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## North East Margaree - History

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TAKEN FROM THE CASKET PART 1

For twice a mile, between the hills, a road  
Cut from the banks above the high water mark  
Winds under hardwood trees, until the dark  
Big Brook once crossed, far circling crests are showed  
That form the shell for that most are geode  
The North East Margaree - its smiling park  
With homesteads as with crystals set, nearth stark  
Old Sugar Loaf in his cloud-capped abode

His arms two valleys are, the river curls  
In one, the other clasps the road.  
Behind His back they form Big Intervale, spread out  
Three miles of green. At length the river purls  
Beneath Cape Clear and disappears in blind  
Canyons, seeking its parent sprites no doubt

Seven miles from the sea the Margaree river divides into two main branches. The South-west comes down a distinctly narrow valley. It drains Lake Ainslie. The North east flows through a wider prospect, some eighteen miles of level lands in one place two miles wide. This is the district of North East Margaree, No. 10, in the county of Inverness.

There is no sure history of the name Margaree. It may be well to remember that in 1671 there were French families in Nova Scotia of the name Margery. The first settlement on the north side of the river was by French people.

There is a tradition with much to give it support that among the children at the time of the expulsion of the Acadians was a little girl of Grand Pre whose given name was Marguerite. She is said to have become the wife of the first man to settle at the mouth of the Margaree river his name being LeBlanc. In honor of his wife he called the river Marguerite. It is certain that for many years the name of the locality was so spelled both in private and official writings. With the coming of the English, the name is said to have taken its present form.

Leaving the Forks one enters the North East by a dug-way road at a spot where the hills are only a few hundred yards apart. They are about 600 feet high, the southern being the higher. This road is quite frequently overflowed. Once it ran along the shoulder of the hill instead of just above the level of the meadows. This narrow valley widens where the Big Brook comes in from the south. &y Big Brook one can go to Scotville on Lake Ainslie and a cross road once led from the Big Brook to South West Margaree. From the junction of the Big Brook the main stream turns north east and presently receives the Salt Brook from the east. From the low ridge between the Big Brook and the Salt Brook the view up the valley is very fine. For about two miles the road is almost dead level and straight. Then from the east comes the Lake O'Law brook which is called on the oldest maps, Lake Allah, a form for which we have been unable to secure any explanation. This drains three narrow but deep lakes. Its watershed is about seven miles to the east. Along this valley runs the road to Baddeck.

A few hundred yards from the Lake O'Law outlet a fourth brook comes in from the east. Its course is short but being spring fed it has considerable volumn. At this point the road rises sharply, "Methodist Hill" and so continues through the upper part of the valley. This hill is the exact geographical centre of the whole valley. In a little less than a mile comes brook number five, also from the east. This is the Nile, which runs through Egypt, and rises far back in the hills towards St. Ann's.

About ten miles from the narrow entrance to the valley there rises from its floor an isolated hill, Sugar Loaf. It is of the same height as the surrounding mountains. The children think that they see in its outline a sleeping elephant.

As one approaches the foot of Sugar Loaf the Marshbrook comes in from the west. The main stream passes to the left of Sugar Loaf through a picturesque valley which is not quite a gorge. A road once led this way but it was blocked by a great landslide in 1984. A stream variously known as Farquhar, Ingraham and Hatchery flows into the river from the eastern side of Sugar Loaf. We will use the name Hatchery. Crossing this brook three times and passing over a low divide one sees the river again and the noble Big Intervale, three miles long and half a mile wide. About half way up the Big Intervale two brooks come in, one on either side, the Stewart from the west and the MacKenzie from the east. At the head of the Big Intervale the Forest Glen comes in from the west. Its sources are behind Grand Etang. Straight north is diminutive Glaun A'Vabhain, [Bear Glen].The main stream turns sharply to the right and passing under Cape Clear is at once more lost in mountain gorges.

The present settlement of North East Margaree is on both sides of the river and the Big Brook and in a single line of farms on the Lake O'Law, Nile and Marshbrook, on the east side of Sugar Loaf and both sides of the Big Intervale.

### **Settlement**

Now comes the question of settlement. It began in the days of the Province of Cape Breton, 1764 -1820. The first grants of which there is any record were about the mouth of the river. There a town site, called Canmarthen, was laid out, with a public square half a mile from the water front.

For a time every grantor of so many acres in the valley was given as a bonus a town site of 100 x 65. The Golden Grove, seven miles up the river, was granted in 1791. In 1794 Captain Robert Cranton held 200 acres immediately west of Carmarthen. The first farm up the river from the town was that of Miles McDaniel who had previously lived at Port Hood and Mabou. Next up the river was Hazekiah Ingraham, an American from Hartford, Com. These men are mentioned because they or their children a few years later were among the pioneers of the valley proper.

## **Rossville**

Undoubtedly the first settlement was at Rossville. James Ross, whose father was a British soldier and whose mother was Rebecca Cross of Ireland was shown the valley by an Indian friend. He spent the winter of 1801 or 1802 with the Indian people of whom some thirty families made the North East their home. During the next two years his three brothers joined him. They took up 2200 acres, the entire central plain from the Big Brook to Methodist Hill, but they did not secure their patents for some years, William held from the Big Brook to the present Murphy Miller line. It is registered March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1810. Going north James came next. His land ran to the Baddeck Road and was registered July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1818. David next north, registered his property October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1811 and Edmund, furtherst north, on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1810. On Methodist Hill was John S Maloney followed by Styles Jacob Ingraham. From this point the properties will be listed as they appear in the first government blue print. But this must date at least as late as 1835 and perhaps several years later. For example, previous to his death in Halifax in 1835 James MacCormack controlled 924 acres in the upper central section of the North East. On his death the holding was divided. John Louis Ingraham secured 200 acres on the west side of the river; John Crowdis secured 210 and John MacCharles the adjoining 206, while on the Lake O'Law road Phillip Brown secured 20 and James Lishmann of Halifax 100.

## **The Homestead Age**

Once on a time new homesteads grew beside Each leaf strewn brook. The first log cabins sought By lusty bridegroom and by youthful bride Were scenes of sweet contentment, forest taught. As rosy children grew and clearings wide New homes were raised, hewn frames with tree nails caught, With birch bark sheathed, shingles and boards hand wrought. Fan shaped hall windows spoke a modest pride. Too soon the lure of city streets was borne Across the countryside and free men prayed For scanty chance to draw a slavish wage. The soil is jealous of the hearts that scorn Her love. Their homes deserted soon decay. New Scotland needs today that homestead age.

## **Mechanics**

The first blacksmith is said to have been a man by the name of Mudford. He was followed by Archie Gillis of S. W. Margaree whose forge stood about where Malcolm MacLeod's house stands. He afterwards went to Cheticamp and then to the Codroy valley, Newfoundland. James G MacDonald came soon afterwards. Ralph MacPherson started business in 1880. At the same place Crowdis, the merchant, employed before that a MacLean. One of the very first wheelwrights was William Miler Ross who was a very skillful man, James Murphy and his son also did considerable of this work. Edward Watson was an excellent cabinet maker. To this day almost every man in Cranton Section is a tradesman of some sort and several of them are masters of several trades.

## **Mills**

The first grist mill in North East Margaree was erected in Cranton Section by Captain John Phillips. He quarried the stones himself. When his water supply was found to be deficient he ditched a flume a half a mile long to use another brooklet. This proving a failure he raised his old dam. His grandson took one of the stones from the old mill and fashioned it into a headstone for him. It stands in the Congregational cemetery. His millwright was Stephen Trenholm of Shemogue, N. B.. The next mill to be set up was brought by water to Margaree Harbour from Antigonish by "Miller" Ross and John

Etheridge. It was first operated near the Rossville road and was later moved up by the Lake O'Law brook and finally sold to the MacDonalds at Rivulet. Nelson Dobson was an early miller on the Nile. Other grist mills were those of Ingraham's on the Hatchery and the McDaniels on Salt Brook. At Smith's hotel, "Kilmuir" named after the parish in Syke, some of the stones from these mills may be seen. They have been made into a walk from the street to the hotel entrance.

The last grist mill was that of John Crowdis who was for many years councilor for the district. He was very enterprising and had a most complete plant. In was one election his opponent was also a miller, but not on so extensive a scale and The Welcome Visitor, a mss paper published by the I. O. G. T. lodge, carried the following ditty:

Now Jonny don't mind  
You have left them behind  
If running a mill can get you votes  
He has but one I'm sure you have two  
You can saw for the tubs and grind oats.

One of the leading spirits in the I. O. G. T. at that time was the school teacher, a son of "California McLellan" of S. W. Margaree. The author became the Rev. Charles Crowdis of Halifax..

Before the carding mill came folk used hand cards. They can still be seen in use for the making of "bats" for quilts. Hand spinning was of course the rule. After potato digging every young girl was supposed to do a skein a day. Nine skeins was considered a good day's work. Ann Timmons and Elizabeth Burton set this mark. Madeline Ross has a record of ten skeins together with some house work but the record for all time was held by Viney Brown with eleven.

The first carding mill was set up by Stephen Trenholm on the upper Lake O'Law brook. The question rises did the Ross family buy from Trenholm? It would look as though they did. At any rate the Ross plant grew into a full fledged woolen mill employing at one time as many as twenty hands.

One of the early mill accidents in Margaree caused the death of Mr. Irish of Mabou. He was using a portable thrasher with a wooden steel bound cylinder and a hand rake to take away the straw from the oats. He was instantly killed by the explosion of the cylinder.

### **The River**

In the bounds of the district which we are describing the Margaree River is famous for both trout and salmon, though these fish are fewer in number than in the past. Most of the pools are permanent, and are, in order from the entrance of the district, Wash., Etheridge, Garden, Brook, Slate Rock, John McDaniel's, Bill McNorbet's, Sheer Dam, Phillip's, Centon Bridge, Crowdis, Nelson, Chip Hart. Then follows the longest stretch of the river without a pool. Starting again there are Rocky, Whitley, Hatchery, Jim Easter, Board's Back, Pat Ross, Black Rock. We are now in Big Intervale. The pools are Old Bridge, Ward's Rock, MacLeod's or Plaster, MacKinnon's, MacKenzie's, Dougal's Slide. We now move above the region of roads to First Forks, Malcom Doanld's, Rock, Grass, Second Rock, Second Fork, Rocky, MacCoy's, Reid's, Blue and Third Forks.

The following comments should be made: Wash appears as Nash in the tourist guide; Wash is right. It was at this pool that for years the Etheridge family appeared on Monday, the traditional wash day, and for that purpose. The Thompkins garden was for years beside the " Garden" pool. Brook marks the junction of the Big Brook. Norbet was a McDaniel, probably the first man in the valley who acted as a professional guide. At Steer Dam the government made an attempt to maintain the course of the river. Nelson is a survival of the name of Nelson Dobson, the miller. The brook entering here is now called the Nile. Whitley was a Disciple minister who was nearly drowned while crossing the river at this point. Easter, not Esther, was the name a woman and Jim was called by his mother's name distinguishing him from others. Dounald Back has been explained. Old Bragg holds the record for salmon. About 1930 Cecil MacKenzie of Big Intervale caught one there weighing 52 1-2 pounds. Malcom Donald was a MacLeod who nearly lost his life at that point. His rescuer was Flora Matheson. MacCoy's {MacKay's} is named after William, first of the name in Big Intervale. Together with Rory MacKenzie

he went there in the early days and swam the river with a rope in his mouth so that a salmon net could be drawn across the river. Ten barrels of fish were caught. Then the men cut down a huge tree and hollowed it out. In this the dressed fish were placed, in the salt which had been brought along. All was carefully covered with birch bark and then with earth and stones. When the river was frozen solid all the young folk of the village went on the five or six mile excursion to bring back the salted salmon. Every family bountifully supplied. Reid was an English colonel who camped by this pool for many years. After Three Brooks there is still twelve miles of fishing ground but the names of the pools are not within our province.

Early guides on the river were James Dunlop of Baddeck, John Carroll of The Forks, father of Judge Carroll, James Malcom McDaniel and James Bennett. Then came Duncan MacKenzie who was one of the first fly makers in the valley. Next came Peter McDaniel, Leo Carroll, Laurence Bennett, Joseph Doyle, Philip, James and Patrick Hannigan and Dan Jack Murray. One of the most famous fishermen to visit the valley was the Rev. E. T. Carbonnell of England who had fished all over the world. In the absence of local ministers he several times officiated in the North East. The river claimed many victims in the course of the years. The list includes baby Tingley, Annie Murray, William Fletcher, William Aucoin, Robert Phillips, Neil MacLeod, Allan MacLeod and Eliza Hart.

The river has also often robbed the farms. One of the earliest sufferers was William Burton, the first, whose intervale land was completely ruined. The two farms where Methodist Hill breasts the river also lost all their intervale as did the widow MacLean on the Forest Brook. At the present time several of the best farms in Cranton Section are in danger.

The lack of bridges led to an exchange of farms between the Marples of Ulva and the MacLeods of Big Intervale and the present location of their descendants, Angus MacKay, a student pastor of the Presbyterian Church waded the river after a long, hot walk from the Frizzleton and was so chilled that the seeds of death were sown. William Fletcher, McGill 1881, was on a Geological Survey work when he met his death. His brother Hugh married a Miss MacLeod whom he met at the same time, and dying at the Joggins, Nova Scotia, his body was brought back by his wife to be laid beside his brother.

One fishing party, consisting of Dan Murray, Neil MacLeod, Dougald MacKinnon, Peter Archie Stewart, Malcom MacLeod, Joseph Ingraham and William MacDonald, secured one hundred and sixty large trout in one day in the good old days.

The great flood of 1870 was called the Tom Crowdis flood because he was carried away in it and rescued with difficulty. Another great flood was that at Christmas 1905.

### **THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MARGAREE**

In writing a history of the Presbyterian Church in the Margaree district one is handicapped by an almost complete loss of Presbyterian Records.

In 1905 Rev. R. H. MacPherson, then pastor, published a two page summary and in 1921 Rev. John Murray in his history of the Presbyterian Church in Cape Breton gave the subject two pages. Mr. Murray made the natural mistake of supposing that the settlement of North East Margaree was by United Empire Loyalists. They were largely Congregationalists but only one family was certainly Loyalist and only one, or at most two more, Pre-Loyalists. With these exceptions the entire settlement of the valley was direct from the old land. We will use both of the above sources without further acknowledgement.

This congregation had great length and small breadth. Although an old congregation it never became strong for death and emigration combined to keep the number of families at not much more than fifty. It extended from Big Intervale at the head of the river to the Harbour at its mouth a distance of twenty-five miles, then westward to Chimney Corner, eight miles eastward to Cheticamp, seventeen miles. The Presbyterians were found in small groups along this fifty-two miles.

The first regular preaching in the district began in 1804 with one of the first four settlers on the river. Edmund Ross was a Methodist local preacher and when there was no minister, held service from date to about 1850. The first Methodist minister did not appear until 1836 and even after that visits were very infrequent until 1850 when the conference stationed a man in Margaree.

In 1803 Henry Taylor of Saltcoats settled in Margaree Harbour. He was the first known Presbyterian in the whole district. In 1809 Irad Harr settled at North East Margaree. He was the first Congregationalist. In 1810 Hector MacKay came from Argyleshire to Chimney Corner. In 1818 under the "Kirk" presbytery of Pictou Dr. MacGregor visited Mabou and could hardly have failed to hear of Margaree only 35 miles away.

In 1822 Rev. William Miller was settled at Mabou under the Presbytery of Pictou. In the same year the Congregational Church was organized at North East Margaree. In 1824 the presbytery of Pictou set apart Messrs. Hugh Ross and Hugh Dunbar to travel about Cape Breton, which they did for two years. One feels confident that they would visit Mabou and as there was a large body of Presbyterians at Strathlorne, only ten miles away, would likely reach Margaree only ten miles further. In 1825 the Glasgow Colonial Missionary Society was organized and its later efforts benefited Margaree.

Gaelic speaking people chiefly from the Isle of Skye began arriving at Big Intervale in 1827 and they continued to come until about 1840. The first of these was Angus Ross. In that year also John MacLean bought from the Fitzgerald's at Whale Cove. In that year more over Rev. John MacLennan of Belfast, P. E. I., and Rev. Donald Allan Fraser of Pictou Co. spent six weeks traveling the whole island and reported to the Presbytery of Pictou and the Glasgow society.

Rev. Aenaes MacLean spent the years 1829 and 1830 traveling on the island and in 1831 became the settled minister at Strathorne, then called Broad Cove. He stayed two years and we know certainly visited Margaree.

In 1830 the first Presbyterian Church was built at Whale Cove on the site of the first clearing made by John MacLean, halfway between the Taylors of the Harbour and the MacKays of Chimney Corner. This is still the site of the cemetery for this district.

In 1833 the Baptist Church was organized at North East Margaree. During the years 1833 and 1834 Margaree was visited by Rev. John Stewart, soon afterwards settled at West Bay, and by Rev. Alexander Farquharson soon settled at Margaree. His work included the Margaree. Mr. Farquharson made a careful survey of the entire district and suggested ten parishes of two congregations each. Over a long term of years this plan guided the Presbytery and served to give both continuity and strength to the development of the church in Inverness. In 1836 the "Kirk" presbytery of Cape Breton was organized with three ministers. Fraser of Boulardarie, Farquharson of Middle River and Stewart of West Bay.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, 1840, the first regular induction in Cape Breton took place. It was that of Rev. John Gunn to the pastoral charge of Strathlorne, Whale Cove and Margaree Harbour. Big Intervale, at the head of the Margaree Valley and 25 miles from the Harbour, continued under Mr. Farquharson until 1858. This arrangement was strengthened by the fact that a number of the Big Intervale families had come to Big Intervale from Middle River. For many years some of them went home regularly every Saturday so as to be at the service there. Perhaps it might be mentioned that Mr. Stewart had inducted Mr. Farquharson but he had been alone in the service. In MacDougall's history of Inverness it is recorded that Mr. Gunn said, when the finances were being arranged, "I will not take 60 pounds. I will not take 50 pounds but I will take 40 pounds if they will allow me to spend six weeks every summer with the poor people of Cape North who have no one to give them the consolations of the gospel." [There had been a Methodist organization at Cape North since 1812]. Dr. Gunn's name is outstanding in the history of the Margaree congregation. He was a most patriarchal figure. He died in 1870.

In 1844 the entire Kirk presbytery became part of the Free Church. In 1857 it was divided into three, Cape Breton, Richmond and Victoria but these units were found to be too small and the three were made into two those of Sydney and Inverness as they are today.

In 1858, Mr. Farquharson died and that parish was vacant until 1864. D. Gunn of Strathlorne took over Big Intervale. Two stories will illustrate his bluff manner. At the Harbour it was the custom to have a Gaelic service after that in English. Some dogs had been disturbing the hour and Mr. Gunn made the following announcement. "We are now about to commence our Gaelic service and the English and the dogs can go home." At Big Intervale he was holding service in the home of Murdock Ross and the dog, roaming in with every new worshipper, had, as often, to be put out. "Mr. Gunn remarked, "You see Mr. Ross how the dog is like Satan. If you kept him out on the week days he would not have to be kept out on Sunday." The slight emphasis on the pronoun you did not escape Mr. Ross. The next day he was going with Mr. Gunn to an appointment and as it chanced after a rest the latter picked up Mr. Ross' coat and was moving on. "Aye ye may carry the coat but I will take care of the purse," was Murdock's remark that evened the score.

In 1860 the Free Church of Cape Breton decided to enter the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime province. Mr. Gunn would not do so and for two years he and his congregation stood alone. Then they united with the Kirk Presbytery of Pictou and so continued until the Presbyterian Union of 1875.

In 1866 the Presbyterian Church at Big Intervale was built. The chief inspiration in that enterprise was Red Isaac Murray of Mabou. He had established a store at Margaree Forks and later built at Rossville, ten miles from Big Intervale. Presbyterian families were settled for ten miles beyond that. He often conducted services there from house to house as did Samuel Phillips a Congregational local preacher. Finally a meeting to decide on a building of a church was called. There was a strong Baptist element in the community but the vote went 12 for a Presbyterian Church and 6 for a union church. The site that was desired was one of great beauty and of no agricultural or other value but was controlled by a union church partisan and could not be secured so the building had to go where it now stands. The disputed site was the knoll just north of the Lamond home. Mr. Isaac Murray's gift was all the hardware, plaster, etc., that was required. Mr. George Murray, his brother, who also lived ten miles away, gave the stove. The MacKenzies, father and three sons gave \$20 each which was a large sum for those days.

It was some where about this time that two boys walked from Big Intervale to Frizzleton with the intention of stealing apples. They went into a Baptist service to wait until the moon went down. There one of them was soundly converted and afterwards became an elder of the Big Intervale church. For years in Big Intervale there was both an English and a Gaelic sermon at the Lord's Supper. On the other hand there is a true story of a good woman, who, while away on a visit to distant relatives, was immersed but continued her membership in the home church. Long afterward the secret leaked out and a friend remonstrated with her. She was evidently completely Anglicized for she triumphantly declared, when the argument waxed hot, "Well my first baptism was only Gaelic anyhow."

In 1869 the second church was built at Whale Cove. This was due to the need of a larger building but also to a major change in the way the highway ran. In 1870 Middle River was strong enough to do without Lake O'Law and Strathlorne was strong enough to do without Margaree and so the remnants of the two fields namely Lake Ainslie and Margaree were constituted a pastoral charge and Rev. Alexander Grant was inducted December 6<sup>th</sup>. 1871. Mr. Grant is not well remembered. He could not have visited Margaree very often. It is recorded that in the summer of 1874 a Mr. MacLean served Margaree as a catechist. There may have been others under the supervision of Mr. Grant. There is also a record that the Methodist minister at N. E. Margaree supplied the Presbyterian field a number of times.

In 1860 the presbytery released Mr. Grant from the care of the Margaree and for the next fifteen years the field was served by catechists employed for the summer only. One of these men, who for his originality must later have made a name for himself, found it difficult to secure a boarding house and brought matters to a head by preaching on the text "The Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." He had no further trouble. The list following is as complete as possible:

1879 -Thomas MacLeod 1880 -A. B. MacLeod 1881 1882 -Angus Sillars

1883 -D MacDonald 1884 -D MacDonald 1885 --J D MacFarlane 1886 --J D MacFarlane 1887 -P  
A MacLeod 1888 1889 1890 -John B MacKinnon 1891 -W L Morrison 1892 -Robert B Miller 1893  
1894 -Angus MacKay 1805 -A. M. Thompson

About the year 1880 a community church was built at Cheticamp where the Jersey firm employed a large number of protestant folk and when there were some indications of a movement among the French folk of the district J. E. Duclos was sent for the summer and was followed the next summer by Samuel Boudreau.

For a few years the field was served by two catechists one man living at Margaree Harbour and the other at Big Intervale. The following are among those who served at one end or another of the field. Angus Graham, H.K. MacLean, W. A. Mason of P. E. I., Robert D. Ross of Pictou, Angus MacMillan of St. Ann's and James MacLennan, a Scotchman. Mr. MacKay was chilled when wading the river at Big Intervale and never recovered from the experience dying a few years afterwards.

## **10 ROADS**

The first road to North East Margaree was the river bed. But the river makes a great U bend between Margaree Harbour and the North East and so a short cut was inevitable. The first such short cut was from Arsenault's Hill at East Margaree. Crossing the first ridge it dropped into a valley which drained south, "Coolavie" and north "Marshbrook." Crossing the second ridge it would look into North East from behind Cranton Section. Here it forked, the northern branch, The Munro Road, coming out at the river near councilor John Hart's home and the other branch turning south to the river opposite Rossville. Later these two ends were joined by a road that runs parallel to the river, the good work being hastened by the embankment cast up by Captain Phillips when he tried to carry the Etheridge Brook across the meadows to his mill. The first surveyed road into the valley from the sea started near the salmon pool at the Harbour and, 66 feet wide, came out at the saddle of the Marshbrook. For this a less well-graded road, 33 feet only, started at the East Margaree Chapel was soon substituted. The fact that the very first grist mill in all that section of Inverness County was by the chapel may have had something to do with this. At the Marshbrook end, too, there was a change, making the road longer and steeper. The governing factor was to escape a swamp. History will show that this was everywhere the first difficulty of the early settlers.

The footpath which followed the river became a bridle path. The sheriff of the county used to let contracts to clear such paths. The first river road ran high along the shoulder of the hills. The houses at the entrance of the valley are still at that level. From the Big Brook to the Nile the valley was wide enough for a second road and one was laid parallel with the Rossville road but it was never completely opened. From the Rossville road also allowances were left between the various properties so that the river might be reached for fording; but with the advent of bridges these allowances have all been closed up. At the upper end of Rossville an historic dispute took place as to the road following the edge of the high ground or cutting across the level fields. The later won, wrongly as time has clearly shown. The Egypt road and one along the south side of the Nile were originally spurs, but they were joined and prolonged to unite with the Baddeck road through Lake O'Law.

From the Frizzleton a road was laid out to Saint Ann's but was never more than a winter tote road. The road to Big Intervale ran straight north from the Frizzleton to the mouth of the Hatchery brook after crossing which it divided one branch following either side of the valley till they came together again above Ulva. One or two of the farmhouses still have their backs to the present central road that took the place of the original two. On the west side of Sugar Loaf the first bridge was several miles below the present bridge at Big Intervale. At the site of the present bridge a ferry was maintained for a great many years.

## SCHOOLS

It seems certain that the first school stood where the Cranton School stands today and that the teacher was Benjamin Bissonette Etter. He was a bachelor connected with a prominent Halifax family and had a small pension from his father's estate. The trustees included the well-known names Fiddes, Hosterman and W.A. Black. Mr. Etter also conducted a small store and some of his bills are still preserved. One of the best farms in Frizzleton was given to him in discharge of a debt but the deed, still in existence, was never recorded. He lived at the school and used to treat the children to cookies of his own baking. Dying in 1837 he left his personal effects to Benjamin Phillips, one of the small boys of the school who had been named for him. He was almost certainly a business partner of Capt. John Phillips in the building of the first gristmill. A letter dated 1829 seems to show that he also taught on the east side of the river for a time. He was enjoined by the trustees to teach both the Roman Catholic and Protestant catechisms.

For a number of years John Newton kept a school between Methodist Hill and the Nile. He was quite eccentric. He always wore a silk hat and whenever he was a guest at a meal was in the habit of pointing to the platter and saying "that portion would be suitable for me." At a school meeting at Margaree Forks Inspector John Y Grant declared that the two most learned teachers in his territory were John Newton and "priest" MacCaughney. The one was an ordained Congregational minister who had never received a call and the other was a priest who did not exercise his office. These two good men both died in the year 1861 after long years of service chiefly in the Margaree. John MacLennan of Middle River conducted a school near the Congregational cemetery. In fact it would seem that the first church was used both as church and school. Boys from Ulva and Rivulet attended this school regularly.

What is now Frizzleton district has had the most chequered school history. Its first school was conducted month about between two halls -one situated where the school now stands and the other at Rivulet. The furniture was moved back and forth each month. The people built a home for their teacher John H MacLeod, who later moved to North Sydney. It stood on the Carmichael property and was afterwards moved across the road and used by David Cranton as a home and workshop. At a country wide gathering at Port Hood a team of children from this school took every prize on the list. They were Malcolm MacLeod, J. A. Carmichael, Ida Crowdis, Jane MacDonald, Melinda Burton and J. A. MacDonald. The first two became medical men. Ida Crowdis married the Rev. Mr. Peacock. Jane MacDonald married James Frizzle, the local merchant. Melinda Burton married George Murray, merchant at Baddeck. J. A. MacDonald became a lawyer, M. P. P., and M. P. for Victoria County.

Later the Frizzleton district was served a school that stood near the Dominion Government Fish Hatchery of today. To this children came from Egypt. Then John Burton of Frizzleton built a hall on his own property and school and church were held there for a time.

Very early teachers in North East in addition to those names were James Ayre, John Munro, Messrs. Jordan and Burke and James Doyle. The Cranton and Brookside sections [Levis] were erected in 1866. The buildings were on the same plan, 32 x 32, and the figure was 320 dollars each, the contractor being William Simpson Hart. Since that day Cranton has never missed a term nor held any special event to raise school monies. This is a record for No. 10 district. In 1884 the present Frizzleton district was organized. Doctor Carmichael was in the chair. The trustees elected were Donald Carmichael, William Burton and David Fraser. The site was purchased for 25 dollars. The first teachers were Patrick

MacGarry, Walter Ingraham, Donald Finlayson, Christie Chisholm, Amy and Blanche Ross and John Patrick Munro. Dr. MacGarry, M. P. P., was a student of the session of 1884. Early teachers in Rossville were Ann Ross, Marie MacArthur of Halifax and Hector MacLean.

