

Historical Family Insights
Related to
William Cornelius MacDonald (1878-1957)
Aulds Cove / Mulgrave NS

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INTRODUCTION

I am the Grandson of William (Billy) Cornelius MacDonald, my mother being Catherine Eileen MacDonald, youngest daughter of William C. and Catherine Sarah McDonald. For ease of understanding by those in the future, William C. lost his first wife in 1915 and remarried Mary Margaret McDonald in 1918.

Stories my mother would tell me of her growing up around Auld's Cove were thoughts that felt comfortable and have stayed with me over time. A number of years back, I decided to place the names of family members onto paper which led to the excitement of opening doors into the past to many interesting stories about the family as revealed thru deeds, wills & bits of genealogy here & there.

I've discovered many personal stories along the way that I'm happy to share but at the same time, I wasn't looking for doom or gloom - I'm able to share because events like deaths & shipwrecks got recorded.

The quest for the next ancestor has the excitement of cold case detective work when done properly, but for me the insight into their lives feels very rewarding. Sensing how they may have felt leaving their native Scotland or how they felt when tragedies struck, puts emotion into knowing your family. They were living people with families, just like ours. These emotions stir sentiments and a desire to discover more ancestors over time.

My research often goes laterally into the families of spouses, so there may be details in my research that get missed in this recording, focused somewhat around William C's lineage. Over time, additional chapters will share information on the lineage of those folks but in the meantime, I encourage anyone to ask me questions.

I should share some general comments for the benefit of anyone wanting to do research.

***MacDonald & McDonald** – On numerous occasions, I've seen the same person's name spelled both ways – it's a function of how it was written down over the years. So a MacDonald can be a McDonald. Same for O'Brien & its many derivations.*

Expect to see various vital dates on Census / Church records. For a host of reasons, people would state their ages as they preferred or thought to be accurate, so it's not unusual to have a lady or gentleman suggesting they were 10 years younger than they actually were. Or times when those recording scribes simply mixed up a familiar name on a record.

Sometimes, family information passed down blends generations when names are similar. You have to sort thru that to get generations in order.

The Scots had a Traditional Naming Pattern that was predictable until about 1875. To a degree, this helps in predicting the name of an ancestor – a guideline but requires that you look at the possibilities from both family sides.

A lot of Scottish ancestry is recorded only orally – a challenge for a researcher when looking for common folks.

The Church was paramount in a Scot's life. When not destroyed by fire or disasters, church records are valuable sources of information.

*Secondary sources like today's **Ancestry.com** can help but often have lineage postings not supported by documentation & can become misleading in accuracy.*

Discovering Ancestors is an evolving process. Along the way you look for supporting documentation for the details of each generation to enable you to tell the family story. But you must always have an alertness for new details that can add or enable you to make adjustments to the generational information.

Dennis Penton, 2017

Chapter 1

William C MacDonald & Catherine Sarah McDonald

William C. MacDonald was born in 1878, Auld's Cove NS to parents John Neil MacDonald & Catherine O'Brien, the eldest of 11 brothers & sisters. (1)

Catherine Sarah McDonald was born in 1878, Auld's Cove NS to parents James McDonald & Catherine Ryan, a family of 9 brothers & sisters. (2)

William C & Catherine Sarah were married at St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave in 1905. (3)

In 1907, their first daughter, Mary Louise (m. Kawaja) was born followed by son James Leslie in 1908 & my mother, Catherine Eileen (m. Penton) in 1913.

In the 1911 census, we find William with Catherine Sarah, daughter Mary Louise & William's brother Mark living in Sydney NS, working as carpenters. (4) We know from his obituary that he returned to Mulgrave in 1911 to begin work with the railway.

In 1913, William bought the property on Church St. in Mulgrave to build his family home. (5) He & Catherine Sarah then arranged for a mortgage of \$700 to build their new house. (6)

Tragedy struck this young family. James Leslie contracted Meningitis & died suddenly at age 3 months in 1909. Catherine Sarah dies in 1915. She's pregnant while their new house is being built. She has a new baby in the house & surely scared about losing her baby after the death of their son James. She has a nervous breakdown, eventually dying from Mania Exhaustion. I'm pretty certain that the 1915 treatments for nervous breakdowns might worsen a condition instead of cure. There were no drugs; treatments were guesswork & physically damaging. Medicine was primitive by today's standards. Today we would call her condition Post-Partum Depression, something quite common with new mothers, with recognized medical treatments.

Sometimes I think about where their new house was – a graveyard next door, another across the street & their son James was buried in a little graveyard right behind the new house on Church Street. I wonder if this setting contributed to growing anxiety around the possibility of losing their new baby?

William is left a widower with 8 year old daughter Mary & baby Catherine Eileen & work that has him on the railway. He has a mortgage to pay & dependents. His parents, John Neil & Catherine O'Brien help by taking baby Catherine Eileen as their own to raise. William's sister Grace, who married latter in her life, stayed at home to help with the raising of Catherine (Katie) & the care of her parents. Mary remained at home in Mulgrave with her father's care, assisted by a Ryan family, who were related to both Catherine Sarah's mother & William C's father.

The 1921 Census shows William, Margaret, daughter Mary Louise & new baby Hyla living in the Church St. house along with William's brother James Leo. (7)


Catherine Sarah rests alongside her parents in the same Mulgrave Cemetery where William C. & Margaret rest in peace. (8 & 9)

As a lead into Chapter 2, William C. attended a dance in nearby Tracadie, & as he told his brother Joe, he met the most wonderful girl at that dance. In Roberta's 2015 MacDonald Family Reunion Book, there's a picture of a pretty Mary Margaret & a handsome William C. – a striking couple.

Chapter 1

Notes & Attachments


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John Neil MacDonald		Neil "Little Neil" MacDonald	
b: 15 Sep 1850			
m: 29 Nov 1877, St Lawrence Parish Mulgrave		Elizabeth O'Brien	
d: 1 Apr 1935, Aulds Cove NS			
Mother:  1		Mother's Parents:	
Catherine Ella O'Brien		Alexander "Sandy" O'Brien	
b: 14 May 1854, Judique NS			
d: 27 May 1943, Auld's Cove NS		Grace Catherine Munroe	

Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place
1 William Cornilius "Billy" MacDonald	M	28 Nov 1878	Auld's Cove NS	10 Jan 1957	Mulgrave NS
2 Elizabeth Anne MacDonald	F	15 Aug 1880			
3 John Alexander (Jack) "Jack The Barber" MacDonald	M	15 May 1882	Aulds Cove NS	1972	Auld's Cove NS - St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
4 Florence (Christena) MacDonald	F	30 Apr 1885	Aulds Cove NS	23 Feb 1919	St. Martha's Hospital Antigonish
5 Gertrude MacDonald	F	19 Sep 1886	Aulds Cove NS	17 Apr 1904	Port Hasting - burial St Lawrence cemetery, Mulgrave
6 Lawrence MacDonald	M	31 Jan 1888	Auld's Cove NS	10 Mar 1975	(bu) St. Lawrence Church Cemetery, Mulgrave
7 Sylvester "Mark" MacDonald	M	25 Apr 1890	Auld's Cove NS	Mar 1970	Antigonish Plaza Nursing Home
8 Joseph Howard "Josie" MacDonald	M	25 Jun 1891	Auld's Cove NS	1992	Auld's Cove NS - burial @ St. Lawrence Parish Cemetery, Mulgrave
9 James Leo "Jimmy" MacDonald	M	29 Oct 1893	Auld's Cove NS	26 Oct 1955	
10 Grace MacDonald	F	7 Dec 1895	Aulds Cove NS	1965	St. Martha's Hospital Antigonish
11 Anthony Edward "Anthony" MacDonald	M	4 May 1899	Aulds Cove NS	21 Sep 1987	Camp Hill Hospital Halifax

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James McDonald		Donald McDonald	
b: 1843, Cape Jack. Ant. Co. (death record NS Archives)			
m: 28 Jan 1867, St Lawrence Parish Mulgrave		Janet McDonald	
d: 28 Nov 1911, Mulgrave NS			
Mother:  1		Mother's Parents:	
Catherine Ryan		Edward Ryan	
b: 1844			
d: 1915		Mary Power	

Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1 Roderick McDonald	M	26 Oct 1867	Auld's Cove NS			birth
2 Mary Jane McDonald	F	11 Jun 1869	Auld's Cove NS			birth
3 Edward McDonald	M	4 Aug 1871	St Lawrence Parish Mulgrave	12 Mar 1931	St Lawrence Parish Mulgrave	birth
4 Daniel McDonald	M	18 Sep 1873	Auld's Cove NS			birth
5 Elizabeth Anne "Lizzie" McDonald	F	29 Jan 1876	Auld's Cove NS			birth
6 Catherine Sarah McDonald	F	29 Mar 1878	Auld's Cove NS	19 Jan 1915	Mulgrave NS - St Lawrence Parish Cemetery	birth
7 James McDonald	M	10 Feb 1881	Auld's Cove NS			birth
8 Cecile McDonald	F	20 Nov 1882	Auld's Cove NS			birth
9 John McDonald	M	Nov 1887	Auld's Cove NS	2 Dec 1887		birth

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Wm Cornelius Macdonald Nova Scotia Antigonish Catholic Diocese 1823-1905	residence: 28 Nov 1905 St. Lawrence, Mulgrave, Guysborough	parents: John N Macdonald, Catherine O'Brien spouse: Catherine Sarah Macdonald
		name: Wm Cornelius Macdonald gender: Male event type: Marriage event date: 28 Nov 1905 event place: St. Lawrence, Mulgrave, Guysborough, Nova Scotia, Canada father: John N Macdonald mother: Catherine O'Brien spouse: Catherine Sarah Macdonald digital folder number: 4114422

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Name:	Mary L Mcdonald			
Event Type:	Census			
Event Date:	1911			
Event Place:	Cape Breton South Sub-Districts 11-39, Nova Scotia, Canada			
Gender:	Female			
Age (Estimated):	6			
Marital Status:	Single			
Relationship to Head of Household:	Daughter			
Birth Date:	Sep 1905			
Birthplace:	Nova Scotia			
Household	Role	Gender	Age	Birthplace
William Mcdonald	Head	M		Nova Scotia
Catherine S Mcdonald	Wife	F		Nova Scotia
Mary L Mcdonald	Daughter	F		Nova Scotia
Vincent Carey	Lodger	M		Nova Scotia
Vincent Mcdonald	Lodger	M		Nova Scotia
Thomas Mcanderson	Lodger	M		Nova Scotia
Mark Mcdonald	Lodger	M		Nova Scotia
Joseph Mcneil	Lodger	M		Nova Scotia
District: Cape Breton South , Household ID: 219 , Line Number: 22 , GS Film Number: 002417682 , Digital Folder Number: 007526737 , Image Number: 00825				

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<p>Deed Mary Lee Hadley to William C. McDonald Registered on the 22nd day of May A.D. 1913 at the hour of 9 A.M. on the certificate of Wm. H. Wylie J. P. D. L. Ashmun Registrar</p>	<p>This Indenture made the twenty eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, Between Mary Lee Hadley of Port Mulgrave, in the County of Guysboro, and Province of Nova Scotia, widow hereinafter called the grantor of the one part, and William Cornelius McDonald of the said Port Mulgrave, in the County and Province aforesaid, hereinafter called</p>
<p>the grantee, of the other part, Witnesseth that the said grantor for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars of lawful money of the Dominion of Canada to the said grantor in hand well and truly paid by the said grantee at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, remised, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, remise, convey and confirm unto the said grantee his heirs and assigns, all that certain lot piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being at Port Mulgrave in the County of Guysboro, in the Province of Nova Scotia, bounded and described as follows; that is to say, bounded on the north by lands of the said grantor, on the east by the lands of the said grantor, on the south by Church Street on the west by the Methodist Church Cemetery; beginning at the south east angle of the said Methodist Church Cemetery thence running eastwardly along the northern boundary of the said Church Street fifty feet to a stake there placed, thence northwardly parallel with the eastern boundary of the said Cemetery, one hundred feet, to a stake there placed, thence westwardly parallel with the northern boundary of the said Church Street, fifty feet to the eastern boundary of the said Cemetery, thence southwardly along the eastern boundary of the said Cemetery, one hundred feet, to the place of beginning containing five thousand square feet, more or less, together with all and singular the buildings, easements, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging, or in anywise appertaining, with the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claims, property and demands, both at law and in equity of her the said grantor of, in, to or out of the same, or any part thereof. I have and to hold, the said land and premises, with the appurtenances, and every part thereof, unto the said grantee, his heirs and assigns to his and their sole use, benefit and behoof forever And the said grantor for herself</p>	

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496 her heirs, executors and administrators, hereby covenants promises and agrees to and with the said grantee his heirs and assigns, in manner following that is to say: That it shall be lawful for the said grantee, his heirs and assigns, from time to time and at all times hereafter, peaceably and quietly, to enter into the said land and premises, and to have, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy the same without the lawful let, suit, hindrance, eviction, denial or disturbance of, from or by the said grantor or any person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same. And also that the said grantor has a good, sure, perfect and indisputable estate of inheritance in fee simple in the said land and premises, and good right, full power and lawful authority, to sell and convey the same, in manner and form as they are hereby sold and conveyed or mentioned and intended so to be, and that the same are free from incumbrances. And that she the said grantor, her heirs, executors and administrators at the request and at the charges of the said grantee shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter execute or cause to be executed such further and other acts, conveyances, and assurances in the law for the better assuring to the said grantee his heirs and assigns of the land and premises above described in manner as above conveyed or mentioned and intended so to be as by the said grantor her heirs or assigns or her or their counsel learned in the law shall be reasonably advised or required. And lastly that the said grantor, her heirs, the said land and premises and every part thereof, unto the said grantee his heirs, and assigns against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever, shall and will by these presents warrant and forever defend. In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and Delivered }
in the presence of } Mary Lee Hadley D
E. C. Hadley }
Province of Nova Scotia }
Guysboro S.S. }

On this 15 day of May A.D. 1913 before me the subscriber personally came and appeared E. C. Hadley a subscribing witness to the foregoing Indenture, who having been by me duly sworn, made oath and said that Mary Lee Hadley the party thereto, signed, sealed and delivered the same in his presence.

