

# Genealogical Newsletter

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This newsletter is issued by the Genealogical Committee of the Nova Scotia Historical Society. Copies are available for those interested in genealogical research in this province. As 1973 marks the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Hector at Pictou, this issue features a checklist of genealogical sources for Pictou County available at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, prepared by Allan Dunlop of the Archives staff, a member of the Committee. Distribution of this newsletter is in charge of Furber Marshall, 71 Forestside Crescent, Halifax, and it is edited by Ross Graves of Upper Stewiacke, Colchester County, both of whom are also members of the Committee. Individuals who wish specific questions on Nova Scotia families included in future issues of this newsletter should submit them to any of the above or to the chairman of the Committee, Prof. A.E. Marble of 50 Brentwood Drive, Timberlea, N.S.

## Families in Process of Research

1. Mann. Descendants of Rev. John Mann, Loyalist, pioneer Methodist missionary in Shelburne, Liverpool, and Newport Township in Hants County. / Mrs Nellie Fox, Hantsport, Box 201, Hants Co., N.S.
2. Tingley. Descendants of Samuel Tingley. / F.D. Tingley, 4612 106 Ave., Edmonton Alberta T6A 1E6

## Queries

- Q-17. Andrews. James Andrews (1762-1852) who came from England and settled at South Branch, Col. Co., had sons William (1803-1867), John (1807-1865), and James (1815-1869) and daughters Mary, Eleanor, Anne, Esther, and Susannah. Eleanor m. James McCulloch; Esther m. Isaac Pratt; whom did the other girls marry? / R.G.
- Q-18. Anthony. James Anthony, son of John Anthony who came from Rhode Island to Newport, N.S. in 1760, m. Jane Tufts. Was she widow of David, son of Anthony Vaughan of Chester? James' family included an Israel, Ruth, John, and Sarah; were there others? And is there proof that the James Anthony who d. in Halifax in 1852 in 82nd year (so Christian Messenger, Nov. 5, 1852) is this James? / R.G.
- Q-19. Barnhill. Rachel S. Barnhill (1840-1867) m. Robert Allan Loughead (1834-1908) of Old Barns, Col. Co. Wanted, her parentage, brothers and sisters. / C. Homer Barnhill, Debert, N.S.
- Q-20. Bent/Inglis/Marshall. The two wives of Richard Marshall (Anthony, William, John, Sgt. John, John) (1768-1855) of Marshalltown, Digby Co., may have been half-sisters but for their birthdates. The first, Hannah Bacon (ca.1774-1850) was dau. of Stephen and Martha (Bent) Inglis Bacon, while the second, Martha (Inglis) Marshall (widow of Richard's brother) (1783-1864) was dau. of John and Martha (Bent) Inglis. It would appear too much for coincidence that two Martha Bents could have married Inglis within that early pioneer settlement, but if she is one and the same, she could not have had the elder daughter by her second marriage. Any additional facts or detected errors? / J.F.M.
- Q-21. Brownrigg. Information wanted on Ann Brownrigg (1814-1888) who m. John Copeland (1801-1892) in 1837. They lived on the west side of the Shubenacadie River and later moved to Upper Canada. / Mrs G.S. Nelson, Clifton, Truro R.R. 1
- Q-22. Coates. Wanted, information on Eva Coates, daughter of David Lawson and Alice (Mason) Coates, probably b. around 1890-1900 in Parrsboro, m. a Dr. Redmond who is believed to have practised medicine in Edmonton many years ago. Her grandmother was Beriah Tingley who m. Rufus Coates of Amherst, N.S. Data are missing on both Eva and Lawson. / F.D. Tingley, 4612 106 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta
- Q-23. Croot. Information wanted on Samuel Mumford Croot, b. ca.1846 in Newton Abbott, Devon, England, m. Susanna Murrant and had Emma Jane (Firth), 1866; Jack; Ida (Hawkins); and William Henry, b. June 28, 1874 in Yarmouth, N.S. / Miss Barbara Burrows, 2494 Robie St., Halifax

