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Inside! *President's Message, Branch & Local News, New Members, Editor's Perspective, Kent County Marriages, Early Families, Parish Baptisms, Strays and Queries, International Resources, Obituaries, and more.....*

Message from the President:

A Happy Fall to everyone!

Our seasonal genealogy meetings are in full swing for our chapter and others throughout New Brunswick. Whether or not you are with us on the Miramichi River, please find your local society and support them as much as you are able. And be sure to join us, on the 4th Tuesday on each month at the Chatham Public Library at 6:00PM. Guests are always welcome.

As our outdoor activities begin to be limited, why not look into that nagging question in your mind about your family? Fall is the perfect time for family research visits to libraries, churchyards, and other family close enough to visit and research with.

If you have put off your family research recently, this could be a good time to review and set out new questions about your own loved ones. And, we are ready to help you in your quests. Be sure to visit our web page, and others noted in our newsletter here in your research. Until we can meet at our October meeting, that's the 23rd, best wishes,

Anna MacDonald, President



BRANCH & LOCAL NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW/FUTURE MEMBERS:

It seems that every family has at least one member who wishes to research their family roots. If you know one of these inquirers, is it not time to invite them to join us at NBGS on the Miramichi? "Nothing ventured....."



Service for all registered NBGS Miramichi Branch members:

On our website we have an opportunity to place information about our earlier family members called "Early Settlers of Northumberland County". This is where we can display information about an ancestor whom you believe is worthy of note and wish the world to know about. The information (story) could contain information about when the person arrived in the county, how they earned a living, marital status, if they had a family, and, if so, how many children they had. It could also have any interesting tidbit that you may have about the living conditions or connections about the individual. All registered members should have received two e-mails from the program. One is from the administrator giving you information about the program. The information sheet also has your user name and password to give you access to the NBGS WIKI program. The second e-mail you should have received is from the WIKI program, inviting you to go to the WIKI site and sign in using the assigned user name and password. If any member has problems with the program they are encouraged to e-mail the program administrator at genealogy@nbgsmiramichi.org for help or information.

The purpose of this section of the NBGS MIRAMICHI website is to provide an **online facility** that the members of NBGS Miramichi Branch may use to contribute Genealogy information on selected topics. Pages will be created on NBGSWIKI on selected topics and each member will have the opportunity to **edit** and **provide information** on each of these pages. An account will be created for each "Paid Up" member. An authentic email address is required to create an account. When their account is created, the member will receive an e-mail requesting them to authenticate their email address. When the member verifies their email address, an email will be sent to them with a password that may be used to "Log In" to NBGSWIKI. The list of links below will take you to pages that you may edit and add additional information. Remember you must "Log In" to edit a page in NBGSWIKI.

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NEWSLETTER PUBLICATIONS

Our local branch of genealogy is always interested in hearing from members who do not live in the Miramichi area. Why not write a few lines, paragraphs, short stories, etc., pertaining to your genealogy experiences, family history, family gatherings or what have you and we will publish it in upcoming newsletters?

EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Thank you for letting us serve our group in assembling the Miramichi Branch NBGS newsletter. Please let us know your interesting memories at dbharp@earthlink.net.

Family History research resources continue to expand over and over again. This is both a blessing and a headache

One of the interesting eras in genealogy is a series of books beginning with a title called: "Every name Index of....." This title alone gave earlier researchers a kind of assurance that once research is done in a geographic area, there is little or no further resources to be accessed. Our own studies have proved this stereotype to be inaccurate over and over. The phrase "dig deeper" can be irritating, but true.

Lately, we have been re-visiting parts of our families just to see what new sources have appeared, in some cases, years ago. We are finding information unavailable to us just a few months ago. That's the blessing part.

The headache is seemingly starting all over again when we thought we were finished. But remember this: the big histories of our nations are also under constant review and revision with added information, and still historians dig deeper. So should we.

Dave and Melinda Harper
NBGS Miramichi Chapter
1565 Emerald Hills Drive
Bountiful, UT 84010 USA

WELLNESS REPORT: Several of our members are healing from illness and accidents. Our best wishes and prayers go out to Dolly Pearle, Judy Vautour, Faye Baisley, and others who are "on the mend." We hope to visit with you at our next meeting to share with you in person. See you then!

