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HOW TO JOIN OUR SOCIETY

Our membership dues for 2006 and 2007 are \$25.00 per year for individuals, and \$30.00 per year for families or couples. Anyone is able to join the Society, and we welcome new members. You may do so by filling out the form on the last page of the newsletter and mailing it to us with your dues, or you can drop by the Argyle Township Court House Archives in Tusket in person. As a member of the Society you will receive four issues of *The Argus*. The newsletter is initially distributed to our members at our meetings. Any member not in attendance at such a meeting will receive *The Argus* by mail. To members who live in the USA - your fees should be remitted in US funds to help defray our mailing costs. Our members do not pay admission fees to the museum or research fees when using the archives, and enjoy reduced photocopying rates as well. Memberships may also be paid by telephone, using VISA or MasterCard. Phone:- 902-648-2493

Cover:- The Wedgeport Inn, with the manager and four of his employees posed by the sign for the inn around 1938. See article p.13 ATCHA Photo #P2006:378

President's Message Winter 2006

The leaves have left the trees and landed in our backyard, the store speakers are playing Christmas carols and the flyers are full of toys for both little and big boys and girls and the last Argus for 2006 is in your hands. Where does the time go? I wonder how many times that question has been asked? Four short seasons and another year has passed. I find this time of year I am thinking of all the things I am grateful for in my life.

Grateful for my family and friends, they add love and laughter to my life. Grateful for my husband who is my anchor when the whole world seems to spin out of control. I am grateful for my health and energy, albeit dwindling a bit over the years. But most of all I guess I am grateful to be able to experience this thing called life and all the wonders within.

Part of this past year's experience was working on the Site Development Committee for the new Argyle Township Court House Archives. The committee started out with Bill Crowell, Daniel Jacquard, Danny Muise, Phyllis Pothier and myself. Through work and family commitments we lost Daniel and Phyllis, but not before they gave many hours to the original concept. We then gained James Breen and Keith Anthony and we continued to meet, plan and examine in detail the final plans.

The committee, past and present, was great to work with, and I learned so much from everyone's unique talents and expertise. The new archives has become an extremely important place to me and at times I protect it like a dog with a bone, but I think I am starting to let go a bit. The Court House and the Archives are so rich in history, so many tales to tell, so many lives passed through them. The Tusket River flows as it has for centuries and carries on its mist the history of a beautiful part of the universe. To sit in the Court House or the Archives and look out on the Tusket River brings feelings of peace, tranquility, wonderment and excitement all at once.

So from my vantage point looking out on the Tusket River I wish you and your loved ones the same feelings. May you ever feel peace and wonderment as you go about your lives, both now and well into the future. See you next year!

Roseanne Blades
President



NEW EMAILS FOR ARCHIVES

Those who use the archives and Society email should note that our email addresses have changed:-
Peter Crowell, Municipal Historian & Archivist or Archives generally:- atcha@ns.aliantzinc.ca
Carol Jacquard, Assistant Archivist:- atcha2@ns.aliantzinc.ca
Society President, Roseanne Blades:- atcha3@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Email for genealogical inquiries remains the same:-
Trudy Olsen, Genealogical Research:- atcha_tusket@hotmail.com

Note:- Mail will continue to be collected from the old email addresses for some time.

NEW ARCHIVES OPENED ON NOV. 16TH 2006

We are pleased to announce to the members that our new Argyle Township Court House Archives opened to the public on Thursday 16th November 2006. This quiet opening was preceded by a great deal of work as all the members will be aware. A tremendous amount of volunteer and staff time has been taken up with making this possible.

Keith Anthony, the New Archives Project Manager, and Roseanne Blades, Society President gave an incredible number of volunteer hours throughout the spring, summer and fall. This included a great deal of interior painting, carpentry, landscaping and laying paving stones, and more jobs than could probably be listed here. The summer students employed at the Court House over the summer assisted with some of the interior painting, and worked hard throughout the summer insuring that the records were transferred to new banker boxes, checked for insects and mould, and in mid-August assisted with the physical moving of a large portion of the records into the new vault. A lot of this work has been tedious, and much of it just plain exhausting manual labour. All of the summer employees and volunteers took on these jobs with great enthusiasm.

The Argyle Township Court House Archives is a handsome building, both on the exterior and the interior. There are some areas of the building that will be finished at a future date, but we have gained occupancy and are fully functional for the public and the staff and volunteers.

We will continue to put the finishing touches on the new facility in anticipation of our Grand Opening. This event will take place over three days in June, namely June 14, 15 & 16, 2007. This will give members who live in other areas and wish to attend, the opportunity to do so.

NOVA SCOTIA POWER - THROUGH THEIR GOOD NEIGHBOUR VOLUNTEERS' FUND HELPS THE NEW ARCHIVES PROJECT

Shown are Roseanne Blades, Society President and Gerald Jacquard, employee of Nova Scotia Power Inc and member of the Society standing outside the door to the steeple in the new Argyle Township Court House Archives. Gerald secured funding for the new archives project through a program at his work called the Good Neighbour Volunteers' Fund.



This is the second time that Gerald has secured funding for the new archives project through Nova Scotia Power Inc. Good Neighbour Volunteer's Fund. The first donation went toward the restoration of the steeple and the second time the donation went towards replacing the door in the steeple and enabling us to provide wheelchair access.

Gerald also co-hosts our website with his wife Carol, our Assistant Archivist, as well as offering IT help, scanning and general assistance in the archives. The Society wishes to thank Nova Scotia Power Inc. and Gerald Jacquard for their generosity to the new Argyle Township Court House Archives.

Society President, Roseanne Blades, and Society member Gerald Jacquard stand in front of the entrance to the new Argyle Township Court House Archives. Gerald, an employee of Nova Scotia Power Inc., presents a cheque for \$1,000 from Nova Scotia Power's "Good Neighbour Volunteers' Fund". This is the second time this program has made a contribution to New Archives Project.



A Future For Our Past



A FUTURE FOR OUR PAST FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN GOALS ARE REACHED! A THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS

I am pleased to announce to the Society members that the fundraising goal set for the Society for the New Archives Project has been reached! "A Future for Our Past" has been the slogan for the fundraising campaign, which began officially in 2004. A fundraising goal of \$220,000 was set by the Society and agreed upon at our Annual General Meeting on 10 June 2004. As of 20 November 2006 we have raised the sum of \$224,245.46

We cannot thank those members and other contributors enough for enabling us to realize the important dream of creating a new home for our archives, and for saving and preserving another important heritage building in the centre of Tusket next-door to the Court House.

In 2004 we published two issues of "A Future for Our Past" fundraising newsletter, and a third issue was sent out in 2006. These three newsletters and regular updates in *The Argus* have served to keep the members informed in regard to our progress.

The members should know at this time that the Society's Board of Directors will continue to fundraise to complete additional aspects of the New Archives Project, and also to pay down the capital debt associated with the project. At the 10 June 2004 Annual General Meeting the Society members also approved the Board of Directors obtaining a line-of-credit to a maximum of \$150,000. It has been necessary to use this line-of-credit in order to finish the New Archives to the point where we could gain occupancy of the building. The Board will keep the members informed of their activities in this regard as time goes on.

The important thing for the members to know at this point - is that the initial fundraising goal has been reached! And you are largely responsible! Thank you! Thank you!

Some Fundraising Highlights!!

Very early in "A Future for Our Past" campaign we offered the opportunity for members to sponsor windows in the New Archives. These ranged in price from \$4,749.50 for the large three-part window on the front of the former church, to \$500 for the small triangular window found in the front peak of the façade. Perhaps due in part to the fact that this was formerly a church building, the members and local businesses came forward with great enthusiasm, and within two months all windows had been sponsored.

Many members contributed to the Steeple Fund.

Margaret d'Entremont made a beautiful hand-made quilt that we sold tickets on. This raised \$2,371.

Roseanne Blades donated a bicycle that we sold raffle tickets on.

Several Acadian family associations, formed to carry out family reunions and related events during the World Acadian Congress 2004, have been very generous to the New Archives Project. Several of these organizations disbanded after having successfully realized their own goals and objectives. Surplus funds were distributed amongst worthy organizations throughout the Municipality of Argyle. We were the grateful recipients of gifts from four such organizations.

Association des Mius (Muisse, Meuse) de la Nouvelle-Écosse
Association des Pothier-Pottier, Corporon de la Nouvelle-Écosse
Association des Blanchard, Dulong, Frotten & Vacon de la Nouvelle-Écosse
Association des Bourg-Bourque de la Nouvelle-Écosse

The Association des Bourg-Bourque, an organization that has not dissolved, also took on the planning and execution of our first Christmas House Tours in Tusket in 2005. All proceeds from this event went towards the New Archives Project.

Our largest individual donor (anonymous) donated \$20,000 towards the project.
Our second largest individual donor (anonymous) donated \$15,000
Our third largest individual donor is Society President, Roseanne Blades.

The most common donation amount was \$100.

Every dollar given to this campaign has meant much to the success of this project. We understand fully that everyone has given to the best of their ability.

Although the New Archives opened for business on 16 November 2006, our Grand Opening will take place over three days in June. 14, 15 & 16 June (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) 2007 are the days to mark on your calendar. We will hold a three-day Open House during that time, and further details will be outlined in future issues of *The Argus*.

There will be a permanent acknowledgement wall in the New Archives, which is being designed now. This will feature the names of all donors and sponsors who have contributed \$500 or more to the campaign. There will also be "Register" displayed in the archives that will feature the names of all donors, excepting those who have chosen to remain anonymous. There will also be a panel located in the steeple/tower entrance acknowledging those who have given \$100 or more to the Steeple Fund.

We are also including along with this issue of *The Argus* an updated list of contributors to this campaign. We thank everyone again for their generosity in contributing to this important project, and enabling us to reach our fundraising goals.