Wm. L. Wyldie
Justice of the Peace in and
for the County of Guysboro

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Recorded in Book 13, folios 495 & 496, June 28, 1920</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mortgage Wm. C. McDonald to John M. Eachern. Registered on the 28th day of July A.D. 1913 at the hour of 9 A. M. on the certificate of Wm. D. Irish J. P. D. S. A. S. M. H. C. Registrar</p>	<p>This Indenture made the twenty second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, Between William Cornelius McDonald and Catherine McDonald his wife of Port Mulgrave in the county of Guysboro and Province of Nova Scotia of the one part, and John M. Eachern of the said Port Mulgrave in the county and province aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said William Cornelius McDonald and Catherine</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">This Mortgage is released and being in Book 13, folios 495 & 496, June 28, 1920</p>	<p>Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the sum of seven hundred dollars of lawful money of the Dominion of Canada to the said William Cornelius McDonald in hand well and truly paid by the said John M. Eachern at or before the enrolling and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, remised, conveyed and confirmed; and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, remise, convey and confirm unto the said John M. Eachern his heirs and assigns, all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate lying and being at Port Mulgrave in the county of Guysboro in the Province of Nova Scotia bounded and described as follows: that is to say: bounded on the north by lands of Mary Bee Hadley, on the east by land of Mary Bee Hadley, on the south by Church Street, on the west by the Methodist Church Cemetery, this being same lands conveyed by Deed from Mary Bee Hadley to William Cornelius McDonald, Deed being dated April twenty eighth one thousand nine hundred and thirteen and being registered in the county of Guysboro on the twenty second day of May in same year in Book No. 20 folios 495 & 496 together with all and singular, the houses, outhouses, barns, buildings, ways, waters, watercourses, easements, hereditaments, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, or in anywise appertaining with the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues</p>	

614 and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim, property and demand, both at law and in equity of him the said William Cornelius McDonald of, in, to or out of the same, or any part thereof: To have and to hold the said land and premises with the appurtenances, and every part thereof, unto the said John McEachern his heirs and assigns, to his and their sole use, benefit and behoof forever. Provided always, and these presents are upon the condition, and it is the true intent and meaning hereof, and of the parties herunto, that if the said William Cornelius McDonald his heirs, executors or administrators, do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John McEachern his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, the just and full sum of seven hundred dollars with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum as well after as before maturity, such interest to be paid in yearly payments in each and every year, until full payment of the whole principal and interest mentioned; then these presents and every matter and thing therein contained shall be and become void, and of none effect, but otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. And the said William Cornelius McDonald for his heirs, executors and administrators, covenant and agree with the said John McEachern his heirs and assigns that he the said William Cornelius McDonald his heirs, executors and administrators shall and will well and truly pay, or cause to be paid unto the said John McEachern his heirs or assigns, the just and full sum of seven hundred dollars of lawful money aforesaid, with lawful interest for the same without delay or abatement, according to the true intent and meaning of these presents. And also, that upon breach of any of the covenants and provisions herein contained, it shall and may be lawful for the said John McEachern his heirs and assigns, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, peaceably and quietly to enter into the said land and premises, and to have, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy the same without the lawful let, suit, hindrance, eviction, denial or disturbance of, from or by the said William Cornelius McDonald or any person or persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming, or to claim the same. And also that the said William Cornelius McDonald has a good, sure, perfect and indefeasible estate of inheritance, in fee simple, in the said land and premises, and good rights, full power, and lawful authority, to sell and convey the same, in manner and form as they are hereby sold and conveyed or mentioned, or intended so to be. And lastly, that the said William Cornelius McDonald his heirs, the said land and premises, and every part thereof, unto the said John McEachern his heirs and assigns, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever, shall and will by these presents warrant and forever defend. In witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto their hands and seals set and affixed the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Joseph L. McDonald
Province of Nova Scotia

William Cornelius McDonald (63)
Catherine Sarah ^{her} X McDonald (63)
_{mark}

Be it remembered that on this twenty second day of July 1913 before me, the subscriber, personally came and appeared Catherine Sarah

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b5 McDonald wife of William Cornelius McDonald mentioned in the foregoing indenture, who having been by me examined separate and apart from her said husband, did declare and acknowledge that she executed the said indenture, as and for her act and deed, fully and voluntarily without fear, threat or compulsion of, from or by her said husband, and for a full release of all her claims to the land therein described.

William B. Irish
Justice of the Peace in and
for the county of Guysboro

Province of Nova Scotia }
d.s. }

On this twenty second day of July A.D. 1913 before me, the subscriber personally came and appeared Joseph H. McDonald the subscribing witness to the foregoing Indenture, who having been by me duly sworn made oath and said that William Cornelius McDonald and Catherine Sarah McDonald the parties thereto signed, sealed and delivered the same in his presence.

William B. Irish
Justice of the Peace in and
for the county of Guysboro

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1921 Census of Canada																			
Nova Scotia > Antigonish and Guysborough > Sub-District 48 - Mulgrave																			
Dwelling Household	Name	Township	Municipality	Own or Rented	Monthly Rent	Class of Structure	Rooms Occupied	Relation to Head	Sex	Marital Status	Age	Birth Place	Father's Birth Place	Mother's Birth Place	Year Imm.	Year Nat.	Nationality	Race or Tribe	Speaks E. Lang.
11	McKenna Michael			R	Unl	5	16	6	Male	Mar	24	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
12	Elizabeth								Female	Mar	21	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
13	Walter								Male	Mar	18	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
14	Robert								Male	Mar	15	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
15	Anna								Female	Mar	12	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
16	John								Male	Mar	10	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
17	William								Male	Mar	8	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
18	Margaret								Female	Mar	6	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
19	John								Male	Mar	4	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
20	Anna								Female	Mar	2	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
21	John								Male	Mar	1	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
22	William			O	BB	5	10	8	Male	Mar	24	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
23	Margaret								Female	Mar	21	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
24	John								Male	Mar	18	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
25	Anna								Female	Mar	15	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
26	William			R	Unl	5	10	15	Male	Mar	24	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
27	Elizabeth								Female	Mar	21	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
28	John								Male	Mar	18	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
29	Anna								Female	Mar	15	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
30	William			O	BB	5	10	15	Male	Mar	24	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
31	Margaret								Female	Mar	21	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
32	John								Male	Mar	18	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
33	Anna								Female	Mar	15	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
34	William								Male	Mar	12	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
35	Margaret								Female	Mar	10	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
36	John								Male	Mar	8	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
37	Anna								Female	Mar	6	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
38	William								Male	Mar	4	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
39	Margaret								Female	Mar	2	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
40	John								Male	Mar	1	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
41	William			R	Unl	5	10	15	Male	Mar	24	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
42	Elizabeth								Female	Mar	21	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
43	John								Male	Mar	18	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
44	Anna								Female	Mar	15	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
45	William			R	Unl	5	10	15	Male	Mar	24	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
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47	John								Male	Mar	18	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
48	Anna								Female	Mar	15	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
49	William			O	BB	5	10	15	Male	Mar	24	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En
50	Margaret								Female	Mar	21	N.S.	N.S.	N.S.			Canadian	Scotch	En

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Chapter 2

William C MacDonald & Mary Margaret McDonald

Mary Margaret was born 5 Jan. 1894 to parents Donald McDonald & Margaret Boyd of St. Peter's Parish, Tracadie NS. (1)

Margaret & William C. were married 19 Nov. 1918 at St. Peter's parish, Tracadie NS. (2)

Their family grew to 10 brothers & sisters (3) all living at the house on Church St. located where the present day St. Lawrence Parish Glebe is located. Daughter Mary lived at the house in her early years.

William C died in 1957. After the St. Lawrence Church fire in 1960, Margaret sold the house to the diocese. The house was moved temporarily across the street to make way for the new parish Glebe & church & later relocated to Middle St. where it was viewed during the 2015 Reunion. (For future generations, it's the house with the blue metal roof)

Family stories around William C & Margaret's life are fresh in the memories of children & grandchildren with first-hand experience & we enjoy these reflections in our conversations & reunions. The observations I can make are that education was high on the list of priorities for William C. & Margaret as evidenced by the accomplishments of their family. The Depression & War years would have presented these parents with challenges around scarcities & changing values. And centuries later, the strength of this family's relationship with the Catholic Church appears as important as it was when their Clanranald ancestors left Scotland under pressures to change their religion.

William C., like many Mulgrave area men, enjoyed long careers with the railway at a time when Mulgrave was the bustling terminus for coming & going to Cape Breton. But from stories my mother & his children would tell me, his passions were carpentry as evidenced by his own home still standing solid today & others he built around Mulgrave; by boats he would build or stairways he would craft. And of course fishing for sport. I'm told that sometimes he would be calling over to daughter Mary's checking to see if young Darryl was home from school yet so they could get going or Roberta wanting to join her father & brother Robert for a fishing trip to a nearby lake or stream.

A tidbit I can remember - William C, had a birthday coming - I can hear my mother even today, giving very strict instructions to my father - "go to Egan's & get the very best fly reel they have". Everyone knew he enjoyed fishing. I believe it was his time for reflections. I wish he was around today to show me his spots on the Monastery River or Morrison's Lake.

I'll share the tidbits of information on William & Margaret's children that have stayed with me from conversations. By no means are these their histories or the most important parts of their lives, but insights for future generations. Please feel free to contribute.

- Hyla served overseas in the 2nd WW in a MASH type unit (like the TV show) providing nursing care to wounded soldiers from both sides.*
- Betty, husband Mike Kelly & Donald, for a number of years owned & operated the KELMAC Restaurant, making that Auld's Cove area the popular commercial area it is today.*
- Anna met her husband while he served in the Navy in the Mulgrave area, moved to his native Sault Saint Marie & settled there.*
- Sonny served in the Navy in WW2 & latter settled in the Sydney area as an electrician with the CNR.*
- Leonard became an engineer working with the CNR & settled in Moncton. I'm told he bought his parents their 1st fridge coincidently with the brand name Leonard leaving his young sister Roberta so impressed, thinking it was his fridge. I remember a big white convertible with red interior & a cruise over to Port Hawkesbury.*
- Like so many girls in the area at the time, Ruth chose nursing after attending Convent School in Mabou. Imagine her excitement leaving Mulgrave for Detroit and her nursing career. Ruth later settled in the Massachusetts area.*
- Bernadette lived only a few days.*
- Imagine William C's surprise when at age 60, he got news he was now father to twins Robert & Roberta. I think I remember being told he had a bottle stashed somewhere & that was an appropriate moment for a guzzle. Robert served with the armed services in Cyprus. He became a Dr. of Dentistry at Dalhousie, settling in Halifax. Roberta, I'm told broke a few hearts, went off to the New Jersey area to pursue a career in nursing & later settled in the Boston area.*

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Donald McDonald		+ Click to add father	
b: 14 Jan 1850		+ Click to add mother	
m:			
d:			
Mother:		Mother's Parents:	
Margaret Boyd		+ Click to add father	
b: 18 Dec 1857		+ Click to add mother	
d:			

Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place
1 Katie McDonald	F	6 Jan 1883			
2 Angus McDonald	M	30 Oct 1886			
3 May McDonald	F	4 Nov 1888			
4 Annie McDonald	F	7 May 1890			
5 Jane McDonald	F	25 Jul 1893			
6 Mary Margaret McDonald	F	5 Jan 1894		1987	Mulgrave NS - St Lawrence Parish Cemetery
7 Sarah McDonald	F	8 May 1895			
8 Henry McDonald	M	11 Feb 1897			
+ Click to add a child					

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MARRIAGE REGISTER


Date of Marriage.....	11	Nov. 19, 1918.
Place of Marriage.....	00	Tracadie N.S.
County	02	Antigonish N.S.
How Married; by License or Banns.....	2	Banns
Dates of Publication, if by Banns.....		Nov. 3, 10, and 17.
Full name of Groom.....		William Cornelius McDonald
Age	5'	47.
Condition (Bachelor or Widower).....	3.	Bachelor & Widower
Religious Denomination	29	Catholic
Occupation	889 14	Car Inspector
Residence		Mulgrave.
Where Born	05	Caledonia
Names of Parents		John N. and Katherine O'Brien
Occupation of Parent.....		Farming
Full name of Bride.....	2	Margaret McDonald
Age	2	24
Condition (Spinster or Widow).....		Spinster
Religious Denomination		Catholic
Her Place of Residence.....		Big Tracadie
Where Born	05	Big Tracadie
Names of Parents		Donald & Margaret (Boyd)
Occupation of Parent		Farming
Names of Witnesses		Joseph McDonald
		Marion M. Guthrie
		N. C. Donald
Signature of Parties Married...		Margaret McDonald
		J. McKeough
Officiating Clergyman		Catholic
Denomination of Clergyman		

I Certify, That the marriage of the persons above named was duly celebrated by me at the time and place and in the manner stated in this Register.

