

EDITORIAL:

After being in print for 2 years, now is the time to look at the relative merits of our newsletter and at the possibility of changing our format. If you have comments or suggestions to improve our product please mention them to us before our February letter is begun.

We publish 5 newsletters per calendar year, usually in February, April, June, October and December. Volume I, our first year's work, actually contains 6 publications because our first newsletter appeared in December 1980. Volume II contains 5 newsletters and we expect to continue this schedule with one Volume per calendar year. There is of course the possibility of increasing the pages in our newsletter, and at some future date a supplement might be considered. Indeed, this month includes our first supplement, an index of the material appearing in Volumes I and II.

Our editorial board is considering some new features for future newsletters, and if any of you have suggestions please contact one of us. We feel an obligation to concentrate upon material particularly relevant to Queen's County life but if you, the membership, would prefer a wider scope please say so. After all this is your newsletter and each one of you is entitled to input.

QUEEN'S COUNTY BIOGRAPHY: Mrs. Coles Carpenter 1802-1894

This woman died in the winter of 1894, and while she was not especially noteworthy herself her long and active life was interesting and is perhaps typical of many others in her generations.

She was born Catharine Green, youngest daughter of the Loyalist James Green and his wife. She was married first on Nov. 20, 1821 to Mr. Willett Carpenter Jr. "of St. John". Her second husband was Coles Carpenter who had been previously married to Sarah Elizabeth Robinson (1814-1837). The obituary indicates that Coles and Catharine (Green) Carpenter had ten children, eight of whom were still living in 1894. Perhaps someone could provide the Editors with a list of these children for inclusion in a future newsletter.

Note that in 1786 Queen's County had only 4 parishes, Gagetown, Hampstead, Waterborough and Wickham. In 1839 the Parish of Johnston was taken off the Parish of Wickham, and in 1852 the Parish of Cambridge was taken from the Parishes of Wickham and Waterborough. So Wickham in 1802 did not have the same boundaries as the Parish of Wickham does today.

"REMEMBERED THE WAR OF 1812 - Death removed from our midst a few days ago an aged resident who was at one time well and widely known. We refer to Mrs. Coles Carpenter, who died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. Harvey, on Germain street. Mrs. Carpenter lived the longest of a family who were noted for their longevity, and although ninety-two years of age the ravages of time had not impaired her faculties. Mrs. Carpenter was the daughter of James Green, an officer in the British army, who, after serving in the revolutionary war, came to St. John with the Loyalists in 1783. He removed to Wickham, Queens Co. The deceased lady, who was his youngest child, was born at Wickham in 1802. She was twice married, her first husband being Willit Carpenter, a man-of-war officer, and her second the late Coles Carpenter, of Wickham, who died in 1878. They had a family of ten children, eight of whom are now living. Mrs. Carpenter's great memory made her a most interesting person to converse with. Many little incidents in the early history of St. John she remembered vividly, and she never grew tired in telling about some of the more important events. She recollected the war of 1812, and witnessed the departure of the old 104th Regiment from St. John to Quebec on their famous march on snowshoes. She also remembered and could graphically describe the scenes attending the large fires that devastated St. John in its early days. Up to the last her memory was clear and retentive. She could repeat long verses of poetry and whole chapters of Scripture. She was an earnest and sincere Christian, being a member of the Baptist denomination. Her remains were temporarily interred in the cemetery vault, and as soon as navigation opens they will be taken to Wickham for interment. Four generations were represented at her funeral."

Memorial Poetry, a Victorian Fashion

In the last newsletter we printed the verses composed on the deaths of Gilford and Joseph Colwell who were drowned in the wreck of the Castalia. Those of you who read them through probably recognized them as belonging to the same tradition as Mr. Inch's sentimental temperance poem, Little Blossom. In fact, during the last two decades of the 19th century this sort of writing enjoyed a great vogue. It was at the height of the Victorian era and sentimentality flourished. The poems are remarkably similar in content and tone, and the popular press carried hundreds of examples each year. Since the last newsletter, we have come across poems written on the following occasions. We have these poems on hand as well as Little Blossom and the mournful Victorian Christmas ballad called The Mistletoe Bough which we heard at our last Christmas party. Should anyone want copies, they may contact the editors.

1. Lines written on the deathbed scene of James W. Hawks of Chipman who was fatally wounded in a brook of logs in New Hampshire on the 26th of April, 1886 and died the 2nd of May after 6 days severe suffering, aged 25 years. Composed by William Hawks, July 19, 1886, Fulton Brook, N.B.
2. "In memory of Ella M. Slipp who died Feb. 11th, 1897, composed by John W. Slipp, Lower Hampstead, Feb. 11, 1898." From the poem we hear that Ella was "early in life, called home to rest".
3. "In Memoriam, Lida Palmer A.B., died April 1, 1898, composed by H.A. Palmer, Scotchtown, N.B. April 15." In the poem Lida "felt fell disease his fatal work perform". The Palmers were "literary" and this is a fairly good poem. From the content it seems that H.A. Palmer was her husband.
4. "In Memoriam, Lines composed by George Durost on the death of Mrs. Walter Farris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gunter, who died October 25, 1899 in the 22nd year of her age." Mr. and Mrs. Gunter lived at White's Cove. Mrs. Farris's given name was Sadie. She left one son, Arthur Farris, and was the older sister of Myrtle Gunter (Mrs. Herman Dykeman).