A special thank you as well to Raymond Bowers, who has assisted with the fundraising records, Roseanne Blades who has played a large part in grant applications and reporting, and Bill Crowell, who has handled the issuing of our Income Tax Receipts for donations.

I have been deeply touched by everyone's support and friendship.

Peter Crowell
Municipal Historian & Archivist
Chair, "A Future for Our Past" Fundraising Campaign
1 December 2006

**2007 HERITAGE CALENDAR IS STILL FOR SALE
THIS CALENDAR MAKES A VERY NICE CHRISTMAS GIFT
FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN ARGYLE HISTORY
AND OUR WORLD WAR I & WORLD WAR II VETERANS**

We are very pleased with our 2007 Heritage Calendar. "*Argyle in the Two Wars*" is the general theme and it features a wide range of photographs of both male and female veterans, war brides, war memorials throughout the area and much more. There are detailed write-ups on all the people featured in the calendar, and many communities through the Municipality of Argyle are represented.

We expect this to be one of our more popular calendars, so urge members to order while they are still available.

The calendar makes an attractive Christmas gift. It sells for \$10 and can be mailed for an additional \$2.50.

If members wish they can order calendars to be sent as a gift anywhere in Canada or the US. This can be done by sending a cheque to AMHGS PO Box 101 Tusket, NS B0W 3M0 Canada, or you can transact this business over the telephone using either MasterCard or VISA. Phone 1-902-648-2493.

We will include one of our own attractive heritage Christmas cards with a message indicating who the gift is from.



The month of June in the 2007 Heritage Calendar.

MEMBERSHIPS IN THE SOCIETY

The following is a list of those members who have paid their dues for the years listed below since the publication of the last *Argus*, namely from 24 September 2006 to 1 December 2006. This is a running list, that continues from one issue of the newsletter to the next. Those who paid their dues prior to 24 September 2006 will find their names listed in previous issues of *The Argus*. For those who wish to check the status of their membership, an expiry date appears on the address label attached to the envelope in which your newsletter was mailed, or on the *Argus* itself, if your newsletter is delivered by hand.

At current count we have 597 members for 2006. It seems safe to assume that even this late in the year we should reach 600 members for the year. This is a decline in membership numbers as last year we had 630 members. As members will have noted we have lost 12 members to death over the past year. We hope in 2007 to increase our membership base again. If you know someone who you feel might enjoy reading the *Argus*, let us know. We would be pleased to send them a copy of the newsletter, along with an invitation to become a member.

MEMBERS 2006

Jerry Hurlbert, Weaverville, CA, USA - New
 Norbert & Carol LeBlanc, Arcadia, NS - New
 Ken Wyman, Glen, NH, USA - New
 Claude & Deanna Bourque, Sluice Point, NS - Renewals
 Barbara Hamilton, Lisbon Falls, ME, USA - Renewal
 Bonnie Kehoe-Gove, Merrimac, MA, USA - Renewal
 Basil & Jeannette LeBlanc, Franklin, MA, USA - Renewals
 Marilyn Weber, Clarkston, MI, USA - New
 Jane Bourque Cook, Bend, OR, USA - Renewal
 Peter & Marjorie Spinney, Gloucester, MA, USA - Renewals
 Mrs. Pearl Gavel, Oshawa, ON - New
 Roger Devine, Yarmouth, NS - New
 Jim & Nancy Muise, Lanark, ON - New
 Kenneth Winter, Brenton, NS - New
 Lucille White, Richfield, NS - Renewal

MEMBERS 2007

Claude & Deanna Bourque, Sluice Point, NS - Renewals
 Alice Clairmont, Melbourne, NS - Renewal
 Otis J. Dulong, St. Catherines, ON - Renewal
 Letha Pottier, Whitby, ON - Renewal
 Jeanette Jacquard, Lower Wedgeport, NS - Renewal
 Rosemary Marlyn-Trimble, Lindsay, ON - Renewal
 Robert Mood, Quincy, MA, USA - Renewal
 Doreen Anderson, Arcadia, NS - Renewal
 Claire T. Pothier, Wedgeport, NS - Renewal
 Bernadette Wilson, Dartmouth, NS - Renewal
 Barbara B. Allen, Thunder Bay, ON - Renewal
 J. David & Janice Surette, Lower Eel Brook, NS - Renewals
 Joyce Rogers & Veralyn Rogers Bonnar, Gavelton, NS - Renewals

Alphonse Pottier, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS - Renewal
 Norman E. Pothier, Deep River, ON - Renewal
 Michelle Pothier, Creemore, ON - Renewal
 Roland LeBlanc, Pincourt, PQ - Renewal
 Doug & Yvonne Eldridge, Deerfield, NS - Renewals
 Joyce Burton, Raynardton, NS - Renewal
 Jane Bourque Cook, Bend, OR, USA - Renewal
 Roland & Pauline Bourque, Tusket, NS - Renewals
 Del Bourque, London, ON - Renewal
 Peter & Marjorie Spinney, Gloucester, MA, USA - Renewals
 Mrs. Pearl Gavel, Oshawa, ON - Renewal
 Jim & Nancy Muise, Lanark, ON - New
 Anita Robinson, New Elm, NS - Renewal
 Edward Spinney & Gloria Hearn-Spinney, Argyle, NS - New & Renewal
 Patrick Cornelius Amirault, Nashua, NH, USA - Renewal
 Dorothy Allan, Hebron, NS - Renewal
 Caroline Babin, Lower Eel Brook, NS - Renewal
 Louise V. Card, Ashaway, RI, USA - Renewal
 Dr. A.M. Clark, Pubnico, NS - Renewal
 John & Winnifred Coleman, Seattle, WA, USA - Renewals
 Yvonne Eaton, Tusket, NS - Renewal
 Rosemarie Fay, Little Brook, NS - Renewal
 Robert J. Frost, Victoria, BC - Renewal
 Catherine L. Goyer, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
 Tracy Hatfield, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
 Annie Lantz, Clyde, AB - Renewal
 Audrey Larkin, Lower East Pubnico, NS - Renewal
 Natalie Lunau, Morris Island, NS - Renewal
 Alain Meuse, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
 Royce Nixon, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
 Kenneth & Doris Peters, Pubnico, NS - Renewals
 Alice Pilling, Stoughton, MA, USA - Renewal
 Georgette Saulnier, Pinkney's Point, NS - Renewal

Lester & Rosalind Smith, Halifax, NS - Renewals
Janice Stelma, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
James & Theresa Dulong, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS -
Renewals

MEMBERS 2008

Rosemary Marlyn-Trimble, Lindsay, ON - Renewal
Vernon & Louise LeBlanc, Wedgeport, NS - Renewals
Del Bourque, London, ON - Renewal
Anita Robinson, New Elm, NS - Renewal
Jacqueline Garron, Toronto, ON - Renewal
Catherine L. Goyer, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
Annie Lantz, Clyde, AB - Renewal
Audrey Larkin, Lower East Pubnico, NS - Renewal
Janice Stelma, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
James & Theresa Dulong, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS -
Renewals

MEMBERS 2009

Jacqueline Garron, Toronto, ON - Renewal
James & Theresa Dulong, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS -
Renewals

MEMBERS 2010

James & Theresa Dulong, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS -
Renewals

MEMBERS 2011

James & Theresa Dulong, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS -
Renewals



SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT

A membership in the Argyle Municipality Historical & Genealogical Society makes an attractive Christmas gift for anyone with Argyle connections and an interest in local history. \$25 covers an individual membership for one year and \$30 buys a membership for a couple or family. This means they will receive four issues of *The Argus* in 2007. For anyone wishing to purchase a membership as a Christmas gift, they may do so by sending a cheque to AMHGS PO Box 101 Tusket, NS B0W 3M0 Canada, by dropping by in person, or by phoning (902-648-2493) and using MasterCard or VISA. We will send a Christmas card, along with a membership card, indicating who has given the gift, and will also include a copy of the last issue of *The Argus* for 2006 (vol.18 no.4). US members should remit cheques in US funds to help defray our mailing costs.

OBITUARIES FOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

We regret to have to report the deaths of three of our members, Brendan Fay of Little Brook, Digby County and Ernest Raynard of Glenwood, Yarmouth County and Darrell Roberts of Argyle, Yarmouth County. All three have been members of our Society for many years. We extend our condolences to their family and friends and reprint their obituaries as they appeared in Nova Scotia newspapers.

