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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; the only charge is a fee of one dollar to cover postage. The checklist of sources for Kings County presented in this issue was prepared by Allan Dunlop of the Provincial Archives staff, a member of the Committee. (Previous issues have covered Hants, Cumberland, Pictou, Colchester, Antigonish, Guysborough, Inverness, Richmond, Cape Breton, and Victoria counties.) Distribution of this newsletter is in charge of Furber Marshall, 71 Forestside Crescent, Halifax, and it is edited by Ross Graves, 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 should submit them to any of the above or to the chairman of the Committee, Prof. A.E. Marble of 2391 MacDonald St., Halifax.

Families in Process of Research

1. Bearse, Bass. Descendants of David Bearse and Joseph Bass, both sons of Benjamin and Harriet (Ellire) Bearse. David m. Mary --- and Joseph m. Margaret Bearse. / Mrs W.D. Heenan, Box 28, RR2, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 2Z2
2. Bower. Descendants of Adam Bauer, Bower (1725-1800), Loyalist, who came to Shelburne in 1783. / Reta Bower, Box 879, Shelburne, N.S.
3. McLane. Descendants of Joseph McLane (1753-1829) of Onslow and his son William (1788-1854) who m. Margaret McCurdy and moved to Sherbrooke. Some material appears in Janet Fisher Archibald (1934) and in Blanchard's McCurdy genealogy. / Dr George Nye, 160 Glen Castle Road, Kingston, Ontario K7M 4N6
4. Murray. Descendants of Capt. Walter Murray of Little River and Port Hawkesbury. / Mrs W.D. Heenan, Box 28, RR2, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 2Z2

Queries

- Q-221. Adams. Wanted, parentage of William and Martha (Hallet) Adams. William lived in Old York, Conn. or in New York, and died there. His widow came to Nova Scotia, first to Halifax, then to Barrington, with her sons William and Benjamin and her daughters Phoebe and Mary. She m. Mar. 17, 1782, Stephen Nickerson. / Harriet B. Harding, Box 215, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345
- Q-222. Beckwith. Wanted, parentage, residence, and birthdate of Theresa Beckwith who m. Robert Trenholm Dec. 6, 1815 by Rev. Wm. Cochran at St. George's Church, Falmouth. / Mrs Fred Ebersole, 2140 Midland Road, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28374
- Q-223. Butler. Samuel Butler, a blacksmith, was b. in Halifax Mar. 17, 1816 (unverified), moved to Truro, and in 1851 to Upper Stewiacke. He m.(1) Mary Olivia Fisher and had John, James, Samuel, William, Mary, Margaret, Charlotte, Matilda, Hannah, and Joseph. He m.(2) Apr. 1866, Esther Lawson (b. June 13, 1833, dau. of Henry and Elizabeth (Stuart) Lawson of Musquodoboit) and had Joseph 2nd, Elizabeth, Esther, Ethel, Bertha, Ada, and Julia who m. Sep. 22, 1893, Wellington Jackson. Wanted, further details on Samuel, Mary Olivia, and Esther, including verification of Samuel's birth and his parentage. / Leland Jackson, 410 North Federal Highway, Lake Worth, Florida 33460
- Q-224. Cameron. Alexander Cameron (1768-1835) and wife Janet Archibald (1769-1835) of Loch Broom, Pictou County, had six sons and one daughter according to Miller, 1873, p. 106. The daughter was Janet and one son was Daniel; would like names of the other five sons. / Miss Jean MacIellan, 3045 Olivet St., Apt. 43, Halifax, N.S.
- Q-225. Cameron. Would like correspondence with Cameron and MacIntosh descendants and information on how they related to the MacDonald family of Middle Musquodoboit, Halifax County. / Mrs Hugh B. Corbin, 326 Washington N.E., Warren, Ohio 44483
- Q-226. Church. Wanted, parentage of Sarah Church, b. May 11, 1814, m. July 12, 1832 in Windsor by Rev. W. King, Patrick Hill of Economy. / Gerald A. Hill, 10664 Mill Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45240

