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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The New Year is upon us and to date Mother Nature has not been very cooperative. Two meetings scheduled for January were cancelled due to snow storms. Hopefully, things will improve in February and we can finally have our AGM and kick off our 2018 year. We have had members offer to let their name stand for all positions with the exception of President. So, the call is out – if anyone is interested in serving in this position, please contact me prior to the February meeting. We also need an Editor for this Newsletter – again, if interested please let me know.

Our membership has remained fairly stable in the past year; however, with a large number of our members from outside the local area, we have experienced low meeting attendance. On several occasions we were unable to meet as we did not have a quorum. We thank all those dedicated members who do attend each month and extend an invite to other members to join us – we have a chair waiting for you! In order to have meetings which are of interest to members, we seek your feedback on what you would like to see – speaker, program, discussion, etc. If you have any suggestions for a special speaker or program – please let a member of the executive know. .

Hope 2018 is the year you break through that brick wall and find the information you have been missing in your research.

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.

OCTOBER

After a short business meeting, we had two presentations. Faye Baisley presented an overview of the educational records available at the provincial archives. Following this, member Mary Anne Riordon-Barry gave a brief presentation on the recent genealogy trip to Ireland and Scotland.

NOVEMBER

The November meeting was scheduled to be our AGM and pre-Christmas Social. As we did not have a quorum, meeting was not held. AGM was rescheduled for January.

JANUARY

Meetings scheduled for January 23 was cancelled due to inclement weather as was the make-up meeting scheduled for January 30. We will try again to have our AGM in February.



Most people are as happy as they make up their minds to be.

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.

JARDINE, Myrtle Evelyn (nee SHERRARD)

(July 27, 1938 – February 4, 2018)

Myrtle Evelyn **JARDINE**, age 79, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Sunday, February 4, 2018. Born on July 27, 1938 in New Castle, New Brunswick.

Myrtle was an expert knitter, loved watching the birds, listening to country music and doing anything outdoors. Myrtle loved to travel and especially spend time on the East Coast with her many family members. Family was the most important thing in the world to Myrtle. She was happiest during the time spent together with family, camping and gathered around the dinner table. Cooking was another one of her passions. Her homemade bread, pies and fudge were legendary. Myrtle was a kind woman, known for hospitality and making everyone feel welcome. Her door was always open and fresh baked goodies were always on the counter.

Myrtle will be lovingly remembered by her husband Clifford Sr., daughters Rose and Betty, sons Clifford Jr. (Susan) and Charles; siblings Ronald (Phoebe), Louise; grandchildren Len (Carla), Colin (Val), Blythe (Kevin), Mandi and Josh; great-grandchildren Jade, Jordan Rae, Kyle, Janaya, Sara and Coby, her special friend Ileen Noyes, in-laws and lots of extended family in the East Coast. She was predeceased by her infant son Roger, her parents George and Eileen **SHERRARD**, sisters

Hazel and Ida, and brothers Jack, Harley and Andy.

Sincere thank you to the many family and friends who supported her in her journey. Special thanks to Dr. Lai, Dr. Azad, the Palliative care team and the staff on 1A. A Celebration of Life will take place on Friday, February 9, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Harbourview Funeral Centre. Visitation for family and friends will take place one hour prior to the service time. A reception will follow after. Interment will take place at Sunset Memorial Gardens. If friends so desire, donations in Myrtle's memory may be made to Salem Lutheran Church in Pass Lake, ON or a charity of their choice.

MULLIN, Marge (nee WILSON)

(February 15, 1924 – February 9, 2018)

The family of Marge **MULLIN** of Loch Lomond Villa, announce her peaceful passing which occurred on February 9th, 2018 with her family at her side. Born in Saint John on February 15, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Alice Wilson. In her earlier days she was a skilled ice skater and a tap dancer on roller-skates who enjoyed the spotlight during war time. She was a loving and devoted mother who enjoyed time spent with family and friends. Her baked goods were both scrumptious and delicious. Marge was commonly known as "Mom" to many and Nan to her grandchildren. In her earlier career she worked for H.W. Wilsons Extracts later dedicating her career with the School Board as a custodian at Barnhill School for many years, retiring when she was 65. Marge is survived by her sons Joe Mullin (Kathryn Short) of Saint John; daughters Shirley Gallant of Saint John and Lee Ann Sullivan of Calgary, AB; one sister Shirlee Wilson of Vancouver, BC; precious grandchildren Jacqueline, Brad, Steve, Chris, Stephanie, Joe, Chanin and Brae; 6 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and friends. Along with her parents, Marge was predeceased by her son David Mullin, daughter Faye Jean Mullin; husband Vernon Samuel; sister Jean and son-in-law Jack.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fundy Funeral Home 230 Westmorland Road (646-2424)