From *The Chronicle Herald*, Halifax, NS, Wednesday 21 June 2006:-

FAY, Thomas Brendan - 91, Little Brook, formerly of Massachusetts, passed away June 19, 2006, in Yarmouth Regional Health Centre. He was a son of the late Charles J. Fay and Alice McArdle, and stepson of Marie J. Maguire. He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie Saulnier. He was predeceased by brothers, Kevin J. Fay, Charles David Fay, and James Gerard Fay. His most enthusiastic effort, during his retirement years, was to research the history and record genealogical information on Acadian families. There will be no visitation by request. The funeral mass will be held in Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Church Point, at 10 a.m. Friday, June 23, Rev. Edgar Mvubu, F.D., officiating. Interment in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

From:- *The Chronicle Herald*, Halifax, NS, Tuesday 7 November 2006

RAYNARD, Ernest Alfred - 83, 46 Robert's Island Rd., Glenwood, Yarmouth Co., passed away November 4, 2006, in Yarmouth. He was born on August 6, 1923, in Glenwood to George and Bertha (Hurlburt) Raynard. He was a member of the Argyle Pubnico United Baptist Church. He was a member of the Masons and New Horizons. He owned and operated V & E Raynards. He was also a farmer who loved camping and hunting. He is survived by his wife, Willetta J. Roberts; son, Warren (Sharon), Glenwood, Yarmouth Co.; daughters, Donna (Ken) Spinney, Central Argyle; Wanda (Roger) D'Entremont, Glenwood; Brenda (Jerome) D'Eon, Lower West Pubnico; brother, Vernon (Lillian), Glenwood, Yarmouth Co.; sister, Avis Wheeler, Glenwood, Yarmouth Co.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by brothers, Elmer and Lloyd; sisters, Evelyn Roberts and Ruth. Visitation will be held today from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., and funeral service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Raymond Pitcher officiating, both in Argyle Pubnico United Baptist Church. Burial will take place in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to the charity of your choice. E-mail condolences may be sent to: sweenys@ns.aliantzinc.ca or you may sign the guest book on-line at: www.sweenysfuneralhome.net

From the *Chronicle-Herald*, Halifax, NS, Monday, 4 December 2006:-

ROBERTS, Albert "Darrell" - 83, Argyle, Yarmouth Co., passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 2, 2006, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born June 11, 1923, in Argyle, he was the son of the late Ivan and Margaret (Randall) Roberts. He was a member of R.C.A.F. during the Second World War, he was a fire patrol for the CNR, and he was a lobsterman and fire ranger with the Department of Lands and Forests. Darrell was an avid woodsman and was most content spending time at the house at the end of the road in Kemptville, Yarmouth Co. He leaves behind his loving wife of 64 years, Verna (Spinney); daughter Ardyth (Randy) Dukeshire, Argyle; grandchildren, Jason (Amy) Dukeshire, Kentville; Jillian (Mariner Smith), Clark's Harbour; great-grandchildren Molly and Sarah; brothers Clive (Marie) , Fredericton, N.B.; Harry (Inez), Halifax; sister Lillian (Vernon) Raynard, Glenwood. He was predeceased by sister, Margaret; brothers, Conrad and Donald. Visitation will be held Tuesday, December 5, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. with funeral services on Wednesday at 2 p.m. both in Sweeny's Funeral Chapel, Yarmouth, Rev. A.D. "Bill" Newell officiating. Burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Argyle. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to Tri-County Branch of Victorian Order of Nurses. On-line condolences to:- sweenys@ns.aliantzinc.ca or sign the guestbook at: www.sweenys-funeralhome.net



FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

In this issue of *The Argus* we offer the record from the family Bible of Albert Hilton and Maria Miller, who were married on 21 March 1862. This couple lived in the community of Carleton, Yarmouth County, and are found living there with their family in the 1871 census return. This edition of the Bible was published by Case, Tiffany and Company in Hartford in 1857. We thank Society member Lucille White of Richfield, NS for bringing this original Bible to the archives for copying. The original Bible is held by the Durkee Memorial Library in Carleton.

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FAMILY RECORD

Marriages

Albert Hilton
Born Nov. 28th 1829

Maria Miller
Born March 21st 1842

Married Jan. 18th 1862

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Births

Smith Hilton
Born Oct. 14th 1862

Eudora Lee Hilton
Born Sep 11th 1864

Carlos Flanders Hilton
Born June 27th 1866

Don Carlos Flanders Hilton
Born March 23rd 1872

Agnes Cecilia Hilton
Born August 28th 1875

Winifred Hilton
Born May 2nd 1877

Ivan Royden Hilton
Born Aug. 5th 1881

Alena Weston Hilton
Born July 9th 1885

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Deaths

Carlos Flanders Hilton
Died May 19th 1870

Smith Hilton
Died January 5th 1872

Eudora Lee Hilton
Died December 26th 1873

Winifred Hilton
Died Jan. 6th 1898



HISTORY SECTION

In this last issue of *The Argus* for 2006 we offer three articles of historical interest. Society member Claire T. Pothier of Wedgeport has written an article on the "Wedgeport Inn", an important landmark in Wedgeport that was demolished around 1988. This was a handsome two-storey house that was originally built as a home in the 1880's and later became an inn during the decades when the Wedgeport Tuna Tournaments took place.

The second article in this issue is an interesting history of Glenwood, written by the late Charlotte (Ricker) Killam. She was a daughter of Jackson Ricker, the author of *Historical Sketches of Glenwood and the Argyles* (1940). The sketch published here was written in 1909, we believe as a part of course requirements at the Normal College, Truro, NS. It is believed that Charlotte Ricker attended the college. She taught school in the Argyle area during her early years.

The third article is the final installment of the diary kept by Annie Louisa Barclay while living in Tusket from 1869 to 1873. This is the only portion of the diary that we hold in our archives. Annie Louisa Barclay left Tusket in 1873 and eventually married Caleb Scott, a native of Chebogue, and they settled in California. These events happened after the years covered by the portion of the diary we hold at our archives. So sadly, the courtship with Tusket's Smith Harding did not lead to marriage. Thanks to Society member Gwen Trask, we have been put in touch with some people with connections to the Barclay family. We hope to be able to acquire some photographs and other images related to the Barclays. If this becomes possible we will revisit the Barclay diary in a different manner in future issues of *The Argus*.

We are always looking for articles for upcoming issues, and would be pleased to hear from any of the members who might be inclined to take up their pen. We hope you have enjoyed the 2006 issues of *The Argus*. Best wishes for the holidays and for 2007.

I thank all of you again for the all the ways you have supported our organization over the past years. Every member supports us through their membership in the Society, and in many other ways. Your generous support of our "Future for Our Past" fundraising campaign for the New Archives has been particularly inspiring. Thank you all again and again!

Peter Crowell
Editor

THE WEDGEPORT INN

by
Claire T. Pothier

Note:- The author wishes to thank Alcide LeBlanc of Yarmouth for information and photographs that enabled her to complete this article; Bernice (Pothier) Doucette for the loan of photographs; and Peter Crowell for editorial assistance.

On several occasions, Peter Crowell has asked me to write an article to be published in *The Argus* as I have done in the past. Thus, I decided to do some research on the history of the Wedgeport Inn. I have been unable to find out exactly when the house was built, but I believe it was around 1887. It was owned by J r mie H. Pothier, (1841-1934), of the firm J. H. Pothier & Co.

I must give a brief history of this family and its enterprises. J r mie's father was Cyrille Pothier, (1801-1875), son of Charles Amand Pothier, (1758-1816), who was one of the two Pothier brothers (sons of Dominique of Eel Brook), to settle in Wedgeport.

Cyrille Pothier married Euphrosyne Babin, (1801-1897), in 1826, and they had eight children. According to an article written in *Wedgeport and its Islands* a book compiled under the direction of Blair Boudreau in 1980, Cyrille established a mercantile marine business around the year 1845, carrying on trade with foreign countries such as the West Indies. This business was called Cyrille Pothier & Son. Dried salt fish was the main product transported to the West Indies and on the return trips they would carry molasses, sugar, rum, etc.

After the death of Cyrille in 1845, three of his sons, namely J r mie, Anselme O. and Andr  continued to operate the business which became known as J. H. Pothier & Co., and was also sometimes referred to as J. H. Porter & Co. This became a very prosperous business, owning a large fleet of ships and a general store. (This general store later became the site of the Wedgeport Service Station in Upper Wedgeport).

Each of the three brothers owned a house across from the general store. The middle house was the one that belonged to J r mie and eventually became the Wedgeport Inn.



Photo supplied by Bernice (Pothier) Doucette. The old J r mie Pothier house, which became the "Wedgeport Inn". ATCHA Photo #P2006:376

For many years the Pothier mercantile firm prospered, but eventually some of their ships and crews were lost at sea during severe storms. These disasters dealt a severe financial blow to the company. In 1888 new trade restrictions with the United States affecting the fisheries in Nova Scotia also became a factor in the decline of this large business.

J. H. Pothier & Co. eventually ceased operations and on 12 February 1913, Robert S. Mc Kay, a Yarmouth County lawyer, was named as the official assignee to represent the company and

oversee its liquidation. On 1 December 1915 an indenture was drawn up, and as assignee, R. S. McKay, sold the house and land of Jérémie Pothier to Jérémie's wife, Eulalie (LeBlanc) Pothier, (1840-1929), for the sum of \$420.

It appears that Jérémie and his wife Eulalie continued to occupy the house after this. They had seven children - one son, and six daughters. I believe it is important to note here that their only son, Narcisse, was captain of one of the company vessels, the *Saint Michel*. This ship left for the West Indies on 21 March 1898 with a cargo of salt. Neither he nor the crew nor the ship were ever heard from again. Narcisse was 31 years old, and married to Françoise "Anty" Boudreau, (1874-1968). They were expecting their first child who was born in October of that year. This child died in infancy.

Eulalie Pothier died in 1929, and Jérémie in 1934. In a deed dated 27 October 1932, all the heirs of Eulalie signed the house and property to one of the daughters, namely Marie Anne "Minnie" who was married to Jean Magloire Doucet (1878-1948). "Minnie" took care of her father in her home until his death on 13 February 1934.

In a deed dated 4 November 1936, "Minnie" signed over her father's (Jérémie's) house to her son, Pius Doucet, (1910-2005). According to records at the Registry of Deeds, this house, owned by Pius Doucet, was sold by him on 19 April 1938 and the deed was recorded on 30 August 1938. It was at this time that the house and property became known as the Wedgeport Hotel Ltd., with Willard O'Brien, (1892-1981), as president, and



Alcide & Agnes (Saulnier) LeBlanc, managers of the Wedgeport Inn from 1946 to 1966. Photo loaned for copying by Alcide LeBlanc. ATCHA Photo #P2006:374

E.M. Padmore as secretary. The late Israel Pothier, (1903-1994), was also involved in some manner in the establishment of the business. (It appears to have been known as the Wedgeport Inn according to a picture taken in 1938). During this time, tuna were being caught by rod and reel on Soldiers' Rip, off the Tusket Islands. Anglers started coming to fish for these tuna so the Wedgeport Inn was a place to stay.