.....
Officiating Clergyman.

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William Cornelius "Billy" MacDonald
 b: 28 Nov 1878 in Auld's Cove NS
 m: 19 Nov 1918 in Big Tracadie NS (age 39)
 d: 10 Jan 1957 in Mulgrave NS (age 78)

Spouses: 2
 Parents: 1

Pedigree Family Descendants People WebSearch Timeline

Father:
 William Cornelius "Billy" MacDonald
 b: 28 Nov 1878, Auld's Cove NS
 m: 19 Nov 1918, Big Tracadie NS
 d: 10 Jan 1957, Mulgrave NS

Father's Parents:
 John Neil MacDonald
 Catherine Ella O'Brien

Wife:
 Mary Margaret McDonald
 b: 5 Jan 1894
 d: 1987, Mulgrave NS - St Lawrence Parish Cemetery

Wife's Parents:
 Donald McDonald
 Margaret Boyd

Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1 Hyla MacDonald	F	4 Dec 1919	Mulgrave NS St Lawrence Parish	5 Jul 2014	St. John. NB	birth
2 Betty MacDonald	F	14 Oct 1921	Mulgrave NS St Lawrence Parish			birth
3 Anna MacDonald	F	23 Sep 1923	Mulgrave NS St Lawrence Parish	14 Jun 2011	Sault Saint Marie - Precious Blood Cathedral catholic church	birth
4 Hugh J "Sonny" MacDonald	M	30 Jun 1925	Mulgrave NS St Lawrence Parish	1 Feb 2004	North Sydney	birth
5 Lenoard MacDonald	M	17 Nov 1927	Mulgrave NS St Lawrence Parish	21 May 1998	Riverview New Brunswick	birth
6 Donald MacDonald	M	18 Aug 1929	Mulgrave NS St Lawrence Parish	19 Jan 2014	Havre Boucher NS	birth
7 Ruth MacDonald	F	16 Dec 1931	Mulgrave NS			birth
8 Bernadette MacDonald	F	4 Apr 1934	Mulgrave NS St Lawrence Parish	8 Apr 1934	Mulgrave NS St Lawrence Parish	birth
9 Dr. Robert MacDonald	M	20 Apr 1938	Mulgrave NS St Lawrence Parish	14 Aug 2012	Halifax NS - St Benedict's Parish	birth
10 Roberta MacDonald	F	20 Apr 1938	Mulgrave NS St Lawrence Parish			birth

Chapter 3

William C.'s parents

John Neil MacDonald & Catherine O'Brien

John Neil MacDonald was born 1850 in Auld's Cove to parents "Little" Neil MacDonald & Elizabeth O'Brien.

Catherine (Kate) O'Brien was born 14 May 1854 in Creignish Rear on the Cape Breton side of the Strait to parents Alexander "Sandy" O'Brien & Grace Catherine Monroe. (1)

John Neil & Catherine were married 29 Nov 1877 (2) & William C., their first came along 364 days later on 28 Nov. 1878 - quite a special anniversary for John Neil & Kate!

William C.'s 10 brothers & sisters remained close-by throughout their lives.

The girls:

- *Elizabeth Anne married Edward McQuarrie from Inverness CB in 1901.*
- *Florence married John Patrick Power from Auld's Cove, 13 Dec 1905, just 16 days after William C. & Catherine Sarah were married, so a busy time for John Neil & Kate.*
 - *Tragedy struck Florence's family. She contracted the Spanish Flu raging in Antigonish & died 23 Feb 1919. By 12 March 1919, her husband, John Patrick Power also died from this flu. Five sons, ranging from ages 2 to 13 (Joe Power) were suddenly orphans under the care of their grandparents, John Neil & Catherine. Fortunately the Power family home was next door, enabling the boys to remain in their home under the care of their grandparents, their aunt Grace & other members of the family.*
- *Gertrude died in 1904 at only 17. While writing exams in Port Hastings, she came down with pneumonia, dying shortly afterwards.*

- *Grace married Edward DeCoste, 11 July 1941. Until married, she remained in her family home helping to care for her niece Catherine & perhaps a big sister role to the Power boys. Many of us have fond memories of her cozy home , her seamstress talents or delicious cookies.*

The Guys

- *Jack would stay with us when in Halifax for medical treatments in his later years. Always a shirt, tie & blue blazer but what I remember most was the way he stood so tall & rigid. He lived to be 90 with 12 children including twins.*
- *It was easy to tell that Josie & Jack were brothers by their similar appearances. Joseph lived to be 101.*
- *Many readers will remember visiting Joseph's home, now the Dive shop in Auld's Cove. Jack's house was next door - once destroyed by fire & then rebuilt. The original family home site, occupied by John Neil & Anthony is explained in the section on the Family Homestead.*
- *Mark, William C., Jack, Joseph, Lawrence, Anthony & James Leo all worked for the railway - a time when Mulgrave was the bustling ferry port for coming & going to Cape Breton.*
- *James Leo's valuable contribution in WW1 to the war efforts in Europe is chronicled on the Internet @ <http://guysboroughgreatwarveterans.blogspot.ca/2012/02/pte-james-leo-mcdonald-canadian.html>. His experience with timber here helped the allies create bridgeworks in France in their efforts to win the Great War. In later years with the railway, trestles & bridges were his specialty. Just a couple of notes regarding the information on the blog - the recruiter put his name on the Attestation papers as McDonald & it stayed that way during his service. Also it states his father as John Neil (Little Neil) - John Neil was his father, Little Neil, his grandfather.*

The Family Homestead

Beginning their married life, John Neil & Catherine obtained 116 acres on the 3RD June 1878, from his maternal grandmother's son, William Strahan. William, aged 83 at the time came to live with John Neil, Catherine & baby William C.

What's left of the original parcel today is shown on the provincial graphic map (3) in the notes for this chapter. The house was located here. The blurry picture (4) is the only one I have before the house was removed to allow for the new highway. Some may remember its orangey color. For reference, it was diagonal from Grace's house occupied today by Joe Power's daughter Peggy @ # 14028, old Highway 4.

Before the railway was relocated, the property ran uninterrupted to the shore of the Strait of Canso. As a farmer & fisherman, John Neil had his fishing shed at the shore. In times before the causeway, the Strait was a funnel for fish moving between the ocean & the gulf - a productive fishery. Cash was short for the fishermen of the strait. But after putting away fish & produce from their fields, they would trade any surplus with local merchants or neighbors for other goods for family needs. Growing up in her grand-parent's house, my mother would describe to me, a barrel of molasses or a barrel of salt herring - a simpler & self-sufficient way of life.

When the time came along, John Neil passed the homestead to the care of his son Joseph in 1918 with the bond that he care for his parents, sister Grace & niece Catherine, all at home. (5)

Joseph later (Aug. 1934), due to his work commitments, passed his title & responsibilities for maintaining, to his youngest brother Anthony.

In Sept 1974, Anthony passed the remaining 3 acres left after expropriation for the highway, to William C.'s son Leonard, whose family owns it today.

In researching, I would hear the comment, "The MacDonald's from Auld's Cove have arrived." This referred to the arrival of John Neil & Kate, Grace & Katie sometimes by sleigh or carriage, perhaps accompanied by William C's brothers & their families, all arriving at William C. & Margaret's house in Mulgrave. My mother would tell me stories about bundling up under a bear skin rug in a sleigh heading out from Auld's Cove for mid-night Mass in Mulgrave. Imagine yourself today standing by the rail trestle that crosses the highway in Auld's Cove & measuring the trip in your mind up over Cape Porcupine all the way to Mulgrave. Quite a journey even now by car - imagine by horse drawn sleigh. But imagine the magic of the trip by moonlight. When they got there, I'm certain it was an embracing family event.

Catherine's O'Brien's family dates to the early settlement of the Strait on the Cape Breton side. (6) Her Grandfather, John O'Brien's original homestead is documented in the publication, My Cregnish Hills, by Floyd MacDonald - lot 69. (7)

In the latter part of the 1800's, men or their entire families would head to the north eastern US to work for wages, coming back in the wintery months. But many stayed - that was the case with many of Catherine O'Brien's brothers & sisters. (8) Even her father, Alexander (9) went to live with his family in Portsmouth NH but the pull of his native Cape Breton brought him back home.

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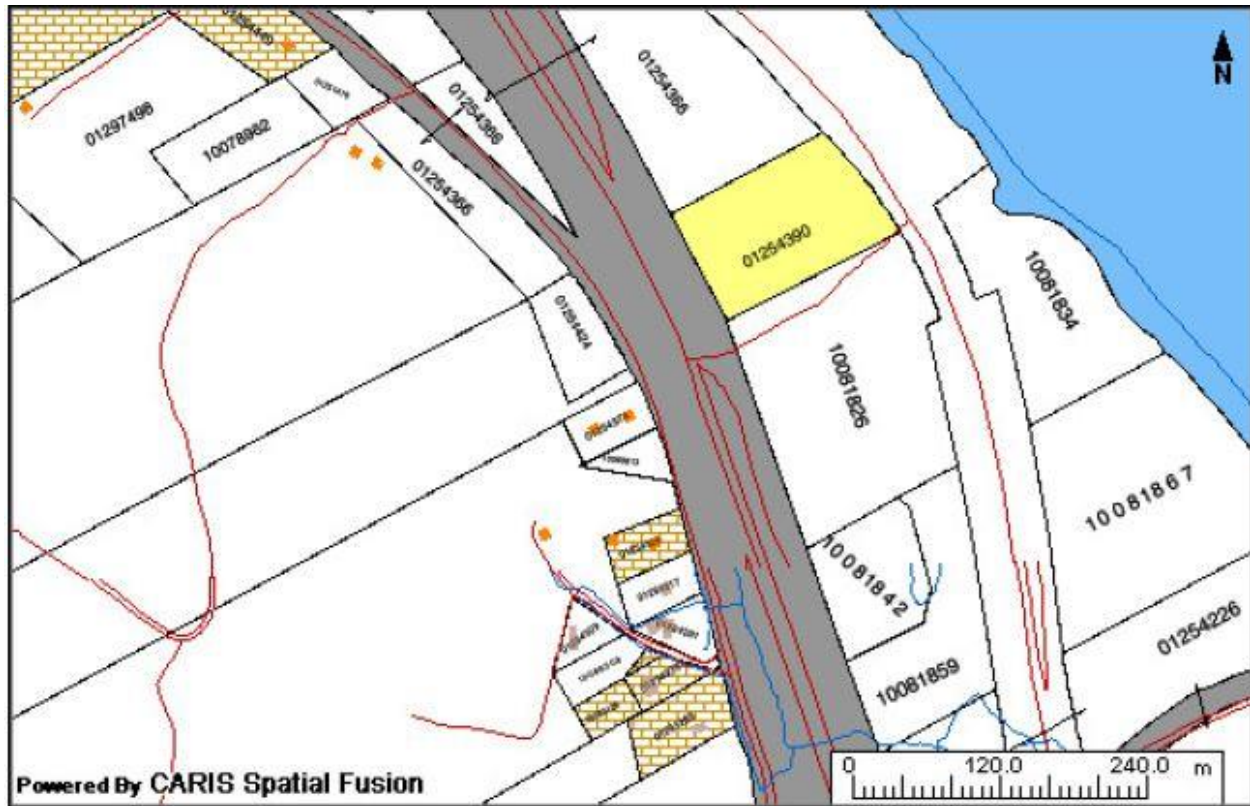
110 B. I the undersigned P.P. have this 25th May
Catharine baptised Catharine born 14 May inst. legit
issue of Alexander O'Brien and Grace O'Brien
Godfather James M. Jones, Godmother Christina
M. Jones. J. V. McDonnell P.P.

