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Editorial: We are pleased to report that sufficient copies of our recently published Queens County History, "A Time There Was", have been sold to date to pay for the balance of the cost of printing these books. We are thankful for our Bicentennial Grant and also to those people who have helped in the sale of books thus far. Thanks to Kings County Historical Society. Response from buyers has more than met our expectations at this point in time. Many are buying books for Christmas gifts. Some have been sent as far away as Saskatoon and to London, England. We have outlets for books at N.B. Museum; Westminster Books, Fredericton; The Blue Unicorn, Sussex; Minto Gift Shop; Tupper's Corner Store, Chipman; McConnachie's and Jeffrey's Stores at Cambridge Narrows; Vail's at Coles Island. Also obtainable from a number of our members.

This is an Anniversary for our Newsletter. Our first Newsletter was published in December, 1980. We now print 150 per issue. A number of these go to the U.S. I would like to quote from our Editor, George W. Secord, in Vol. I, #1; "It is already too late to snatch much of our heritage from oblivion; but what remains let us find. Let no man say of us when we are gone, 'they came, they went, but they saw not'. If the Newsletter encourages our Historical Society members to uncover some forgotten links in our past, we will not have toiled in vain."

Please keep in mind that our February and March meetings will be afternoon meetings to permit driving to them in daylight in those months.

William Hughes and His Family (continued from Vol. 4, No. 4)

Edward Philip Hughes (son of William Hughes) lived in Keswick and St. Stephen. A grandson, Victor Poole, still lives in St. Stephen. Victor's son Winfield is a professor at St. Thomas University. Edward married Charlotte Yerxa, a grand-daughter of Royalists who came from N.Y. to Keswick in 1783. Some of their great-grandchildren are talented artists and authors. A granddaughter, Mabel Edna McLeod Stewart wrote the words and music for a hymn.

Benjamin Nunn was the second Baptist minister in William's family. As a young man he was subject to deep religious impressions. He was baptized at the Narrows in 1850. In the winter of 1855 he helped his brother in revival services at Hillsboro. Later the Second Cambridge Church gave him a licence to preach. He studied at Fredericton Seminary then accepted a call to the Mougerville Church where he was ordained in 1858. His pioneering work as a Baptist minister was commended by the late Prime Minister Bennett. He was twice married (first to Margretta Good of Jacksontown who bore him six children, then to Melissa Alice Perry of Havelock).

Benjamin's eldest daughter Lizbeth Belle was a missionary. Born in Jacksonville, 1868, she graduated from Provincial Normal School at age 17 and began teaching in a country district. She started the first Sunday School in that place. After attending Acadia University she volunteered for missionary service in 1895. After a year's study at Newton Theological Seminary, Boston, she sailed for Burma. She taught in Morton Lane School for Girls. During furlough she studied at Columbia Univ. and became principal of the school on her return which position she held for 20 years. In 1919 the British Government bestowed on her the Kaiser-i-Hind medal for service as Burma's leading educator of women. Returning from furlough in 1923, she started another girls' school and started an American School for missionary children. She helped to raise funds for a rest home. She and a friend built their own home which was always open to missionaries and other friends. During World War II she was asked to leave for India. Later, returning she found her home and the Rest Home in ruins. In 1959, she was persuaded to go to the Moulmein Christian Hospital. When it was taken over by the military government in 1965, she returned to America to a nursing home in Virginia where she died in 1966.

Martha Hughes married William Humphrey of Canaan. They lived in Saint John having three sons and three daughters. Edwin Llewellyn, William's youngest son, farmed in Millbrook. He married Mary Ann Long and had seven sons and six daughters. Except for Sarah Louise, all remained in New Brunswick. Their descendants are engaged in a variety of trades and professions.

\*\* Rev. Kenneth Hughes

Former Students and Graduates of U.N.B., published 1924 (continued from Vol. 4 No. 4) Other early graduates of U.N.B. from Queens County were:

Rev. Frank Baird, B.A. 1896, Presbyterian Minister and author from Chipman. One of his many books is "Roger Davis, Loyalist".

Albert P.C. Belyea graduated in engineering in 1906. He became District Engineer at Edmonton, and Director of Surveys for Alberta.

James Austin Belyea graduated from U.N.B. in 1868, became an attorney in 1874, and was a successful lawyer.

George B. Carpenter, B.A. 1913, became a high school principal in B.C.

Dr. Philip Cox from Sheffield received his B.A. in 1871. He was principal of Gaagetown Grammar School, taught in other schools, later becoming Professor of Science at U.N.B.

Robert J. Fanjoy, Youngs Cove, B.C.L. 1924, became Clerk of the Peace for Queens County.

Muriel V. Farris, Waterborough, B.A. 1924, married Dr. Robert D. Baird, Fredericton. She was a well-known teacher.

Alma Kate Gale, Youngs Cove, B.A. 1916, taught in Saint John High School.

