## QUEEN'S COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER Vol. 2, #3 Published June 1982, Queen's County, New Brunswick, Canada Editor: Dawn Bremner, Jemseg, N.B. EOE 180

EDITORIAL: The April meeting of the Society was the annual meeting and the new officers are:

President: Russel Bond, Cody's, R.R.#1, N.B. EOE 1DO 1st Vice-President: Dorothy Hetherington, Cody's, N.B. 2nd Vice-President: Don Drury, Cody's, N.B. EOE 1EO Secretary: Cheryl Dykeman, Jemseg, N.B. EOE 1SO Treasurer: Mary Colwell, Jemseg, N.B. EOE 1SO

Committees were appointed/reappointed as follows: Newsletter: Dawn Bremner, A.P. Hetherington, Fred Corcoran, Jim Hargraves A.P. Hetherington, Marion Reicker, Dorothy Hetherington, Dawn Bremner, Roberta MacLean, Dorothy Wilson, A.L. Denton Publications: Programme: Ted Bremner, George Goettling, Dorothy Wilson Marketing: Mary Colwell, with additions as required.

Surprisingly for this day in age we find that we are in fairly good economic shape and as a result our membership fee for the coming year, 1982-83 will be maintained at \$3.00. However, postage could become a serious problem. Everyone who is on our current 1981-82 and 1982-83 membership lists will receive this Newsletter and the notice of the August picnic and the June and September meetings. The October-November natice of meeting will be mailed to you too; however please note that the October Newsletter will be mailed only to those of you who hold a current membership. If you received this Newsletter in the mail please examine the address. Those of you who are not members for the 1982-83 year will find a \* beside your name indicating that action should be taken before October.

We appreciate having you as members, there are eighty of us as of May 17, and we hope you enjoy your association with us. Also as Society members you are very welcome to send us suggestions, corrections, queries, and articles to use in our Newsletter. It is only through co-operative effort that newsletters like this one thrive and grow, and we hope that more and more members will participate during this Society year.

\*\*M.D.B.

Publications Committee Report:

I am very pleased with the quantity and quality of the historical material received to date. However, there are quite a number of items still needed before we can start putting the book together. Some of these are: Any stories from your area, relating to haunted houses, ghosts or the

supernatural;

Any information regarding the following places: Annidale (copper mine); Goshen; Sheba; Waterloo; North Forks; Bronson; settlers along the old turnpike road, branching off to the left from the Den Road (#695) shortly before reaching the Fanjoy property; the settlement along the old road

from Lower Jemseg to #695.

Anything you know of any of these places is history:- especially names of families, where they came from, i.e., Ireland, England, when they left, any interesting anecdotes. This material may be given to any member of the Committee at the next meeting, or may be mailed to them. Thank you. \*\*Marion Reicker

Report on Cemetery Project:

During the summer of 1975 and throughout the following year members of the Queen's County Historical Society worked by times on a "Cemetery Project". The aim of this project was to locate and record the genealogical information from as many Queen's County cemeteries as possible. As you very well know the small family cemeteries: some are kept in goed our county is dotted with small family cemeteries; some are kept in goed repair while others are overgrown and in some instances even their existance has been forgotten. We tried to locate as many of these small private cemeteries as possible so that the information recorded there could be preserved. A few larger "Church" cemeteries were recorded also but the majority of our list was small forgotten graveyards. A lot of this collecting was done by Mr. Fred Corcoran but several other members of our group contributed as well.

There are 47 cemeteries on our list but they tend to be mostly from the central area of the county, and no doubt there are as many as twice that number that have not been recorded. As was suggested at our May meeting, perhaps it is time for us to go back to this project and make efforts to complete it. Certainly, we have more members now from different parts of the county, so

very possibly several more graveyards can be found.

The material collected in 1975-76 was placed on file in the Provincial Archives, Fredericton, where it has been used by many people. That is probably the sensible place to deposit copies of any further material collected by us, but we should consider also the possibility of publishing our material in booklet form.

