

NBGS MIRAMICHI BRANCH NEWS LETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the coming of nicer weather, we have been able to get back on track with our meetings. Our AGM which had been cancelled three times was finally held in February and a new Executive was elected. We were fortunate to have members step up and offer for all positions with the exception of President. As Past-president, I will hold the fort until a replacement is found. Anyone with an interest in filling this position, please contact me or any member of the Executive.

We have changed the format of recent meetings, devoting less time to business and more time to open discussion. It is hoped this will help members in their genealogy research and encourage people to come out to the meetings.

As always, we solicit your feedback on how we can improve our organization so any ideas for meetings programs or speakers would be appreciated.

Faye Baisley, Past President

2018 MIRAMICHI EXECUTIVE

President - vacant
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Past President - Faye Baisley

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MIRAMICHI IRISH FESTIVAL - JULY 19-22

Again this year, NBGS Miramichi will be participating in the Festival. We are tentatively scheduled to be at the Rodd Miramichi on Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21 from 10 am to 5 pm each day. We will have a display of many of our research materials including census records, obituaries, and cemetery records as well as many family histories. Volunteers will be on hand to help both members and visitors with research and/or questions.

Member Anna MacDonald is once again coordinating our participation. If you can volunteer some time to help set up on Thursday afternoon,

work Friday or Saturday or help with packing up at close on Saturday, please contact Anna and let her know your availability. It does not have to be for the full day - even if you have an hour or two it would be appreciated. You can reach Anna at: genfan2003@yahoo.ca

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.

March

Following a short business portion of the meeting, we had an open discussion on a number of topics. Main among them, various resources members have come across and the need to share those with other members; the need for individuals and the organization as well to ensure our research is preserved for the future.

April

Again in April, we held a short business meeting and devoted the remainder of the meeting to an open discussion on genealogical research, DNA testing and other topics of interest to those present.

FROM OUR FAMILY TREE

We extend condolences to NBGS Miramichi branch members on recent deaths in their families: Marshall Gaston on the death of his brother Roger; Ann Morarity on the death of her brother-in-law Fred McKibbon; Terry Savage on the death of his mother Marie Savage; and Richard Arseneault on the death of his aunt Marie Savage.

GASTON, ROGER DALE

Roger Dale Gaston was born February 26th, 1958 in Doaktown, NB. Son of the late Lona Agnes Gaston

and Floyd Gaston of Doaktown passed away suddenly on Friday, January 5th, 2018 at the age of 59. He is survived by his brothers, Leonard (Susan) of Doaktown, Marshall (Anna) of Miramichi, Sherman (Charline) of Moncton and his sister Marlene Gaston (Bruce) of Sackville. Roger has several nieces and nephews, Christopher (Amy), Dr. Daniel (Alexa), Jessica, Patrick (Karen), Caroline (Michael), Ryan (Rachel) and Tegan (Jeremy); and a great-nephew, Mason. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard.

Roger was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to hunt partridge and deer. He was a great story teller. He could entertain the whole family for hours with his vivid stories. He was the first person to call on if you needed information while visiting the Doaktown area. Roger was a great carpenter and handyman. He loved to help others in need. He spent the majority of his off time helping others with their projects. He was a dedicated employee at the Doaktown Elementary School and worked there for close to 20 years.

The family invites you to join them in celebrating Roger's life on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 at Davidson's Funeral Home, 579 Main Street, Doaktown. Donations can be made in his memory to the Doaktown Elementary School Breakfast Program. Arrangements are in the care of Davidson's Funeral Home, 365-7022 and online at www.davidsonsfh.com, your family-owned, family-operated funeral home.

MCKIBBON, FREDERICK LEO

Mr. Frederick Leo McKibbon, husband of Gloria (Matchett) McKibbon, passed away at Miramichi Regional Hospital on Friday, April 13, 2018 at the age of 71. Born in Exmoor, NB, he was the son of the late Leo and Nina (Hamilton) McKibbon. He was self-employed as a Heavy Equipment Operator/truck driver, a member of the United Church and former president of the North & South Esk Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; his sons, Bradley (Kelley) of Parker Road, Darren (Sarah) of Boom Road, Tyson of Boom Road and Owen (Charlene) of Moncton; his sisters, Mae McKenzie (Art) of Sillikers and Loreen Harris (Hollie) of Exmoor; his grandchildren, Alyssia, Brittany, Michael, Lil, Evan, Lauren, Brooklyn, Robyn and William. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Brian McKibbon; sister, Natalie Harris and daughter in law Melissa Ward.