- Q-24. Davison. Maria Davison (1811-1899) m. Thomas Barnhill (1808-1870) of Belmont, Col. Co. Wanted, her dates, parents, brothers and sisters. / C. Homer Barnhill, Debert, N.S.
- Q-25. Dean. John William Edward Dean, b. 1864, lived in Halifax until the Boer War. Was he son of William Dean who died Nov. 28, 1867 aged 50? / Mrs G.S. Nelson, Clifton, Truro R.R. 1, N.S.
- Q-26. Embree. Rev. Jeremiah Embree, b. Oct. 4, 1844, Port Hawkesbury, d. Oct. 12, 1890 in Truro, N.S., son of Adolphus and Charlotte Embree; m. July 8, 1875, New Glasgow, N.S., Annie Elizabeth McKenzie. Research on Rev. Jeremiah is being done by Mrs J Gilpin, 3250 Lougheed Highway, Port Coquitlam, B.C.
- Q-27. Fillmore. Wanted, any information which might help to identify Frank Fillmore, mentioned in Amherst Daily News, July 29, 1892, in a money transaction with John S. Ross, A.S. Ross, and E. Wood; also mentioned in Oxford Journal, Feb. 7, 1900, cutting a big pine tree at Athol with William Carter, Thomas Ripley, and Rufus Noiles. / C.L. Fillmore, 17 Archibald St., Truro, N.S.
- Q-28. Fillmore. Wanted, parentage of Thomas and Renna Fillmore, shown in the 1871 census, River Philip polling district #4, dwelling 246. He was aged 24, his wife Renna aged 18, and they were married in the last twelve months. / C.L. Fillmore, 17 Archibald St., Truro, N.S.
- Q-29. Fletcher. Rossann Fletcher (1829-1873) m. George Barnhill (1825-1897) of Belmont, Col. Co. Wanted, her dates, parents, brothers and sisters. / C. Homer Barnhill, Debert, N.S.
- Q-30. Fulton. "Am looking for information re a Justin D. Fulton D.D. and from what branch of the Fulton clan or descendants..." / Seymour A. Fulton, Bass River, Box 62, Col. Co., N.S.
- Q-31. Green. William, Charles, and Reuben Green, sons of Loyalist Willet Green and grandsons of Loyalist James Green of Washademoak, N.B., bought land in Kings County, N.S., 1841 to 1851. Wanted, information about these brothers. / Mrs Nellie Fox, Box 201, Hantsport, N.S.
- Q-32. McKenzie. Annie Elizabeth, dau. of James and Maria McKenzie from Vale Colliery, b. June 7, 1852 in Scotland?, d. May 7, 1889 in Albert, N.B., m. July 8, 1875, New Glasgow, N.S., Rev. Jeremiah Embree. Information on Annie is wanted by Mrs J Gilpin, 3250 Lougheed Highway, Port Coquitlam, B.C.
- Q-33. McNie. James McNie moved from Canada (possibly from Nova Scotia) to New South Wales, Australia, in the 1850s. Wanted, information on him and his family. / Charles A. Winters, 90 Cordova Ave., Apt. 1110, Islington 677, Ontario
- Q-34. Murrant. Wanted, information on Lucy Louise Murrant, b. Mar. 15, 1856 in St. Johns, Nfld, dau. of John and Mary Murrant of St. Johns; may have had a sister Susannah; m. John Thomas Burrows and resided in Halifax ca.1886-1889. / Miss Barbara Burrows, 2494 Robie St., Halifax
- Q-35. Pineo. Abram Pineo and wife Martha (Huntley) were the parents of Mrs Lalia Newcombe and Owen Pineo. Wanted, information about the parents of Abram Pineo. / Mrs Nellie Fox, Box 201, Hantsport, N.S.
- Q-36. Purdy. Wanted, information on descendants of Nathaniel Purdy who was resident in Cumberland County on Jan. 6, 1787; he was formerly from North Castle, N.Y. / Ernest E. Coates, R.R. 2, Nappan Station, Cumb. Co., N.S.
- Q-37. West. Freeman West sold land in Kings County, N.S. in 1800, and presumably went to or near Londonderry, Col. County. Information wanted about him, his parents, and his descendants. / Mrs. Nellie Fox, Box 201, Hantsport, N.S.

Hopefully, an "Answer to Queries" section will begin with the next issue of this newsletter. Queries signed by initials will be answered through the medium of this section. Correspondents whose addresses are given above will hear directly from those interested; would they kindly send us an abstract of answers to their questions for inclusion in such a section?