The first school at Big Intervale was just north of R. Y. MacKenzie's, the second on John Peter Ross, the third just north of Sugar Loaf. Norman MacLeod was helping to build one of these buildings, each man contributing so much lumber and so much labor. At the close of the day some argument arose. He came back in the evening and took out the lumber he had built in and presently built himself a schoolhouse on his own property at Ulva. With the growth of the community there were presently three schools in this district, Kingross, Big Intervale on the west side of the river and Forest Glen on the brook of that name with Pembroke still further up that brook. Early teachers in this part were John MacKay, John Pembroke, Hector Campbell of Lake Ainslie who taught in a private house.

In the North East proper there were once schools at Marshbrook, Emerald and Big Brook and Levis which with the shortage in Big Intervale gives the district seven fewer schools than seventy years ago. Of course many have gone away. Moreover population centers have shifted. A proof is the fact that old Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches were built in Rossville and the Congregational and Baptist Churches in Cranton. Today all but one section has one or more school teams. The exact geographical center of the district is the level between Methodist Hill and the Nile. If the road, already laid out by Murphy, were graded a consolidated school could be run near Methodist Hill and probable saving of money and gain in efficiency.

### **TEMPERANCE**

The question of the use of liquor of course came up in the Margaree as everywhere. The earliest Temperance organization of which there is a record is in the year 1860. Then on Friday, the second day of March, the following officers of the "Temperance Watchmen" were installed. Sr. Obriel -John C. Crowdis; Jr. Obriel -William T. Scranton; Secty., -William S. Hart; C. S. -Mark Hart; Chaplain --Rev. Josiah Hart; R. A. -William Burton; M. -Joseph Ingraham; Treasurer -Donald MacDonald: Other members known were John Coady, John G Burton, Jr., Mark Ingraham, Irad Ingraham, Alexander MacKenzie, Donald Ross and W. J. Ingraham. Meetings were held in the Congregational meetinghouse. Readmission after breaking the pledge cost one shilling and three pence.

The first division of the Sons of Temperance in Cape Breton was organized at Whycomagh in 1861. Hart Division, No. 177, named after Rev. Josiah Hart was soon found in Margaree. It met at the clubhouse near the Frizzleton School of today. The building, since destroyed, was afterwards moved to the foot of the hill which is called Club House Hill. Later Victory Division No. 257 was organized on the west side of the river. Some of the officers of these Divisions were John Ross, John and Fred Cranton and Thomas Crowdis. In 1866 there were two Bands of Hope in the valley, Early Dawn and Rising Light with a total membership of 70. In the fall of 1866 Bruce Division No. 259 was organized at Big Intervale.

When these Divisions went down the I. O. G. T. occupied the ground. At one time there were lodges at the Harbour and Big Intervale and two at North East. The last joint meeting was held at Big Intervale. The lodge at the Harbour was named for Rev. Mr. Thompson of that place. Once, in one night, all the windows of his church there were broken by the rum folk whom he had sought to drive out of business.

When Hart Division was reorganized the visitor was Patrick Monahan. He is remembered as telling the story of a church and a saloon under the same roof and as quoting a poem based on that fact. It went

Spirit above and spirit below  
The spirit of love and the spirit of woe  
The spirit above is the spirit  
Divine  
The spirit below is the spirit of wine

A hall was built at the end of the Cranton Road in Rossville. This gave rise to the name Hall Road. It was burnt in a grass fire October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1886.

Margaree Division No. 78 was organized at Frizzleton and Wetmore Hall, named after minister of the Baptist Church was erected. Mr. Wetmore died by the side of the road while on a preaching trip to Mabou, a part of his field. This Division was suspended for a time but was reorganized. Edison Division, Number 1074, was named after Edison Lodge of Good Templars which had preceded the Division.

The need for these organizations was great especially in the early days. One of the first liquor sellers was Farquhar MacRae a one armed Middle River man, a poor excuse for a bad business. He kept a shop a little north of the Roman Catholic Church and was often fined for breaking the law. Dennis Mahar ran a similar place where the Marshbrook road came into Portrea. The shop stood on the bank of river and one night the folk gathered and tipped it all the way in. At another liquor store the barrel stood by the wall and an enterprising enemy of the traffic used an augur to go through wall and barrel with it is hoped, some loss to the trade.

Dennis Mahar of whom we have spoken was a brother of a boy all right. He soon had a new place at the junction of the Big Brook and the river. Once some young men broke into his place and he prosecuted them. Dennis was a bachelor and kept a dog named Bridget. In his evidence he mentioned that Bridget woke him. Black Hugh MacDonald, afterwards a judge, was defending the prisoners. At that time it was well known by everyone that he was in hard circumstances but that did not prevent his examinations being most pointed and caustic. He made some slighting reference to Bridget, evidently thinking her to be the wife of Dennis but he must have been sorry for Dennis at once replied: "Devil a fear. There is many as has a missus as can't feed one." Dennis with all his faults was strictly honest. He had a debt to pay at a certain time. He saw no way of doing so save to lead a pig which he had for sale the whole 28 miles to Baddeck. Though in poor health he did this and dropped dead there after making the sale and arranging to pay the account. Another purveyor was "Red John" MacDonald who soon gave up the business and used his fine talents to become one of the leading fish merchants of New England.

## TRADITIONS

There was a fine independence among the first people of the valley. An old man still living tells of seeing a youth of 18 walk into church and march proudly up to the family pew though he was barefooted. Autos were not required for courtship and the foundation of a happy home. A song enshrines this truth.

Go Hiram get the oxen and yoke them to the sleigh  
Put plenty of straw to keep them warm and let  
them jog away. So Hiram got the oxen and yoked them to the sleigh  
Away he went for Cissy Dave and met her on the way  
Come round to dog-town, the oxen wild as steers,  
The dogs assembled on the hills and gave a loud three cheers

The lower end of Cranton Section is still called Gansey Town and the name is sometimes resented but there is no reason for the feeling. The story is that Capt. John Phillips so prospered that he bought a suit of fine cloth instead of the universal homespun. With a natural pride drew attention to it by the name of the cloth, which being unfamiliar, was corrupted into "gansy," at the same time, in a day of nicknames, winning him a title soon applied to the district.

To a spinning party the girls would carry their wheels in the early morning, sometimes from fifteen to twenty of them, and for a number of years one young man was of the number. He had no sisters and from school days had been his

mother's helper. When he could accept the invitation he was the life of the party. In the evening there would be a dance. "Of course we did not have to carry our wheels home at night" remarked the patriarchal woman who told the story.

The old road saw, as roads always do, strange sights. They saw one man carry, with his few groceries, a great family bible weighing perhaps fifteen pounds and this all the way from Port Hood. They saw his brother allow his comrades to carry his groceries from Margaree Harbour while he carried a full-grown dog every step of the way. The dog had been given to him and in his maudlin condition it did not seem to him a square deal that the new citizens of North East Margaree should have to walk a single step of the weary way.

Perhaps there was a trace of malice in another song but more likely it was a laughing philosophy for all the folk were poor together. What they would have done but for the abundant fish and the prolific skunk cabbage, despite its malodorous name, it is hard to say. They did manage and kindness and pluck were behind all their doing. One spring some of the Ross men of Big Intervale came to Irad Hart to get some seed wheat. He asked them with apparent bluntness, "Have you the money?" They replied that they had. Then said but you cannot have it. What I have saved is for those who are not able to pay for it and he stuck to his idea. To come back to the song. It ran

A hat made of straw  
A pair of shoes upon his feet  
He got from old Tom Shaw.  
A coat he wore upon his back  
With patches black and blue  
These were the robes Jack Larry wore  
When courting Phemie Rue. [Reuben]

The men of that older day were straight talking men. Peter Simon was under some obligation to the priest at East Margaree and also to the merchant at Margaree Harbour. As he passed the glebe house with goods which would satisfy either claim the former challenged him but was met with the bitter jibe, "I might as well pay one damn rogue as another."

In the last illness of George Crowdis several men were sitting up with him and their conversation turned upon the fact that a neighbour had objected to the marriage of his son and a certain young woman. They thought the sick man unconscious but he startled them by remarking, "I do not blame the Father. He had sense enough to marry a good looking girl himself."

Politics, as we have noted, always aroused interest in North East Margaree but seldom with the bitterness found in some communities. Bits of a song tell part of the story

Jack Murray was the first to start So's to be there on time To poll his vote for Alastair  
[Alex Campbell] And Jamieson combined. Whether part of the same or not another bit  
ran. O'Collom Rouge where are you now? You might as well be home For with your  
boodle you did go To poll your vote for John

One of the MacKenzie's at the Big Intervale was found lying on the floor one Sunday morning reading the Edinburgh and Glasgow papers which had come in the day before. He remarked to the visitor "I see where a great Lord is coming to Canada." The visitor, being in a bad humour, answered, "I do not care if the Devil comes to Canada." The answer from the floor came swiftly, "Well, since you do not care perhaps he will not come."

At the time of the clash over the building of the Rossville road the "Big Man" bared his breast as Jonathan Murray

presented his gun and actually snapped the trigger, not once but several times so enraged was he. Fortunately his wife who was Susan Cranton had known where he was going that morning and had drawn the charge in his gun and so tragedy was averted.

A scarcely credible story but one universally believed shows to what extent old customs will go. There were several cases of what was believed to be leprosy in the valley. At the wake of old Mr. Carty who was one of the victims the house was too small to hold the people. The body was taken out and stood against the woodpile in the zero atmosphere while the folk danced and drank all night. Another old custom provided a meal for those attending a funeral. In one case a few years ago 200 meals were served and more lately forty or fifty meals were served many of those present being almost total strangers.

The first crosscut was introduced into North East by Ralph MacPherson in 1880. A lad with uneven teeth was twitting a middle-aged man who stood it as long as he could and then remarked, "Young man your teeth are set for soft wood." The emphasis was devastating. One year, at wood sawing time the boy only partly cut through Mr. Watson's stuff. Not seeing the incompleteness of their work he was praising them for their swiftness. Always after that events were counted from the year the boys marked Watson's wood.

### **CRANTON SECTION**

The second section to be settled was Cranton Section. We will list all the properties on the west side of the river from the Forks up.

James Deane 500 acres; Ross heirs 100 acres; Crown Land; Henry Taylor 200 acres [Marple Brook]; Crown Land; Crown Land; Donald Etheridge, Thomas Etheridge 500 acres; William Burton 525 acres; Patrick Munro 115 acres; Crown Land; Capt. John Phillips 250 acres; Stephen Phillips 90 acres; Thomas Etheridge 200 acres; Robert Cranton 415 acres; Irad Hart 437 acres [The first settler]; James Ingraham 300 acres; John Levis 200 acres.

Later the last two farms in the above list were counted in the Levis or Brookside school district. At the rear of this whole list, from Thomas Etheridge's north corner ran a base line road never properly opened. On it at the southern end was the Roland Ingraham place and near its northern end, the Robert Phillips farm which belonged in the Marshbrook school section. Neither of these men was an original settler.

### **THE BIG BROOK**

Lots in the names of Michael Thompkins, Donald Mowatt, John Lever and Miles McDaniel faced on the main river. On the west side of the Big Brook running back from the river were Patrick Oates, Andrew Dunn, Oliver Bennett, Fitzgerald, Miles McDaniel, Patrick Brynes, Michael Coady, Patrick Wall, John Coady. On the east side of the brook were Maurice Dunn, Moses Stubbart and east of them Patrick and Michael Thompkins. In the true valley of the Big Brook, next were Michael Coady, Baptiste Benoit, Michael, Joseph and Patrick Thompkins. Miles McDaniel, John Carroll, John Murphy, John Miller, Michael Dunn, Thomas N. Murphy, John Thompkins, Allan McDaniel, Joan Coady, Matthew Nolan and Peter Coady.

### **LAKE O'LAW**

The Lake O'Law section was about the last to be settled and the first to be abandoned. A great many of the properties were never granted. So the following list will seem very incomplete. Going east from the Rossville the names are Phillip Brown, Thomas Boggs, James Lishman. Neither of the last two lived in the Margaree. Both are said to have been merchants. Mr. Lishman was an executor of the will of James MacCormack and in the joint deed given at the disposing of his holdings is described as a merchant of Halifax. Local tradition says that he was a peddler and the 100 acres he bought

from MacCormack is still called "The Peddler's place." Next of the named lots were James Fortune, James McGarry, Patrick Carroll, Henry MacDonald, John Connors and Walter Fortune. The last three of these farms were in Victoria County but are here included because country lines have a habit of paying no attention to community lines.

### **FRIZZLETON AND EGYPT**

This district was first called the Middle Section. Later, the school was called the Mid School. The name Frizzleton came from a merchant by the name of Frizzle. It will be easiest to commence the description of the district from its northern boundary, that is the Hatchery Brook. The lots at that point are laid out north and south. They were Jacob F. Ingraham, Crown Land, John Crowdis, John MacCharles. Continuing to the south were Robert Burton and James G MacDonald. South of Robert Burton a road opened to the east towards the short-lived settlement of Fielding. It gave access to lands of David Fraser, D. Carmichael, Margaret Fraser and Matthew Fraser. South of James G MacDonald the road to Egypt started. There were John Burton with 354 acres and Joseph Hart with 200. Mr. Hart's given name, coupled with the fact he was a long way from his home in Cranton Section, gave rise to the name Egypt and in natural sequence the brook became the Nile. Near Joseph Hart were Jacob Styles Ingraham, Joseph Dobson, Michael Murphy and J. G. Ross. South of these properties another tier of lots can be reached by a road on the south side of the Nile. The names were M. G. Crowdis, K. Finlayson, Jacob S. Ingraham, K. Finlayson and George Murray. This last is said to represent a temporary accommodation in the purchase of a house for the property is the MacPherson place. Next it were Donald and John MacPherson, then Michael Murphy, W. Watson and Patrick Ryan. A good many of these lots were held only as wood lots.

### **THE MARSHBROOK**

The Marshbrook enters the river from the west. It is separated from the main valley by the Boar's Back. The name is not the familiar one found in several parts of Nova Scotia but is "Boards Back," recalling a time when the road ran close to the foot of a cliff over which a load of boards was hurled and team and wagon rescued with difficulty. Going west up the Marshbrook the list reads:

William Levis, William S. Hart, Rev. Josiah Hart. The next tier north running west from the river were Patrick Coady, William Hart, John MacLeod, John and Hezekiah Hart, Evan Shaw, Alex Burton, John Etheridge, Stephen Phillips, D. and J. Phillips. Climbing the side of the mountain were Joseph Levis, Donald MacDonald, Joshua Trenholm, John L. Ross, John G. Crowdis. On top of the mountain looking towards East Margaree, were Joseph A. Burton, Thomas H. Crowdis, John Burton, Alex Ross, Elijah Burton, John Etheridge, William Burton and Hugh Morrison.

### **PORTREA**

This section is named for Portrea in Skye. It was also for a time called Kingsburg, another Skye name. We will start at the Hatchery Brook on the east side of the river, cross it and run down the stream to the Marshbrook. Here is the list: John G. Crowdis, Neil Ross, William Marple's heirs, Hugh Ross, William Tingley, Joshua Tingley, Murdock MacLeod, Alexander MacKenzie, Rev. J Marple. On the west side of the river Murdock Ross, Ebenezer Leadbetter, Murdock Ross Jr., Evan Ross, Patrick Coady. These holdings made a total of about 2,000 acres.

### **RIVULET AND ULVA**

These are the two sections of the long valley leading to the Big Intervale along the east side of Sugar Loaf. Starting from Frizzleton lots the owners were James and John Ingraham, Alexander MacDonald, John MacDonald, Rev. A.

### **BIG INTERVALE**

This district was often called the Scotch Intervale for its settlers were entirely of that race. The west side of the river was officially Big Intervale. The east side was Kingross after Angus Ross, the first settler who had greatly prospered. The upper part of the west side together with the Forest Glen brook. Farm was called Forest Glen. The first farm north of Sugar Loaf was Michael Lamont. Then came three MacKinnons, Ross and two MacKenzies and Murray, with two MacPhersons to the rear of the MacKenzie lots. On the west side of the river, counting from the south just above Portrea, were Archibald MacLean, George Ward, Richard Marple, MacLeod, MacKay, MacKay, Stewart, MacKinnon, MacLeod, MacInnis, Ross, MacLeod, Stewart and MacInnis.

### **FOREST GLEN**

The Forest Glen brook and settlement ran west from Big Intervale towards Grand Etang on the coast. From the rear of Big Intervale the lots running west were Mrs. Malcolm MacLean, Peter Stewart, Malcolm Campbell, Henry MacKinnon, John Ross, Donald Ross, John Gillis, Hugh Pembroke, John Pembroke, Duncan Campbell, Neil Campbell, James Cameron, Angus Gillis, John Campbell, Donald Campbell, Richard Pembroke, Angus Stephen MacKinnon, Angus Campbell.

The first eight of these together with the last five families on the Big Intervale maintained the Forest Glen School. The last five on the list has a school of their own, "Pembroke." They needed it, for two families side by side, Duncan Cameron and Angus Gillis, had sixteen children each. All of these folks were comfortable. Each of them kept two cows and a horse; and men like Peter Stewart had six or seven and a pair of horses. The men found employment in the three water mills owned by John Ross, Hugh Pembroke and the MacKenzies of Kingross. Most of the men were coopers. Their chief market for this sort of ware was the Jersey firm at Cheticamp. In those days there was a road open through to the shore. This settlement was only abandoned about the year 1900 when most of the folk went to the newly developed Sydneys. Donald Ross was the last man to hold his place and he finally bought in the Big Intervale. Among the teachers who served in the Pembroke district were May MacLellan and a daughter of Peter McDaniel. A story is told of one of the men of this district buying no less than ten barrels of flour with a great quantity of birch bark which he had gathered. This was used both in the place of sheathing paper and to protect salt fish from coming in contact with the timber of the vessel in which it was shipped.

### **LAND HUNGER**

There was a farm on the top of the mountain back of the Golden Grove. This hill is still called Miller's Mountain. Paddy Keggs, nicknamed of course for his occupation as a cooper made a home for himself on the top of "Twelve O'Clock Mountain." The DeNeuves lived on the crest of the next hill south of him. Coolavie had at least five families. Today daffodils and Narcissi grow wild where the last harrowing scattered their bulbs. The Marshbrook once had sixty children on the roll. Today there are three families. Forty families in the Big Intervale Presbyterian congregation, now United Church, have shrunk to 17 families, and three or four houses inhabited by one person. In the whole district there are fewer than 100 families than there were seventy-five years ago. The greatest land holders were Miles McDaniel 1500 acres, Michael Coady 900, Thomas Elderidge 1500, James MacCormack 924, Jacob S. Ingraham 600, Michael Thompkins 650, Irad Hart at one time controlled 800 acres. Henry Taylor owned 700 but that was due to his business at Margaree Harbour.

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## TAKEN FROM THE CASKET

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### **THE FAMILIES OF NORTH EAST MARGAREE Austin**

Richard Austin was a surveyor and lawyer. The often-mentioned Austin Survey was his work. He was a brother of James II Austin crown Land Office. Richard's son Thomas settled in Mabou. His son Richard was a mason by trade and married Isabella Finlayson of North East Margaree and in the year 1880 bought in her home farm. All of their children died in infancy except Kenneth who was for a time a student at Dalhousie. He taught school for several years and the maples that adorn the grounds of the Frizzleton School are his remembrance. He served in the Great War and returning married Annie Burton and has been a leader in every good work. Mrs.

Austin died and Mr. Austin married again his first wife's cousin Lexie Finlayson of Middle River. There were five girls in their family. Christie, a nurse, died unmarried. The other four settled in Alberta. They were Bell, Mrs. Delano; Catherine, Mrs. MacKillop; Annie, Mrs. John Stewart [of Big Intervale] and Ella, Mrs. D. MacRae [Middle River]. After the death of Mr. Austin, Mrs. Austin removed to Alberta to be near her children.

### **Abram**

Charles Abram, a native of Syria, a clever mechanic, settled in Inverness where he met and married Elizabeth Leadbetter whose home farm he presently bought in and settled in North East just about the time of the Great War.

### **Burnsby**

Roy and William Burnsby were grandsons of Mr. Shipperley, the Congregationalist minister and were brought up by him. William died as a young man and Roy settled in the U. S. A. An amusing story of their activity is told. Mr. Jeston Timmons always went to church on horseback. Once, while he remained for the communion service, these lads reversed his saddle which Mr. Timmons absently mounted when he came from the church. A great laugh of course was caused and the boys had a lecture. Another lad once substituted a short length of iron for Mr. Timmon's riding crop. Years afterwards

the fun-maker was an elder in the church.

### **Brown**

Phillip Brown was born at Silver Springs, Wexford, Ireland. He spent a couple of years in Middle River and settled in Margaree about 1815. His wife was Mary LeJeune, a niece of Mrs. James Ross the first. These LeJeunes were settled about Bras d'Or. The name has been corrupted into Young. For a time the Browns lived with the Ross relatives and then settled on the Lake O'Law road. He secured 200 acres in 1835 from the MacCormack estate. Of the children of this family Viney was the oldest. She was a noted whistler and singer and often provided the music in this way for local dances. She never married. Margaret m. James Harris and Joseph m. Bridget Fortune and had a family of three girls, Mary, Elizabeth and Lavinia. John the next brother left home in youth. James m. Ann "Miller" Ross and s at the Forks. Patrick, the last of the family at Mount Young, Mabou.

### **Burton**

William Burton came to Margaree with Capt. Robert Cranton from St. John's, Newfoundland. There is still in the outskirts of St. John's a spot known as Burton's Pond but the name is not to be found here. He took up 525 acres in Cranton Section but his property was not recorded until April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1815. His choice of land was most unfortunate for the river took the whole interval and his buildings being separated from his farm he sold the whole to Miles McDaniel whose property adjoined on the other side of the river. In the meantime he had M. Nancy Cranton and their family grew to eleven children, seven sons, three daughters and then another son. The three daughters were: Sarah, Mrs. Joseph Ross; Mary, Mrs. Donald Ross; Elizabeth, Mrs. Rev. James Stubbart. The eight sons were: William, Thomas, John, Samuel, George, Robert, James and Joseph.

#### **1. William Burton**

William was a charter member of the Congregational Church organized 1822 and first clerk of the church. He became a Congregational minister and worked in Guysborough County but later entered the Baptist Church. It would seem that in the transition time he spent a year or so at home. He was a very large man and possessed a great voice. The story he told that when he was a minister at Yarmouth an agent of Acadia College was seeking a subscription from a certain Mr. Churchill. The subscription, however, was not forthcoming, for said Mr. Churchill: "Look at Mr. Burton he is able to preach three excellent sermons any Sunday and eat a goose for dinner on the way and he did not go to college." Mr. Burton was married three times but of course the life of this family was away from Margaree.

#### **2 Thomas Burton**

Thomas Burton married Caroline Ingraham and lived on the Egypt road. Their children were nine: Richardson, James, William, Arthur, Martha, Jane, Joseph, Annie and Laleah, named after the wife of Rev. William Burton. These girls became: - Laleah, Mrs. Thos. Rudderham, Sydney; Annie, Mrs. Chas. Lewis, Sydney; Jane, Mrs. Chas. Hart, Margaree Sydney; Martha, Mrs. Fred Hart, Frizzleton.

Charles and Fred were brothers. Thomas Burton had five sons. 1. Richardson married Matilda Burton and cleared a farm on the Fielding road but soon moved to Sydney. 2. James did a saddlery business at Frizzleton. His wife was Armenia Hart. Their family were Alfretta, Mrs. George Tingley who removed to the U. S. A. Leonard who married Regina Gould of Avondale and spent his life in the Dominion Government Fisheries Department. Eliza lived unmarried in the U. S. A. Smith also never married. He was a miller by trade. Melinda married Rev. Charles W Allen of the U. S. A. and Annie, who was a trained nurse, married Kenneth Austin. 3. William, son of Thomas, lived on the Marshbrook and was twice married, to Rhoda Ann Hart and to Mary Ross. His children were four. Amelia married Walter Ross. Joseph Seward settled in Western Canada. Amos went to the U. S. A. Alma never married. 4. Arthur married a daughter of Rev. E. T. Campbell and settled in Arichat. 5. Joseph died in youth.

### **3. John Burton**

married Armenia Crowdis and settled on the Egypt road. Their children were Sarah, William, John, Armenia, Lydia, Joseph P. and Melinda, that is seven. Sarah married Norman MacPherson; Armenia married Murdock Ross; Melinda married George P Murray; Lydia unmarried. Mrs. Murray was the first person to be baptized in the Big Intervale Presbyterian Church. This was at the first communion service held in the church.

#### **William, son of John**

William married Eliza Hart and kept a store where the Nile crosses the main valley road. Their son William went to the Canadian West, as did Henry who became a member of the Saskatchewan Bar but returned to North East Margaree to farm. Edward settled in Boston. Alice lived in Winnipeg. George lived in North East Margaree and never married. Several of the children of this family died in infancy.

#### **John, son of John**

John married Mary MacDonald and lived in Egypt. Of their children only Christina, Mrs. Simon Fraser lived in Margaree. Chipman went to Nova Scotia. Fred settled in New Hampshire. John, Allan and Joseph also went to the U. S. A. and Kate settled in Western Canada.

#### **Joseph, son of John**

Joseph P Burton married Kate MacDonald. Of their family only two remained in the Margaree district. Maggie married Duncan Ross. Minnie and Clara both married Smiths of Mabou. John A married Cassie Crowdis and lived on the home place. He spent some time at the agricultural school at Truro and has been a farm leader in Margaree. Jennie and Melinda both settled in the Canadian West and Frank went to the U. S. A.

### **4. Samuel Burton**

Samuel married Margaret Ross. They lived first on the Big Intervale road and then on the Marshbrook. Their children were Dan, William, Alexander, Joseph, Elizabeth, Annie and Sarah. These girls became in order: Mrs. William Cranton, Mrs. Miles Timmons and Mrs. Samuel Shaw.

Dan, son of Samuel, went to sea and was not heard from again. William, son of Samuel, married Lydia Phillips and made a home for himself in Maine. Alexander, son of Samuel, married Harriet Shaw. He was a very energetic worker and cleared a farm on the very summit of the mountain and that against great difficulties. When he followed his family to Vancouver he was in very comfortable circumstances. The family were , Irad, Howard, Thom., Eliza, Ann, Delilah, Ida and Dan. All of the three young folk went to the west. Irad taking a Margaree wife with him in the person of Annie, daughter of Richardson Burton. Joseph Burton, son of Samuel, married Ann Timmons. Their family were Jeston, Alex, John, Sadie, William, Hattie, Fred and Jane. Of this family Jeston married Mimie Timmons of Pleasant Bay and after years in Sydney returned to North East. Alex married Florence Timmons and settled in North East. John married Elizabeth Tanner of England and settled in North East. Sadie married Robert Moore of Pleasant Bay. William died unmarried. Hattie married Joseph Shaw and settled in the U. S. A. Fred married Eva Phillip and settled in North East Margaree and Jane married Roy Phillips of the same place.

## **5. George Burton**

George married Angelica Bennet August 3rd, 1823 and moved to Cape North after living at Big Brook for a number of years.

## **6 Robert Burton**

Robert married Panthea Crowdis and lived at Frizzleton. Their eldest son David settled in Sydney. William their second son married Esther Ingraham and lived at Frizzleton. They had a family of eight. Nathan settled in the United States, Matilda married Ralph MacPherson, George Washington, Judson and Alice went to the United States, Garfield married Olive Phillips and farmed at home. Lillian married John Carmichael and Mary. Mrs. Ferguson, settled in Sydney. Ephraem, son of Robert married Laleah Crowdis and lived at Frizzleton. They had no family. John Pryor, son of Robert, married Sarah Etheridge and lived in Frizzleton where he ran a carding mill. Their family follow. Laura settled in the United States, Robert married Laura Young and settled in Frizzleton. Elizabeth settled in Newfoundland. Wilbert was killed in the Great War and Panthea settled in North Sydney.

## **7 James Burton**

James Burton was a sea captain. He married Dorothy Holmes. The family was only known in Margaree by one daughter, Henrietta, who after the death of her parents, grew up with her uncle Robert.

## **8 Joseph Burton**

Joseph Burton married Maria Coady. They lived on the top of the mountain to the west of Portrea. Their wagon road ran from the saddle of the Marshbrook road. The story is told that this Mrs. Burton inadvertently took the broom to the Baptist minister because he had stepped on her freshly sanded floor.

Their family were nine George, Anthony, Patrick, James, Walter, Annie, Elizabeth, Matilda and Ellen.

