

# NBGS MIRAMICHI BRANCH NEWS LETTER



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Our winter break is over and meetings resumed on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our AGM was held at this time as it was postponed in November due to inclement weather. I'm pleased to report that we had nominees for all positions with the exception of President. I have agreed to fill the role on a temporary basis. Your 2019 Board:

President – Faye Baisley (Acting)  
Vice President – Dianne Mullin  
Treasurer – Elsie Stefanyk  
Secretary – Roger Savoy  
Board: Bill Donald, John Fogan, Anna MacDonald  
Provincial Reps: Marilyn Creamer-Fowler  
Dianne Mullin

Thank you to each of these members for agreeing to accept a Board position; I look forward to working with you. A huge thank you is extended to outgoing executive members for their contributions over the past two years.

Our next monthly meeting is February 26 – we have a chair waiting for you!

*Faye Baisley, Acting President*

*We don't own our family history, we simply preserve it for the next generation*

## MEETING BY MEETING

NBGS Miramichi Branch would like to update members on the activities of the group. With this in mind, we will let you know about programs/speakers we have had recently and 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 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.

**November** – meeting cancelled due to inclement weather.

**December** – no meeting is held in December.

**January** – along with a business meeting, our annual election of officers was held. This was followed by a general discussion on DNA testing generated by the recent Marketplace show on that topic.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder, if you have yet paid your 2019 Membership dues, they are due by February 15, 2019. Paying dues on time ensures there is no interruption in receiving *Generations* and Branch Newsletters. Dues for 2019:

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.

## OUR CONDOLENCES TO

Miramichi Branch extends condolences to the following members on their recent loss: Board Member and former Provincial Membership Chair, Dianne Matchett-Mullin, on the death of her husband, Jackie, who passed away on December 3, 2018; Carl Stymiest on the death of his sister, Agnes Peever, who passed away on November 5, 2018; Ann Moriarty and Dianne Mullin on the death of their cousin Richard Parks who passed away on December 14, 2018; and family and friends of former Branch Member Stephanie Reid who passed away on December 28, 2018.

### **MULLIN, John “Jackie” Thomas (1955-2018)**

John “Jackie” Thomas Mullin passed away at the Miramichi Regional Hospital on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the age of 63. Born in Red Bank, NB, Jackie was the son of the late Lawrence and Annie (HAYDEN) MULLIN. In earlier years, Jackie was a carpenter with Sunny Corner Enterprises and was a member of the Carpenter’s Union Local 1386. Jackie is survived by two daughters: Leslie Anne CROSSE (Cory) of South Esk, NB and Jackie Lynn MULLIN (Wesley HAY) of Sunny Corner, NB; one sister: Pauline GREGG (Walter) of Bridgewater, NS; two brothers: Lawrence of Red Bank, NB, Frankie (Colleen) of Fort McMurray, AB; two grandsons: Austin CROSSE and Jack HAY; goddaughter: Jody MULLIN; two aunts: Carmel KINGSTON and Mary HAYDEN; brother in law: Ernie RICHARD of Baie-Sainte-Anne, NB; many nieces and nephews as well as his loyal dog Annie who never left his side. Besides his parents, Jackie is predeceased by his sister Margaret “Peggy” RICHARD. Jackie is resting at Meadows Funeral Home, 150 Northwest Road, Sunny Corner, NB with visitation on Thursday, December 6, 2018. Funeral Service will be held from Meadow’s Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 11 AM with Father Dan Melanson officiating. Burial will take place in the spring.

*Source: Mighty Miramichi on-line obituary data base*

### **PEEVER, Agnes Theresa ( STYMIEST )**

**November 26, 1932-November 05, 2018**

The passing of Agnes Theresa PEEVER of Fredericton, NB, wife of Roy PEEVER, occurred on Monday, Nov 5, 2018 at York Care Centre. Born on Nov 26, 1932 in Loggieville, NB, she was the daughter of the late Carlisle and Bessie (TAIT) STYMIEST. In addition to her husband, Agnes is survived by her daughter, Cheryl-Ann DeSAULNIER of Fredericton, NB; sons, Lee MELANSON of Summerside, PEI and Chris MELANSON (Sherie) of Fredericton, NB; grandchildren, David and Daniel DeSAULNIER; two great grandchildren; sister, Pauline SKIDD (Edward) brothers, John & Carl STYMIEST. Besides her parents, Agnes was predeceased by her sister-in-law, Gyda STYMIEST. A Graveside Service will take place at Pine Grove Cemetery, Loggieville, NB at a later date.

*Source: Fredericton Daily Gleaner, Nov 8, 2018*

### **PARKS, Richard Eugene Jr.**

**(July 2, 1932-Dec 14, 2018)**

Richard E. PARKS, Jr. of Hamden CT passed on December 14, 2018 after a 16 year battle of cancer. He was the son of Richard PARKS of Red Bank and Annie MATCHETT of Sunny Corner. Interment in Hamden Plains Cemetery.