with visitation on Monday February 12th from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday February 13th from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Funeral Service will be held from the Fundy Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday February 14th at 10:00 a.m. followed by a reception. Private Interment at Ocean View Memorial Gardens will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marge's memory can be made to the Loch Lomond Villa Foundation or the charity of the donor's choice. To send a message of condolence, please visit www.fundyfuneralhome.com. Marge's family would like to give sincere thanks to the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of the Loch Lomond Villa for the compassionate and kind care given to Marge and her family. Your kindness and compassion will never be forgotten.

WYBENGA, Jason Dean (January 16, 1986 - October 29, 201) Jason Dean WYBENGA – 31, Shortt's Lake, passed away suddenly October 29, 2017 at home. Born in Fredericton, NB. He was the son of Milton and Alice (**HUBBARD**) **WYBENGA**, Shortt's Lake. Jason's early years were spent in Ottawa and later Bedford, NS where he attended Junior High. He also attended Kings-Edgehill School in Windsor, NS. He obtained his Science Degree from Carleton University and his teaching degree from Brock University. Jason loved to travel. He loved living in Vancouver, for the years he was there.

Besides his parents, Jason is survived by his older brother, Peter (Rose), Shortt's Lake, NS, and their son, Lucian; sister, Alexis (Brett) DENARDE, Cambridge, Ont. and their children, Olivia, Charlie and Adley; grandmothers, Maria WYBENGA, Florenceville, NB and Blanche HUBBARD, Moncton, NB as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Jason is with his beloved grandfathers, Peter WYBENGA and George HUBBARD.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 04 at 11am in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jason's memory may be made to the

Canadian Mental Health Association of Colchester-East Hants (Box 1413, Truro, NS B2N 5V2), or a charity of your choice.

Live Webcasting of the service will begin at 10:58 a.m. (Atlantic Time) and is available with online messages of condolence at:

www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Source: Truro Daily News, November 02, 2017 & Chronicle Herald, Halifax, November 02, 2017

USING OBITUARIES IN GENEALOGY RESEARCH

If you are a seasoned genealogical researcher, you know the value of using obituaries in your family history research. Like many of us, you probably read the Obituary section of the newspaper before reading any other section. If you are a new researcher, you will soon come to realize what your more seasoned cohorts know: obituaries are potentially the most valuable record you can use to discover information about your family.

In the early 1800s, newspapers sometimes included death notices, which were usually just a couple of lines long. For example:

The youngest child, a girl of two years old, of Mr. and Mrs. John Touchie of Allison Settlement died yesterday of scarlet fever. *Source: Gazette - August 12, 1912*

These death notices increased in length and in number over the next few decades so that by the middle of the 19th century, newspapers were publishing the longer, more descriptive obituaries that we are accustomed to seeing today. Obituaries are most likely printed in the local newspaper of the town where a person died, or they may have been printed in the newspaper of the town where they grew up. Today, many appear on the funeral home or newspaper web-site.

What can you find in an obituary?

Death information. Date and place of death. A cause of death may also be included. If no cause of

death is specified, a clue may be gathered from the organizations toward which donations are directed such as Heart & Stroke or Cancer Society, etc.

Names of family members. Most obituaries list the names of immediate family members and may also list several names of extended family members. Sometimes you may find a name of a family member that you did not know existed. This could be a family black sheep who has been estranged from the family or someone who moved away at a young age. These long lost relatives are often included in an obituary.

Other dates and places. An obituary may also include dates and places for a birth or a marriage.

Insights into your ancestor's life. Some obituaries may include tidbits about your ancestors, such as where they worked, what their hobbies were, and sometimes even what pets that had.