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On 29th Nov. 1877 John M'Donald
of this Parish and Kate O'Brien of the
Parish of Creisnach (Lombard) were mar-
ried before me at the Parish Church of St
Michael with due rites & ceremonies.
Witnesses were Edward Forrester and
Mary M'Donald
(Michael Laffan, P.P.)
These were married by Banns

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V Bond- Joseph Mc Donald to John D. Mc Donald and wife. Regd. at S.P.M. April 18th, A.D. 1918. In certificate of James P. Carlett, Commissioner

Know All Men By These Presents That I, Joseph Mc Donald of Guild's Cove, in the County of Antigonish and Province of Nova Scotia, Farmer, am held and firmly bound unto John D. Mc Donald and Catherine Mc Donald

his wife, of Guild's Cove aforesaid, their heirs, Executors and Administrators in the penal sum of one thousand dollars of lawful money of Canada to be paid to the said John D. Mc Donald and Catherine ^{McDonald} their heirs, Executors or Administrators for which payment I bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators firmly and by these presents. Sealed with my seal and dated this thirtieth day of March, A.D. 1918. Wherein the said John D. Mc Donald and Catherine Mc Donald has by Indenture bearing even date herewith conveyed to the above bounden Joseph Mc Donald certain lands and premises at Guild's Cove aforesaid in said Indenture more fully described, and whereas the said Joseph Mc Donald has undertaken in consideration of such conveyance to support and maintain the said John D. Mc Donald

and Catherine ^{McDonald} Mc Donald and also to support and maintain Grace Mc Donald and Kathleen Mc Donald (sister and niece of the aforesaid Joseph Mc Donald) during their natural lives. Now the Condition of This Obligation is such that if the above bounden Joseph Mc Donald his heirs, Executors or administrators do well and truly support and maintain maintain the said John D. Mc Donald and Catherine Mc Donald and also do support and maintain the said Grace Mc Donald and Kathleen Mc Donald during their natural lives, in such suitable place

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bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, remised, conveyed and confirmed and by these Presents, doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, remise, convey and confirm unto the said grantee his Heirs and assigns all the one half of that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Auld's Cove, of the said containing fifty acres more or less, abutted and bounded as follows: On the North by lands of the Heirs of the late John Strachan on the East by the waters of the Strait of Canso and on the West by lands of William McDonald. Also the one-half of that other lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Auld's Cove containing fifty acres more or less abutted and bounded as follows: On the North by lands of John McDonald (Widow's son) On the South by lands of the Heirs of the late John Strachan; on the East by the waters of the Strait of Canso and on the West by lands of Dan R McDonald and the ^{one half of the} buildings, hereditaments, easements, and appurtenances to the same, belonging and the meadows, reynairders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand of the said Grant-

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us of, in or to the same. To Have and to Hold the said above granted and described land and premises with the appurtenances unto and to the use of the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns forever. And the said Grantors their Heirs, Executors and Administrators do hereby covenant, with the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns: - That the said Grantors have a good, sure, perfect and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple in the said Land and Premises and good right, full power and absolute authority, to grant and convey the same in manner and form aforesaid according to the true intent and meaning hereof. And also that the said Grantee and Heirs Heirs and Assigns shall and may at all times hereafter peaceably and quietly hold and enjoy the said land and premises, with the appurtenances, without hindrance or disturbance of, from or by the said Grantors or of any person or persons, whomsoever, lawfully claiming the same, or any part thereof. And also that the said Grantors, and their Heirs, the said land and premises, unto the said Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, against the lawful claims

Warrant and forever defend. In Witness whereof the said parties hereto have hereunto set their Hands and Seals the day and year herein above written and expressed.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of } John W. Ello Donald
John P. Power } Catherine Ello Donald
Sovereign of Nova Scotia }
J.S. }

Be it Remembered that on this fourth day of April, 1918, before me the subscriber personally came and appeared, Catherine Ello

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Donald, wife of John D. McDonald, mentioned in the foregoing indenture, who having been by me examined separately and apart from her said husband, did declare and acknowledge that she executed the said indenture as and for her free act and deed, freely and voluntarily, without fear, threat or compulsion of, from or by her said husband, and for a full release of all her claims to the lands therein described.

Province of Nova Scotia } James P. Corbett, a Commissioner
S.D. } Etc; in and for the County of Antigonish.

On this fourth day of April A. D. 1918, before me, the subscriber personally came and appeared, John P. Power, the subscribing witness to the foregoing Indenture who having been by me duly sworn, made oath and said that John D. McDonald and Catherine McDonald of the parties thereto, signed, sealed and delivered the same in his presence.

James P. Corbett, a Commissioner,
in and for the County of Antigonish.

Looking back

by Laken Delorey

It's hard to believe that we flipped our calendars to a new year and we are already half way through this month. With a new year, come new plans to make the Port Hastings Museum better and more interesting for visitors to come and experience.

If you were looking to make a new year's resolution and have not been able to come up with something, why not volunteer in your community? There are many great organizations within the Strait area, including the museum, that could always use another idea and set of hands to help. There are many areas within the museum that could be of interest to an individual, whether it is promotions, genealogy or displays.

Genealogy is one area that everyone can have a connection with; it truly is who you are.

The museum has a fair amount of genealogical information that can be found in census information from this area for 1811, 1822, 1838, 1871, 1881, 1891, and 1901. We also have Inverness County census material; the 1871 Plaister Cove census; the 1871 index for Richmond County; ship passenger rolls from 1791 in the Gut of Canso; birth records from central and western Cape Breton between 1820-1830; church records for 1917-1934 for St. David's Presbyterian Church, Port Hastings; obituaries from 1933 to the present; binders and file folders on Port Hastings families; family trees of area families; index cards for marriages, baptisms and cemetery records; house binders giving write-ups of older houses and families; a calendar of Cape Breton land grants filling 15 binders; petitions for land grants in the Gut of Canso from

1807-1827; index for deeds and records stored in Port Hood; and Port Hastings deeds and records.

The following is a sample of what can be found within our archives.

The O'Briens

In 1812 John O'Brien came to the Gut of Canso looking for land on lot 23. He was born in Ireland in 1792 and his wife Sarah was born in Scotland in 1795. John came to Nova Scotia in 1797 as a child and the family went to Halifax, where in his teens he served as an apprentice to a cooper.

By 1821 at the age of 25 he asked for land on lot 3 on the second range, at the second pond north of the Canso Straits where he resided on about 200 acres with his wife Sarah. They had a son Alexander and two daughters Mary and Sicily. The family lived in the general area of where the O'Brien homestead is today.

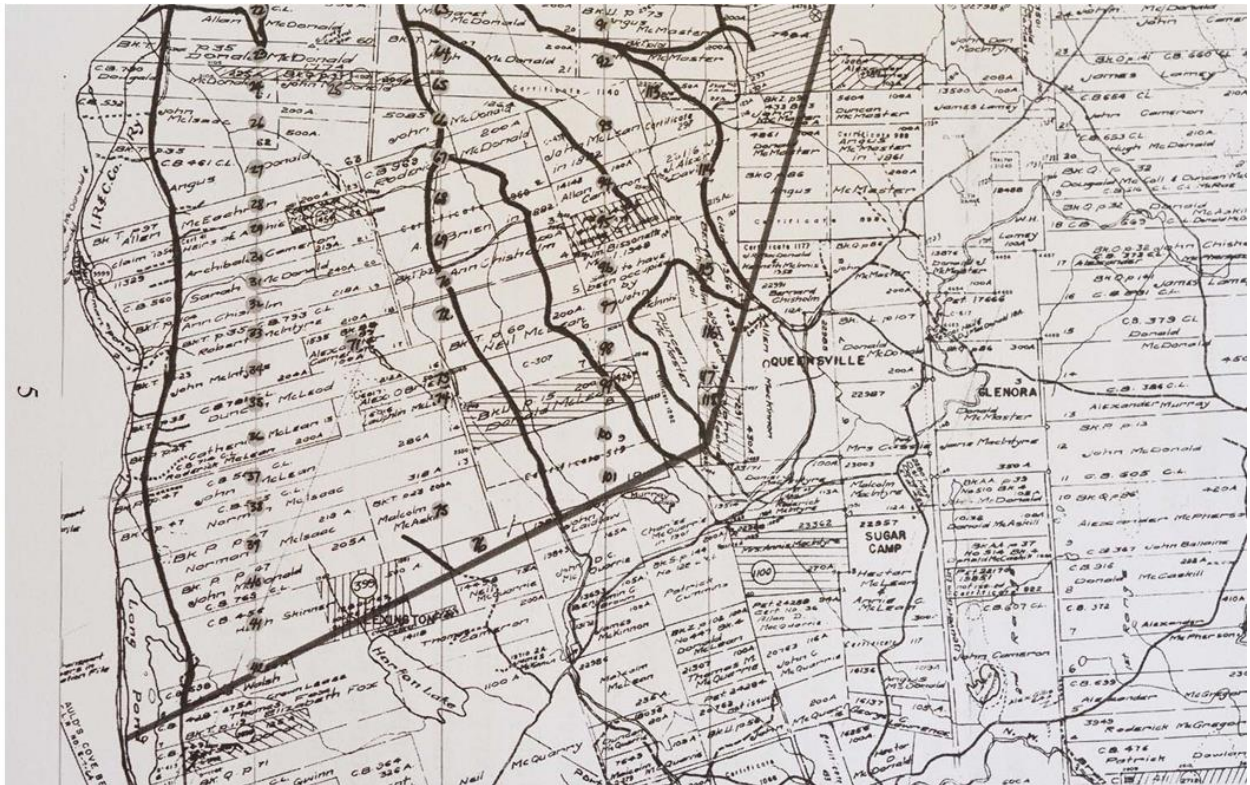
Alexander, born in 1836, was married to a woman named Grace, born in 1843. Their children were Nancy, Catherine, Margaret, John Alexander, Donald, Christy, Allan, and William.

John O'Brien, the pioneer, using his tradesman abilities built the spinning wheel that still stands today at Sally (O'Brien) MacIsaac's house.

If you are interested in learning more about genealogy or would like to become involved with our society feel free to contact us through e-mail at: gutofcanso@ns.sympatico.ca.

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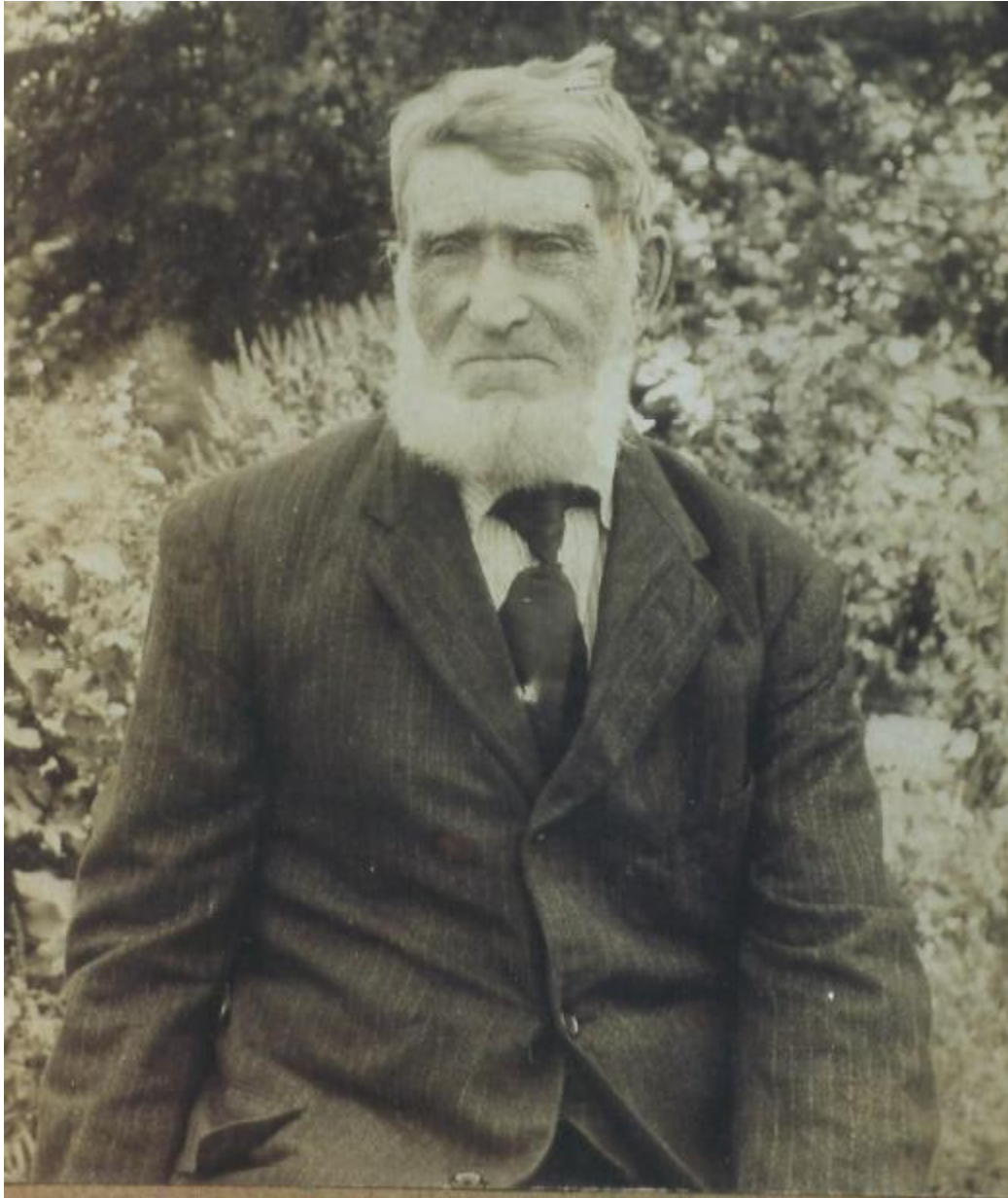
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Alexander "Sandy" O'Brien							
b: 1826, Judique NS							
m: Jan 1851, Creignish NS							
d: 23 Dec 1919, Creignish Rear NS - Stella Maris Parish, Creignish NS							
Mother: 1							
Grace Catherine Munroe							
b: 1833, Scotland							
d: 1895, Creignish Rear NS - Stella Maris Parish, Creignish NS							
Mother's Parents: Munroe							
+ Click to add mother							
↕	Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1	Nancy "Annie" O'Brien	F	1852	Creignish	9 May 1943	Gloucester Mass.	birth
2	Catherine Ella O'Brien	F	14 May 1854	Judique NS	27 May 1943	Auld's Cove NS	birth
3	Margaret O'Brien	F	1856	Creignish NS			birth
4	John O'Brien	M	1858	Creignish NS			birth
5	Christy O'Brien	F	1861	Creignish NS	30 May 1937	Portsmouth NH	birth
6	William O'Brien	M	23 Mar 1873	Creignish NS	15 Mar 1954	Portsmouth NH	birth
7	Alexander O'Brien	M	1865	Creignish NS	14 Oct 1918	Portsmouth NH	birth
8	Donald O'Brien	M	1868	Creignish NS	Sep 1939	Creignish NS	birth
9	Allan O'Brien	M	8 May 1870	Creignish Rear NS		Hartford Connecticut	birth

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Chapter 4

“Little” Neil MacDonald & Elizabeth O’Brien

John Neil MacDonald’s Parents

The next generation back is “Little” Neil MacDonald married to Elizabeth O’Brien.