At the request of the family, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Burial will be at the United Church Cemetery, Red Bank at a later date. In his memory, donations to the Miramichi SPCA would be appreciated. Arrangements are in the care of Davidson's Funeral Home, 622-7464 and online at www.davidsonsfh.com, your family-owned, family-operated funeral home.

SAVAGE, MARIE ANGELA

Marie Angela Savage, widow of Byron William Savage of Bartibogue Bridge, NB, passed away at the Miramichi Regional Hospital on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the age of 96. Born in Grattan Road, NB, Marie was the daughter of the late George and Justina (Forbes) Kenny. Marie was a homemaker and member of St. Peter & Paul Alter Society, Bartibogue Bridge, NB and St. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church.

Marie is survived by two daughters: Marina Savoy (Graham) of Head of St. Margaret's Bay, NS, Sandy Savage (Paul Graham) of Valley, NS, three sons: Kenneth (Betty Lou) of Fredericton, NB, Colie (Phyllis) and Terry (Mary) all of Miramichi, NB; one sister: Bernice Savage of Lower Newcastle, NB; sister-in-laws: Gladys and Rhoda Savage, Marion Arseneault and brother-in-law Donald Tozer; ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Marie is predeceased by her husband and infant daughter: Sandra Lee; her parents, sisters Mildred, Genevieve and Leola; three brothers: Harrison,

Robert and Arthur and many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Special thanks to Pearl Breau, for her many years of dedicated service, caring for Marie. At Marie's request there will be no visitation. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated from St. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church, Bartibogue Bridge on Monday, March 12, 2018 @ 11 AM with Father Anthony Papu officiating. Burial will take place in St. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Cemetery later in the spring. In Marie's memory a donation may be made to a memorial of one's choice.

STRAYS FROM AWAY

A stray is defined as a person who was born in Northumberland County, or has a Northumberland County connection, but passes away elsewhere. So, for example, if a person was born in 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.

CONNORS, THERESA M.

Theresa M. CONNORS, 90, of Faubourg du Mascaret, Moncton and formerly of Peoples Park Tower and Pine Glen, NB, passed away peacefully at her residence on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Born in Rogersville, she was the daughter of the late Sylvain and Elise (ARSENAULT) DOUCETTE. Theresa was a former employee of The Palace Grill, Moncton.

Theresa will be sadly missed by her children, Gerald CORMIER of Moncton, Linda KEANES (Les) of Riverview, Jeanette BAIANI (Don) of Dieppe and Bernie (Lynn) of Riverview; step children, Mike CONNORS (Wendy) of Pine Glen and Cathy FREEMEN (David) of Kenmount, ON; grandchildren, Justin BAIANI, Jonathan CORMIER, Joshua BAIANI and Christina

CORMIER; five step grandchildren; great grandchildren, Samuel, Isabella, Naomi and Sarah BAIANI and Jack CORMIER; sisters, Jeannine PARTNER of Lakeville, Laurette VINCENT (late Glen) of Dartmouth, NS, Yvette SIVERT of Lakeville and Juliette WIRES (Dave) of Courtenay, BC; sister-in-law, Stella DOUCETTE and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her first husband, Aurele CORMIER (1974) and second husband, Robert CONNORSs (2004); brother, Leo DOUCETTE and sister, Cecile.

Fergusons Funeral Home, 1657 Mountain Road, Moncton (858-1995) in care of arrangements. Visitation hours and funeral service will be announced at a later date. Interment will be in Our Lady of Calvary Cemetery, Dieppe.

In memory of Theresa, donations to the Billy Graham Evangelical Association of Canada would be appreciated. Private online condolences for the family can be made at www.fergusonsfuneralhome.com

DIXSON, HERBERT 'HERB'

Herbert "Herb" DIXSON of Moncton, passed away at The Moncton Hospital on February 17, 2018 at the age of 93. Born on the family farm in Mountville, Albert County, NB, on November 8, 1924, he was the son of the late Watson and Georgie DIXSON.