Recent Acquisitions at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

- [CS 71 H97] Genealogy of Thomas Hutchins of Salem, Mass., with a history of allied families  
[CS 71 C14] Colwell history - William Couldwell, Caldwell, Coldwell of England, Mass., Conn., and Nova Scotia  
[CS 90 W57 1972] Whidden family of Nova Scotia, by Helen Whidden and Philip Harlow  
[CS 71 T58] The Tingley family, revised  
[CS499 B77] The Bourne[s] families of Ireland  
[CS 90 C18] Na Caimbeulaich - Descendants of Colin Campbell [Irish Cova area]  
[CS 90 R46] Genealogical and historical sketch of my family, 1774-1972, by Helen Reynolds  
[F5204.9 D34] Pioneer, patriot and rebel, Lewis Delesdernier  
[MICRO M592 #4] Ancestry of D.J. Seely...and Charlotte L. Vail...by W.P. Bacon  
[MICRO M592 #4] Mayflower descendant, vol. 4, 1902  
[Vertical MSS file: Dechman] Genealogy of the Dechman family of Halifax and U.S.A., by Don A. Dechman  
[Vertical MSS file: Gouthro] The four sons of Honore Gautreau and Anne Comeau, by --- Gouthro  
[Vertical MSS file: Montgomery] The Montgomerys of Prince Edward Island [8 pp.]  
[Vertical MSS file: Wells] Gleanings about the Wells family, by Mrs J.S. Flaglor  
also: A story of the Copelands, from County Wexford, Ireland to Amherst, Nova Scotia, by Jennie M. MacPhee

Sources for Research - Pictou County

Unless otherwise noted, all material is at P.A.N.S.

A. Introductory

Pictou County is situated in the northern part of Nova Scotia. It has a land mass of 1124 square miles and a fifty mile frontage on the Northumberland Strait. It is bounded on the east by Antigonish County, on the west by Colchester County, and on the southeast by Guysborough County. It takes its name from the Micmac "Piktook", meaning an explosion of gas.

From 1759 until 1835, when it was established as a county, Pictou was part of the county of Halifax. For most of its history mining was a major economic factor. Agriculture and secondary manufacturing are its present-day economic underpins. Pictou is the county seat. The population of the county is about 48,700.

Few areas have as much written material as the County of Pictou. A short bibliography follows:

- James M. Cameron: About New Glasgow; Churches of New Glasgow; History of Pictou County; Industrial history of New Glasgow; Pictonians in arms; Political Pictonians; Wreck of the Melmerby  
G.L. Gordon: River John: its pastors and people  
Robert Grant: East River worthies  
Kay MacIntosh: History of Merigomish  
J.P. MacPhie: Pictonians at home and abroad  
George McLaren: The Pictou book  
J.H. Meecham & Co.: Historical atlas of Pictou County  
John Murray: The Scotsburn congregation  
Frank Patterson: John Patterson, the founder of Pictou  
George Patterson: History of Pictou County  
D.K. Ross: The pioneers and churches [genealogies of the Hopewell area]

B. Cemeteries

Henry C. Ritchie, Archivist at the Schenectady City History Centre, has compiled a listing of Pictou County cemetery inscriptions. It contains over 26,000 names and is indexed. Copies are available at the New Glasgow Public Library and at the P.A.N.S.

C. Census Records

- 1770 - printed in Report of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, 1934  
1817 - RG 1, vol. 445, dec. 8  
1838 - RG 1, vol. 449  
1861 - lists only the head of the household  
1871 - lists names and ages of all persons in the household

D. Churches and Communities

Albion Mines [Stellarton] - see West Branch East River

Barney's River - Presbyterian church records, 1812-1883. Originals, ½in. [MG4 no. 8a]  
Contains births, 1813-1883 and marriages, 1812-1878.  
See also West Branch East River