*Source: www.beecherandbennett.com*

### **REID, Stephanie Mary (1941-2018)**

It is with heavy hearts the family of Stephanie Mary REID announce her passing on December 28, 2018 at Bobby’s Hospice. Stephanie is the daughter of the late Leo Francis and Kathleen (MAGUIRE) DAWSON. Stephanie had a keen interest in genealogy, she enjoyed many road trips with her grandson and spending time at the cottage. She was an avid reader, enjoyed watching black & white movies and doing crossword puzzles, her favorite pastime was scratching lotto tickets and eating ice cream. Stephanie is survived by her sons: Gordon (Brenda) REID and Mark REID; daughters: Sheila (John) COULTON, Kathleen CORMIER (Sid CRANSTON) and Heather REID; her brother: Bill

BRENAN; grandchildren: Caissie, Emilie, Robert, Mark Jr, Thane (Angela), Melissa Sue, Katlyn (Dave), Whitney, Jennifer (Allen), Jonathan, Kelly, Danielle, Michael, and Katie; as well as many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her grandson Jamie. Stephanie's family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff of 5C South at the Saint John Regional Hospital and Bobby's Hospice for their generous care and compassion. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Brenan's Funeral Home (634-7424) where a visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 1 from 6–8 pm Wednesday, January 2, from 2–4 PM and 6–8 PM. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, January 3, in Brenan's Chapel at 11AM. Interment will take place in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Remembrances to Bobby's Hospice, Romero House or to a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated.

*Source: Brenan's Funeral Home, on-line obituaries*

*Note: Stephanie is a former member of Miramichi Branch.*

## **STRAYS FROM AWAY**

### **FOREMAN, Wayne (1943-2018)**

It is with great sadness that the family of Terry Wayne FOREMAN announce his passing on October 28, 2018. Born on April 19, 1943, he was the son of the late Ray and Pearle (MCLAUGHLIN) FOREMAN. Wayne is survived by his loving and devoted spouse Sharon (MATCHETT) FOREMAN; sons Terry (Karen) Jeff (Jen); daughter Andrea (Brad) Thompson; stepsons Robert Fitzgerald (Mona) and Michael Fitzgerald (Bev); grandchildren Rebecca (Matthew), Brittney, Meghan, Kate, Connor, Ryan, Jett, Ben, Olivia, Kalyn, Keira, Alex and Cohen; great grandson Myles; sister Dianne Aitchison (Fred) and several brothers and sisters in law, nieces, nephews and extended family members. Wayne was involved with the Jemseg Lions Club, the Shriners and was a member of the Mount Royal and Cambridge Narrows United Churches. For many years, Wayne was a member of

the church choirs and acted as the church's treasurer for the pastoral committee in Cambridge Narrows. By Wayne's request, there will be no visitation. A Celebration of Wayne's life will be held at Cambridge Narrows United Church on Friday, November 2nd at 1 pm with Rev. Jane Johnson officiating. A reception will follow at the Jemseg Lions Club. Memorial donations may be made to Cambridge Narrows United Church. *Source: full obituary at Oromocto Funeral Home, on-line obituaries*

*Note: his wife, Sharon Matchett, is the daughter of the late Robert (Bob) Matchett and Minnie Curtis of Sevogle.*

### **FRASER, Raymond (1941-2018)**

Raymond Joseph Fraser, 77, B.A., ONB (Order of New Brunswick), D.Litt (St. Thomas University), writer and poet, story teller and singer, passed away in Fredericton, NB on October 22, 2018. Ray was born May 8, 1941, in Chatham, NB, son and third child of Ursula (GRAHAM) FRASER and Robert FRASER. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by sisters Carmel (John GREATRIX and Helen). He was educated in Chatham at St. Michael's Academy, St. Thomas High School and St. Thomas University. When he graduated from St. Thomas, he taught high school for a year in Bellisle, NB, and then moved to Montreal where he became immersed in the literary scene that was active in the city in the '60s. Ray authored 13 books of fiction, a memoir, two biographies (including the acclaimed life of light-heavyweight boxer, Yvon Durelle, *The Fighting Fisherman*), and six collections of poetry. He edited the anthology of Atlantic Canadian writers, *East of Canada*, and three literary magazines—*Intercourse*, *Pottersfield Portfolio* and *The New Brunswick Reader*. As well as the Order of New Brunswick and the honorary degree, Ray was the recipient of New Brunswick's inaugural Lieutenant-Governor's Award for High Achievement in English-Language Literary Arts in 2009. An earlier book, *The Bannockburn Musicians*, was runner up for the 1978 Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction. In 2007,

When the Earth Was Flat earned The Bernell MacDonald Prize as well as the Lion's Head Best Book of the Year Award. Five of his books are listed in the 2009 publication, Atlantic Canada's 100 Greatest Books, a distinction shared by only three other authors. This year he was awarded the Senate Sesquicentennial Medal. Ray also received a Woodcock Grant from the Canadian Writers' Trust, four Canada Council Grants and six New Brunswick Arts Branch Creation Grants. Ray is survived by nieces Cheryl (GREATRIX) Chase (Robin) and Nancy (GREATRIX) Tremblay; nephews Mark GREATRI and David GREATRIX by his former spouse Sharon FRASER (Dan O'CONNOR); by long-time dear friend and supporter, Cynthia LOSIER; and by many friends, fans and readers, both near and far. A gathering to celebrate his literary legacy will be held at McAdams Funeral Home on Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 7 to 9 pm. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Michael's Basilica Catholic Church, time and date to be determined. Interment will take place at St. Michael's Cemetery.