Mathurin Pothier, (1887-1980), was the manager of the inn and some employees during those days were Bernice (Pothier) Doucette, (1917-); Mary Le Blanc, (1916-); Florence Deveau; Annabelle (Boudreau) LeBlanc, (1907-1995); and Pius Doucet. The Wedgeport Inn ceased operation for some of the war years, but reopened at the end of World War II. The Pius Doucet mentioned above, was the father of the late Jerry P. Doucet, Municipal Clerk for the Municipality of Argyle from 1976 until his death in 1990.

Alcide LeBlanc, (1920-), bought the hotel in 1945 and restarted operations in 1946. He and his wife Agnes (Saulnier) Le Blanc, (1924-2005), developed the property into a profitable business, adding four cottages to the property in 1949. This was a busy time as many people came for the International Tuna Cup Matches. These Tuna Tournaments were very exciting and the Wedgeport Inn was host to many teams from Mexico, France, Germany, Britain, Cuba and USA. There were also Intercollegiate Tuna

Tournaments so many of those teams stayed at the Wedgeport Inn as well. Members of the New York Athletic



Shown left to right - Mathurin Pothier (maternal uncle of the author), manager of the Wedgeport Inn, with employees, Florence Deveau, Pius Doucet, Bernice (Pothier) Doucette (first cousin of the author) and Mary LeBlanc. ATCHA Photo #P2006:378

Club were guests of the hotel at one time. Employees were needed and some of those that worked during this period were Marion Le Blanc, Wallace Doucet, Armance LeBlanc, Alice Boudreau, Lawrence Pothier, Leona Pothier, Alice Cottreau, Alice Jacquard, Pauline and Cecilia Boudreau.

Wedgeport and its Islands, a book compiled by Blair Boudreau in 1980, contains an interview with Alcide LeBlanc in regard to the operations of the inn during his time. He offers the following information:-

"After the war ended in 1945, upon returning from overseas my brother Stanley and I (Alcide LeBlanc) drove to Liverpool to meet lawyer Burns with hopes of purchasing the hotel. We were successful in our endeavours and we ended up buying the hotel for sum of \$3300 - \$1,000 down and the remainder to be paid at a later date. This deal was closed in the fall of 1945, so my brother, Eldric, and I began to fix the property for opening July 1st 1946. Our only transportation between the hotel and home at this time was a standard shift two-wheel bicycle. Only four years later we upgraded to a four-wheel Willis Jeep station wagon.

I also got married that year of 1949 to Agnes Saulnier of Little Brook, Digby County, who became the most important part of my successful business life. We also built four double cottages that year.

We ran the hotel's summer operations for twenty years, throughout which we enjoyed catering to anglers from the four corners of the world. Eight dollars a day entitled a person to room and board which included an early breakfast, lunch baskets and late dinners. The hotel's capacity was thirty-one guests while the dining-room sat twenty-six people. At times other anglers from the old Grand Hotel enjoyed our delicious cuisine."

In 1966, a man from Alabama, named William Coombs, came with a party of 15 people. He wanted to buy the hotel. He did so, but being elderly, he did not operate the hotel. When he died, Stanley LeBlanc bought the property.

Later Richard Ludlow, his wife Noella, and their two daughters lived there for a while. On 12 December 1980, it was sold to George Pothier. The following is a quote from an article written by reporter Michael R. LeBlanc for the *Vanguard* in 1980: "Much interest was shown to restore the over 100 year old Wedgeport Inn and transform it into a cultural centre for Wedgeport and possibly Plymouth and Comeau's Hill. George Pothier, a resident of Halifax, but a native of Wedgeport, bought the Wedgeport Inn in February 1980 through his company Chez Holdings Ltd. A Wedgeport Cultural Centre Committee was formed consisting of president Blair Boudreau, secretary Donnie Jacquard, vice-president Harold Pothier, George Pothier and Peter



The Wedgeport Inn, shortly after 1946. Photo supplied by Claire T. Pothier.
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convenience store was built on the site. It still operates today under the name Wedgeport Quik Mart.

Although the Wedgeport Inn is now gone, the building played an important role in the history of the community. First as the home of one of Wedgeport's leading businessmen, and then as a hotel that played an important part in the local tourism industry during the years when the Wedgeport Tuna Tournaments were such a vital part of the economy of this part of Nova Scotia.

Mettam, Halifax, architect for the proposed restoration. The reason for this centre is to honor sea captains, doctors, priests, educators, groups and clubs".

For a variety of reasons this cultural centre did not materialize and George Pothier later sold the former hotel to Gary Hansen in November 1987. The hotel was demolished a short time later and a con-



Season's Greetings
 From our Inn
 To You and Yours



Mr. and Mrs. Alcide LeBlanc
 Wedgeport Inn - - - Nova Scotia



A Christmas card from "the inn", sent to the author and her first husband, the late Richard LeBlanc. Note the cottages that have been added to the property by this time. ATCHA Photo #P2006:508

HISTORY OF GLENWOOD, YARMOUTH COUNTY

by
Charlotte Ricker
1909

*Note:- Charlotte Eleanora Ricker was born at Glenwood, NS, 14 September 1889, the daughter of A. Jackson & Fannie S. (Doane) Ricker of Glenwood, NS. Many readers will be familiar with the name of Jackson Ricker, author of **Historical Sketches of Glenwood and the Argyles** (1940). This is an excellent local history, and we still sell copies of the reprint in our gift shop. Jackson Ricker was assisted in his writing of this book by at least two of his daughters, Helen S. and Charlotte. Almost all members of this family maintained a life-long interest in the history of the Argyle area. It is worthy of note that this history was written in 1909, some 30 years before her father's history would be published.*

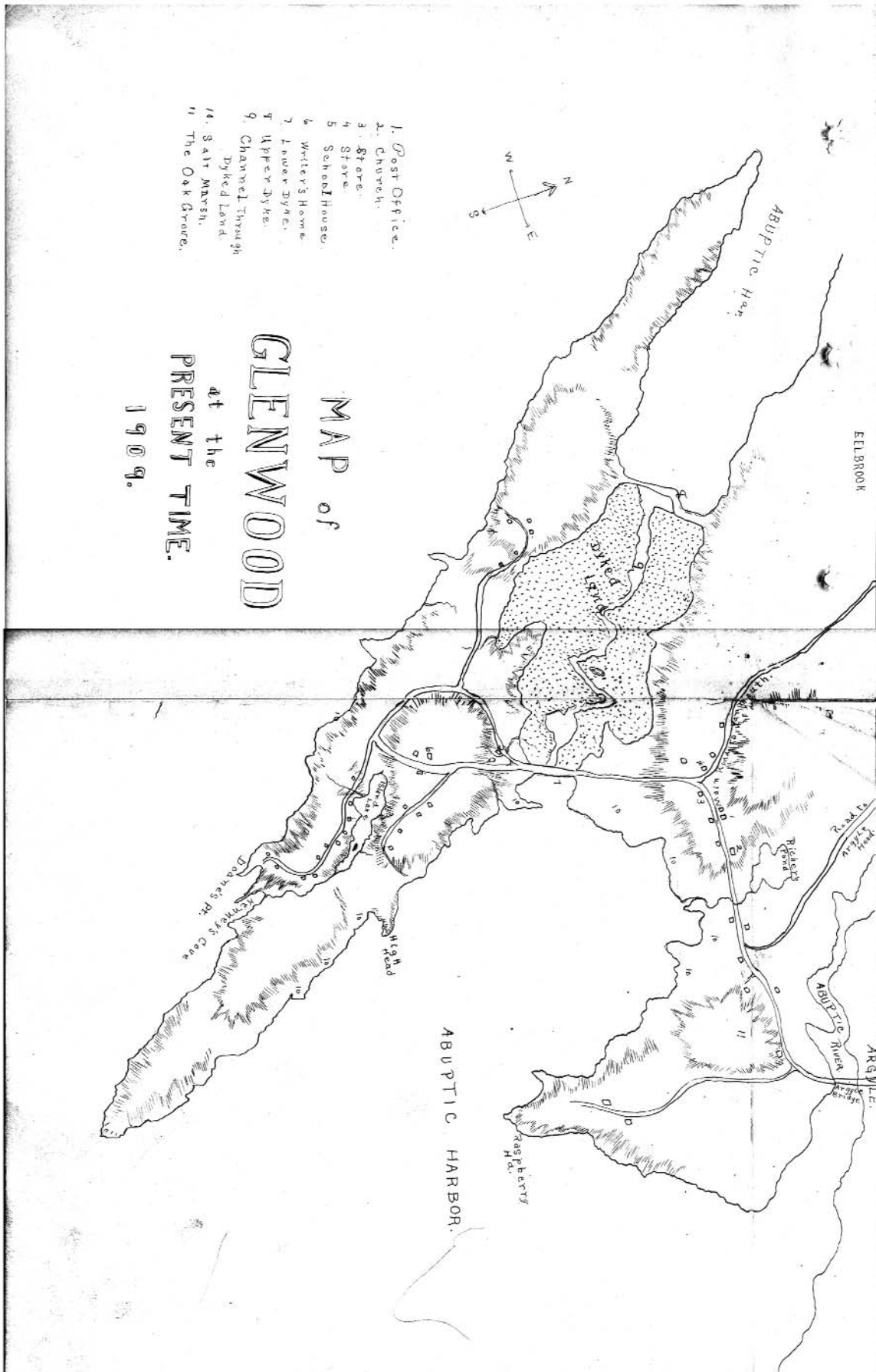
This original copy was recently donated to our archives by Society member Doreen Goudey of Ontario. She found this and several similar short community histories in her old family home at Lower Argyle, NS. We are not certain why members of her family held these histories. A "stamp" on one of the histories from the "Normal College, Truro, NS" suggests that these histories were compiled as part of a course requirement for teacher's attending the college at that time. On first glance, some of the histories appear to have been written by school children, when in fact they are probably compiled by adults and directed at various age levels. Charlotte Ricker would have been 20 years old in 1909. It is known that she worked as a school teacher in her younger years.