1. George settled in Boston.
2. Anthony married Cassie Keith and settled in Springhill.
3. Patrick married Sadie Phillips and for years conducted a carriage making business in Cranton where he was an elder in the Congregational Church. The family were Annie, Agnes {hand written in}, Elmer, Susan, Nellie, and James. They and their parents removed to Western Canada.
4. James married Eliza Shaw. Their home was on the Marshbrook Mountain. Their children George, Rachael, Thomas and Frank all went to the United States in youth.
5. Walter married Florence MacKay of Whycocomagh. Their children were four, the family moved to Boston where Kate married Leo Reeds, Foster married Gladys Parsnis, May married Walter Smith, formerly of Port Hood and Matilda died in her late teens.
- 6 -9 of the four daughters of Joseph Burton, Annie married Mr. MacKinnon of Orangedale. Elizabeth married John Shaw of Marshbrook. Matilda married a Mr. MacNeil of Port Hood. Ellen married Thomas Shaw of Marshbrook and afterwards removed to Margaree Harbour.

## **Cameron**

Rory Cameron and his wife Catherine came to Forest Glen from Mira or thereabout. The children were five.

Duncan married Catherine Pembroke and when his large family of sixteen were pretty well grown moved to Margaree Forks.

2. James married Sarah Stewart and had one daughter Sarah who married Alexander Hillier, Cleveland.
3. Kate married John Pembroke.
4. Maggie married John McCarthy.
5. Ann married Neil Campbell.

## **Campbell**

There have been three Campbell families in North East Margaree.

### **Big William Campbell**

The story is that Sir Colin Campbell arranged for the settlement of a dozen families of whom Big William was one.

Donald MacPherson, whose wife was a Campbell, was another. Big William married Mary Marple whose folks were settled in Fisher's Grant. He settled in Coolavie [Maple's Brook] accompanied by the first Marple. Marple is the correct spelling. His children were John, William, James, Duncan, Richard, Henry, Thomas, Mary Jane and Anne. John went away in youth. William married Jane Turple and went to the United States. James weighed 260 pounds and was much over six feet. He married Elizabeth Levis and moved to Salisbury, N. B. He was once attacked by three men all of whom were themselves big. He hurled one through the door of the nearest shop and another against a farm wagon with such force that his head jammed between the spokes. The third man took to his heels. Duncan died in youth. Richard was six feet four inches. He settled in Pictou. Henry born 1847 was six feet two. He married Kate Marple and settled in Baddeck. Thomas died in youth. Mary Jane married Thomas Head of Pictou where Ann also settled.

### **Hector Campbell, Schoolmaster**

Hector Campbell of Lake Ainslie married Ann Ross, a daughter of King Ross of Big Intervale. Their family were John, Catherine, Angus, Mary, Malcom, Jennie, Euphemia called Effie and Archie. In the youth of these young folk the whole family moved to the Sydney district.

### **Donald Campbell, Weaver**

Donald settled at S. W. Margaree. Three of his sons Angus, Malcom and Neil, all of whom were tailors, settled in Forest Glen. When their father was an old man he came to make his home with them. Angus married Euphemia [Effie] Cameron of Lake Ainslie. Their children were six, Ann, Mary, Donald, Catherine, Sarah and John. Ann married Hugh Pembroke. 2. Mary's husband was named Hayes. 3. Donald married Margaret Pembroke. Of their family, John was killed in the Great War and Angus, Duncan, Murdock and Euphemia removed to Sydney. 4. Catherine, daughter of Angus, "weaver" married John Gillis. 5. Sarah married Donald Gillis and 6. John the last of the family married Margaret Gillis and with the rest of the family connection moved to the Sydney district.

Malcom, son of Donald, married Sarah Stewart. Their children were Donald, who became a blacksmith in New Brunswick, Peter who settled in Woodbine, Mary, Mrs. Rod Y MacKenzie and Archie who died in training for the Great War.

Neil, son of Donald, married Ann Cameron. A son, Donald, settled near Inverness and their other son Rory died unmarried.

## **Carmichael**

"In the year 1810 a ship left Scotland carrying settlers to Nova Scotia. All went well until in the month of February they approached the shores of Cape Breton. They found that they were unable to land because of the drift ice. The ship cruised about so long that their food supply gave out and then the water. Finally in April, after enduring great privation, they were able to land at Ingonish. In their weakness they had a difficult time to reach any habitation. When at last they did so it was the home of a widow who was only able to give them a drink of maple sap and a bit of flour."

Only five passengers recovered from the terrible trip. One of them was Daniel Carmichael, a mason by trade, who had been born in Oban, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1787. His parents were Duncan Carmichael and his wife Flora Nicholson. Carmichael and the other four passengers reached Baddeck and he took up a farm at Washabuck near by. Presently his trade took him to Margaree where he met Sarah Ross, daughter of David Ross, 1<sup>st</sup>. They were married and settled at Washabuck but when seven of their children had been born returned to North East Margaree. The family of Daniel Carmichael was Mary, Elizabeth, John, David, Duncan, Flora, Catherine, Sarah, Margaret, Jacob, Melinda and Annie Jane. The girls all married except the youngest. They were Mary, Mrs. Edmund Ross; Elizabeth, Mrs. John Etheridge; Flora, Mrs. Joseph Tingley; Catherine, Mrs. Donald MacDonald; Sarah, Mrs. Kenneth MacLeod of Middle River; Margaret, Mrs. James J Ross; Melinda -Emeline, Mrs. Ambrose Smith of Port Hood.

Of Daniel's Carmichael's sons three married and settled in N. E. Margaree. They were John, David and Duncan. Jacob, the fourth son, married Phoebe Rice of Baddeck Forks and settle there.

### **John Carmichael**

[1] John Carmichael just named was twice married to Sarah Etheridge and Ann Ross. All of the first family Elizabeth, Mary, Thomas, Hattie and Sarah settled in the United States as did George, the oldest of the second family, and his younger sisters Eliza and Margaret. Phoebe married John Mark Crowdis and Aaron died at aged ten.

### **David Carmichael**

David married Peggy MacPherson. Their four children were Donald, Dr. Alexander, Edward and Margaret who married Malcom MacLeod. 1. Donald married Mary Finlayson and lived at Frizzleton. They had five children. Donald was killed in the Great War. John married Lillian Burton and settled in Frizzleton, as did Christopher whose wife was Mrs. Morrison nee Christina MacLennan of Middle River. These two men always have the first wood sawing, planting, harvest, etc. It is not entirely due to their dry land. Their sisters Bell and Marion married in Middle River, Messrs. Dan MacQuarrie and John MacRae. 2. Edward married Matilda Phillips and their family numbered seven children, David, Bert, Burnaby, Sadie, Dorothy, Maggie and Benjamin. Bert went to Brookline, Burnaby {Q.V.} settled in Waltham. Sadie married Thomas Ross and settled in B. C. All the others settled in Frizzleton. David married Christie MacColl of Boulardarie and has been the life long temperance leader of the community. Dorothy married Donald Stewart. Maggie married Andrew Fraser. Benjamin named after his grandfather Phillips, married Mary Crowdis. 3. Dr. Alexander Carmichael married Hannah Frizzle and spent his life in the home valley. He lived as much by the land as by his practice and was very generous with his services. He was for a number of years superintendent of the little Methodist Sunday School. His family was two girls. Jean settled in Carlisle, Mass., Marjorie died unmarried.

### **Duncan Carmichael**

Duncan son of Daniel married Isabella Ingraham. They had four children. Wesley, Elizabeth and Daniel removed to the United States. John, the oldest son, married Catherine Ross of Big Intervale. Their children were five. Duncan went to Saskatchewan. Elizabeth Mable married John MacKenzie of Princeport. Gertrude married Clarence Foster of the same place. Isabell married James MacDonald of Glace Bay and Myrtie married M. A. Ross of Big Intervale.

### **Coady**

There have been two, perhaps three, families of this name in Margaree. They were Joseph the Post, Michael Mirimachi and Patrick. The latter two may have been related; but it must have a distant connection for it is only remembered by a chance remark heard as neighbours met on the road.

## **Coady The Poch**

James Coady was a Newfoundlander with only one arm. He came to Margaree and married a Miss Bennett. They lived in the Lake O'Law District on what was known as the Boggs place. Boggs was a Halifax businessman who had taken the place as security. He never lived in Margaree though his name appears on the earliest list of properties. Some idea of the date of Mr. Coady's arrival is shown by the fact that he had the contract for the first mail to Margaree. It came from Munro's Point, Boulardarie, through Baddeck, Middle River and Margaree to Margaree Harbour. Joe used to carry the unlocked bag on foot all that distance. After a number of years he was able to get a horse and gig. Henry Taylor of Margaree Harbour used to take the Illustrated London News. Joe was a good scholar and wherever he stayed over night he was a welcome guest, as he would read the News to his hosts. To others he would tell the news as he passed, always with a wit of his own. Numerous illustrations of this have been passed down to the present. Doyles who ran a tannery at the Forks used to grease his gig for him with refuse from their business. One day Joe remarked after the work "Now it'll roll round like a Jew's eye."

James Coady's family included Peter and another son and Mary all of whom died in youth. Ann married James Coady of Big Brook. Maggie who never married, died in Sydney and Thomas after driving the mail in his father's for many years removed to the United States. He was unmarried.

The mail from Middle River to Margaree continued until the 1930's when there was often only that waybill and house for at least seven miles. Such is the conversation of official procedure.

Perhaps this is the most precious story concerning Joe's wit. There was a man who was reputed to have done away with his wife because of her freedom with other men. This worthy was taunting Joe with wearing a hat unbecoming one who carried His Majesty's mail and finally tore it off and clapped a Beaver on Joe's head remarking "Now your wife will be proud of you." Like lightning Joe replied, "Ah, yes, I heard that your poor wife died of the decency and was not long sick."

## **Michael "Mirmichi" Coady**

Michael Coady, said to have been born in Mirmichi, came to Margaree where he married the widow of Maurice Fitzgerald, nee Mary McDaniel. They had a family of six children, James, Martin, Mary-Ann, Margaret, Ellen and Peter. Margaret and Peter never married. Martin went to California. Mary Ann married Dave Flemming of Bras d'Or and Ellen married Frank Dunlop of the same place. James the oldest of the family was married three times, the Sarah Murphy, to Anna Coady and to Christina Coady. His first family Elizabeth settled in the United States. Mary Jane married Peter P. Coady. The second family, one girl, Margaret married H. Gillis of S. W. Margaree.

## **Patrick Coady**

Patrick Coady first settled at the Nile brook. This holding he sold to Joseph Dobson for 160 pounds, a handsome sum for those days. He then secured 300 acres at Portrea. He married Mary, a daughter of Hezakiah Ingraham of Margaree Harbour. They had a family of four girls and three boys. 1. Mary married John Munro, first of the name. 2. Maria married Joseph Burton. 3. Amelia {Sarah hand written} married Murdock Ross and 4. Armenia married Richard Levis. The three sons were William and John and Peter who died in youth. 1. William Coady married Ellen Treholm. Their children were George who married Lexie Morrison and lived for years in Portrea and then in Cranton Section. The rest of William's family all lived in the United States. They were Mary Jane, Panthea, Peter, Catherine, William Judson and Evangeline who died in youth. 2. John Coady married Ellen Shanahon of Mabou and lived in Portrea. Their family numbered seven. 1. Patrick died aged 21 while working in Pictou. 2. Theodore married Catherine MacLeod. On the death of his wife Theodore and his children Laura, James, Helen, William, Sadie, Katie and Kempton went to the United States. The name Kempton is from a Baptist minister of that name. 3. John son of John went to the United States. 4. Grace married John MacLeod. 5. Georgina married Dan MacKinnon of Sydney River. 6. Kempton went to the United States. 7. Ethel married Ed. MacKinnon of Sydney River.

## Connors

The correct name is O'Connor. Through small of size Patrick was a broth of a boy. He was born in Tipperary. He deserted from a man of war at Halifax in 1820. He walked through the woods to the strait of Canso which he swam with his clothes tied in a bundle on his head. Coming to Margaree he married Isabell Marple. Their children were ten. 1. Margaret became Mrs. Ledwidge of Halifax. 2. James settled in Maine. 3. John married Catherine McCarthy and settled in North East Margaree. 4. Mary married Henry McCarthy. 5. Michael married Mary Oates of Margaree Harbour and went to the United States. 6 -7 Patrick and William were twins. Patrick, a painter, never married, William died in youth. 8 -10 Isabell, Sarah Ann and Jane died unmarried. John Connors family were John married Sarah Cameron and settled in Margaree. Mary married Archie Nicholson. Maggie married Edward Ryan of Margaree, Isabel settled in United States. William settled in the United States. Elizabeth married Mr. Louis, Sydney.

## The MacPherson Farm

The writer of the North East Margaree History has received from Yonkers, New York, the true history of the first MacPherson farm in that Valley and it is even more interesting that the horse trade that was suggested. It was a whole farm of 200 acres traded for a coat. Here is the story in the words of the grandson, the well-known Rev. Dr. George W MacPherson. Later on the farm was recorded for a time in the name of George P. Murray the local merchant who was a relative and so appears on the government survey but this was only for a convenience for the time. This note will also serve to check up on a statement made in the history of the Campbell's in the of January 14<sup>th</sup>. where the suggestion is made that Sir Colin Campbell arranged for the settlement of a number of his relatives. Mrs. D. MacPherson was a Campbell.

My grandfather, Donald MacPherson, had no grant when he arrived in Margaree in 1829 and James Ross down at Rossville, with whom my grandparents lived for several months after their arrival advised my grandfather to go up in the woods and see Donald Ross who was living there in a log cabin and who had two grants saying "he may well sell you one of his." Whereupon my grandfather went up in the forest to see Donald Ross and he found him in his cabin. Telling Ross of his mission --that he had come to see if he could buy one of his grants. Ross replied: "Yes I will sell you this one here if you will give me that overcoat you have on your back." Grandfather was wearing a big Scotch plaid overcoat and he said to Ross: "This is the only garment I have to keep me from perishing in this cold climate. {It was February} but here it is, and he handed it to Ross, and so that was how the MacPhersons got their place." It was a grant of about 200 acres and later my grandfather purchased another 120 acres, thus the MacPherson farm comprised about 320 acres. Two hundred acres of good land for an overcoat. The above is the fact as to how my father's people come to be located where I now have my summer home.

## Coakley

Thomas Coakley of Wexford came to Sydney Mines with the General Mining Association. He settled in Margaree in 1823, married Ann Doyle. They had a family of ten children. 1. Catherine did not marry. 2. James was killed in the American Civil War. 3. Martin met the same fate. 4. Margaret married Michael Murphy and they settled in Boston. 5. John settled in Little Bras d'Or. 6. Annie died in youth. 7. Bridget never married. 8. Thomas married Sarah Miller and lived in Margaree. 9. Moses settled in Boston. 10. Miles died in early manhood.

The children of Thomas Coakley Jr., were ten. John married Mary Blanchard and settled in Sydney. Maggie, Annie and James all settled in United States. Thomas married Nellie Timmons and settled in Sydney Mines. David married

Elizabeth Young and was killed in Sydney Mines. Bert settled in Florence. Nellie settled in Sydney Mines {Mrs. Dolhanty}. Agnes settled in Sydney Mines {Mrs. MacDonald}. Moses married Annie Flemming and settled in Waterford, C. B.

### **Cranton**

Captain Robert Cranton, a native of England, and said to have been a naval officer, came in his own ship to Margaree Harbour from St. John's, Newfoundland where he had been in business. His wife was Ann Strong said to have been the daughter of a brother officer and to have been born in India. He took up 200 acres immediately west of Carmarthen as Margaree Harbour was then. He was drowned on a return voyage from Halifax. Many years later the wreck of his ship was washed ashore at Isle Madame and recognized from the name which was that of his own daughter. Captain Cranton's only son was born after his death and was named Robert. This small boy had several sisters all much older than himself. Bridget never came to Margaree but was married in St. John's. Her daughter, Mary Ann while on a visit to her folks at Margaree met and married a Mr. Doodley of Grand Etang. Sarah married Capt. John Phillips first of the name. Nancy married William Burton, first of the name. Susan married Jonathan Murray first of that name. Mr. Cranton's right hand man in his business at the Harbour was Thos. Etheridge who had come with him from Newfoundland. After Mr. Cranton's death, Mrs. Cranton married Mr. Etheridge.

Robert Cranton Jr. was married on September 26, 1816 to Catherine Rice, aged seventeen for she was born July 16<sup>th</sup>. 1799. Fourteen children came to the home. They were: Mary, November 5<sup>th</sup>. 1817, Mrs. Jeston Timmons; 1. William May 4<sup>th</sup>. 1819; Ann, January 13<sup>th</sup>. 1821, Mrs. Stephen Phillips; Robert, March 29<sup>th</sup>. 1823, died February 15<sup>th</sup>. 1824; Thomas January 8<sup>th</sup>. 1825 died May 24<sup>th</sup>. 1825. 2. Robert, January 1<sup>st</sup>. 1826. 3. John Beriah, January 26<sup>th</sup>. 1829. 4. David, October 15<sup>th</sup>. 1831. 5. Frederick, January 3, 1834. 6. Isaac, December 20<sup>th</sup>. 1834. 7. Henry Levi, August 31<sup>st</sup>. 1836; Catherine, January 25<sup>th</sup>. 1839. 8. Thomas Stephen, November 24<sup>th</sup>. 1840. Sarah Jane. March 12<sup>th</sup>. 1843, Mrs. John T Phillips.

Beriah was a family name for it is found in the next generation and continues to the present in the Timmons connection. Naming one child for another deceased was a very common Margaree custom.

#### **1. William Cranton**

There are now Cranton men of the third generation to be traced. William married Sarah Phillips. Their home was near the end of the Cranton Bridge on the western side of the river. They had two children. William and Beriah [often confused with Uriah] who made a home for himself in Gloucester, Mass. William Jr. married Elizabeth Burton and lived on the Marshbrook. Their sons James, William and Samuel settled in the United States. Edgar, a fourth son, was a stonemason. He married Margaret Cranton of Egypt and lived on her home place. Matilda, the only daughter of William Cranton Jr., died in youth.

#### **2 Robert Cranton**

Robert, the third, second of the name in the family of Robert second married Jane Ross. They lived on the Marshbrook. They had a family of three. Walter became blind but continued to be a first-rate workman, sawing wood, pitching hay and many other kinds of hard work. Arnold and Rose left Margaree as young people.

#### **3 John Beriah Cranton**

John married Ellen MacColl and came back from the United States to Cranton Section. They had seven children. 1. John died in youth. 2. Herbert married Ellen Rogers of Pictou Co., and went to California. 3. Alice married Edward Watson. 4. Guilford died in youth. 5. Emily married Henry Ross and lived in Brookline where 6. Maud, became Mrs. Mallah. 7. Edgar the last of their family married Elizabeth Campbell of Margaree Harbour and had five children as follows: 1. John was killed in the Great War. 2. Howard settled in Boston. 3. Harold died in youth. 4. Marion married Albert Kellough of Musquodoboit and 5. Another child died in infancy. Mr. Cranton married a second time Sarah Ross and later moved to

Truro. He was for many years bridge builder for the Provincial Government.

#### **4 David Cranton**

David Cranton married Phoebe Tingley, daughter of Wm. Tingley and born in New Brunswick. Mrs. Cranton died and their children grew up with relatives in that part of the world. Mrs. Cranton returned to the Margaree where he married Christie Morrison. He was a carpenter, wheelwright and miller and lived where the Frizzleton schoolhouse now stands. There were six children in the home. Calvin died in youth, Warren, Irad, Gordon and Bessie, Mrs. Fraser all settled in Boston. Alexander and John remained single, the former residing in Middle River and the latter in the Canadian West.

#### **5 Frederick Cranton**

Frederick married Mary Ann Etheridge September 12, 1889. {I see it as 1539} They had six children. 1. John after years in the United States and Regina returned to Margaree. He was twice married. His first wife was Mary MacKay of Whycomagh. The second was Christina MacInnis of P.E.I. A son Courtney settled in Oklahoma and another son Harmon in Dartmouth. An adopted daughter Dorothy married William Burton and settled in Truro. 2. Sarah married Alex Rogers of Dedham. 3. Isabel married David Phillips. 4. Euphemia died in youth. 5. William married Letilla Etheridge and settled in Halifax. 6. Elva married Deninah Phillips and settled in Cranton Section.

#### **6. And 7. Isaac and Henry Levi Cranton**

There is no record of Isaac Cranton saved if his birth, so we conclude that he died in youth. Henry married Eliza Crowdis and their family numbered six. 1. Walter married Catherine Phillips and lived in Cranton Section, where for over forty years he was postmaster. He was also an elder in the Congregational Church and a leader in temperance and every other good work in the community. His son Chandler married Frances Hart and his daughter Mabel married Osprey Ingraham. 2. Wilson was named after the Rev. Mr. Wilson who was instrumental in building the new Congregational Church. He settled in Wellesley Hills. 3. George also went to the United States. 4. Catherine married Alfred Hart. 5. Rose married John Fowler of Boston. 6. Eva and Agnes both married in the States. They are Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Lunney.

#### **8. Thomas Cranton**

Thomas married Elizabeth Ross. They lived on the Egypt road. Their children were four. Margaret married Ed. Cranton. Wallace settled in the United States, as did Tate and Phoebe.

#### **Crowdis**

Mark Crowdis came from Yorkshire to Baddeck. His daughter Margaret was the first white child born in Baddeck.

She married John Ingraham of Margaree. Mark Crowdis son John settled in North East Margaree where he married Sarah Hart, the daughter of Irad Hart. She was twelve years of age. He bought from her father the Methodist Hill farm. Their family grew to be seven girls and four boys. Disregarding their ages, Armenia married John Burton, Panthea married Robt. Burton, Ann married Hugh Fraser, Sarah married John Ross, Eliza married Cranton; Isabel married Watson, Lydia married Andw. Watson. The four boys were Irad, John, Mark, and Thomas. The first died in infancy.

#### **John Crowdis**

John G married Mary Simpson. He was Justice of the Peace, for years ran a store and hotel at Margaree Harbour. He had eight children.

1. Laleah married Ephraim Burton.
2. A married A. Y. MacDonald,

3. Cordelia married Moffatt, Sydney 4. married Rev. William Peacock. 5. Edwin became a minister of the Congregational Church. 6 & 7 William and also settled in the United States. 8. John Silver, the Halifax firm of that name with whom his father did business never married.

### **Mark Crowdis**

Mark married Mary Ross and they had six children who grew up on the home farm. 1. Sarah married A Ingraham 2. John married Phoebe Carmichael and was in every kind of mill business and councillor for the district for years. 3. Elizabeth and 4. Lydia were in succession Mrs. W of Rhode Island. 5. Edith married Henry Ingraham. 6. William married Ann Ross and removed to Boulardarie.

[Author's Note] Please add to Cranton history under Number [Frederick] and sub section [John] the following: The youngest son of John Cranton was Frederick. On the death of his mother, he, from childhood, made his home with his aunt, Mrs. Jacob Phillips and became man of the house. He enlisted in the 85<sup>th</sup>. Batt. And was killed at Vimy Ridge on Easter Monday. Under sub-section 6, Mrs. E Cranton's name should be Dollie.

### **Thomas Crowdis**

Thomas married Ann Ingraham. Their only child Annie went to the United States. Thomas married a second time Sarah Watson of Baddeck. They brought up a family of nine children. 1. John married Mary Macdonald of Pictou and lived in Sydney. 2. Margaret married Etherbert Hart. 3. Lydia married Edward Jones of Denver, Col. 4. Isabel married Arthur Lobdell of Boston. 5. Emma married Abner Hart. 6. George married Ellie Phillips. He was a famous tenor singer. 7. Jabez settled in Colorado. 8. Cassie married John Burton. 9. Charles was a teacher. He opened the Presbyterian Church in Durham and became a Presbyterian minister. As we come to the end of the Crowdis history we may remember the remark of the venerable Sam Phillips as he thought of their ability. "If you give a Crowdis a bridle he will find the horse."

### **Cummings**

Ann Cummings was the daughter of John Cummings and his wife Mary Swain. They came from Richmond Co. On the death of her husband, Mrs. Cummings married Donald Lamond of Big Intervale and her daughter came with her. Ann Cummings married William Murray. A family by the name of DeNeuve once lived in the mountain somewhere between Big Brook and the Lake O'Law roads. David DeVaux of Cheticamp married one of the Stubbert girls and settled on her home place within the late years Harry Dimock of Hants County while working at the lumber woods at St. Ann's met and married Rebecca Coady and settled on her home farm.

### **Dobson**

Joseph Dobson and his wife Hannah Ingraham daughter of James were among the very earliest settlers in North East Margaree. They were members of the Congregational Church later transferring to the Baptist Church. They had a daughter Barbara-Ann, born Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1827. Nelson Dobson after whom the Nelson pool at the mouth of the Nile brook is named must have been a son. There was also a daughter or perhaps a grand daughter Providence. This family moved to the Sydney district. Little Barbara-Ann was named after her grandmother Ingraham.

### **Downey**

Patrick Downey came to Margaree from Mabou. His children were eight, James, Michael, Patrick, Thomas, Mary, Bridget, Elizabeth, and Kitty-Ann. The whole family moved to Codroy Newfoundland. Mr. Downey was one of the first

wardens of the Roman Catholic Church at North East Margaree.

### **Drake**

James Drake was a carpenter of Sheet Harbour. The story of his residence in Margaree is that of John Ross "Badenoch" married Isabel Stewart of Goldenville as his second wife. She was a relative of Mr. Drake and through that relationship he met and married Elizabeth Ross. For a number of years they lived in Massachusetts and then came back to her home farm, where their son John settled, his wife being a Miss Austin of Skye Glen.

### **Dunn**

James Dunn, a native of Tipperary settled first at S. W. Margaree where he married Miss Fitzgerald then they moved to North East. There were eight children in their family. 1. Andrew married Rebecca McDaniel. Their son Miles settled in Margaree Harbour. Their son John settled in Big Brook. His five children Eliza, Sarah, Rebecca, David, and James all went to the United States. Andrews's daughter Jane became Mrs. William Coady. 2. John married Jane McDaniel. They had five children James of Antigonish, John of Big Brook, Moses of Nova Scotia, Reverend Mary and Sarah, Mrs. James McDaniel. 3. Johannah married John Miller. 4. Maurice settled in Big Brook. 5. Michael married Catherine Tompkins and settled in Big Brook. 6, 7, and 8 Mary, Jane and Nellie never married.

### **Doyle**

James Doyle, whose wife was also a Doyle, came from Wexford to Lake O'Law in 1830. They had three children. John married Mary McCarthy. Ann married Thomas Coakley. Mary married Dennis McGarry. John Doyle removed to the Forks of Margaree.

### **Etheridge**

Thomas Etheridge came to Margaree with Skipper Robert Cranton from Newfoundland. After Mr. Cranton's death he married the widow. His grants at North East are dated Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1811 and Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1812, but he was in residence much earlier than that. Their family consisted of two boys John and Thomas.

### **John Etheridge**

John Granted 400 acres on the west side of the river and married Jennie Ross daughter of David. In the fall of 1822 the final meeting for the organization of the Congregational Church was held at the home of these young people. Their family of ten all grew to maturity. They were: Rebecca born April 19<sup>th</sup> 1821; John, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1824; Sarah, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1826; Margaret, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1830; Elizabeth, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1833; Mary Ann, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1835; Catherine, September 1<sup>st</sup>, Eliza, David William.

1. Rebecca married Robert Woodburn. 2. Sarah married Frank Mason of Rawdon, Hants County, and thereby hangs a tale. It is evident that young Frank came on a visit to his relative Elizabeth Mason Ross and fell in love with her grand daughter. An old man recalls the fine appearance of Mr. Mason's horse, carriage and harness when he came to claim his bride. One of this Sarah's children visited her mother's home and family reunions of the Margaree and Rawdon families were held in that Maritime gathering place, Boston. 3. Margaret married William Dennison of Baddeck. 4. Elizabeth married Patrick Munro. 5. Mary-Ann married Charles Phillips. 6. Catherine married David Phillips. 7. Eliza married John Miller Ross. 8. John Etheridge Jr. married Elizabeth Betty Carmichael. Once at dusk he saw a figure on his barn roof. Approaching carefully he moved the ladder crying, "Ha, by jing get down the way you got up. But the figure was an owl. The oldest of John's children was Wesley. He grew to manhood and settled in Baddeck where he married a, Miss Foyle. He died while on a visit to Pennsylvania. Wesley was followed by sisters, Phoebe, the second Mrs. Francis

MacDonald, Sarah, Mrs. David Smith of Mabou, Margaret, Mrs. John Smith of Port Hood Island, mother of President Smith of Manitoba University. After these girls came a brother Daniel who took his father's farm. His wife was Alice Smith of Port Hood Island. Soon he sold the farm to his brother-in-law, Francis MacDonald, and himself moved to New Hampshire. The youngest of the family we have been tracing was Thirza, Mrs. Williams of Lockport, N.S. 9. David Etheridge son of John settled on a part of his father's farm. He married Eleanor Ross and their family was seven, two boys and five girls. The story is told of his bride on a pillion behind his saddle to her new home. His grandson took a bride from the same farm by auto. 1. Jennie married F. Marshall of Dorchester, Mass. 2. Leonard married Deninah Phillips and took the home place. 3. Salome married C. Brigham of Manchester, N. H. 4. Ella married D. Rees of Boston. 5. Letilla married William Cranton. 6. Milly settled in Melrose, Mass. 7. Palmer settled in Cuba where he married a Miss Montgomery. 10. William Etheridge married Eliza Ingaham and took a share of the home farm. He had a son John who died in Calgary where a second son Mark also lived. George and Mary-May, William's children were twins. George settled in Lowell, Mary married Elliott Fuller of N. H. Mrs. Etheridge lived with this daughter in her later days. Another son Ambrose also lived in N. H.