*Source: full obituary can be found in the Telegraph Journal, on-line obituaries.*

#### **HUMPHREY, Siobhan Katherine (McCarthy)**

We are very sad to announce the passing of Siobhan Katherine (McCARTHY) HUMPHREY on Tuesday evening, October 30th, 2018. Siobhan is survived by her husband John, her children Katherine and Jack. Siobhan had two sisters Moira (Moe), Suzanne (Simon) and her brother Brendan (Audrey). Siobhan grew up in Newcastle, New Brunswick, the daughter of Joan (KINGSTON) and Tim McCARTHY. A memorial service is being held on Friday, November 9th at 2 PM, at the Hainstock Funeral Home and Crematorium, in Edmonton, Alberta. Burial will be in New Brunswick at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be given to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation.

*Source: Telegraph Journal, on-line obituaries*

#### **LYONS, Millet John (1925-2018)**

The passing of Millett John LYONS, of Fredericton, NB, husband of the late Evelyn (STAFFORD) LYONS, occurred on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at York Care Centre, Fredericton, NB. Born on October 31, 1925 in Blackville, NB, he was a son of the late Freeman and Christina (ARBEAU) LYONS. Millett worked at the Marysville Cotton Mill for 18 years; he was a barber and also worked as a stationary engineer for NB Research and Productivity Council for 20 years. He was survived by his daughter, Deborah DICKESON (Ken) of Fredericton, NB; his son, Gary LYONS (Gail) of Salisbury, NB; grandchildren, Kimberly ROWE and Mark LYONS both of Saint John, NB, Heather LYONS-McKAY and Andrea LYONS-KEWLEY both of Alberta and Dana DICKESON (Tricia) of Fredericton, NB; great-grandchildren, Breana, Damon, Cora, Emilie and Jacob; sister, Lena CHAPMAN of Ludlow, NB and brothers, Manny (Barbara) of Fredericton, NB, Marven (Nancy) of Fredericton, NB and Paul (Wanda) of McAdam, NB; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife and parents, Millett was predeceased by his son, Brian LYONS; grandson, Craig DICKESON; sisters, Isabel, Marion and Grace as well as brothers, Blair, Eldon and Harold. A Memorial Service will be held from Crosspoint Church, Fredericton, NB on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 11 am with Rev. Mark Brewer and Pastor Norman MacDonald officiating. Interment will take place in Olivet Wesleyan Cemetery, Fredericton, NB. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

*Source: full obituary can be found in the Telegraph Journal, on-line obituaries*

#### **MULLIN, Ms. Terry (Theresa Anne)**

Ms. Terry (Theresa Anne) MULLIN Saint John, NB, born October 28, 1949 in Newcastle, NB; attended her last meeting on January 31, 2019 at Saint John Regional Hospital with family in attendance. She adjourned the meeting, assigned tasks and moved on. Terry was the daughter of Lawrence and Mary (KELLY) MULLIN of Trout Brook Miramichi. She was predeceased by her

parents and her infant sister Cecelia. Terry is survived by 2 brothers, Ben (Helen) MULLIN and Aloysius (Leanne) MULLIN of Trout Brook, Miramichi: 4 sisters: Patricia (Fred) TOZER, Marilyn MULLIN, Bernadette MULLIN all of Moncton and Colleen (Ken FLETCHER) MULLIN of Summerside. She was very close to her nieces and nephews; Greg, Lisa, Jerry, Roger, Kirk, Jon, Charles, Kyle and Morgan and 7 grandnieces and grandnephews as well as many cousins. She was proud of her long and deep history of Irish ancestry (sometimes to the dismay and boredom of her friends). That may very well be where she inherited her imagination and love of storytelling and sometimes some drama. Of course, she practiced and refined her skill of managing groups, organizing events, leading, directing and initiating projects on her many thousands of students, staff and parents during her 35 years of teaching in Saint John at Champlain Heights, Bayside Junior, and Saint Joseph's schools and finishing her career as principal at Simonds Middle School. Lest she got bored she decided to take a very active role in the NBTA, serving 2 terms as President of District 8(20). Arrangements are entrusted to Fundy Funeral Home, 230 Westmorland Road (646-2424). Terry has asked that we gather together and join in a reminiscence of her life where we tell stories and jokes about her. This Celebration of Life event will be held in the theatre on the second floor of Reversing Falls restaurant from 1:30 to 4:30 pm on February 10, 2019.