The history is hand-written, has a total of 43 pages, 38 of which are hand-written text. Also included are two fold-out maps; three illustrative line drawings; and two photographs. We publish a typed transcript of the history in this issue, and have done our best to include the illustrative material as well. We hope the members will enjoy reading this piece.

To My
Old School Mates
This Book is
Lovingly Dedicated



The Ricker sisters - left to right - Charlotte Eleanor Ricker, 1889-1982; Helen Sophia Ricker, 1891-1990; and Annie Louise Ricker, 1894-1942 - all daughters of A. Jackson & Fannie S. (Doane) Ricker of Roberts Island, NS. Charlotte eventually married Uhlman Killam. Helen and Annie Ricker both remained single. This photograph shows Charlotte Ricker close to the time when she would have written this history. ATCHA Photo#P1991:490



- 1. Post Office.
- 2. Church.
- 3. Store.
- 4. Store.
- 5. School House.
- 6. Writers Home.
- 7. Lower Dyke.
- 8. Upper Dyke.
- 9. Channel Through Dyked Land.
- 10. Salt Marsh.
- 11. The Oak Grove.

MAP of
GLENWOOD
 at the
 PRESENT TIME.
 1909.

Geography Glenwood

Glenwood comprises the island of Roberts Island and part of the adjoining mainland, between Eelbrooke on the Northwest, Argyle Head on the North and Argyle on the East, the Abuptic River forming this last boundary. It includes about 7 square miles, of which 5 square miles are included in the Island, and the remainder on the mainland.

By far the larger proportion of the land is not cleared but is covered with primeval forest, which is gradually being devastated by lumbermen. The most common trees are spruce, fir, and hardwoods such as maple, birch and beech.

The land is quite hilly, the general slope being towards the South and East. Roberts Island is separated from the mainland by an arm of Abuptic Harbor which is half a mile wide at the widest part, but about one hundred feet where the road crosses by means of a bridge. Being near the sea, (not more than 12 miles from the open Atlantic) the difference between high and low tide is from ten to twelve feet.

There are two lakes, one in the centre of the Island, called the Island Lake; and the other on the mainland called Ricker's Pond, from the person who formerly owned all the land around it. On what is known as Sargents Hill, is a grove of beautiful oaks. Some of these are very old and are extremely large. Several of these trees are over twelve feet in circumference at the base, and the branches spread 40 feet on either side. This grove is unequalled by any in the province. Picnics are often held here, it being an ideal picnic ground.

First Settlements

Like other parts of the province, this place was first inhabited by Micmac Indians. As to the time when they

first came here we have no knowledge. It is probable that the place had an Indian name at this early time, as it is certain that Indians lived here. Relics such as tomahawks, knives, arrow-heads of flint, and heaps of oyster shells near the shore, have been found at different places on the Island. Within the last few years an old tomahawk was found not far below the surface of the ground in a field on the western shore of the Island. The descendants of these Indians remained in the vicinity many years after other settlers came.



This sketch of Ricker's Pond was probably drawn by Charlotte Ricker. Her sisters, Annie Ricker and Helen S. Ricker were also accomplished amateur artists.

All the adjacent places around Abuptic Harbor and River

were settled about the same time and the history of the places are so intermingled that the story of one place brings in the others to a great extent.

The first settlers were French who came about 1640 and settled along the Abuptic. Their farms and orchards were found years afterwards by the English. On the top of one of the highest hills in Argyle is a very old cherry tree, said to have belonged to one of these French farms. These French settlers had a little church, or chapel, near the upper part of Argyle in what is now called Argyle Head. Near where this church is supposed to have stood, a large tree was uprooted some years ago, uncovering several bottles of wine in a good state of preservation, supposed to have been wine kept for sacramental purposes in the church.

In 1755, at the time of the expulsion of the Acadians, many of these people left the country, and others scattered among the Indians with whom they remained hidden. At this time Roberts Island was called Non Parison.

About 1761 colonists came from the New England States to Nova Scotia and some of them took the farms the French had left.

Just before this, an English vessel in the Harbor sent a boat up the river to plunder the farms. They were fired upon by a band of French and Indians in Ambush and all in the boat were killed. However, this did not alarm the others to any great extent, for they soon came here to make their homes. Near this same time many of the exiled Acadians returned, settling at Eelbrook and Pubnico, but none of them seem to have come to Argyle.

The first settlement of English was at the North end of Roberts Island where there had been a French settlement and one on the mainland near where the church stands now, (one who made his home at this later place was the writer's great-great-great grandfather Nathaniel Ricker) and also at several other places along the shore, (See Map) and at Frosts' Corner in Argyle.

When the Revolution broke out in America much sympathy was felt by the English here for the colonies in their struggle for liberty. A liberty pole was erected at Argyle Corner by the writer's Great great great grandfather Frost, but was cut down by Nathaniel Ricker, who was Captain of the early militia, and after this no further demonstration was made.

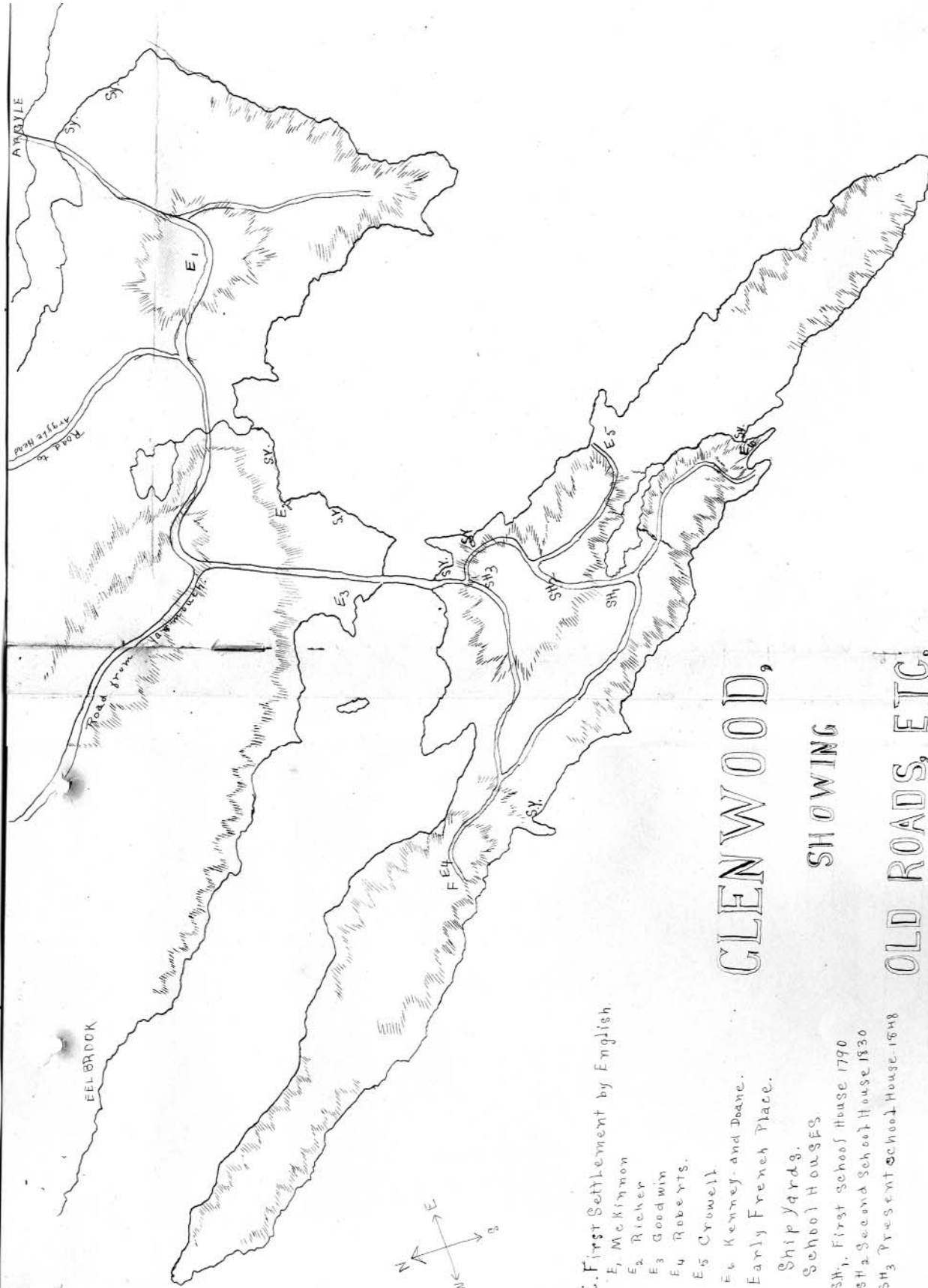
Among these first settlers were familys [sic] by the name of Ricker, Frost, Kenney, Roberts, Goodwin, Nickerson, Hobbs, Doane, and Crowell. Many of their descendants still live in Glenwood and Argyle. These settlers were all Puritans, and all the present inhabitants are of Puritan stock.

Roads and Bridges

The first means of communication between places were footpaths through the forest, and streams were crossed first by canoes, then rude bridges were constructed, often being nothing but a pole reaching from bank to bank. Later horses were used, men riding horseback, their families piled on before and behind them.

Mails and despatches of all kinds were carried by men on horseback. Mails were delivered once a week or fortnight. The roads used by the mail carriers were called Post or Main roads. The main road in Glenwood was first built near where it is now, but went over the tops of the highest hills instead of around them as it does now. This post road was the first road built, then branch roads were opened leading to Argyle Head and to Glenwood.

