

# Genealogical Newsletter

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## Introductory

This newsletter is a project of the Genealogical Committee of the Nova Scotia Historical Society. We propose to publish a series of newsletters containing information of interest to genealogists in this province, such as lists of Nova Scotia families presently being researched; genealogical enquiries received by the Committee, the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, provincial museum staffs, and the like; and lists of sources for research by county. In this first issue we have a report, prepared by Prof. A.E. Marble, chairman of the Committee, of the recent public meeting on genealogy which was sponsored by the Committee; a list of genealogies in process of compilation, submitted by those attending the meeting; and the beginning of an article on sources for research in Hants County, prepared by Allan Dunlop of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, a member of the Committee. Distribution of this newsletter is in charge of Furber Marshall of 2526 Oxford St., Halifax, and it is edited by Ross Graves of Upper Stewiacke, Colchester County, both of whom are also members of the Committee. Individuals with specific questions on Nova Scotia families should submit them to any of the above mentioned for inclusion in future issues of this newsletter.

## Public Meeting on Genealogical Research

The Genealogical Committee of the Nova Scotia Historical Society invited the public to attend a meeting which was held at the Nova Scotia Archives at 7:30, January 19, 1972. Approximately fifty-five persons attended the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Prof. A.E. Marble, who was assisted in conducting the meeting by Furber Marshall and Ross Graves. After the above mentioned were introduced, and the program was outlined, Mr Marshall gave a short account of his research experiences in compiling a genealogy of the Marshall family in Nova Scotia. The audience was then divided; Mr Graves taking the "beginner" group and outlining some fundamental aspects of genealogical research such as charting and source material; while Prof. Marble and Mr Marshall discussed the role of the genealogical committee with the "advanced" group. The audience was then united once more and Prof. Marble outlined some of his experiences in researching "The History and Genealogy of the Hingley Family in Nova Scotia." The meeting was brought to a close by a short talk by Mr Graves on his experiences in researching families of Hants County. The meeting was considered to be very successful. A second public meeting will be held sometime in the late spring.

## Families in Process of Research

1. Boutilier. Descendants of Jean George Bouteillier of Lunenburg, 1751-52, and later of Mushaboom, Halifax County. / Philip Hartling, 3 Scotsburn Ave., Dartmouth, N.S.
2. Bradshaw. Descendants of Abraham Bradshaw who died in Chester in 1775, with property in Chester, St Martins, N.B., and New Glasgow, P.E.I. / Mrs Gordon Kinsman, 68 Lawnwood Drive, Truro, N.S.
3. Byers. Descendants of William Byers of New Annan, Colchester County. / Gerald E. Byers, 25 Burnyeat St., Truro, N.S.
4. Cameron. Descendants of James Cameron (b. ca. 1811) of Spry Bay, Halifax County. / L.W. Collins, 6443 London St., Halifax, N.S.
5. Carter. Descendants of John and Esther (Purdy) Carter (living 1800) of Westchester and Mansfield, Cumberland County. / Charles R. Fillmore, 17 Archibald St., Truro, N.S.
6. Conrods. The Conrods family of Eastern Shore, Chezzetcook, Lunenburg. / Kennedy E. Wainwright, Porters Lake, N.S.
7. Crosskill. Descendants of Capt. John Crosskill of Halifax, 1800 ("Earl of Naira") and Bridgetown, 1820. / Miss Ethel Cratherne, 150 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth, N.S.
8. DeMings. Descendants of Anthony DeMings (b. ca. 1723) of Roseway, Shelburne County. / Carl O. Demings, Box 244, Springhill, N.S.

