

NBGS MIRAMICHI BRANCH NEWS LETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is nearly here – but some days it's hard to believe with the cool weather we are having. Winter wasn't too bad this year – we only had to postpone one meeting. Some evenings the weather wasn't great – a few cold, a few snow flurries – but our faithful members turned out.

We are still in need of two officers to fill all our positions for this year. I don't want to sound like a broken record – but if we want to continue to operate we need to fill these as soon as possible. Having worked with members of this Board for a number of years now, I can personally attest to what a great group they are to work with!

We also need an editor for the Newsletter. I have been filling in for the past while but we need someone to take over. Contact me if you have an interest in this position or have any questions about the role.

I hope members are making progress with their research this year. I've set a goal of having a copy of mine committed to paper by the end of this year and managed to get a lot done this winter. I've been tapping into Facebook to get information on the younger generation (information that is not publicly available from other sources) and have managed to fill in a lot of blanks. I've also had my Ancestry DNA done – and it confirms that my ancestry is predominately Irish – I would have been shocked had it said anything else. The process provided some matches they said I should be related to and I

have since made contact with a cousin in Moncton (her great-grandfather and mine were brothers). Someone I had not known previously. And the search continues....

Members are reminded that we voted to eliminate the June meeting so May was our last meeting until the fall. Again this year we will be participating in the Irish Festival and more information on this will be provided as soon as it becomes available. We will need a few volunteers for that event.

Hope everyone has a great summer.

Submitted by: Faye Baisley

NBGS BRANCH EXECUTIVE FOR 2017

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When you face difficult times, know that challenges are not sent to destroy you. They're sent to promote, increase and strengthen you.

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. Our meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday evening of the month (with the exception of June, July, August and December) at the Chatham Public Library, King Street, Miramichi East at 6:15 pm.

MARCH

Although the weather was not the best, we had 13 people turn out for our March Meeting. We planned to view recent videos on the NBGS Provincial site. However, a failure in the WiFi system forced us to postpone this agenda until the April Meeting. Instead of the videos, we discussed members' favourite genealogy resources. There were many discussed: Facebook, Findagrave.com, U.S. State archives especially Maine and Montana, genforum, Kennylane-tribal pages, funeral home websites in other cities and provinces, Archives Canada for WW I to mention a few.

APRIL

Regular business meeting plus we looked at the video recently added to the NBGS Provincial Website site. The first call was also put out for volunteers for the Irish Festival.

MAY

May was our last meeting prior to the summer break. We had a short business meeting followed by an informal program. With the meeting falling between Mother's Day and Father's Day, we asked members to share memories about their mother or father (or grandparent) who had played a significant role in their lives. I think we were all left wishing we had tapped into the wealth of knowledge our parents had about our family history before it was too late to do so.

Submitted by Judy Vautour

HERITAGE DAY GENEALOGY OPEN-HOUSE – February 18th

In conjunction with the Chatham Public Library, our Branch held a Genealogy Open House on Saturday, February 18, from 10:00 to 12:30. While we had a good program planned, unfortunately turnout was not what we hoped. However, those who did attend stayed for the most of the morning and seemed genuinely interested in what we presented.



Photo: front row left to right: Bill Donald, Roger Savoy; back row left to right: Faye Baisley, Elsie Stefanyk, Joan Manderson



Photo: left to right: Judy Vautour and Joan Manderson

MEMBER PROFILE

Several years ago, we included profiles of members in our Branch newsletters. This was done so that members could learn more about each other. With many changes in our membership since that time, we felt it was time to do this again and we have done so in the past few newsletters. This edition we are profiling **William Ray “Bill” Donald**.