The bridge across to Roberts Island was built in 1835 and about the same time a bridge was built across Abuptic River. The first span bridge across the Abuptic was built by my grandfather, Andrew Ricker, about



GLENWOOD,

SHOWING

OLD ROADS, ETC.

E. First Settlement by English.

- E, McKinnon
- E2 Richer
- E3 Goodwin
- E4 Roberts.
- E5 Crowell.
- E6 Kenney and Doane.

F. Early French Place.

S.Y. Ship Yards.

S.H. School Houses

SH₁. First school House 1790

SH₂. Second School House 1830

SH₃. Present School House 1848



Charlotte Ricker captions this photograph as follows, "The lower dyke, Glenwood, with the 'Corner', and the main road, in the distance. The building in the centre is a store". ATCHA Photo#P2006:574.

1845. The present bridge which is really a dyke was built 1882-1883.

Education

The first schoolhouse was built on Roberts Island, near the North end of the Island Lake about 1790, and was a log house. An early settler, by the name of Doane, taught here, also Prince Kenney.

The next schoolhouse was on the top of what is known as Ricker's Hill. This was built in 1830. The early teachers in the schoolhouse were of such names as MacIvor, Fifield, John Bennison, S. W.

Bennison, and George Frost, a grad-

uate of Normal School during Dr. Forrester's term of office there. My grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ricker, also taught here.

As the population increased, it was found necessary to have a larger schoolhouse, so the present building was erected in 1848. The first teacher in the new building was Charles W. Seeley, a Normal School graduate. Then followed Obidiah Spinney, Mr. Nelson, Miss Murphy, Miss Eleanora Ricker, John Edgar, John Killam, James Eaton, William Gough, A.M. VanNorden. Then succeeded a great many young lady teachers, so many of whom married and settled in the place, that the statement, that young lady teachers will meet their fate in Glenwood, has become almost proverbial.

The school building at one time consisted of two rooms, there being so many small children that it was considered most convenient to divide the school into two departments. One of the older girls would teach the primary department under the supervision of the regular teacher.

It has since been remodeled and improved. In old times, 60 pupils was an ordinary attendance. The section was divided after a few years, giving Argyle a school of its own, and reducing the attendance at Glenwood by one half.

At the present time there are about 30 children in the section who attend school.

Ship Building

Being near the sea, the men of Glenwood were much engaged in shipbuilding. There were several shipyards along the shores. One of them was on Roberts Island near the bridge, this one was owned by Ebenezer Ricker. Among the vessels built here by him and his sons were the barques "*Medium*" and "*Lucy*", built about 1850-55. A little further along the shore was another yard from which they launched the brigs "*Lizzie Ryder*", "*The Zone*"; schooners "*Clementina*", "*Telegraph*", "*Liberty*", "*Azore*", "*Topsey*", "*Proditor*", "*J.H. Goudey*", "*B.K. Kelley*" and others.



The Glenwood School House sketch is probably by Charlotte Ricker. Her sisters, Annie Ricker and Helen S. Ricker were also talented amateur artists.

There were several other yards, one near what is called the Head of the Island, on the western shore; the last vessel built here was the *Island Gem*, 1865. Another yard was at Kenney's Cove, where the last vessel launched was the schooner "*Pandora*".

On the other side of the river from Mr. Ricker's yard were two others. From the nearest of these the last vessel launched was the "*Azof*", and from the other the schr. "*Spartan*", 1865. At several places along the Argyle River there were yards. One of these was by the bridge between Glenwood and Argyle. The last vessel built in this yard was the "*Annie M. Law*", launched in 1875. By this bridge there was a steam mill in 1872.

Dyked Land

For about a mile and a half, between Roberts Island and the mainland is a portion of dyked land. The lower dyke is commonly spoken of as a bridge but is really a dyke, being a solid wall of earth and stone with only one opening, where the dyke crosses the channel. At this place there is a "door" which opens outward allowing water to drain off the dyked land, and closing when the tide rises, thus preventing salt water from flowing inside the dyke. A mile and a half further up is another dyke. The land enclosed contains about 300 acres and yields a very large crop of hay annually.

The lower dyke was built 1882-83, the upper one in 1886. This upper dyke was broken away by a bad storm and an exceedingly high tide, November 25, 1901, but was rebuilt in the summer of 1902.

The dyke is owned by 36 proprietors and the enclosed land is divided into shares and lots, owned by many people in the neighbourhood. Along the edges of this dyked land piles of oyster shells have been found, they were left by the Indians. No one has since been able to locate the beds. It is the only place in this part of the province where oysters have been found.

Prominent Men

Among the prominent men of this early period we might mention Captain Randal [should read Ranald] McKinnon. He was a native of Skye, Scotland, and came to Halifax in command of a body of Scottish troops. He was granted a tract of land which he called "Argyle" and included what is now called Argyle and part of Glenwood. He made his home in Glenwood, his house being on top of what is called "Sargent's Hill". He represented Yarmouth County in the Assembly at Halifax. His son, Major John McKinnon, was a man of great ability. He also represented the County at Halifax. He took a great deal of interest in the place and had a great deal to do with the carrying on of business of Glenwood and Argyle. John Ryder Esq. was another member of the Assembly.

Churches and Ministers

The first church in the place was a Baptist church at Argyle Corner, built about 100 years ago and burned down 45 years ago. The present Baptist church was built on the same site in 1846.

The church in Glenwood was a Free Baptist church, built in 1840 and remodeled and enlarged in 1868.

The first minister, before either church was built, was Rev. John Frost, a Presbyterian.

He was succeeded by Baptist ministers, among whom were Revs. Enoch Towner, James Lent, Harris Harding, W. L. Parker, P. R. Foster.

Among the Free Baptist preachers, the first came from the New England States. Rev. Mr. McGray was the first to preach Free Baptist doctrines in Glenwood. Then followed Revs. Jacob Norton, Chas. Knowles, H. A. Stokes, Chas. Oram, David Oram, Edward Sullivan and many later.

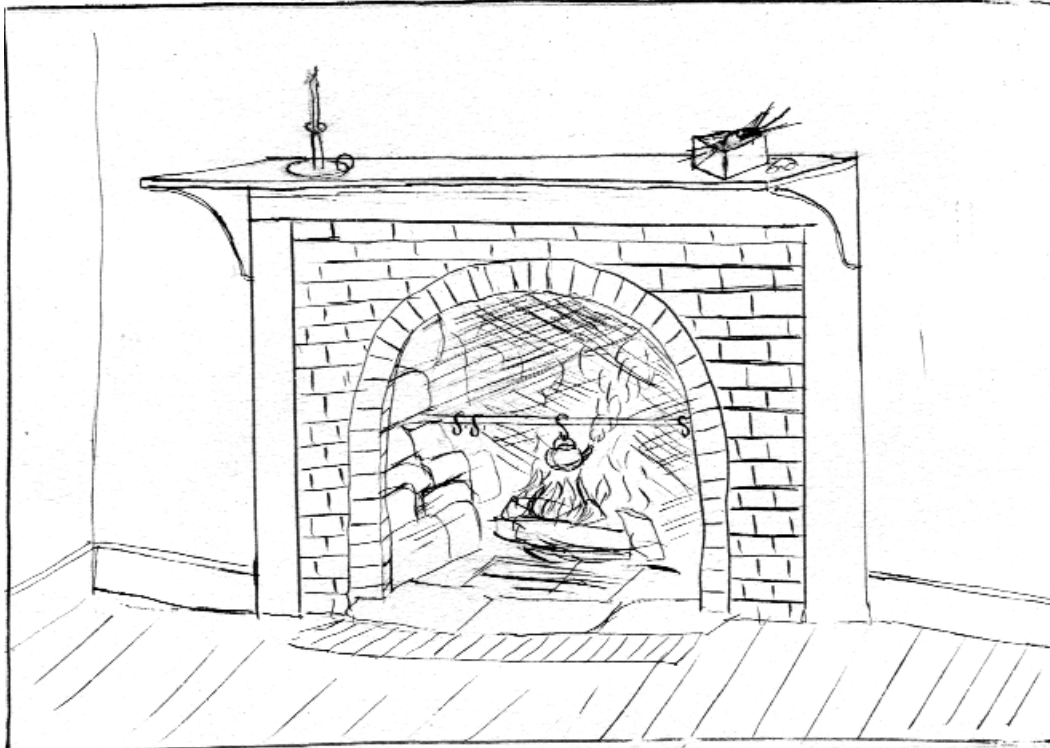
The cemetery is near the Baptist church in Argyle. The earliest date on any tombstone in the old cemetery, which is beside the new one, is on a stone bearing the initials "H.F." and the date "1776".

Early Customs

The pioneers endured many hardships during their first years on our shores. They did not have comfortable homes and were a long way from any places where they could get supplies. Nearly all their cattle died the first winter and thus they were deprived of their means of getting a living. All the early farmers had each a flock of sheep and from these they got most of their clothing. The women carded the wool, spun it into yarn and then wove it in hand looms. Then from this cloth, "homespun" it was called, they made clothing for all the family.

Stoves were an unknown quantity at this early time. The Indians did their cooking in rude vessels hung on poles over the fire, or they would put hot stones right in the food and heat it in this way. The earliest settlers followed the first of these methods.

The first step towards civilized methods was the fireplace. A huge stone chimney was built in the centre of the house with fireplaces in all the rooms surrounding it. These fireplaces were built first of stone and later of



Fire Place sketch is probably by Charlotte Ricker. Her sisters, Annie Ricker and Helen S. Ricker were also talented amateur artists.

brick and in them were burned huge logs. Fire was obtained by rubbing two sticks together till the friction caused them to burn. Afterwards a spark was produced by striking a piece of flint with steel. An iron rod was fastened across the front of the fireplace, above the fire, and from this kettles were hung by pot-hooks, for cooking purposes. When the family was large, or if company was expected, a whole lamb or small pig, or perhaps a side of beef would be hung before the fire and roasted. At one side in the stone wall would be an oven, or the baking would be done by

burying a covered dish containing the food, in hot ashes and coals.