If you know of any folks who we ought to remember:

Our Mailing Address is:

NBGS Miramichi
P.O. Box 403
Miramichi, NB E1N 3A8

Email

If you wish to contact us through email, we will see that the appropriate person or committee receives your correspondence.

Dianne Mullin: dmullin@NOSPAM.nbnet.nb.ca

membership@nbgsmiramichi.org



Material for our Society Cupboard

We continue to add resource material to our members' cupboard located at Chatham Public Library at 30 King Street, Miramichi.

If you have your family information documented we would love to have this information for our cupboard. It does not have to be printed by a company in a book form. A folder of research is excellent.

We accept anything on Northumberland County such as a family history, a copy of a church register, a school register or any other documentation of an important event pertaining on the Miramichi. Obituaries and Letters are also welcome.

Chatham Public Library Hours of Operation:
Fall/Winter Hours - Support our Libraries!

Tuesday	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

RESEARCH NEWS:

THE EDITORS ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL IN OUR SUBMISSION BOX OF THE CONFIRMATION LISTS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S DISTRICT IN THREE PARISHES.

THE AUTHOR WAS BISHOP WILLIAM DOLLARD DURING HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE MIRAMICHI RIVER AREA.

ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

CHATHAM ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, 192 NAMES,
26 JUNE 1844

BARTIBOGUE ST. PETER'S PARISH, 52 NAMES,
1 JULY 1844

BURNT CHURCH ST. ANNE'S PARISH, 11 NAMES
2 JULY 1844

FURTHER ORGANIZED INTO MALE AND FEMALES, THESE LISTS PROVIDE AN EARLY INSIGHT INTO THE EARLY FAMILIES OF THESE PARISHES AND LIFE ON THE MIRAMICHI.

CONFIRMATION LIST 1844 FOR ST. MICHAEL'S DISTRICT

By Bishop William Dollard in his first visit to the
Miramichi area

MALES

CRANNEY	Thomas
WALSH	Nicholas
CRAIG	Christopher
HAYS	Patrick
DUNN	William
MALLON	Patrick
COUGHLAN	Joseph
CULLEN	John
MAHER	Daniel
GRANT	David
REILY	John
CRIPPS	John
MILLS	John
CURRY	William
COLLINGS	Thomas
CARROLL	Michael
HOLAHAN	Michael
KEENAN	James
McARDLE	John
MERRY	Thomas

TIMMONS	Luke
PIKE	Luke
MILLS	James
WHELAN	William
DONOVAN	Timothy
KERR	Thomas
WADDLETON	John
O'NEALE	John
TOBIN	William
CONROY	James
DOYLE	Martin
FURLONG	Patrick
McMAHON	Peter
STAPLETON	John
McAVOY	Patrick
JONES	Patrick
McINNES	James
MAHER	James
McAVOY	William
O'ROURKE	James
MURPHY	William
CARIGAN	Alexander
McINNES	Andrew
CASEY	William
FITZPATRICK	John
CURRAN	John
FITZPATRICK	Michael
CARROLL	John
RYAN	William
O'ROURKE	Patrick
CARNEY	Patrick
KEOGH	James
BOHAN	James
RAFTER	Thomas
BROWN	James
KEOGHAN	Martin
POWER	Patrick
BUCKLEY	Bryon
WHELAN	Mathew
BLAKE	James
MAHONY	Daniel
BRENNAN	Michael
BREEN	Bartholomew
WALL	Peter
FITZPATRICK	Timothy
RYAN	Andrew
DELANY	Patrick
FERGUSON	John
KING	Francis

(to be continued)

OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY IS ON OCTOBER 23, 2012 AT THE CHATHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 6:00 P.M. SEE YOU THERE!