- Q-227. Fisher. Wanted, parentage of James Edward Fisher, b. January 1795, d. Oct. 8, 1863; m. 1822 in Great Village, Colchester Co., Mary Ausborne Layton, b. June 24, 1808, d. Nov. 21, 1875. / Frank L. Bannon, 2911 61st St., CT NW, Gig Harbor, Washington 98335
- Q-228. Floyd. Wanted, parentage of William Floyd who m. Catherine Corbum. Their daughter Margaret Floyd m. July 1, 1823, Charles Payzant of Beech Hill. / Mrs Rodney G. Howard, 18 Mitchell St., Middleboro, Massachusetts 02346
- Q-229. Geddes. Wanted, parentage of Elizabeth McLellan Geddes who m. Josiah Fisher on Nov. 22, 1838 in Musquodoboit. She was b. there Mar. 9, 1812 and died in Cornerbrook. / G. Fisher, P.O. Box 401, Stittsville, Ontario KOA 3G0
- Q-230. Geddes. Wanted, parentage of Lydia Tupper Geddes who m. Robert Archibald Henry in Musquodoboit. She was born there Nov. 6, 1816 and died there Sep. 22, 1888. / G. Fisher, P.O. Box 401, Stittsville, Ontario KOA 3G0
- Q-231. Goodwin. Wanted, parentage of Mercy Goodwin, wife of Benjamin Adams; her sister Naomi was second wife of Benjamin Adams. / Harriet B. Harding, Box 215, Manomet, Mass. 02345
- Q-232. Harris. Wanted, descendants of Edmund Davis and Susan (Saunders) Harris. Edmund's father was Christopher; Susan's parents were Rev. Henry and Sarah (Randall) Saunders. / Calvin C. Day, #4131, 9711 Rosaryville Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870
- Q-233. Hart. Wanted, parentage of Ellen Hart who according to family tradition was taken as a child and raised by John Smith (native of Island of Lewis, d. Feb. 4, 1172 aged 76) and wife Margaret Maclean (d. June 16, 1874 aged 74) of Black River, Richmond County. She married their son Richard Smith (d. May 5, 1912 aged 74) and died July 15, 1895. Dates are from gravestones, Black River. / Mrs H.L. Hoover, 2320 McNary Blvd, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235
- Q-234. Hauptman, Huphman. Elizabeth Huphman, b. at Hunt's Point Sep. 25, 1803, m. 1820, Cornelius Clancy. Her parents were Michael and Elizabeth (Martin) Huphman; Michael was son of Michael Sr. who was born 1723. Wanted, further information on this family. / Mrs Rodney G. Howard, 18 Mitchell St., Middleboro, Massachusetts 02346
- Q-235. Jobb. Wanted, information on the family and antecedents of Thomas and Dorothy Job(b) or (e) who lived on or near the Six Mile Road (Wallace area), Cumberland County during the 1820s and 1830s. / Brian Jobb, Box 368, Lunenburg, N.S. B0J 2C0
- Q-236. Johnson. Lawrence Johnson, his wife Mary, and his sons Joseph, Abraham, William, Nicholas, and Thomas came from Philadelphia via New York to Nova Scotia in 1732. A document dated Digby, N.S., May 13, 1794, certifies that "Abram Johnson, son of Lawrence Johnson late of this place, has behaved himself as an industrious, sober and honest man...", suggesting the father had by that date removed to Toronto, to which place the family followed him. Wanted, any information on the family's sojourn in Nova Scotia. / Miss Harriet M. Purdy, Balcarres, Saskatchewan S0G 0C0
- Q-237. Kilborn. Wanted, parentage and dates for Keziah Kilborn, wife of Nathan Stiles. They were Connecticut settlers to Cornwallis Township, 1760/1. / M. Frederick Amos, 352 Blythewood Road, Burlington, Ontario L7L 2G8
- Q-238. King. Wanted, information on Isaac King, grantee at Barrington, Shelburne County. He was son of John and Mary (Bangs) King and he m. Lydia Sparrow, daughter of John. He and family, except son Isaac Jr., moved to Massachusetts in 1776 and he died there in 1783. / Harriet B. Harding, Box 215, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345
- Q-239. MacKenzie. Wanted, information on William and Jessie (MacKay) MacKenzie who with their "several sons and daughters" settled in the Dalhousie Mountain district of Pictou County around 1773. / Rev. A.C. MacKenzie, 836 Wicklow St., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 0H7
- Q-240. McKinnon. Wanted, information on John McKinnon of Cape Breton and wife Elizabeth McIntyre, b. 1830 on P.E.I., d. Apr. 8, 1910 aged 75 [sic - Ed.] in Woburn, Mass. They had issue Patrick, Flora (m. William John White), and Lauchlan (b. 1869 at Five Houses, St Peter's Bay, Kings County, P.E.I., d. June 21, 1922 aged 52 in Nelson, B.C.). The family went to the States in 1872, leaving Lauchlan with his mother's uncle, Rev Peter McIntyre, R.C. Bishop of Charlottetown for 48 years, who d. at Antigonish, N.S. April 1791 in his 73rd year. [These dates show, however, Bisoph McIntyre was dead before Lauchlan was born. -Ed.] / Mrs Walter A. White, 12 Avon St., Mansfield, Massachusetts 02048
- Q-241. McLane, McClane of Londonderry. Wanted, descendants of Anthony McLane (d. 1874) and wife Margaret, and of John McLane, schoolmaster, and son Joseph, merchant (mentioned in Dr Burris' My Pioneer Ancestors). William McLane of this line m. June 3, 1834, Nancy English (Truro Township book, p. 103). / Dr George R. Nye, 160 Glen Castle Road, Kingston, Ontario