Bill considers himself a relatively “new” member of the NBGS Miramichi, having joined in 2004, but he has had an interest in genealogy since he received a letter from a James Donald of Idaho in the early 1970’s. He and his wife Sally were married in 1968 and living in Newcastle when he received the letter. The letter was very short asking if he was related to the Donald Family from Doaktown that had a farm and general store there. Knowing this to be true and knowing vaguely that an uncle of his father’s had went to Idaho in the early 1900’s and never returned, he checked with his father and the old Family Bible, and sent a letter off to Idaho explaining the connection. This James was a first cousin of his father’s and they had never met. Bill also asked how he got his address, to which he replied, I was in the Hospital out here when I met a nurse by the name of Morrison who was planning a trip back to the Miramichi to visit relatives. I asked her if she could look around and find me an address for a Donald on the Miramichi. He has no idea to this day who this lady was but she found his address somewhere and delivered it back to Idaho. This episode opened communications with a near forgotten branch of the family. Bill continued the correspondence with James Donald from Idaho and in 1984, he and his wife drove to the Miramichi to a Donald Reunion and to meet his long lost relatives. The visit was returned by Bill’s father and sister, who visited James family in Idaho in later years. Thus, a whole new branch of the family was rediscovered.

Bill was born in Doaktown on the 5th of June 1944, the son of George Merritt Donald and Helen Olive Lyons and is married to the former Sally Jane Clark

of Loyalist descent from the Nashwaak. He and Sally have a daughter and a son and four grandchildren. He went to Ranger School in Fredericton in 1964 and after a year and a half working in Northern Ontario, he came back to the Miramichi to a job at Acadia Forest Products, then to Repap and finally UPM where he retired as Woodlands Special Projects Supervisor in 2001 with 35 years of service. He is secretary of the N.B. Masonic Charities & Housing Co. Ltd., secretary of the Miramichi Shrine Club, a member of The Scottish Heritage Association - Miramichi, director and chair of the Atlantic Salmon Museum’s Hall of Fame, a member of the Miramichi Salmon Association, and a member of the Historical Society of Miramichi. Bill is also very proud of his Scottish roots and has been Treasurer of The Highland Society of New Brunswick @ Miramichi for the past 19 years. He and Sally attend St. Andrews United Church where Sally is the more involved.

Bill is descended from James Donald(son) and Grace Irland, who according to the Donald Family Bible were married in Glasgow, Scotland on 10 Jul. 1783. It is believed that James came to the Miramichi in 1784, at the age of 20 after the birth of his first child Janey on 10 April 1784. He took out his first Land Grant in 1785 just above the mouth of Renous as witnessed by Matston’s Survey attached to a Petition of Jared Betts dated 1825 on Film # 4199 at PANB. The fact that the second child was not born until the 15 July 1789 may indicate that Grace arrived on the Miramichi in the summer of 1788. He later bought property opposite the mouth of Cain’s River, and when Ephraim Betts and 59 others took out land grants on the Upper Miramichi between Ludlow and Upper Blackville in 1809, James Donald was included on the eastern end at Upper Blackville.

Grace died in 1836 and James died in 1838 and they are both buried in a private family plot on the north or sunny side of the Miramichi, just a short ways down the Howard Road from Upper Blackville. A monument was placed there in 1984 in memory of this adventurous couple.

Over the years, Bill has developed a great interest in the history of all the families of the Upper Miramichi and since he has lived in Miramichi city for most of the past 48 years he has increased that interest to include the Lower Miramichi.

Bill currently serves as a Director on the Board of NBGS Miramichi and is an active branch member. He has represented the Branch at the Irish Festival, Heritage Week activities at local high schools and libraries, Tabusintac Old Home Week and any other event in which we participated. Bill is always willing to help out whenever we need a volunteer. When we recently made the decision at a monthly meeting to have a new lock installed on our cupboard at the Library – Bill had it on the following morning! Confirms the old adage that if you want something done, ask a busy person!

Collecting information and stories on the families of the Miramichi and beyond and how they all connect together has become a lifelong hobby for Bill. We are fortunate to have Bill as a member of Miramichi Branch, a Board Member and a dedicated volunteer.