This second generation Thomas married Elizabeth MacRae of Middle River and had nine children. 1. William married Ann Henderson of Guysborough. They had one child Catherine, who married James Phillips whose son Henry is now on that farm. This farm had a very fine barn cellar.

2. Donald the Councilor married Ann Ross, one of the very early teachers of Rossville. He ran a store, was noted for raising fat cattle, installed the first bathroom in Margaree and equipped a most extensive maple sugar plant. He was twice married and had a large family. His first family numbered ten. 1. Thomas married Sarah Shipperley, daughter of the minister of the valley of that day and settled in Antigonish. 2. William married Belle Ross and farmed at home. 3. Catherine married Obed Ingraham. 4. Sarah daughter of Diptheria. 5. Howard lived in Antigonish, unmarried. 6. Donald grew up with his mother's people and inherited their farm. 7. Henry settled in Broomline. 8&9, Annie and Abbie were twins. The former died of diphtheria the latter never married. 10. Roy settled in Antigonish. The counselors' second wife was Mary A. Timmons. Their children were five. 1. Wilfred married Minnie Munro and settled on the home farm. 2. Mildred married James Marple. 3. Annie married in Halifax, (Gormley). 4. Eulah married Robert Richardson of Brookline. 5. Margaret also married Mr. Richardson of Brookline.

3. Thomas, Thomas, Thomas Etheridge married Harriett Ross and farmed near the end of the Marshbrook Road. It was from their farm that the lot for the first Baptist Church was secured. They had three children, 1. Elizabeth was the first Mrs. Francis MacDonald. 2. William married Sarah MacDonald. This was a brother and sister exchange. 3. Sarah married John Pryor Burton. This Thomas Etheridge, the third, was a great practical joker but in such spirit as only caused amusement. He was a J.P., Captain in the militia and officer in the church. He died aged 47.

There were six sisters of the three men whom we have just followed, that is the daughters of Thomas the second. Elizabeth did not marry. The others follow:

Jane (Jean) married Duncan MacDonald of Margaree Forks; Sarah married John Carmichael; Euphemia married John Campbell; Bell married Alex MacDonald of Margaree Forks; Mary-Ann married Frederick Cranton.

### **Finlayson**

Alexander Finlayson, "soldier" married Mary Murchison and came from Loch Alsch to Canada in 1820 with him his six sons and three daughters. The youngest aged three or four was left behind and did not join his parents till he was a man grown. He was a sickly child and his parents feared his health. They settled in Middle River. The fourth son Kenneth married Mary MacDonald and settled in North East. He lived to the great age of 92 and his wife to be 77. Their grandchildren were Alexander who died single in Arizona, Bell who became Mrs. Richard Austin. John died at home aged 28; Christopher lived all his live in New Mexico. Roderick and Mary were twins. Roderick was converted in the great Foster revival and became a schoolteacher, holding his last term at Little Baddeck. He later studied at Queens, Auburn and MacCormack making very high marks in all his subjects especially in Mathematics. He entered the Presbyterian ministry in the Western States and spent his life there. Mary became Mrs. Donald Carmichael. Margaret the youngest girl never married but made her home with her brother Roderick.

It may be of interest to note that Alexander Finlayson the soldier had an elder brother named John of whom he was very fond and for whom he named two of his sons. To distinguish them they were called Big John and John Ban, John Ban married Jessie MacLellan of Middle River and came to live in North East but after a time moved back to Middle River

and finally back to Pictou County.

### **Frizzle**

James Frizzle from Mabou, a brother of Robert who conducted a store at Brook Village and of who Henry who, with his mother, ran a store at Mabou, afterwards at Margaree Harbour, came to Middle Section, North East Margaree and purchased a building which has been used by M.A. Ross. It stood at the corner of "Egypt" road. Later he bought the stand now owned by Roger Burton. Prospering in business he married Jane, daughter of Donald MacDonald of Rivulet. Their family was Hannah, Mrs. Dr. Carmichael: Albro named after the Halifax firm with whom his father dealt died in youth. William, first a teacher then a doctor removed to the U.S.A. He was in the Army Medical Service and was sent to the Philippines where he finally retired. Donald succeeded his father in business and married Mary Hart of Portrea. Later he sold to David Fraser and removed to Calgary. Robert Frizzle the youngest of this family married Mamie Ross of Rossville and also moved to Calgary.

### **Fitzgerald**

William Fitzgerald came to South West Margaree from some part of Nova Scotia. One son, William settled in Margaree Harbour. His wife was almost certainly one of the Weybrandt families. They sold to the first MacLean and removed to Sydney district. Maurice, a second son of William accompanied by his father came to North East and married Mary McDaniel. Their family was five. 1. Miles moved to Sydney. 2. Rebecca was Mrs. Phalen of Little Bras d'Or mother of school inspector Thomas Moore Phalen. 3. Jane married Patrick Thompkins of Big Brook. 4. Matthew removed to Halifax. 5. John died in youth. On Williams death Mrs. Fitzgerald married Michael Coady, "Miramichi". This is the family connection that gave Mayor Fitzgerald to Sydney.

### **Fortune**

James and Walker Fortune were brothers who came from Wexford to Lake O'Law in 1834. James married Johannah Ryan and they had a family of eleven, Thomas, Judith, Bridget, Patrick, James, Sarah, William, Walter, Mary and Moses.

Walter married Elizabeth Moran of Port Hood. They had a family of ten. Mary, Bridget, Catherine, Thomas, Walter, John, Patrick, Joseph, James and Peter. 1. Thomas married Mary Duggan of South West Margaree. 2. Walter married Ann Hannigan. 3. Patrick married Ella Burton of Baddeck. 4. John married Mary-Ann Murphy. 5&6, Joseph and Peter settled in the U.S.A. and 7. James died unmarried.

### **Fleming**

John Fleming, born in Carrick, tried Newfoundland then P.E.I. before coming to Margaree in 1822. After five years alone he returned to Newfoundland in 1827 and married Margaret Byrnes a native of Kerry. They had a family of four. 1. Nellie married John McNeil. 2. Thomas left home in youth and was not heard of again. 3. Bridget married Michael Murphy. Dennis married Flora McNeil.

### **Hugh Fraser**

Hugh Fraser came first to the home of John Phillips about 1840. He married Ann Crowdis and settled in Frizzleton. They had a family of seven children. 1. John-Alexander went to the Canadian West. 2. Ann-Isabel married Alex MacDonald of Rivulet. 3. David worked the home farm until he bought out Frizzle's store. 4&5. Hugh and James-Wilson died in youth. 6&7, Aflick and Lydia removed to Colorado. David who purchased the store married Lydia MacDonald and their family was seven. 1. A small son died in

infancy. 2. John settled in Glace Bay. 3. William went to Montana. 4. Mary married Kitson Ingraham. 5. Bell married Chipman Hart. 6. Andrew married Margaret Carmichael and carried on the business. 7. Thomas settled in B.C.

### **Simon Fraser**

Simon and Margaret Fraser settled in P.E.I. where he died. The widow and her three children came to Margaree to be near her brother John MacDonald of Rivulet. Of these three children. 1. Alexander died in the United States. 2. Malcom married Mary MacDonald and 3. Kitty married John MacLeod. English speaking folk thought of Mr. MacLeod as "John the Raw" and it is true that like many highlanders he was raw-boned but the Gaelic was John the Raft, so called because his uncle Murdock, with whom he lived near the Portrea pools maintained a raft there for the convenience of the people in crossing the river. Malcom Fraser's family was five. 1. Simon married Christina Burton and bought in her home farm. 2. Flora married David Munro of Cranton. 3, 4, & 5. Alex, Allen, and Maggie all removed to the United States.

### **Greig**

James Greig came from Newbythesome 30 miles from Aberdeen about the year 1874, when he was 24 years of age. As a youth he had often worked on the estate of Lord Aberdeen. After a time he married Delina Phillips of N.E. Margaree and purchased from John G. Crowdis the old Murray farm on the road to Portrea.

Here his family was born consisting of David who settled in Westmount, Sydney, C.B., James who early removed to Oregon, the twins William and Jessie, and Emma, Mrs. Ernest Hart, William served in the great war and settled on his fathers place, his wife being Victoria MacKinnon of Big Intervale. His twin sister became Mrs. Dan Murray of Big Intervale.

Mr. James Greig was one who loved the sanctuary. It was custom, often spoken of by the older folk, of walking to the old Congregational Church, some three miles away by the path he followed through the woods. In later years deafness took away the enjoyment of this service from him. He died at his work in the field at the ripe age of 82.

### **Gillis**

Angus Gillis of Forest Glen came from South West Margaree. His wife was Sarah McCarthy and they had a family of three girls and one son. 1. Mary is the only one of the children's names, which is recalled. Perhaps some reader can supply.

Christie Gillis was No. 59 on the chronological list of members of the Congressional Church but we know no more about her.

John Gillis, a widower, came to Forest Glen from South West. He brought with him three boys and three girls, Donald, Alexander, Ranald, Mary, and Margaret. 1. Maggie married John Campbell. 2. Donald married Sarah Campbell and removed to P.E.I. 3. Alex married Catherine McCarthy and settled near Inverness.

### **Hannigan**

James Hannigan married a Miss Campbell. They had a family of five. 1. Patrick married Margaret Brown. Their family numbered four. Lexie settled in Waterford, as did Joseph. Phillip married Julia Stubbart and lived in Margaree. Patrick settled in Inverness. 2. James whose wife was a Miss Rose settled in Margaree Forks. 3. John never married. 4. Kate married Walter Fortune. 5. Margaret married Patrick Timmons.

### **Harris**

James Harris from Baddeck married Margaret Brown and lived for a time in North East. Their family was three boys and two girls. 1. Edward became a marine engineer and lived in New York. 2. John was drowned near Pictou. 3.

Delland J settled near Dar Harbour. 4. Rachel died in youth.

### Hughes

James Hughes was No. 58 on the chronological list of members of the Congressional Church. He held a grant on the Egypt road.

### Hart

The Harts of Margaree trace their history without a break to Deacon Stephen Hart who came to Massachusetts as early as 1633 and two years later with Rev. Thomas Hooker founded the city of Hartford. The line of descent is Stephen, Thomas, Hawkins, Nathaniel, Josiah and Irad, first if the name in Margaree. Josiah was a loyalist who settled at Manchester, Guysborough in 1783. Irad had been born Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1771, in the United States. He married Armenia, daughter of Hezekiah Ingraham then of Manchester in 1797 and came to Margaree with six of his children in 1809. His grant is dated July 4<sup>th</sup> of that year' (the first recorded grant in No.10). Mr. Ingraham his father-in-law, had settled in Margaree Harbour some years before that. Leaving Mr. Ingraham's, the family went up the river by canoe in June. There were only settlers on the east side of the river. A stop was made at the plaster pool and a temporary cabin erected while Mr. Hart went on to select his location. He was gone several days and returned to find the family considerably alarmed by the attention of bears one of which had climbed on the top of the cabin and been scared away by a sudden burst of flame from the smoke hole. In September of that year the family was able to move into their first log house. In 1827 he was appointed Justice of the Peace by commission from Sir James Kemp. The family of Irad Hart was:

Sarah born at Manchester September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1798; Lorena Marie, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1800; Panthea, March 8<sup>th</sup> 1802; Josiah and Hezekiah, February 8<sup>th</sup> 1804; Irad February 4<sup>th</sup> 1806, Ithiel, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1808; William Simpson born N.E. Margaree, March 26h. 1810; John July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1812; Joseph, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1814; Mark, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1816; Armenia Maria, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1818.

Lorena Maria died at Manchester being about a year old. The twins Josiah and Nezekiah both became preachers, the former having been a pastor of the Margaree Congressional Church for 25 years. Hezekiah embraced Baptist doctrine. He was carried off by typhus fever together with two of his younger brothers, John and Ithiel, and his mother, the four being buried together one bleak autumn day in 1828. Irad Hart, Jr. married a widow Taylor and removed to the United States.

About 1832 Irad Hart Sr. married again Sarah Shaw, widow of Ewan Shaw of Manchester. Later he divided his property between four of his sons, Josiah, Irad, Mark, and William. Joseph, the remaining son, secured a grant of land in Egypt. This going out of Joseph from the rest of his brothers was a reminder of the story of another Joseph and the eastern end of the valley received the name of Egypt, which it has borne ever since. The first steps towards the organization of a Congressional Church were taken in Mr. Hart's home, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1822. Mr. Darien, the minister of his old home at Manchester, Guysborough coming for the purpose. This name is said to have been corrupted to Deering and this man to have been the ancestor of the famous firm of that same name. The Harts were a long-lived and strong-minded folk as Mrs. Jane Etheridge once remarked, "High-hum if one of the Harts ever drowned you will have to look for the body upstream." The daughters who grew up married as follows; Sarah married John Crowdis; Panthea married Martin Crowdis of Baddeck. Armenia married Styles Ingraham of Baddeck.

There are now four sons of Irad Hart to trace.

#### **1. Rev. Josiah Hart born 1801 of Irad.**

Rev. Josiah married Amelia Hull of Baddeck. He was one of the first trustees of the Congressional Church built in 1833. He was chosen deacon and went away to study and came back to be a pastor of the church from 1837 to 1862. He died in 1864. His family numbered ten, John, Joseph, William, Frederick, Charles, Irad, Rhonda, Eliza. Eliza the second

and Ithiel. 1. John settles in Port Hawksbury. 2. Joseph married Panthea Crowdis of Baddeck and lived there. 3. William, "curate" because he sometimes helped his father in preaching, married Easter, not Esther, MacRae of Hunter's Mountain and settled in Victoria County. 4. Frederick married Nartha Burton and lived in Frizzleton. They had a family of seven. We will list them with letters. A. Eunice married G Wentworth Ingraham. B. Abner married Emma Crowdis and they had a family of five. Sadie and Chipman died in youth. George went to B. C. and Frank to the United States. Melissa married Harold Phillips. C. Jane died in infancy. D. Edith married Everett Fulton of Bass River. E. Chipman J married Isabel Fraser. F. Eva-May died aged eight. G. Bert I settled in B. C. 5. Charles, son of Rev. Josiah married Jane Burton. They had one son Freeman and removed to Sydney. 6. Irad-James was killed on shipboard. 7. Rhoda-Ann married William Burton. 8. Eliza was drowned aged three. 9. Eliza second married Caleb Ross. 10. Ithiel, twin of Eliza second died in infancy.

## **2. William Simpson Hart 1810 -1874 of Irad**

William Simpson Hart was probably the first child born on the west side of the river, North East Margaree, March 26<sup>th</sup>. 1810. In spite of the limitations of the time he seems to have had a good education and was an expert penman and excelled in composition both in prose and poetry. He became a Baptist and was one of the seven founders of the Baptist Church in April 1835. He had never heard Gaelic spoken until he was 19 years of age, but, then, in order to do religious work among the Gaelic settlers who were beginning to come into the district he set to master it and did so within a year. In 1850 he was appointed clerk of the Baptist Church and so continued for 20 years. He built the first bridge across the river in the North East and conducted one of the very first stores. His wife was Harriett, a daughter of "The Big Man Ross" 1810 -1903. They were married May 9, 1835 by the Rev. David P MacQuillem one of the first Baptist ministers to visit the valley. Their family were: [1] William Edmund born March 6, 1836; Armenia Victoria, born March 29, 1838; Lydia, born June 21, 1840; Eliza, born September 17, 1842; [2] Albert Judson, born December 29, 1844; Phoebe, born September 9<sup>th</sup>. 1846; Elizabeth, August 7, 1848; Priscilla Ann, born December 14, 1850; Sarah Panthea, born May 20, 1853; Harriett, December 28, 1856.

Of the girls, Harriet died when three years of age and Priscilla at the age of 29. The other girls were married as follows: Armenia Victoria, Mrs. James F Burton; Lydia, Mrs. Irad Ingraham; Eliza, Mrs. William Burton; Phoebe, Mrs. Hector MacKay, Chimney Corner; Elizabeth, Mrs. Robert Rice of Baddeck; Sarah, Mrs. John MacLean, MacLean's Cove.

William Edmund Hart, son of William Simpson, married Jessie MacDonald, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1862, the minister being Rev. Augustus Shea. Wm. Lived in Portrea. Their family was eight. Harriett, Jane and Lockie settled in the U. S. A. Edward found a home in New Brunswick and Alberta in Vancouver. Ann became Mrs. Lawlor of Sydney. Mary married Donald Frizzel. Jacob went away in youth. This particular Hart family has a unique romance in its history. A good many years ago though both of the characters are living a young man was working his way through college as a salesman. His way was past Margaree and he was thirsty. He stopped at one house on his business and asked the little eight-year-old bare footed girl who came to the door to give him a drink of cold water. She asked him to be seated and in a minute came back with a glass of cold milk and a piece of cake. Ten years went by and the little girl was a teacher. Then came a letter from the Pacific Coast saying that the writer had gone through college and spent a number of years in the Yukon and made his pile and would like to come East on a visit particularly he might have the pleasure of meeting the one who had so kindly given him the milk and cake. We have said enough. A lovely home in Vancouver is the result and its owners comes on a visit every now and then to romantic Margaree.

Albert Judson, the second son of William Simpson, married also a Jessie MacDonald. The minister in this case was Rev. E. T. Carbonell. Albert took over his father's farm. Their family was four. Bert married one of the Baddeck Hart's and settled in Sydney. Donald became a chartered accountant and settled in Halifax. Nina did not marry. John married Olive Ingraham. He was for many years councilor for the district.

## **3. Joseph Hart of Irad**

Joseph Hart married Maria Ingraham of Baddeck and as we have related lived on the Egypt road, later removing to Baddeck. His Family was five. 1. Jacob Simpson settled at Whycomagh as a merchant and breeder of Jersey cattle. His was the famous Saybrook farm named after the Connecticut home of some of his ancestors. 2. Eliza married Ed. MacCurdy of Baddeck. 3. Lauchlin settled in Hawkesbury. He died as a result of a chill when he rescued some boys from drowning. He was twice married and had a daughter in either family, namely Mary and Trace. 4. & 5. Charles and Albert I also lived in Baddeck.

#### **4. Mark Hart of Irad**

Mark Hart married Lydia Ann Scranton of Manchester, Guysborough. He was for many years clerk of the Congregational Church and did much to preserve records on which this history is so largely based. His children were eleven: Henry born November 19, 1843; Lydia Adelaide born July 16, 1845; David John Osbert, April 2, 1847; Armenia Melinda, September 4, 1849; Mark Alfred, born June 14, 1852; Ethelbert, October 20<sup>th</sup>. 1854; Una Sonia, born July 14, 1856; Infant April 25, 1859; Sarah, died in youth; Alma, died in youth; Nettie, died in youth.

This family was scourged by the dreaded T. B. Henry, Lydia, Armenia, Una [Eunice] and Nettie went that way. David John Osbert became a clergyman in the United States and established a religious system of his own. Mark Jr. married Catherine Cranton and his family were three boys, Carl, Ernest and Merrill. At the 1st meeting of the Congregational Uni which was held in Margaree a youth delegate from Hemford, N. S. captured the heart of Carl and he settled in that place. Ernest married Emma Gr and conducted a carding mill. Merrill never married. Etherbert, son of Mark married Margaret Crowdis. They had three children: Laura married John S MacDonald. Harry settled in the United States. Fenwick married Goldie Ingraham.

#### **Henderson**

Three sisters of this name, Guysborough girls, married in Margaree. They were: Ann, Mrs. William Et ridge; Caroline, Mrs. George Ingraham, Martha, Mrs. Joseph Ingraham.

#### **Ingraham**

Isiah Ingraham, son of Timothy, to Nova Scotia from Hartford, 1783. He was born in Say in 1752 and Sarah Wood of the place in 1773. Several of their were born there. After living a time in Halifax he came to and from there to Margaree Harbour where was finally on his own farm. He with Ir of North East Margaree, his in-law was one of the first two justice of the peace for the entire district. His children were four boys girls. James, William, John and Styles Jacob were the boys, name of one who probably eldest daughter is not remembered. Married a Henderson of Man of Guysboro.

Martha sister of the above mentioned Mrs. Henderson became Mrs. Hart, Armenia also married Guysborough to Irad Hart but they moved to North East Margaree. One other of the girls in North East, married Mary Maria to Patrick Condy; Harriett the second wife of Captain Philips and Ann, Mrs. Philip ndt. The last two of the sisters, Temperance or Temple and Sarah married Barnabas Lever and Samuel Hull both of Baddeck. The Ingraham case at Margaree Harbor is dated June 10<sup>th</sup>. 1793 and a second case July 1<sup>st</sup>. 1797. Eight of his family are settled in North East.

#### **Hezekiah Ingraham's Sons**

James was one of the children born in the United States. He was one of the first settlers in the North East, taking out a lease September 12, 1809 for 300 acres on the west side of the river. Aattel James granted 150 acres of the 300 he had leased but still later sold to his brother, John Louis. After selling James leased land on the east side oof the river at the Egypt Brook where he died and was buried. His wife was Barbara Ann Richardson of Halifax. Their children were Caroline, a charter member of the Baptist Church, married Thomas Burton and Hannah who married Joseph Dobson who ran a mill

on the Egypt Brook. The sons were Styles Jacob who early removed to Sydney and James who removed to the United States where he became a manufacturer. The male line of this family came to an end in Margaree.

2. Styles Jacob Ingraham was born on Halifax on November 7<sup>th</sup>. About 1788. He leased land on the east side of the river September 1<sup>st</sup>. 1817. In 1810 he had married Jane, a daughter of Mark Crowdis. He removed to Baddeck where his son became sheriff. The male line of this family ceased in the Margaree.

3. John Louis Ingraham was born at Margaree Harbour October 15, 1811. He originally took up 200 acres on the west side of the river and later bought 150 from his brother James so that by 1835 he owned 350 acres. Like his brother he married a daughter of Mark Crowdis, Mary. In his home 1835 the first Baptist Church was organized and he became the first deacon, his wife also being a charter member. Their family was made up of six boys and three girls. The girls were Ann, Mrs. Thomas Crowdis; Mary, Mrs. Murdock MacDonald and Esther, Mrs. Wm. F. Burton.

The six sons of John Louis Ingraham each received a part of their father's holding. Running up stream they were Mark, George, James, Joseph, William and John Louis Jr. We will consider them in that order.

### **1. Mark son of John Louis [Ingraham]**

Mark married Armenia Ross and they raised a family of five. 1. Eliza married Wm. E. Etheridge. 2. Lorena married Thomas Phillips. 3. Irad married Lydia Hart and they had a family of six, three girls and three boys. Of the three girls Lydia died in youth and is commemorated by a window in the Baptist Church, Phoebe married a Mr. Wilkenson of California and Pamela, [Prim] was unmarried. The children of Irad Ingraham were Henry married Sarah, daughter of E. Crowdis and lived on the home place. Their two daughters Laura and Lillian settled in Sydney district. Ames, son of Irad, went to Western Canada. Alward, son of Irad, married in the United States but used the Margaree farm as a summer home.

4. Mark, son of Mark, went to the United States taking with him a Margaree wife, Kate Ross. 5. Absolom the third of Mark's sons worked away for years, then returned and bought a property at Portrea. His wife was Sarah Crowdis. Their family were five. Mark and Oliver were twins. The former settled in California. The latter married Roda Ross and settled in Calgary. Mamie did not marry. Clarke married Carmen Etheridge and settled in Truro. Arthur married Margt. MacAulay of Boulardarie. They had no family. [note by hand: Edith and Ernest]

### **2. George son of John Louis [Ingraham]**

George married Caroline Henderson of Guysborough. Their family was seven boys and two girls, Matilda and Lydia who married Thomas Phillips of Cranton and James Davis of Baddeck. The seven boys were John, George, Roland, Albert, Obed, Reuben and Hiram. 1. John married Armenia Phillips and almost immediately removed to the United States. On her death he married another Margaree girl, Ann Ross. 2. George married Eunice A. Hart and followed his brother. 3. Roland married Lorine Phillips and lived in Cranton. They had a family of six. William married Annie Phillips and farmed Cranton. Harriett married William Ross. Dolly became Mrs. Campbell of Lake Ainslie. Sarah married DeGrouchy Timmons. George settled in Inverness. Albert served through the Great War and returned to Western Canada where he was killed in an accident.

1. Albert, son of George, became a schoolteacher and then went into business in Middle River where he found a wife in the person of Eunice E. MacLeod. He returned to Margaree in 1885 and commenced business there. All of their family settled in North East. They were Kitson, Olive, Mrs. John Hart, Osprey, Goldie, Mrs. Fenwick Hart and Otto. Baxter died in youth.
2. Obed married Sarah Ingraham and after her death Catherine Etheridge. All of his children left Margaree. Milford went to Glace Bay. Foster, Clifton, Hilda and Mina went to the United States. Jephtha died in youth. 6 & 7 Reuben and Hiram, sons of George, went to the United States as young men.

3. James, son of John Louis, sold his share of the proper to his brother, William and went to the United States.

### **3. Joseph, son of John Louis [Ingraham]**

Joseph married Martha Henderson of Guysborough and their family was three girls and five boys. The girls were Martha, Mrs. Donald MacDonald, Lemira, Mrs. Alex MacRae of Middle River; and Adeline, Mrs. Malcom MacLeod. The boys

were Clement and Jephtha, twins, of whom the latter and a brother James died of Diphtheria, thought to have been brought in a buffalo robe from Middle River. Lee graduated at Acadia and entered the Baptist ministry. His younger brother Howard died while preparing for the same work. Joseph Ingraham, father of this family, was the first councilor for the North East. The other candidates were Kenneth Rory MacKenzie, Thomas Etheridge and Maurice Dunn. It is still recalled that Mr. Dunn being asked what the prospects were, laughingly remarked: "Well if all the ballots I have distributed come in I am elected already." This was in 1879. After his family were grown Joseph Ingraham married Alice Smith of Mabou and the latter married Mary Kinley of Port Hilford.

#### **4. William, son of John Louis [Ingraham]**

William married Nancy Ingraham. Of their family of four Jacob went early to the United States as did both of his sisters, Abigail and Isabella. Freeman the fourth of the family stayed at home and married Lydia A died in youth. Eva and Percy went early to the United States and Jacob settled in Margaree Forks. Mr. Freeman Ingraham was a Baptist elder.

#### **5. John Louis, son of John Louis [Ingraham]**

John Louis Jr. married Sarah Ross. Their eight children were Irad, Florence, Porter, David, Ellen, Lavina, Annie and Teresa who died in youth. Of these girls Florence married William Smith of Mabou and Ellen, Richard Marple of Big Intervale. Levina and Teresa went to the United States in youth and Annie never married. Of the boys Irad settled in Halifax. David became an oculist in the United States and used the home place for a summer home. Porter married Rachael MacLeod of Middle River and their three children are all in North East Margaree, namely Currie, Sarah, Mr. R MacLeod and Teresa, Mrs. Roy Ross.

#### **William Ingraham son of Hezekiah**

William married Mary MacDonald of Lake Ainslie who was born in Tiree, Scotland. She came to Nova Scotia as a young girl. She was a step aunt of Dr. Hugh [Hoodie] McDonald of Whycomagh. These young folk had their farm and cooperage at the Hatchery Brook. Their nine girls were: Sarah, Mrs. John Davis, Baddeck; Nancy [Ann] Mrs. William Ingraham, Bell, Mrs. Duncan Carmichael, Lydia, Mrs. Angus Campbell, Lake Ainslie and Whitewood, Saskatchewan, Jane, Unmarried, Esther, unmarried, Armenia, unmarried, Annie died in youth, Mrs. ...Truro. The four sons of the family were Hezekiah, John, William and James. 1. Hezekiah set up a gristmill. His wife was Armenia Phillips and their family was three. Reuben settled in Driftwood Pennsylvania. Annie never married. Sarah married Obed Ingraham. 2. John married Eliza Ingraham and they had nine children. Mariner, Esther, Lydia, Mary, Eliza, Eliza the second, Phoebe, Mark and John. Mariner married Annie Munro of Englishtown. He was a schoolteacher for 22 years and all of his appointments were in Cape Breton. Later he ran a store on the Big Intervale road and then moved to Sydney. He had a family of four girls and one boy. Vida married Dr. Murray of the R. C. Navy. Margaret died after teaching a number of years. Carmita married Roger MacLeod of the Calgary High School. Lila, who was a nurse, died in Detroit. Lorne, the only son, settled in the United States. In his youth Mr. Ingraham was a very fine looking man and Levi Levis who was a great wag remarked that the three best looking men in Margaree were Mariner Ingraham, Mariner Smith and himself.