Herbert was a veteran of World War 2, having served with the RCNVR from 1943-1946. He retired from the CNR shops as General Supervisor of Production, Planning and Control in 1982 with 40 years of service. He was a member of Mount Royal United Church, CN Pensioner's Association, CN Supervisor's Association, as well as the Moncton Probus Club. He was Past Master of Tweedie Lodge and a member of Acacia Lodge #49 F. & A.M.

He will be sadly missed by his sons Brian of Ottawa, ON and Kevin of Barrie, ON; daughter in law Linda STAFFORD (Gary) of Cole Harbour, NS; a sister, Laura McLAUGHLIN of Riverview, NB; and sisters in law, Margaret DIXSON, Marie DIXSON, Muriel FRIZZELL, Mae MacKENZIE, and Mona MILLER (Darrell). Predeceased by his wife, Viva (HARE) DIXSON in 2005, and his son Eric DIXSON in 2002. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his sisters, Marion DOWNEY and Martha MOSHER, and brothers, Warren DIXSON, George DIXSON and John DIXSON

The Family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Doctors and Nurses of the Palliative Care Unit at The Moncton Hospital, The Extra Mural Palliative Care Team (Driscoll Unit), especially Natasha Hunter, as well as Dr. Brian Davidson.

Visitation will be held at Fergusons Funeral Home, 1657 Mountain Road, Moncton (858-1995) on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 pm. A Service to Celebrate and Honour Herbert's life will be held at Mount Royal United Church (106 Mount Royal Blvd) on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 2:00 pm with Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley officiating. Reception following the service in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Herbert's memory may be made to The Friends of the Moncton Hospital Foundation (Palliative Care), Mount Royal United Church, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Private online condolences for the family can be made at www.fergusonsfuneralhome.com

GRAVES, MARJORIE ALICE

With appreciation for a life well-lived, the family of Marjorie Alice GRAVES announces her passing, which occurred on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at Ridgewood Veterans Wing. Born in Carroll's Crossing, NB on June 30, 1922, she was a daughter of the late Weldon and Evelyn (STOREY) O'DONNELL. Marjorie was predeceased by her

loving husband, John Irwin GRAVES on January 11, 2018 after 75 years of marriage.

She met John, the love of her life, in Fredericton, NB when they joined the Army and were married shortly after. They started their family and Marjorie was a caring and devoted mother to her children. She enjoyed caring for her garden, traveling with her husband, and in her later years, spending time with her precious grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marjorie will be missed by two daughters: Judith WALSH (Ken) of Black River and Kathy BAXTER (Wayne) of Baxter's Corner; Three sons: John (Donna), Douglas (Sandra) and Barry GRAVES all of Black River; thirteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; her siblings, Raymond O'DONNELL (Patricia), Lloyd O'DONNELL (Toni) and Sheila DOAK; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, Marjorie was predeceased by her siblings: Russell, Isabel, Bonar, Spencer and Rowena.

The family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all the staff at Ridgewood for the care and kindness shown to our mother and to us. We would also like to thank Dr. Williamson and Dr. Grant for their care.

Resting at Brenan's Funeral Home, 111 Paradise Row, Saint John, NB (634-7424) with visitation on Monday, March 19, 2018 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. The Royal Canadian Legion veteran tribute service will be held during visitation at 7:00 pm. A Celebration of Marjorie's life will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 2:00 pm from Brenan's Funeral Home Chapel. She and John will be laid to rest together at a later date in St. Thomas Anglican Church Cemetery, Black River. For those who wish, remembrances may be made to any charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences can be placed at www.BrenansFH.com.

HUBBARD, BLANCHE MARLENE

It is with great sadness that the family of Blanche Marlene HUBBARD announce the news of her leaving this earthly world on March 20, 2018. She left it as she lived, with little fanfare and a gentle slipping from the bonds of Alzheimer's.

Blanche was born in 1935 to Wilson and Ida SOMERS in Matthews Settlement, NB. She leaves behind her loving family who wish her wholeness again. She is survived by Brenda (Joel DUNNETT) Red Bank; Kathy (Kevin SIDDALL) Kentville; Georgina (Colin MacMILLAN) Moncton; George (Christine LOCH) Toronto; Alice (Milton WYBENGA) Brookfield; Eleanor (Glenn DAVIS) Halifax; Willa (Roger FRENETTE) Petit Rocher; Shelly, Ottawa and Jarvis (Lori-Ann) Saint John. Also left to miss their Nanny are the apples of her eye and greatest treasures; Erin DUNNETT (Yuan YAO) and their daughter Raina; David DUNNETT (Mia); Robert HAYES; Laura (David OLDFORD) and their children, Kate and Julia; Peter WYBENGA and his son, Lucian; Alexis DENARDE (Brett) and their children, Adley, Charlie and Olivia; Mark and Jacob DAVIS; Brandi and Kari FRENETTE; and Megan HUBBARD.