School Return

This is a School Return prepared in 1844 for the Washademoic Road School, which is District #3(?), Parish of Johnston. The teacher is a young single female called Catherine M. Flewelling who is 17 and who has not yet obtained a license. The pupils and their ages follow. We would like to know the precise location of this school; would anyone who recognizes any of the family names and knows where they lived please contact the editors.

Vantassel, Ann	19	Appleby, Ann Charlotte	11	Appleby, George	8
Vantassel, John	17	Vantassel, George	10	Farmer, Robert	8
Vantassel, Reuben	15	Vantassel, Josiah	9	Vantassel, Jane	7
Flewelling, Cornelia	14	Farmer, John	9	Foster, Samuel	6
Vantassel, Rachel	13	Cochran, J. Mary	9	Cochran, Thomas	6
Flewelling, M.L. Mercy	12	Vantassel, Margaret	8	Cochran, John	5

An Early Remedy

A home remedy made of mullein was widely used for a dry, hacking cough. Boil 1 oz. dried leaves or 4 oz. fresh leaves in 1 pt. milk for 10 minutes. Strain through double thickness of muslin. Unless well strained tiny leaf hairs may remain in liquid. Sweeten with 1 T. honey and administer warm, a wineglassful at a time, as needed, the entire amount being taken in one day. Note: This same milk infusion has been given as a remedy for diarrhoea because of its mild astringency due to its tannin content.

Fredericton Walnut Toffee

"This brittle toffee was traced to a cookbook printed in London, England in 1735. The book, or at least the recipe, must have been brought to this country by the English settlers, for it has become a "Christmas Day favourite in and around Fredericton:

Butter a 9" square pan thoroughly. Spread in pan, $\frac{1}{2}$ C. walnut pieces. Mix together in heavy frypan 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ C. lightly packed brown sugar, 1 C. butter. Cook over medium heat (keep mixture bubbling), stirring constantly for 12 minutes. Pour toffee mixture quickly over nuts. Sprinkle over hot toffee 3 squares semi-sweet chocolate grated (or one milk chocolate bar broken into pieces). As chocolate melts, spread until smooth. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Chill and break into pieces.

Book Review

In this issue we want to point out the existance of two volumes of a series that promises to be an enormously useful genealogical tool. New Brunswick Vital Statistics from Newspapers 1784-1815 is Volume I, and Volume II is from 1816-1823. These are prepared by the Vital Statistics Committee of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society and both were published by the Society in 1982. Each book contains about 1600-1800 entries, all names found are indexed alphabetically, and there is a county and country index as well as a list of ships and regiments. The entries are brief but complete in terms of useful detail, and of course with the newspaper and date a search can readily locate the original entry if required. Together there are about 80 Queen's County items, and personally I have found it quite useful. There will be several other volumes in this series, they are limited editions of 500 copies each, and are available for \$10.00 plus \$2.00 for packaging and mailing from The N.B. Genealogical Society, Box 3235, Station "B", Fredericton, N.B. E3A 2W0. Also copies can be found in the N.B. Museum gift shop.

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Catalogue of Queen's County Built Vessels

Through the good offices of our President, Russel Bond, we have obtained a "List of all the Vessels remaining on the Register of each Port of the Province of New Brunswick on the 31st December 1879, with their Tonnage, Rig, place where, and year when Built, and the Names and Address of the Sole Owner or Managing Owner".

A study of this list shows that almost 20% of the vessels at the port of Saint John were Queen's County built. These included 84 woodboats, 46 schooners, 1 brigintine, 1 bark and 1 steamer. With very few exceptions the tonnage of woodboats ranged from 15 to 100 tons. The brigintine was 235 tons, and the bark was 693 tons. Ships, whose tonnage normally exceeded 1000 tons, were built at St. John, Portland, Rothesay and St. Martins.

We plan to publish the Queens County list in the next two or three Newsletters, and we have recently discovered that a similar list for 1867 is available. At some future date, perhaps a comparison of these lists would be possible.