Direction to other records. An obituary may direct you to other records. If it includes information that your ancestor served in a war, or belonged to a certain church or community organization, which would provide other areas for you to search.

As with all research, it is important to remember that obituaries can have inaccuracies. Sometimes names and dates are incorrect. I encountered this recently in my own research where the surname WAYE appeared as WAYNE. Another showed a son-in-law as a grandson.

To assist our Branch members with their research, we have an excellent resource in our on-line obituary data base. This contains many thousands of obituaries, available at our fingertips. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Penny Creamer who has been the driving force behind this project. We extend our thanks to Penny, along with the member volunteers who worked with her in typing obituaries from local papers. I know I personally have this data base open when I work on my family history and I access it many times a day.

Submitted by: Faye Baisley. Taken from an article entitled Why Obituaries Contain Hidden Family Trees, found on the web at: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/genealogy-articles.html>

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. (A number of these were included in our Fall 2017 newsletter, the remainder appear below.) If you can help remove a brick in any of these walls, please contact our members.



Sarah Baisley born about 1858, daughter of William Baisley and Nancy Mullin. Worked as a domestic for William Vye family in 1891 in Newcastle NB. No records can be found after that. Looking for marriage, death, etc., info. Contact: fayebaisley@hotmail.com

W. Stephen Glasier (1838 - ?) parents: Benjamin and Anne Worden Glasier of Lincoln, NB. Wife: "Cynthia". Worked at Hudson's Bay Post, Mattawa, Ont in 1865. Contact: javautour@bellaliant.net

Mary Walsh (b 1845) daughter of John and Bridgett Walsh of Blackville. Married John Washington (b 1836). Her last residence was 1881 in Blackville. Contact: don_donna@sympatico.ca. (note "underscore between Don and Donna's names)

You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips. – Oliver Goldsmith

DID YOU KNOW?

Many English Canadians in New Brunswick share a bloodline with the American colonists known as Loyalists who supported the British cause during the American Revolution (1775-83). Their loyalty to the mother country led them to flee northward to British North America, where many settled in and around the St. John River Valley. This Loyalist influx – which comprised farmers, labourers and tradespeople of various cultural backgrounds, including former Black slaves – provided momentum for the creation of New Brunswick

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time of year again to remind members that dues for 2018 should be paid this month 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.

FIRST NAMES – A REFLECTION OF THE TIMES

It can often be difficult when researching family when we encounter many with the same name. Tradition was important and children were named after family members. Undoubtedly, that is why you encounter 46 James McNeill's and a similar number of John Smith's.

In 1900, the top first names for men and women were:

Men: John, William, James, George, Charles, Robert, Joseph, Frank, Edward and Henry

Women: Mary, Helen, Margaret, Anna, Ruth, Elizabeth, Florence, Ethel, Marie and Lillian.

First names have changed over the years and have been influenced by what was happening in society. Names often reflected popular actors, actresses and sports figures.

While some first names have remained popular (such as William, James and Robert for men and Elizabeth, Margaret and Anne for women) each succeeding decade has seen some movement based on what was happening in the world. For example, some German inspired names came into use following WW I; names such as Herman, Otto, Carl and Gus. Gloria was a popular woman's name in the 1920's after Gloria Swanson the actress; Gary was a popular men's name in the 1950's after Gary Cooper the actor. Similarly, there are a lot of Shirley's born in the 1930's (Shirley Temple) and Lisa Marie's in the 1960's (after Elvis Presley's daughter).

What are the top names today?

Men: Jackson, Liam, Noah, Aiden, Lucas, Caden, Grayson, Mason, Alijah and Logan

Women: Sophia, Olivia, Emma, Ava, Isabella, Mia, Aria, Riley, Zoe and Amelia

ITEMS FROM LOCAL NEWS – January 1, 1924 (The Commercial)

A Brantford, Ont. Dispatch says – it is announced that on Canadian National Railway lines in future, day laborers will be paid \$2 per day, or 25 cents an hour. The new scale represents a reduction of 13 cents per hour, the former minimum wage having been 38 cents per hour.