Left behind to mourn as well are her sister, Shirley HAARS, and brothers, Harold, Frank and Jack and many nieces and nephews on both sides of the family. Waiting to greet her will be her husband of fifty years, George; sisters Edna, Kathleen, Doreen and Pauline and brothers Mark, Bernie, Lloyd and Donnie. She will see again her beloved grandchildren, Brittany FRENETTE, Jason WYBENGA and Rose WYBENGA. What a wonderful reunion that will be. Also waiting will be her chosen family; Mary HUBBARD, Kay and Ches BURCHILL, Alice and Arnold RYDER, Willa and Willie HARE, Jarvis and Helen HUBBARD and Jean and Wilbur DUNNETT.

Blanche leaves behind many wonderful friends from her church families at both Mount Royal and St Stephens United Churches. She was a humble volunteer who could always be found scurrying around trying to make sure that everyone was fed

and comfortable. Particular thanks to Peggy Robinson for being her steadfast friend to the end and to Ina Freeman for being the first person to welcome Blanche to the Mount Royal family. Sincere thanks also to Joanne and Roland at Open Arms Special Care Home and to all the residents there for their friendship.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, March 23rd at Fair Haven Funeral Chapel, with a reception to follow. Please direct your memorial donations to the Alzheimer Society, St. Stephen's Cemetery Fund, Red Bank or a charity close to your heart.

MacKINNON, KATHERINE

Katherine MacKINNON of the Grass Nursing Home, Riverview, passed away Saturday, January 27, 2018. Born in Chatham, she was the daughter of the late Sanford and Muriel (MacDONALD) WORRALL.

Katherine lost her soulmate, Michael, in May 2016. They had fifty-eight wonderful years together before he passed. Their love story began in 1958 in Chatham, NB when a young airman from Victoria, BC walked into the Micmac restaurant, where Katherine was working as a waitress. The rest, as they say, is history. Marriage and children soon followed. Katherine couldn't wait to be a mother. She always said she wanted six kids – three boys, three girls. And that's exactly what she had. A son and daughter were born in Chatham, followed by a son and daughter in Zweibrücken, Germany, and a daughter and son in Cold Lake, Alberta. They brought their family back to Chatham in 1975, where their home became a gathering place for family and friends for many years.

Katherine loved being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. When her own children were grown, she became a babysitter to other young children in Chatham. When time permitted, she would join Michael on many day and overnight trips as they explored every inch of our beautiful province together. Katherine, like her mother, was

a very talented artist. The walls of her home were adorned with her beautiful landscapes. Baking was another skill that she loved to share with her children and grandchildren. Many hours were spent in the kitchen, especially at Christmastime, baking up a storm. She created so many wonderful memories for her children as they were growing up, memories they will cherish forever. In the words of one of her daughters "When we think of home, we think of Mom."

After retirement, she and Michael moved to Riverview, NB. From there, they embarked on several trips throughout North America and Europe. With their fifth wheel trailer in tow, they travelled to the west coast by various routes throughout Canada and the US. They travelled back to Germany three times, with side trips to Saltzburg, Prague and Verona. They lived life to the fullest, and enjoyed every moment of the ride. Their new home in Riverview also became a gathering place, with bonfires, bocce ball tournaments and enough food to feed an air force in the summer time. They alternated spending Christmas with their east and west coast children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Katherine's whole life was devoted to being a wife and mom. She always made her family her priority. Her heart broke when Michael died. She missed him terribly. We take great comfort in the knowledge that they are together again.

Katherine spent the last year and a half of her life as a resident at the Grass Home in Riverview, where she received exceptional care. As dementia took its toll on her mind, she still loved to sing whenever there was music. Her time with the staff and residents at the home brought her great joy, and for that we are truly grateful.