*Source: full obituary can be found at Fundy Funeral Home, on-line obituaries.*

**NOLAIS, Raymond (Ray) Joseph (1924- 2017)**

The passing of Raymond "Ray" Joseph NOLAIS of Fredericton, NB, husband of the late Vivian (BURKE) NOLAIS occurred on Monday, October 30, 2017 at the Veterans Health Unit. Born on July 21, 1924 in Weaver Siding, NB, he was the son of the late James and Theresa (COLFORD) NOLAIS. Ray was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish. He was a veteran of WWII. Ray is survived by his daughters, Althea STOREY (Jim), Maxine WATSON (Weaver) and Rose BENNETT (Dean)

all of Fredericton, NB; sons, James NOLAIS of McGivney, NB, Terry NOLAIS of Fredericton, NB, Joe NOLAIS (Pat) of Halifax, NS, David NOLAIS of Fredericton, NB and Bobby NOLAIS of British Columbia; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great grand daughter; several nieces and nephews. Besides his wife and parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Viola COLFORD and Martha BURNS; brothers, John and Crumbley NOLAIS.

*Source: full obituary can be found in the Telegraph Journal, on-line obituaries*

**RULES FOR TEACHERS – 1872**

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for each day's session.
3. Make pens carefully. You may whittle to the individual taste of the pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After 10 hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry, or engage in unseemly conduct, will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each day's pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden to society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity, and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labour faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of 25 cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

*Submitted by Miramichi Branch member, and retired teacher, Marilyn Creamer-Fowler*

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

I recently received an e-mail from Member, Sanford Wilbur, who sent along information on his websites. He indicated some of the families he studies are Northumberland-Kent locals. The main New Brunswick-Nova Scotia site is:

Maritime Canada Genealogy  
<http://www.condortales.com/MaritimeCanada/>

History and Genealogy  
<http://www.condortales.com/genealogy-history/>

## CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies (and gentlemen) with computers. Below are a few sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) that actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.  
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The Sermon this morning: Jesus walks on the Water.  
The Sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.  
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Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.  
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Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.  
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Don't let worry kill you – let the Church help.  
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*Just like our ancestors, we too will fall out of living memory and be forgotten. It will take a future genealogist to find us again. Make it a good find.  
– Stephen Robert Kuta*

## STYMIEST FAMILY UPDATE

*Our first publication of "Loggieville on the Miramichi" (First Edition). Second Edition published 1 year later.*

It was during this period of time when James and I were working during our spare time as high school students at the Lord Beaverbrook (Newcastle, NB) Library under the mentor-ship of local historian, Dr. Louis Manny, LLD.

Dr. Manny not only taught us librarianship for a public library, but also how to properly Research and Record our Sources when we came across family history materials and documentation. Many times she would send us to the Northumberland County Court House to research records for a book that she was writing on the History of Miramichi, New Brunswick. Here we found a treasure trove of wonderful handwritten, documented land grants, Wills and Probate records, Newspaper scrapbooks, Courthouse Marriages, etc. It was then that Dr. Manny showed us how to record and journal our research. It was during these visits to the Court House and working at the Lord Beaverbrook Library when she suggested we should write a History of our home town, "Loggieville on the Miramichi". After the successful sale of both Loggieville editions, we were convinced that, in time, we should write a history of our family. Both the Fraser's and the Stymiest's have been on the Miramichi for at least seven generations.

The history of the **STYMIEST** family surname has been an exciting 60-year research venture. Special acknowledgements to my late father, Carlyle (Bud) William Stymiest, (New Brunswick, Canada); his brother, Donald Garfield Stymiest, (Ontario, Canada); and cousin, Barbara Gayle Stymiest, (Ontario, Canada) for their assistance and motivation to complete this pursuit. It was through my father that I learned about my Loyalist heritage and that my 3rd and 4th Great-Grandfathers (4th GG-Benjamin Stymiest, Sr, Bay du Vin, New Brunswick, and 3rd GG-Benjamin Stymiest, Jr, Tabusintac, New Brunswick) were Loyalists who arrived at Parr Town (then Nova Scotia) and later

became, Saint John, New Brunswick. My dad also showed me (I was now 16) a few family heirlooms which were to be passed down to me; treasures that I hold so precious today. From those two loyalist ancestors, I have since found 14 others and have proven my direct lineage to 10 of the entire 16 ancestors. It was during my 17th year, that my dad took me to the original Loyalist Land Grants and at the location of my 3rd Great Grandfather, in Tabusintac (Price Settlement), New Brunswick where we found the remnants of the old grist and sawmills as well as a gristmill stone and the old, ballast foundation stones of the original home. Here digging around near the foundations, we found a pewter spoon, an early 19th century awl and adze and several other trinkets.

The notes from Eldon James Stymiest (Tabusintac, New Brunswick, Canada) was my initial inspiration to seek-out the elusive pre-North American STYMIEST surname. After numerous hours researching the archives in Europe, Canada and the United States; 29 Stymiest generations have been ascertained; all of which tell their own story.

Did you know there are over 100+ different STYMIEST surname spellings?

