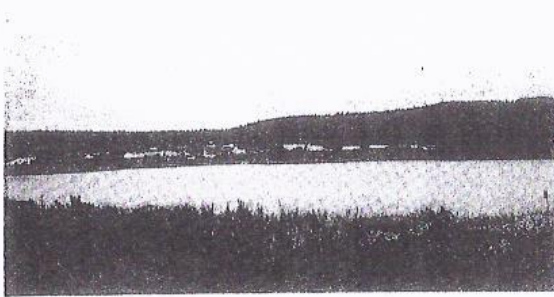


# Chapter 5

## Notes and Attachments

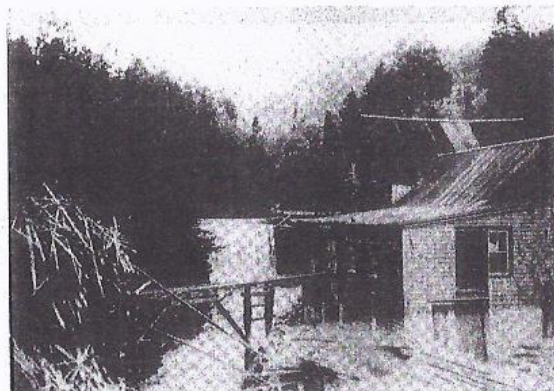
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First Permanent Settlers

The Crown redeemed the lands in the south of the community, because those receiving them did not fulfill the conditions laid down, namely, building a residence on the land and clearing several acres a year. These original owners returned to England. Through the first part of the nineteenth century these same lands were gradually acquired by Alexander Auld, John, James, and Henry O'Neil, Edward and Patrick ForreSTALL, Moses Stafford at the Fair Ashberry Strachan, John Ryan, Edward Ryan, and James MacMullen.

The north section remained unsettled as well. The Crown redeemed these lands and granted them anew to Richard Morris and six members of his family. By the early 1800s these lands were settled by Archie (the tailor) MacDonald



Mill complex operated by Daniel Berry.

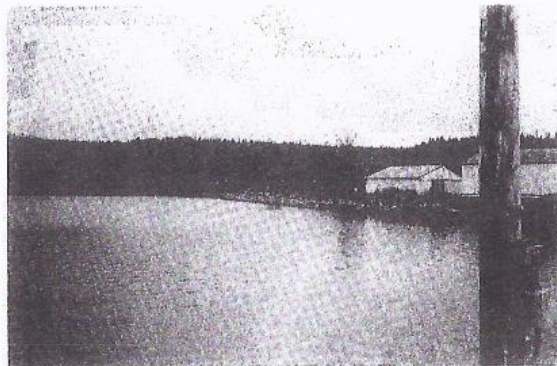
Elizabeth Strachan and her sons George and Angus, John Connors, William Irving, Patrick Power, and his son John, William Harvey, Neil MacDonald, and his son Neil Jr., Caleb Talbot and his son Lewis, John MacDonald, and Malcolm MacAskill.

The first saw mill was built in Auld's Cove (then Porcupine Cove) in the 1790s, possibly by Captain Hotham. In 1822 Alexander Auld had a grist mill as well as a saw mill in the same location. Daniel Berry purchased this mill and added a carding mill. This large complex operated until 1930, and sawed lumber, ground grain, and carded wool for customers from as far away as Arichat. For twenty years (1860s-1880s) Ashberry Strachan operated a lumber mill on Morrison's Brook at the Fair.

In 1935, near the lake which bears his name, a sawmill was operated by a Mr. Beard, back of Auld's Cove. The Great Depression caused it to cease operation.

Two other lakes in the area are named for the owners of the adjoining property. MacMullen's Lake at the Fair and Dan's Lake, named for Daniel MacAskill.

From the information available, it seems that the first permanent settlers at Auld's Cove were Alexander Auld, Archie MacDonald, and Elizabeth Strachan. With the establishment of the first postal way-office in 1841, the name changed from Archie's Pond to Auld's Gut of Canso and again in 1847 to ForreSTALL's Gut of Canso when the way-office was moved to the ForreSTALL home. For some years it was also called ForreSTALL's Ferry.