- Belfast, P.E.I. - Records of St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1823-1849 [microfilm, 1 reel] includes baptisms for Merigomish and West River, Pictou County, N.S.
- Blanchard - see West Branch East River
- Cape John - see West Branch East River
- Caribou - see West Branch East River
- Centredale - see West Branch East River
- Dalhousie Mountain - see Earltown
- Earltown [Colchester County] - Records of the Presbyterian (Free Church) congregation 1782-1966 [Microfilm, 1 reel] has some material on Dalhousie Mountain and West Branch River John
- East River - A list of inhabitants of East River with quantity of land and cattle they own, 1789. [MS file, originals, 2 pp.]
- East River St. Marys - see Liscomb, Guysborough County
- Elgin - see West Branch East River
- Foxbrook - see West Branch East River
- Grant's Lake - see West Branch East River
- Hopewell - see West Branch East River
- Irish Mountain - see West Branch East River
- Lorne - see West Branch East River
- McLellan's Mountain - A history of McLellan's Mountain Church [MS file, photocopy, 2pp.]
- Merigomish - see under Belfast
- Middle River - see West Branch East River
- New Glasgow - Session record for the Lochaber-Union Centre pastoral charge, 1867-1925  
- Communion roll for the Lochaber-Union Centre pastoral charge  
- Minute book of the Board of Trade, 1889-1940, containing a list of members, 1889-1890. [microfilm, 1 reel]  
- Bible Society, minutes, 1840-1896 [microfilm, 1 reel]  
- Five small notebooks of clippings and notes on New Glasgow history and early families [MG 4, no. 118]  
- List of property owners or occupants of the homes and businesses in the late 1890s and early 1900s, compiled by Councillor Lew Simpson, 1965-1966 [MS file, typescript, 17 pp.]  
- First Presbyterian Church records, 1786-1972 [microfilm, 8 reels] :  
(1) James Church baptisms, 1786-1804, 1836-1869, 1871-1908; marriages, 1786-1815, 1848-1899, 1905-1908; deaths, 1832-1854, 1857-1908; communicants, 1831-1908; session minutes, 1786-1804, 1842-1852, 1856-1867, 1869-1907; annual meetings, 1834-1907; miscellaneous documents. (2) New St. Andrew's Church membership list 1888-1907; session minutes, 1888-1907; miscellaneous documents. (3) First Presbyterian Church baptisms, 1908-1971; marriages, 1908-1972; deaths, 1908-1972; communicants, 1855-1942; session minutes, 1925-1936; managers' minutes, 1908-1926; miscellaneous documents.
- New Lairg - see West Branch East River
- Pictou - Pamphlets, correspondence, letterheads, etc. dealing with the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Hector at Pictou, 1923 [MG 4, no. 124]  
- Minutes and records of the Pictou Bible Society (1813-1828) and the New Glasgow Bible Society (1840-1906) [microfilm, 1 reel]  
- "A Journey to Pictou", June 27, 1970 [MS file, photocopy, 4 pp.]  
- Petition for a hospital, 1881 [MS file, original, 1 page]  
- Pictou Academy papers: correspondence, deeds, annual reports, petitions, financial statements, tenders, bulletins, Hepburn, Patterson, & Robinson papers, etc. There is a finding aid available, copied from records at Pictou Academy in 1959. [microfilm, 7 reels]  
- Shipping registers, 1840-1875 [microfilm, 3 reels]

Pictou [continued] - Records of Prince Street Presbyterian [now United] Church, 1808-1950 [microfilm, 1 reel]. Contains baptisms, 1824-1877, 1880-1908; marriages, 1886-1908; burials, 1845-1870, 1886-1908; session minutes, 1833-1918; roll of church members, 1808-1950s; baptisms in Knox Church, 1850-1918; baptisms in First Church, 1918-1950.  
- Minute book of Prince Street Church Sabbath School Society, 1855 [originals, MG 4, no. 123]  
- see also West Branch East River

River John - see Earltown and Tatamagouche [under Colchester County]; West Branch East River

Rogers Hill - see West Branch East River

Saltsprings - some vital statistics are in the church registers of Scotsburn

Scotsburn - Records of the Scotsburn Presbyterian Church, 1840-1960 [microfilm, 1 reel] Contains baptisms, 1866-1916; marriages, 1899-1909; deaths, 1888-1910; pastors, 1840-1908; elders, to 1903; lists of members, late 1880s and early 1900s.  
- Baptismal register and communicants roll for St John's Presbyterian Church (Auld Kirk), Rogers Hill

Scotch Hill - A history of Scotch Hill, by students, 1931 [54 pp., MG 4, no. 139]

Stellarton - Records of Sharon United Church, 1863-1897 [originals, 152 pp.] Contains marriages, 1864-1897; deaths, 1865-1897; minutes, 1863-1873; miscellaneous items [MG 4, no. 145]  
- some vital statistics are in the church registers for Albion Mines

