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Editorial: Your new Editor feels inadequate to fill the place so ably filled by Dawn Bremner. Please support your new Editor and Committee by sending us plenty of interesting material that you would like to see in your Newsletter. You as members can help to make the Society's Newsletter a real success as each issue is published.

Our Annual meeting in April elected the following slate of officers: President: Myra D'Aoust, (Jemseg), Youngs Cove Rd., N.B., EOE ISO
1st Vice-Pres. Anne McLaughlin; 2nd Vice-Pres. Jen Sullivan
Secretary, James Hargreaves; Treasurer, Canon B. J. Buckland
Program Committee: Dawn Bremner, A.P. Hetherington, Sherry Dykeman

Announcements

Information on the following up-coming events has been sent to us. We hope all of our readers will enjoy this BI-CENTENNIAL summer.

The play "Jemseg Days" is to be presented at Cambridge Rural High School on June 18th at 8:30 p.m. Script for this play was written by Lorna Ferris and based on the history of Fort Jemseg. The cast are from Cambridge High and the play won honourable mention at the recent Drama Festival held in Fredericton.

Whites Cove, Jemseg, Lower Jemseg, and Lower Cambridge will hold a joint Bi-Centennial Celebration at the Recreation Centre, Jemseg, on Aug. 6th. Balloons, flags, games, wagon rides, and a turn at making ice cream will be enjoyed by the children. Don your Bi-Centennial "duds" (or come as you are) and help to make this day a special one in 1984.

June 2 -2:00-5 p.m. Fun for Handicap Children, Minto Fire Department

June 10 -11:00 a.m. BiCentennial Church Service, Trinity United Church, Bring picnic lunch.

June 11 - 2 p.m. Miners' Day - U.M.W. Coal Miners Monument dedication at U.M.W. Building, Minto.

June 13 -2-4 p.m. Golden Anniversary of first Graduating Class, Minto (W.I. Hall, Minto)

June 15 - 7 p.m. Legion BiCentennial Ball and Dinner

June 18 - 9:00a.m. - 4p.m. - N.B. Birthday Party

June 28-July 1, Minto Fun Days. June 30, Homecoming Day, Gilbert Mem. Park. (Sunrise Interfaith Service at 6 a.m.), 7 a.m. Community Breakfast, Holy Rosary Hall; Parade 12:00 -2 p.m. followed by tours of various schools; 3-6 p.m. Barbeque; 9 p.m. Street dance.

July 12- 2 p.m. - Senior Citizen Picnic - New park near Fish Hatchery

Aug. 6- Community Picnic, 12:00 noon, Gilbert Memorial Park.

4 p.m. - BiCentennial Jamboree

Sept. 8- 10:00-4:00 , Flea Market, Minto Centennial Arena.

Parishes of Waterborough, Johnston and Brunswick - June 16, Birthday Celebration. Fun and Games, Lakeside Provincial Park, starting at 11:00 a.m. Hot dog sale by youth group at noon. Bring picnic basket for supper. Birthday Cake and ice cream.

July 2 -Community Barbeque, sponsored by Lions Club, Coles Is., 4 p.m.

Aug. 4,5,6 - HomeComing Weekend. Parades, Races, Displays, Reunions, Community Supper (Make reservations through Arthur Hetherington, Treas.) Watch for further announcements.

Sept. 1 - Corn Boil and Sing-a-long. McLaughlin's Shore, Waterborough

A WORDEN PILGRIMAGE - Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16, 1984 East Dennis, Massachusetts, U.S.A. For further information, please contact Mrs. Norma Gilbert, 39 High St., Moncton, N.B., EIC 6B4

QUERY - Can anyone tell us who were the parents of Albert W. Purvis? U.N.B. Perspectives, May 1984, says he was a native of Gagetown. He was a well-known educator and administrator whose teaching posts included U.N.B. and University of Massachusetts. He died on March 15th, 1984, at Presque Isle, Maine.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lorne Chase who passed away since our last Newsletter was printed. We shall miss Lorne attending our meetings with his wife Dorothy. Our deepest sympathy goes to her.

Biography: Aaron Jenkins Perry, 1876-1952

Aaron J. Perry was one of the many prominent people descended from Dr. William Bell Little of Cambridge. He was a grandson. The late Dr. H.G. Perry of Acadia University was a double cousin. The following article was written by the late Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, a former President of Acadia University.