Little Neil was born C 1823 in the area known as Judique on the Cape Breton Side. Elizabeth O’Brien was born C 1823 in Little Tracadie NS.

I say approximately for their births because different dates show for them on different documents which is not unusual for the time. A birthday today is when we get a gift, a more definite time. Not so much back in another era when things were less often written down & more often just spoken about.

John Neil had 4 brothers & 3 sisters. (1)

For me, there are some amazing stories surrounding “Little Neil” & Elizabeth O’Brien.

I’ll begin with Elizabeth who passed away, 11 June 1870 @ c. age 47. “Little” Neil & Elizabeth lived in Auld’s Cove. Elizabeth’s brother George, living in nearby Little Tracadie lost 5 children, ages 3, 5, 11, 12 & 13 to Scarlet Fever between the 7th & 13th March, 1870. (2) I have no doubt she helped her brother during this crisis, only to catch the disease herself & die a few months later, leaving Little Neil a widower with a younger family. He never remarried.

Elizabeth’s father, John O’Brien was married to Ann Strahan. “The Story of Auld’s Cove” dates their marriage as 1820 with Ann passing away that same year. Just as my mother did, baby Elizabeth O’Brien went to live with her widowed Grandmother Elizabeth Strahan & her uncle, William Strahan in Auld’s Cove. The Strahan property was adjacent to Little Neil’s parents, so Little Neil & Elizabeth didn’t have to travel far to meet & marry.

Elizabeth's father, John O'Brien was the son of Michael O'Brien. In 1784, Michael O'Brien received a grant of 100 acres from the crown. His land was a portion of the Heirlíhy Grant given to members of the Nova Scotia Volunteers upon the disbandment of that regiment. Qualification for the grant were 10 years of Military service to the British Crown. Michael was a private, age 30 at the time of his land grant in Little Tracadie. Heirlíhy's regiment saw active service in the American Revolution, later removing to Nova Scotia, providing defence duties here & on PEI as a deterrent to any possible invasion or incursions on British held North America. Michael's land grant passed to his son, John O'Brien in 1819. On John's passing in 1864, the land passed to his son George. Little Neil & Elizabeth along with her step brother John & sister Ann are signatories to this transfer in 1864.

I don't believe "Little Neil's" name had anything to do with his physical stature. His father was Neil. There was another Neil in Auld's Cove at the time known as "Big Neil". So handles got applied to distinguish all these Neils. When the Scots followed their naming pattern and a child was due to be called Neil, John or Mary, a nickname was often added for distinction.

The Ship Katie

As with Catherine O'Brien's family, tradition had many families spending summer months in places like Gloucester Mass. or Portsmouth NH working for wages on shore or sailing from those ports for the various fishing banks. I recently read that it wasn't unusual to have 60% of the population gone in the summer months.

On April 2, 1876, the schooner Katie sailed from Mulgrave heading for Gloucester. On board were Little Neil's Daughter, Ann (Mrs. John O'Brien) & 3 grandsons, John age 6, Neil age 5 & 2 year old Alex O'Brien. Also on board was Little Neil's brother-in law, Edward Ryan married to his sister Ann. The gear belonging to Little Neil's sons William & Neil was also on board but the boys went to Sunday morning Mass with their plan to take the next vessel heading to Gloucester if necessary.

On April 4, all on board the Katie were lost when the vessel sunk in a gale off Sable Island. Imagine the shock to Little Neil! (3)

Son Neil who missed fate on the Katie, was lost a few years later when the schooner Nathan Philips out of Gloucester went down on the Gloucester Banks, 7 Oct. 1876.

In the little cemetery across the road from St. Lawrence's church, perhaps the largest memorial stone is for William MacDonald & his wife Ella.

The loss of family lives on the Katie was enough to make 25 year old William quit the sea. In 1878, the family gave him 50 acres of their property to start his life ashore. Eventually, William moved to Mulgrave, becoming a very successful merchant. In 1917, William gave his 50 acres in Auld's Cove to his brother John Neil.

William married Ella Grant in 1896 at age 43. Without children of his own, William contributed towards the support & education of his nephews. Having had the privilege of reviewing his 1932 will, I can say he gave the entirety of his substantial estate towards the support of the Diocese of Antigonish & towards missionary & educational church endeavours across the country. In a way, the size of his monument reflects the magnitude of his generosity towards causes he considered worthy. Be sure to view his memorial. He was a very astute & generous business man from a bustling Mulgrave.

We've touched on Little Neil's children, William, John Neil, Ann & Neil. For the others, Isabella died single at only 36. George lost his first wife, Christina MacDonald after only 9 years in 1891 & remarried, remaining in the area throughout his days. Ambrose & Elizabeth Jane (sis) remained home unmarried, carrying for Little Neil, their farm & enjoying the company of nearby family members. Upon Ambrose's passing in 1931, without direct heirs, he donated the property to St. Lawrence Church in Mulgrave. (4)

If you enter the road leading to the Cove Motel, you'll cross a small stream flowing towards the pond. Where the stream enters the pond, marks one of the corners of the original Neil MacDonald property in Auld's Cove encompassing much of the commercial area around the pond today.

By coincidence, later family members, including William C's wife Margaret lived on land fronting the pond, the site of the original 200 acre Neil MacDonald property.

Chapter 4

Notes & Attachments

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Neil ""Little Neil" MacDonald							
b: 20 Apr 1823							
m:							
d: 8 May 1911, Auld's Cove NS							
Mother:							
Elizabeth O'Brien							
b: 1823, Little Tracadie NS							
d: 11 Jun 1870							
Neil MacDonald							
Isabella MacEachern							
Mother's Parents:							
John O'Brien							
Anne Strahan							
↕	Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1	Ann MacDonald	F	1846		2 Apr 1876		birth
2	Isabella MacDonald	F	1848		1884		birth
3	William MacDonald	M	1851		25 Jun 1932		birth
4	John Neil MacDonald	M	15 Sep 1852		1 Apr 1935	Aulds Cove NS	birth
5	Neill MacDonald	M	1854		7 Oct 1879	on Glouster Banks	birth
6	George MacDonald	M	Apr 1857		21 Nov 1923	East Havre Boucher	birth
7	Ambrose MacDonald	M	1 Apr 1862	Auld's Cove NS	26 Aug 1931		birth
8	Eliza (Elizabeth) Jane MacDonald	F	12 Jan 1864	Auld's Cove NS	26 Jan 1931	Auld's Cove NS	birth

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Elizabeth O'Brien's 5 nephews & neices died within a week.

167	Mary Jane O'Brien	3	5	Infant	Little Tracadie George
168	George O'Brien	10	8	Child	Little Tracadie George
169	Alexander O'Brien	10	10	Child	Little Tracadie George
170	John O'Brien	10	12	Child	Little Tracadie George
171	William O'Brien	10	3	Infant	Little Tracadie George

Ann O'Brien	7 March 1870	George O'Brien	16 March 1870
Pammy	Little Tracadie	Edward O'Brien	16 March 1870
Ann O'Brien	7 March 1870	George O'Brien	16 March 1870
Pammy	Little Tracadie	Edward O'Brien	16 March 1870
Ann O'Brien	11 March 1870	George O'Brien	16 March 1870
Pammy	Little Tracadie	Edward O'Brien	16 March 1870
Ann O'Brien	12 March 1870	George O'Brien	16 March 1870
Pammy	Little Tracadie	Edward O'Brien	16 March 1870
Ann O'Brien	13 March 1870	George O'Brien	16 March 1870
Pammy	Little Tracadie	Edward O'Brien	16 March 1870

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Copy of Will : Ambrose McDonald TO St. Lawrence Catholic Church. } January 16, 1931.
Reg. 3. P. M. 8th. March 1932, Certificate of Angus T. Mac Donald, } In the name of the
Registrar. } Blessed Trinity.

This my last testament; Being of sound mind I wish to dispose of my property situated at Auld's Cove, Antigonish Co. N.S. as follows: The land I own must be sold and the proceeds therefore given for the benefit of the Catholic Church Saint Lawrence, Port Mulgrave, Nova Scotia, The house and barn to be sold with the land. The movable property I own will be sold and the proceeds given to the parish priest of Port Mulgrave who will have Masses offered for me. I appoint William MacDonald my brother as executor of my Will.

Ambrose MacDonald.

Witnesses. W. M. Roberts.

Patrick A. LeBlanc.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the Will of Ambrose MacDonald, proved, approved, and recorded in the Registry of the Court.

Angus T. MacDonald, Registrar.

Chapter 5

Neil MacDonald & Isabella McEachern

The next generation back, or Little Neil's parents were Neil MacDonald married to Isabella McEachern.

When I began research, there was little family knowledge around Little Neil's siblings & no naming of his parents other than mention that he was born in Judique, had a sister known as Kitty & had lost a sister in the Halifax Explosion & this only from fading memories on a note from the 1930's.

Deeds, Wills, Census, Antigonish Diocese Records, various publications & the use of the Scots' traditional naming pattern enabled me to establish Little Neil's parents as Neil MacDonald & Isabella McEachern. At this point with certainty, I can state his sisters were Ann married to Edward Ryan, Catherine married to Donald MacDonald, Isabella, Mary married to James Squires & I continue to work towards the details of at least 2 older brothers for Little Neil & his sisters.

Colin Purcell's book, "The Auld's Cove Story" lists Neil & Neil Jr. (Little Neil) among the first settlers. (1) The 1838 Census shows the household of Neil MacDonald & Isabella so we know that Neil & his family had moved to the western side of the Strait prior to 1838. In discussions around this, I can say that there were 3 Neil MacDonald's in Auld's Cove at this time. Our Neil MacDonald, his son, Little Neil & another known in latter documents as "Big Neil" for distinction. This Neil, son of Archibald, doesn't begin his family until 1849 leaving our Neil, as the only candidate among the Neil's for listing as head of household in the 1838 Census.

Mary, the last of their children, was born in 1837. Mary is mentioned in the will of her nephew, William MacDonald, Little Neil's son. William's will also mentions his Grandmother, or Mary's mother, Isabella. Mary's married name is Mary Squires, living in Halifax, widowed at the time of the Halifax explosion.

Unfortunately, Mary, her daughter-in-law Margaret & 4 of her son Vincent's children were all killed with suddenness in this horrific 1917 event. Their deaths are recorded in the Halifax Explosion Book of Remembrance (Mary Squires) where you'll see the notation that her son Vincent had to identify his family as charred remains. (2) They lived close to ground zero in the city's North End, where the explosive laden ships collided.

Catherine married Donald MacDonald, also of Auld's Cove in 1857. She was 19 years his Jr. They remained in Auld's Cove raising their family. (3) Catherine lived to be 87 & living with her son Duncan at Havre Boucher at the time of the 1911 Census. Anthony had at least an awareness of Catherine (Kitty) & Mary in his 1930's notes.

Ann became widowed in 1876 when she lost her husband Edward Ryan with the tragic loss of the vessel Katie discussed in the family of Little Neil, Chapter 4. Courageously, she remained a widow, maintaining her family (4) among her relatives in St. Lawrence parish, Mulgrave until her death in 1897.