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Middle Island Irish Historical Park Plans Delayed by Funding Snag

By Marven McCarthy, Chairman, Middle Island Commission

Middle Island, a small island east of the city of Miramichi, is a special place in the hearts of all Irish New Brunswickers. The island was a quarantine station during the Great Famine years and remained so until 1948. Many Irish immigrants are buried on the island. The exact number is unknown because no records can be found. It was virtually unknown to visitors to the region before 1984 when, at the first Irish Festival, a large Celtic cross was placed on the island to commemorate the significance of the site. Since then, much has been done to develop the site so that its historical significance can not only be recognized, but preserved as well.

The focus of our Middle Island Irish historical project is to enhance the visitor experience by immersing them in the poignant and vibrant stories of the Irish immigrants who made the island their first point of contact in North America. The first phase of our project involved the improvement of infrastructure and the preservation of the island from the forces of nature. With that view, improvements to the appearance of the island such as improved drainage, landscaping and electrical amenities were vital to our future developments. Erosion protection was also a major concern and we have now completed approximately 85% of the total island, protecting it for future generations. The improvements we have completed to Middle Island have given it a completely new and refreshed look and appeal.

During our first phase of development we recognized that the stories of the people involved with the island from the mid-1800s into today were the major attraction. To this end, we developed an interpretive action plan that would highlight these stories within the visitor experience of the island. We were given development money to begin this work and Phase 2 of the project included interpretive elements that would highlight people such as Dr. John Vondy, the first doctor

who tended to the sick immigrants and Capt. John Thain, who captained the largest of the Irish quarantine ships to reach the island. They are all part of the phase 2 initiatives where visitors will learn and live their experiences. Activities that will allow visitors to cast their own messages about family connections to the island as well as outdoor exhibits and gardens are also integral parts of the next development phase at Middle Island. We are very excited about the enhancements to our Captain's Galley Restaurant and linkage to our amphitheater so that guests will be able to enjoy their meal and the live entertainment that will be featured regularly.

Our plans were progressing well and we were given money to pursue the initial stages of phase 2 by the previous provincial government. Unfortunately, because efforts are being made to redirect this money to another municipal site, our progress has been delayed at this time. Despite this setback, we continue to seek assistance to move our goals forward.

We hope that someday in the future visitors will be able to feel the full Irish immigration experience of Middle Island.

Source: The Shamrock Leaf

ARTICLE FROM AN OLD NEWSPAPER

The following is a transcript of the account of the sinking of the transport "Martha", an English ship carrying Loyalist soldiers, their families, slaves, and goods from New York City to Saint John, Nova Scotia (soon to be New Brunswick) at the end of the American Revolution. The document source is the January 11, 1919 Acadian Recorder, page 10, under the regular column heading: "Occasional's Letter". The scrapbook copy of this newspaper article is held at the Nova Scotia Public Archives in Halifax, Nova Scotia. A search did not produce a microfilm copy and the transcription reads in its entirety as follows from the scrapbook edition:

Paragraph #2

"It appears, beside the testimony of the officers who were taken up by a Frenchman at the bottom of the bay, (viz. Lieutenants Lafflin, Henley, and Doctor Stafford), that the master of the "Martha" had called at a settlement below and declared that he believed that every soul on board to have perished and he rather inclined to discourage their intention of going to look

out for the wreck to save any person who might have survived, then to push them forward to so charitable a deed, or to offer his assistance to effect so good a purpose. It is further well known to the officers who survived that very many things of great value might have been saved to the insurers by the least care or industry by the master of the ship---as the French inhabitants at the bottom of the bay and the people of Yarmouth and other settlements on the Bay of Fundy took up cables, anchors and many other things of considerable value. I certify this to be an exact copy from the original journal or relation of Captain F. Kennedy, commanding the troops on board the ship "Martha" transport."

"Aug. Provost, Dy. Insp'r Gen'l of B.A. Forces, St. John, 10 October, 1783."