NEWS FROM YESTERYEAR

NBGS Miramichi Branch member, Anna MacDonald, has been working on a project, transcribing obituaries from old newspapers. These papers are in the Miramichi Natural History Museum collection. In the course of this project, Anna has come across some interesting news articles that she copied. We will include these in newsletters as we believe members will enjoy reading what was making headlines locally in the early 1900's. The first of these articles appear below:

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J. Creamer Probably Longest Married Couple in New Brunswick

God giving them continued health and strength for another day, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis J. Creamer, Wellington Street, will tomorrow celebrate the 71st

anniversary of their Wedding. They are probably the longest married couple in New Brunswick and quite possibly in all Canada. Both Mr. and Mrs. Creamer are still exceedingly active and are in full control of their faculties and take their usual keen interest in the affairs of the day. Mr. Creamer was born at South Nelson on November 06, 1838, so that he is now rounding out the 97th year of his life. Mrs. Creamer is the only daughter of the late Thomas and Eliza (English) Noonan and was born at Cain's River, June 14, 1843. They were married in Nelson Parish Church on July 05, 1864, by the late Rev. Fr. Eagan. Their surviving family consists of five daughters and one son. The daughters are: Mrs. Wm. Shanahan of Nelson, Mrs. M. R. Morris of Dryden, Ontario, Mrs. E. J. McMahan, Mrs. E. L. Hendry and Miss Sayde Creamer of this town. They reside with their only son, James. Another daughter, Mrs. Michael Coughlan of Nelson, passed away some months ago.

Source: The Commercial & The World - July 04, 1935

Story of Urquhart Millions Has Much Interest To Chatham People

Among Great Grandchildren of Rev. John Urquhart are Mrs. McKnight, W. S. Loggie and Robert Loggie Sr. - Fortune May Amount to \$10,000,000 The story of the Urquhart millions and the search now being made for the rightful heirs has made more than a passing interest to several Miramichi families as there are descendants of the Urquhart's living here.

Three fortunes said to range in value from \$2,500,000 to \$10,000,000 are without owners, according to the article in the Saint John Telegraph of Friday.

The first Urquhart to come to the Miramichi was Rev. John Urquhart who was pastor of the first Presbyterian Church built on the Miramichi. This was at Moorefield and was destroyed by the Great Miramichi Fire of 1825. Rev. John Urquhart passed

to his reward about 1814. It was known he came from near Dingwall, Scotland, the homes of those who amassed the fortunes, and it may be that his descendants have a pretty close claim upon some of the money. At any rate steps will be taken to become fully acquainted with their positions. Among the great grandchildren of the Rev. John Urquhart, who now reside in Chatham are Mrs. McKnight of Wellington Street, W. S. Loggie, M. P., and Robert Loggie, Princess Street.

Mrs. McKnight has several family heirlooms of much interest and value and among these are two communion cups bearing the date of 1806 and belonging to Rev. John Urquhart.

Source: Gazette - October 16, 1911

Red Bank Man Shot on Wednesday Morning

Walter Matchett Shot by Conn. Gillis While Breaking Into Latter's Store

Advocate - Some time during Tuesday night of last week, Councilor James A. Gillis who keeps a beer shop at Red Bank, was awakened by some persons breaking into his store. It appears that the store was raided twice that night, and about two o'clock in the morning two young men were in the act of breaking in again, when Mr. Gillis who had loaded his rifle with partridge shot, calculated to wound but not kill, fired at the intruders and hit one of them, Walter Matchett the other escaping without a scratch. The shot entered Matchetts' side just above the hip. Dr. Beaton was summoned and the wounded man conveyed to his home, where small hopes were for a while held out for his recovery. But he is now recovering and able to walk out. Mr. Gillis states that his store has been burglarized several times this summer, but it was not his intention to shoot the burglar but merely to frighten him.

Source: Gazette - September 03, 1915

Editor's Note: Thank you to Anna MacDonald for providing the above articles.

SAVOY FAMILY

At a recent meeting, member Roger Savoy, gave an interesting presentation on where his family research had taken him – and the results of his DNA testing. We asked that he do a write up on his presentation for the benefit of those who were not at the meeting. Below is the first of his submissions. Thank you, Roger. We look forward to reading the next installment.

Musings on my paternal Savoy lineage

During Canada's sesquicentennial year I am taking time to reflect on some of the stories found in the genealogical gleanings I have so far accumulated. The stories and people seem very much part of the mosaic that is uniquely Canadian. My ancestors exist in the tableau of peoples who shaped and created Canada ethnically, culturally and politically. Though lacking in the more recent mixing of Asian and African arrivals in Canada, my roots include Native, and a European mixture of Québécois, Loyalist, Scottish, Irish, British, French, Dutch/Flemish, Basque and others. My ancestry is fundamentally Acadian and like all Acadians, I am virtually descended from all of the original families who settled Acadia in the 1600s and some of those who welcomed them.