Auld's Cove was a small world & connections with other generations were inevitable. Ann's husband, Edward Ryan lost his first wife, Mary Power. Mary would be an ancestor to the Powers who in later generations married John Neil's daughter Florence. (Joe Power)

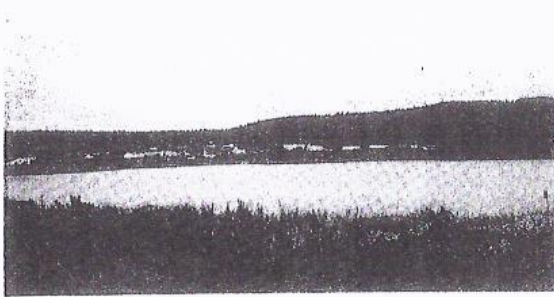
With 3 daughters identified, the Traditional Naming Pattern indicates that Neil & Isabella also have a daughter named after Isabella as mother. Tracing Mary's life in Halifax, I found Mary living with Isabella in the 1871 Census. (5) How the girls ended up in Halifax or the other details around Isabella's life are all interesting events in the process of being discovered at the time of this writing.

Parents of Scottish descent prior to roughly 1875 named their first son after either the maternal or paternal grandfather. If the paternal side was chosen first, it follows that the maternal grandfather's name would be the name for the 2nd son & then the 3rd son would be named after his father. Little Neil was named after his father Neil, indicating he has 2 older brothers. When we look at the name John showing in the families of Little Neil, Catherine & Ann, it can be concluded that John was Neil MacDonald's father. With Little Neil & his sister Catherine being born in the Judique area, it was John, Neil's father that was the original progenitor of our MacDonald line that came to Cape Breton from Scotland in the late 1790's making him among the original Scots to settle the area.

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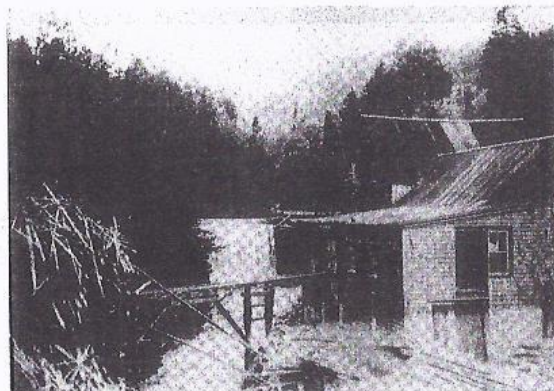
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First Permanent Settlers

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.

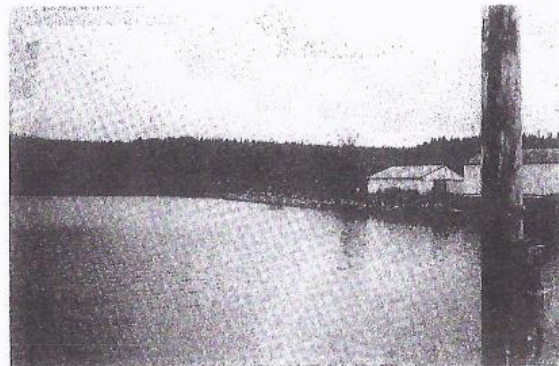
Elizabeth Strachan and her sons George and Angus, John Connors, William Irving, Patrick Power, and his son John, William Harvey, Neil MacDonald and his son Neil Jr., Caleb Talbot and his son Lewis, John MacDonald, and Malcolm MacAskill.

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 & Co.</u>	Name of Undertaker	<u>James & 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	
Name of Decedent	<u>Donald, Edith</u>	Name of Decedent	<u>Donald, August</u>
Sex	<u>Female</u>	Name of Decedent	<u>Lyons, 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>
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Date of Return	<u>December 26, 1917</u>	Date of Return	<u>December 26, 1917</u>
REMARKS		REMARKS	<u>Showered - Roman</u>

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Father: Donald MacDonald b: 1812 m: 1857, Tracadie NS d:		1	Father's Parents: + Click to add father + Click to add mother	
Mother: Catherine MacDonald b: 1831 d: 31 Oct 1917		1	Mother's Parents: Neil MacDonald 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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Father: Edward Ryan b: 1823, Ireland m: d: 4 Apr 1876		2	Father's Parents: John Ryan Alice Shea	
Mother: Ann MacDonald b: 1831 d: 10 Jan 1897, Mulgrave NS - St Lawrence Parish Cemetery		1	Mother's Parents: Neil MacDonald 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

Chapter 6

DNA Revelations

Neil & Isabella were beginning their married life in the early 1800's in the area then known as Judique. In this timeline, it's considered a sacred duty to be able to recite the "*Slionneached*" or family tree, the traditional way of passing on ancestral information to future generations - a Scottish family ritual soon to disappear. Because of this Oral tradition, there's very little recorded for these early Scots in Nova Scotia. On top of that, our next male MacDonald generation back had the common name of John MacDonald. I turned to YDNA testing for help.

DNA testing comes in various formats. I chose YDNA testing - a measure of the genetic makeup of Males at various genetic marker levels.

- The genetic makeup of a father & son are the same; brothers are the same; the sons of brothers will be the same & so forth, back & forward thru time. Males of a family lineage have the same YDNA genetic makeup.
- A slight genetic difference is possible between father & son - 1 or 2 markers known as mutations. Sometimes the mutations revert but for the same family, the genetic difference will be very little. For example, my test was done using James Leo's son, Ralph. Mark MacDonald's grandson was also tested. The male lineage relationship is known but they had a genetic difference of 2 at the 37 marker measurement.
- The number of genetic markers tested is also important. Males with a genetic difference of zero to 2 measured at 12 markers can have a larger genetic difference when measured at 37 or 67 markers. This means they can be related males but as the genetic difference increases, the timeline for sharing a common ancestor goes further back into history.

- *The test result chart (1) may help with an overall understanding. If you can connect with someone at 67 markers with a genetic difference of 1 or 2, you have males with the same family connection in relatively recent times.*
- *My interest was connecting to ancestors of recent times. My testing was run at the highest marker count in hopes of connecting to others with similar YDNA test results & with a paper trail for their ancestors back to Scotland.*

YDNA has produced some surprises.

*Our MacDonald's match with **John Howard MacDonald**, whose family arrived in Australia in 1838 from Loch Moidart, Scotland. At 67 markers, his genetic difference to my test was 1 - that's even closer than the match between Mark's grandson & is the same as James Leo's son. John Howard MacDonald's lineage is the same male MacDonald lineage as ours. John Howard's family has provided me with their ancestral information (2). I have John Howard's complete Family Tree - 49 pgs. listing all our Australian cousins.*

In 1838, Donald MacDonald & his expecting wife, Marcella, left Scotland from the Port of Tobomory aboard the ship, British King, headed for resettlement in Australia.

Donald was the son of Angus MacDonald married to Mary Corbett from Porta Bhata on the shores of Loch Moidart, within full view of Castle Tioram, the ancestral home of the Clan Ranald's. MacDonald's with Auld's Cove connections may be familiar with the name Corbett & can now recognize that connection back to our ancestral homeland.

Donald & Marcella left Scotland at a time known as "The Clearances"; a time when landowners wanted their tenant farmers gone, replacing them with what they felt was a more profitable enterprise, sheep farming, to feed the growing wool mills of industrial England.

But our Neil MacDonald & Isabella were already in Cape Breton with their families' decades before 1838.

Our MacDonald's left their Scotland & family members like Angus and Mary at Porta Bhata much earlier. They left at a time when they were under pressure to change their religion. But, for a Catholic Highlander that was not an easy conversion. They had fought at Culloden over this & with the British victory over the Highlanders who had rallied behind the poorly organized Prince Charlie, the pressure was on for those Catholics on the Clan Ranald estates to convert. While they struggled to make a living with imposed changes to the land tack system that had allowed them to be self-sufficient, for many, the added pressure to change their religion was too much.

The Catholic Church took steps that encouraged & helped finance emigration. A portion of PEI was organized & prepared to receive Catholic Emigrants. The story of the Glenaladale Settlement in 1772 is well documented. The flow of emigration by Catholic Highlanders to PEI peaked in the 1790's & finally the Govt. passed the Passenger Act of 1803 to stem the flow of emigrants to satisfy landlord cries that they were losing too much income from lost tenant rents.

John, known as John MacDonald of the 15th Regiment Afoot was the Grandfather of Marcella above, who went to Australia in 1838. After Culloden, the British encouraged those fierce Highlanders to enlist in their army, an attractive option to a man starving or being hunted. John MacDonald of the 15th Regiment represents those men that took that option. He served at the capture of Louisburg & in battle on the Plains of Abraham at the fall of Quebec. Injured, he returned to Scotland to enjoy a pension, a luxury compared to the scraping for survival of other Highlanders. John's stories to his Highland family & friends about a new world with the opportunity to own land would have contributed to the enthusiasm of the Catholic Highlanders, anxious for land of their own & freedom from oppression.

Those emigrating at this time, had the opportunity to organize the sale of their possessions. These voyages weren't the horrific jammed journeys without sufficient food described in later periods of forced emigration.

The trips were relatively fast with arrivals planned for the best season & with the basics of provisions. Still, there were tears shed by those leaving their homeland & by those remaining behind with the realization they may never see each other again.

I'll leave off on John Howard's family by saying they hung on in Scotland until they no longer had the choice. And what a surprise finding our male MacDonald line in Australia.

*The next surprise was discovering **Stephen Francis MacDonald** with the same genetic makeup as our MacDonald's, living in the **Boston** area.*

His YDNA testing at 67 markers has a Genetic difference of only 1 to my test results for James Leo's son, Ralph & an exact match for John Howard MacDonald in Australia. Stephen MacDonald has the same genetic makeup as our MacDonald lineage. Patricia MacDonald, sister of Stephen's father married Emery King & their son, Richard King, living in Florida, actively pursues his MacDonald genealogy.

Stephen & Richard's ancestry traces back to the Arisaig area of NS in the early 1790's. Deeds, will's, Antigonish Diocese Records & personal views of local parish BMD records have enabled me to complete the generational families for Stephen/Rick's lineage back to Boston (3).

The first Catholic Church established in NS was St. Margaret's of Scotland, 1790/92 at Arisaig NS. Among the first Parish settlers were 4 MacDonald's who took land grants in Malignant Brook - brothers or first cousins - Donald, Alexander, John & Duncan. (4) Stephen & Rick trace to Pioneer Donald.

These Pioneers followed the route established for Catholic Highlanders from the Clan Ranald Estates to PEI, staying initially with friends or relatives already arrived.

There's a hint their father was Alexander & they may have travelled with him but regardless, these men were soon wanting their own land, a reason for enduring the hardships of leaving their native Scotland along with family & friends.

Arisaig is closely situated across the Northumberland Strait from that portion of PEI organized to receive the Catholic Highlanders at the time of the Glenaladale Settlement; an easy boat ride on a sunny day. PEI lots filled & these Highlanders could see today's Arisaig area & the Cape Breton shore - land available to them in grants.

Malignant Cove is adjacent to Arisaig, & Malignant Brook (Maryvale today) where our ancestors had their grants is a minute up the Brook from the shore at Malignant Cove.

Malignant Brook would play an important role in any new settlement with the water flow from the brook powering their early flour & saw mills. The brook provided fresh water for their farms & perhaps an occasional trout or salmon, treats they enjoyed from the River Sheil emptying into Loch Moidart at Porta Bhata back in Scotland.

Just a little way out from the shore at Malignant Cove they would see Judique on the Cape Breton shore where other catholic highlanders, leaving PEI were settling at the same time.

The first priest for these Catholic Highlanders settling in NS was Fr. Angus Bernard MacEachern who came with the first arrivals to PEI in 1772. Later as Bishop MacEachern, he would travel the triangle over water from today's Charlottetown to Arisaig then to Judique to serve the pastoral care of his parishioners including his 3 sisters & brother who had settled in Judique. Communities would continue to spring up with new churches as families grew.

Pioneers Donald and Alexander remained in Malignant Brook raising their families (5). Pioneers, John and Duncan moved on to Judique before 1804, selling their 500 acre grant to a local merchant, Edward Irish (6). The records for the families of Pioneers Donald & Alexander trace their lives in Malignant Brook but all traces of Pioneers John & Duncan disappear from the Arisaig area parishes with their move over to the Cape Breton side.

YDNA links our Neil MacDonald & Isabella, living in today's Auld's Cove before 1838 to Pioneer Donald at Malignant Brook. Records link Pioneers Donald, Alexander, John & Duncan & show that John & Duncan have sold their grant of 500 acres in Malignant Brook & are living in Cape Breton before 1804. The names in the families of the children of Neil & Isabella indicate that John is Neil's father & Pioneer John is related to Pioneer Donald back at Malignant Brook.

The connection of our MacDonald's from Auld's Cove / Judique with those from the Arisaig area wasn't known until it came to light thru YDNA testing.

The early Deeds indicate these Pioneers couldn't write - they mark their signatures with an "X". Although not far across the water in miles, it was a time consuming trip in an open sailboat, if they had one. Men farmed hard to feed their families 6 days a week with a little time off on Sundays for church but still with basic animal chores even on Sundays. Roads were yet to be built. There wasn't any postal service. Perhaps they shared messages thru the priests' travels but over generations, without writing or easy travel, appreciate how connections would fade between the families of Pioneers Donald & Alexander in Malignant Brook & Pioneers John & Duncan in Judique until science came along to reunite our connections.