The attention of our readers is directed to the Menu for a splendid New Year's Dinner to be served at the Hotel Touraine this (Tuesday) evening from 6:30 to 7 at \$1.00 per plate. The custom of eating at

public places on Christmas, New Years, Thanksgiving, etc. is rapidly becoming more popular, as it saves a lot of work for the housewife and others, and also provides a more varied menu at a much lesser cost. Served in Mr. Hill's well known pleasing manner, the New Year's dinner is sure to please all who dine at the Touraine this evening.

Menu

- Oyster Cocktail
- Cream of Tomato Soup
- Celery Olives
- Boiled Halibut, Lobster Sauce
- Cobelettes d'Agneau au Champignons
- Roast Young Turkey, Dressing and Cranberry Sauce, Roast Green Goose, Sage and Onion Dressing and Apple sauce;
- Roast Ribs of Western Beef, Yorkshire Pudding
- Boiled Sugar cured Ham, Sauce Tartare
- Boiled and Creamed Potatoes
- Creamed Parsnips Green Peas Mashed Turnips
- English Plum Pudding, Hard Sauce and Date Pie
- Jelly with Whipped Cream
- Christmas Fruit Cake Pound Cake
- Cream Cheese Gruyere Cheese Crackers
- Tea Coffee
- Fruits

The earliest record that we have seen of the Curling game on the Miramichi is that in the possession of postmaster Wm. Wilson, which was given to him by the late Dr. Thompson of Chatham. The memorandum is as follows:

**History remembers only the celebrated;
genealogy remembers them all. –
Lawrence Overmier**

Curling on the Miramichi, at Douglastown in 1837, the players were James Gilmore, John Wise, Chas. Wishart, John Porter, W. Watterson, W. L. Scott, J. Alexander.

CENTRE NAPAN SCHOOL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1924

Grade V (a): Thelma Dickson, 97.7; Jessie Godfrey, 92.8; Edward O'Donnell, 75.5; Annie Dickson, 70.8.

Grade V (b): Lorraine Godfrey, 95; Murray Dickson, 71.8.

Grade V (c): Harry Dickson, 82.7; Susie Dickson, 76.2; Margaret Fitzpatrick 70.9.

Grade V (d): Douglas Campbell 95.6; Cole Campbell, 95; George O'Donnell, 86.8; William Wilson, 64.7; Hubert Godfrey, 61.2.

Grade IV: Elizabeth MacDiarmid, 97; Howard Wilson, 85.6; Eldon Dickson, 77.3.

Grade II: Bertha Wilson, 100; Murton Dickson, 99; Ethel Dickson, 93; Ella Galloway, 91.5; Hazel Dickson, 84; Theresa Fitzpatrick, 78.5.

Grade I: Tennie Dickson, 90. Maxwell Galloway, 85.5; Hazel White, 87; Carter Dickson, 74.5.

Source for all 1924 articles: The Commercial, Chatham, January 1, 1924

FIRST KEEPER OF BIRD ROCK LIGHT HOUSE JAMES CHAPMAN DEAD AT 83

This article was written by charter member and former Branch President, Carman Williston, and is included with his Editor's Note.

Editor's Note: This article is from the Miramichi newspaper The World, Vol. 28, No. 20, 10 March

1909. It was transcribed by Carman Williston for *Miramichi Branch*.

James Chapman, keeper of the Bay du Vin Island lights, is dead at the age of eighty-three. He was a notable man on the Miramichi and no yachtsman ever anchored in the basin without making his acquaintance. If the party didn't land, Mr. Chapman would scull out to the visiting craft. He was genial and talkative, and was the central figure of many a merry cabin party in the basin. A Chatham gentleman, one of our oldest residents, who knew Mr. Chapman from his arrival here as a boy to his death says of him:

“The late James Chapman was an eccentric individual. He was born in Scotland, and articed on a ship in his boyhood. He tired of the rough usage that was given to marine apprentices in those days, and ran away. He walked hundreds of miles, through lanes and fields and over moors, across country to another seaport, his chief diet being turnips. He shipped on a timber vessel, bound for the Miramichi, and came to Douglstown. He liked the look of the country, and did not want to return to Scotland, so he ran away and found shelter with the farmers in the settlements until the ship had sailed. This was in the fall of 1842 and Chapman was sixteen years old.