9. Drysdale. The Drysdale family of Greenhead - Goodwood. / Nan L. Geizer, 3140 Hemlock Ave., Halifax, N.S.
10. Ellis. The Ellis family of Stewiacke, Colchester County. / Kennedy B. Wainwright, Porters Lake, N.S.
11. Fancy, Fitch, Hebb, and Himmelman, victuallers list, Lunenburg County. / Kennedy B. Wainwright, Porters Lake, N.S.
12. Fielding of Truro. / Gerald E. Byers, 25 Burnyeat St., Truro, N.S.
13. Fillmore. Descendants of John Fillmore, mariner; Beverly, Mass. to Norwich, Conn. to the Chignecto area of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. / Charles L. Fillmore, 17 Archibald St., Truro, N.S.
14. Gallagher. Descendants of John Gallagher who came to N.S. in 1783 from Ireland and settled in Sheet Harbour, later in Port Dufferin, Halifax County. / Philip Hartling, 3 Scotsburn Ave., Dartmouth, N.S.
15. Geizer of Dutch Village. / Nan L. Geizer, 3140 Hemlock Ave., Halifax, N.S.
16. Hartling. Descendants of Michael Hirtle, b. 1691, came to N.S. 1751 and settled in Lunenburg County, later moving to Port Dufferin and Beaver Harbour, Halifax County. / Philip Hartling, 3 Scotsburn Ave., Dartmouth, N.S.
17. Higgins. Descendants of John Higgins (1756?-1838?) of Shelburne, later of Higginsville, Halifax County. / L.W. Collins, 6443 London St., Halifax, N.S.
18. Holder. Line of Thomas C. Holder of Halifax (city). / Nan L. Geizer, 3140 Hemlock Ave., Halifax, N.S.
19. Jacques, Farnsworth, etc. of Auburn, Aylesford. / Kennedy B. Wainwright, Porters Lake, N.S.
20. Jones (Bethune) of Baddeck. / Kennedy B. Wainwright, Porters Lake, N.S.
21. Kearley of Herring Neck, Newfoundland. / Rev. Aubrey M. Tizzard, Box 258, Oxford, N.S.
22. Lane of Truro. / Gerald E. Byers, 25 Burnyeat St., Truro, N.S.
23. Langille. Descendants of David, Leopold, and Matthew Langille of New Annan, Tatamagouche, and Pictou County. / Gerald E. Byers, 25 Burnyeat St., Truro, N.S.
24. Layton. Descendants of Francis Layton (ca.1735-1829) of Great Village, Colchester County. / Mrs H.E. Nelson, 21 Fairview Drive, Truro, N.S.
25. MacCulloch, McCulloch family of Hants County. / John David MacCulloch, Apt. 1001, Ogilvie Towers, Halifax, N.S.
26. McIntyre. Descendants of Finlay McIntyre (1807-1868) of Truro. / Gerald E. Byers, 25 Burnyeat St., Truro, N.S.
27. MacLachlan, McLaughlin. Descendants of Robin or Robert MacLachlan of Pleasant Hills and Economy, Colchester County. / Mrs H.E. Nelson, 21 Fairview Drive, Truro, N.S.
28. McPherson. Descendants of Capt. Daniel McPherson who married Mary Ann Dono on Jan. 6, 1814 and was lost on a voyage to Bermuda about 1841. He was possibly from Port Mouton. / Miss Ethel Crathorne, 150 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth, N.S.
29. Miller of New Annan, Colchester County. / Gerald E. Byers, 25 Burnyeat St., Truro, N.S.
30. Mingo. Line of Christopher Mingo et al. of New Annan, Colchester County. / Gerald E. Byers, 25 Burnyeat St., Truro, N.S.
31. Morris. Descendants of Charles Morris, Surveyor General, at Louisbourg and Halifax, 1749. / Miss Ethel Crathorne, 150 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth, N.S.
32. Nelson. Descendants of Alexander Nelson, born ca.1735 in Scotland, died 1803, a grantee of Truro Township, to which he came in 1761 from Boston. / Harry E. Nelson, 21 Fairview Drive, Truro, N.S.

33. Oliver. Descendants of John Oliver, 1813-1891, of New Annan, Colchester County. / Gerald E. Byers, 25 Burnyeat St., Truro, N.S.
34. Snyder, Schneider of Lunenburg, line of Johannes Wilhelm and Anna Barbara Schneider. Also other Lunenburg families: Krauss, Langille, Bouteillier, Millard, Eisenhauer, Vienot, Moser, Lohans. / Martin E. Burt, R.R.#1, Box 2a, Liggett Addition, Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201
35. Swan. Descendants of Thomas Swan of New Annan, Colchester County. / Gerald E. Byers, 25 Burnyeat St., Truro, N.S.
36. Tizzard of Bonavista, Newfoundland. / Rev. Aubrey M. Tizzard, Box 258, Oxford, N.S.
37. Walsh of Guysborough. / Rev. Aubrey M. Tizzard, Box 258, Oxford, N.S.
38. Warwick. Descendants of John Warwick, Andrew Warwick, et al. of New Annan, Colchester County. / Gerald E. Byers, 25 Burnyeat St., Truro, N.S.
39. Watkins of Twillingate, Newfoundland. / Rev. Aubrey M. Tizzard, Box 258, Oxford, N.S.
40. Watt family of Halifax (city). / Nan L. Geizer, 3140 Hemlock Ave., Halifax, N.S.
41. Weeks. Line of Charlotte Catherine Weeks, b. 1794, perhaps daughter of Daniel Weeks of Ship Harbour who died Jan. 11, 1852, aged 117, possibly from Long Island, New York. / Miss Ethel Crathorne, 150 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth, N.S.
42. Wheeler of Twillingate, Newfoundland. / Rev. Aubrey M. Tizzard, Box 258, Oxford, N.S.
43. Yuill. Descendants of James Yuill of Old Barns, Colchester County. / Gerald E. Byers, 25 Burnyeat St., Truro, N.S.