"A distinguished Baptist scholar and son of the Maritimes passed on with the death of Aaron Jenkins Perry at Victoria, B.C., on January 7, 1952. Dr. Perry was born at Perry's Point, Cody's, Queens Co., N.B., seventy-six years ago. After graduating from the Provincial Normal School, Fredericton, in 1893, he taught school for five years and then entered Acadia, graduating with the 1901 class and taking an M.A. (in Latin) the following year. He took a second M.A. (in English) at Yale University in 1903, and in due time completed most of his courses for the doctorate at the University of Chicago. His main work, of almost thirty years' duration (1912-1941), was done at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, where he rose to be a full professor and head of the department of English. Acadia University honored him with a D.Litt. degree at its centennial in 1938. He was a tireless researcher, concentrating his efforts on the palaeography and lexicography of Middle English as found in rare mediaval manuscripts in the British Museum, London, and the Bodleian Library, Oxford. His chief publications dealt with the works of the 14th century author, John Trevisa, and were issued by the Early English Text Society. Dr. Perry was twice married, first in 1905, to Mary Ellen Keith (died 1929) of Havelock, N.B., and second in 1933, to Jennie May Parent, of Queensbury, N.B., who survives him. They had moved in 1945 to Victoria, B.C., where their home became a Mecca for old friends from Manitoba and from the Maritimes.

I was a colleague of Dr. Perry's for eighteen years and know him as a man of unquenchable intellectual interests. He read books as other men eat meals, hundreds of them every year. His unremitting research in mediaval philology was mitigated by his bold swimming in a sea of modern imaginative literature - poetry, fiction and the drama.

He was also a man with a deep religious faith. In Winnipeg he was a member of the First Baptist Church and served for many years on its board of deacons. On removing to Victoria he identified himself with the Emmanuel Baptist Church there. Undergirding all his life was a profound religious belief, according to the tradition of his forebears. Even while he lived he had found anchorage in eternity."

Loyalists: In this year of 1984 when so much is being said about Loyalists, the following clipping from The Telegraph Journal in 1936 may be of interest.

IS GRANDDAUGHTER OF FIRST LOYALIST BABE IN PARRTOWN

"CODYS, April 14 - Mrs. Joseph W. Hetherington, of Codys, celebrated her 82nd birthday on April 13. Before her marriage Mrs. Hetherington was Joicey Starkey, daughter of Arthur Dingwell Starkey, and a granddaughter of William Perry, the first Loyalist baby born in Parrtown (Saint John).

Married at the age of 15, Mrs. Hetherington came to the farm where she lives now, and has lived there for 67 years. Mrs. Hetherington has seven children now living, of whom the eldest Horton B., is in New York. The others are Luther R., a school inspector in N.B.; Mrs. Hudson White, Saint John; Mrs. Wm. Briggs, Cambridge; Mrs. Miles Thorne, Saint John; Mrs. Thomas Fanjoy, Codys, and J. Blake of Codys. Mrs. Hetherington has 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Of her seven children six were school teachers, and of her 12 grandchildren, four are school teachers.

In spite of her advanced years Mrs. Hetherington is still as active as many a younger person, and often goes for long walks. Beloved by young and old, Mrs. Hetherington is "Aunt Joicey" to a host of people."

NOTE: Mrs. Wendall Sansom is a granddaughter of Joicey Starkey and attended the above party when her daughter Shirley was just learning to walk as a toddler. One correction has been made to the original clipping which came from Miss M. Otty's collection. The original said that Joicey was a daughter of John Starkey which was an error. The William Perry who was Joicey's grandfather was the son of the 1st William Perry in the Loyalist Perry family history (the one who came in 1783). It is interesting to note that Mrs. Joicey Hetherington, Elijah Starkey, and Daniel Keith were all three eligible to become members of the United Empire Loyalists' Association as well as the D.A.R. / S.A.R. (Daughters / Sons of the American Revolution), since they had ancestors fighting on both sides during the Revolutionary War.

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With her canvas all aplean,
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With a norther in her beam;
She's a husky Fundy drogher
Built and named by Blunose men,
Cleared from Liverpool for Melbourne
Now she 's homeward bound again.