“The young Scot spent that winter in Chatham, at a hotel which stood on the side of the late skating rink, corner of St. John and Church Sts. Politics raged fiercely – an election campaign was in progress. The south side of the river had never had a representative, and it demanded one. Rankine and Street were the sitting members, and the late J. T. Williston, as the most popular man available, was nominated against Street. The house of Rankine ruled the country at that time, and all the public money that was voted for county purposes went through its hands. But the Chatham man was elected after a great fight.

“It was during this exciting contest, in the winter of 1842, that young Chapman came into public notice

and was voted a hero. Alex McBeath, who kept a big hotel on the site of the present Canada House, who was a strong Williston man at the opening of the campaign, suddenly changed sides and became a supporter of Rankine and Street. This created great excitement. Feeling ran very strong, and it seemed likely that the house would be mobbed and sacked. But the owner knew his peril and stood on the defensive with an armed guard. Over every door appeared, one morning, in letters of tar, the brand, *McBeath the Traitor*. The writer remembers seeing a big crowd of men before the house, threatening to storm it and sack it (the stock of liquor in the house added fuel to the political fire), but the crowd was without a leader and did not attack. The muzzle of a gun projected from every window on the first and second storey, showing that a large garrison was inside, but the house would have been quickly captured if the passions of the crowd had been aroused by a leader or by a shot from within. And then the Scotch (sic) sailor lad came upon the scene gazed on the guns and turned to the crowd, crying out: ‘What do you want ME to do?’ One of the rabid members of the crowd replied: ‘Clean out the glass in the traitor’s house.’ Young Chapman, without a moment’s hesitation, seized a sled stake, walked up to a window, and smashed the glass, the fragments falling on the man behind the gun. He went from window to window smashing every one, but not a shot was fired. The men on guard feared the mob too much to shoot. Chapman was a popular hero from that moment.

“After going to sea for a time young Chapman was hired to work around a hotel in Point aux Car that was owned by an old gentleman named Mouad (Robert A. Mouad – CW), a relative of the North West Goodfellows. The proprietor’s niece was the housekeeper. Chapman fished for salmon, did the farming, and worked about the hotel. He married the niece after a time, and became the proprietor after the death of Mr. Mouad.

“The call of the sea came to him, and he sold out and accepted the post of light keeper on Bird Rock after Confederation, his family moving to Chatham,

where Mrs. Chapman died some time afterwards. The isolation and solitude on Bird Rock had no terrors for Chapman, though he was one of the most sociable of men, and he accepted the post after it had been refused by others. He lived there almost alone, like Alexander Selkirk, through the storms of winter and the breezes of summer, for two years. And then a Quebecker demanded the job, and Mr. Chapman was persuaded by his dear friend the Minister of Marine to resign and make way for the new claimant. The beacon lights on Bay du Vin Island were built soon afterwards, and Mr. Chapman was appointed light keeper. There was no house for him to live in, unless he boarded with the fishermen, and he built a residence for himself, half cave and half shack, which he decorated with shells and made into the most picturesque of miniature dwellings. It was large enough for a small cookstove and a narrow bed, and he was content. The department of Marine built a house for him a few years later. He was married again, and leaves a widow and several children.

“Mr. Chapman was a model light keeper. His lamps were polished every day, and all the metal work shone like a yacht’s brass work. He was an enthusiast in the service, and no complaint of failure to attend to his duties was ever made against him. We hope he has found, or will find, the harbor lights burning brightly when his barque reaches the other shore of the great ocean on which he has embarked, and that his welcome home will be at least as warm as the greeting he was ever ready to extend to all corners at his island home.”

The Goodfellows referred to in the article are from the family of James Goodfellow, a brother of John who married Mary Williston and raised their family in Northesk, and Alexander Goodfellow Esq. of Lower Newcastle. James died early leaving his widow, nee Isabella Walls and three daughters. His widow remarried to Robert A. C. Mouad, and the three daughters: Janet married George Williston in 1828, Margaret married Benjamin Williston in 1832 and Ann married James Chapman in 1848. James remarried in about 1884 to Alice Jane Helman who

was less than half his age and with whom he had 6 more children.