SCHTEINMETSE, SCHTEINMETZE,  
SHTEINMETZER, STAMATS, STAMATZ,  
STAMEAST, STEEMANS, STEENIS,  
STEENMETS, STEENMITS, STEENMUTS,  
STEIJNMETS, STEIMETS, STEIMIT,  
STEINMETS, STEINMETSE, STEINMETSSEN,  
STEINMETSS, STEINMETZ, STEINMETZE,  
STEINMETZLER, STEINSMA, STEINWITS,  
STEJNMETS, STEMAN, STEMETZ, STEMMITS,  
STEYAERT, STEYMAS, STEYMAR, STEYMER,  
STEYMETS, STEYMITTS, STEYNAERTS,  
STEYNMENTZ, STEYNMESTS, STEYNMETS,  
STEYNMETSE, STEYNMETSSEN,  
STEYNMETSSSEN, STEYNMETSZEN,  
STEYNMETZ, STEYNMOTT, STEYNMUTSEN,  
STEYNMUTZEN, STEYNNETS, STEYNS,  
STEYNWITS, STEYNWITZ, STIEMER,  
STIEMSTRA, STIENIS, STIJMETS, STIMAC,

STIMAS, STIMEK, STIMENTZ, STIMES,  
STIMEST, STIMETS, STIMETZ, STIMIEST,  
STIMIS, STIMISON, STIMMEIST, STIMOST,  
STIMUS, STUYMETS, STUYMUTS, STYMA,  
STYMACHER, STYMACKS, STYMAS,  
STYMAST, STYMAT, STYMATE, STYMEE,  
STYMEETS, STYMEIST, STYMELS, STYMEN,  
STYMENTS, STYMER, STYMES, STYMESON,  
STYMEST, STYMETS, STYMETTS, STYMETZ,  
STYMIER, STYMIEST, STYMIGHT, STYMIS,  
STYMISH, STYMIST, STYMITCHS, STYMITE,  
STYMITTS, STYMMELIUS, STYMNX,  
STYMOST, STYMRIST, STYMSTRA,  
STYMUS, STYMUSH, STYMUST, STYMUUTT,  
STYMY, STYNEN, STYNNITS, STYNNMES,  
STYNNMETS, STYNNMOTT, STYNNMUTH

The above all connotations of the present-day surname spellings:

#### STYMIEST-STYMEEST-STYMEIST-STYMUS

After my retirement, I decided to sit down, go back to those journal notes written as a teenager while working with Dr. Louise Manny and write our own Stymiest family history. It took 5 years to compile and many trips to Archives all over North America and Netherlands to establish my primary sources.

In 2001, "*Down by the Old Mill Stream - A Stymiest Chronicle*" was published by Trafford Publishing in Victoria, BC (now located in Illinois USA). Since then over 11,000+ books have been sold and a planned revision is in the works for Old Home Week for August 2020 in Tabusintac, Northumberland Co., New Brunswick.

The November 2001 publication had 604 pages written in Seven Parts and eighteen Appendices, a DVD included containing over 10,000 photographs, maps, and family tree documentation. When the book went to publication, there were 41,000+ ancestors and descendants.

The book has been most successful, and its sales, beyond my wildest dreams or expectations. Books

were mailed to all over North America, Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. Yes, there are relatives in all 5 continents. What a small world it has become!

It was AFTER the 2001 publication that I began to hear from 100s of other family and connecting family descendants wanting to tell their stories, and to update their family information. Shoe-boxes and large envelopes of information and photos were mailed to me in the hopes that their new information would be included in any subsequent revision of my book.

And finally, DNA testing has also played an important tool as a Finding Aid to locating lost cousins and relatives all over the world. One of my DNA greatest finds was finding my 6th Great-Grandfather, a Dutch Pirate, Turk (by reputation) named (Anthony Jansen Van Salee, (aka Anthony Janszoon) (1607-1676) born to Jans Janszoon and Margarita, a Moorish woman in Spain.

Janszoon is believed to have been captured in 1618 by one of the Moorish states on the 'Barbary Coast' (a term used by Europeans until the 19th century to refer to the coastal regions of what is now Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya). He "turned Turk" and served as a pirate, known as Admiral Murat Reis, for Moulay Zaydan in the port of Salé (now Morocco). In 1624, Anthony was living in Salé with his father. In 1627 he moved to Algiers with his father and family. It was after this, he removed himself to the New England colonies of North America where he continued to plunder and eventually married my 6th Great-Grandmother Grietje Reyniers (1602-1666) from the Netherlands. Oh my, their story is one to behold!

Today, *"Down by the Old Mill Stream- A Stymiest Chronicle"* has evolved yet again. In preparation for the Old Home Week in Tabusintac 2020, the manuscript has blossomed into a 10 volumes legacy.

It's almost done!...3 and 1/2 years since the 2015 Stymiest Reunion in New Brunswick, Canada, and my Revisions of *"Down By The Old Mill Stream- A Stymiest Chronicle (The Ties That Bind) (Revision 2020)* is soon to be ready for publication. 10 Volumes of approximately 1200 pages each with an aggregate total of 12,976 pages.