My name sake Savoy line originates with a mason/carpenter, François Savoye who arrived from Martiazé France in 1642 and settled in Port Royale, present day Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia. Though my patrilineal is not directly from him as the Savoy name is an adopted one, I can trace my lineage back to him through at least three female lines.

My patrilineal line traces back through my father Charles Savoy to his father James Andrew Savoy whose father is unknown. DNA testing, of my Y-chromosome paternal line through National Geographic Genographic Project had determined my unknown great grandfather to be Native or at least partially Native. His descent is from the paternal "C-P39" line. This male lineage is from

the second wave of migrations into North America about 10,000 years ago. The antecedents of this "C" group included peoples who became the Australian aboriginals, and the Mongolian forbearers of Ghengis Khan and Atilla the Hun. The Dene, Apaches and other western Native tribes also have many men who belong to the "C" line.

James Andrew Savoy's mother, Marguerite Prudence Gauvreau is of Quebec origin. She is the daughter of Honoré Gauvreau a.k.a. Germain DeVeau from Rivière Ouelle, Quebec who arrived on the Miramichi in search of work after an unsuccessful sojourn in Massachusetts. Her family story and her dedication to her children in the late 19th century when the lot of a single mother was difficult earned her the only female entry in "Les Savoie, Une grande famille acadienne au N-B." She was known to walk from Grand Dune (Barryville) to Miramichi to visit her son and was always collecting what she could along the way for her children and later her grandchildren. Love of walking is a trait that seems to recur among her numerous descendants.

My father's maternal line is through the (Acadian) Johnsons. They descend from William Johnson, born in the 1680s in Scotland. He was a soldier with Nicholson & Vetch who took Port Royal for the English in 1710 and was one of the 200 soldiers to stay on during the occupation. William married Isabelle Corporon granddaughter of François Savoye, hence one source of my Savoy ancestors. His son Guillaume Johnson, called Billy was an Acadian sympathizer who is believed to have stolen provisions from the Annapolis Royal garrison for the Acadian resistance of the time. He escaped the "grand derangement" (deportation) and after much travelling eventually obtained a grant of land in Carleton, Gaspé, still owned by his Johnson descendants.

Billy's son Jean-Baptist settled St Ignace near St Louis de Kent. Jean-Baptist's grandson Urbain Johnson, brother of my direct ancestor Simon-Clement, was one of 1st Acadian MLAs in New

Brunswick. Urbain survived being shot at during an election campaign with only a bullet hole in his hat as a souvenir. He was known for his wit. On one occasion a fellow MLA was making snide remarks about the high incidence of "imbeciles" from the Acadian areas being confined in the insane asylum in Campbellton. Urbain's retort was that although the facts may be true, at least the Acadians sent their imbeciles to the asylum and didn't elect them to the Legislature.

Urbain's nephew, my great grandfather Joseph Johnson was a friend and cousin of Msg. Marcel Richard, the creator of the Acadian flag. Joseph taught music at College St-Joseph and was perhaps involved in the Acadian Nationalism movement of the 1880s. His daughter, my grandmother Marguerite Johnson married James Andrew Savoy.

Joseph Johnson's wife, Marie-Anne Martin belongs to Gray/Martin line. Andrew Gray a Scottish farmer who settled on the Miramichi and his first wife Marie Matisse had a daughter Barbe who married Joseph Martin. One family story has it that Barbe was born in a canoe while the family was escaping an armed attack. Joseph Martin was the great grandson of Barnabe Martin who had come to Port Royal before 1666. Joseph's son Andre was the father of my great grand-mother Marie-Anne Martin.