James Chapman was born about 1825 in Scotland. He arrived in Miramichi aboard a lumber ship as part of the crew in May of 1842, and liked what he saw of the country and decided to stay. He was said to have hid out until the ship departed. He spent the next several years as a sailor and other jobs, eventually working at Mouad’s hotel at Point aux Carr, here he married Mouad’s step daughter, Ann Goodfellow, dau. of the late James and Isabella (Walls) Goodfellow, on 5 August 1848. Ann died sometime after 1871 and he remarried to Alice Jane Helman about 1884. He was the first light keeper on Bird Rock at the mouth of Miramichi Baby, but was forced to resign to make way for a Quebec with more influence with government. When a light was erected on Bay du Vin Island, he was appointed as keeper, a job which he served at until his death in March of 1909.

Their issue:

Ann’s daughter, born before her marriage.

1. **Alice Jane Goodfellow**, born about 1837, m. **John Williston Goodfellow** on 14 Sep 1857.

Children of James & Ann (Goodfellow) Chapman

2. **Isabella Chapman**, b. 5 Nov 1849
3. **Margaret Ann Chapman**, b. 9 Jun 1851, m. **Philip Henry Burbridge**, on 3 Jun 1872.
4. **James Goodfellow Chapman**, b. 2 Jul 1853.
5. **Robert Murray Chapman**, b. 18 Mar 1853, d. 16 Mar 1864 of diphtheria.
6. **Charlotte Chapman**, b. 29 Apr 1858, m. **John Noble**, 10 Feb 1880.
7. **Mary Chapman**, b. 1861.

Children of James & Alice (Helman) Chapman

8. **Robert Noble Chapman**, b. 21 Apr 1885
9. **Henry Burbridge Chapman**, b. 16 Apr 1886
10. **William Johnston Chapman**, b. 1 Apr 1888, d. 1964, m. 1st **Mary Emiline Dutcher**, 1 Sep 1915, who d. 30 Dec 1923; m. 2nd **Mary Mildred Jenkins** of Chatham on 17 Aug 1930.

11. **Annie Jane Chapman**, b. 11 May 1891
12. **Bella Chapman**, b. 26 Feb 1893
13. **Rita Alice Chapman**, b. Mar 1897, m. **Harry Halman** on 23 Jun 1916.

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 Profile of James Chapman, *Chatham World*, 10 Mar 1909

KENT COUNTY MARRIAGES 1845-1887

(PANB Film 1247. Vol. 2)

Couples listed by male names

Couple	Date
Oakes , Ingram Chatham Par., Northumberland County	3 Jan. 1878
Smith , Lizzie I. Richibucto Par., Kent County Wit: C.C. Bell & Altie Smith	
Viger , Augustine Chatham Par., Northumberland County	3 Nov. 1878
Goguen , Euphemia Cocagne Par., Kent County Wit: Aime Robichaud & Joseph Goguen	
Brown , Frederick C. Chatham Par., Northumberland County	15 Apr. 1879
Phinney , Lizzie Richibucto Par., Kent County Wit: M.C. Clark & J.D. Phinney	
Guimond , Morin St. Louis Par., Kent County	1 Sept. 1879
Guimond , Margaret Escuminac Par., Northumberland County Wit: Alexis Guimond & Marie Guimond	
Richard , Felix Acadieville Par., Kent County	11 Nov. 1879

Landry, Mart[he]
 Chatham, Northumberland County
 Wit: Simeon Babineau & Victoire Landry

Daigle, August 25 Nov. 1878
 St. Louis Par., Kent County

Thibideau, Mary
 Rogersville Par., Northumberland County
 Wit: Luc Arseneau & Scholastique Fountain

Blanch/Blauch, George 5 Jul. 1880
 Bristol, Nova Scotia

Hackett, Elizabeth
 Carleton Par., Kent County
 Wit: Peter Hackett & Annie Rigley

End of extractions from Vol. 2

Submitted by: Carolyn Harris

HISTORY OF THE LOYAL ORANGE LODGE - By Anna Allen

In the beginning, and for many years of the life of the association, a great deal of effort was exerted in protection of the Protestant religion. The threat at this time came from the supporters of the Church of Rome.