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| DEATHS   |   | 147   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| District No. <u>Halifax</u> County of <u>Halifax</u> |   |   |   |
| No. 883  |   | No. 884                                     |   |
| Name of Decedent                                     | <u>Donald, Arthur</u>                     | Name of Decedent                            | <u>Donald, Carroll</u>                    |
| Sex  | <u>Male</u>                               | Name of Decedent                            | <u>Donald, Charles</u>                    |
| Date of Death  | <u>December 6, 1917</u>                   | Date of Death                               | <u>December 6, 1917</u>                   |
| Age  | <u>1</u>                                  | Age   | <u>12</u>                                 |
| Residence (Street and No. or P. O. Address)          | <u>1078 Barrington St., Halifax</u>       | Residence (Street and No. or P. O. Address) | <u>1078 Barrington St., Halifax</u>       |
| Occupation   | <u>Child</u>                              | Occupation                                  | <u>Child</u>                              |
| Single, Married or Widowed                           | <u>Single</u>                             | Single, Married or Widowed                  | <u>Single</u>                             |
| If Single give Name of Father                        |   | If Single give Name of Father               |   |
| If Married give Name of Spouse                       |   | If Married give Name of Spouse              |   |
| Where Born   | <u>Halifax</u>                            | Where Born                                  | <u>Halifax</u>                            |
| Cause of Death                                       | <u>Shock due to injuries in explosion</u> | Cause of Death                              | <u>Shock due to injuries in explosion</u> |
| Length of Illness                                    |   | Length of Illness                           |   |
| Religion   | <u>Roman Catholic</u>                     | Religion                                    | <u>Roman Catholic</u>                     |
| Race of Decedent                                     | <u>White</u>                              | Race of Decedent                            | <u>White</u>                              |
| Name of Physician in attendance                      | <u>Dr. W. D. Finnie</u>                   | Name of Physician in attendance             | <u>Dr. W. D. Finnie</u>                   |
| Name of Undertaker                                   | <u>James &amp; Co.</u>                    | Name of Undertaker                          | <u>James &amp; Co.</u>                    |
| Place of Burial                                      | <u>Mount Olivet Cemetery, Halifax</u>     | Place of Burial                             | <u>Mount Olivet Cemetery, Halifax</u>     |
| Name of Person making Return                         | <u>Vincent Donald</u>                     | Name of Person making Return                | <u>Vincent Donald</u>                     |
| Date of Return                                       | <u>December 26, 1917</u>                  | Date of Return                              | <u>December 26, 1917</u>                  |
| REMARKS  |   | REMARKS                                     |   |
| No. 886  | No. 887                                   | No. 888                                     |   |
| Name of Decedent                                     | <u>Donald, David</u>                      | Name of Decedent                            | <u>Donald, August</u>                     |
| Sex  | <u>Male</u>                               | Name of Decedent                            | <u>Lyness, Mary</u>                       |
| Date of Death  | <u>December 6, 1917</u>                   | Date of Death                               | <u>December 6, 1917</u>                   |
| Age  | <u>18</u>                                 | Age   | <u>60</u>                                 |
| Residence (Street and No. or P. O. Address)          | <u>1078 Barrington St., Halifax</u>       | Residence (Street and No. or P. O. Address) | <u>1078 Barrington St., Halifax</u>       |
| Occupation   |   | Occupation                                  |   |
| Single, Married or Widowed                           | <u>Single</u>                             | Single, Married or Widowed                  | <u>Married</u>                            |
| If Single give Name of Father                        |   | If Single give Name of Father               |   |
| If Married give Name of Spouse                       |   | If Married give Name of Spouse              |   |
| Where Born   | <u>Halifax</u>                            | Where Born                                  | <u>Halifax</u>                            |
| Cause of Death                                       | <u>Shock due to injuries in explosion</u> | Cause of Death                              | <u>Shock due to injuries in explosion</u> |
| Length of Illness                                    |   | Length of Illness                           |   |
| Religion   | <u>Roman Catholic</u>                     | Religion                                    | <u>Roman Catholic</u>                     |
| Race of Decedent                                     | <u>White</u>                              | Race of Decedent                            | <u>White</u>                              |
| Name of Physician in attendance                      | <u>Dr. W. D. Finnie</u>                   | Name of Physician in attendance             | <u>Dr. W. D. Finnie</u>                   |
| Name of Undertaker                                   | <u>James &amp; Co.</u>                    | Name of Undertaker                          | <u>James &amp; Co.</u>                    |
| Place of Burial                                      | <u>Mount Olivet Cemetery, Halifax</u>     | Place of Burial                             | <u>Mount Olivet Cemetery, Halifax</u>     |
| Name of Person making Return                         | <u>Vincent Donald</u>                     | Name of Person making Return                | <u>Vincent Donald</u>                     |
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| REMARKS  |   | REMARKS                                     |   |