J. Mc Donald Gilchrist, Hampstead, B.Sc. 1908, had a successful career in engineering and forestry, but is best known in World War I as a naval officer. Andrew Fulton Johnson, B.A. 1886, graduated in theology from Princeton. He became a Presbyterian missionary to the Sioux Indians of South Dakota. He was an authority on them and wrote several books on their life. James A. Johnson, B.A. 1882, M.A. 1884, was from Queens County, as was Hazen F. Keith who graduated in arts in 1866.

Dr. Elmor Tilley Kennedy, Youngs Cove, B.A. 1908, graduated in medicine from Chicago University and served overseas in the C.A.M.C. For a time he represented Kings County in the Provincial Legislature. Marshall Everett Mott, B.A. 1889, was ordained into the Episcopal Church 1894.

Maude MacLean, Waterborough, B.A. 1893, became a teacher in the Harvard School, Cambridge, Mass. Edward Henry McAlpine, K.C., Cambridge, B.A. 1869, was a teacher and later lawyer, becoming agent of the Federal Min. of Justice. Francis Joseph McNamara, Coal Creek, entered in 1919 as Queens County's first Forestry student. Stanley Stevens Nason, had served overseas in World War I. He came from Welsford. Later he taught in Montreal High School. Charles Wesley Nevers graduated with B.A. in 1887.

John Ernest Palmer, Hampstead, B.A. 1905, received his M.D.C.M. from McGill in 1909. He became a surgeon at St. Peters Hospital, London, England, but he later came to practise in Calgary. Frederick Patterson, Jenkins (near Codys) B.A. 1913, taught in N.B. and later in Montreal. James Garfield Perry came from Hibernia in 1902 but died before completing his course. Emerson Clarence Rice, Wickham, B.A. 1914, M.A. 1918; B.C.L. King's 1921, went to Petitcodiac.

Clara Robinson, B.A. 1907, and Greta Robinson, B.A. 1912, entered from Cambridge. They taught in N.B. and in the West.

Arthur Reid Slipp, Hampstead, entered in 1887. He received his L.L.B. from Boston University, admitted to the bar 1893, M.L.A. for Queens County, Min. of Lands and Mines, Judge of York, Sunbury and Queens County Courts. William Odbur Slipp, Hampstead, B.A. 1868, was a successful teacher.

Leonard Arnsley Smith, Youngs Cove, entered the engineering course in 1920. Otis P. Smith, B.A. 1882, became an attorney in 1885. Charles Rutherford Starkey, Codys, took a course in Civil engineering after returning from overseas in 1919. He became a well-known Deputy Land Surveyor.

\*\* M.G. Otty

A "Wickham News" item appearing in the VALLEY BANNER of August 29, 1953, reads: The W.I. of MacDonald's Point attended the District Convention at Cambridge on Aug. 21. Their demonstration on Cultural Activities was much enjoyed, especially the history of Uncle Davy and Aunt Amy.

NOTE: In the February, 1984, Newsletter, an article appeared entitled "Uncle Davey's Mill". This article was supplied by Allan McDonald. In this issue of our Newsletter, we are pleased to publish an article "Aunt Amy Blizzard" for which we are indebted to Elsie MacDonald Clark.

Aunt Amy Blizzard: Aunt Amy, as she was known by her relatives and friends, was of Loyalist stock. Her father Albert Akerley came from New York and settled in the Parish of Gaagetown. He married Lucy Ward of Cumberland. They had twelve children, two sons and ten daughters. One of the daughters, Amy, married Thomas Blizzard at age 19, on Nov. 19, 1811, at Cambridge, Queens County, and continued nearly three score years. Sixteen children were born of this marriage, eight sons and eight daughters. One of the daughters, Isabella, married William Smith of McDonald's Point. It was here Aunt Amy came to live after the death of her husband in the autumn of 1868.

Aunt Amy was of the Free Baptist religion having been baptized by the Rev. W.E. Pennington stationed at the time at Wickham, Queens County.

Aunt Amy was a remarkable woman, having lived in three different centuries. She was born Aug. 16, 1792, lived through the 1800's and passed away April 7, 1900, lacking four months and a few days of being one hundred and eight years old. It was believed that she was the only person ever to have lived to this age in Queens County.

Beginning when she reached the age of 100, relatives, friends and neighbors got together and honored her each year with a birthday party. Large crowds gathered, some coming up from Saint John by steamboat. A purse of money was always made up which gave her some spending money of her own for at that time there was no old age pension. Had there been, Aunt Amy would have given the government a run for its money.

Aunt Amy was an interesting old lady and could tell many interesting stories. One story was that one summer in her life it was so cold that very little grew. Her favorite pastime in her later years was making quilts, many of which she gave away to friends and relatives.

At the birthday parties tables were set up on the lawn, with Aunt Amy in the place of honor at the head table. Food was in bountiful supply and it was the gala event of the year especially for the children of the neighborhood. A photographer always came up from Saint John to take pictures. He was a Mr. Salmon and was related in some way to Aunt Amy.

Aunt Amy passed away quite suddenly, only sick for a few days. Thus ended a generous-hearted life. She was to have been buried at McAlpine's Cemetery but owing to the condition of the ice in the river, it was decided to bury her at McDonald's Point and here a marble slab marks the last resting place of this remarkable woman.