Those cemeteries already recorded are:

Old Anglican Chapel Cemetery - Robertson's Point Dykeman Family Cemetery - Dykeman Farm, Jemseg Titus Family Cemetery - Jemseg Farris Cemetery - George Gunter's Shore, White's Cove Colwell Cemetery - Colwell Farm, Lower Cambridge "Back" Cemetery - Baptist Church, Mill Cove Chapman Farm Cemetery - Central Cambridge Pugsley Cemetery - Waldow Farm, Central Cambridge St. James Anglican Cemetery Lower Jemseg Fanjoy's Point Cemetery - Waterboro Palmer Cemetery - Scotchtown Hanselpecker Cemetery - Scotchtown Grand Point Cemetery - Douglas Harbour Iron Bound Cove Cemetery - Grand Lake Starkey Graveyard - Starkey Farm, Cody's (1 stone)
Big Cove Baptist Cemetery - Big Cove
Pickett's Cove Cemetery - Lakeview on the Washademoak
Corcoran Farm Cemetery - Cambridge Church of the Good Shepherd Anglican - Cambridge Perry Point Baptist Graveyard - Perry Point, Cody's, R.R. # 1 United Church Cemetery - Narrows Mullin Graveyard - Hammtown Ridge Hill Cemetery - Hammtown Narrows Baptist Cemetery - Narrows Cemetery on Ernest D. Thorne Farm Lot # 10 Gunter Family Cemetery - Upper Gagetown near Gunter's Wharf Chase Family Cemetery - Upper Gagetown, near Gunter's Wharf Hendry's Field, Colwell Farm - Lower Cambridge (1 stone) St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cemetery - the Den Secord Private Cemetery - Long Creek Starkey's Private Cemetery - Starkey's Wharf Coles Island Anglican Cemetery - Coles Island Worden Private Cemetery - Cody's Hetherington Private Cemetery - Commission West Private Cemetery - Coles Island
Small Family Cemetery - near Highfield
Two "Thorne" Cemeteries - near Cody's, Lots #20, 21
Appleby Family Cemetery - Appleby's Point, Washademoak Lake
Clark Private Cemetery - Archie Clark Farm, Douglas Harbour St. Paul's Anglican Church Cemetery - Goshen Old McLaughlin Farm Cemetery - Mill Cove New Canaan Cemetery - Rte. 112, near County line

A small number of the 27 cemeteries in the Camp Gagetown area were recorded by Cleadie Barnett. Those completely recorded are:

Rte. 7 (near Mt. Douglas Ski School)
Lake Baptist Extension
Methodist (United)
Hill Baptist Cemetery
Machum Cemetery

## QUEEN'S COUNTY BIOGRAPHY: ELIZABETH ROBINSON SCOVIL, R.N. (1849-1934)

When this talented woman died in England in November 1934 she was known not only as a nurse but as a writer, lecturer, and organizer. Although born in Saint John on April 30, 1849 her home for many years was "Meadowlands", Lower Jemseg. Her parents were Samuel James Scovil, barrister, and Mary Eliza (Robinson) Scovil, a granddaughter of the Loyalist Colonel Beverley Robinson. Her father died May 3, 1883 aged 67 years. His tombstone in St. James Anglican Churchyard at Lower Jemseg indicates that he was a son of the late James Scovil and a Justice of the Peace who "for 38 years resided in

this Parish and was repeatedly elected a M.P.P. for the County". Mary Eliza died Nov. 18, 1895 and is buried there also. Elizabeth was a sister to Colonel Morris Scovil of World War I fame.

In The Canadian Churchman, March 28, 1935 the following tribute was paid to her:

"Elizabeth Robinson Scovil, distinguished daughter of New Brunswick, Canada, veteran registered nurse of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and internationally well-known writer and lecturer on nursing and kindred subjects in November of last year passed away to Higher Service.

Up to the time of her death, Miss Scovil, although in her 86th year, continued in remarkably good health, actively interested in the various lines of endeavour which had constituted her life work. In 1930 Miss Scovil published her twenty-first book; and it was only two summers ago that she addressed the graduating class of nurses at Greenville, South Carolina, and so impressed were they with the inspiration and appeal of her message, that the Hospital authorities had her address specially boundaries decorated vellum to be placed among their Archives."

The tribute continues in the same vein. Elizabeth Scovil had entered Massachusetts Ceneral Hospital to train in 1878. Following graduation for 10 years she was the Superintendent of the Infirmary of St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, a large church school for boys. She also served for 6 years as Superintendent and Instructor in the Newport Hospital, Newport, Rhode Island. In 1903 following the death of her sister-in-Jaw she returned to Meadowlands where she stayed until after the Great War to raise her brother Morris' children.