Cross seas and angry seas,
Seas of spume and foam,
Thunder 'gainst the clipper ship
Roaring grandly home;
Main and skysails drumming home,
Royals running free,
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And hold the world in fee,
As he drives the Marco Polo,
And runs her reeling down
From Australia's Port of Melbourne
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Soaks her lee rail at the Horn,
Lifts the beacon-lights and bell buoys
At the Gateway of the Morn;
Brings her storming up the Channel
With a tempest in her shrouds,
Drops her anchor in the Mersey
To the thunder of the crowd's.

That is how Old "Bully" did it
With his tough dare-devil crew;
Trimmed the clipper to his liking,
Laid her course and drove her through.
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At this time of year our thoughts turn to schools and graduations. We became interested in "Old Days in Queens" column of THE VALLEY BANNER Aug. 15, 1953. The article mentions Gagetown Grammar School as "one of the province's oldest and most historic high schools". It lists three pupils who in that year attained First Division marks on Matriculation examinations: Peter Onno, Robert Barrigar, and Norma Reid.

We continue to quote from Par. 3: "It is an easy transition of thought from one of New Brunswick's oldest schools, to the oldest university in the province, - the University of New Brunswick, which for many years has been preparing public leaders for their careers, here or in distant fields. A study of the "Register of Former Students and Graduates of U.N.B." issued in 1924, shows that a large proportion of Queens County students entered U.N.B. from the Gagetown Grammar School, and in many cases provided Canada with outstanding leaders in law, in the Church, the field of medicine, as teachers, and more recently as engineers.

First student from Gagetown was Timothy Robert Wetmore, in 1827,

who became a B.C.L. in 1830; second was John J. Millidge, who received his B.A. in 1830. Others who were students at U.N.B. in those early days were: Gabriel DeVeber, B.A., 1841; barrister in 1846; James W. DeVeber entered in 1838; Thomas Millidge Johnston, 1849, and James Robert Currey, who became an attorney in 1848. Law was a favorite field for Gagetown students. The J.R. Currey mentioned above, had a son, Lemuel Allan Currey, D.C.L., 1895. J. R. Currey's grandson, Adrian B. Gilbert, B.A. 1916, M.A. 1919, was a Rhodes Scholar, and a B.C.L. of Oxford University in 1922. He is a well-known Saint John lawyer. His brother, Lemuel Allan Gilbert, received his B.A. in 1914 and M.A. in 1918, and his B.C.L. from King's College in 1922. He is a High School teacher in Vancouver.

John R. Dunn, one of Queens County's best known men, entered U.N.B. in 1881, taught school, became a barrister in 1890. He was Master of the Supreme Court of N.B., and for many years Clerk of the Peace and Registrar of Probate for Queens. Arthur W. Ebbett, Lower Gagetown, became a barrister in 1891, opening up a successful law career. Wendall B. Farris, K.C., who came over from White's Cove to G.G.S., became one of the most outstanding lawyers in B.C.. A leading corporation lawyer in Baltimore, Md., is Russell L. Snodgrass, B.A., 1918. He taught in the Canadian West, and graduated in law from Dalhousie. (to be continued next issue)

Recipe/ Receipt: (from an old Cook Book owned by Charlotta Powers Robinson)

Gingerade: Dissolve 3 pounds of loaf sugar in 2 gallons of water, add the well-beaten whites of 3 eggs and 2 ounces of ground ginger (Jamaica). Moisten the ginger with a little water to make it smooth before adding to the whole. Now place this in a porcelain kettle over the fire, bring slowly to the boiling point, skim and stand aside to settle. When cold add the juice of 1 large lemon and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a yeast cake dissolved in 2 table-spoonfuls of warm water. Mix thoroughly and strain. Fill into bottles, cork tightly, tie down the corks and set in a cool place. It will be ready for use in two days. Will keep perfectly for ten days. This is a delicious and wholesome warm weather drink, and as a rule agrees with most people.

SYMPATHY: As we finish the printing of our June Newsletter, the members of our Queens County Historical Society have been saddened by the death of one of our valued members, Roberta Gilchrist McLean. She will be missed not only in our Historical Society, but also in her Church and community. Our sympathy is extended to her husband, Burtis McLean, and to all of the family. Marion Gilchrist Reicker, author of "Those Days Are Gone Away" is a sister.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our new Queens County History has gone to the Printers. We expect that it will be off the press in time for sale this summer.

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Petersville and other abandoned
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by
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