The Loyal Orange Association is located in many countries of the world; mainly in what was, at one time, British Colonies Canada, United States of America, England, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, etc. One qualification for membership is that the member must be a Protestant. The Orange Order consistently seeks to preserve the British traditions of freedom and justice, loyalty to the Queen and freedom of religion. The Orange Order stands together in this, opposing forces who wish to impose their own points of view on our lives, including our state system.

The Orange Association was formed in 1688; the series of happenings which led to its formation dates back to 1524. It was at this time that the

Church of Rome had reached its greatest height of its power in England. At that time, until it was banished forty years later, the greatest religious persecution in England's history took place when hundreds of Protestants were burned at the stake for their faith. The reigning monarch at that time was James II, who sent the Archbishop of Canterbury and six others to the tower; they were charged and acquitted the following day.

The next monarch was William of Orange, who left Holland for England to save the day for Protestantism and Liberty. On November 21, 1688 this society called Orange was first instituted with six hundred of the nobility and gentry signing the Declaration. James returned from France to Ireland in 1689, supported by France and summoned his Parliament in May. William now went in person to Ireland to conduct the war, and met with James' forces at the River Boyne. Under William's command were nearly 36,000 men, James was defeated, and the battle of the Boyne was the crowning victory. It has been said that William III was not a man of one nation more than another; he was the representative of a principle. He was one of the great men of history.

During the period of 1740 to 1750, a vast number of societies similar to the Boyne Society was formed in various parts of England.

Writers and historians agree in fixing this as the date of the Orange Association's origin in Ireland. Later the Boyne Society amalgamated with the Orange Society.

In 1759, when Wolfe came to Canada, many of his men were identified with the Orange Confederacy established in 1688 in England.

In 1829, Ogle R. Gowan, active in the cause of Orangeism in Ireland, came to Canada and summoned the Orangemen to Brockville to discuss the possibility of united action. This meeting was held on January 1st 1830. At this meeting the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America was

formed. At that time there was only two degrees, the Orange and the Purple.

In 1844 Gowan's authority was extended to include the Maritime Provinces.

In 1867 confederation united the Provinces of British America and Sir John A. MacDonal, who had joined the Orangemen in 1841 to share the obloquy of a loyal people, Canada's Prime Minister gladly admitted that what the Orangemen had been able to do, inspired him to do the same for Canada, thus confederation came into being.

Tradition credits the military with having brought the Orange Association to New Brunswick, the first place being Saint John.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was incorporated in 1875; the first Grand Lodge in the Dominion of Canada.

Following confederation came the matter of public schools, when the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick through its political leaders advocated and assisted in winning the free and non-sectarian school system for the entire province.

The New Brunswick Primary Lodges are active in such fields as welfare work, service to community, lodge social events, inter-lodge social events and assisting in maintaining civil and religious liberty for all people.

At Newcastle the Orange Order was formed at the Opera House which they had built. They used the upper floor, and rented the first floor for plays - Vaudeville - shows - chautauyua's, the silent movies started in 1910 under the management of Allen Russell and William McCullum. The L O. L. lost the Opera House through dept. Mr Percy Burchill bought it. Mr. and Mrs. William Richards (nee Janie McGowan) rented the hall for a number of years.

Source: Northumberland News - May 20, 1987

THANK YOU

In the past few months, a number of individuals have donated research materials to Miramichi Branch. In most cases this material belonged to a deceased family member who was an avid researcher. Their families wanted this material to be passed on to our Branch so others could benefit from it. We would like to thank the families of the following individuals: George Berube, George Kingston, and Dollypearle Martin-Drysdale.

We also received material from an anonymous donor. This individual purchased a box of books at an estate auction and, upon finding genealogy material included in it, donated it to our group.

Thanks also to member Stacy Underhill who donated a number of 1920's newspapers which had been given to her by a neighbor.

We will organize this material and add to our cupboard.



**ON THE
LIGHTER SIDE**

Have you heard that the government is simplifying the Income Tax Form? It now has only the four steps below:

Step 1: What was your income tax last year?

Step 2: What were your expenses?

Step 3: How much is left?

Step 4: Send it in.

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

METTING/CONTACT INFORMATION

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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