An interesting side story in the Johnson/Martin line is that of Caissie/Casey and Goguen lines. Andre Martin's wife was Marguerite Babineau who is the great granddaughter of Marie Caissie and Joseph Goguen. There is a sad story of the deportation of Marie Casey's first husband, Pierre Lambourg and their two sons around 1755. They disappeared completely and she was left never knowing what happened to them. This had unfortunate consequences for her marriage to Joseph as she could not accept their loss which eventually led to the breakup of her marriage to Joseph Goguen, a well to do Acadian entrepreneur. Marie's father was Big Joe Casey who ran a Memramcook tavern and he and her brothers had physically forced Marie to

marry Goguen. She expressed to Goguen her desire to live with him as "brother and sister" but eventually did give birth to three girls, one of which, Marguerite who married Paul Babineau is my ancestor. The trials, sometimes amusing, of this couple is on record with the archdiocese of Quebec from documentation of their attempt to obtain an annulment.

The original Caissie ancestor, Marie's great grandfather was an Irishman, Roger Kuessy/Quessy/Casey/Cassie who arrived in Port Royal around 1660. He is a very early Irish arrival to North America and may have been traveling to Massachusetts when he came ashore at Port Royal for unknown reasons. Marie's husband Joseph Goguen, arguably the last Acadian arrival, landed in Acadia from Brittany just before the start of the "grand derangement" in 1755. He worked as a cleric, but afterwards, because of his education, he became a virtual lawyer (notary public) and scribe for the many Acadians. He is believed to have been relatively wealthy which made him appeal to Marie's family as a good marriage prospect despite Marie's reluctance. Goguen's nickname was "Little Barrel" because he had a short squat stature, something which recurs occasionally among his descendants.

There is likely much more to stories of Marie's and the others, as well there is much that could be recounted at a later date about my maternal line. Nevertheless, as I continue to research my genealogy I continue to be fascinated by even the brief tidbits of the life struggles my forbearers encountered during the quest to settle this area of North America that eventually became Canada. By the time, Canada was created 150 years ago these families had already been here more than 200 years, some longer that.

Submitted by: Roger Savoy

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.

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

Couple	Date
Vautour , Marcel Hebert , Mary Both St. Margaret's, Northumberland Co. Wit: Solomon Vendin & Annie Fountain	Apr. 25, 1870
McCulley , Samuel M. Chatham Parish Little , Mary Wit: James DesRinay & Sarah Fetheram	June 15, 1870 Richibucto Par., Kent Co.
Powell , John Weldford, Kent Co. Taylor , Martha Wit: Jas. Brown & Matilda Powell	Apr. 18, 1871 Beresford, Gloucester Co.
Sutton , John W. Nelson Par., Northumberland Co. Dwyer , Elizabeth Wit: Thomas Donnelly & Ellen Donnelly	June 2, 1871 Richibucto Par., Kent Co.
Babineau , Sebasten (sic) St. Louis Par., Kent Co. Hache , Mary Wit: Pierre Daigle & Osithe Babineau	Jan. 9, 1871 Pokemouche, Gloucester Co.
Gallant , Urbain St. Louis Par., Kent Co. Christy , Annie Wit: Isidore Gallant & Victorie Arseno (sic)	Feb. 18, 1871 Bathurst, Restigouche Co.
Leonard , Thomas Carleton Par., Kent Co. Kennedy , Mary Wit: Stephen O'Donnell & Alice Leonard	Aug. 12, 1872 Chatham, Northumberland Co.
Wheten , William Chatham Par., Northumberland Co. McInerney , Ellie Kingston, Kent Co. Wit: Amand Manzerolle & Anne Thibault	Jul. 15, 1872

Sullivan, Daniel Jul. 13, 1873
Carleton Par., Kent Co.

Hackett, Elizabeth Glenelg Par.,
Northumberland Co.
Wit: Patrick Hackett & Anne Sullivan

Thibideau, Oliver Apr. 28, 1873
St. Louis Par., Kent Co.

Lavois (sic), Zetie Miramichi,
Northumberland Co.
Wit: Cyrille Babineau & Oliver LeBlanc

Thibideau, Frederick Jun. 16, 1873
St. Louis Par., Kent Co.

McKnight, Annie Carleton Par., Kent Co.
Wit: Silvan Babineau & Marie C. Daigle

Leonard, Richard Jul. 16, 1873
Chatham Par., Northumberland Co.

Cady, Ann Richibucto, Par., Kent Co.
Wit: N. Othedo & Caroline Cady

McIntyre, John Oct. 3, 1874
Chatham Par., Northumberland Co.