- Q-242. McLane. Wanted, parentage of Murdoch McLane, b. 1814 in Pictou, moved to the Magdalene Islands and later to Rockport, Mass. He was possibly related to Capt. Murdoch McLaine, 6th Grenadier Co., 2nd Battalion of the Royal Highland Emigrants, mustered at Halifax on Jan. 21, 1778. / Dr George R. Nye, 160 Glen Castle Road, Kingston, Ontario
- Q-243. Merritt. Wanted, information on Michael Merritt, son of Enoch (of Nehemiah) and second wife Sarah (Anthony) Merritt, who m. Christiana Sederquist and had seven sons and six daughters, of whom Howard (1854-1935) removed to Framingham, Mass. These names are from the Granville Township book. / Mrs John H. Patton, R.D. 1, Saegertown, Pa. 16433
- 244. Miller. Wanted, parentage, residence and data on Catherine Miller who m. Matthew Trenholm Sr. about Nov. 22, 1777, as his first wife. Did they have a daughter Catherine who m. a MacKenzie? / Mrs Fred Ebersole, 2140 Midland Road, Southern Pines, N.C. 28387
- Q-245. Morgan. Wanted, descendants of Ainsley and Eliza Jane (Berry) Morgan of Bear River. / Calvin C. Day, #4131, 9711 Rosaryville Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870
- Q-246. Morgan. Wanted, descendants of Henry Harris and Jane (Riche) Morgan of Bear River, 1835. / Calvin C. Day, #4131, 9711 Rosaryville Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870
- Q-247. Morgan. Wanted, descendants of Edward and Mary (Harris) Morgan who were married in 1801. / Calvin C. Day, #4131, 9711 Rosaryville Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870
- Q-248. Noget. Wanted, parentage of Marie Noget, b. about 1715 in Normandy, France; m. Jan. 2, 1738, Louis Phillip Payzant and died 1796 in Falmouth, N.S. / Mrs Rodney G. Howard, 18 Mitchell St., Middleboro, Massachusetts 02346
- Q-249. Northup. Wanted, data on Sarah Northup, daughter of Gould and Elizabeth Northup, who married, about 1793/4 (where?), Matthew Trenholm Sr. as his second wife. / Mrs Fred Ebersole, 2140 Midland Road, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28374
- Q-250. O'Brien. Wanted, identification of Patrick [Patric] O'Brien who lived in Upper Gaspercau at one time and had children Jack, John, Mary, Alice, Ellen, Margaret. Is he the same as Patrick O'Brien of Noel Shore, Hants County? / Gary W. O'Brien, R.R.3, Box 93, Wolfville, N.S.
- Q-251. Publicover. Wanted, information on the seven sons of Peter Bubeckhoffer who came from Germany to Lunenburg in 1753 and was granted lot D23 on the LaHave River. The name changed to Publicover about 1775. / A.M. Publicover, 2051 Breezy Drae Drive, Mississauga, Ontario.
- Q-252. Rockwell. Wanted, maiden name, parentage and dates for Margaret --- who married, probably at Windsor, Conn., ca.1745, Jonathan Rockwell. They settled in Cornwallis Township, Nova Scotia, 1760/1. / M. Frederick Amos, 352 Blythewood Road, Burlington, Ont.
- Q-253. Simms. Wanted, descendants of Lorenzo Simms and wife Mary Conrod or Conroy. They lived in Liverpool prior to 1912. He was a fisherman who drowned; she married 2nd a Player and removed to Ipswich, Mass. / Calvin C. Day, #4131, 9711 Rosaryville Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870
- Q-254. Snow. Wanted, information on Nathan and Mary (Horn) Snow who settled at Port LaTour. In the 1762 returns he is called Nathaniel Snow. / Harriet B. Harding, Box 215, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345
- Q-255. Stiles. Wanted, an exchange of information on the family and descendants of Nathan and Keziah (Kilborn) Stiles who were Connecticut settlers to Cornwallis Township, 1760/1. M. Frederick Amos, 352 Blythewood Road, Burlington, Ontario L7L 2G8
- Q-256. Teed. Wanted, parentage and data on Margaret Teed who married Stephen Trenholm, b. ca. 1798, d. 1891. They lived at Fort Lawrence or Wallace, Cumberland County. / Mrs Fred Ebersole, 2140 Midland Road, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28374
- Q-257. Webber. Wanted, information on the following families: (a) Susan Maria Webber, b. Nov. 30, 1849, m. June 12, 1868, Dr Henry George Wilson, moved to the States, and had Josie, Sadie, Edward, Henry, and Stanley. (b) Edward Jamieson Webber, b. Nov. 9, 1852, m. Gonora Tabor and lived in California. (c) John William Webber, 1855-1941, m. Aug. 3, 1882, Roxanna G. Cook and lived in Lowell, Mass; one daughter, Eunice Millicent, d. Apr. 16, 1974. (d) Eunice Abigail Webber, m. Nov. 28, 1868, Alonzo Smith, son of John and Sarah Smith of Cumberland County. (e) Darius or Cyrus Addington Webber, b. Nov. 7, 1860. (f) Ezra Sanstofield Webber, b. Nov. 7, 1860, d. Oct. 1888, m. Annie Myers and had one son, Eugene, whose family lives in California. --These six were children of David Webber, son of John and Catherine (Siteman) Webber, b. Nov. 21, 1803, d. May 1882, m.(1) Nov. 24, 1834, Susannah Thompson and had two daughters (Anne J., ca.1836-Sep. 4, 1884, m. Dec. 31, 1857, Andrew Eisan; Catherine, b. ca.1843, m. Dec. 31, 1857, Lawrence Marks). David m.(2) Sep. 6, 1846, Sarah Abigail Sanford, b. 1810, d. Aug. 1, 1889 or Oct. 15, 1887 aged 68

(so gravestone, Oyster Pond, Jeddore) and had the six children listed. / Mrs Clyde Siteman, RR 2, Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S. BOJ 2L0

- Q-258. West. Wanted, parentage of Freeman West who married Abigail Slack. He sold land in Cornwallis in 1800 and removed to Londonderry. Had sons Cyrus, Richard Dunn (b. 1810), William, perhaps Daniel, and daughters. Could descendants of the late F.O. West, Woburn, Massachusetts help? / Mrs Nellie Fox, Box 201, Hantsport, N.S.
- Q-259. West. Wanted, parentage of George West, b. in Kings County June 14, 1811; moved to P.E.I.; m. 1838, Mary Matthews; m. secondly Betsy Rogers before leaving to live in Moncton, N.B. area in 1848. / Mrs H.A. Coneen, Box 7, Bedford, N.S.
- Q-260. West. Wanted, parentage and siblings of Abner West, b. in Kings County 1808 or 1809; thought to have gone to P.E.I. and New Brunswick with George West, above. / Mrs H.A. Coneen, Box 7, Bedford, N.S.
- Q-261. West. Wanted, identification of Thomas West who is listed in the 1778 census for Queens County. / Mrs H.A. Coneen, Box 7, Bedford, N.S.
- Q-262. Westcott. Wanted, parentage of Robert Westcott, b. Dec. 5, 1700 in North Kingston, R.I.; m. Hannah Straight and was a grantee of Newport Township, N.S. in 1761. / Mrs C.F. Hall, 10670 14th Ave. S.W., Apt. 820, Seattle, Washington 98146
- Q-283. Wilcox. Wanted, parentage of Esther, wife of Michael² Salter (Robert¹) and mother of Elizabeth Ann Salter who married John Sanford ca.1825 in Hants County. Sanford genealogy, 1966, p. 366 says this Michael married a Miss Wilcox. Was she Esther Wilcox and was she the grand-daughter mentioned in the will of Benjamin Wilcox in 1813? / Mrs C.F. Hall, 10670 14th Ave. S.W., Apt. 820, Seattle, Washington 98146