She will be dearly missed by her brother Linton (Etta) of Newcastle; her children: Michael of Vancouver, BC; Karen BURRIS (Jamie) and Tim (Kelly), both of Riverview; Sandy of Burnaby, BC; Lorraine WINCHESTER of New Westminster, BC; and Robert (Jo) of Munich, Germany; thirteen

grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Juliette (late Sanford) WORRALL of Fredericton, brother-in-law William MacKINNON (Paddi) of Sechelt, BC, several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents and her husband, Michael, she was predeceased by sisters Edith, Florence, Muriel and Doris, and brother Sanford.

The family will be receiving relatives and friends at Cobb's Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 330 Whitepine Road, Riverview (869-2007) on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 3-5 p.m. A service celebrating Katherine's Life will be held from Cobb's Funeral Home on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., with Rev. Steve Berube officiating. Donations to The Alzheimer Society of NB, MS Society of Canada, or Alderwood Cemetery would be appreciated by the family. The interment will take place at Alderwood Cemetery. Online condolences can be expressed at www.cobbsfuneralhome.ca

MATCHETT, STERLING EDWARD

Sterling Edward Matchett, 91, of Moncton, NB and formerly of Newcastle, NB peacefully passed away with his family at his side on May 4, 2018. He was the son of the late Edward and Mathilda (Breau) Matchett. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Helen Matchett (Horsman) of Spencer's Nursing Home.

He joined CN and ended his career there as a General Forman with 43 years of service. Sterling was an active member of St. Philip's Anglican Church serving as a lay reader, former Sunday School Superintendent, Treasurer and he also served on the Vestry. Sterling was a Member, Chaplain and Past Master of Keith Lodge #23 F. & A.M., member of the CN Pensioners as well as a former member of the Army Reserves.

Survived by sons, Ronald (Debbie), Gregory, Glen (Marilyn); grandchildren, Matthew (Cheryl), Trevor, Sean, Caitlyn, Zachary and Moriah. great grandson, Soren; special nephew, Bill Horsman and

his family and daughter in law, Linda Mason, as well as several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Sterling is also survived by two brothers and a sister, Traven Matchett of Mississauga, ON and Rae Matchett (Janet) of Moncton, NB, and his sister Isabelle Gauthier (Noel) of Edmonton, AB.

Predeceased by his mother and father as well as two brothers, Kenneth (Yvonne) and Malcolm

Special thanks to Spencer Nursing Home for their care and kindness over the past few years, and to The Moncton Hospital staff for their support while he was a patient. Also, to Father Chris VanBuskirk, Father Kevin Borthwick, Deacon David Alston and Rev. Greg Sparkes for their many visits and support.

Resting at Fergusons Funeral Home, 1657 Mountain Road, Moncton (858-1995) on Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, with a Masonic Service taking place at 6:45pm. A service to celebrate and honour Sterling's life will be held at St. Philip's Anglican Church (Lynch St.) on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 11:00 am. A reception will follow in the church hall. Interment will be held in Fair Haven Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Sterling's memory may be made to The Friends of the Moncton Hospital Foundation or a charity of the donors' choice. Online condolences for the family may be made at www.fergusonsfuneralhome.com

POND, HAROLD LESTER

After a lengthy illness the passing of Harold Lester POND of Fredericton, NB, husband of Florence (HILL) POND occurred on Monday, February 26, 2018 at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital. Born on February 5, 1940 in Ludlow, NB, he was the son of the late Everett and Gertie (HOVEY) POND.

He was a member of Nashwaaksis Baptist Church.

Harold was a local business owner of Horsnell Bearing Service. He was a member of the Y's Men's Smokey Mokes. Harold enjoyed curling, snowmobiling, dancing, wood working, fishing, his Bolen's tractor, and enjoyed his time at Davidson Lake.

In addition to his wife, Harold is survived by his daughters, Heather POND and Ruth LaPOINTE (Joel); son, Peter POND; grandchildren, Cameron, Sadie and Emma McLELLAND, Faith, Emily and Adam DAY and Hayden POND; sisters, Marie SCOTT (Keith) and Doris WARD; sisters in law, Patricia LENENTINE, Carmen BURNS and Frances FOSS; brothers in law, William BATE, Charles FOSS (Duska), Malcolm HILL and David HILL (Barbara); several nieces, nephews and many special friends.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Joan (FOSS) POND; sister, Joyce BATE; brother, Amos POND; sister in law, Sheila HILL; brothers in law, Robert FOSS, Perley WARD, Allison LENENTINE and Peter BURNS.