More information and publicity will be forthcoming for those who wish to have the published DVD, hopefully, to be offered for purchase online by mid-summer of 2020. The Original 10 volume manuscript will be donated to the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick in Fredericton, New Brunswick, along with the 52-foot family Tree published in Germany.

*Submitted by: Carl Stymiest UE, BA, B.Ed., M.Ed., Ph.D.( UBC), Ph.D. (U WW), CG(C)  
UELAC Dominion Archivist  
UELAC Pacific Regional Vice President*

## **HERITAGE TOUR TO IRELAND AND SCOTLAND - Sept 15-30, 2019**

Join 27 Maritimers on a tour of ancestral areas and tourist spots this fall. Mary Anne Riordon Barry guides you along back roads to special and hidden gems that connect with your origins and Maritime history while Brian Rice tells the significance of memorials/events of bygone days in the old country. You overnight in cities (Dublin, Cork, Galway, Belfast, Inverness, Edinburgh) and you also stay in Dungarvan, Troon and Fort William. Areas of particular interest in Ireland are Co. Waterford, Kilkenny, Cork, Clare, Monaghan and the Belfast region. In Scotland stop in the Ayr region then many Highland towns (including the Isle of Skye) and travel east to Stonehaven and St. Andrews, Culloden, Glenfinnan and Bannockburn. A river cruise and dinner in Galway on the Corrib Princess and a cruise on Loch Ness are included. Many tourist hot spots such as the Guinness Storehouse, Jameson Whiskey Distillery, Cliffs of Moher, Old Head of Kinsale Lusitania Memorial, Cobh Heritage Museum, Titanic Museum, Eileen



Donan Castle and Edinburgh Castle are highlights. Youghal and Bandon are but a few of the stops where you can walk the soil that your ancestors walked. For the itinerary check Maritime Travel website. To make all travel arrangements contact Sabine at Maritime Travel, Miramichi. [souellette@maritimetravel.ca](mailto:souellette@maritimetravel.ca) (1 506 622 1100)

Please contact Mary Anne as soon as possible with genealogy information so she can research and plan little diversions that include your special interests.

*(Editor's Note: I took part in the 2018 Heritage Tour and I can highly recommend it. With Mary Anne's knowledge of history and genealogy, and Brian Rice's local knowledge in Ireland/Scotland, you are in capable hands. Even though I had visited Ireland twice prior to last fall's trip, we visited many unique locations that I had not visited previously and I learned so much about our connection to points in Ireland. Hotels were first class; group events were unique, well organized – and great fun. – Faye Baisley)*

## PROGRAM, SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS

Over the years we have offered members a variety of programs and speakers. Now we need your input – what suggestions do you have for future programs? Is there something you would like to see offered at a meeting? Do you have a suggestion for a speaker or topic? Would you like to share your research findings with the group? If so, please let me know ([fayebaisley@hotmail.com](mailto:fayebaisley@hotmail.com)) We want our meetings to be relevant to our members so appreciate your input and suggestions.

**Preserve your memories, keep them well; what you forget you can never retell.**

**- Louisa May Alcott**

## JOHN DOYLE (1840 – 1910) FROM DOYLEVILLE, NEW BRUNSWICK TO ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA

John Doyle was born in Doyleville, New Brunswick c1840, the son of John Doyle and Bridget Devereaux. His father, John was born in Gowran, county Kilkenny, Ireland c1807 and came to Jacquet River in May 1825 with his brother, Michael. Their brother, Patrick (the author's great great grandfather) was already living close by in Armstrong's Brook. In the early 1860s, John along with his brother, Thomas left Doyleville and made their way to Roseville (then called the Junction), California. The following is an excerpt from 'History of the Roseville Telephone Company'. This book was commissioned by John's grandson, Robert 'Bob' Lawrence Doyle who was then CEO of the telephone company.

*In 1860, a 20-year-old farmer named John 'Jack' Doyle came to California via ship around Cape Horn from New Brunswick, Canada. He arrived in search of good land for livestock and farming. Although there is no record of why Jack Doyle decided to make the Junction his home, it didn't take the aggressive, hard-drinking Doyle long to become one of the area's leading businessmen and farmers. It was Doyle who first acquired the acreage along Folsom Road in Roseville that was for decades the family's farm and which became the Roseville Square shopping centre.*

*'Lucky Jack' Doyle, as he was called, was a shrewd businessman. He took advantage of business cycles in Roseville to acquire property and acreage at bargain-basement prices. One such purchase was completed in 1896 when Doyle bought the bottom floor of the Odd Fellows Building on Pacific Street for \$10. The Doyles didn't own the entire building until nearly 50 years later when son W. J. Doyle acquired the second floor, too. Jack Doyle was known for his unswerving belief that the Roseville area would grow and prosper. Jack Doyle's faith in Roseville area paid off in the early 1900s when Roseville grew to become a railroad centre. The population exploded and commerce expanded*

*rapidly. He died in 1910, one year after Roseville was incorporated as a city. Had he lived longer, it's likely Jack Doyle would have been among the founders of the original local telephone company.*