1. James Ingraham, son of William, married Mary Levis. All of their five children left the district. Walter went to Sydney, Joseph to New York and James and Ambrose to Boston as did their sister Stella, Mrs. Martin.
2. William, son of William, married Mary David of Baddeck. They had four children two of whom Hezekiah and Annie died in youth. Cranswick named after Rev. Matthew Cranswick, a very early Methodist minister, removed to New Hampshire after the death of his parents and his sister Winnie went with him.

In the Ingraham family connection there is quite a remarkable list of names of Baptist ministers. This number is incomplete, Porter, Foster, Freeman, Everett, Kitson, Wetmore and Currie.

#### **Kennedy**

The widow Kennedy and her daughter Annie lived at Ulva. They sold to " land" John Ross and the daughter

Annie married Dougald McKinnon.

### **Kiely**

John Kiely came to Margaree from Baddeck. His wife was Eliza McDaniel. They lived at the rear of Rossville. Their family was four, James, Miles, Sarah and Jennie. James settled in the United States. Rev. Miles officiated in Gloucester, Sarah married a McHugh of Dorchester, Mass., and Jennie died in youth. Mr. Kiely's second wife was Margaret McGarry. Their son Moses was made R. C. Bishop of Trenton, N. J. The other children Dennis and Mary settled in New York and Boston respectively.

### **Lamond**

Malcom Lamond and his wife, who was a Gillis, came to Margaree from Skye. They has a family of four. Hugh, Donald, Malcom who died in youth and Christina who married James Austin of the Crown Lands Office, Halifax. The family home was the first farm north of Sugar Loaf.

Hugh was a mason by trade. He also kept a store at Kingross and later lived for a time in Rossville. His wife was a Miss Seften and his sister-in-law lived with them. This Miss Seften was a gardener who specialized in transplanting wild flowers to the garden. A flowering shrub of the early spring was brought in sufficient quantities to make a hedge. It is still known locally as "Miss Seften." Hugh Lamond finally moved to Halifax where he died in the midst of a church service.

Donald Lamond married Mrs. Johns Cummings, Mary Swain. She was a woman well suited for pioneer life. Once when a bear had killed a sheep she with her dog, Cassoar, chased the animal and took the carcass from his very jaws. Again she and Mr. Lamond were hunting cattle when they found a bear standing over a freshly killed beeve. They drove the bear a little away and bending down a young tree hoisted the carcass into its top and let the tree spring back. Then they lighted a fire and Mrs. Lamond under took to stand guard till Mr. Lamond went and brought a gun. He found that the only gun in the settlement was loaned some miles away and going for it did not return until daybreak. All night Mrs. Lamond mended the fire and threw brands and stones every time the bear came near. In the morning he was still there but so was her husband and the bear was soon dispatched. There were no children in this family.

### **Leadbetter**

Ebenezer Leadbetter of Mabou came to N. E. Margaree and bought land owned by Rev. Hugh Ross. He married Ann Ross of Rossville. They had raised a family if seven boys and four girls. The girls of the family follow: Sarah married Ellison Trenholm and removed to New Brunswick. Elizabeth married John Arnold of Baddeck. Adeline married Wm. Jackson of Port Hood and Jane settled in Prince Edwards Island.

We now trace the sons of Eben Leadbetter. 1. David married Mary MacKinnon of Big Intervale and settled at Port Hood. 2. John settled in Massachusetts. 3. Eben married Lottie Jackson of Port Hood and settled in Utah. 4. Valentine and 5, Mathiland went to Pennsylvania and 6. Duncan to Massachusetts. The name Mathiland is hard to account for but it is spelt as pronounced. 7. William the seventh son married Ellen Arnold of Baddeck and lived on his father's place. William's only son died in youth. Five daughters removed to the United States. They were Anna, Dora, Lottie, Ida and Nettie. Elizabeth married Charles Abram and lives on the home place.

### **Leagy [Leahy]**

William Leahy was born in Cork and married Mary Downey. He came to Lake O'Law in 1829 and took up a grant which he later sold to Justin McCarthy and moved to Ha [? Halifax] . Some of the old folk were speaking of him and that he had been born in Cork. This was questioned but the prompt answer came "Of course he was for he always wore low shoes and white socks." That was conclusive. There were six girls and five boys in his family.

### **Lever**

Barnabas Lever was a Baddeck man who married Temperance or Temple Ingraham. There is a record dated 1811, asking the government to help him to establish a gristmill at Baddeck. He certainly held a grant in Margaree. Mrs. Lever herself granted 300 acres at Baddeck River. John Lever mentioned as a landholder in Margaree. We are unable to trace his connection with Barnabas. He may have been a son for the record of ownership is about 1835.

### **Levis**

John Levis of Plymouth, England, came first to St. John's, Newfoundland and then to Margaree. He found a wife in the person of Elizabeth Marple. [Fisher's Grant, Pictou County, whom he met when she was visiting her Margaree relatives. His farm of 400 acres is still partly occupied by his descendants.

Their family numbered nine. 1. John became a sea captain and settled in East Boston. 2. Richard had a part of his father's farm. 3. James moved to Indiana. 4. William settled in the vicinity of Windsor Junction. 5. Joseph took a part of his father's farm. 6. Frederick died unmarried. 7. Elizabeth married James Campbell. They later moved to New Brunswick. 8. Mary married James Ingraham. 9. Amelia married Hugh Morrison.

Richard, one of the two sons who remained in Margaree, married Amelia Coady and lived in the valley until his family was grown up. Then he moved to New Brunswick and finally to the United States. The family numbered eight. Three of the girls, Panthea, Priscilla and Alice died in youth. 4. Christina married Hugh Morrison. 5. Mary Ann married James [Donald] Ross. 6. John H lived in Pennsylvania. The other children were Elizabeth and Colin.

Joseph Levis, the second of Levis boys to settle at home, married Mary Ann Munro. Their family numbered eight. 1. Amelia married Patrick Timmons. 2. John died in Inverness. 3. George went to Attleboro. 4. Andrew stayed on the old farm. 5. Minnie settled in Boston. 6. Alfred died unmarried. 7. & 8. William and Hugh were schoolmasters. William served in the South African War and was one of the Canadian contingent at the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. He took part in the Yukon gold rush and served for many years on the Toronto police force. Hugh led a more prosaic life and spent most of his life as a teacher in Victoria, B. C.

### **Maloney**

John S Maloney of Upper North Sydney had a grant in Rossville dated 1808. This was on Methodist Hill. He sold it to Irad Hart and Hart to John Crowdis. We cannot determine if Maloney lived in Margaree or not. It is certain that his daughter, Catherine, married "Big Jim Ross" from the next farm. Another daughter married a Mr. Shea or Shields who worked for Big Jim's father and it is known that their son became a somewhat famous Baptist minister. From these two marriages it would look as though Maloney at least for a time lived at Margaree.

### **MacAulay**

Kenneth MacAulay and his wife, Ann, were very early members of the Congregational Church, Numbers 57 and 58. Mr. MacAulay was ordained at Margaree to the Congregational Ministry and settled at Lake Side, Victoria County. He sold his farm to William Tingsley.

### **MacArthur**

Three sisters of this name came to North East Margaree. Flora married Archibald MacLean and died age 110. [Catherine MacArthur ca. 1796 Isle of Skye] married Angus Ross [known as "THE KING" "King Ross" b. 1799 Kilmuir, Skye ] and

### **McCarthy**

Justin McCarthy bought 105 acres of William Leahy. His family included two girls Susan, Mrs. James Cameron, and

Catherine married John Connors. Michael died in youth. Richard married a Miss MacKinnon and settled in S. W. Margaree, John married Margaret Cameron and had Michael and Catherine, Mrs. Alen Gillis, Henry MacCarthy son of Justin married Mary O'Connor. Their family of 3, James, Michael and William all went to the United States.

### **MacCharles**

John MacCharles and his wife Fanny, a Middle River couple, were early settlers in Margaree. Their sons, William and John were born November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1824 and May 25<sup>th</sup>. 1826. In 1835 Mr. MacCharles purchased from the MacCormack estate the 200 acres, now the four Carmichael properties in Frizzleton. He soon moved back to Middle River.

### **MacCormack**

All that we know of James MacCormack is that when he died in 1835 he controlled 924 acres in North East Margaree. This was sold as follows: John Louis Ingraham 200 acres, John Crowdis 200 acres, John MacCharles 200 acres, Phillip Brown 200 acres and James Lishman 100 acres. Lishman was himself one of the executors of the estate and is described as a merchant of Halifax.

### **McDaniel**

Miles McDaniel was born in Wexford in 1788. He came to St. John's, Newfoundland in 1809 and then to Port Hood Island where on September 17<sup>th</sup>. 1811 he married Rebecca Smith, daughter of Captain David. Mr. McDaniel lived variously at Port Hood, Mabou, Margaree Harbour and North East Margaree. They had a family of eleven children. Sarah, born June 20<sup>th</sup>.1812, Mrs. Nicholas Thompkins. Matthew, October 15<sup>th</sup>. 1813. Mary, September 17<sup>th</sup> 1817, Mrs. Maurice Fitzgerald. Elizabeth, September 25<sup>th</sup>. 1819, died in infancy. Miles, August 24<sup>th</sup>. 1821. Mary Ann Rebecca, November 20<sup>th</sup>. 1823, Mrs. Andrew Dunn. Moses. Jean, Mrs. John Dunn. Eliza, Mrs. Martin Coady. Margaret died in infancy. John.

Miles McDaniel, son of Miles above married Margaret Harris and with their two children Margaret and Eliza moved to Halifax. His older brother, Matthew married Ellen Crowdis and settled at Margaree Forks.

Moses McDaniel, son of the first Miles married Alice MacKeagney and their family numbered nine. The six girls, Elizabeth, Mrs. Joseph Fortune, Rebecca; Bridget-Ellen, Mrs. Howe; Sarah; Catherine and Mary-Jane all went to the United States. Two of three boys Matthew and Moses also crossed the American line. Norbet remained on the home place where he married Maggie Murphy. His family numbered five. Moses died in youth. Rebecca, a trained nurse, married Murphy. The other girls of the family were

John McDaniel, son of Miles the first married and their family numbered eleven. 1. Rebecca-Ann married James Coady. 2. Miles settled in Antigonish. 3. Catherine married John Coady. 4. Matthew settled in Brook Village. 5. Margaret. 6. William settled in Youkon. 7. Matilda married Angus MacDonald, Mabou. 8. Sarah never married. 9. John died unmarried. 10. Frank married Campbell of Mabou. 11. Albert married .

### **Harry McDaniel**

Harry McDaniel and his wife Ann Cameron came from Wexford and settled in Margaree in 1830. His children were Matthew, Miles, James, Mary, Sarah, and Margaret. The oldest settlers say that Harry was a younger brother of Miles the first.

### **MacDiarmid**

For his work he bought one of the first oil lamps in Margaree. It is still preserved. Neil MacDiarmid was a tailor. He and his brother came to Sydney where they separated. They did not hear of each other again. In the third generation, at

a Maritime gathering in Boston it was discovered that one brother had settled in Loch Lomond and Neil had gone to Margaree. He married Katie MacLeod and lived at Ulva. Mrs. MacLeod never spoke English. It was her custom to attend family worship in Gaelic at the home of their next neighbour, Rev. Ranauld MacDonald. She died December 7, 1901 the night of the marriage of a neighbour's daughter, Ellen Ingraham. The Neil MacDiarmid family numbered eight. 1. Sarah married James Ross. 2. Margaret married a Mr. Morgan of Pictou. 3. Mary married Malcom Fraser. 4. Ann married a Mr. Harrington of Hall's Harbour. 5. Donald MacDiarmid was a schoolmaster and a very fine penman. He was for many years councilor for the district. He was married three times his wives being Jessie MacKenzie, Sarah Tingley daughter of Wm. Tingley and Etta [Indigs] Kane of P. E. I. The first family was Alex, Dan and Jessie. The second family was one son George. The third family was Dan, Collingswood, Elsie and Empress. Jessie-Ann settled in Boston and Elsie in Nova Scotia. Alexander died unmarried, as did the first Dan. George married Margaret MacInnis. He was a clever self-taught painter. Dan the second married Vilda Ross. Collingswood served overseas in the Great War and returning married Martha MacLeod finally settled in Ontario.

Malcom son of Neil was a fine carpenter. When past eighty he made and contributed the window sashes to the renovated manse of the United Church. Malcom's wife was Jemima Phillips. Malcolm's family were Sarah, Mrs. George Phillips; John S. married Laura Hart, had one daughter Irma; He lived on the original MacDonald farm. Frank married Ethel MacDonald and settled in Cranton. William and Tom never married. Ada died in youth. Annie settled in Newfoundland, Mrs. Chas. Sprachlin. Pearl married Geo. Chapman of New Glasgow. John son of Neil married Keziah Phillips and lived on his father's place. His family was Dan who married Sarah MacInnis and Neil who settled in Sydney. Kenneth son of the first Neil settled in Baddeck.

One of the councilors sons met his death in a peculiar way. He was attending a temperance drive. The line of sleighs was suddenly checked and the shaft of the sleigh behind him struck him in the back causing injuries from which he never recovered.

### **MacPherson**

Donald MacPherson of Skye and his wife Sarah Campbell with all of their children but two landed at Englishtown in October 1829 and walked to their new home in Margaree. The last night was spent at the home of Philip Ryan of Lake O'Law. Mrs. MacPherson was a cousin of Sir Colin Campbell and through him arrangements had been made for a homestead for the MacPhersons and some ten others. In addition they bought from John Ross 100 acres for the sum of five pounds. In passing it may be mentioned that Mrs. MacPherson was related to Alexander Campbell of Strathlorne and to various families of Beatons and Gillis about Lake Ainslie. The children who made the trip with their parents were Flora, Mrs. Peter Ross of Ulva; Margaret, Mrs. David Carmichael of Frizzleton; Norman and John who married Elizabeth MacKenzie of Middle River and settled there. The children born in Canada were Bell who never married and Rachael who became Mrs. Malcom Angus Ross of Big Intervale.

Donald MacPherson was a widely read and devout man. One who later became an honoured Presbyterian minister relates how he came upon Mr. MacPherson praying in the midst of his pasture and of the great impression that that made upon his mind. He also, sometimes, as a lad spent the night at MacPhersons and speaks of the wonder of family prayer there in Gaelic. Mr. MacPherson was a famous man with the broadaxe. He used a blade that was twelve inches across. Late in life when logs had become small he had his grandson take one and a half inches off either corner. This nine-inch blade is still in the family. He died at the age of 86. Mrs. MacPherson was equally rugged. She lived to be 92. It was a common thing for her to take a creel on her back containing a forty-pound tub of butter and carry it to Margaree Harbour 15 miles away. It was the rule for the merchants at the Harbour in such cases to put their customers by boat at the head of the tide. There was then ten miles to walk home.

Norman MacPherson, son of Donald married Sarah Burton and carried on on his father's farm. Their children were nine. Ralph, Guildford, David, Dan, George, Russell, Flora, Minn and Sadie. The girls all settled in the United States as did their brothers Guildford and David. Dan and Russell never married and as it happened each of them dropped dead. George learned the blacksmith's trade and went to Colorado. There he began to preach in mining camps before he was himself a church member. Later he entered the ministry of the Baptist Church and became an evangelist and author with a home in New York and bought back his father's place which he converted into a small summer hotel. Ralph the oldest of the family was also a blacksmith. He married Matilda Burton and settled in Frizzleton. As he prospered in business he

started a general store. His family were seven. 1. Sadie settled in the United States. 2. Milford settled in United States. 3. Ada married Leo Thompkins. 4. Claude and 5. Bertha went to United States, as did 6. Viola. 7. Osgood married Ann MacKenzie of Big Intervale.

### **Murdock MacPherson**

Murdock MacPherson married Mary MacArthur and settled in the rear [east] of Kingross. His sons were Murdock and Donald and there was a daughter Kate who never married. Murdock married Sarah Ross. They had no children but brought up two of their little relatives Mary and Donald MacLean. Donald the second son of Murdock married Mary Stewart. They had but one child Lexina who married John MacLean of Forest Glen. The last of this family connection partly MacPherson, partly MacLean, one household, settled at Greenville, Cumberland County.

### **MacRae**

Farquhar MacRae and his wife Ellen MacRae were both from Kintail. He was related to the folk of the same name in Middle River. They made a home in Ulva, beside the watering brook. Their family numbered seven. 1. John married Miss MacLeod of Dunvegan and after living for a time at East Margaree removed to the Straight of Canso. 2. William married a Miss MacKinnon and lived first on the Portrea Road, then at Saint Rose. His son William, after studying for the priesthood, became a Presbyterian minister. One of his first sermons was preached at Middle River among his relatives and is often spoken of for its great power and evident learning. 3. Alexander married a Miss McLennan of Saint Rose and sold the Margaree property to Donald MacDonald and moved to Saint Rose. 4. Farquhar taught school and then studied for the priesthood but gave up his vocation and did business at Port Hood and at the Beach, Margaree Harbour. He later kept the light housed at Margaree Island [Wolf-fang] His wife was a Miss Doyle and one of their sons became, like his cousin, a Presbyterian minister. 5. Peter married a Miss Chisholm of Antigonish. They lived for a time on the home farm and then moved to Saint Rose. 6. Christopher was a schoolmaster in early life and later obtained a place in the railway postal service. 7. There was but one girl in the family, namely Ann, who became Mrs. Murray of Brook Village.

### **MacQuarrie**

The name Abram MacQuarrie appears among the sixties in the chronological list of members of the Congregational Church. A family of that name lived in Rossville. The head of the family was a painter and saddler and his wife was a MacLennan from Broad Cove. A story is told of a man of the same name who was attending a wake at Lake O'Law. Becoming intoxicated he stretched out on a bench and went to sleep. Some of those who were awake secured a rope and lashed him to the bench and were not disappointed at the circus when he awoke. One hopes the two were two and not one.

### **Marple**

Richard Marple was a loyalist whose ancestors came from Sheffield. His wife was a MacPherson from Fisher's Grant. He lived first at "the Maple Brook," removed to Baddeck and finally bought on the Hatchery road. The family numbered nine. There were six girls. Elizabeth married John Levis. Jane married James Miller. Christie married John Murray. Isabel married Patrick Connors. Mary married William Campbell. Sarah married John Williams of the Joggins. The sons of Richard Marple were three, John, James and William. 1. John married a Miss Buchanan of Baddeck and moved to Ontario settling in St. Thomas. 2. James married a sister of John's wife and settled at Ulva which farm he traded with Charles MacLeod of Big Intervale. His family was six girls and two boys one of whom died in infancy. Three of the girls, Kate, Mrs. Henry Campbell; Jane, Mrs. William Campbell and Jessie, Mrs. Wood married in New Brunswick. Bessie married George Ward and lived on a part of her father's farm. Mary Ann died in youth and Nancy married Thomas Pembroke. The one remaining son Richard married Ellen Ingraham and their family was David of Rossville married Mrs. Donald Etheridge; John of Margaree Harbour; James died in youth. James 2<sup>nd</sup>. of Big Intervale married Mildred Etheridge; Edward settled in Alberta; Irad settled in Boston where also went Sarah Jane, Mrs. William Neil; Jessie married Alexander MacDonald of Mabou and Euphemia died in youth. William a third son of the original Richard married Mary Stewart of Big Intervale. He lived on his father's place. Of their children Henry went to Pennsylvania and Archie to Wisconsin. John

became a Baptist minister. He had not been able to read when his heart was stirred and he was cast prostrate on the floor in the great Foster revival. Once when he was registering in a Winnipeg hotel he found the name immediately above his own was John Marple. He made inquiry and found that he was meeting his own cousin. The girls of the family were Annie and Jennie. They both married in the United States.

### **MacDonald**

Three families of this name settled in N. E. Margaree. They were John MacDonald of Skye, Rev. Ranald MacDonald and James G MacDonald the blacksmith and they were not related to each other any more than are all the members of that clan.

### **John MacDonald of Skye**

John MacDonald of Skye married Matilda Gordon who died leaving him one son John. Again, he married Catherine MacLeod of the same place and their children were five, Alexander, Lauchlin, Flora, Murdock, and Donald. Lauchlin was born in the year of Waterloo 1815 so the ages of the family can be gauged. They came to Cape Breton in 1827. Their first year was spent at the Crawley Farm, Sydney. In 1828 they came to N. E. Margaree. One of the deciding factors in the change was the desire of their mother that her boys should not follow the sea. John MacDonald had his sons John Jr. and Alexander granted adjoining farms stretching from the foot of Sugar Loaf to the Hatchery Brook. John Jr. to the north, the father in the center and Alexander to the South.

### **John MacDonald Jr.**

John Jr. married Catherine MacIntosh of Pleasant Bay. Their oldest son Alexander married a daughter of Hugh Fraser of Margaree and bought the MacRae farm at the watering place, Ulva, but later moved to Sydney selling the place to James MacLeod.

Peter, the second son of John Jr. married Mary MacLeod, daughter of his nearest neighbour. He took his father's farm and was succeeded by his son James who removed to Glace Bay selling the farm to Mrs. Angus Ross of Big Intervale.

The third son of John Jr. was given the name Alexander the same as his own eldest brother and uncle. He was a schoolteacher for a number of years at Trenton, N. S., later he went into business at Stellerton and died worth a considerable sum of money. He was unmarried.

The fourth son of John Jr. was John the third widely known as "Red John." As a boy he used to walk from his home to Cranton Section a distance of seven miles. He became an expert penman. He first worked as a clerk with J G Crowdis. Then, in a day when abstinence had not been established in the minds of the people as it is today, he sold liquor. After a time he went to Massachusetts and secured employment in a fish farm. The owner noted his fine penmanship and promoted him to the office. In due time he became owner of the business.

John Jr.'s fifth child was Donald, a carpenter, who worked for a good many years in Boston and vicinity. The youngest of John Junior's family was Matilda who married James MacKay of Cheticamp afterwards of Kilkenny Lake, Sydney.

The second son of John MacDonald of Skye was Alexander, who, after taking up a farm next to his father, decided to enter the ministry of the Baptist church. His first pastorate was in P. E. I. His wife was Miss Jennie Crawford. He was for a time editor of the Christian Witness. His ministerial life closed in Hampton, N. B., and aged 36. There he was buried.

John MacDonald's third child Flora was also born in Skye. She lived to be 90 years old, unmarried on the homestead. Nephews and nieces in turn grew up cared for by her and caring for her. The farm is now owned by J S MacDiarmid and the site of the old place is plainly marked on a hillock north of the house.

The third son of John MacDonald of Skye was Lauchlin, as MacDougall's history says "A most worthy and intelligent man." He married Margaret Matheson of Middle River and a notable family of ten children grew up around them. Jessie the oldest became in due time Mrs. Wm. E Hart.

2. Donald took his uncle Alexander's farm and married Martha Ingraham and their children were Gordon, Addie, Margaret, Euphemia, and Dolly. Typhoid laid its tragic hand on this family and took three lovely girls. Gordon recovered from the disease and married Susan Ross and lives on the old place. Euphemia became Mrs. Roland Jackson of New Hampshire.

1. Catherine, third of Laughlin's children, became Mrs. Joseph P Burton.
2. Her sister, Flora, a name dear to all MacDonalds, became Mrs. Irish of Mabou, later of Sydney. 5. John A fifth child of the family we are tracing married Miss Hume and settled in Baddeck. He was a successful lawyer and was first M. P. P. and then M. P. for the county of Victoria. 6. A. Y. MacDonald settled at Baddeck as a farmer taking with him a Margaree wife Alice Crowdis. 7. Duncan H the next of the family was a teacher, studied law with his brother John A and settled in St. Peter's as stipendiary magistrate. He never married. 8. Mary was a splendid teacher and a great lover of her home. While teaching at Pleasant Bay she and another young Margaree girl, Sarah MacLeod, made the fifty-mile trip to Margaree on snowshoes. Neither of them ever recovered from the strain. She died in 1884. 9. Euphemia married Alexander MacLean whose farm was the site of the Roman Catholic orphanage at Little Bras d'Or. 10. Christie the youngest in the family married Sheriff Dunlop of Baddeck and after his death Dr. MacDonald of St. Peter's.

### **Murdock son of John of Skye**

We are now come to the family of Murdock fourth son of John of Skye. He married Mary Ingraham. They had a family of seven.

1. Euphemia married Joseph "Lamb" Ross, so called because he was a drover. They finally settled in St. John's, Newfoundland. 2. Mary-Jane married James G MacDonald the blacksmith. 3. Eliza married Joseph J Ross. 4. William, with his Margaree wife, Jessie MacLeod settled in Middle River. 5. Lydia married David Fraser. 6. Alfred was married three times. His first wife was Ellen MacLeod. Their children were Mary, Mrs. Nicholson of Glace Bay and Murdock of Halifax. Alfred's second wife was Mary Crowdis who left one son Earl. Alfred married a third time Eliza Ingraham. Their family was Ellen, Mrs. George Munro; Ethel, Mrs. Frank MacDiarmid; Lois, William and Lloyd. 7. James, son of Murdock, settled in Boston and Alma the eighth of the family married John MacDonald of Margaree Forks.

### **Donald son of John of Skye**

Donald fifth son of John MacDonald of Skye married Catherine Carmichael, February 6<sup>th</sup>. 1851, Rev. Alex Farquharson of the Free Church of Scotland, Middle River, officiating. They had a family of ten. 1. Jane married James Frizzle, after whom the school section is now named. 2. Francis married Elizabeth Etheridge. He lived for a time in Frizzleton, then in Cranton Section. His children were Thomas of Sydney and Albro of Weyburn, Saskatchewan. He married the second time Phoebe Etheridge. They had one child Gladys, Mrs. Jordan 3. Mary Sgecl, Donald's third child was named after her grandfather's sister in Scotland. Mary Steele married Asahel Quimby of New Hampshire. 4. Jessie Matilda married Albert J Hart. 5. Sarah married William Etheridge, later Joseph Hunt of Mabou. 6. John h son of Donald became a Baptist minister. He studied at Acadia and served the church at River John, Economy, Amherst, Ottawa and Fredericton. He was principal of the Acadia Seminary, Editor of the Maritime Baptist and in the Great War Assistant Director of Chaplain Services. 7. Havelock made his home in Calgary. 8. Annie married George Trites of New Brunswick and settled in Somerville, Massachusetts. 9. Ellen married Edward Height of Digby and settled in Mau .

Two of the original three MacDonald farms are in other family names today. On Alexander's farm are Gordon, son of Donald Laughlin and Mrs. Alfred [Murdock] Francis MacDonald, grandson of John MacDonald of Skye, being over eighty gave these facts from memory.

Rev. Ranald MacDonald

Rev. Randal MacDonald, a native of Ulva, became an abstainer very early in life. He was a teacher. One day at an inn he was asked to take liquor but refused which led to a conversation with another traveler who proved to be one of the famous Haldanes. As a result a friendship grew up between the two men and Mr. Haldane assisted no less than six Ulva men to study at Edinburg of whom Mr. MacDonald was one, and later still as a result of the friendship Mr. MacDonald started for Ontario as a missionary. He was accompanied by his wife and infant child. Mrs. MacDonald's name was Anne MacInnis of Mull and her mother was Ellen Buchanan.

On the way out an epidemic of measles swept the ship and the little one died and was buried at sea. Need of repairs to the ship drove the master into Sydney Harbour. In this place Mr. MacDonald was advised not to push on to Ontario but "to stay where his feet had been led." Mrs. MacDonald used to walk the land wash hoping that the body of her

first born would be given up by the sea. A decision was made. Mr. MacDonald spent a little time at Boulardarie and then went to N. E. Margaree where in 1851 he was inducted as minister of the Baptist church. He lived first at Big Intervale, where were a number of Baptist families, Lamonts, Ross and MacLeod. Later he lived at Rivulet in a part of the old John MacDonald home. Mrs. MacDonald was unhappy with the constant shifting and on her own authority, hearing that a property owned by "Hieland" John Ross was for sale, directed Deacon Ross to secure the place for her.

Mr. MacDonald's speech was always redolent of Scotland and he sometimes slipped in his English vocabulary as when he went into great distress to his neighbour "Taylor" MacDiarmid that he had broken the "dashboard" of his plough.

Indirectly it was his first love for his children that led to the death of his son Hugh. Like all boys the lad was eager for adventure. One day he asked if he might go, early the next morning, with a neighbour, hunting caribou. The father said "no" and pointed out the danger. The lad, disappointed, held his head down and went out silently. Later in the evening, Mr. MacDonald, disliking to disappoint the boy went up to his room and told him he might go. The little chap expressed his delight and long before his father was awake was off. As the three in the party went single file through the woods the rifle of one of them discharged by a catching twig and another tragedy was added to the list of hunting accidents. The owner of the discharged rifle visited the valley several times to make a lonely pilgrimage to the place where the accident took place.