Visitation will take place at York Funeral Home, 302 Brookside Drive on Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 2–4 and 7–9 pm. A Funeral Service will take place at Nashwaaksis Baptist Church on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 2 pm with Rev. Paul Ross officiating. Interment will take place in Marne Cemetery at a later date.

The family wish to extend a special thank you to the staff of the Palliative Care Unit at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital.

For those who wish, remembrances may be made to the Nashwaaksis Baptist Church Building Fund or the Chalmers Foundation Palliative Care Unit. Personal condolences may be offered through www.yorkfh.com

TOZER, KATHERINE 'KAY'

1926 – 2017 Bathurst

Sadly, Katherine "Kaye" TOZER, of Youghall Dr., passed away at Chaleur Regional Hospital on

November 17, 2017 following a brief illness.

A longtime resident of Bathurst, Kaye will be dearly missed by her husband of 68 years, Donald "Don" TOZER; her son, Dale (Linda) of Coquitlam, B.C. and her daughter, Paula TOZER of Ottawa, Ont. Born in Bartibog Bridge, N.B., Kaye was one of 11 siblings born to the late James and Alice (MAHONEY) SAVAGE.

She is survived by one sister, Marion ARSENAULT of Miramichi, N.B. and large extended family both in the Miramichi and across Canada.

Married in 1949, Kaye and Donald moved to Bathurst where Don had a successful career in the pulp and paper industry. Kaye was avid contributor to the Bathurst community. She was a founding member of the Bathurst Hospitality Days Organizing Committee in the 1970's and supported the work of the Canadian Association for Community Living for many years. Always an avid reader, Kaye also enjoyed curling, her home and her garden.

Following cremation, a memorial service at Highland View Cemetery in Bathurst is planned for the spring of 2018. Should you wish, donations in Kaye's memory can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or a charitable organization of your choice. The family also wants to express their gratitude to the doctors and staff at Chaleur Regional Hospital (2nd West and Palliative Care Unit) and the Clinique Medical Nepisiquit for their care and support. Arrangements are in the care of Elhattan Funeral Home.

MIRAMICHI BIOGRAPHY

George Adam Hildebrand (1853-1913)

Businessman in Newcastle and Chatham

Georg Adam Hildebrand was born 14 May 1853 at Sprendlingen, a few kilometres from Frankfurt in southwestern Germany. George was the first child of George Philipp Heinrich Hildebrand and his

second wife, Anna Rosine Hepp. In 1860 the family immigrated to Fredericton, NB, where young George attended public schools, as well as studying for a term in the Baptist Seminary in that city.

George left home at about age fifteen and worked initially as a servant in the home of Dr. Thomas Gregory, before taking employment in the Chestnut Hardware business on Queen Street. At this time George was also active in city life, becoming a successful competitive rower and serving for a decade as a volunteer fireman.

Also in 1879, George married Annie Howell (a daughter of Irish immigrants) and converted to Roman Catholicism, which he would follow for the remainder of his life. George and Annie's daughter, Mabel, was born in PEI in June 1880, but they had settled in Newcastle by late that year or very early in 1881. In Newcastle, George became agent-in-charge of Leonard Johnston's agricultural equipment and carriage business, which was located on the wharf below the town square. He operated the Newcastle business for over a decade, including two early years when he employed his younger brother, Otto Hildebrand, who would later become a successful general merchant in Doaktown.

During their years in Newcastle, George and Annie lost two children at very young ages (buried in St. Mary's cemetery) before the births of Anna Rosalind (1888) and James Frederick (1891). George also served as a fire ward in the town, and they eventually bought a large home on the corner of Campbell and Prince William Streets (directly across Campbell from the future site of the stone Harkins Academy).

In 1892, Mr. Johnston sold his Newcastle business to G. N. Clark and G. A. Lounsbury. The new owners then opened a second business in Chatham and George Hildebrand moved across the river to manage the Chatham operation. George and Annie settled on St. John St. (now University Ave.), just below Howard St. and between the homes of Chatham merchant Robert Murdoch and dentist

George Sproul. Son Earle Francis was born in 1896 and the children were schooled at St. Michael's Academy.

Following the death of G. A. Lounsbury in 1902, George Hildebrand became one of the shareholders in the new Lounsbury Company Ltd. and continued to manage the business. He was also a founding director the following year of the Miramichi Agricultural Exhibition Association and served as vice-president on the first executive. As well, George pursued his interest in sports during these years, becoming a very able curler.