Answers to Queries

- Q-145. Cameron. Pictou County death records at P.A.N.S. (RG 32, vol. 68) show Cathern Fraser, age 62, born at Loch Broom, daughter of Roderick and Mary Cameron, died of heart disease on Feb. 9, 1873 at Loch Broom. / A.D.
- Q-192. Burk, Burke. William Burke was born at sea, son of a British officer in India. He came to Liverpool, N.S. when quite young and lived with a Mack family. He settled on the Medway River in South Brookfield, Queens County; sold the farm in 1811 and removed to North Brookfield. He died in 1833. He m. 1786, Mary Foster, called Polly, daughter of Edward Foster, one of the Liverpool proprietors, and had issue: (a) Edward Foster, m. Diana Covell and lived on the homestead in North Brookfield; their children were Matilda (m. John Munroe), Benjamin F. (m. Elizabeth Wile), Nancy (d. at 16), Sarah H. (m. Charles Cushing), Harvey G., Wilden Covell, Joseph (m. Eunice Harlow), Simeon, Narcissa (m. Zoeth Cushing and Hallet Cole Jr), and Anna Maria (m. John Annis). (b) Joseph, m. Susan MacLeod of Brooklyn. (c) William, m. Deborah Gardner and lived in North Brookfield on Burke's Hill. (d) Nancy Ann, m. William Christopher and lived in South Brookfield. (e) Hannah, m. Enoch Dexter and lived in Harmony [the Queens County community]. (f) Narcissa, m. James Cole and lived in Milton; they had issue Emeline, Mary (m. Samuel Foster of Port Medway), Hannah (m. Ed Smith of New Grafton), James (m. --- Holmes of Hantsport), and Dorcas (unm.). (g) Mary, m. Hallet Cole Sr and lived in Caledonia; their children were Robert, Caleb, William (left home very young), Charles (m. Nancy Cushing), and Hallet (m. Narcissa Burke Cushing, above). / Ruth C. Baxter, Annapolis Royal, N.S.
- Q-198. Hamilton. Crowell's Barrington Township, 1923, has: John Powell, an English soldier, came from New York to Shelburne at its settlement; he married Betsy Hamilton of Shelburne River and after living there some time removed to Upper Port LaTour. A daughter Betsy married, 1805, John Hamilton of Shelburne River. / Mrs C.D. Logan, Rt 1, Box 211, Denison, Texas 75020
- Q-209. Mills. Annapolis County death records at P.A.S.S. (RG 32, vol. 8) show the death of a Robert Mills, aged 65, a farmer at Granville Ferry; his parents are given as William and Hannah Mills. / A.D.
- Q-211. O'Brien. Correction to query: Edward m. Amy Morine, not O'Brien. / Gary W. O'Brien, Box 93, RR 3, Wolfville, N.S.
- Q-213. Salter. Correction to answer in last issue: Michael was Michael² Robert¹ and not, as stated, Michael³ William² Robert¹. / R.G.
- Q-214. Schofield. Gravestones in Horton Township, Kings County: Joseph D. Blair, d. Aug. 23, 1901 aged 66 (no mention of wife); Cyrus N. Davidson, 1848-1925, and wife Bessie J., 1850-1926; George Reid, d. 1892, and wife Sarah, d. 1925. / D.E. Eagles, 275 N. Brock St., Sarnia, Ontario N7T 5Z7