#### Sources for Research - Hants County

##### A. Introductory

Hants County is located on the south coast of Minas Basin and Cobequid Bay. It was established out of part of Kings County in 1781 and its boundaries were proclaimed in 1828. In 1861 the county was divided into two districts, East Hants and West Hants. The county has a land area of 1,229 square miles. The county seat is Windsor (pop. 3,675) and the population of Hants County in 1966 was 26,893. The basic industries are farming, lumbering, and mining.

The listing of bibliographic and genealogical aids found below is far from exhaustive. It is intended merely as an indication of the variety of material available at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia which might be of assistance to those engaged in genealogical research. More stress has been placed on the listing of unpublished material than on published works which can be found in most standard library catalogues. The printed works which are listed would be considered primary sources for a researcher. These often contain further clues as to possible sources of information. Where this is true, these sources are omitted from this listing.

The listing should also indicate the type of material which is of use to the Public Archives. Readers are encouraged to bring such material to the Public Archives where it can be preserved in its original form, or be photocopied or microfilmed and returned to the donor.

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##### B. Bibliography

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- Tracing Your Ancestors in Nova Scotia, Public Archives of Nova Scotia, 1967
- Draper, T.F., History of Hants County, 1881 [unpublished, typewritten ms.]
- Duncanson, J.V., Falmouth - A New England Township in Nova Scotia, 1965
- Hind, Henry, Sketch of the Old Parish Burying Ground at Windsor, Nova Scotia, 1889



Elmsdale - see Lower Stewiacke [Colchester County]

- two indentures made in Elmsdale, 1818 and 1831; original and typescript, 10 pages

Elmsdale and Nine Mile River - Brocktonian Church records, microfilm, 1 reel

- Baptisms, 1879-1958; Marriages, 1899-1958; Deaths, 1891-1958; List of communicants, session books, etc.

Enfield - Some vital statistics are in the church registers of Elmsdale, of Nine Mile River, and of Lower Stewiacke [Colchester County]

- St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church records, 1857-1885, microfilm, 1 reel  
Contains Baptisms, 1857-1866, 1873-1885; Marriages, 1857-1866. Includes the following areas: Barney's Brook, Beaverbank, Bedford, Elmack Township, Windsor Road, Elmsdale, Gays River, Grand River, Hammonds Plains, Horn's Road, Indian [reserve], Kennetcook, Maitland, New Guysborough Road, Polly's Bog, Ship Harbour, Shubenacadie, Nine Mile River, Stewiacke, Truro, Truro Road Station [Hilden], Windsor Junction, Admiral Rock, Annan, Bedford Basin, Brookfield, Carroll's Corner, Enfield, Four Mile State and Four Mile House, Fletcher Station, Grand Lake, Greenville, Indian Road, Indian Settlement, Mill Lake, New Dublin, North Shore, Oldham, Oxford, Point Beale, Bayash, Street's Ridge, Three Mile House, Haverley, Wellington.
- Marriages at Shubenacadie Mission, 1860-1865  
Includes Grand Lake, Hammonds Plains, Horn's Road, Indian Road, Lower Stewiacke, Maitland, Nine Mile River, North Salem, Shubenacadie, Oldham, Truro, River Settlement.

Falmouth - Some vital statistics are in the church registers of St. Paul's Church, Halifax

- Congregational Church. List of subscribers who will contribute to repairs of the Congregational Meeting House in Falmouth, 1 November, 1844
- St. George's Anglican Church records, microfilm, 1 reel  
Baptisms, 1793-1927, 1932-1934; Marriages, 1793-1934; Deaths, 1888-1909, 1912-1934; Confirmations, 1915-1933; accounts, etc.

Falmouth Township - Township book, 1747-1941, microfilm, 1 reel

- Contains births, marriages, and deaths, 1747-1825; ear marks 1892-1941, 1858-1915, 1826-1858, 1760-1836.
- Three volumes dealing with the Falmouth dykes and commons
- Township book, 1809-1881, originals and typescript  
Contains minutes of town meetings, 1809-1881, accounts, 1844-1872

Five Mile Plains - see Kennetcook

Five Mile River - List of subscribers for the church near Five Mile River, 1874  
original, 1 page

- see also Kennetcook, Rawdon

Gore - Gore-Kennetcook United Church records, microfilm, 1 reel: minutes of meetings, 1926-1968. See Kennetcook-Gore United Church

- History of the Gore Church by Mrs. B.E. Dodd and Mrs. N.C. MacKenzie. Original, 5 pages
- see also Kennetcook, Rawdon

Gormanville - see Kennetcook

Hants County - History of Hants County by Rev. Joseph Churchill Cox, 1865; History of Hants County by Benjamin Smith, 1867. Akins Prize Essays. Microfilm.

