham Public Library.

The main item on the agenda is the election of officers for the 2018 year. There will also be a program and social hour.

Please mark this date and be sure to join us for the last meeting prior to the Christmas Break

KENT COUNTY MARRIAGES 1845-1887 (PANB Film 1247. Vol. 2) Couples listed by male names

Couple	Date
Conway , William Chatham Parish	9 Feb. 1875
Butler , Margaret Wit: William Parkhill & Mary Ann Butler	Wellington Parish, Kent Co.
Vautour , John C. Richibucto Par., Kent Co.	10 Jan. 1876
Doucet , Elizabeth M. Wit: Melvin Daigle & Bridget Daigle	Bathurst Par., Gloucester Co.
Bristol , Wilfred Acadieville, Kent Co.	14 May 1877
Young , Elizabeth Bathurst Par., Gloucester Co.	

Wit: James LeBlanc & Mary Chessy

Fountain, Sean 14 May 1877
Vautour, Mary Seraphine
Both St. Margarets, Northumberland Co.
Wit: Joseph Landry & Justine Fountain

Guimon, Louis 9 Apr. 1877
Carroll, Joanna
Both Escuminac Par., Northumberland Co.
Wit: William Harris & Sarah Jane Guimon

Henry, Simon 27 May 1877
St. Louis Parish, Kent Co.
Landry, Justine St. Margarets, Northumberland Co.
Wit: Sylvain Babineau & Marie B. Henri

LeBlanc, Antoine 27 Aug. 1877
Rogersville, Northumberland Co.
Caissey, Marie Olive St. Louis Par., Kent Co.
Wit: Louis Caissey & Marie LeBlanc

Dojuin, Michael 3 Feb. 1878
Ginos, Mary A.
Both Rogersville, Northumberland Co.
Wit: James Harnett & Marie Poirier

Legere, Athause 3 Mar. 1878
Babin, Domitilde
Both Rogersville, Northumberland Co.
Wit: Adolphe LeBlanc & Rose A. Legere

Richard, Augustine A. 25 Nov. 1878
Nelson Par., Northumberland Co.
Ouellet, Clemence St. Louis Par., Kent Co.
Wit: Julius Oullet & Marie Johnson

Submitted by: Carolyn Harris



There's a fine line between a pack rat and a family historian.

CREATIVE GENEALOGY

This creative way of recording the story of the black sheep of a family was found recently on the internet:

A Black Sheep Whitened

Let's say that your great-great uncle Remus Starr, a fellow lacking in character, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. A cousin has supplied you with the only known photograph of Remus, showing him standing on the gallows. On the back of the picture are the words: Remus Starr: Horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison, 1885. Escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton Detectives, convicted and hanged, 1889.

Pretty grim situation, right? But let's revise things a bit. We simply crop the picture, scan in an enlargement and edit it with image processing software so that all that is seen is a head shot.

Next, we rewrite the text:

Remus Starr was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and imitate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1885, he devoted several years of his life to service at a government facility, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renown Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Uncle Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed.

Now we give Uncle Remus a distinguished place inside the family tree, not hanging from it.

Genealogists do not gather facts – but breathe life into all who have gone before.

We would like your feedback.

Please send ideas, suggestions, comments, questions, and/or articles or tidbits for inclusion in a future newsletter.

This can be given to any member of the executive or e-mailed to me at: fayebaisley@hotmail.com

NBGS Miramichi Branch meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Chatham Public Library at 6:15 PM.

Meetings are held 8 times per year – January to May and September to November. The Branch does not hold regular meetings in June, July, August or December.

Visitors are always welcome.



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