- Q-216. Smith. Crowell's Barrington Township, 1923, has the following data: Warren Smith, son of David Smith, grantee, lived at Bear Point, Port Medway, then moved to Sambro. He m. Mercy Cohoon, dau. of Reuben, and had Enos or Zenos, b. July 27, 1786, Barrington (per "Mayflower Descendant", vols. 8 and 9); Warren; Moses; and seven others. Warren Jr had a son Heman who lived at Doctor's Cove. David Smith, grantee, was son of David (b.1691) and Sarah (Higgins) Smith, grandson of Thomas and Mary (Mayo?) Smith, and gt-grandson of Ralph Smith, first to New England. / Mrs C.D. Logan, Rt 1, Box 211, Denison, Texas 75020
- Q-223. Butler. Samuel Butler m.(1) Mary Olivia Fisher, dau. of John Waddell Fisher (who d. Jan. 19, 1829 aged 31 according to the Samuel Creelman necrology for Upper Stewiacke, 1786-1831) and wife Margaret Godfrey, who m. Mar. 31, 1831 (Colchester County Probate, docket 199), as his 3rd wife, Eliakim Tupper (1787-1865). John was son of Samuel and Mary (Tupper) Fisher and grandson of Samuel Fisher of "Starved Ship" fame (Miller, 1873, p. 259, where dates for Samuel are given). Diary of James Johnson of Burnside, Upper Stewiacke, has under Apr. 7, 1865, "Mrs Olive Butlar died to day of pluricy." Samuel Butler m.(2) Esther Lawson, dau. of Henry Lawson (who came from Perthshire to Goshen, Upper Stewiacke, and d. Mar. 20, 1874 aged 85 according to journal of Rev. Edward Grant) and wife Elizabeth Stewart (d. Dec. 23, 1869 aged 71 according to Col. Co. death returns, P.A.N.S.), dau. of Alexander Stewart (native of Glasgow, in 82nd Regt. 1778-1783, settled in Upper Stewiacke, then removed to Upper Musquodoboit and d. Mar. 23, 1853) and wife Elizabeth Taylor Fisher, dau. of John and grand-dau. of William Fisher, brother to Samuel of the "Starved Ship". Samuel Butler died Oct. 10, 1887 aged 71 (gravestone, Upper Stewiacke; there are no stones for his wives). / R.G.
- Q-230. Geddes. Lydia Tupper Geddes was daughter of John and Dorothy (Putnam) Geddes of Musquodoboit. Dorothy was daughter of William Putnam, pioneer settler at Maitland, Hants County, then at Meadowvale, Upper Stewiacke, Colchester County, and his wife, Dorothy Prescott, called Dolly. William d. July 9, 1831 aged 86 (so Samuel Creelman necrology for Upper Stewiacke, 1786-1831) and Dorothy d. 1839 in her 91st year (so gravestone on the family farm, Meadowvale). William was son of Caleb and Elizabeth (Nurse) Putnam of Danvers, Mass.; see Putnam genealogy, 1891, which carries the line back to John Putnam, 1580. / R.G.
- Q-250. O'Brien. The Patrick or Pactic O'Brien of Upper Gaspereau who had several children cannot be the same as Patrick O'Brien of Noel, Hants County (not Noel Shore). The latter Patrick did not marry and lived by the Noel Lake in what is now called Gormanville; he was son of William Switchel O'Brien (1789-1857) and wife Nancy Harvey, grandson of Robert O'Brien (1749-1818) and wife Janet McLellan (1752-1820), and gt-grandson of Timothy O'Brien (1725-1777) who settled in Noel about 1772 and is the progenitor of the O'Briens of eastern Hants County. / R.G.
- Q-283. Wilcox. The will of Benjamin Wilcox of Newport, dated 1793 and proved 1813, does name a grand-daughter Esther, but she is Esther Harvey, not Esther Wilcox; the will calls her "daughter of the late James Harvie". She was b. ¹⁷⁸⁴Jan. 8, 1785, the dau. of James and Alice (Wilcox) Harvey, and she m. Michael Casey and settled in Rawdon, Hants County. The Esther Wilcox who married Michael Salter was probably daughter of Stephen Wilcox of Kempt Shore, Newport Township, for Stephen's will, dated Apr. 12, 1811, proved Jan. 4, 1825, names wife Phoebe, son Benjamin, and daughters Esther Salter and Mercy Card. / R.G.

--We urge readers answering queries, or receiving answers to queries, to send us an abstract of the answer for inclusion in this section of the newsletter.

Recent Acquisitions at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

1. Adamson. The Adamson family of Dumfriesshire, Scotland and Pictou, N.S.. by Angus Baxter. Traces the family of James William Adamson, ca.1795-1880.
2. Blois. The Blois family of Douglas Township, by Douglas E. Eagles. Descendants of Abraham Blois, 1747-1839, who married 1734, Sarah Margaret Kilcup of Windsor.
3. Boutilier - see Fraser
4. Bower. Some notes on the Bower family of Shelburne.
5. Burrell - see Shaw
6. Card. The descendants of Richard Card in Kings County, now Hants County, N.S., 1973.
7. Comeau - see Gouthro
8. Demay. The Demay family and the Wilson family, by Ida Demay Wilson. United States families.
9. DeBandy - see Garesche
10. DesChapelles - see Garesche
11. Feltmate. Material on the Feltmate family of Guysborough County.
12. Fraser. 13 pages on the Fraser family, 1727-1970, of Timberlea and St. Margaret's. Also contains references to the Boutilier and Marriott families.
13. Garesche. The Garesche, DeBandy, and DesChapelles families, by Dorothy Garesche Holland.
14. Gouthro. The four sons of Honore Gautreu and Ann Commeau, their antecedents and descendants, by Professor Harold N. Carr, Sr

15. Johnson. Genealogy of the Johnson family of Cape Breton.
16. Knowles. Descendants of Richard Knowles, 1673-1973, by Virginia Knowles Hufbauer. Mostly early settlers of Eastham, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. 852 pp.
17. Marriott - see Fraser
18. Marshall. Genealogy of the Marshall family of Pictou County, N.S., by Bryce G. Marshall. Descendants of Robert Marshall, "Deacon", who went first to Prince Edward Island aboard the Lovely Nelly in 1775 and later moved to Middle River, Pictou County.
19. Minard. Records from the family Bible of Edward Minard, Milton, Queens County.
20. Murray. Records of the family of Rev. Perez Ford Murray, Liverpool, Queens County.
21. Nickerson. Descendants of William Nickerson, 1604-1689, first settler of Chatham, Mass. Has information on early settlers in Liverpool and Barrington, Nova Scotia.
22. Nickerson. Notes on the descendants of Thomas Nickerson of Norwich, England.
23. Pearson. Genealogy of Col. Thomas Pearson, by Eugene L. Pearson. History and genealogy of Col. Thomas Pearson who settled at Rawdon, Hants County, following the Revolution.
24. Ramsey - see Wright
25. Schurman. William Schurman, Loyalist, of Bedeque, Prince Edward Island, and his descendants, by Ross Graves, 1973. 2 vols., 1223 pp.
26. Shaw. A genealogy of the descendants of John Shaw and Mary (Burrell) Shaw, by Daniel Turner. References to Valley and Yarmouth families.
27. Winter. A history of Philip Winter and his descendants, by C.A. Winters. Philip Winter was one of the early German settlers at Lunenburg.
28. Woodworth. History of the Woodworth family, descendants of Walter Woodworth, Scituate, Mass., 1630-1633. Much information on Stephen Woodworth who came to Milford, Hants County; prepared by Mrs Annie Wallace.
29. Wright. Information on the Wright and Ramsey families of West St. Andrews, Colchester Co.
30. "Nova Scotia Settlers from Chatham, Massachusetts, 1759-1760" by Elizabeth Pearson White, in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, vol 62, June 1974.
31. Headstone inscriptions, old Elgin cemetery, Pictou County, by Donald F. Maclean.
32. Index to the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, volumes 1-50.