Mr. MacDonald was a good man on the ground and made his narrow acres keep from five to seven cows. He was active in ministerial duties making frequent trips to Middle River and thence by the Twin Rock Valley, a road now little used, to Lake Ainslie and thence to Mabou. At the two former places at least he was accustomed to preach in open air. He was a man of staunch convictions. Once he refused to pay a certain minister, one of his successors, of whom he did not approve. The church equally staunch and suspended his membership until the debt was paid. After many months he surrendered but one imagines a compromise had been made for the minister was shortly removed to another field. Lastly Mr. MacDonald had a great capacity for friendship. The Presbyterian folk who were his nearest neighbours were much attached to him and dying he commended his family to their care. A shipwreck at Cheticamp from which two horses swam ashore. One was a mare which soon produced a filly which was bought by Rev. Malcom and sold to Rev. Ranald who ever after maintained the stock. It was still on the farm in 1935. The members of this MacDonald family were, beside the two children mentioned and George who died in childhood, Flora, Ellen and Maggie.. Flora married Lewis Smith of Mabou. Ellen married George Smith of Mabou. Maggie "Maggie Minister" lived on at Ulna named after her ancestral home in Scotland and there she kept the post office the friend of every one.

### **James G MacDonald**

James G MacDonald was born in Uigg, Scotland, the son of John and his wife Catherine Gray. In 1839, with their three children, they came to Whycocomagh. The ship had entered Sydney Harbour but it was on a day of a double hanging just opposite the anchorage and the scandalized emigrants turned their ships head to another place. As a youth their son James Gray learned the blacksmith trade with Malcom MacNeil of Mabou, and on finishing his apprenticeship was invited by his relatives, the Murdock Ross family at Ulva to settle. He made a small clearing which still bears his name. Then he met and married Mary-Jane MacDonald and moved down the brook to Rivulet. Later he lived for a time at the Forks and then moved back to Frizzleton. His family were ten. Mary. Annie, Alex 1<sup>st</sup>. and Mary 2<sup>nd</sup>. died in youth, Catherine, Alzina and Alex 2<sup>nd</sup>. never married, Murdoch settled in British Columbia and John in Atlantic City and Mary 3<sup>rd</sup>. married Wm. Morrison.

### **MacFarlane**

A brook that empties into the Forest Brook just before it joins the river is called Turner's Brook. It gets its name from a MacFarlane who ran a small turning lathe there but we have been unable to gather any other information.

### **McGarry**

Dennis McGarry, a native of Dublin, a soldier, came to Margaree in 1831. There he married Mary Doyle of Margaree. They lived at the Lake O'Law and had a family of ten. 1. Bridget did not marry. 2. James married Nancy Thompkins and their family was a very distinguished one. There were Dr. Moses, M. P. P. of Margaree; Dr. Patrick of Canso; Dr. Michael of Sydney; Rev. Sister Mary; Bridget, Mrs. Michael D Bernard of New York. 3, 4, 5, Charles, Matthew and Dennis settled in the United States. 6. Margaret married John Kelly. 7. Catherine married Peter Thompkins. 8. Mary became Mrs. MacLean of Port Hood. 9. John settled in the United States. 10. Moses entered the priesthood.

### **MacInnis**

Angus MacInnis of Invernesshire married Ann Robertson of Lake Ainslie daughter of Daniel Robertson who gave the land for the East Ainslie church. They settled first at Bridge End, Whycocomagh, later taking up the last bit of brook Intervale at Glen A'vabjuin. They had a family of five boys and two girls. Margaret and Catherine both of whom died single. Of the sons, John settled at Robertson, Iowa. 2. John second called "Jonathan the Straight," married Catherine Stewart and had three children Angus, Sadie and Margaret. Angus married Annie Ross and settled at Ulva. Sadie married Dan MacDiarmid and Margaret married George MacDiarmid. 3. Malcom, the third son of the first Angus, went to the Canadian West. 4. Duncan the fourth son died unmarried in 1816. 5. Neil also did not marry. He lived for years at Margaree Harbour, and then lived with his niece at .

### **MacIntyre**

Ann MacIntyre daughter of Mrs. William MacLeod by her first marriage to Allan MacIntyre of P. E. I. Married Archie Stewart.

### **MacKay**

Four sisters from the Whycocomagh, bearing this name settled in Margaree. They were daughters of a fine old schoolmaster who taught in both Gaelic and English. Florence married Walter Burton. Mary married John Kranton. Jessie married Jacob Phillips. Catherine, their sister, lived with them in turn all the later years of her life.

### **William MacKay**

There have been two MacKay families in North East. The present MacKay owns the farm that the first MacKay lived on but the two families are not related. George MacKay of Caithness Scotland had two sons at least in Cape Breton. "Holy John" of Baddeck was one and William of Big Intervale was the other. George himself, a widower, started for Canada with his sons. On the voyage he met a Miss Gordon whom he married. He was the first light housekeeper at Cape George, Antigonish County. William married Jessie MacKenzie a sister of Rory. She was born in Garloch, Scotland. They granted 100 acres. Their family follow: 1. John who never married was for years a schoolmaster. For his long services he was granted 100 acres on the Forest Brook. In 1880 he dropped dead at the age of 65. 2. Kenneth married Ann MacLean and remained on the homestead and had a family of two girls and three boys. 1. Walter married Ross of Portrea and removed to Brookline. 2. Robert married Mary MacKay and settled in Baddeck. 3. William married Wilena Ross and lived in Dorchester, Mass. 4. Catherine and 5. Jessie went to the United States in youth and settled there. When Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth were very old Robert took them to Baddeck to live with him. 3. Robert. 4. Alexander [Sandy] and 5. John, son of the William MacKay, all died of T. B. Alex died while the folk were attending the funeral of his brother John. William MacKay's daughters were 6. Dolena, Mrs. "Red" Malcom MacLeod. 7. Ann, Mrs. Kenneth R MacKenzie. 8. Margaret, Mrs. Moses Murphy of Lake O'Law. 9. Mary, Mrs. Duncan MacKenzie, later Mrs. David Collier on Minneapolis and 10. Eliza, Mrs. Angus MacKinnon of Big Intervale.

Among the pallbearers at the funeral of the first William MacKay was Thomas Etheridge of Cranton. When they had finished smoothing the grave Mr. Etheridge remarked, "I wonder who will be next." That night, February 18<sup>th</sup>. 1880, he himself died in his sleep.

## **Neil MacKay**

The present MacKay family was begun by Neil MacKay a son of Hector of Lake Ainslie. He married Ann MacKinnon of Strathlorne and settled first at Cheticamp, then at Portrea and finally at Big Intervale. Their family follow. Hector and Neil removed to the United States. Hugh went through the Great War and settled in Sydney where he died, his life shortened by the experiences of war. Rory married Rachel Ross and remained on the home farm buying also the adjoining William MacKay farm. Christie married Dougald MacKinnon. Mary married Robert MacKay; Maggie married a Mr. MacCook and settled in the United States.

## **MacKenzie**

There have been three families, MacKenzie, in North East Margaree.

## **Alexander MacKenzie**

Alexander of Skye married Ann MacLeod daughter of Norman MacLeod of Ulva. Alexander was known as "Caribou." They had a family of four. Their farm was in the Black Rock valley. 1. Ann married Neil MacKenzie the tailor of Baddeck. 2. Jessie married Donald MacDiarmid. 3. Mary married Allan Stewart of Big Intervale. 4. Kenneth married Ellen Ross daughter of David of Rossville. Their family follow: Norman went to Pennsylvania when his father removed there. There was a son David and a son William who settled in Vancouver. Jessie the only daughter married "Tom-Sandy" Burton and later removed to Vancouver. Mrs. Kenneth MacKenzie was a remarkably energetic woman even in a pioneer age. When the property came into her possession there was a debt of \$600. She promptly, by working away from home, paid it all and secured a clear title.

## **Donald MacKenzie**

Donald was a native of Dumbarton, Ross-shire. He was a soldier and during the voyage of his regiment from the East Indies to Halifax his enlistment ran out and he took his discharge. He married Mary Ross who had been born in Skye. Their family was seven. 1. Duncan married Mary MacKay. He moved to Colorado where he was killed by a premature blast during railway construction. One son William was born in Margaree. 2. Donald married Kate MacKay of Lake Ainslie and settled in the Sherbrook district. 3. "Red John" married Ann Campbell of Whycocomagh and had a family of seven. Mary married Donald MacLeod and lived in Sydney. Colin, Willena, Kenneth, Kate and Duncan all went to the United States. Donald, the youngest of the seven, died in youth. "Red John" became blind in his old age. 4. William died in youth. 5. Kenneth was also killed in an accident in Colorado. 6. Christie married Peter Stewart. 7. Ann married David H Caine and lived in the United States.

## **MacKenzie**

### **Kenneth MacKenzie**

Kenneth MacKenzie [MacIan ic Rusridh] came from a place called Apple Cross, Comrick, Ross-shire and settled in Middle River. He had four sons and five daughters. The sons were John, Kenneth, Roderick Sr. and Roderick Jr.. Roderick Sr. married Johannah MacLean of Druin a chorka, Poolewe, Gairloch, Scotland. Pollewe took its name from the fact that a certain much-valued ewe was drowned in the pool. Their marriage took place in the home of Irad Hart first of the name in North East. She had come from Scotland in a ship called "The Six Sisters" and landed at Bras d'Or. On her mother's side she was a direct descendant of Rob Roy MacGregor. The young folk settled first on the MacCharles farm at Middle River but about 1832 moved to Big Intervale where Roderick became the first miller and sawyer. They used to travel back to Middle River every Saturday so as to get to church Sunday morning. Their family consisted of Isobel and John neither of whom married although they each reached the age of 86. Anna married John T Ross. Kenneth married Ann MacKay [generally called MacCoy] and stayed on the homestead. It is through this family of Kenneth that the name is perpetuated in North East. Rod Y is a major in the Canadian Militia; Robert died in infancy; Duncan is the well-known guide; a second

Robert, named after his brother, died of diphtheria as did his younger sister Jessie. John went to the United States in his early youth and Catherine and Mary the two youngest of the family died in .

Rod Y MacKenzie married Mary Campbell. His family was seven: Percy and Cecil settled in St. John, N. B., John was drowned while skating. He was visiting friends in Nova Scotia at the time. Archie and Malcom remained in Margaree. Hannah married L Graham of Cansand. Annie married Osgood MacPherson.

Duncan Kenny married of Middle River. Several children died in youth. Kenneth married Mrs. Wambeck of Stellerton and Mina married Morris Phillips and settled in Sydney.

### **MacKinnon**

**We have to list four MacKinnon families.**

#### **Archibald MacKinnon and Angus MacKinnon**

Archibald "Stephen" MacKinnon came to North East from Margaree Harbour. He married Flora Matheson born in Skye. They had three children. 1. Dougald rose to rank of Major in the Great War. Returning he married Christie MacKay and settled in Sydney. 2. Delilah married Angus Ross. 3. Annie never married.

Angus MacKinnon a brother of Archibald above, married a Cameron from Margaree Forks and lived in the Forest Glen. Neil a son kept the light for many years at Cheticamp Point.

#### **Capt. Henry MacKinnon**

Captain Henry MacKinnon married a daughter of Donald Moffatt and lived just at the entrance to N. E. Margaree. He is recalled as a large man of exceedingly handsome appearance and as often appearing in full dress uniform. He is known to have been the Secretary of a public meeting as early as 1813. Of his family Henry settled in Little Bras d'Or, Hugh, in Middle River, Margaret Grant married William Ross and Flora married Jacob Ross just over the line into Victoria County. His wife was Ann Ross. Their family numbered nine. 1. Ronald was a blacksmith and settled in Bras d'Or. 2. Jane married Reuben Phillips. 3. Sarah married Dan Ross. 4. Mary-Ann settled in the United States. 5. Dan settled in the United States. 6. Joseph lived unmarried on his father's farm. 7. Henry settled in Sydney. 8. Elizabeth went to the United States. 9. Ann, the second, also settled in the United States.

#### **Henry MacKinnon**

Henry MacKinnon of Cape North came to Margaree and married Annie MacKinnon but after a very short time removed to the Sydney district.

#### **Neil MacKinnon**

Neil MacKinnon of Kilmuir in Skye married Sarah Ross, a sister of Hieland John and spent two years in Rossville before going up the river to make a place for himself. Their children were Malcom, Mary, Catherine, Jane, Donald who died in youth, Ann, Mary the second. Mary the first married Harold MacLeod. Catherine, Anne and Mary the second never married. They were known as "The Girls." They were expert weavers and their nephew William MacLeod grew up in their care.

Malcom son of Neil married Euphemia, "Effie" Ross of Big Intervale. Their family was Angus, Mary, John, Catherine, Neil, Hugh, Donald and Ann. Mary married David Leadbetter of Port Hood and Catherine married Watts of the same place. Neil, Hugh, and Annie died at home in youth. Donald settled in Boston.

Angus the only one of Malcom Neil's family to stay at home married Annie Stewart. Their only child Euphemia or Phoebe removed to the United States. Angus married again Eliza MacKay. Their family were nine. Maggie married Jack

Watts of Port Hood. Annie married John Ross who removed to the United States. Neil made a home in New Hampshire. Alex settled in Sydney. Ellen died at home. Jessie married Archibald Campbell and settled in Sydney. Victoria married

### **MacLean**

Archibald MacLean married Flora MacArthur and lived above the Portrea Bridge. They had one child Murdock. Murdock married Catherine Ross of Portrea and they had a family of nine. The oldest daughter Ann married Kenneth MacKay. The other six girls, Catherine, Mary, Euphemia, Bell, Ellen and Jessie went to the United States as did their brother John. Nehemiah, the youngest of the family, died in youth. In 1873 Mrs. MacLean was killed haying time, being dragged by a runaway team. Mr. MacLean married again Elizabeth Smith of Mabou. Their two children Murdock and Rachael went to California.

### **Malcom MacLean**

Malcom MacLean, a traveling stonemason, married Christie Stewart and moved to the Sydney district. On his death his widow returned to Big Intervale and settled on the Forest Glen. The only child was John who later married Alexina MacPherson. Of their family, Donald and Mary settled near Westchester, Cumberland. Alexander, Murdock and Peter went to Western Canada and Christine to Sydney. Murdock, Peter and Charlie, another son, all served in the Great War, and later dying at the San at Kentville as a result. Murdock, after surviving the war, was killed in an accident in the west.

### **MacLennan**

John MacLennan of Middle River, whose wife was a MacLeod, was a schoolteacher in North East Margaree for a good number of years. He came of a preaching stock. His brother was a minister and two brothers were elders. Two of his brothers had sons who entered the ministry. His own son William became a Methodist minister. His other children were Mary, Mrs. Schofield of Buffalo and Charles of the same city. A grand niece, Mrs. Christopher Carmichael, a Moody Bible School student, settled in North East Margaree.

### **MacLeod**

There have been six MacLeod families in the North East.

They were 1. Norman MacLeod of Skye and Ulva. 2. Malcolm MacLeod of Ramsay Island. 3. Malcom and Big John, sons of Norman of Uigg. 4. Charles MacLeod of Ramsay Island. 5. Harold and Rory of Kingross The Thurkelds of Turtles. 6. Murdock of Portrea.

#### **1. Norman MacLeod**

Norman MacLeod married in Scotland Ann MacLeod and settled at Ulva. Their family was John, Neil, Allen, Ann and Sarah. Neil was drowned while salmon fishing. Allan was drowned while swimming. Ann never married. Sarah married Alexander MacKenzie and removed to Inverness. John married Mary MacLeod a sister of Malcom and Big John. He was always spoken of as "John Norman." His children follow. 1. Neil married Maggie Ross and settled in Upper Canada. 2. Donald removed to Sydney. 3. Norman married Elizabeth Phillips and settled in Pennsylvania, as did 4. Alexander who married Elizabeth Levis. 5. Peter married Annie Stewart and settled in the west. 6. Ann married James MacLeod. 7. Jessie married

Schofield of Boston. 8. Maggie married Rhodes. 9. Effie married MacGregor ff Lake Ainslie. 10. Kate married John Ross of Egypt. 11. Mary married Peter MacDonald of Ulva. The farm is now owned by Angus MacInnis. The house originally faced Sugar Loaf for the old road ran on the hillside not in the valley.

#### **2. Malcolm MacLeod of Ramsay**

Malcolm MacLeod of Ramsay married Sarah Anderson of Paisley in the lowlands of Scotland, though she had the Gaelic. On their voyage to Canada two small boys died but as they were near land they were buried on shore. The grief stricken father composed a poem which is still sung by his descendants. They came to Big Intervale about 1830 and settled near where the first bridge was thrown across the river. The girls of the family were Ann who became Mrs. Charles MacLeod of Ulva and Christie who became Mrs. Michael Cameron of South West Margaree. The boys were "Red Malcom," "Soldier John," and Allan who was drowned in youth while walking away from home.

Red Malcom married Delinah MacKay. Their family follow. 1. Mary married John MacKay of Baddeck, later of Sydney. 2. A little son was scalded to death. 3. Sarah named for her grandmother, died in youth. 4. Malcom married Adeline Ingraham and after living for a time in Portrea bought in Rossville. 5. Christie was the wife of Hugh Fletcher of the Geological Survey of Canada. 6. Jessie, of this family, married William MacDonald, who moved to Middle River. 7. Helen married Alfred MacDonald of Rivulet and died in early womanhood. 8. Havelock, who married Rachael Ross, lived on the home farm until his death. His family all removed to the United States. 9. Willena married John A MacDonald of Moole River.

The Gaelic is dying, it is true, but there will still be many who will appreciate the wailing lilt in Mr. MacLeod's poem. We have only been able to secure two verses of it.

Fhir a leadaun duinn Dh'fag thu mi fo Ghruaim Tha mi tursach trom Bho'n chaidh thu san  
naigh The banals gun solas  
Ndiugh aig na Leodaich Na fluranan  
boidheach Gan comhdach s an uaigh

Red Malcom did not unite with the church until somewhat late in life but when he did so he was most whole hearted and soon became an elder in the Presbyterian congregation.

"Soldier John" married Christina Ross of Portrea and they lived on the farm at the end of the present Big Intervale Bridge. Their family was six. 1. Malcom was killed on a Christmas day, when a gun, at which he was working at his forge, exploded. He was unmarried. 2. Murdock, son of Soldier John, found a wife in Agnes Vacks in New Brunswick where he lived for some time afterwards removing to California. 3. Donald married Ann Beaton of Skye Glen and settled in Inverness. 4. Ann married Samuel Beaton of Whycomagh. 5. Isobell died in the Canadian west unmarried. 6. Jessie married William Smith of Skye Glen and later removed to New Brunswick.

### **3. Malcom and Big John MacLeod**

These brothers, sons of Norman MacLeod of Uigg Harbour, Skye, settled the one at the extreme north end of Big Intervale and the other at Portrea. Malcom married Margaret Robertson of Lake Ainslie. Their family was six. 1. Norman died in youth. 2. Donald married Mary MacKenzie of Kingross and soon removed to Sydney Mines. 3. Ann married John Campbell of Cape North. 4. Catherine married Alexander Stewart of Big Intervale. Marry married Rory MacKenzie of Little Narrows. 6. Effie was lame from birth and never married. Big John married Sarah Coady. Their family numbered eight. 1. Euphemia married James MacNeil of Port Hood. 2. Harriet married Hill of Halifax. 3. Amelia married Dan Cameron of Port Hood. 4. Ann married Angus MacIntosh of Port Hood. 6. Sarah married Anderson in America. 6. John married Grace Coady and lived in Margaree. They had no children. 7. Catherine married Theodore Coady. 8. Peter settled in the United States.

### **4. Charles MacLeod**

Charles MacLeod of Ramsay Island married Ann MacLeod, sister of Soldier John. He first settled next to his brother-in-law but later exchanged farms with the Marples of Ulva. Their family numbered twelve. 1. James moved to Maine. 2. Sarah lived to be over 90. She did not marry. 3. Malcom became a doctor. He died in Economy, N. S. 4. Isaac died at the age of 22, on the night that his nephew Kenneth was born. 5. Archie died aged 27. 6. Jessie married Thos. Austin of Whycomagh. 7. Lavinia married David Austin of Skye Glen. 8. Catherine, "Kitty" married Charles MacLean of Margaree Harbour and 9. Lizzie married Norman MacLean of the same place. 10. Hannah married Hector MacKinnon of

Cape Mabou and died on a visit to her old home. 11. Mary married Robert Dawson of Margaree Harbour and finally lived in Winnipeg. 12. Donald married Annie MacKenzie of Middle River, April 4<sup>th</sup>. 1875. Their home was at first on the hill overlooking the site of the present buildings. Their family numbered nine. 1. William died in infancy. 2. Susan, who was unmarried, was killed in an auto accident in the States. 3. Charles married Annabelle MacKenzie of Boulardarie and settled in Marlborough, Mass. 4. Kenneth was last heard of in Alaska, in 1910, as he was starting on a prospecting expedition, a task to which he had given his life. 5. Annie married Oliver Atkins of Boston, North East. 6. James stayed on the home place. He married Reid of Newfoundland. He purchased the next farm south to add to his own. 7. David, who never married, was a mechanic in the American Aviation Corps. 8. Maggie, who as a schoolteacher, married Aaron Phillips and settled in Baddeck Forks. 9. Malcom died aged twelve.

### **5. The Thorkeld MacLeods, Harold and Rory**

William MacLeod of Kilmuir in Skye married the widow Allan MacIntyre who had one daughter and died leaving two sons Harold and Rory. Mrs. MacLeod there upon moved from P. E. I., where she had been living, to Margaree to be near some of her folk. They settled in Kingross.

Harold MacLeod married Mary MacKinnon and lived at Glen A'vabhuin. Their family were nine. William, Christie, Malcom, Kate, Sarah, Donald, Alexander, Neil and William second of the name. 1. William married Rachael Ross. Of their children two died in infancy. Harold, named after his grandfather, went to the World War, and, being gassed after years of suffering died. 2. Christie married Peter Stewart. 3. Malcom moved to Greenville, Cumberland County, where he was section foreman. 4. Kate married Donald Ross. 5. Sarah married Angus Ross her brother-in-law. 6. Donald married Margaret Ross and lived on part of her father's farm at Ulva. They had no children. When Mrs. MacLeod daughter Donald married again Abigail Marple and their children are on the farm today. 7. Alexander died in youth. 8. Neil stayed at home, unmarried. 9. William was brought up by his maternal aunts and therefore called "Willie the girls." He did not marry.

Rory MacLeod who came with his mother from P. E. I. Married Mary Ross daughter of Kingross. Their family was ten. 1. Malcom married Maggie daughter of David Carmichael of Frizzleton. They settled in Belle Cote. A son Roderick, a carpenter, married Sarah Ingraham and came back to North East to live. 2. Kate married in Springhill. 3. William married Mary Beaton of Judique and lived in Springhill. 4. Angus lived at Oldham. 6. Murdock did not marry. 6. Flora married George MacKay of Baddeck Forks. 7. Dhristie married Joseph MacNeil of Judique. 8. Rory Jr. was killed in the Springhill explosion. His wife was Flora Johnson. 9. Donald married Alexina MacDonald of Nyanza and lived at home. Their family were Roderick who married a Miss MacRae and settled at Middle River. Malcom was killed at Vimy Ridge. Margaret became a nurse in Boston. Dan settled at Big Baddeck. Jessie went to the United States. Angus settled in Middle River. Flora married J. A. MacRae of Middle River. William and Murdock settled near Annapolis. The last of Rory's children, Mary, died in youth.

### **6 Murdock MacLeod**

"Murdock the raft" settled near the Portrea Bridge. Before that was built he kept a raft for the convenience of travelers. He never married. His household was four sisters and a nephew Ian. Of the sisters Kate married Neil MacDiarmid. Mary married "Hieland" John Ross of Ulva. Margaret and Christina did not marry. Ian married Catherine Fraser and moved to Pictou County taking his aunt Christina with him.

### **Matheson**

The widow Matheson and her children came to North East Margaree from the island of Lewis. Malcom died in youth. Dougald married Annie Kennedy and with two children, Malcom and Dougald, they moved to Goderich, Ontario. Flora who was born Mary 15<sup>th</sup>. 1826 married Archibald MacKinnon who took over her home farm. Effie never married. Mary died in youth. Hers was the first funeral in Big Intervale. When Archie Stewart died which was the second death in that settlement, a place had been chosen for a regular cemetery.

## **Miller**

Alexander Miller of Belfast came to Saco, Maine about 1718 and later lived near Portland. Alexander his son was born in 1725 and married Nancy Anderson 1749 moving to Truro 1760. Their second son Captain James Miller was born in Maine 1753. When he was thirty years of age, in Cork, he married Eleanor Mahon. On her death, Mr. Miller married again. James Miller of Margaree was a child of the first marriage. Senator William Miller of Eastern Nova Scotia was a child of the second marriage. James Miller of Margaree married Margaret MacDonald and on her death, leaving two sons Alex and John, married Jane Marple.

James Miller's home overlooking the Lake O'Law shares with the MacDiarmid property at Portrea the distinction of being the most beautiful located of any in the valley. The children of the second marriage were Richard, Joseph, Margaret, Sarah, James, David and Charles, that is nine in the two families. 1. Alen settled in the United States. 2. John married Johannah Dunn and settled in Big Brook. 3. Richard married Sarah Fortune, who died childless. His second wife was Kate Gillis. He lived in the Lake O'Law. 4. Joseph married Judith Fortune and settled at Margaree Forks. 5. Margaret married Archibald MacKinnon of Margaree Harbour. 6. Sarah married Thomas Coakley of Lake O'Law. James settled in Oregon. 8. David settled in Boston as did 9. Charles.

## **Morrison**

Hugh Morrison and his wife came to Margaree from Harris, Scotland. She was Catherine Campbell. They had nine children. 1. Christie married David Cranton. 2. Sally married James Gwynn of Cape North. 3. Bessie married George Anderson of the United States. 4. Alexander was drowned off the coast of Ireland. 5. John settled in Quaco. 6. Alexander died of T. B. 7., 8., & 9, Hugh, William and Samuel remain to be traced.

Hugh Morrison married twice, Amelia Levis and afterwards Christie Levis. Of the first family Ann settled in the United States, Alexander died in youth. John, who was a teacher, finally went across the line, as did Scott, Colin and Ellen. Of the second family Irad went to the Great War. Returning, somewhat disabled, he married Jessie Ross and settled in North East Margaree. William, who married Gertrude Phillips, Minnie, Elizabeth and Grace all, went to the United States.

William Morrison, son of Hugh, married Kate, daughter of "Kingross." Their children follow. Alexander was a teacher who finally settled in Port Hood Island. Catherine married a MacLean of Lake Ainslie and settled in P. E. I. Six of the family died in youth, Hugh, John, Malcom, Murdock, Angus and Willena. Mary married Louis Nickerson and settled in Boston. Lexie married George Coady.

Samuel, son of Hugh, married Isabel MacKenzie and went to the Canadian West.

## **Alexander Morrison**

Alexander Morrison was a half or stepbrother of Hugh. His farm was at the rear of the present Andrew Fraser property. He was also a brother of "Wise John" whose home was just east of the Beaver Brook, Middle River. The most complete record we can secure of the family is that there were two boys and two girls. Mary and Maggie, One of the boys, Charles was killed in a sawmill in Middle River. The other, William, became a Presbyterian minister. The family finally moved to Garloch Mountain, Middle River.

## **Mowatt**

Donald Mowatt owned the two farms just at the entrance of North East Margaree. They were granted about 1804. He had no sons. There were at least two daughters, Esther married William Ross and who became Mrs. Captain MacKinnon. Mr. Mowatt sold his farm to Nicholas Thompkins and died with him.

## **Munro**

John Munro came to Margaree from Inverness, Scotland. He had been trained for the law. He married Mary Coady. He acted as Coroner and taught school for many years also doing most of his neighbour's writings. His oldest and youngest children were girls. Mary-Ann married Joseph Levis and Minnie married Dr. Allan MacLean of West Bay. There were six sons. 1. Patrick lived first on his father's place then bought fifty acres in Rossville. He married Elizabeth Etheridge. They had two sons, David and John. David "Patrick" married Flora Fraser and they had four children. Three of them, William, George, and Elizabeth settled in the United States. Minnie married Wilfred Etheridge. John "Patrick" taught school for a good many years and then married Nina MacLean of MacLean's Cove. Patrick Munro's second wife was Elizabeth Phillips. They had one child George who married Ellen MacDonald. Patrick Munro by reading and observation had made himself a good practical veterinary. When he was 89 years of age and knew that his days were numbered he went out to help a neighbour in need of that help. When 88 years of age he was almost as active as ever with a scythe. He was a devout and genial gentleman.