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| <b>Father:</b><br>Donald MacDonald<br>b: 1812<br>m: 1857, Tracadie NS<br>d: |  | 1 | <b>Father's Parents:</b><br>+ Click to add father<br>+ Click to add mother |  |
| <b>Mother:</b><br>Catherine MacDonald<br>b: 1831<br>d: 31 Oct 1917          |  | 1 | <b>Mother's Parents:</b><br>Neil MacDonald<br>Isabella MacDonald           |  |

| Children            | Sex | Born       | Birth Place                     | Died        | Death Place      | Relation |
|---------------------|-----|------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------|
| 1 Mary MacDonald    | F   | 1858       |                                 |             |                  | birth    |
| 2 Isabel MacDonald  | F   | 4 Feb 1860 | St Pauls Havre Boucher          |             |                  | birth    |
| 3 Duncan MacDonald  | M   | 6 Aug 1862 |                                 | 23 Apr 1929 | Havre Boucher NS | birth    |
| 4 Rebecca MacDonald | F   | 8 Aug 1863 | St. Paul's Parish Havre Boucher |             |                  | birth    |
| 5 John MacDonald    | M   | 9 Aug 1865 |                                 |             |                  | birth    |
| 6 Sarah MacDonald   | F   | 5 Aug 1867 |                                 |             |                  | birth    |
| 7 Neil MacDonald    | M   | 8 Nov 1869 | Strait of Canso                 |             |                  | birth    |

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| <b>Father:</b><br>Edward Ryan<br>b: 1823, Ireland<br>m:<br>d: 4 Apr 1876                                |  | 2 | <b>Father's Parents:</b><br>John Ryan<br>Alice Shea              |  |
| <b>Mother:</b><br>Ann MacDonald<br>b: 1831<br>d: 10 Jan 1897, Mulgrave NS - St Lawrence Parish Cemetery |  | 1 | <b>Mother's Parents:</b><br>Neil MacDonald<br>Isabella MacDonald |  |

| Children              | Sex | Born       | Birth Place | Died        | Death Place | Relation |
|-----------------------|-----|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 John Ryan           | M   | 1849       |             | 25 Jan 1895 |             | birth    |
| 2 Patrick Ryan        | M   | 1852       |             |             |             | birth    |
| 3 Neil Ryan           | M   | 1858       |             | 15 May 1941 |             | birth    |
| 4 Mary Ryan           | F   | 1861       |             |             |             | birth    |
| 5 James Ryan          | M   | 1862       |             |             |             | birth    |
| 6 Isabella Ryan       | F   | 1863       |             |             |             | birth    |
| 7 Charles Edward Ryan | M   | 1865       |             |             |             | birth    |
| 8 Edward Ryan         | M   | 2 Oct 1871 |             | 23 Jul 1956 | Mulgrave NS | birth    |
| 9 John Ryan           | M   | 1 Nov 1873 |             |             |             | birth    |