Sources for Research - Kings County

Unless otherwise noted, all material is at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Halifax.

A. Introductory

Kings was one of the five original counties established Aug. 17, 1759. Its name is an expression of loyalty to the British crown. Kings County can prove of some difficulty to genealogists because its boundaries have been twice altered: initially when Hants County was carved out of it in 1781, and secondly when the Township of Parrsborough was cut off from it in 1840.

Some of its earliest settlers, the Acadians, were expelled from Nova Scotia in 1755. Between 1760 and 1763 more than 45,000 settlers, the New England Planters, came to this area of Nova Scotia, and this influx was supplemented in 1784 by the arrival of many Loyalist families.

Present day Kings County occupies 842 square miles of land. Its population in 43,249 and the county seat is Kentville, population 5,176, named after the father of Queen Victoria, Edward, Duke of Kent.

Agriculture is the main source of income for the Annapolis Valley area. More than 32% of Kings County is used for this purpose (the provincial percentage is 20). Acadia University, founded in 1839 by the Baptists, is another important contributor to the area's economy.

There are a number of published works which can be of use to genealogists. These include:

A .W.H. Eaton, History of Kings County

C .S. Hamilton, History of Kings County

E dythe Quinn, A History of Greenwich

N ot p ublished but available at the Archives is Crowell's Scrapbook of New Englanders in Nova S cotia.

B . Cemeteries

Canard. Typescript, 5 pages. Inscriptions from some tombstones, copied by W.C. Milner, 1920.

Chipman's Corner. Typescript, 12 pages. Inscriptions from some tombstones, copied by W.C. Milner, 1920.

Cornwallis. Typescript, 4 pages. Church Street cemetery, 1 page. St. John's Church, 3 pages. Copied by W.C. Milner, 1920.

G rand Pre. Typescript, 3 pages. Some inscriptions from the Grand Pre graveyard, copied by W.C. Milner, 1920.

Kentville. Typescript, 2 pages. Inscriptions from some tombstones, copied by W.C. Milner, 1920.

Scot's Bay. Typescript, 1 page. Inscriptions from some tombstones, copied by Paul DeWolf.

Wolfville. Typescript, 9 pages. Anglican Churchyard, 4 pages. Wolfville Churchyard, 5 pages.

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C. Census Records

- 1770 - Head of family, number in the family, country of origin, land and stock.
- 1838 - RG 1, vol. 449
- 1851 - RG 1, vol. 452½
- 1861 - Head of household only.
- 1871 - Name and age of every person in the household.

D. Churches and Communities

- vonport - History. Typescript, 5 pages. History of Avonport, compiled by Joyce Duncan.
- Aylesford - Anglican, 1789-1909. Typescript, 57 pages. Register of baptisms. Before 1789 baptisms at Wilmot and Aylesford were recorded in the Cornwallis Township book. Aylesford does not appear after 1817.
- Register of marriages, 1790-1909. Includes Wilmot and Aylesford (very infrequently after 1817) and Bridgetown (1830 to 1850 when it became a separate parish).
 - Register of burials, 1790-1909. Aylesford appears very infrequently after 1817.
 - St. Mary's Anglican, 1791-1950, microfilm, 2 reels, 1817-1861; typescript, 53 pages. Reel 1: baptisms 1803-1936; marriages 1791-1794, 1817-1937; burials 1817-1932; also some records from Morden and a few from Berwick, baptisms, 1817-1861. Reel 2: minutes of parish and vestry meetings, 1864-1950.
 - 1760-1800. History. Typescript, 1 in. History of Aylesford and Wilmot, 1760-1800 by Rev. E.M. Saunders, read before the Nova Scotia Historical Society, Apr. 13, 1897.
 - History. Typescript, 11 pages. History of St. Mary's Anglican Church by Henry Van Buskirk, Falmouth, 1922.
- Berwick - Christ Church Anglican, 1900-1930. Microfilm, 1 reel. Minutes of annual parish meetings, vestry meetings and church accounts.
- see also Aylesford.
- Canaan - see Grand Pre.
- Canard - 1835-1961. Dykes. Originals, 6 in. Dyke book and correspondence and minutes regarding the Wellington Dyke on the Canard River.
- Canning - United (formerly Methodist), 1856-1962. Microfilm, 1 reel. See Cornwallis United.
- History. Typescript, 16 pages. "Canning in the Seventies", by Margaret Ells.
 - Petitions, 1856-1857. Originals and typescript, 4 items. Petitions of the inhabitants of both sides of the Habitant River in Cornwallis Township regarding dykes. A large number of signatures.
- Cornwallis - Baptist, 1804-1822. Typescript, 2½ in. Marriages 1804-1822 by Rev. Edward Manning.
- Baptist. Originals, ½ in. Note book kept by Rev. James Parker, 1812-1876, Baptist minister: funerals attended (1855-1874), persons baptised (1856-1874), and marriages (1855-1875)
 - Methodist, 1815-1905. Typescript and microfilm, 2½ in, 1 reel. Baptisms 1815-1827; marriages 1815-1827. Also on reel with Grand Pre: Horton United Church - marriages 1825-1895; baptisms 1819-1904; burials 1901-1905.
 - St. John's Anglican, 1775-1967. Typescript and microfilm, 2½ in., 2 reels. Baptisms 1830-1902; marriages 1783-1911; burials 1830-1918; microfilm: baptisms 1789-1969; marriages 1783-1967; burials 1830-1967. Also on microfilm with St. Paul's, Halifax, reel 2: baptisms 1775-1795; marriages 1775-1794; burials 1775-1794 (names not often given).
 - United, 1819-1968. Microfilm, 3 reels. Upper Canard [formerly Presbyterian]: pastors 1835-1966; communicants 1896-1941; elders 1864-1968; baptisms 1893-1962; marriages 1898-1962; deaths 1903-1962; session records 1857-1920; minutes of meetings of the Official Board 1937-1963. Canning [formerly Methodist]: baptisms 1856-1962; marriages 1856-1962; burials 1915-1962; membership roll 1856-1955; minutes of meetings of the Official Board 1890-1954; subscribers to the Provincial Wesleyan 1854-1856; includes Scott's Bay, Hall's Harbour, Canard, Sheffield Mills, Pereaux, Habitant, Woodside, Centreville, Saxton Street, Borden Street. Kingsport [formerly Congregationalist]: minutes 1819-1848, 1871-1886, 1886-1942; births 1863-1943; marriages 1863-1944; burials 1863-1948; members 1871-1951; letters and papers 1836-1902; a typed history of the Congregational Church of Cornwallis, N.S.; a typed "Brief Historical Sketch of the Emmanuel United Church, Kingsport and of Canard United Church, Upper Canard, N.S."; a printed "Declaration of the Faith, Church Order and Disciplines and Covenant of the Congregationalists", 1846.
 - 1795-1862. Minutes. Photocopies, 60 pages. Minutes of meetings of the Township of Cornwallis.
 - 1840. Temperance. Originals, 3 pages. Temperance petition from the Township of Cornwallis.
 - 1795-1862. Town meetings. Microfilm, 1 reel. General town meetings. Six documents containing notes on Cornwallis and Onslow Townships, mostly undated.
 - 1760-1824. Township book. Originals, 9 in.; microfilm, 2 reels. Births, marriages,