Smith, Jane Wellington Par., Kent Co.
Wit: Napoleon Robichaud & Lazaran McFadden

Sullivan, Owen June 16, 1874
Carleton Par., Kent Co.

Phelan, Bridget Glenelg Par.,
Northumberland Co.
Wit: John Sullivan & Annie Phelan

Boynston, Carseln Aucker (sic) Sept. 10, 1874
Chatham Par., Northumberland Co.

Frecken (sic), Matilda Sophia
Richibucto, Par., Kent Co.
Wit: W. A. Black & James A. Duke, Min.

Legere, Edward May 24, 1875
Bathurst, Gloucester Co.

Gallant, Judith St. Louis Par., Kent Co.
Wit: Napoleon Gallant & M. Sophia M. Gallant

Submitted by: Carolyn Harris

EUREKA MOMENT

Have you had an “eureka moment” recently in your research? Anything you’d like to share with other NBGS Members? If so, please send it to me at: fayebaisley@hotmail.com

I recently had one such discovery. I was looking for a George Seeley from Black’s Harbour who had been married to my mother’s aunt. I knew by estimating his age that both he and my aunt were probably deceased but I had no information. In trolling the Internet, I did a Google search typing in “obituary for George Seeley in Black’s Harbour New Brunswick.” And I hit pay dirt – in a way. Up popped an obituary but it was for George Seeley, Jr. - their son. From that I obtained his DOB and DOD – which I did not have and that he was survived by one daughter. Something else I didn’t know. The obituary indicated his parents were deceased. His place of interment was listed as the Black’s Harbour Community Cemetery. So, I typed that into a Google Search and found they had a website with a listing of everyone buried there. Under “S” I found my great aunt, her husband, and also another son who had passed away. Each listing included their date of birth and death. So, in a few minutes I filled in a lot of missing information. A few weeks later when I typed Seeley in again to confirm a piece of data – I found that George, Jr.’s daughter, age 44, had recently passed away. Her obituary included the name of her husband and children as well as her picture. I was looking at a cousin I never knew existed.

Submitted by: Faye Baisley

Trying to blow out someone else’s candle won’t make yours shine brighter... Pursue your dreams with integrity. Success is abundant and there’s enough for everybody.

**The Capture of Vimy Ridge
published in the North Shore Leader May 18,
1917**

Interesting letter from Newcastle boy of the fight in which Canada won Glory.

The Leader has received a letter from Pte. Frank Hickey of Chaplin Island Road, who was wounded in the fight for Vimy Ridge and who is now in the General Hospital at Bristol. He says:

“Just a short letter from a Newcastle boy to let you know how the Canadians make things lively after their hard winter.

I had the misfortune of being wounded on the ninth of April, when 48,000 Canadians went over the bags to attack. The Canadians made a name for themselves that day that will not be forgotten for years to come.

The Third Brigade has never yet lost a trench and has gained many. Vimy Ridge was the German strong hold. The French lost 75,000 men endeavoring to capture in and the Imperials 65,000 in an attempt to take the same place Then it was left to the Canadian boys to have a try at it. They went over the top at five-thirty on April 9th with 1040 guns of heavy artillery ringing over their heads. It was enough to make you think that the end of the world had come. Before sunset we had the Ridge with 11,000 prisoners and 200 guns. This was all that the 2nd Brigade expected of us.

France is a pretty dismal place with the roar of the big guns. There is not much pleasure. In some places at times there are small showers to brighten the boys up. The Brigade band plays a few nice selections sometimes to keep us from dying.

In our bunch, we have a jolly good crowd. Some nights we go up to town to have a drink of beer or a shave. We try to keep ourselves as clean as possible. Some of the boys will try to get beer on ...tick, until pay day but the French will say no

“bon”, etc. It makes me think of home. A little fun over here is a great thing. The officers try to make everything as easy as possible for us”.

Editor's Note: after reading this letter, member Judy Vautour (who provided it for the newsletter) was interested in, as Paul Harvey would say - the rest of the story. She spent a lot of time trying to find what happened to Pte. Hickey – did he survive the war; did he return to Miramichi, marry, have a family. This proved a difficult task – not only did she find two Frank Hickey's but both had the same father's first name and mothers name (both first name and surname). She found some interesting information – but was unable to make a connection with either one to the person who had written the letter. From what she reported at a recent meeting, it was interesting, if futile, research. Thanks, Judy.