- History of East Hants by Elizabeth Frame. Originals and typescript, 17 pages.
- Vital statistics, 1804-1913. Microfilm, 1 reel. Records of ages and deaths, Hants County

Hantsport - A list of shipbuilders, owners, and mariners of Hantsport, compiled by the Local Centennial Committee in 1967. Microfilm, 1 reel.

- St. Andrew's Anglican Church records. See under Falmouth, St. George's Anglican Church.

Hardwoodlands - see Lower Stewiacke [Colchester County], Elmsdale, and Five Mile River

Hillvale - see Rawdon

- Kennetcook - United (formerly Presbyterian) Church records, 1876-1969, microfilm, 3 reels. Registers of Kennetcook, Gore, Rawdon, and Five Mile River: Baptisms, 1876-1893; Burials, 1876-1891; Church members, 1882-1893; Minutes of meetings, 1926-1968; List of ministers, 1892-1960; Session minutes, 1892-1925, 1927, 1936-1940, 1942-1943, 1948-1949, 1957-1969.  
- some vital statistics are in the church registers of St. Paul's Church, Halifax, reel 2
- Lakelands - see Rawdon: Church of the Holy Spirit, Anglican, Baptisms 1858-1859.  
- see Newport and Walton, parish of
- Leminster (formerly Millbrook) - see Falmouth
- Maitland - Anglican Church records, 1855-1971, microfilm, 3 reels. Baptisms, 1856-1969; Confirmations, 1950-1970; Marriages, 1856-1970; Burials, 1860-1971; Vestry books, 1855-1909, 1945-1962; Account book, 1884-1952; Minute books, 1927-1954; Register of servies, 1910-1930; Record of Parish of Maitland, 1955-1966; Parish history of Maitland by E.S. Harris, 1844; Name of parishioners, confirmation candidates, 1918. These reels include Kennetcook, Maitland, Five Mile River, Northfield, Georgefield, and Indian Road.  
- Presbyterian Church: Indentures regarding the building of the church and sale of pews; petition for the resignation of Rev. T.S. Crowe, 1856; plan of pews. 1854-1856, originals and typescript, 6 pages.  
- History of Maitland by Abbie B. Lawrence. 12 pages  
- A history of shipbuilding in Maitland by Christina Ross Frame. 14 pages  
- Shipping registers, 1874-1923. Microfilm, 3 reels  
- see also Enfield; Rawdon; Douglas Township
- McPhees Corner (East Indian Road) - St. Thomas Anglican Church records, 1860-1892, microfilm, 1 reel. Contains Baptisms, 1860-1892; Marriages, 1886-1892.
- Mosherville - see Rawdon, St. Paul's Anglican Church
- Mount Uniacke - Number of families at Mount Uniacke, ca.1865. Photocopies, 3 pages  
-see also Newport and Walton, parish of
- Newport and Walton - Anglican Church records, 1793-1942, microfilm, 1 reel. Contain Baptisms, 1793-1921; Marriages, 1809-1920; Confirmations, 1921-1942; Burials, 1824-1921. There are churches at eight points in the Parish of Newport and Walton, all served by the minister of St. James Anglican Church, Brooklyn:
- Walton. St. Matthew's Church, built 1846.
  - Lakelands, Church of the Holy Spirit, built 1845-46 and incorporated in the Parish of Newport and Walton in 1931.
  - Woodlands, St. Anne's Chapel, consecrated 1866.
  - Poplar Grove, St. John the Baptist, first used for Anglican services 1924.
  - Ellershous, Union Church, built around 1865. At first Lutheran services were held there. Anglican services began around 1922.
  - Scotch Village, Union Church. Anglicans in the village attended services at St. James, Brooklyn, until the village had its own church. Anglican services began in 1927.
  - Mount Uniacke. No church, but Community Hall used for worship. Services began in 1957.
  - Cogmagun. Church built and consecrated in 1850; work abandoned in 1890's.
- St. James Anglican Church, Brooklyn (centre of parish). Records contain Baptisms, 1793-1955; Marriages, 1793-1955; Deaths, 1793-1955; Minutes, 1826-1956; other miscellaneous papers such as deeds to some of the church properties. Names of places which appear frequently in the records: Ardoise, Ashdale, Avondale (after 1914), Beaverbank Road (after 1861), Belmont (baptisms, after 1921), Brooklyn (after 1860), Burlington, Cambridge (near Walton), Cogmagun (abandoned in 1890), Cornwallis, Ellershous (after 1921), Falmouth, Hillsvale, Kempt (after 1921 few), Kennetcook, Lakelands, Londonderry, Noel, Mount Uniacke, Pembroke, Poplar Grove (after 1921), Rainy Cove, St. Croix, Scotch Village (after 1921), Stanley, Still Water on railroad, Tenecape, Walton, Windsor, Woodville (after 1880).

This checklist of sources will be concluded in a future newsletter.