2. David Munro married Eliza Ross and settled in Margaree Harbour. One of his sons, Alcorn married Christina MacKenzie of Nyanza and lived for a time in North East but finally went to Massachusetts. 3. John C Munro who married Matilda Ross started life as a school teacher holding the Lake O'Law school for several terms and at the same time show his aptitude for finance. His old section still boasts of the way he helped both them and himself. He secured ground, manure, seed and work as part of the salary which was slow to come in cash. The land was beside the school. The children helped to keep the "praties" in fine shape and in the fall helped to dig them. Then trucking was done in lieu of taxes and the teacher was paid and had a handsome profit as well. He started business at Margaree Forks but soon removed to Margaree Harbour where for 46 years he was superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School. He lived to be 86 and within three or four years of his death could be seen running with great spirit to head off straying cattle. 4. George Munro married Mary Ross of Portrea and settled in Margaree Harbour. He lived to be 83. He was a man of gentle spirit who had undergone much physical strain. 5. James Munro married Melinda Ross of Rossville and settled in Margaree Harbour. His death in early manhood was caused by strain in lifting a heavy stone. 6. Andrew Munro married Laura Hart of Whycocomagh and settled in that place.

### **Murphy**

Michael Murphy came from Wexford, Ireland, to River Head, Grace, Newfoundland in 1808 where he married Sarah Pannell. He lived for a time in Antigonish and came to Margaree Harbour in 1812 and to N. E. Margaree in 1821. The family numbered five. 1. James married Ann Doyle and settled in Minnesota. 2. Margaret married James Doyle. 3. Bridget married Patrick Burns. 4. John married Esther Ross. 3. Nellie married Mike Nolan. James did not go to the United States till late in life. His son Michael married Bridget Flemming of Lake O'Law and raised a family of five. 1. James married Julia Coady and on her death Ab Doyle. James daughter Maggie married Norbert MacDaniel and Michael married Rebecca Coady. Two sons John and Dennis went to California where the latter was killed in an accident.

A second son of James who remained in Margaree was Moses who was twice married, first to Peggy MacKay of Big Intervale and then to Johannah Flemming of Little Bras d'Or. Of the first family, five, John, Alex, James, Walter and Margaret settled in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Judith, Mrs. Jones, settled in the United States. Mary Ann married John Fortune of Margaree of the second family there was Birdie, Mrs. Joseph Eagan of Sydney.

John Murphy, son of the first Michael, settled in the Big Brook. They had eleven children as follows. 1. Michael married Margaret Coakley and settled in the United States. 2. Thomas married Jessie MacDonald and settled in Big Brook. 3. Sarah married James Coady. 4. Mary never married. 5. Esther married James Coady. 6. John married Maggie Gillis and went to Glace Bay. 7. Ellen married Daniel Coady and went to United States. 8. James settled in United States. 9. Edward settled in United States. 10. Rachael married Peter Cody of Glace Bay. 11. Joseph did not marry.

### **Isaac Murray**

Isaac Murray was a Mabou man who established a store first at the Forks then at Rossville. He was the most active worker in the building of the Presbyterian Church at Big Intervale although it was ten miles from his home. His personal contribution was all the hardware and it is easy to see that in a lumber country very far from any point of shipment the lumber would be cheap and the hardware dear. When he gave up business he sold to his clerk J Mariner

Smith also a Mabou man. Mr. Murray died in California.

George P Murray was a brother of Isaac and clerked for him for a time. He secured a farm on the Egypt Road and a wife in the person of Melinda Burton. Years after he left Margaree he was on a visit to Mabou and met an old Margaree neighbour John Peter Ross. As a result of the conversation Mr. Murray gave his pew in the old church to Mr. Ross who most faithfully filled it. The pew had originally belonged to Red Malcom MacLeod. George Murray gave the first stone for the new Presbyterian Church.

### **Jonathan Murray**

Three brothers Jonathan, Michael and William Murray came to Canada together. The latter two settled in Pictou. Jonathan married Susan Cranton and settled in Margaree. He was a famous bear killer. In one successful hunt his only weapon was a pitchfork. There were five children in his family. 1. Alexander born February 10<sup>th</sup>. 1825 married Sarah Stewart and settled in Point Tupper. 2. William married Ann Cummings a stepdaughter of Donald Lamont of Kingross and in that way came to live in Big Intervale. 3. Sarah married John Oates of Belle Cote. 4. Maria born March 18<sup>th</sup>. 1824 died in youth. 5. John Jonathan Murray was a carpenter. He built the first Presbyterian Church at Middle River and the Roman Catholic Church at South West Margaree. While working at the latter he boarded at Capt. Allan MacDonald's. One day a sheep was killed by a bear and a trap was set at the carcass. The next morning as the men went to work the bear was found still alive and active in the trap. Mr. Murray agreed to throw his hatchet at the bear. The plan was that as the bear guarded against the hatchet Mr. McDonald would club the animal on the nose. The plan was carried out and the bear sent the flying hatchet flying; but left his vulnerable nose open to the final blow. Search was made for the hatchet but it could not be found. At intervals, for days, the search went on. The bit of ground was cleared and plowed and plowed and plowed again and eighty years later found in 1915 and confirmed a story which had lived.

William, son of Jonathan Murray, had a family of twelve. 1. Malcom married Annie MacLeod of River Denys stayed on the home place. His family were five. 1. Dan married Jessie Greig and stayed at home. Mary, Malcom, and Florence all settled in the United States. 5. Austin served in the Great War and married an English girl and settled at North River, Victoria County. 2. Nellie died in Youth. 3. John married Kate Gillis of Whycocomagh Mt. And died in the United States. 4. Christie married John MacKenzie of Orangedale. 5, 6, 7, 8. Mary, Maria, George and James all went in youth to the United States. 9. Euphemia married A. MacMullin of Lake Ainslie. 10. Susan married Howard Ross of Halifax. 11. Dan married Jessie MacLeod of Boisdale and moved to the United States as did 12. the second Nellie in the family.

John, son of Jonathan, married Christie Marple and lived for a time in Pictou. When his wife died he married again Jane MacKinnon of Big Intervale and settled there. Of his first family George died in youth. Joseph lived in Lyon's Brook. He never married. John lived in Springhill and Amherst. Susie married in Halifax. Annie did not marry. Of the second family Annie died in infancy. Dan married Kate Stewart and lived on the old place. He was a famous guide. Jane, a little daughter of John Jona-that was drowned in the river. Some of the early records of the family are spelt Murrow.

### **Nicholson**

George Nicholson of the Lingan vicinity married Lucy Stubbart and farmed in North East Margaree. Their family was six sons and three daughters. The girls all settled in Sydney Mines. The sons were John, settled in Inverness, William, Bartholomew, Michael, George and Archibald who married Mary Connors and lived in Margaree.

### **Newton**

Richard Newton was a young Englishman who grew up in the home of Thomas Phillips. He married Marion Marple and settled in Big Intervale. His sister who also lived for a time in North East married David MacDonald of Margaree Forks.

### **Nolan**

John Nolan married Fitzgerald and settled at Lake O'Law. Their family numbered six. 1. James settled in New Brunswick. 2. Michael married Ella Murphy and settled in Ingonish. 3. Matthew married and went along with Michael. 4. Moses married Margaret Coady and settled in Glace Bay. 5. Ann did not marry. 6. Johannah married Job of Cape North.

### **Oates**

Patrick Oates married Sarah Murray. They had one son John who moved to the United States. They had nine daughters. Mary married Michael Connors. Bridget married Archie Buckles. Sabina settled in Friar's Head. Anna settled in Friar's Head. Nellie married James Laurence. Susie married Muise. Sarah married Coady. Mr. And Mrs. Oates finally settled in Belle Cote.

### **Pace**

Alfred Pace was a young Englishman brought to the country by Rev. Mr. Shipperley. He became a skilful painter and an all round good workman but he did not stay in Margaree.

### **Park**

Three nieces of the third Mrs. Donald MacDiarmid were almost brought up by her. One of them was born in her aunt's home. So they were Margaree girls. They were Olga, Ruth and Lois. Olga became a trained nurse and married Wilfred MacLeod of Rossville.

### **Pembrook Brothers**

John Pembrook was a schoolteacher who came from Ireland. He taught in Cheticamp, Judique, etc., and finally settled in Forest Glen. His family numbered eight boys. 1. James settled in the Sydney district. Thomas married Ann MacKinnon and followed James. John married Kate Cameron and followed the other two. Michael and Joseph went to sea and their record comes to an end. Peter, remembered as the seventh son, settled in Sydney. There are two whose names we have not been able to secure.

Richard Pembrook, a brother of teacher, John, married Mary Fitzgerald. They had four children. Hugh married Ann Campbell. Margaret married Donald Cameron. Tom married Nancy Marple. Some asked what sort of suit did tailor Tom make. The answer was average. When asked what he meant he replied Well the pants were too big and the coat was too small but the vest was a fit so the suit was average. Tom had three children. Euphemia.

A fourth child of Richard Pembrook was James who settled in Sydney. The third of the Pembrook brothers was Thomas.

### **Phillips**

John Phillips, 1777 - 1854 was a native of the city of London. He and his brother James ran away from home to escape the efforts of their family to send them into the navy. James went to the United States. John managed to go on a sealing expedition and was stranded in St. Johns, Newfoundland where he entered the employ of Captain Robert Cranton. He became the captain of one of Mr. Crantons two schooners and married his daughter Sarah. Tiring of the sea Mr. Phillips and his wife and one child went up the river in a canoe with an Indian guide and settled on the west side of the river. The date of their grant was delayed to June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1815. Soon after their arrival the little one was scalded to death. The burial was on a point projecting into the river which many years later was undermined. The little pine casket was removed to another site and as long as the Phillips were in possession of the land the site of the reinterment was known.

Mr. Phillip's family was a double one as he was married twice. The first family was John Jr., Henry, David, Stephen, Susan, Ann-Mariah, and Sarah. Mr. Phillips second wife was Harriett Ingraham a daughter of Hezekiah Ingraham of Margaree Harbour. Their family were Esther, Samuel, Reuben, Benjamin, Charles and James. Several other children

died in infancy or youth. Of the girls Susan married William Ross Miller. Ann-Mariah married Mark Ingraham. Sarah married William Cranton and Esther born April 4<sup>th</sup>. 1822 married Thomas Shaw. The nine sons follow.

### **1. John Phillips Jr.**

John Phillips Jr. married Lucy Rice, Mrs. Boston on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1825. They lived for a time at Cheticamp. Their one of their daughters Mariah married a Mr. Barrett whose only child Emily in turn a young Jerseyman and going to that island took her mother Mariah with her. Sarah and Catherine two other daughters of John Jr. married men by the name of Spencer and settled about Glace Bay. Still another two girls Emily

The sons of John Jr. were John 3<sup>rd</sup>., Timothy, Robert and Stephen. All but Robert settled about Glace Bay. Timothy took a Margaree bride with him in the person of Phoebe Tingley. Robert married Cassie Phillips and settled in Pleasant Bay but came back and bought an upland lot from Henry Cranton. He was a great student of the Bible. A remark made in a conversation in a blacksmith shop was so penetrating in its character that it aroused the attention of a young schoolmaster who was started on a search of the scriptures and led into the ministry. Robert Phillip

's family was Matilda who died aged 22. Adeline married

Alexander Ross and moved to Bras d'Or. Joseph settled in the state of Washington. Elizabeth lived to be 20. Sarah to be 4, Robert 8, and Donald 4. Here is evidence of the tragic epidemics of a doctorless day. Alice lived to be 15 and Walter 27. Katie married Stephen Shaw.

### **2. Henry Phillips**

Henry Phillips married Ann Rice, March 12<sup>th</sup>. 1831. Their family numbered eleven. 1. Catherine died in youth. 2. Lydia married William Burton of Rossville. 3. Armenia married John Ingraham who moved to Pennsylvania. 4. Ann married a Mr. Chase and followed her sister. 5. Sarah married John Phillips. 6. William married Sarah Woodburn. They had six children. Purvis [who was named after a Methodist minister] and Theophilus moved to the United States. George married Sarah MacDiarmid and after a number of years in the mining towns of Nova Scotia returned to Margaree. He was just getting established when he was terribly injured in a threshing mill accident and was handicapped all the rest of his life. His sister Maggie went to the United States. Two other sisters died in youth. 7. Thomas married Melinda Ingraham. They, with their family George, Robert, Christine, Annie and Eva, moved to Pennsylvania. 8. James married Catherine Etheridge and took over the home place. Their family was six. Aaron married Margaret MacLeod and settled in Forks Baddeck. Elizabeth married George of Sydney. Elsie died in Youth. Lottie and Jane settled in the United States. Henry stayed on the home farm. 9. Robert was drowned while trying to cross the Etheridge pool. 10. Asaph was commended for the Congregational ministry but going to the United States for study entered the Methodist Church. 11. John married Lydia Ingraham who was Mrs. Davison. They had three children. Albert went to the United States. Matilda married Reuben Timmons. Caroline married Kenneth Matheson of Margaree Harbour.

### **3 David Phillips**

David married Sarah Weybrant. Their family was ten. Armenia married Hezekiah Ingraham of Frizzleton. 2. Lorine married Roland Ingraham. 3. Delina married James Greig. 4. Harriet died in infancy. 5. David Jr. lived past the 90 mark. He married Catherine Etheridge and they had a family of four. Fred married Margaret MacRae of Middle River and settled in Sydney. Elizabeth married Patrick Munro. Ada married William Ross and later Thomas Phillips. Alfred died in youth. 6. Reuben married Jane MacKinnon of Middle River and lived at Baddeck, North East and finally Sydney. When he lived in North East his farm was one of the show places on the river. 7. John T lived to be over the 90 mark. For 62 years without a break he was a Sunday school teacher, at home, in Alberta and again at home. He married Sarah Cranton. Their family was ten. We will list them by letters. A. Emily married C. P. Collins of Boston. B. Robert died in youth. C. Noah married Lydia MacPhail of Whycomagh and moved to Calgary. D. Miriam married Ed Ross. E. Catherine married Walter ; F Ross; G. Edna died in youth. H. John A married Barbara Walker of New Brunswick and after many years in Alberta came back to Margaree with all his family. L and J. William and Jennie, Mrs. Bert Brooks, settled in Alberta. 8. William H Phillips married Rachael Ross and settled as a blacksmith in

Of their three children Elizabeth and Hattie went to the United States and Joseph after a life of adventure all over

the world settled in Sydney. 9. Jacob, an elder in the church married Jessie MacKay of Whycomagh and their family was three girls and one son Joseph who died in youth. Delinah married Elva Cranton. Elizabeth married John Shaw. Mary married George Obserton and lived in the United States. Joseph married first Sarah Phillips. Three of their children Violet, Hattie and Minnie went to the United States. James settled in Cranton. Joseph Phillips second wife was Sarah Timmons. Of their children who grew up, Mary married Donald Etheridge. Ann married Alfred Ingraham of Margaree Harbour and Lorine married Gildford Phillips. The only son, David, married Jessie Shaw and settled in Cranton.

#### **4 Stephen Phillips**

Stephen Phillips was a very strong man. When he was past 85 he would go to the woods morning and afternoon and cut and haul home a load of hardwood. He was the only man in Margaree who completely cleared his farm. He lived to be past 97. His wife was Ann Cranton. When Mr. And Mrs. Phillips were past ninety they sang a duet at a Christmas concert the song While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks. They had ten children. Thomas, Mariah, William, Cassie, Jemimah, Keziah, John, Jeremiah, Sarah and David. There is a humorous story told of this fine old couple. Once in the height of harvest they forgot the rotation of the days and after breakfast and the chores yoked the oxen and started for the field. When Mr. Phillips brother called to him across the fence it was Sunday Mrs. Phillips cast one horrified look around and seeing the folk already on their way to morning service tossed the knitting away. The next morning she sought earnestly to find it but some crow or curious quadruped had carried it away. Of their then children, Thomas and Mariah the two oldest died in youth. 3. William married Mrs. William Etheridge and their family were three. Elizabeth, Mary and Thomas. All of them went to the United States. 4. Cassie Phillips married Robert Phillips. 5. Jemimah married Malcom MacDiarmid and 6. Keziah married John MacDiarmid. 7. John Phillips moved to Glace Bay. 8. Jeremiah Phillips married Mrs. James Phillips who had been Isabella MacLean. He was an elder in the Congregational Church. His family follow. Sadie married Charles Ross. Amy went to the United States and married a Bruce from Prince Edward Island. Bertha married Percy and settled in Calgary. William was killed in the Great War. John and Fred and Stephen followed their sister to Calgary. Ella married Malcolm Ferguson of Sydney. Maud married Edwin Cameron of Inverness. Late in life the old folk followed the majority of their children to Calgary. 9. Sarah Phillips married Patrick Burton. 10. David Phillips the 10<sup>th</sup>. Of Stephens family married Isabella Cranton. He was a very fine looking man. After working as a carpenter for many years in Inverness he returned to North East Margaree. His family were Annie, Eva, Isabella, Frank, Roy, Euphemia, Edna, Fred, Edward, John, Olive, Alvin and David. Mr. Phillips second wife was Sarah Ball of Prince Edward Island of which marriage there was one child Margaret, Mrs. Cecil Phillips. Of the first family Annie married William Ingraham. Eva married Fred Burton. Isabella died in youth. Frank went to the United States. Roy married Jane Burton and settled in Cranton Section. Euphemia married Albert Fraser of Pleasant Bay. Edna died as a little child. Fred settled in Boston. Edward lived in Cranton Section. John died in infancy. Olive married Garfield Burton. Alvin married Imogene Crowdis and settled in Cranton and David died in infancy.

#### **5 Samuel Phillips**

Samuel Phillips first son of Captain Johns second family was born September 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1828 and lived to be 98. For the greater part of his life he preached in the Congregational Church whenever there was no minister and that was often for years at a time. This continued almost to the end of his life. When he was 96 he stood like a ramrod bare headed outdoors on a stormy day as he conducted the funeral service of Deaf John Ross. His long white beard was fitting the dignity of his whole life. On one historic funeral day the three settled ministers of the valley Baptist, Congregational and Methodist were in the congregation when he preached the funeral sermon of Hugh Fraser. His family follows. Sarah married Wm. T. Scranton. John married Ann MacDonald of Whycomagh and lived there. Thomas married Euphemia MacPhail of Lake Ainslie. Irad married Ann MacLean of Orangedale and lived in Boston. Samuel, James, Hattie and Isobel all made for themselves homes in the United States.

#### **6 Reuben Phillips**

Reuben Phillips was born December 4<sup>th</sup>. 1825. He married Ann Weybrandt on March 31<sup>st</sup>. 1846. Here are their fourteen children. George and Joshua died in youth. Alexander and Ephraem went to the United States as did Florence, a sister. The next three names sound strange to this generation, They were Armenia, Mariah, Euphemia born March 28<sup>th</sup>.

1847, Mrs. James Ingraham: Esther, Abigail, born February 27<sup>th</sup>. 1850, Mrs. Robert Timmons, Elizabeth, Melinda, born July 11<sup>th</sup>. 1852, Mrs. John Timmons. All the rest of the family, Nellie, Dan, Sarah, John [who married Mary MacLean], Hattie and Katie settled in the United States.

## 7 Benjamin Phillips

Benjamin Phillips died in 1827 but a little brother born March 8<sup>th</sup>. 1830 was named Benjamin and lived and married Mary Ann Wilson of Guysborough. Their family follow: Dan, Louis and Thomas went to the United States in youth. Hiram married Annie MacPhail of Lake Ainslie and their family Hiram and Gertrude went to the States. James. Son of Benjamin, married Isobelle MacLean of Orangedale and died within a year. Albert the next child grew up with his uncle James, became a member of the Margaree Methodist Church and removing to the United States became a minister of that church. Deninah married Leonard Etheridge. Hannah married Watt in the United States. Matilda married Ed Carmichael. Alma married W. D. Nye and settled in Cape Cod.

## 8. Charles Frederick Phillips

Charles was born June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1831 and married Mary Ann Etheridge. Their children were Kenneth, Wesley, William, Guildford, Edward, Eliza, Margaret and Effie. Eliza went to the United States where she married a Mr. Pineo. Margaret married Edward Ross of Rossville. Ellie married George Crowdis of the same place. Kenneth was born the night that his grandfather Capt. John died August 1<sup>st</sup>. 1854. He grew to manhood and married Jessie Matheson of Lake Ainslie and settled as a blacksmith at Margaree Harbour. John Wesley, Edward and William removed to the United States. Guildford married Kate MacLeod of Loch Lomond and farmed in Cranton Section where two of his sons Guildford and Harold continued to live. Their sister Marion married John MacPhail and lived in United States. Barker, Edwards second name recalled a Congregational minister of that name. This last Guildford married Loraine Phillips and Harold married Melissa Hart.

## 9. James Phillips

James Uriah Phillips was born July 6<sup>th</sup>. 1834. He married Emeline Wilson of Guysborough. He was a Methodist local preacher all his life and a most excellent one. He died at an early age. He had no children.

It is worthy to note that Captain John Phillips was buried in the congregational cemetery at Cranton with a headstone made from a millstone which he himself quarried. The stone was made into a head stone by his grandson. It is perhaps more worthy of note that all of the nine sons listed above are buried side by side with him. When one considers the great age to which a number of these men lived it will be seen that as a family they were the backbone of the community in more ways than one.

### **There have been five Ross family that settled at N. E. Margaree.**

They were

1. The Ross brothers of Rossville. 2 The Ross brothers of Portrea and Kingross.

<b>Ross</b>	3	William Ross of Skye
<b>of</b>	4	Murdock Ross of Ulva.
	5	5 Donald Ross

### **Rossville**

The history of the Ross families of Rossville is well given in McDougalls History of Inverness County save that it clearly miss-printed. The four men were William, James, David and Edward as they settled from south to . McDougall prints the children of James, on page 426, as though they were the children of David. Davids children are

printed, page 427, as though they were the children of Edmunds and Edmunds children are given, on page 428, with no heading at all. The father of these four men was a British soldier and their mother was Rebecca Cross of Ireland.

### **William Ross of Rossville**

The William Ross lot lay at the junction of the Big Brook and Salt Brooks with the river. His wife was Esther Moore and their family was at least three boys and three girls. The girls were Jennie, Mary, and Esther and they married Messrs. Finley MacRae and John MacLeod of Middle River and David Cormier of Margaree who later removed to the Codroy Valley, Newfoundland. Wm. Ross sold his farm to Miles McDaniel and removed to Washabuck but his sons returned to North East. John married Mary MacLean of Washabuck and was always known as John Washabuck. It may be noted that in the celebration of the hundred years of this McLean family in Canada, to which some attention was lately given in the press, this Mary McLean Ross was omitted from the list. Their children included one son Donald and four daughters. Elizabeth married John Ryan; Esther married John Murphy; Mary married Michael Thompkins and Catherine married James MacKenzie of Iona. Donald, the only son, married Madeline Timmons and their family were John of Nyanza, Bettsy, Mrs. Hugh Ross; Da of Lake OLaw; Mary, Mrs. Dan Young; Maggie, Mrs. Joseph W Phillips of Saint Peters; William of Hunters Mountain and David.

William Washabuck was a shipwright on the Pacific coast. Long Donald Washabuck married Mary Burton and lived on the road to Big Intervale. His son Donald was killed in a runaway accident on the road. Silas was lame from youth. Esther married Angus Stewart and settled in New Brunswick. Mary Ann married Alfred Powell and lived at Cheticamp Mountain. Rachael Parker Smith of Port Hood. Matilda married MacDougald of Whycomomagh, a tailor from which trade he was called The Goose.

### **James Ross of Rossville**

James Ross was the third husband of Harriet LeJeune of France. Her first husband was drowned leaving one son Eusebe. Her second husband, Captain Briand, was killed at the siege of Louisbourg. She was the first white woman to come to North East. She was a dead shot with the rifle. Her powder horn is still preserved in the family. She was equally quick of wit. Once a number of Indians approached the house in the absence of her husband. She feigned small pox and the next morning there was not an Indian in the valley. She was skilled in the use of herbs. She died at the great age of 116, 102 years after the death of her second husband. After she became Mrs. Ross she returned to France and brought to Canada her aged father Dionne LeJeune. Mr. and Mrs. Ross had four children of whom James and Mary died in infancy. Jean married Brazil Ryan and they moved to Codroy Valley, Newfoundland. They gave the land on which St. Patricks Church stands.

Joseph remained on the home place marrying Sarah Burton. Their family numbered seven girls and three boys. The seven girls were Ann, Mrs. Hugh MacKinnon, Middle River; Harriett, Mrs. Thomas Etheridge, Cranton; Mary, Mrs. Mark Crowdis, Frizzleton; Sarah, Mrs. John MacLennan, Middle River; Jane, Mrs. Donald Ross, Portrea; Rachael, Mrs. Wm. H. Phillips, Rossville; Elizabeth never married.

The three sons of Joseph, grandsons of James Ross, were William J., James and Joseph. 1. William J. married Ellen MacDonald of The Point, Nyanza. Of their family, James removed to Vancouver, Robert, who was both clergyman and physician, spent his life in Upper Canada; Eva married Robert Frizzle and settled in Calgary; Amy was a schoolteacher and settled in Alberta, as did Joseph and Maurice.

Charles married Sadie Phillips and also went to Alberta.

2 James Ross, son of Joseph, married Margaret Carmichael of Frizzleton. Their family follow. William died in 1882. He was struck on the head in youth and was a sufferer all his life. Jacob settled in Pennsylvania. Isaac settled in Mass.. James married Isadora Phillips and lived at home, The Ross Hotel. Melinda married James Munro of Belle Cote and then a Mr. Randlett of Boston. Hattie never married. Sarah married Edgar Cranton. Rachael married Havelock MacLeod of Big Intervale.

3 Joseph, son of Joseph, married Eliza MacDonald of Rivulet. Their family were ten. 1. Edward married Miriam Phillips and after living for a time in Inverness settled in Cranton Section. 2. Elizabeth settled in Rhode Island. 3. William went to Alberta. 4 George settled in Inverness. 5. Alexander settled in Saint John, N. B. 6. Thomas married Annie MacRae of Baddeck and lived at home. 7. Bertha married Henry Ross of Margaree Harbour. 9. Jean married George Maloney of North Sydney. 10. Stanley.

### **David Ross of Rossville**

David Ross the first married Elizabeth Mason of Rawdon in Hants County. He owned the farm where the Baddeck Road leaves the valley. He had four sons and five daughters. They were John, David, William, and Jacob and Jennie, Mrs. John Etheridge; Margaret, Mrs. Donald MacRae of Middle River; Ann, Mrs. Ebenezer Leadbetter; Mary who did not marry and Sarah who became Mrs. Daniel Carmichael.

John Ross of David married twice. Catherine MacRae the first wife gave him nine children. 1. James married Christina Taylor of Margaree Harbour and settled there. 2. David married Lydia Ross and lived in North East. They had no family. 3. John A kept a store in Rossville. He got into the habit of often using the word nuisance and the neighbours used it as a friendly nickname. He married Phoebe Ross and his family were C. G. or Bert married Lettie Munro and lived at home. Violet settled in the United States as did Lottie. 4. Daniel called Donald married Sarah MacKinnon of Middle River. They had no family. 5. William died unmarried. 6. Elizabeth married William Cains of Baddeck. 7. Ann married Donald Etheridge. 8. Isobell married Donald Howie of Sydney Forks and 9. Abbie married Rev. W. G. Lane.

The second wife of John Ross was Sarah Crowdis. They had two daughters, Matilda married John C Munro of Margaree Harbour and Letitia married Rev. W. A. Outerbridge.

### **David Ross of Rossville**

David married Ann Humes who was a connection of Sir Leonard Tilley. They lived in Rossville at the end of the hall road. The record of this family is that 1. David and 2. Peter went away from home in youth. 3. Irad married a Middle River girl whom he met in the States. He at last returned to North East in old age and was buried there. 4. Joseph Lamb was a drover. He married Euphemia MacDonald and finally settled on the outskirts of St. Johns, Newfoundland where his children filled a useful place in the life of the city. 5. John T Deaf John married Ann MacKenzie of Big Intervale. They had no family. 6. Sarah married John L Ingraham of Frizzleton. 7. Eliza married Kenneth MacKenzie of Portrea. 9. and 10. Henry and Randal went early to the United States.

William Ross of David married Margaret Grant MacKinnon of Lake OLaw. They had 10 children. 1. David, a shipwright, settled in Portsmouth, N. H. 2. Jessie married Robert Cranton. 3. Lenora married Murdock MacLean of Boulardarie. 4. John was lost at sea. 5. Henry married Phoebe Watson. 6. Rachel married Christopher Morgan. 7. Mary Ann married Wm. Burton of Marshbrook. 8. Maggie married Angus Watson of Baddeck. 9. Flora married George Andrews of Sydney and 10. Hugh married Bettys Ross of Lake OLaw.