Corncakes were cooked by holding a flat board covered with cake mixture, before the fire. When one side was done, a dextrous twist of the hand would turn the cake, and then the other side would be browned by the fire.

When shipbuilding was carried on, this gave rise to other industries. A great deal of the timber that was needed could be got from the woods in the place, and there were saw-mills near, where it could be sawed.

Blacksmiths also found employment, and ship carpenters, painters also, and there were always some who made their living by fishing. The vessels that sailed from Abuptic Harbor traded with Halifax, New York, Boston and the West Indies. They took to these ports lumber and fish and brought back all kinds of supplies, as cotton, wheat flour, molasses, rum, etc.

Wheat flour was considered a very great luxury in those days, as was sugar. Rye and corn flour and meal were used for making bread. The most of the housekeepers were very neat, all the woodwork was kept snowy white by much scouring with sand. The floors were as white as possible, and after being scrubbed and scoured, were sprinkled with white sand. No carpets were used in those days. Later when they began to use carpets they had to make them for themselves. The



Charlotte Ricker captions this photograph as "A Typical Glenwood Home" "Residence of Mr. Jackson Ricker". This was her father's home on Roberts Island. It has since been demolished. ATCHA Photo#P2006:575

women cut rags, sewed them into long strips, making a large ball of each color. Then they spun the yarn which they used for warp. This they dyed with various herbs, barks and roots. They designed the pattern then they wove the carpet.

The men worked extremely hard clearing the land. A large number of men and boys would gather at one man's place for a "clearing-bee". Some would chop down the trees, and others would haul them away, and pile up the brush and stumps and burn them. These bees were very popular, for while the men and boys were busy out of doors, the women and girls of the place would be helping in the house, some sewing carpet rags, others preparing for the hearty meal the men would deserve after their work was done. The evening would be spent in dancing, playing games, and having a general good time.

In later times, a chopping-bee was a popular form of work and amusement, the crowd gathering to put some man's wood-pile in shape for the winter. This is kept up even at the present time, the boys cutting and splitting wood for some widow or old man who is not able to do the work or hire it done. The girls come to the house in the evening and all have a jolly time to pay for the work.

Present History

At the present time there are about 38 families in Glenwood, the population being about 125.

There are two general stores, a post office, church and school.

The men have all, at some point in their lives, been fishermen, many of them now having small farms where they are able to make a comfortable living.

Some of the older men and nearly all of the younger men still go fishing. They go to the Newfoundland Banks in American vessels with Captains from the Argyles. Several of the men are engaged in lobster fishing among the islands in the harbor. During the lobster season they make their headquarters on Gull Island, near White Head Island which has a lighthouse. The men have small houses here, and do a good business, shipping the large lobsters to Boston and New York, and selling the small ones to the canning factories along the shore.

While none of the inhabitants are very rich, none are very poor. All are able to keep out of debt and very little of the property is under mortgage. All are temperate people and liquor has no place in the community. There is a splendid prospect before the young people of Glenwood, but it is not pleasant to note how fast the population has decreased, and is still decreasing, by young people going to the United States to seek employment.

It is a quiet neighbourhood, the people being industrious and peaceful. The school has improved greatly, and we have splendid roads and bridges. It is a very healthful village, a good deal of land being elevated and is free from foul vapors and disease breeding conditions.

Glenwood is an ideal place for a quiet country home, being about three miles from the Halifax and SouthWestern Railway station, and from there less than an hour's ride to Yarmouth. With its many hills and valleys, views of lakes, river, harbor, and outer bay studded with islands; with its beautiful trees and grassy dykes and meadows, neat and nicely painted farmhouses, and trim hedges, Glenwood is one of the most picturesque spots in this fair province of Nova Scotia.



A Young Woman's Diary - Tusket, NS,

A diary kept by Annie Louisa Barclay
While Living in Tusket, 14 Oct.1869 - 28 Sept. 1873

Introductory Notes

Jean Haley of Nevada City, California allowed our archives to make a copy of a typed transcript of this diary in 1987. Jean Haley was the wife of Charles Scott Haley, who was the son of Caleb Scott Haley & Annie Louisa Barclay. This is the diary written by his mother during the period of her young life when she lived in Tusket, NS. She married Caleb Scott Haley of Chebogue, 3 October 1876, and they later moved to California.

Annie Louisa Barclay was born 6 December 1852, the daughter of Andrew Barclay & Mary Elizabeth Morton. Her father, Andrew Barclay died at St. Domingo in 1864. After Andrew Barclay's death, his widow lived in Yarmouth where she made her living as a seamstress. She later moved to Tusket and did the same thing. Her daughter Annie Louisa lived with her for much of this time. Their only relatives in Tusket would have been members of the Bingay family.

Some other family members, and people mentioned in the diary.

Andrew Barclay & Mary Elizabeth Morton had the following children:-

- i. James John Barclay b. 21 Nov. 1843 and married Frances Adams.
- ii. Frederic Stanley Barclay b. 4 Aug. 1845 and died single at San Bias, South America in 1869.
- iii. Charles Robert George Barclay b. 11 June 1847 and married E. Morrison of Brooklyn, NY
- iv. Catharine Barclay ("Cassie") b. 3 July 1849 and married Thomas Jolly.
- v. Annie Louisa Barclay (author of this diary) b. 6 Dec. 1852 and married Caleb Scott Haley.
- vi. William Henry Barclay b.1854 and died in infancy.
- vii. Isabel ("Bel") Wishart Barclay b. 14 Apr. 1855 and married Rupert Rockwell.

The main relatives of the Barclay family in Tusket were the Bingay family. Both were families that arrived in Shelburne at the end of the Revolutionary War. Andrew Barclay, the first member of the family to arrive in Shelburne was from New York state and is said to have been in "command of one of the 16 ships that carried Loyalists from New York to Shelburne ..."

Thomas Bingay was an enlisted British soldier who served during the American Revolution and also settled in Shelburne at the end of war the in 1783.

Thomas Bingay, and his wife, Catharine Barry, had nine children. Their daughter, Catharine Bingay, born 20 May 1784, married James Barclay, a son of the above-mentioned Andrew Barclay. Catharine died in 1864. She and James Barclay lived in Shelburne and were the grandparents of the author of this diary.

The youngest child of Thomas Bingay and Catharine Barry was James Bingay, born 15 Sept. 1797. He and his wife, Mary T. Reynolds, settled in Tusket, Yarmouth County in the 1830's. He was a prominent merchant in the village. Some of James Bingay's siblings settled elsewhere in Yarmouth County. James Bingay's family Bible record was published in vol.8 no.2 of *The Argus*.

Andrew Barclay, the son of James & Catharine (Bingay) Barclay was born on 12 April 1815 and in 1841 married Mary Elizabeth Morton, a granddaughter of Dr. Isaac Webster of Kentville, NS and niece of Dr. F. A. Webster of Yarmouth, NS. Members of the Webster family are mentioned in the diary.

The widow, Mary Elizabeth (Morton) Barclay, as the diary indicates, moved to Tusket sometime prior to 1868, and in 1868 her daughter, Annie Louisa, joined her there. They rented a portion of a house only two houses south of our new archives. This home is owned in 2006 by Scott and Lisa Hurlburt, and for many years was known as the Fred Babin property. The other half of the house was rented by the family of Donald Ross, a master shipwright, for at least some of the time that the Barclays were there. His son, Charles S. Ross, is mentioned in Don Pothier's *History of Tusket, Nova Scotia*, as the author of the poem that inspired the origins of Mother's Day.

The house immediately to the north of the Barclays, was owned by Enos Gardner, whose wife was Mary T. Bingay, a daughter James Bingay. This house is owned in 2006 by Society member Margaret d'Entremont. At the time that this diary was written the Methodist Church (now our new archives under construction), immediately to the north of the Gardner property did not exist. It was not built until 1877. Immediately north of where the church building stands today, was the home of James Bingay, and then north of that home stood the Court House.

Smith Harding, mentioned often in the diary, was born 12 December 1847, and was the son of Israel Harding. He would have been living in his parent's home at that time, a short distance south in the village. This home is owned in 2006 by Society member Susan Young and her brother and sister.

The Barclays were Anglican, and attended St. Stephen's Church in Tusket.

For other people mentioned in the diary, we have sometimes inserted notes, when the information has been readily available. These notes have been inserted following the diary entries rather than formatted as formal footnotes.

There is an immediacy associated with diaries that gives us a rare glimpse into earlier times. This is a diary kept by a young teen-age woman. She writes well, but is mainly concerned with personal and family matters, rather than such things as shipbuilding and commerce, major activities that would have been happening in Tusket at the time. It is an interesting document, nonetheless, and one we hope our readers will enjoy.

There are 39 typed transcript pages involved in the Tusket portion of the diary.

Annie Louisa Barclay probably continued to keep this diary after leaving Tusket. This is where our copy ends. We hope the members have enjoyed reading it.

The Diary (Part 3)

Jan. 1st, 1871 - My Mother, Bel and I were at Mrs. Richards's today. Icy.

Note:- Bethia Richards, widow of Benjamin Richards of Tusket, NS. She lived in the house owned in recent years by Murray & Cecile Doucette. She ran a bed & breakfast style inn from this house. She sold the house around 1891 and moved to Yarmouth where she took the position of Matron at the "Old Ladies' Home."



Mrs. Bethia Richards house, Tusket, NS. This house has been owned in recent years by Murray and Cecile Doucette. Heritage Property Inventory photo, Film #15, photo #30A.