Waterville - see West Branch East River

West Branch East River [Hopewell] - Records of St. Columbia's Presbyterian [now United] Church, 1827-1952 [microfilm, 1 reel] Contains baptisms, 1827-1924; marriages, 1828-1906; lists of communicants, 1827-1844; minutes of session, 1853-1952. Includes Albion Mines, Barney's River, Big Brook, Blanchard, Cape John, Caribou, Centredale, Earltown, East Branch, Elgin, Foxbrook, Gairloch, Glengarry, Grant's Lake, Irish Mountain, Lorne, Middle River, Mill Brook, New Lairg, Pictou, River John, Rogers Hill, Waterville.

West Branch River John - see Earltown [under Colchester County]

West River - see under Belfast

general - Newspaper clippings, 1956-1969, dealing with the history of Pictou County [MG 4, no. 125]  
- Robert Pagan's field notes of a survey of the Philadelphia Grant, 1804 [originals and photocopies, 24 pp.; MG 4, no. 126 and MS file, Philadelphia Grant]

#### E. Municipal Records

- RG 34, vol. 31: Grand Jury, 1797, 1800, 1806-1808, 1815-1829
- RG 34, vol. 32: Grand Jury, 1829, 1832-1845
- RG 34, vol. 33: Grand Jury, 1846-1854
- RG 34, vol. 34: Quarter Session, 1811
- RG 34, vol. 35: Quarter Session, 1830-1847
- RG 34, vol. 36: Quarter Session, 1855-1861
- RG 34, vol. 37: Quarter Session, 1850-1854; Grand Jury, 1855-1858
- RG 34, vol. 38: Grand Jury, 1859-1866
- RG 34, vol. 39: Grand Jury, 1868-1877
- RG 34, vol. 40: Grand Jury, 1849-1852; index to road damages, 1869; General Session, 1869; Minutes, 1867; General Session, 1870; Statute labour, 1875; Grand Jury, 1875
- RG 34, vol. 41: General Session, 1867-1868; Grand Jury, 1868-1874
- RG 34, vol. 42: Grand Jury, 1871, 1874-1879

#### F. School Papers

Warrants for payments to trustees, general correspondence about schools in the county, statistical returns and reports, petitions, grants, abstracts, some minutes of school boards, contracts, attendance; in the 1820s and 1830s there are some general returns giving names and ages of pupils and names of parents or guardians and lists of schools in the county.

- RG 14, no. 49: 1811-1822
- RG 14, vo. 50: 1824-1865

- RG 14, no. 51: Pictou Academy, 1827-1837
- RG 14, no. 52: Pictou Academy, 1840-1863
- RG 14, no. 53: Pictou Academy, 1824-1828
- RG 14, no. 54: Pictou County, scrapbook, A.H. MacKay
- RG 14, no. 55: Pictou County, scrapbook, A.H. MacKay

#### G. Vital Statistics

- RG 32, vol. 65: Pictou County deaths, 1864-1868
- RG 32, vol. 66: Pictou County deaths, 1869-1870
- RG 32, vol. 67: Pictou County deaths, 1871-1872
- RG 32, vol. 68: Pictou County deaths, 1873-1874
- RG 32, vol. 69: Pictou County deaths, 1875-1877
- RG 32, vol. 120: Pictou County marriages, 1864-1867
- RG 32, vol. 121: Pictou County marriages, 1868-1871
- RG 32, vol. 122: Pictou County marriages, 1871-1875

Readers are reminded that the above listings are only a sample of materials available at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia. A complete inventory of the Archives' holdings is now in process. When completed it will list twenty manuscript groupings [MGs] and forty record groupings [RGs]. The above listings have been extracted from only six of these groupings--those which seemed most useful to genealogists.

#### Bulletin Board

The North Cumberland Historical Society is publishing, as its Publication No. 4, The Valley of the Remsheg--a history of Wallace Bay, Cumberland County, with extensive genealogies of six founding families (Brown, Forshner, McKim, Peers, Tuttle, and Wells). It will run to about 300 pages and represents over forty years of research by Mr Harry R. Brown of Wallace Bay. A copy may be reserved (at the pre-publication price of twelve dollars) by writing Mr Peter Vale, Secretary of the North Cumberland Historical Society, R.R. 4, Pugwash, N.S.