and deaths, 1720-1784. Township meetings 1771-1792. Land surveys, 1761-1873: a list of contents is available.

- 1760-1874. Township book. Typescript, 2½ in. Deaths 1760-1825; burials 1784-1826; births 1720-1874; marriages 1740-1867; town meetings 1771-1862; list of inhabitants with their children and date of birth [1771-1822].

Grand Pre - Horton United. Microfilm, 2 reels. Baptisms 1819-1904; marriages 1825-1895; burials 1901-1905; minutes 1847-1945.

- St. Charles des Minis, Roman Catholic, 1707-1748. Microfilm, 1 reel. Baptisms 1707-1713, 1717-1748; marriages 1709-1748. These records are in French.

- History. Typescript, 14 pages. A history of Grand Pre.

Greenwich - see Grand Pre, Horton United

- History. Typescript, 2 pages. A history of Greenwich by J. Bishop.

Horton - History. Typescript, 6 pages. "Old time at Horton".

-1824. Letter. Originals, 1 page. Elisha DeWolf to Hon. Charles Morris.

Horton Township - St. John's Anglican (Wolfville). Typescript and microfilm, approximately 10 pages, 1 reel. Baptisms 1823-1876. A few very early vital statistics are on St. Paul's, Halifax, reel 2. Baptisms 1775-1795; marriages 1775-1794; burials 1775-1794 (names not often given).

- 1751-1883. Township book. Originals, 1½ in. Births, marriages, and a few deaths; cattle marks.

- 1751-1889. Township book, microfilm, 1 reel. Births, marriages, and deaths 1751-1889. Register of cattle marks c1777-1882; list of types of cattle marks; list of legally qualified medical practitioners 1827-1873. (This book is apparently not the original but a copy.)

- 1740-1877. Township book, microfilm, 1 reel. Births, marriages, and deaths 1740-1877; cattle marks 1761-1837, 1837-1845. (This book is apparently the original.)

Kentville - St. James Anglican, 1893-1968, microfilm, 3 reels. Baptisms 1893-1957; marriages 1893-1968; burials 1893-1962; confirmations 1933-1956. A very few early vital statistics are in St. Paul's, Halifax, reel 2; also MG 4 # 18 for some baptisms, 1823-1876.

See also Horton Township and Cornwallis Township.

- History, typescript, 13 pages. A historical sketch of Kentville by E.J. Cogswell.

Kings County - Methodist. Microfilm, 1 reel. Baptisms 1819-1904; marriages 1825-1895; burials 1901-1905. Includes Horton, Cornwallis, Grand Pre, Amherst, Canaan, Falmouth, Greenwich, Gasperaux, Hantsport, Kentville, Lockhartville, Lower Horton, Mount Denson, New Minas, Wentworth, Windsor, Wolfville. See also Grand Pre; Horton United; Annapolis Valley Methodist.

- 1763, 1780s. Fines. Originals, 5 pages. List of those fined for "breach of Sabbath, breach of Peace, Drunkenness, Swearing, etc." by Handlay Chipman, J.P.

- History. Microfilm, 1 reel. History of Kings County by M.E. Roscoe. Akins' Prize Essay.

- 1762. Marriages. Originals, 4 pages. List of marriages performed by Handlay Chipman, J.P.

Kingsport - see Cornwallis

Lockhartville - see Grand Pre

Medford - History. Typescript, 28 pages. History of Medford compiled by the Women's Institute, 1950.