Name	Rig	Tons	Where Built	When	<u>Owner or Managing Owner & Address</u>
Amaranth	Wbt.	71	Chipman	1876	Malcolm McKenzie, Portland
A.C. Watson	Schr.	112	Cambridge	1872	Thomas G. Starkey, Cambridge
A.F. Randolph	Schr.	155	Canning	1866	W.C. Warner, Digby, N.S.
Acacia	Schr.	99	Up. Gagetown	1873	Wm. Hamlyn, Portland
Ada	Wbt.	59	Cambridge	1866	Jas. F. Roberts, Waterborough
Adeline	Wbt.	48	Grand Lake	1849	M. McDonald, St. John
Alice S.	Schr.	69	Cambridge	1867	Miles Kerrigan, Carleton
Amy B.	Wbt.	60	Waterborough	1879	Donald McLean, Waterborough
Anna Currier	Schr.	105	Up. Gagetown	1867	Wm. W. VanWart, Wickham
Annie Olive	Wbt.	72	Grand Lake	1867	Joseph W. Belyea, Oak Pt.
Antelope	Wbt.	97	Newcastle, Q.C.	1858	David Bostwick, Wickham
Arcilla	Schr.	95	Cambridge	1871	Scammell Bros., St. John
Aurora Boreallis	Schr.	89	Cambridge	1867	Moses Cowan, Portland
Autumn Belle	Wbt.	80	Johnston	1874	W.L. Pitcaithly, St. John
Bertha	Wbt.	15	Scotch Town	1876	Daniel McDevitt, Carleton
Busy Bee	Wbt.	31	Canning	1876	James Flower, Canning
Bay Queen	Schr.	69	Grand Lake	1863	Alex S. Reece, Cambridge
Billow	Wbt.	62	Wickham	1868	Daniel A. Helms, Kars

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rig</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Where Built</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Owner or Managing Owner & Address</u>
Bride	Wbt.	64	Grand Lake	1854	D.M.Dickey, Canning, NS
Britannia	Schr.	66	Canning	1846	Edwd.G.Vernon, St.John
British Lion	Schr.	92	Grand Lake	1862	Chas.H.Peters, St.John
Buffalo	Wbt.	63	Grand Lake	1853	Thos.B.Theal, St.John
Champion	Wbt.	64	Cambridge	1876	Hiram D.Farris, Cambridge
Cambridge	Wbt.	63	Cambridge	1863	Edwd.A.Berry, Fredericton
Champion	Schr.	114	Waterborough	1874	Wm.Granville, Waterborough
Charlotte A.	Wbt.	32	Cambridge	1869	Geo.S.Akerley, Cambridge
Chieftan	Wbt.	60	Waterborough	1874	Aleither Camp, Cambridge
Andora Day	Wbt.	69	Washademoak	1866	Moses Prescott, Goose Cr.
Clyde	Wbt.	66	Grand Lake	1868	Wm.Stout Jr. Lancaster
Comrade	Wbt.	67	Grand Lake	1868	Wm. Urquhart, St.John
Condor	Schr.	57	Grand Lake	1854	Coles H.Carpenter, Wickham
Conductor	Wbt.	59	Wickham	1854	Payzant C. Belyea
Convoy	Wbt.	54	Grand Lake	1848	James Owens, Portland
Councillor	Wbt.	90	Grand Lake	1858	Chas.H.Peters, St.John
Cumberland	Wbt.	57	Grand Lake	1849	James Thiel, Westfield
Dartmouth	Wbt.	67	Newcastle	1855	Steph.G.Belyea, Johnston
Defiance	Wbt.	67	Waterborough	1876	Duncan McIntyre, Waterbor
Diamond	Schr.	39	Washademoak	1863	Geo.Stronach, Alesford, NS
Duke of Newcastle	Wbt.	65	Grand Lake	1864	Lloyd W.Andrews, Kingston
Dunrobin	Wbt.	55	Canning	1875	Calvin Phipps, Portland
Earnest	Schr.	79	Grand Lake	1867	Simon Tufts, St.John
Ellen F.	Wbt.	83	Canning	1874	Vincent S.White, St.John
Emma	Schr.	68	Grand Lake	1869	Samuel Reynard, St.John
Empress	Wbt.	77	Grand Lake	1855	Nehemiah Lee, Greenwich
Emu	Wbt.	66	Cambridge	1873	John Colwell, Cambridge
Evelyn	Wbt.	58	Salmon Bay	1874	Alex Gale, Waterborough
Ethel	Wbt.	78	Canning	1868	Chas.H.Clerke, St. Stephen
Exeter	Wbt.	77	Grand Lake	1855	Daniel J. Driscoll, Carleton
Flying Cloud	Bgtn.	235	Waterborough	1875	Barton Gandy, St.John
Forest Bells	Wbt.	69	Canning, Q.C.	1879	Jas.R.Granville, Indiantown
G.F. Baird	Schr.	94	Wickham	1872	Geo.F.Baird, St.John
Gazelle	Wbt.	84	Grand Lake	1855	Geo.G.Seeley, St.Martins
Go.Ask Her	Wbt.	80	Grand Lake	1856	Sam.Wilson, Cambridge
Gold Hunter	Wbt.	42	Canning	1871	John W.Keast, Cambridge
Governor	Wbt.	56	Grand Lake	1864	Thos.W.Spragg, Springfield
Guiding Star	Wbt.	57	Salmon River	1854	Matthew Balmer, St.John
Guitar	Wbt.	64	Grand Lake	1853	Jas.M.Rose, Westfield
Haley Ann	Wbt.	55	Johnston	1876	Chas.H.Hamm, Johnston
Hall & Fairweather	Wbt.	66	Grand Lake	1864	Edwd.Fanjoy, Portland
Harmony	Schr.	58	Grand Lake	1847	Wm.Cassidy, Deer Is.

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