This quiet farm must have seemed isolated to her after her active life in the States but "she devoted time to writing, kept up her outside friend-ships, saw that the household moved on its way, that the children kept healthy and happy, and that the livingroom table was piled with books and

Her writing was at first "an outgrowth of her nursing experiences". Her first book was "The Care of Children" and her last, published in 1932 was "Common Ailments of Children". For 12 years she was on the editorial staff of The Ladies Home Journal for which, among other things, she wrote "The Mothers' Department" on the care and training of children. For over 20 years she was on the staff of the American Journal of Nursing and was also for more than a dozen years a department head on The Canadian Nurse. Besides numerous articles for these journals and other periodicals Miss Scovil continued to write books on nursing and related subjects. In 1933 an article in Mother and Child the "official organ of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare" published in London was titled "Home Care for Invalid Children" and was "marked by the same clear practical style which characterized this veteran nurse through her many years of authorship".

Elizabeth Robinson Scovil obviously made a name for herself in international nursing circles as both nurse and author. We can speculate on the enormous changes in her profession between 1878 when she began training and her demise in 1934, and it seems clear that she kept abreast of these changes. throughout her long life. It is pleasant to recall that this remarkable woman had her roots in Queen's County.

\*\*Marianne G. Otty, M.D.B.

The following letter was addressed to Mr. Thomas Moore, Churchtown near Carndonagh, County of Donegal, Ireland. It was never sent, because it was learned that Thomas Moore was on his way to Canada:

> New Jerusalem, 28th June 1840.

Dear Brother Thomas:

I received your letter yesterday which was a great consolation to us to hear from you all, and that you were all in good health which is one of the greatest blessings of Providence to the children of men. We have great reason to adore that Divine being who has spared our lives and has given us health, and strength, unto this present moment - I am sorry to hear that James oldest

daughter has departed this life - and I make no doubt but it is a great grief to them, her being called away in the bloom of youth, but I sincerely hope that she was prepared to enter into the joys of her Lord. We have present 8 children, never lost any yet, the youngest is about 3 monthsold, we call her Mary Jane - the second youngest is 2 years old the first day of April last - we call him Robert Thomas, our oldest boy John, came from St. John yesterday and brought your letter with him from Moore Scott - I understand that Robert Dorcas came to this country again - and was the bearer of these letters- I understand that he is dead and buried since he came to St. John, what sickness he had, or what was the occasion of his death I know not as I was not in the City this summer myself yet.

I have not seen my Brother John since about twelve months ago, I saw him then in St. John. He was well looking in every respect. He then told me he was going to settle on a farm as soon as He would return back - and I expect he has as I have not heard of him being in St. John since.

He has lived most of his time since He came to this country in a place called Salmon River, a great place for getting timber for shipping home to Europe - there are a great many acquaintances there from Malin who chiefly worked at the timber trade - The part of the country where I have settled is different in some respects from what I have last mentioned, they do not grow large timber on this land, the timber that grows here is called hardwood, being of a hard nature and best for firewood, therefore the land where this hardwood grows is best for cultivation - and most of the land in this Settlement is equally as good as the Land about Carndonagh when it is properly cleared and put under cultivation.

There is one great benefit that the farmer enjoys here that after he has once paid for his land it is then a freehold for ever. The Landholder pays no rent, no Thythe, no Taxes whatever - only a small tax yearly for the support of the poor of each Parish.

You wished me to give you an account how land sold here and concerning the quality - Land generally sells here according to the quality, improvements, and situation where it lies, a lot of 200 acres, with improvements made thereon being in a public Settlement will generally sell from 200 to 300 pounds and some more -

Dear Brother my chief motive in writing to you at this time is to encourage you to come here as soon as possible after you receive this, perhaps there may be some vessels coming to St. John, after you receive this if there are settle your affairs with speed and let not trifles prevent you. I would advise you to marry some prudent and virtuous woman before you leave home and she will be an advantage to you here. If Providence spares you to arrive here safe you will find a friend and brother in me -

Remember me to Brother Robert and all the family and though he has forgot me I have never forgot him. I hope his son David is a fine boy and growing in knowledge and grace as He grows in strength and age - Remember me to Alexander and family - To Archibald Scott and family, I intend writing to Moore Scott the first opportunity after this - Remember us to Father and Mother and Robert in Collin - and may the Lord bless and sanctify you all is the sincere wish of your affectionate Brother David Moore ---

\*\*Marion Brewster