John Doyle married in 1874 to Clara Mertes. John and Clara had two children: William John 'Bill' born on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1875 and Una Beatrice born 15<sup>th</sup> April 1879. John died on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1910. It was William John Doyle who acquired 51% ownership of the telephone enterprise. By 1913 the original group of businessmen had decided to disband – it was at this point that W.J. acquired over 50% of the shares in the company. Although Bill was a major shareholder in the telephone company, he always thought of himself as a farmer. He, his wife and their three sons ran a large ranch. After he died in May 1957, his oldest son, Jack died in August 1958 while on vacation in Humboldt, California. A few years later the last of the Doyle ranch was sold off. The Roseville Telephone Company went from strength to strength with Bob as CEO. William John 'Bill' married in 1916 to Hazel Wright and had five children: William John 'Jack' born May 1918; Robert Lawrence 'Bob' born May 1919; Marjory Barbara born 1926; Thomas Edward born 1929 and Betty May born 1931. Una Beatrice married William Joseph Kaseberg and had one child, a daughter Winnifred.

In the summer of 2017, my husband and I visited Betty Doyle Radford at her daughter's home in Granite Bay, CA. and met some of the descendants of John Doyle and Clara Mertes. It is still a lovely memory of meeting lovely people who were so warm and welcoming.

*History of the Roseville Telephone Company by Stephen R. Chanecka 1995 ISBN 0-9645508-0-6*

*Submitted by: Carol Doyle-Roberts*

## QUERIES

**Quinn Family** - I am looking for the ancestors and/or descendants of Patrick Quinn. Patrick was born in Ireland in 1771 and came to New

Brunswick in June, 1825 with his wife Mary and sons John, Nicholas and Edward and settled at Little Black River, Glenelg Parish, Northumberland County. I am a great-grandson of Thomas Quinn who was born in Chatham, NB in 1853, one of eleven children of Edward Quinn and Rose Conroy. Thomas Quinn moved to Renovo, PA, USA and married Mary Singer Shelley and had five children, one of which was my maternal grandmother, Genevieve Rose Quinn. I am trying to find where my ancestor Patrick Quinn was born in Ireland, but would be thankful to get any information on any of his descendants.

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## Blake, Hierlihy, McCrae, Taylor Families

Beginning premises:

The mother is Charlotte Howe Taylor, born (by most sources) in England about 5 Nov 1755, died 25 Apr 1841 at Tabusintac, Alnwick, Northumberland, NB. The father is Captain John Robert Blake, born about 1755 in Scotland, died about Jan 1785 at Newcastle, NB. Capt. Blake was Charlotte's second male consort (and first husband by marriage, after "Pad" Williams died). They were reportedly married about 12 Jun 1776 at Alston Point, Nepisiguit, Halifax County, NS. Issue of the Blake/Taylor marriage included John Blake (Jr.), 1777-1832, and Robert Charles Blake (1783-1853), **and a sister** (the subject of this query, see below). After those three children were born, and Capt Blake had died, Charlotte remarried to Wishart, and after he died, she married for the final time to Philip Hierlihy in 1787.

The query: what is the true identity, birth and death dates, and other key facts, of the Blake/Taylor daughter? Was she "Mary Ann" Blake? Or "Polly Blake"? Or "Jane" Blake?

My amateur researches, augmented somewhat by inputs from Don Dixon of Fredericton and PANA records, indicate there were two, and perhaps three, possible ladies who did live in NB. My DNA (via

Ancestry) has matched a number of other diverse persons, all of whom have traced their trees (as I have), to Charlotte McRae (born about 1806 in NB), who in Feb. 1816 in Fredericton married John Rediker (born about 1798 at Andover, Carleton, NB), the son of the Revolutionary War veteran of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, NJ Volunteers, John Rediker (Redecker/Redicker, etc.), who arrived in the fall 1783 fleet from NY.

I have a number of petitions for land grants, and some subsequent land sale/purchase transactions, in NB involving both the elder and younger John Redikers, before younger John and wife Charlotte went up the Aroostook River after 1830 and before 1836 (along with John's sister, Sarah Rediker Burchell, and her husband David) and carved out farms in the old Plymouth Grant/Letter D area that later was near or part of Fort Fairfield. From additional PANA land records, it would appear that Charlotte McRae's father was very likely Duncan McRae (McGraw), who also arrived in NB in 1783, having served in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment (Black Watch) during the war.

So, I believe that Duncan McRae (McCrea/McCray/McGraw, etc.) was the husband of the Blake/Taylor daughter, named either Mary Ann Blake or Polly Blake or Jane Blake.