Morden - see Aylesford

New Minas - see Grand Pre

New Ross Road - see Falmouth

Noggin's Corner - History. Typescript, 8 pages and microfilm, 1 reel. History of Noggin's Corner, Wolfville, Kings County, N.S. by J.H. Bishop, 1918.

Port Williams - see Cornwallis Township.

- 1720-1921. House. Originals and typescript, ½ in. Information regarding the Starr family who settled at Starr's Point, Kings County and regarding the house "Edgemere" and orchards on the property.

Somerset - History. Typescript, 6 pages. History of Somerset.

Upper Canard. Presbyterian, 1902-1961. Originals, 5 in. Treasurers' accounts of Women's Missionary Society, 1903-1961. Minute book of Ladies' Aid Society 1902-1961.

Wolfville - Methodist. See Grand Pre, Horton United, 1 reel.

- St. John's Anglican, Parish of Horton, 1945-1970. Microfilm, 1 reel. Vestry minutes 1945-1970; booklets; list of committees; rental schedule Parish Hall, Mar. 8, 1964; duties of Parish Hall caretaker, Feb. 28, 1964; list of parish members and telephone numbers, January 1969. See also Cornwallis Township, St. John's.

- History. Microfilm, 1 reel. Two histories of Wolfville by H. Johnson Bishop of Horton.

E. Municipal Records

RG 34 vol. 26 - Quarter Sessions 1760-1812

RG 34 vol. 48 - Quarter Sessions 1812-1844

RG 34 vol. 49 - Quarter Sessions 1845-1867

RG 35, series D, vol. 3 - Register of officials, such as coroners, high sheriffs, postmasters, etc. - 46 officials listed.

F. School Papers

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

RG 14 vol. 40, 1809-1834

RG 14 vol. 41, 1835-1850

RG 14 vol. 42, 1851-1882

There is now available for use of researchers at the Public Archives a 216 page index of the educational holdings. This index is only available for use in the Public Archives.

G. Vital Statistics

RG 32 vol. 55, Deaths 1864-1866

RG 32 vol. 56, Deaths 1867-1868

RG 32 vol. 57, Deaths 1869-1870

RG 32 vol. 58, Deaths 1871-1872

RG 32 vol. 59, Deaths 1873-1874

RG 32 vol. 60, Deaths 1875-1877

RG 32 vol. 115, Marriages 1864-1866

RG 32 vol. 116, Marriages 1867-1870

RG 32 vol. 117, Marriages 1871-1875

There are also two volumes of Marriage Bonds, 1763-1860. These cover the entire province and are arranged in chronological, not alphabetical order.

Bulletin Board

The Genealogical Helper is published quarterly in the months of March, June, September, and December at 526 North Main St., Logan, Utah, by the Everton Publishers. This is printed especially for those who wish to do their own genealogical research. If interested, write for latest subscription rates. I highly recommend this Helper. / Mrs Fred Ebersole, 2140 Midland Road, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387

For the scrapbook: Jehu Mosher (ca.1754-1851), son of James and Lydia (Allen) Mosher. New England Planters in Newport Township, Hants County, had two wives and twenty-two children. He named a son Noah, another son Ark, a daughter Rachel Dove, another son Branch, and another daughter Olive. Sources: William Mosher's Mosher genealogy, 1891, pp. 6,7; William Mosher's necrology, P.A.N.S. --For this corner of the Newsletter we would be interested in hearing of other cases of unusual names in Nova Scotia families, or anything along that line that has turned up while researching a Nova Scotia family.

POSTSCRIPT: The "British Columbia Genealogist" recently reviewed the book "WILLIAM SCHURMAN LOYALIST AND HIS DESCENDANTS" by Ross Graves, our Editor.

" Received from Dr. Earle D. MacPhee, a pamphlet on the book... by Ross Graves, a graduate of Acadia University. This book is the first family history to be published by Mr. Graves and culminates over four years of intensive effort. His connection with the Schurman family is through his wife, Elizabeth, a sixth generation Schurman, who is also a school teacher, as is Mr. Graves. Following is the opening paragraph of the book:

Nearly two hundred years ago William Schurman, a Loyalist refugee from New Rochelle, New York, settled in what is now Central Bedeque, Prince Edward Island. Children and grandchildren grew up to marry and establish homes of their own on the Island, in the neighbouring provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, on the French Island of St. Pierre, and in the United States. William had eleven children, eighty-eight grandchildren, over four hundred great grandchildren, and well over a thousand great-great-grandchildren.... in all his descendants up to the present time cannot number much under fifteen thousand.

Mr. Graves has included in this pamphlet an interesting page analysis and Dr. MacPhee suggests that any who write such a history may want to check his or her effort against the performance set by this book.

Some of the features of the book are:

- Maps: In a removable 24 page booklet, there are six maps and ten charts. Maps locate Prince Edward Island, include a modern map of the Island and an enlargement of the Bedeque area. Reproduced are mid-nineteenth century maps of the Bedeque area. End papers have additional old maps.
- Charts: The ten genealogical charts provide a complete visual reference for the first four generations. Descendant numbers give direct access to the text.
- Index: A computer has been used to compile a complete index including cross reference entries for nicknames and maiden names of married descendants as well as wives of descendants.

Mr. Graves makes his home in Upper Stewiacke in the interior of Nova Scotia. He has lectured on genealogical research and edits a genealogical newsletter sponsored by the Nova Scotia Historical Society. Over a twenty-year period he has traced an estimated thirty thousand descendants of hundreds of pioneer families in eastern Hants County and the Stewiacke Valley of Nova Scotia.

Price of "WILLIAM SCHURMAN LOYALIST" is \$38.25 from the M.F. Schurman Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 1390, Summerside, P.E.I. C1N 4K3.



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