The full story of the tragedy of the sinking of the Martha can be found in several texts including:

Maryland Loyalists in the American Revolution by M. Christopher New (1996). Tidewater Publishers, Centreville, Maryland.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILY RESEARCH

Books for sale:

Northern Scotland by Marjory Harper and David Worthington (Eds), University of Highlands and Islands. Edinburgh University Press, 2012. www.euppublishing.com/nor
ISSN: 0306-5278 / E-ISSN: 2042-2717

And from The Maritimes:

The Man Who Reads Obituaries, available on Kindle on Amazon.com

ALSO SOURCES FROM FAR AWAY:

Free Irish Genealogy web site at:
www.irishgeneology
(and) scotlandspeople.gov.uk

NEW RESOURCES AT THE PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES

Web Portal tells Story of New Brunswick Scottish Settlers

A web portal is being developed in the province to tell the story of the Scottish Settlers and their descendants. The NB Scottish Cultural Association Inc. in collaboration with the New Brunswick Archives is in the process of developing a web portal similar to the Irish portal already in place in the province.

It will reflect provincial history drawing from every Scottish Settlement in the province since the 19th century. It will include passenger lists, immigrant papers, newspaper articles, census information and will include genealogical and historical information. The project will begin with Northumberland County and then gather information from other areas of the province.

For more information about this project or to make a donation, visit www.nbscots.com

Also from PANB:

Mgr Donat Robichaud
Genealogical and Historical Research on the Northern part of New Brunswick
29,733 people are referenced in this online data source.

And now a call for member sources:

Many times individuals and families have valuable papers in their possession that are excellent local history information. Problem is that few folks outside an immediate family are even aware such sources exist. An example of this is that I was given a copy of a small journal entitled *John Burchill's War Time Experiences* with descriptions of his surviving service in World War II. Through his accounts we also have a picture of other Canadian servicemen in the war. If you have similar kinds of papers and would like to insure their survival for others to learn from, please submit to our NBGS, Miramichi collections for the enjoyment of all.

FIRST FAMILIES PROJECT

First Families Workshops have already begun. The typing and proof reading is being done. The First Families project is going to print as soon as possible and help is always appreciated. Contact any society officer to volunteer or to submit First Families' information. We require basic facts such as arrival date in NB and where they came from, full name, birth date, marriage date with spouse's name & dates, and parents' names (if possible), occupation, and names of children, religion, and where they lived.

If the narrative is too long, the editors must spend a lot of time weeding out extra information; however, if the newcomer is significant to the overall river valley history, one or two extra paragraphs are acceptable. The idea has been to keep each family to a page, but this is not possible when they have more than about eight children. In order to keep things simple, condense everything. We are simply giving people bare facts that can be found in government and parish records--nothing that should need "approval" unless there is an illegitimate child that is being protected. Since we're dealing, primarily, with people who arrived in the early 1800s, our biggest concern is distinguishing between fact and fiction.

Some ancestors told tales that aren't true, but which have been handed down through the generations. We have found many errors in names, dates, etc., in the first volume, which we're correcting as we sort through the records.

Submitted by Dave & Melinda Harper

EARLY FAMILIES OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Samuel Fawls Brown: Arrival 1845-1846

Born: Farmanach, Ireland Died: 1889

Married: Catherine Fraser, b. 1801 in Cavan, Ireland, d. 1889.

Lived: Pyne (Pine) Ridge, Kent County, NB

Buried: Brown's Yard, Kent County, NB

Issue: Catherine, William, John, Samuel Fawls, and Margaret

STRAYS AND QUERIES:

STRAYS FROM AROUND NEW BRUNSWICK

Saint John Marriages (Index):

Extracted from PANB, RS156, and F16246. Compiled by Dorothy Wiggs, 2000. Vol I – 1875 to 1880:

BUCHANAN, Isabella (NO) m. 17 Sept. 1874
CUMMING, Henry (SJ) (p. 151).
FORBES, Ellen S. (NO) m. 6 Dec. 1875
HATFIELD, David J. (SJ) (p. 98).
GREEN, James (NO) m. 5 Aug. 1874
DUNBAR, Jane (YO) (p. 18).
HOSFORD, Sarah J. (NO) m. 13 Sept. 1875
GAILEY, Charles J. (KI) (p. 78).
HOWE, Davis (NO) m. 28 Dec. 1876
STAINES, Elizabeth (SJ) (p. 249).
UNDERHILL, Eliza (NO) m. 19 Sept. 1877
SPILLER, Charles (SJ) (p. 295).
BROWN, John (NO) m. 4 Aug. 1875
M^{ac} KENZIE, Catherine (NO) (p. 74).
CRIMMIN, Daniel (NO) m. 7 June 1877
OVERTON, Julia (NO) (p. 334).
CRIPPS, Mary (NO) m. 20 May 1878
LANDRY, Gustave (GL) p. 439.
ELLIS, John (NO) m. 21 Sept. 1876
ROBERTSON, Jane (NO) (p. 199).
ELLIS, Mary (NO) m. 18 Jan. 1877
ROBBINS, Samuel B. (NS) (p. 244).
KERR, James (NO) m. 22 Dec. 1876
SHAW, Mary (MN) (p. 265).
MUIRHEAD, Hellen C. (NO) m. 29 Feb. 1876
RUSSELL, Thomas G. (SJ) (p. 138).
MUIRHEAD, Henry A. (NO) m. 23 Aug. 1876
REED, Clara J. (SJ) (p. 204).
PAISLEY, John M. (NO) m. 16 Nov. 1876
TURNBULL, Georgiana (SJ) (p. 273).
SUMMERS, Mary A. (NO) m. 30 Nov. 1877
M^cGIVREY, James (QU) (p. 348).
SUTTON, Mary (wid.) (NO) m. 24 Feb. 1876
WILLISTON, Edward, Jr. (NO) (p. 149).
WHITTAKER, George (NO) m. 20 June 1877
TREADWELL, Sarah A. (SJ) (p. 272).
DINAN, William (NO) m. 16 Apr. 1875
MURRAY, Margaret (SJ) (p. 63).
STEWART, Alexander (NO) m. 7 May 1874
M^cMURRAY, Margaret (SJ) (p. 41).

Submitted by Carolyn Harris

KENT CO. MARRIAGES 1845 - 1880:

(Film 1247, Vol. 1, couples by male names)
 (Continued from Spring Newsletter):

Couple	Date
Ramsay , John A., Westmorland Co. Fraser , Clairissa C. of Richibucto Wit: Caleb Richardson & Clara Morrison	7 May 1863
Grant , James A., Charlotte Co. Stephenson , Jane of Richibucto Par. Wit: John Stephenson & Sarah Lamkie	1 Sept 1868
Johnston , Robert, Dundas Par. Stephenson , Catherine of Dundas Par. Wit: James McWilliam & James Johnston	6 Nov 1861
Hackett , Thomas, Carleton Par. Grant , Catherine of Carleton Par. Wit: Thomas Hackett & Bridget Grant	13 Jan 1868
Blanch (Blaucch), George, Brostol, NS Hackett , Elizabeth, of Carleton Par. Wit: Peter Hackett & Annie Rigley	5 July 1880
Sullivan , Daniel, Carleton Par. Hackett , Elizabeth of Glenelg Par., North. Co. Wit: Patrick Hackett & Anne Sullivan	13 July 1873
Clark , Thomas, Carleton Par. McKnight , Mary of Carleton Par. Wit: Archibald Patterson & Charles I Potter	22 April 1864
Thibideau , Frederick, St. Louis Par. McKnight , Anne of Carleton Par. Wit: Silvan Babineau & Marie C. Daigh,	16 June 1873
Knight , William of Portland, St John McKnight , Jeanne of Carleton Par. Wit: P.S. McKnight & Joseph Sullivan	12 Jan 1882
Clark , William, Carleton Par. McLean , Margaret of Carleton Par. Wit: Allain Haines & James Clark	25 Sept 1850
Manderson , John, Carleton Par. Clark , Elizabeth of Carleton Par. Wit: James Clark & Elizabeth Patterson	29 Dec 1856

Kent Co. Marriages 1845-1887 (continued):