**COMMUNITY PLACE NAMES IN
NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA**

Extractions with permission of Robert F. Fellows

Garden Road: Settlement, 1 mi. S of Sillikers and 2 mi. W of Red Bank: Southesk Parish, Northumberland County: today Garden Road is a dispersed community.

Gardiner Point: See Point Gardiner (Hardwicke Parish, Northumberland County)

Gaythorne: Settlement on N side Tabusintac River, 3 mi. NW of Tabusintac: Alwick Parish, Northumberland County: PO 1882-1948: in 1898 Gaythorne was a farming, fishing and lumbering settlement with 1 post office and a population of 100: today it is a dispersed community.

Gilks: Former settlement on N side of Southwest Miramichi River, 1 mi. E of Blissfield, on the road to Upper Blackville: Blissfield Parish, Northumberland County: became part of Blissfield.

Glen Porter: Settlement on the Cains River, 5 mi. SE of Howard: Blackville Parish, Northumberland County: PO 1879-1917 with James Porter as the first postmaster: it included settlement of Burr Point: in 1898 Glen Porter was a farming and lumbering community with 1 post office and a population of 75: today Glen Porter is a locality.

Glenelg: See Black River (Glenelg Parish, Northumberland County)

Glenelg Parish: Northumberland County: created in 1814 from Newcastle Parish: named for Charles Grant, Lord Glenelg (1788-1866), secretary of state for the colonies in the British cabinet, and for a place in Scotland: included Hardwicke Parish until 1851 and part of Rogersville Parish until 1900.

Glenwood: Settlement, 5 mi. SE of Chatham, on the Redmondville: Glenelg Parish, Northumberland County: today Glenwood is a dispersed community.

Grattan: Settlement, 3 mi. NE of Fairisle, on the road to Covedell: Alnwick Parish, Northumberland County: PO 1882-1958 with Patrick Grattan as the first postmaster: included Stymast Settlement: in 1898 Grattan was a farming, lumbering and fishing community with 1 post office and a population of 30: today Grattan is a locality.

Gray Rapids: Settlement on the S side of Southwest Miramichi River, 2 mi. SE of White Rapids, on the road to Coughlan: Blackville Parish, Northumberland County: PO 1927-1934: in 1904 it was a flag station on Canada Eastern Railway and a farming and lumbering settlement with a population of 50: today it is a dispersed community.

Gregan: Settlement on Miramichi Bay, 2 mi. W of Hardwicke, on the road to Point Gardiner: Hardwicke Parish, Northumberland County: PO 1915-1958 with Robert Gregan as the first postmaster: today Gregan is a dispersed community.

Gretna Green: See Douglstown (Newcastle Parish, Northumberland County)

Grey Rapids: See Gray Rapids (Blackville Parish, Northumberland County)

Halcomb: Settlement on the Little Southwest Miramichi River, 1 mi. W of Lyttleton: Southesk Parish, Northumberland County: PO 1884-1954: in 1898 Halcomb was a farming and lumbering settlement with a population of 150: included Quaan Landing: today Halcomb is a dispersed community.

Hardscrabble: See Lockstead (Blackville Parish, Northumberland County)

Submitted by: Carolyn Harris

FOUNDING CULTURES MUSEUM UP-DATE

The Founding Cultures Museum, Acadie Avenue in Grande-Anse, will open in mid-June (check their web site for date and hours of operation) and will have its official opening on July 9. This museum contains a room dedicated to each of the founding cultures of the Province – English, Acadian, Scottish, Irish, and Native. If you are in the area, this summer it will be well worth a visit.

As we celebrate Canada 150, why not use this opportunity to visit other local attractions – such as Middle Island Historic Park, Miramichi Natural History Museum, MacDonald Farm, Beaubear’s Island – or many of the other attractions in Northumberland County and throughout our beautiful province. Often we vacation in other areas and have not yet visited attractions close to home. Make this the year to do so.

“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito” – Dalai Lama

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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