Numerous widow's annual petitions for pension or allowances filed between 1848 and 1869 (copies of which I have), while she was living at Chatham, when read together, lay out family facts about "Jane" Blake that indicate to me that she could well be the "real" daughter of Charlotte Howe Taylor and Capt. John Robert Blake, including of course that her husband was Duncan McRae, that he died in NB about 1819 or 1820, that they had 7 children, that Duncan served in the Black Watch (42<sup>nd</sup>) regiment of Highlanders and was discharged at Paulus Hook on 8 Sep 1783, that Duncan was born in Tarbat Parish, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland, that he settled in Miramichi, Northumberland County, to raise his family, etc., and that "Jane" McRae had only a life interest in Duncan's property in

Northumberland County. Then, too, there is the grave headstone for "Jane ... relict of the late Duncan McRae," died at age 88 on 30 Apr 1869, at St. Luke's Methodist Cemetery in Chatham. So, if Jane was 88 on 30 Apr 1869 (which is consistent with the 1861 census of Canada for her), that would put her birth about 1781.

Land transactions in Northumberland show that Duncan McRae (McGraw) and Charlotte Taylor Blake/Hierlihy were neighbors. See, for example, a land grant of property in Tabusintac, involving grants to widow Charlotte (named Hierlihy at such time) in 1810 along with her relatives/children, John Blake, Robert Blake, James William Hierlihy, Philip Hierlihy, and Duncan "McRaw." (6 Dec 1810 Grant # 568 (Vol E, p. 272), at Tabusintac, Northumberland (Microfilm F16304 PANB)). See also another land grant involving John Blake, Charlotte Hierlihy, Philip Hierlihy, Duncan "McCraw," Donald McCraw and Duncan Robertson, Vol. IV, p. 0, Grant #323, Newcastle Parish, Northumberland County, dated 8 May 1798, Microfilm F16301 (PANA Index to NB land grants, RS686).

On the other hand, Sally Armstrong, in her book, *The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor* (Random House, 27 July 2011, 418 pgs, ASIN: B004HW6GPK), as well as the web site, "Charlotte Taylor - Her Life and Times, [http://www3.telus.net/charlotte\\_taylor/](http://www3.telus.net/charlotte_taylor/), all indicate that Charlotte's daughter by her marriage to Capt. Blake was "Mary Ann" Blake, born about 1778. Thus, the web site [http://www3.telus.net/charlotte\\_taylor/Folder1/Blake's%20Time.htm](http://www3.telus.net/charlotte_taylor/Folder1/Blake's%20Time.htm) specifically mentions that "Charlotte and Captain Blake had three children together in Black Brook. One of the three, their son Robert Blake, died August 24, 1853 at the age of 71 according to his obituary . . . If this is correct information then Robert was born between August 25, 1781 and August 24, 1782. His siblings were John and Mary Ann (Polly). I do not know their birthdates or who was born first. . . The March 1785 Petition . . . verified that Charlotte had 4

children and 1 servant living with her . . . Her eldest daughter Elizabeth was around 10 years of age. The Blake children; John Junior, Mary Ann and Robert, were all under seven or eight."

Hence my query: how do we determine the identity of the Blake daughter who married Duncan McRae, and then had a child named Charlotte McRae (born about 1806) who married my second great grandfather (John Rediker, of Andover, Carleton, NB) in 1816? The mystery for me deepens when you also find a lot of family trees listing another Mary Ann Blake (b. 1772 at Reeds Point, St. John County, d. 1856 and buried at Hartland) who married into the Orser family. I find a number of references to a Mary Ann Polly Blake, daughter of Christopher Blake, who first married James Craig. Then, after James Craig disappeared and William Orser was a widower, the widow Mary Ann "Polly" Blake married William Orser and had about six more children. Per my DNA and comparing with DNA matches of other persons with publicly available trees, I am fairly certain that such "Mary Ann Polly Blake" is not my ancestor.

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*Editor's Note: I have been spending a lot of time at the library this past year doing research and when reviewing old newspapers, I came across this poem. It brought a chuckle; I'm not there yet – but I can relate to a lot of it (so maybe not so funny!)*

### A Note From One Getting Older

Just a line to say I'm living,  
That I'm not among the dead  
Though I'm getting more forgetful  
And "mixed-up" in my head.

I've got used to my arthritis  
To my dentures I'm resigned,  
I can manage my bifocals  
But, Oh God, how I miss my mind!

For sometimes I can't remember  
When I stand at the foot of the stairs

If I must go up for something  
Or if I've just come down from there.  
And, before the fridge, so often  
My poor mind is filled with doubt;  
Have I just put the food away  
Or have I come to take some out?

So, if it's my turn to write to you  
There's no need for getting sore  
I may think that I have written  
And don't want to be a bore.  
So, remember I DO love you  
And I wish that you were near,  
But now it's nearly mail time  
So I must say "Good-bye" dear.

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There I stood beside the mail box  
With a face so very red.  
Instead of mailing you my letter  
I had opened it instead!!!

*Source: author not stated; from a contributed article in the Northumberland News, July 22, 1987.*



*Editor's Note: Above taken from a post on Dianne Mullin's Facebook Page. Something I think we can all relate to as we conduct our family history research.*

## NEWSLETTER

We need submissions for the next newsletter (published in May): articles, tidbits, obituaries, queries, etc.

We also appreciate your feedback – comments and/or suggestions for improving this publication.

Submissions and/or feedback can be e-mailed to me at:  
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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.

Visitors are always welcome.



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