Couple	Date
Betts , Edward, Carleton Par. Clark , Mary of Carleton Par. Wit: James Clark & Elizabeth Clark	17 Nov 1851
Bishop , Charles, Richibucto Par. Clark , Margaret of Richibucto Par. Wit: David McConnell & Euphemia Carl	15 Oct 1847
Clark , James, Carleton Par. Martin , Catherine of Carlton Par. Wit: Edward Clark & Anne Redmond	9 July 1866
Atkinson , Horatio, Richibucto Par. Peters , Rachel of Weldford Par. Wit: Henry Peters & James Caruthers	22 July 1847
Atkinson , Walter, Carleton Par. Funchion , Catherine of Richibucto Par. Wit: George Flanagan & Margaret Funchion	17 May 1858
Atkinson , Thomas, Richibucto Par. Warman , Mary of Richibucto Par. Wit: Henry P. Warman & Susannah Atkinson	5 Oct 1852
Atkinson , George, Weldford Par. Smith , Mary of Weldford Par. Wit: Martin Atkinson & William Hutchinson	6 Sept 1845
Atkinson , Graceines, Richibucto Par. Foddred , Henry Richibucto Par. Wit: Charles P. Warman & Thomas Atkinson	5 Oct 1858
Barrett , Michael, Weldford Par. Whitney , Jane of Weldford Par. Wit: John Stothard & Mary Ann Whitney	28 June 1855
Barret , Jane, Weldford Par. Cochran , Patrick of Weldford Par. Wit: Michael Roberts & Elizabeth Cochran	11 May 1858
Brennan , Michael, Carleton Par. O'Leary , Mary of Carleton Par. Wit: Mary Murray & Martin Murray	2 Oct 1850
Brooks , Mary, Richibucto Par. Palmer , Stephen, Richibucto Par. Wit: Jonathan Ostle & Margaret Lowney	21 Oct 1849

Submitted by Dollypearle Drysdale-Martin

COMMUNITY PLACE NAMES IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

Extractions with permission of Robert F. Fellows

Dungiven: See Little Dover (Dorchester Parish, Westmorland County)

Dunham: Settlement on Long Reach in Saint John River, 4 mi. NE of Long Reach and 2 mi. E of Oak Point: Kingston Parish, Kings County: it became part of Grays Mills.

Dunlop: Settlement, 2 mi. W of Peters River: Beresford Parish and Bathurst Parish, Gloucester County: was settled about 1841 by Scots: PO 1888-1920: in 1898 Dunlop was farming and lumbering settlement with 1 post office, 1 store, 1 sawmill and a population of 200: it included Scot Settlement: today Dunlop is a dispersed community.

Dunlop: See Haneytown (Burton Parish, Sunbury County)

Dunns Corner: Settlement, 12 mi. N of Welsford, across parish boundary: Petersville Parish and Hampstead Parish, Queens County: it became part of CFB Gagetown.

Dunns Station: Settlement, 2 mi. from Musquash: Musquash Parish, Saint John County: in 1898 Dunns Station was a siding on the Shore Railway and a farming and lumbering community with a large meat processing plant and a population of 50.

Dunnville: Settlement, 4 mi. SE of North Branch: Salisbury Parish, Westmorland County: it was established in 1899: it was named for Albert T. Dunn, surveyor general of New Brunswick.

Dunnville: See Upper St. Paul (Saint-Paul Parish, Kent County)

Dunphy: See Upper Blackville (Blackville Parish, Northumberland County)

Dunphy: See Blissfield (Blissfield Parish, Northumberland County)

Submitted by Carolyn Harris

2012 Queries:

To submit your query on a Northumberland county family:

E-mail dmullin@nbnet.nb.ca

And she will post it on the Miramichi genealogy website Phorum at

www.nbgsmiramichi.org

LOGGIEVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL REGISTER June 1933

Teacher: Annie Eian Lockerbie

Bleakney, Iona

Bolster, Joyce

Flaherty, Arthur

Flaherty, Rosella

Gallant, Margaret

Johnstone, Donald

Johnson, Ivan

Marsh, David

Marsh, Gerald

McDonald, Effie

McLean, Gerald

Murdoch, Marcetis

Murdoch, James

Nowlan, Gertrude

O'Brien, Bennie

O'Hearon, Billie

Patterson, Annie

Potter, Leonard

Redmond, Joseph

Robichaud, Lorine

Stymiest, Herbert

Thompson, Annie

Thompson, Earl

Thompson, May

Walsh, Bobbie

Weeks, Bobbie

Babkirk, Jack

Dickson, Byron

Gallant, Harry

Kelly, Keady

Manderson, Barkley

Marsh, Myrtle

O'Hearon, Betty

Russell, Winnifred

Walker, Clyde

Forrest, Arthur

Submitted by Carolyn Harris

**EVERYONE INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY SAVES
OBITUARIES, RIGHT? RIGHT!**

**WELL, WE NEED YOUR COLLECTIONS OF
OBITUARIES.**

Every obituary posted on our website (nbgsmiramichi.org) was provided by branch members or their families/friends. To date there are almost 14,000 obituaries posted there for use by our members and, to some extent, the general public. Several volunteers, far too many to name and thank individually, have been working for a number of years to make this possible. We would appreciate your assistance as we continue this project.

If you have obituaries that are connected **in any way** to Northumberland County, we would like to have copies of them. Typed and sent by email through our website would be the ideal, but we will also accept any photocopies of funeral announcements, death notices, obituaries or memorial services you would be willing to share. Simply send them to our branch address:

**NBGS-Miramichi Branch
Obituaries Committee
P.O. Box 403
Miramichi, NB
E1N 3A8**

We especially rely on our out-of-town members to keep us updated on deaths occurring in far-away places. Many people born in this area have moved and they are difficult to track down at times. If you would keep an eye on obituaries in your area and send any "strays from away" to us, it could really make someone's day to find that particular treasure. Just do a search for the name 'Miramichi' (or Chatham and Newcastle) and if you find it, forward it to us. One out-of-town member, Ann Moriarty of Ontario, has been on the job for quite a few years now and does us a service beyond compare. I'm sure some of you can also help.

**AND, REMEMBER, EVERY *LITTLE* BIT
CAN MAKE A *BIG* DIFFERENCE.**

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Lona Agnes Gaston, wife of the late Floyd Gaston of Central New Brunswick Nursing Home, Boistown, formerly of Main Street Doaktown, passed away at Central New Brunswick Nursing Home on June 4, 2012 at the age of 83. Born in Axis River she was the daughter of the late Vilas & Gertrude (Stewart) Davis. She was a homemaker & member of St Thomas United Church, Doaktown. As well, she was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion #23 Ladies Auxiliary. Lona was an avid quilter & bingo player. She is survived by her daughter, Marlene Gaston of Sackville; her sons Leonard (Susan) of Sackville, Marshall (Anna) of Miramichi, Roger of Doaktown And Sherman (Charline) of Moncton, 1 brother, Eugene Davis of St. John, son-in-law Roger Fillmore of Sackville, 7 grandchildren Christopher (Amy Osmond), Dr. Daniel, Jessica, Patrick, Caroline, Ryan & Tegan; and 1 great grandson, Mason.

The editors and Society extend our sincerest condolences to the member families for their loss.

More Strays and Queries

Thank you to Marilyn Creamer-Fowler for the following query:

My former husband and my children's father was David Howard from Armdale, NS. His father was Arthur Warren BLACK from Boston and his mother was Cora Olive Howard from the Halifax area. When Dave's parents' marriage ended, the two older siblings went with their father and Dave went to live with his maternal grandparents. Several years later his grandparents adopted him and changed his name from BLACK to HOWARD. A number of times I told people about the BLACK name and invariably I'd get the question, "Are you related to the BLACKS in Miramichi?" and I usually answered, "No, Dave's father was from Boston and he and Olive met in Boston when she went there to work."