Those familiar the land around Judique & area know that near the shore the land is flat but starts to slope rapidly upward, mountainous by NS standards, running roughly like that from Creignish through to the heights of the Cabot Trail. These back lands were known as "ranges", & settled by later arrivals; i.e. Judique Rear, Creignish Rear. To the sons of the first settlers the relatively flat land on the shore only a mile or so away, directly across the Strait on the Nova Scotia side must have appeared much more appealing & ready for homesteading than the mountainous areas behind their fathers' farms.

The original land grants for Auld's Cove are dated 1830 to Donald, John, Duncan, Angus MacDonald & John O'Brien (7). These men joined John, Angus & Archibald MacDonald already living there. Although their grants are official in 1830, their farms are already established & mapped by that time, in fact they're all showing in an 1817 Havre Boucher census of residents, making them the first settlers in the area.

In this generation of settlers, Deed records tell me that John & Duncan are related. These & the other names have a familiar ring to those we know in Arisaig & Scotland. I still have dots to connect, but I believe among these Auld's Cove men are the sons of Pioneers John & Duncan in Judique.

When Neil MacDonald & Isabella MacEachern and their family moved to the NS side in Auld's Cove, prior to 1838, they were joining Neil's brothers already located there.

If you're curious where Neil's farm may be located, you'll see on the map a grant for Morris. That land went from Morris to MacLean's, then to Neil, then to Little Neil, roughly where the Kelmac restaurant was located.

Of course there are dots still to connect. Pioneer John's land sale in 1804 mentions his heirs. Neil MacDonald had siblings & I want to satisfy myself on the names within his family. But at this point we're back at the generational level of the first Catholic Highland settlers in the Judique area. The population is small & I'm in hopes of sorting for good results & will update this writing.

But for now, there's a comfort in knowing the origins of our MacDonald ancestors who emigrated to NS so long ago & to have knowledge that Pioneers Donald, Alexander, John & Duncan were saying good bye to other family members on the Clan Ranald Estate at Loch Moidart, Scotland.

In the Generations Document (8), under Dennis, represents the male MacDonald lineage of William C. MacDonald. Under Stephen & Richard is the lineage from Pioneer Donald at Arisaig with the same genetic makeup as William C. MacDonald. Then you have John Howard's ancestors back to Loch Moidart, Scotland. Across, the men are aligned by generations with the bottom line showing the Pioneers arriving here & their brother/1st cousin Angus Mor, back in Scotland.

This excerpt from Robbie Burn's "Such a Parcel of Rogues in a Nation" seems a fitting tribute to the diaspora of Scots from their homeland so Landlords could gain money to play like their English friends.

"O would, or I had seen the day that Treason thus could sell us, my auld grey head had lien in clay, Wi' Bruce and loyal Wallace! But pith and power, till my last hour, I'll make this declaration; we're bought and sold for English gold- Such a parcel of rogues in a nation! "

Chapter 6

Notes & Attachments

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Expected Relationships with Y-DNA STR Matches

The expected relationship between you and your Y-chromosome DNA (Y-DNA) match is dependent on both the number of markers you have tested and the genetic distance. The chart below shows the interpretation of your relationship at each testing level (Y-DNA12, Y-DNA37, etc.) for relevant genetic distances.

For example, if you and your match have both tested at the Y-DNA37 level and are a 36/37 match, this is a genetic distance of one. You are then considered tightly related.

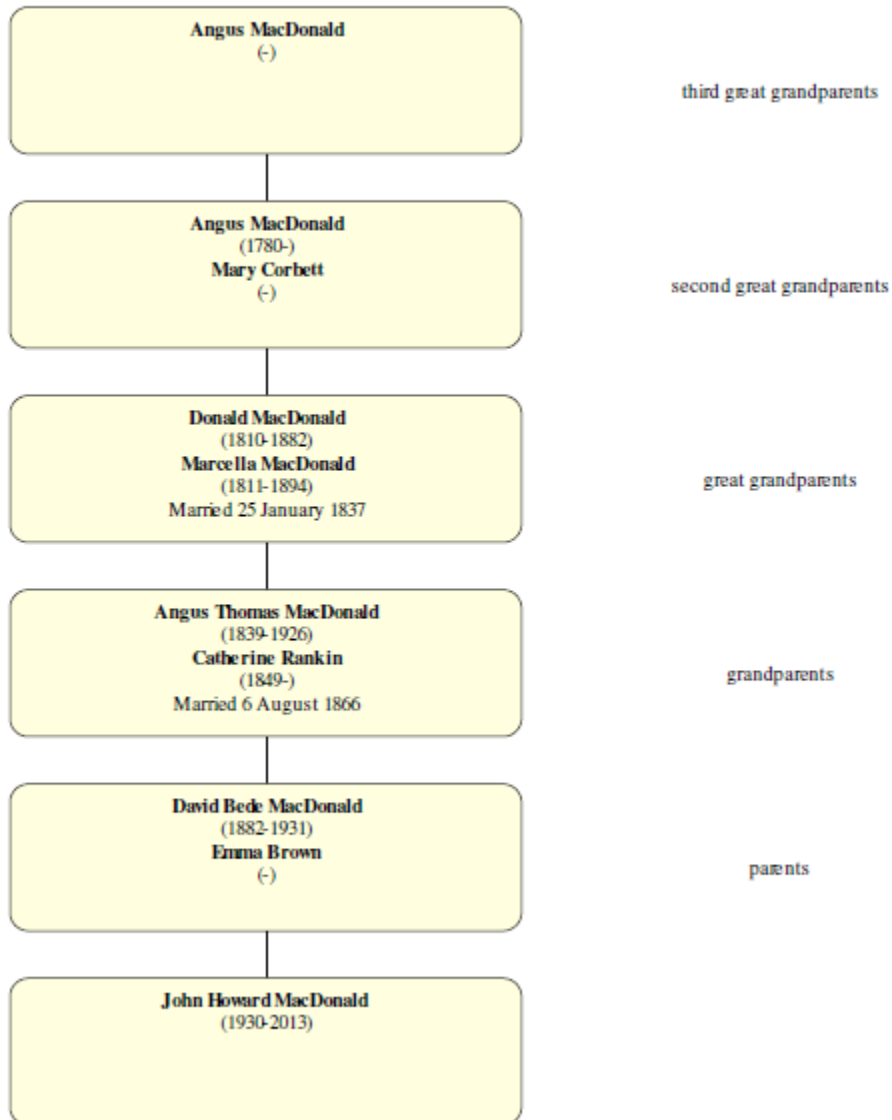
	Y-DNA12	Y-DNA25	Y-DNA37	Y-DNA67	Y-DNA111	Interpretation
Very Tightly Related	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	Your exact match means your relatedness is extremely close. Few people achieve this close level of a match. All confidence levels are well within the time frame that surnames were adopted in Western Europe.
Tightly Related	N/A	N/A	1	1-2	1-2	Few people achieve this close level of a match. All confidence levels are well within the time frame that surnames were adopted in Western Europe.
Related	0	0-1	2-3	3-4	3-5	Your degree of matching is within the range of most well-established surname lineages in Western Europe. If you have tested with the Y-DNA12 or Y-DNA25 test, you should consider upgrading to additional STR markers. Doing so will improve your time to common ancestor calculations.
Probably Related	1	2	4	5-6	6-7	Without additional evidence, it is unlikely that you share a common ancestor in recent genealogical times (one to six generations). You may have a connection in more distant genealogical times (less than 15 generations). If you have traditional genealogy records that indicate a relationship, then by testing additional individuals you will either prove or disprove the connection.
Only Possibly Related	2	3	5	7	8-10	It is unlikely that you share a common ancestor in genealogical times (one to 15 generations). Should you have traditional genealogy records that indicate a relationship, then by testing additional individuals you will either prove or disprove the connection. A careful review of your genealogical records is also recommended.
Not Related	3	4	6	>7	>10	You are not related on your Y-chromosome lineage within recent or distant genealogical times (one to 15 generations).

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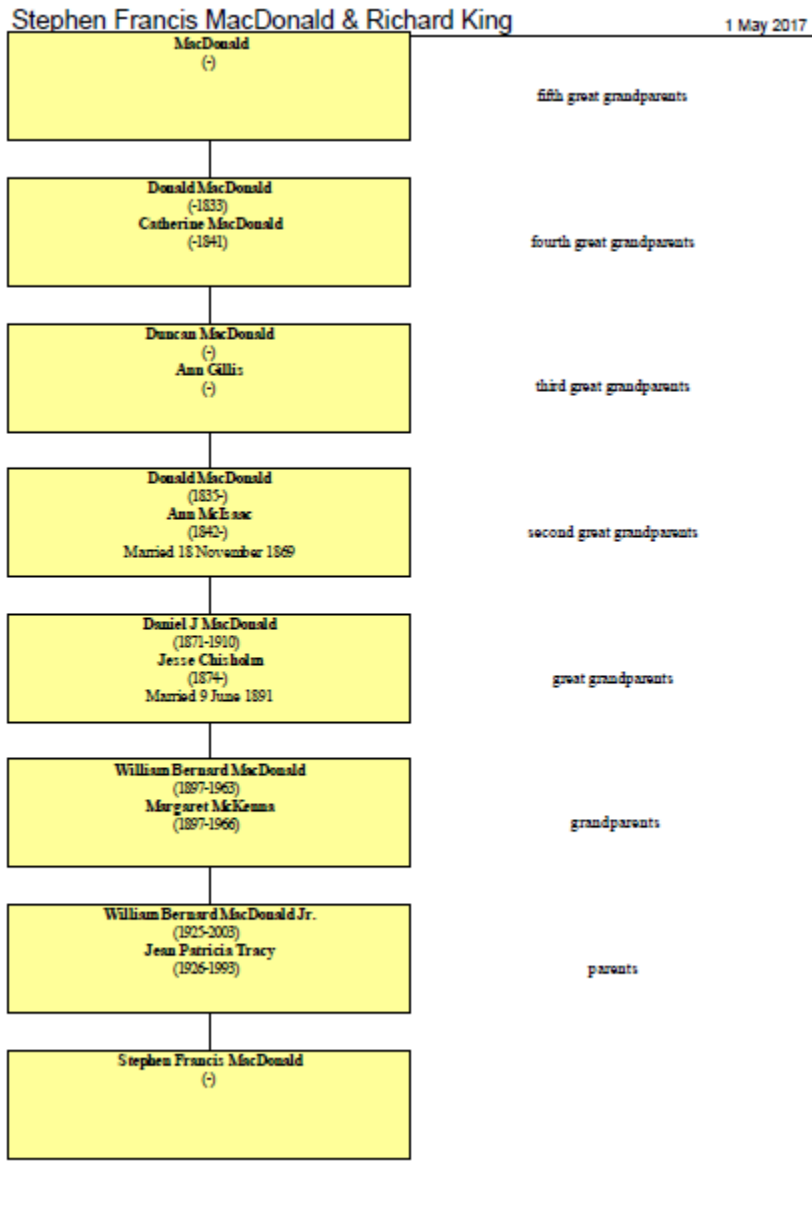
John Howard MacDonald

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MARYVALE, Antigonish County

Settlement N.W. of Antigonish.

Known as Malignant Brook because of its location on this brook until the name was changed to Maryvale by statute in 1871.

Among the early settlers were Allan MacDonald and John McGillivray, piper, son of Andrew McGillivray of Dunmaglass, and Roderick McDougall (Ruaridh Cleireach). Among the first grantees in the district were Donald and John Cameron, Angus Boyd, Hugh and Angus McDonald, Archibald McDougald, John Gillis, Sr. Hugh and John McGilvray, Roderick McDougald, Donald, John, Alex and Duncan McDonald, Robert Murray and Alexander Chisholm. Ronald McKinnon son of John McKinnon, pioneer, bought two hundred acres of forest land at Malignant Brook from a soldier named Angus Boyd and with the assistance of his wife built a log shelter in the wilderness.

Alexander McDonald was teaching at Malignant Brook in 1828 and later John MacGillivray, piper, was teaching in the old log schoolhouse where one of his pupils was Ronald McDonald, later Roman Catholic Bishop of Harbor Grace, Newfoundland.

The first log school was located on what was called the Old Gulf Road, but other school-houses were built on the west side of the brook. In 1887 the school district was named Maryvale. The North Shore Consolidated School was built in the section in 1963.

James G. Ross was postal way office keeper in 1871.

In 1898 the settlement had one church and one store and a population of 170.

The population in 1956 was 87.

Source: "Place-names and Places of Nova Scotia" originally published by the Public Archives of Nova Scotia in 1967. Second edition published by Mika Publishing Co. in 1974.