### **Edmund Ross of Rossville**

Edmund Ross, 1770 -- 1855, The Big Man, came to Rossville, one of the four brothers, in 1804 with his wife and two children, a son and a daughter. His wife was The Little Woman, Ann Laurence, daughter of John, of Rawdon in Hants County, born 1776. Mr. And Mrs. Ross were members of the Methodist Church as was Mrs. David Ross of the same generation. The Big Man began to preach as soon as he was settled in the valley and continued to do so for fifty years. He died aged 85. His wife lived to be 97. In his last days The Big Man has a bitter dispute with the majority of the community who wished to run the road through the level meadows instead of along the edge by a dug-way road. Time has proved him right. Angry at his defeat he turned to the Roman Catholic Church and was buried in their cemetery. Just before he died he expressed sorrow for the step he had taken but feeling was running high and his wife remarked, They can have his body but they can not have his soul-- and what might have been a riot was prevented. Their farm ran from the Lake OLaw brook to Methodist Hill.

### **The Big Man's Family**

Eliza, born May 6<sup>th</sup>. 1801-2, Mrs. Kenneth MacLeod, Middle River. William Miller June 9<sup>th</sup>. Or 19<sup>th</sup>. 1804; James Big Jim February 1<sup>st</sup>. 1806; Armenia, August 1808, Mrs. Thomas Rice, Big Baddeck; Harriett, March 28<sup>th</sup>. 1810, Mrs.

William S Hart; Edmund, March 1812; David? 1815; Rebecca, March 17, 1817, Mrs. William Watson; Theophilus, May 16<sup>th</sup>. 1819; Ann, September 29<sup>th</sup>. 182 , Mrs. John Smith, Port Hood; Phoebe, January 9<sup>th</sup>. 1826, Mrs. Thomas Smith, Port Hood. The five sons to trace follow, Mrs. John Smith was the mother of e. Smith of Halifax. 1. William Miller established a gristmill near his home and later moved it up the Lake OLaw brook. He was twice married. His first wife was MacKay from Big Intervale. Their family were Edward, Captain Ned, who settled in St. John, N. B. and was the father of the famous oarsman Wallace Ross. Mary married a Mr. Howell of Nova Scotia. Ann married James Brown of Lake OLaw. Mr. Ross second wife was Susan Ann Phillips. Their family, not in order, were William who settled in Thorburn. John married Eliza Etheridge and lived in Rossville. Rupert was drowned at sea. There were 80 lives lost in this disaster. Two of the girls, Margaret and Mariah, married in Port Hood, a Mr. Bull and Hugh Cameron. James went to Colorado. Alfred never married and Lydia married David Ross.

2. James Ross, Big Jim married Catherine Maloney from the next farm north. Their children were John, Ann, Nathaniel, Robert, Joshua, Caleb, Aaron, Harriett and George who died in infancy, Ann, Mrs. John Carmichael. Harriett married Albert Sampson of Manchester, Guysborough and after his death lived with her brother Caleb. Of the sons of Big Jim, John went to the United States, as did Nathaniel. Robert married Armenia MacKay of Guysborough and settled in Vancouver. Joshua went to the United States. Caleb married Eliza Hart. They had no family. Aaron studied for the Baptist ministry but died before ordination.

3. Edmund Ross married Mary Carmichael. They lived at Methodist Hill. For years he filled his fathers place as local preacher in the Methodist Church. He did a big mill business starting with a gristmill, followed by a carding mil, then by a fulling mill. He had 15 children of whom ten grew to mature years. One of the little ones was Salome. 1. Ellen married David Etheridge. 2. Wesley never married. He however took over his fathers place and mill and made it grow into a cloth mill which at one time employed 20 hands. He was one of the pillars of the Methodist Church. He is also remembered as a practical joker. 3. David found a wife in the United States but took over the mill after Wesleys death. He then sold the farm to Richard Ward and the mill to Ernest Hart. Soon after Mr. Hart took possession he was lending a neighbour some gasoline, taking it from his own car by the light of a lantern. An explosion and fire followed and the work of years was undone. David Ross moved to western Canada. 4. Mary Jane died in youth. 5. Phoebe married John Ross. 6. Eliza married David Munro. 7. Sarah and 8. Amelia settled in the United States, the latter being Mrs. Wilson. 9. Alma did not marry. 10. Lawrence went to California.

### **Murdock and Angus Ross**

Murdock Ross of Skye married Isabell MacDonald and all seven of their children were born there. They settled at Portrea. The two oldest brothers were working one day in a sawpit when one confessed to the other his thoughts concerning the ministry and was met with an instant affirmative response. Both young men carried out that purpose in the Baptist Church of which they were members. Malcom died in Prince Edward Island. Hugh after a time resigned from the church and became a pioneer in the coal mining development of Cape Breton. He was the father of A. C. Ross, M. P. In his life there was a well-authenticated forerunner. He was staying at the home of his sister, Mrs. MacLean and awoke one morning in great perturbation. Being pressed for an explanation he said that he had been shown in a dream that within a year a tragedy would take place on either side of Sugar Loaf the like of which had never happened in the place and the like of which would never happen again. Within a month, Mrs. MacLean was the first victim being dragged to her death by a bolting horse. This was in 1873. Within a few months more Hugh MacDonald was accidentally shot.

The third of the Skye born family was John who married Armenia Burton of Egypt and kept store in Rossville. He was for many years clerk of the Baptist Church. Their family follow. Henry T., Ll.B., of Ottawa and Toronto, Isabella married Mariner Smith. Martha and Rachael both married in New Glasgow. Messrs. Fraser and Torey. John Murdock, the second son of the family, went to the Great War and returning married Minnie McDaniel. War wounds troubled him always. Blanche another sister married in New Glasgow [Fielding]. Laura married Lewis Garry of Toronto.

Donald fourth son of the Skye born family married Jennie Ross of Rossville and settled on part of the home farm, as did Murdock who married Amelia Coady. This Donalds family were soon widely scattered. They follow. 1. Alexander married Maria Ingraham and farmed at the Marshbrook and again Elizabeth Phillips and again Mary Ann Ross. His children Andrew, Joseph, Catherine and others all left Margaree. 2. John Y married Lottie Richardson and settled in Reserve Mines. 3. Sarah married Timothy Phillips and moved to Glace Bay. Ann married John G Ingraham and went to Pennsylvania. 5.

Elizabeth married John G Gasper of Truro. 6. Murdock married Amelia Nesbit and settled in North Sydney. 7. Kate married Mark Ingraham, a teacher, and moved to Pennsylvania. 8. James married Annie Levis and went to Penn. 9. Walter married Amelia Burton and stayed on the home place. 10. Joseph never married.

Little Murdock, fifth of the Skye born family, married Milly Coady and they had a family of eleven all of whom grew to maturity save one. 1. Hugh married Elizabeth Wills of Newfoundland and lived at Portrea. 2. Mary married George T Munro of Margaree Harbour. 3. Noah married Vilda King and settled in Pennsylvania. 4. Murdock married Jennie Gibson and settled in Penn. 5. Patrick Coady married Mrs. Martha MacDonald. 6. John married another Mrs. MacDonald of Whycocomagh and settled at Margaree Harbour. 7. Carey married Mrs. Annie Phillips and settled at Portrea. 8. William died unmarried. 9. Malcom settled in the Canadian west. 10. His business partner was Murdock Ross of Ulva. 10. Jephtha Ross married MacDonald and settled in Alberta. 11. Thomas married Sadie Carmichael and went to Alberta. The two girls of the Skye born family, Christine and Catherine married John MacLeod and Murdock MacLean both of Big Intervale.

In the above family Hugh and Carey remained in Margaree. Hugh had five children. Noah and Patrick died unmarried. Kate married Burnaby Carmichael. Maggie married a Mr. Buckles of Margaree Harbour and settled in the United States as did Lexie.

Carey Ross had a family of three. Vilda married Dan MacDiarmid and Jessie married Irad Morrison. Jephtha married Iola Shaw and stayed on the home farm.

### **King Ross**

Angus Ross King Ross because of his prosperity, came to Canada after his brother Murdock of Portrea. He was the first permanent resident of Big Intervale. The post office on the east side of the river was named Kingross after him. His wife was Catherine MacArthur whom he had married in Scotland. Their daughters follow. Euphemia married Malcom MacKinnon. Mary married Roderick MacLeod. Catherine married William Morrison. Ann married Hector Campbell. There were four sons, Malcom, Murdock, John and Archibald.

#### **1. Malcom Kingross**

Malcom was twice married. His first wife was Rachael MacPherson. They had four sons, Angus, John, Malcom and Donald. Angus married Sarah MacLeod and lived at Kingross.

John grew up among his mothers people at Egypt. He married Kate John Norman MacLeod who died early leaving him a family of:

Malcom son of Malcom Kingross never married. Donald Malcom married another Kate MacLeod and lived first in Forest Glen then in Big Intervale.

#### **2. Murdock A Kingross**

Murdock married Catherine Grant of River Inhabitants and their only child, Catherine married John Duncan Carmichael.

3. John [Kingross] married Ann Campbell of Lake Ainslie and settled at Forest Glen. Of their family Angus, who married Delinah MacKinnon, was killed at Inverness. Donald removed to Inverness as did Catherine, Mrs. John MacDonald. Murdock and Catherine-Ann died at Big Intervale.

4. Archibald [Kingross] married Ann MacKay of Lake Ainslie. Their family consisted of six boys and three girls all of whom grew to maturity. At a family reunion in Boston they had a photograph taken. The next day Alex was taken sick and died. Eight of the nine children settled about Boston. They were Malcom. John and his wife Ann MacKinnon, Angus, Neil, Alex, Mazie, Annie and Catherine-Bell. Murdock married Myrtie Carmichael lived on the Kingross place.

Archibald [Kingross] married the second time Catherine MacLeod who was Mrs. Alex Stewart. Of their family of five, three, Euphemia, Marion and Donald went to the United States. William went to Alberta. Annie the oldest stayed at home as Mrs. Angus MacInnis.

### **3. Donald Ross**

Donald Ross and his family of four was an early settler at Big Intervale. There were three girls: Margaret married Samuel Burton, Marshbrook; Mary married Donald MacKenzie, Big Intervale; Sarah married Neil MacKinnon, Big Intervale.

In his old age Mrs. MacKenzie wandered off the road one winter evening and led by some strange fancy kept on and on up the hill instead of along the valley. No one dreamed of searching up the hill and so she perished. The only son of Donald was always known as Hieland John. He married Mary MacLeod of Portrea and settled ay Ulva but sold the farm to Rev. Ranald Mac Donald and left the country. He had no family.

### **4. William Ross of Skye**

William Ross of Skye lived on the Portrea road. He was not a long resident in the valley but was a very useful citizen as long as he remained. He was an elder in the Congregational Church. He was a poet of no mean ability both in Gaelic and English. His wife was always known as Peggy Syke. There were three children. Neither Nell or Elizabeth ever married. Fanny married John Hull of Baddeck.

### **5. Murdock Ross**

Murdock Ross of Skye and his wife, Mary Beaton, were married in the old land. Uigg Harbour, Skye and their children were born there. In fact when they came to Canada Angus the oldest remained in Skye. Years later Angus, his son John Badenoch came out to join his relatives and married his cousin Ann. Peter their only son was drowned near Boston aged 22. Mrs. Ross died at the early age of 28. Her daughter married James Drake. The Drakes came back from America to Margaree, Badenoch went to Goldenville to work and met Isabella Stewart whom he married and brought back to Margaree, where he died at the age of 72. Mrs. Ross lived to be 82.

Murdock Skyes second son Peter married Flora MacPherson of Egypt. Their family were Ann who was mentioned in the paragraph above. Donald became a sea captian fishing out of Gloucester. Bell was a teacher for a good many years and then worked in Boston. She came back to Margaree to keep house for her brother John Peter, neither of them ever married. Murdock named for his grandfather carried on a very large ranching business in the west and never married. Margaret married Donald MacLeod of Kingross.

Murdock son of Murdock the first married Ann Bruce of Whycomagh. They had no children and in his old age he gave his farm to his niece Margaree Donald MacLeod. Archie son of Murdock the first married Catherine MacKenzie of Middle River. The Big Widow. They had three children. 1. Maggie married Neil MacLeod, Ann and Archie Jr. who was born after his fathers death. Mrs. Ross and the children then removed to Ontario. James, son of Murdock the first married Sarah MacDiarmid. They had no family. Murdock the first had two daughters, Sarah who became Mrs. Murdock MacPherson of Kingross and Dorothy who was not married.

### **Ryan**

Patrick Ryan came to Margaree in 1824. His wife was a Miss Hieland. He died June 9<sup>th</sup>. 1855 the day Peter McDaniel was born. He had seven children. Johannah married James Fortune. 2. Mary married Patrick Wall of South West Margaree. 3. 4. 5. Patrick, Philip and Margaret did not marry. 6. John married Elizabeth Ross. 7. Wm. Married Ann King and settled in Halifax. John had a family of nine. Patrick married MacDonald. They had no family. John went to the United States. William settled in Thorburn. Thomas was killed in Pictou coalfields. David and Phillip settled in British

Columbia where the former was killed by dynamite. Michael married Ellen Miller and settled in Inverness and Johannah settled in Alberta.

### **Shaw**

Irada Harts second wife was Mrs. Margaret Shaw of Manchester, his own home. Her son Thomas came with his mother to Margaree, as did a sister who married Samuel Phillips. Young Thomas Shaw married Ellen Phillips and returned to Guysborough but after a hay famine, one year, returned to Margaree. He lived first near his wifes people and at last bought a farm from Irada Hart on the Marshbrook. His family numbered nine. 1. Samuel married Sarah Burton and settled on the Marshbrook but later sold to his brother John. His children were Alex who married his own cousin Kate and moved to the United States, as did David. James died unmarried. Joseph died in youth and a younger brother was named after him and married Hattie Burton and settled in the United States as did Sadie the only girl in the family.

John Shaw married Elizabeth Phillips who died and he married again Elizabeth Burton and bought his brother Sams farm. They had a family of nine. 1. Thomas married Edith Morrison of Pictou. He was a member of the N. Y. police force where he was gymnasium instructor for many years. 2. Russell settled in Boston where he was killed in an accident.

1. George married Eva Ross of Portrea and settled in Marshbrook. 4. Phoebe married Frank Ross of Rossville who moved to New Waterford and was killed in the mine. 5. John married Elizabeth Phillips and settled in Cranton. Hiram worked as a motorman in New York. He married Martha Jahns of Staten Island and settled in Marshbrook. 7. William married Myrtle Smith of Liverpool, N. S. and settled in the Marshbrook. 8. Eva Blanche never married. 9. Helen married John Butts of Newfoundland and settled in New Waterford.
2. Harriett married Sandy Sam Burton and lived in Marshbrook until they sold out and removed to Vancouver. 4. Eliza married James Burton and later John Hancock of Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland where she afterwards lived. 5. James married Matilda Burton and lived in the Marshbrook. He had three daughters. Lilly married Harland Grey of Boston; Hattie died unmarried; Kate married Alex Shaw.

After his family were scattered James sold to his nephew Hiram and lived with his sister, Mrs. MacNeil of Port Hood. 6. Armenia married Capt. John MacNeil of Port Hood. 7. Thos. Married Ellen Burton and after a time moved to Belle Cote. Their family was eleven. Of the five girls Libby, Janet, Christine and Eva settled in the United States. Minnie settled in Port Hawkesbury. Five of the six boys also went to the United States. They were Alex who married Florence Ingraham, Walter, Albert, Benjamin and Joseph who became a Baptist minister. John the sixth son stayed in Belle Cote. 8. David Shaw married Mary MacDonald of Sydney and settled in the Marshbrook. They had three children. Stephen married

Phillip and settled on her farm. The girls were Esther and Eunice who lived in Sydney but came home ill. They and their mother died within one year. 9. Hattie was the last of the family of Thomas Shaw the first.

In the days of open voting James Shaw was anxious to be the first at the poll. So was Bill Rory MacKenzie. Shaw got there first. Disgustedly Bill remarked, Ah, if one was to go to Hell he would find a Shaw ahead of him.

### **Scranton**

Mark Harts wife was Lydia Ann Scranton of Manchester, Guysborough. It seems that this was the way that Wm. T Scranton came to live in Margaree. His place was on the left of the road to the intervale from Fenwick Harts barn. He was twice married. His first wife was Crowdis of Baddeck. His family were two girls and three boys. The girls were Olivia? and . The boys were Henry, John and Clarence who discovered the gold mine at Middle River.

### **Stewart**

Angus Stewart married Catherine Ross and took up 100 acres at Glen Avabhuin. Their family follow. 1. Mary married Donald MacPherson if Big Intervale. 2. Hannah married John MacDonald of P. E. I. 3. Effie never married 4. Ann married Michael Coady of Big Brook. 5. Florence married Malcom MacPherson of P. E. I. 6. Sarah married James Campbell of Forest Glen. 7. Peter married Christine MacKenzie and lived on the home farm. 6. Catherine married John MacInnis of

Big Intervale. The children of Peter Angus follow. Kenneth settled in Glace Bay. William went away in youth. Angus married Sadie Morrison of Ireland and settled on the home farm. Donald married Dorothy Carmichael and settled at Frizzleton. John married Annie Austin and went to Alberta. Catherine married Dan Murray of Big Intervale. Flora married Arnold Waugh and lived in the United States. Mary married Robert Wadden of Glace Bay.

Archie Stewart, a brother of Angus, married Ann MacIntyre an older half sister of the Thorkeld MacLeods. They settled at Big Intervale. Their six children were Mary, Christie, Peter, Allan, Alexander and Annie. 3. Mary married William Marple of Portrea. Christie married Malcom MacLean. Annie married Angus MacKinnon. We trace next the three sons Peter, Allan and Alexander.

Peter married Christie MacLeod of Big Intervale and settled in Forest Glen. His children Mary, Kate, Annie and Harold went to the United States. Alex died in youth and Archie, after traveling about the world, lived with his bachelor uncle Neil MacLeod. Allan married Mary MacKenzie and settled on the home farm. Their family follow. Wallace was burned to death entering his home to save records. Archie early lost his sight by severe study with a poor light. He spent some time in the blind school. When dying he was asked by his mother of he minded dying so young. He answered pathetically enough, no for I am dead already. Sadie married David Marple and Kenneth farmed the home place.

Alexander the sixth of Archies family married Catherine MacLeod. Their children all went to Alberta. Margaret to Edmonton. Annie, Mrs. Peter MacLeod to Berwin; Allan to Peace River; Malcom to New Norway; Duncan was drowned in Alberta.

### **Stubbart**

John Stubbart was a native of Bras d'Or. He married Fanny Muise and settled at the rear of Rossville. Their oldest son Bartley settled near them. Their other five children never married. They were Moses, Matthew, Elizabeth, Bridget and Joseph. Bartley married Julia LeBlanc. There were at least four in his family. Germaine was a harness maker at Belle Cote. Ellen married Phillip Hannigan. Jack married but had no family. The other girl became Mrs. Wadden of Sydney.

### **Timmons**

The first of the name was a Dublin man who married a Miss Bennett or Beoit of Harbour Au Bouche. They settled at Big Brook two miles from Mrs. George Burton, a sister of Mrs. Timmons. They had a family of eight boys and six girls. The six girls were Mary who died unmarried at Cape North. Elizabeth married Sam Hingley of Pleasant Bay. Judith married Alex White of Margaree Forks. Madeline married Donald Ross of Egypt. Bridget married Dan MacIsaac of Margaree Forks. Kate married Patrick Murphy. The eight sons follow. 1. Edward married Jane Hingley and lived at Pleasant Bay. 2. Jeston married Mary Cranton and settled at Marshbrook. Of his five children Patrick married Margaret Hennigar and lived for a time at Coolavie, moving to Maine. Robert and John married Abigail and Melinda Phillips respectively. Jeston Timmons, being teased once for his natural slowness, remarked You will see my grandchildren on the best farms in North East. They are Ann and Sarah married Joseph Burton and Joseph Phillips. 3. Miles married Mary Ann Burton and settled at Pleasant Bay. A daughter of Miles, Minnie, returned to Margaree as Mrs. Jeston Burton. 4. Michael married Mary MacNeil of Ingonish and lived there. 5 & 6. Peter and John who had married sisters by the name of Carey of Bras d'Or were killed on the same day in the Toronto mine. 7. Patrick died aged 17. 8. Laurence married Mary Ryan of Margaree Harbour and lived at the Marshbrook. Their family was eight 1. John, who settled in Dominion. 2. Kate. Mrs. Michael Coady, Big Brook. 3. Mary Ann, Mrs. MacLeod of Boston. 4. Joseph of Newton, Mass. 5. Peter married Mary Ann Muise and lived at Margaree Harbour. 6. Julia, Mrs. S Hingley of Pleasant Bay. 7. Patrick married Amelia Levis and lived on the home place. 8. Eliza died at the age of eleven.

### **William Tingley**

These men like the Dobsons and Trenholms came to Margaree from Westmoreland County, N. B. William married Margaret Dobson. They bought the Kenneth MacAulay farm at Portrea bridge. Their family numbered four. 1. Joseph was a tinsmith who married Flora Carmichael and lived at Frizzleton. They had a family of eight. A. Job married his cousin

Annie and moved to the United States. B. Melinda married her cousin George. C. Sarah, a teacher, married Donald MacDiarmid. D & E. Calvin and George went as young men to the United States. F. Mary, a teacher, married Duncan MacKay of Baddeck. G & H. Phoebe and Judson went to the United States.

3. Sarah Tingley married Donald MacDiarmid. 3. Phoebe married David Cranton. 4. Joshua Quigley married Charlotte Trenholm and lived at Portrea. They had a family of nine. 1. George ran a carding mill at Frizzleton. He was married twice to his cousins Melinda and to Alfreda Burton. The first family were Arthur and Bert who settled in the United States. Theda married George MacDonald and settled in the United States. The second family all went to the Bridgeport, Conn. They were William, Lottie, Everett and

2. James became a Baptist minister.

3. Llewellyn became a Baptist minister.

4. Annie married her cousin Job Tingley. 5. Stephen was a teacher and merchant and at length went to the United States. 6. Jedson was the first man to introduce ranching into Margaree. 7. Hattie married Warren Morne and lived in the United States. 8. Ada married Leslie Smith. 9. Hiram

### **Trenholm**

Stephen Trenholm of Shemogue and his wife Teed came to Margaree as a millwright. He lived at Rivulet. He built a fine carding mill at Hannigans on the Lake OLaw brook on the Egypt Brook neat the Normaway. His family follow. 1. Joshua moved to Cape North, then to Tignish. 2. Stephen went to New Brunswick. 3. Robert settled in Oregon. 4. Ellison married Sarah Leadbetter and moved to New Brunswick. 5. married Gabriel Arnold of Baddeck and moved to New Brunswick. 6. Jane married George Burton of Margaree and settled in New Brunswick. 7. Charlotte married Joshua Tingley. 8. Ellen married William Coady. Late in life Mr. And Mrs. Trenholm returned to New Brunswick. There he lived to be 104 and she to be 105. When they were both past 100 their daughter Mrs. Coady had the privilege of visiting them. On the Burton Mountain Lookout Road is a rock which is called Trenholm rock. There is another in the bed of the Middle River. So on the mountaintops and in the river valleys they are commemorated but the stories of the particular rocks are last.

### **Watson**

William Watson from the United States married Margaret Peters from Sydney and settled in Baddeck. One of their children William married Margaret MacKay of Baddeck who died. Later he married Rebecca Ross, daughter of the Big Man and with his wife made a home for the old folk to the end of their days. Their family was Edmund R., Phoebe, Lydia, William-Daniel, David and John. 1. Edmund R married Alice Cranton. He was a skillful cabinetmaker much handicapped by deafness. The seats in the last Methodist Church were his workmanship and gift to the church and were equal to any factory product. They can be seen in the United Church at Middle River. Edmunds family all left Margaree. They were six. Daniel married Mary Buchanan and settled in Hanover, Mass. Beatrice, Jennie, Ada and Nellie all settled in the United States. Melissa married William Nicholson of Baddeck.

1. Phoebe Ross Watson married Henry Ross of Egypt. 2. Lydia married Dr. A. Mielt of Cambridge, Mass. 3. William died in youth. 4. David settled in Cambridge, Mass. 5. John in Topsfield.

### **Thompkins Brothers**

The four brothers James, Michael, Nicholas and Patrick Thompkins came to Margaree in 1829 from Wexford. A sister Mary came with them and married James Brown.

### **James Thompkins**

James married Ellen Murray from Ireland. She was one of the five saved from an emigrant ship wrecked in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. They had a family of four. 1. James never married. 2. Catherine married Michael Dunn. 3. Michael married MacNeil and settled in the Big Brook. 4. Patrick married Jane Fitzgerald.

### **Michael Thompkins**

Michael married Bridget Fitzgerald. They had a family of nine. The three girls Jane, Bridget and Mary went to the United States. Nicholas, a blacksmith, settled in Sydney. Michael married Mary Wall and settled in Truro. Thomas married Ann Dennison of Baddeck and established a store in Margaree Forks. Dennis, John and Peter who married Catherine McGarry all settled in the United States.

### **Nicholas Thompkins**

Nicholas married Sarah McDaniel, a daughter of Miles. He lived first at the Big Brook and later took over the Donald Mowett farm on the main river. His family was nine. 1. Mary married Pierre Coady. 2. Michael, The King married Marcella McLennan. The King had three sons and three daughters. Of the girls Sarah married William Nicholson. Elizabeth did not marry and Mary settled in Halifax. Nicholas, John and Archie King Thompkins all went to the United States. 3. Miles did not marry. 4. John married Julia Coady and settled at Margaree Forks. 5. Patrick settled at the Forks. 6. Rebecca went to the United States. 7. Nicholas married Sarah Doyle. Their family was five. Rev. Miles, John, Dan who died in youth, Maggie who did not marry and Alphonse who settled in Waterford. 8. David married Bridget Coady and settled in northeast. 9. Sarah married Michael Coady of South West Margaree.

### **Patrick Thompkins**

Patrick married the widow Dunn. They had a family of eight children. 1. Rev. Michael. 2. Richard died in youth. 3. Nancy married James McGarry. 4. Nellie married John Carroll of Forks. 5. Bridget did not marry. 6. John married Judith Doyle and settled on Codroy, Newfoundland. 7. Patrick died in youth. 8. Mary Ann settled in Nova Scotia.

### **Ward**

George Ward of Nova Scotia, working in Margaree, met and married Elizabeth Marple. They lived on a part of her fathers farm. Their children follow. James and Robert went early to the United States. Richard, the youngest son, was a very active man. He saved and managed until he was able to buy the Wesley Ross farm which he later sold to David Marple. He became a contractor in Boston. The three girls of the family of George Ward, Euphemia, Elizabeth and Marie all went as young women to the United States.

### **Weybrandt**

Phillip Weybrandt married Ann Ingraham, daughter of Hezekiah. This family originally lived on the west side of the S. W. branch of Margaree. Their children follow.

Hezekiah born at S. W. Margaree July 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1814; Sally born S. W. Margaree July 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1816; Phillip born N. E. Margaree November 27, 1818; William born N. E. Margaree October 1<sup>st</sup>. 1821; Ann born N. E. Margaree March 4<sup>th</sup>. 1824; Alexander born Boulardarie September 26, 1826.

Sally married David Phillips October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1832 and Ann married Reuben Phillips March 31<sup>st</sup>. 1836. These men were half brothers, sons of Capt. John. When the Weybrandts lived in North East they occupied the land now owned by the Carmichaels. Rory MacKenzie was moving from the Middle River to Big Intervale and stopped the night with them. In the morning Mr. Weybrandt offered Mr. MacKenzie his place for a pair of oxen which the latter was driving. The offer was refused because Mr. MacKenzie wished to be near his relatives in Big Intervale. The Weybrants moved to Boulardarie.

### **Woodburl**

Robert Woodburl was a young Englishman who came to Margaree and married Rebecca Etheridge. They lived for

a time on the rear of her fathers property where a small clearing still bears his name. Several children died in infancy and five grew to maturity. Eliza never married. She was killed at a railway crossing at Bras dOr. William never married. He lived at Bras dOr. Jane married John Stubbert of that place. Sarah married William Phillips of Margaree. Another girl married a Mr. Spencer of Glace Bay.

### **Young**

The name Young found in Margaree is a corruption of LeJeune a family settled from French times about the Bras dOr. Dan Young then married Mary Ross. Their family numbered five. 1. Elizabeth married David Coakley and settled in Florence. 2. William married Mary Gillis and settled in Lake OLaw. 3. Alex married Lizzie Ross -and settled in Lake OLaw. 4. Thomas went to the United States.5. Laura married R. Burton of Frizzleton.