George Hildebrand died of stomach cancer 8 Feb 1913, just short of his sixtieth birthday, and was buried at St. Mary's in Newcastle next to his previously deceased children. George's wife, Annie, outlived him by three decades, dying 6 Aug 1944. Son Earle married Marguerite Cole, and they subsequently moved their family to Ontario in the early 1940s. Son James Frederick (known as Fritz) fought with New Brunswick's 26th Battalion during the First World War, surviving three years on the Western Front only to die a short number of years later as the result of a railyard accident in Kamloops, BC.

Daughter Anna became a school teacher, working a number of years in Chatham schools before teaching for three and a half decades, and living the remainder of her life, in or near Courtenay, BC. Eldest daughter Mabel married Fred S. Maher. Their daughter Laura Maher married Vincent Moar; so Laura and Vincent Moar's children and grandchildren and great grandchildren would all be direct descendants of George and Annie Hildebrand.

Biography compiled in August 2017 by George Hildebrand's great, great nephew, John Hildebrand.

"If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday. - Pearl S. Buck

KENT COUNTY MARRIAGES 1845-1887

(PANB Film 1247. Vol. 2)

Couples listed by male names

Couple	Date
Richard , Augustine A. Nelson Par., Northumberland County	Nov 25, 1878
Ouellet , Clemence St. Louis Par., Kent County Wit: Julius Ouellet & Marie Johnson	
Oakes , Ingram Chatham Par., Northumberland County	Jan 3, 1878
Smith , Lizzie I. Richibucto Par., Kent County Wit: C.C. Bell & Altie Smith	
Viger , Augustine Chatham Par., Northumberland County	Nov 3, 1878
Goguen , Euphemia Cocagne Par., Kent County Wit: Aime Robichaud & Joseph Goguen	
Brown , Frederick C. Chatham Par., Northumberland County	Apr 15, 1879
Phinney , Lizzie Richibucto Par., Kent County Wit: M.C. Clark & J.D. Phinney	
Guimond , Morin St. Louis Par., Kent County	Sept 1, 1879
Guimond , Margaret Escuminac, Northumberland County Wit: Alexis Guimond & Marie Guimond	
Richard , Felix Acadieville, Kent County	Nov 11, 1879
Landry , Marthe Chatham Par., Northumberland County Wit: Simeon Babineau & Victoire Landry	
Daigle , Augustine St. Louis Par., Kent County	Nov 25, 1878
Thibideau , Mary Rogersville, Northumberland County Wit: Luc Arseneau & Scholastique Fountain	

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COMMUNITY PLACE NAMES IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

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

Glenelg: see Black River (Glenelg Parish, Northumberland County).

Glenelg Parish: Northumberland County: created in 1814 from New castle 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 road to Redmondville: Glenelg Parish, Northumberland County: today Glenwood is a dispersed community.

Grand Lake Road: Settlement, 3 mi. SE of Doaktown: Blissfield Parish, Northumberland County: today it is a dispersed community.

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

RESEARCH CAN BE EMOTIONAL

Spending a lot of time recently pouring over old records, I've found it can be an emotional undertaking. I'm sure we've all come across documents that bring us to tears while others elicit a smile or even a chuckle. Below are a couple of documents that I've come across recently that had an impact on me.

- Death certificate of a small child giving the underlying cause of death as "*malnutrition.*" This certainly made me stop and think how difficult it must have been for this large family trying to survive at the height of the depression.
- Death certificate of a male individual where the attending physician, under "religion" had written "*Presbyterian - if anything.*"
- World War I casualty record where it was noted: "*no next of kin - no notification sent.*" It made me sad to think that a young soldier had given his life for his country - and there was no one to notify of his sacrifice.
- Another World War I casualty record where it was noted: "*death notification sent; returned undeliverable.*" Had the next of kin simply moved - or had they passed on as well.

If you don't recount your family history, it will be lost. Honor your own stories and tell them too. The tales may not seem very important, but they are what binds families and makes each of us who we are.

- *Madeleine L'Engle*

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder - if you have not already paid your dues for 2018 you should do so without further delay. Doing so will ensure there is no interruption in receiving *Generations* and Branch Newsletters. As has been communicated in *Generations*, there is an increase in dues for 2018.

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MEETING/CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

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