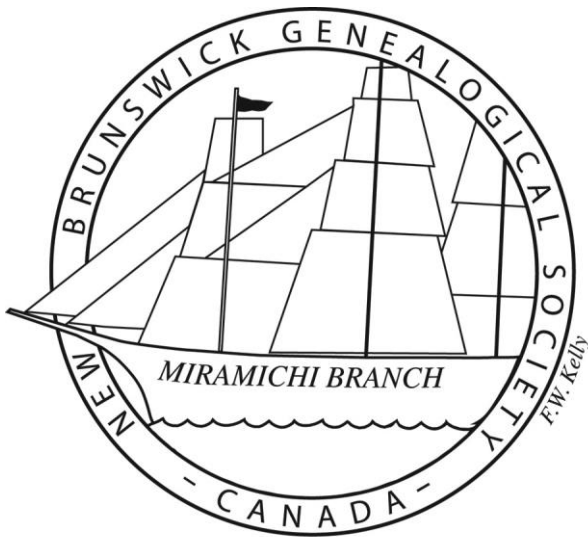
Recently I decided to look for my children's BLACK relatives. Within a day, I knew Arthur Warren's father

was Robert Henry (Harry) BLACK from Boston and his grandfather was Robert Frederick BLACK from ?. More searching brought up the place of his birth as NB and, even later, Miramichi, NB. When I looked in the 1851 census, Robert Frederick is living in Douglstown near the Hutchisons and the Rankins. He is living with his Mother Ellen (or Helen) 35 and 3 brothers, Thomas 10, James 2 and William 3.

Since then I've made contact with one of the Boston BLACKS and learned that Ellen and her husband William came to Canada from Scotland about 1842, probably with son, Thomas. The other boys were born here on the Miramichi, and the father William died here before the 1851 Census was taken.

Son, William stayed on the Miramichi until, at least, 1881, married Grace McLean (b. abt 1851) and had a son Frederick (b abt 1877). Then he disappeared as did his brothers, Thomas and James.

None of the BLACKS here seem to be related to this family and searches elsewhere turn up nothing on this group.



And from Sarah Stout:

Parents: John Brown & Mary Curtis
Only child – Elizabeth Josephine Brown, born about 1860-1861, had three marriages: the first to Charles Johnson. They had only one son, Leo James Boyle. Her second marriage was to James Edward Boyle. (This is my direct line!) Her final marriage was to David Harrison Russell. From Maine she moved to Montana. They met through a magazine. As a child Elizabeth went to live with her uncle W. S. Brown who owned a Lobster cannery in or near Red Bank when her father died.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

KEEP PRAYING THIS PRAYER FOR GENEALOGISTS

Lord, help me dig into the past and sift
the sands of time,

that I might find the roots that made this family tree of mine,

Lord, help me trace the ancient road on which my fathers
trod,

and led them through so many lands to find our present sod.

Lord, help me find an ancient book or dusty manuscript

that's safely hidden now away, in some forgotten crypt,

Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts my soul when I can't
find the missing link between some names,

that end the same as mine.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going." "Why not?" she asked. "I'll give you two good reasons," he said. " (1) They don't like me, and (2) I don't like them." His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church: (1) You're 59 years old, and (2) You're the pastor!"

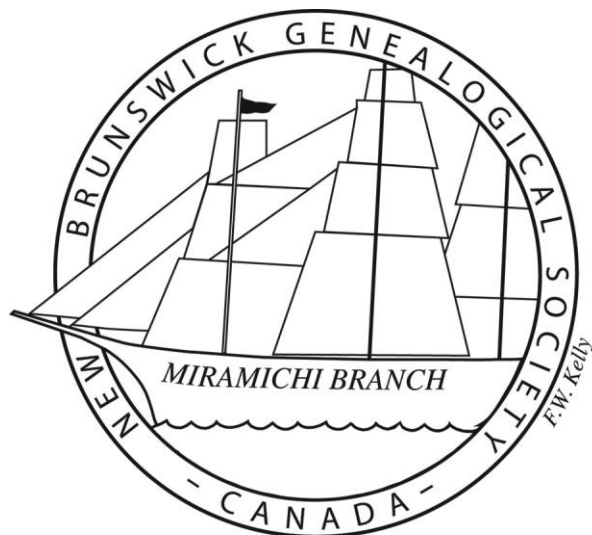
THE JOYS OF WALKING:

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where the hell he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have to walk early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

Meeting every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Chatham library at
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