\*\* Elsie MacDonald Clark

Editor's Note:

The death occurred on July 31st of this year of George Fisher Estey who was born in Codys at the home of his grandparents, George Fisher and Maggie Bell Fisher. Maggie was a daughter of Maria Little whose father was Dr. William Bell Little. Dr. Little graduated from Edinburgh University in 1819. He set up his practice in Cambridge, N.B. He had a family of 12 children. Many of his descendants were outstanding. George Estey visited the old home in Codys each summer. He was a member of our Queens County Historical Society and took a great interest in its activities. The following item is of interest.

George Estey, 60, B.U. Professor dies: A memorial service was held in the Hancock United Church of Christ in Lexington for George Estey, a professor of rhetoric at Boston University's College of Basic Studies and author of numerous textbooks and articles on writing. Major works among his writings were: College Writing, Just Rhetoric, and College Writing: The rhetorical imperative.

"George was a very demanding task master. He expected very high standards of his students as well as himself. He was a perfectionist: a consummate teacher", said Brendan F. Gilbane, dean of Boston University's College of Basic Studies. Gilbane recently recommended Prof. Estey to the position of associate dean. He said that Estey was a man of the highest integrity.

A native of Codys, N.B., Prof. Estey was raised and educated in Arlington and graduated from High School in 1942. He earned a bachelor's degree from Tufts Univ. in 1952, graduating magna cum laude in English and cum laude in History. In 1954 he received a master's degree in English literature from the Univ. of Connecticut and received his doctorate in the same discipline in 1960 from the Univ. of Illinois, with minors in history and philology.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1948. In 1947 he served as an orientation instructor in the Information and Education Program in West Germany.

He was a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Conference of College Composition and Communications, and the New England Assn. of General and Liberal Studies. He had been listed in "Who's Who in America" since 1980.

He leaves his wife, Barbara (Brown) of Lexington; his mother, Eileen Robertson of Arlington; two sons, Gregory of Cambridge and Robert of Concord; a sister, Margaret, of Cambridge; and a brother, Donald, of Denver, Colorado. Our Historical Society extend sincere sympathy to the family. \*\*\*\*\*

Notes from St. John Daily Telegraph, May and June, 1896  
Jemseg, May 25, 1896: Forest fires are raging throughout the vicinity. A fire between the Lower Jemseg and Den Roads has destroyed acres of woodland. The residents of these roads are fighting the flames both day and night to save their dwellings.

Chipman, May 30, 1896: The Presbyterians of this place intend building a church in Chipman Centre this summer for which a site has been selected near the manse, and about \$1000. has been subscribed.

June 16, 1896: Mr. Worden, the first officer of the steamer "Star" is now lying very ill at his home at Johnston, Queens County, with an attack of sciatic rheumatism and is not expected to take up his duties on board of the Star for a number of weeks on account of his illness.

Died: Samuel L. Tilley, June 25, 1896, in his 79th year.

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Before Christmas

One thinks of days long vanished,  
Of old friends far and near,  
Neath the sparkling skies of evening  
And the frosty airs of morn,  
There is gladness, wonder, welcome  
In the waning of the year  
As nearer draws the Day of Days  
When Christ the Lord was born.

The glow of expectation,  
Deep thoughts and plans sincere,  
The many joys and treasures  
No other seasons bring,  
The short days are o'er flowing  
With all that makes life dear  
As hearts well up with love to greet  
The Birth Day of the King.

Charles L. Patterson

RECIPES:

Ginger Snaps (This recipe was from Mrs. Machum of Saint John and Oak Point who said it was very old)

3 cups flour                                  2 tsp. soda                                  2Tbs. ginger  
1 cup bacon fat                                  1 cup molasses

Warm bacon fat and molasses, then cool a little. Add to flour mix. Mix at night. Bake in the morning. Roll thin as possible. 350° approx. 15 Minutes.

\*\* Sandra Keirstead Thorne

Caraway Cookies

1 cup shortening                                  ½ cup brown sugar                                  ½ cup white sugar  
1 egg    salt    3 tsp. vanilla  
1½ cups flour    1 tsp. cream tartar                                  ½ tsp. soda  
1 Tbsp. caraway seeds

Roll into balls but do not flatten. 375° for 10 minutes.

\*\* Sylvia Hamm

Railroad Cake (150 year old recipe)

½ cup shortening                                  1 tsp. vanilla    1 tsp. nutmeg  
1 cup sugar    1 egg    1 cup chopped raisins

2 cups sifted flour and ¼ tsp. salt sifted together

1 cup sour milk or buttermilk to which a tsp. of soda has been added

½ cup nutmeats (optional)

Method: Cream shortening. Add vanilla and nutmeg. Beat in egg. Mix in raisins. Mix and sift together flour and salt, and add to creamed mixture alternately with sour milk in which soda has been dissolved. Bake in greased pan at 350° for 50 minutes.

\*\* Pearl Snodgrass

NOTE:

The first two recipes were used at our garden party this summer. We sampled the result of the last recipe at our November meeting. All were delicious. They didn't use mixers in the old days!