5 Malignant Brook Pioneers – Donald's family

Father:		1					
MacDonald							
b:							
m:							
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Mother:		0					
+ Click to add mother							
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↑↓	Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1	Donald MacDonald	M					birth
2	Alexander MacDonald	M					birth
3	Duncan MacDonald	M					birth
4	John MacDonald	M					birth
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Pioneer Donald's Family

Father: 1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Donald MacDonald</div> b: m: d:		Father's Parents: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">MacDonald</div> <div style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">+ Click to add mother</div>
Mother: 1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Catherine MacDonald</div> b: d: 29 Apr 1841. Malignant Brook NS		Mother's Parents: <div style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">+ Click to add father</div> <div style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">+ Click to add mother</div>

	Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1	Alexander MacDonald	M					birth
2	Angus MacDonald	M	1803	Malignant Brook NS	7 Nov 1876	Malignant Brook NS	birth
3	Duncan MacDonald	M					birth
4	John MacDonald	M					birth

Duncan's Family, son of Pioneer Donald

Father: 1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Duncan MacDonald</div> b: m: d:		Father's Parents: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Donald MacDonald</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Catherine MacDonald</div>
Mother: 1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Ann Gillis</div> b: d:		Mother's Parents: <div style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">+ Click to add father</div> <div style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">+ Click to add mother</div>

	Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1	Donald MacDonald	M	1835	Malignant Brook NS			birth
2	James MacDonald	M	1841	Malignant Brook NS	28 Apr 1867	Malignant Brook NS	birth
3	John MacDonald	M					birth
4	Alexander D MacDonald	M	1845	Malignant Brook NS			birth
5	Nancy MacDonald	F					birth
6	Mary MacDonald	F					birth
7	Catherine MacDonald	F					birth
8	Colin MacDonald	M	10 May 1849	Malignant Brook NS			birth
9	Sarah MacDonald	F					birth

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Donald's family, son of Duncan

Father: Donald MacDonald b: 1835, Malignant Brook NS m: 18 Nov 1869 d:		Father's Parents: Duncan MacDonald Ann Gillis				
Mother: Ann McIsaac b: 1842 d:		Mother's Parents: Donald McIsaac Mary McIsaac				
Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1 Daniel J MacDonald	M	1871		1910		birth
2 John Angus MacDonald	M	5 Nov 1872	Malignant Brook NS			birth
3 Alex Vincent MacDonald	M	19 Jul 1875				birth
4 Joseph MacDonald	M					birth

Daniel's Family, son of Donald

Father: Daniel J MacDonald b: 1871 m: 9 Jun 1891, Malden Mass. d: 1910		Father's Parents: Donald MacDonald Ann McIsaac				
Mother: Jesse Chisholm b: 1874 d:		Mother's Parents: William Chisholm Jane Grant				
Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1 Daniel F MacDonald	M	1895				birth
2 William Bernard MacDonald	M	1897		Nov 1963		birth
3 Annie J MacDonald	F	1898				birth

William B's family, son of Daniel

Father: William Bernard MacDonald b: 1897 m: d: Nov 1963		Father's Parents: Daniel J MacDonald Jesse Chisholm				
Mother: Margaret McKenna b: 1897 d: May 1966		Mother's Parents: + Click to add father + Click to add mother				
Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1 Patricia MacDonald	F	1922		2003		birth
2 William Bernard MacDonald Jr.	M	9 Jan 1925		Nov 2003		birth

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Father: William Bernard MacDonald Jr. b: 9 Jan 1925 m: d: Nov 2003		Father's Parents: William Bernard MacDonald Margaret McKenna	
Mother: Jean Patricia Tracy b: 15 Sep 1926 d: Nov 1993		Mother's Parents: + Click to add father + Click to add mother	

Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1 Stephen Francis MacDonald	M					birth

Father: 0 1 Emery King b: 1930 m: d: 1988		Father's Parents: + Click to add father + Click to add mother
Mother: 0 1 Patricia MacDonald b: 1922 d: 2003		Mother's Parents: William Bernard MacDonald Margaret McKenna

Children	Sex	Born	Birth Place	Died	Death Place	Relation
1 Emery King	M					birth
2 Richard King	M					birth

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MacDonald Land Grants

Auld's Cove 1830



WE the King by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland, on Earth the Supreme Head.

To all to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING,

KNOW ye that We, of our special grace, certain

knowledge, and mere motion, have given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do give and grant unto

Small's McDonald, John McDonald, John Brown, Angus McDonald and Duncan McDonald, all of the County of Inverclyde, Her Majesty's liege men, our loving and right, loyal and true subjects, living and being within the County of Inverclyde aforesaid, the following lands and portions, that is to say: Unto the said Small McDonald, three hundred and fifty acres contained in the lot marked A, in the annexed plan; Unto the said Small McDonald, three hundred and fifty acres contained in the lot marked B, in the annexed plan; Unto the said John Brown, three hundred and twenty-eight acres contained in the lot marked C, in the annexed plan; Unto the said Angus McDonald, and eighty acres contained in the lot marked D, and Unto the said Duncan McDonald, three hundred acres contained in the lot marked E, which said lots are bounded as follows: Beginning at a certain point and at the Western angle of land granted Charles L. Phair, fronting on George Bay to the Eastward of Harbour of Ayr, thence running South twenty-four degrees and thirty minutes West for five hundred and thirty feet to the breadth of the main coast, thence South fifty-two degrees West thirty-three

chains thence north eighty eight degrees West forty chains, thence south sixteen degrees West seventy three chains and twenty five links, thence north twenty degrees East two hundred and seven chains (allowance as aforesaid) thence on at high water mark thence by the shore at high water mark northwesterly to the place of beginning according to the annexed plan

containing in the whole *One thousand six hundred and eight* acres, and hath such shape, form and marks, as appears by a plat thereof hereto annexed; together with all woods, underwoods, timber and timber trees, lakes, ponds, fisheries, water and water courses, profits, commodities, appurtenances and hereditaments, whatsoever, thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining; together with the privilege of hunting, hawking and fowling, in and upon the same: **SAVING** and **RESERVING**, nevertheless, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, all Coals, and also Gold, Silver and other Mines and Minerals, to **HAVE AND TO HOLD** the said parcel or tract of

One thousand six hundred and eight acres of Land, and all and singular other the Premises hereby granted unto the said *Donald* *McDonald*, *John McDonald*, *John McDonald*, *James McDonald* and *James McDonald* their

heirs, and assigns, for ever, in free and common socage *they* the said Grantee *their* heirs or assigns, **YIELDING** and **PAYING** therefore, unto Us, our Heirs or Successors, or to our Receiver-General, for the time being, or to his Deputy or Deputies for the time being, that is to say: two shillings sterling, for every hundred acres hereby granted, to commence on the first summer day after the expiration of two years from the date hereof, and to be paid yearly, and every year; and in default of such payment this grant to be void: **PROVIDED** always, and this present Grant is upon this condition, that the said Grantee *their* heirs or assigns, shall and do, within five years from the date hereof, for every fifty acres of the land hereby granted, accounted plantable, clear and work three acres at the least in that part of the land granted, which *they* shall judge most convenient, or else shall clear and drain three acres of swampy or sunken grounds, or drain three acres of marsh, if any such be within the bounds of this grant; and that for every fifty acres accounted barren, the said Grantee *their* heirs or assigns, shall put and keep on the said land, within three years after the date hereof, three neat cattle; which number he or they shall be obliged to continue on the said lands, until three acres of every fifty of the improvable land hereby granted shall be fully cleared and improved: And in case no part of the land hereby granted shall be fit for present cultivation, the said Grantee *their* heirs or assigns, shall erect thereon, within three years from the date hereof, an habitable dwelling house, and put on the said land the like number of three neat cattle for every fifty acres. **AND** in case the said land, hereby granted, shall be so rocky or stony as not to be fit for culture or pasture, and the said Grantee *their* heirs or assigns, shall employ within a reasonable time from the date hereof, and continue to employ for the space of three years next ensuing, one able hand, for every hundred acres, in cutting wood, clearing the land, or in digging any stone quarry, it shall be deemed a sufficient cultivation. And in case the said Grantee *their* heirs or assigns, shall not within the space of three years from the date hereof have fulfilled the several terms and conditions herein prescribed, then this present grant, and every matter and thing herein contained, shall be void and of none effect, and the lands hereby granted, or intended so to be, shall revert to us, our heirs and successors; any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding. **AND PROVIDED** also, that no part of the parcel or tract of land hereby granted to the herein before named Grantee, be within any reservation heretofore made and marked for us, our heirs and successors, by our Surveyor-General of Woods, or his lawful Deputy, in which case this our grant for such part of the land hereby given and granted by us as aforesaid, and which shall, upon a survey thereof being made, be found within any such reservation, shall be null and void, and of no effect; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. **AND PROVIDED** also, that this Grant shall be registered in the Secretary's Office of our said Province of Nova Scotia; to which registry shall be attached a duplicate of the plan hereby annexed, and a docket thereof be entered in our Auditor's Office, and also in the Office of our Receiver-General of Quit Rents, within three months after signing the same, otherwise this Grant to be void and of none effect. **AND** in case it shall appear, or be found, that the whole or any part of the lands hereby granted, shall be adapted to the growth and culture, or fit for the production, of Hemp or Flax, the said Grantee *their* heirs or assigns, shall, and by the acceptance of this Grant,

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he and they do, severally, bind and oblige themselves, to sow, annually, a proportionable part of the lands hereby given and granted with Hemp and Flax Seed GIVEN under the Great Seal of our said Province of Nova-Scotia. WITNESS, our trusty and well beloved

His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir P. Maitland *His Excellency Lieutenant Governor*

and Commander in Chief, in and over our said Province, this *thirtieth* day of *December* in the *third* year or our reign, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty*

By His Excellency's Command, and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, at a Council held at Halifax, this *18th* day of *March* one thousand eight hundred and *thirty*

Will Hall
27/3/30

Registered at *Halifax* o'clock in the day time, in the Registry of Grants at the Secretary's Office, in Book letter *C* page *126* this *18th* day of *December* one thousand eight hundred and *thirty*

Will Hall
27/3/30

Docketed in the Office of the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Quit Rents, having first received five shillings for every fifty acres contained in said Grant, to each person, above two hundred acres, amounting to which I certify this day of one thousand eight hundred and

Docketed in the Auditor's Office, this day of one thousand eight hundred and

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Lineages & Generations Connected Thru YDNA

Dennis Penton

Ralph MacDonald
William C MacDonald
John Neil MacDonald
Little Neil MacDonald
Neil MacDonald
John MacDonald - NS 1790's

John Howard MacDonald (Aus)
David Bede MacDonald (Aus)
Angus Thomas MacDonald 1838 to Aus.
Donald MacDonald Emigrated to Aus 1838
Angus MacDonald (Mary Corbett, Porta Bhata)
Angus Mor MacDonald (Porta Bhata, Scotland)

Stephen F MacDonald/Richard C King (Ma.)

William Bernard MacDonald Jr. (Ma.)
William Bernard MacDonald (Ma.)
Daniel J MacDonald (Massachusetts)
Donald MacDonald
Duncan MacDonald
Donald MacDonald - NS 1790's

Donald of Stephen/Rick's line, **Alexander John & Duncan**, are among the 1st grantees in the early 1790's at Malignant Brook.

The settlers built their first catholic church, St. Margaret's of Scotland in Arisaig, 1790/1792. Geographically, Arisaig, Malignant Cove, Malignant Brook & Georgeville are all very close, running into each other. As populations grew in these close pockets, settler families built their own churches – St. George's, Georgeville c 1830 & St. Mary's in Malignant Brook c1840. In this era, a grouping of Scottish families quickly built their church as the center of their activities. In today's economy & with small populations, it's amazing these churches/parishes still exist. In April 2011, St. Mary's in Maryvale (Malignant Brook) was completely destroyed by fire. Within 9 months, the parishioners had rebuilt their church anew – an amazing feat - a testament that the sentiments of those early Scots still lives in today's population in Antigonish county.

From the Glenaladale Settlement in 1772, until the effects of the Passenger Act set in, emigration for Catholic Highlanders was to Scotchfort PEI. Today, standing on the shores along Arisaig, you look across at that Catholic portion of Western PEI, an easy commute across calm waters. To the right & you see nearby Cape Breton with Judique, also springing up in population with Catholic Highlanders. Religious freedom & land were the promise to these early Scot settlers coming to PEI but the arrangement proposed upon their arrival ended up being 99 year leases. As families arrived at PEI in the 1790's, initially they would have to share with their families/friends already there, to survive. Growing families & the unquenched quest for their own land soon had these Catholic Scots leaving to set up the first communities in the land they could see across the water in today's areas of Arisaig & Judique in Cape Breton.

John, Duncan, Donald & Alexander are recognized as Pioneer settlers at Malignant Brook. Donald & Alexander remained in the area. Prior to 1804, John & Duncan relocated to Judique in Cape Breton, selling their 500 acre plot in Malignant Brook to a merchant trading between these communities.

The magic of YDNA has produced some surprises.

- The lineage for Stephen MacDonald & Richard King from Massachusetts connects to the lineage of William C MacDonald from Auld's Cove NS as if they were brothers/first cousins.
- The Lineage for Angus Mor remaining back in Porta Bhata, Loch Moidart Scotland connects to William C's & Stephen/Rick's lineage as brothers/first cousins.
- While John, Duncan, Donald & Alexander came to NS in the 1790's, Angus Mor's family remained in Scotland, until 1838 when his grandson, Donald, son of Angus married to Mary Corbett, began that family's emigration to Australia.
- John, Duncan, Donald & Alexander were either brothers or first cousins along with Angus Mor back in Porta Bhata, Loch Moidart, Scotland.