Mon. Jan. 9th - My Mother had a letter from Mrs. Wishart.

Tues. Jan. 10th - Mrs. Langill moved in the other part of the house today.

Sunday Jan. 15th - Mr. Young was up today the first time for a month. It was very muddy and S. was angry because I went to church. I wish he were fonder of the church. That is the only obstacle I foresee to our happiness.

Mon. Jan. 16th - Bel returned from Yarmouth today where she has spent a fortnight.

Sat. Feb. 4th - Mary Webster came over today to stay a week.

Mon. Feb. 6th - My Mother's birthday and she is fifty-four.

Wed. Feb. 8th - Was at Society tonight at Mrs. Mc Donald's. S. was opposing something I said and I answered him sharply. He has always opposed the society. I do not see why as it does not affect him in any way. We walked home in silence after a few cross words from S.

Thurs. Feb. 9th - Wrote S. a note today and got Mary Webster to give it to him. I told him that I saw we were not going to be happy together and we had better not continue as we are. It hurts me very much to say so but it would hurt me more if we were married. He is not always gentlemanly.

Fri. Feb. 10th - Have not been well today.

Sat. Feb. 11th - S. came and asked me to take a drive up to the Lakes. I went and we are ourselves again and are going to be happy.

Thurs. Feb. 16th - Mary Webster went home today, we miss her very much. Cousin John Bingay has paid her some attention.



David & Jessie McDonald house, Tusket, NS. This house has been owned in recent years by James and Barbara Pottier. Heritage Property Inventory photo, Film #15, photo #34A.

Wed. Mar. 8th - My Mother went to Yarmouth today to make a visit leaving Bel and Me to keep house.

Thurs. March 9th - Poor old Grandfather died on the 28th of Feb. I did not know it till Seddie showed it to me in the '*Tribune*'. Have written to Shelburne.

Tues. March 14th - I have been engaged a year today and am still in the same state as I was last March hoping for a chance to be independent of my brothers. My dear S. was in and we were very happy.

Friday Ap 14th - We were at Division tonight and I wished for something to happen as I often do and we had a fire - an old house on the hill burned down. It is a lovely night and everybody was there. S. is a fireman and was very active so I did not have a 'good night'.

Tues. Ap 18th - Rec'd a box from Cassie today with a wrap for me.

Wed. Ap 26th - S. took me to Y. today to see the last of Mary Webster who leaves with Henry and Wife for Scotland tomorrow.

Friday April 28th - Mr. Munroe's school examined today. Mr. Sands there.

Sat. June 17th - Rec'd a silk dress today. Charlie is in Halifax on his way here.

Fri. June 30th - Mary Gannet and Seddie, Went and Smith were here to tea. My Mother is not very well.

Fri. July 28th - Aunt Maria Bingay came over today to stay a few days.

Mon. July 31st - Have been at a pic-nic at Carleton. Arthur Eakins and bride were there and were very foolish. Had a nice time. Tom Bingay was there. Our horse shied.

Tues. Aug. 1st - Aunt Maria went home today. I am sorry, she is a dear good old lady.

Wed. Aug. 2nd - Sophia Killarn and Ned Darby over today.

Fri. Aug. 11th - Tom Bingay went today in the '*G.W. Hunter*'. He was in last night and said good-bye. We 'made up'.

Mon. Aug. 21st - Smith left today to see the boat race near St. John. An Englishman named Jas. Renforth is said to be victor.

Tues. Aug. 22nd - Mr. And Mrs. Christie were over today. I had a letter from Mary Webster. She is in Glasgow.

Thurs. Aug. 23rd - S. came from St. John today and brought me some music. The 'stroke' of the Lyne crew died at his post.

Sat. Aug 25th - Wrote to Mary Webster today. S. gave me a set of jewellery he bought me in St. John and was going to keep till Christmas. Letter from Cassie today who is in Stamford.

Sat. Sept. 9th - Charlie came from Shelburne on Monday and took me to Yarmouth where I have had my teeth filled. Was at Maggie Cornings, was going to a circus.

Monday, Oct. 12th - Charlie has been in Yarmouth for some time and has been with us a week, he left for Shelburne today. I want to go to the Normal School very much and wrote my brother James to lend me the money and I'd repay it but he has no feeling and of course refused.

Fri. Dec. 1st - It is a long time since I wrote anything in this book and lots of things have happened. Kate has gone to N. Y. with Charlie and is living with James. James sent me a splendid shawl by Mrs. Lyons Hatfield and I had a bed and other things from Shelburne as they think I am to be married but I am in no hurry. Smith got in the river today.

Wed. Dec. 6th - My nineteenth birthday - a horrid day - had a collar from Cassie and \$2.50 from my Mother.

Tues. Dec. 12th - Were at Mrs. Lyons to tea. Smith's birthday. Pretty happy.

Wed. Dec. 13th - Drove cousin Mary over to Yarmouth today. We were at Parson Moody's to dinner. My Mother and I are going to Yarmouth after the holidays.

Dec. 20th - Had company tonight - Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Knowles and Georgie Kirby was married tonight.

Note:- Caroline B. (Hatfield) Knowles was the wife of Rev. Charles Knowles. She lived in the next house south of the Barclays

Christmas 1871 - Have been at Mrs. Harding's to spend the day - not very pleasantly. S. gave me a box of chess. Wore my silk.

Mon. Jan. 1st 1872 - Were at Mrs. Richard's to dinner - there is a dance in the Hall. Heard that Isaac Webster had been shot accidentally.

Tues. Jan. 2nd - Seddie and I went to John Websters. Lindsay shot Isaac but there are hopes of his recovery.

Sat. 13th Jan. - Was at singing school. Mrs. Crosby says Mrs. H.(?) Webster is expecting us over.

March 27th - Was in Yarmouth nearly six weeks - came home tonight with Smith. The roads were very bad with snow drifts. I have been at Maggie Cornings most of the time. Fannie died on Tuesday March 19th. It was very very sad. We used to see her most every day and on Sunday before her death she was out driving. Was at Mrs. Tom Bingay's part of the time.



The courtship between Annie Louisa Barclay and Smith Harding, which occupies much space in this diary, did not lead to marriage. Smith did marry however, first Mary Beckwith, and second Jennifer Hood. He is shown here as an elderly man, with his second wife. He and Mary Beckwith had two daughters, Florence and Marjorie. This photo has been supplied by Society members Marshall and Myra (Taylor) Moses. Myra is Smith Hardings' great-granddaughter. ATCHA Photo #P2006:576

Sat. April 13th - Bel is sixteen today and has had some company, she persists in being intimate with everybody.

Wed. Jan. [sic] 17th - Came to Yarmouth today to make a visit at Mrs. Henry Webster's.

March 17th 1872 - Have been engaged two years and hope to be so some years longer.

Tusket March 27th 1872 - Came home from Yarmouth today where I have been about ten weeks. I have had a very nice time visiting, first at Mrs. Webster's where Aunt Willie is spending the winter, than at John Webster's, than at Mrs. Tom Bingay's than at Maggie Corning's. Fanny, Robb's wife, died March 19th very suddenly. Maggie and I had seen her every day and she was out driving on Sunday and on Tuesday she died. My Mother came to Y. when I did but soon grew tired of visiting and returned to Tusket.

Tues. Ap 16th - S. and I went up to see the freshet (?) this evening. We intended to go round the lakes, our usual drive, but the bridges were down and we had to return the way we went. Had a nice drive, only my miserable back troubles me all the time. Have taken a dose of lavdanum to make me sleep, as I have the toothache. Mrs. Charles Tooker here today.

Wed. Ap 24th - Mary Gardner and I went to Y. today and I never saw so much mud as we encountered in my life. We had to get out of the carriage to let Freda draw it out of the mud. I think if we stayed in we should now be somewhere in the bowels of the earth.

Wed. May 1st - Heard that Mrs. Loren Baker is dead.

Sunday May 5th - Went to church and nearly fainted when I got there and again when I got home. I HAVE NO STRENGTH AT ALL.[sic]

Sunday Ap [sic] 19th - Am just recovering from an attack of diphtheria. Mrs. Young's twins born Friday.

Tues. Ap [sic] 21st - Mrs. Young's children died today, little yellow things.

Friday May 24th - Queen's birthday, but there is no loyalty in this little place and S. is worst of all, I am sorry to say. He told me tonight that Lyons is on the verge of failure. Worth 40 in Nov., 20 today. (?) We have written for Jim's wife to visit us this summer. Cassie leaves for home July 1st.

Tues. May 28th - Took S. to Y. today on his way to St. John and I drove the fastest horse in Tusket home. Brought Bel home from John Webster's.

Tues. June 4th - S. returned today.

Tuesday. June 11th 1872 - Charlie's birthday, he is 25. C'est possible?

Thurs. June 20th 1872 - My poor little brother Stan has been dead three years today. I cannot think of him without crying. He was so young to die.

Mon. June 24th - Went told us today that Cassie came in the "*Gladiator*".

Tues. June 20th - Jim Bingay brought Cassie over today. Charlie spent his birthday with her. He has not written to us since last autumn. Had a queer letter from Jim saying that Fanny fears she may not be well - used

here and so is not coming. If that is her style she'd better not. Mrs. Richardson sent me a very pretty fan by Cassie. C. says there is "an air of faded gentility about us", very probable.

Thurs. June 27th - The court is in session here. Went, Cassie and I at Seddie's to tea.

Sunday, July 28th 1872 - Geo. Bingay and Mary, Will Plant and Charl. Hatfield over today. Cassie has gone back to Y.

Thurs. Aug 1st - Had a dance in the Hall tonight. Cassie came over today to stay a fortnight. Albert, Sophia and Maria Killam and Ned Darby over at our house. Emaline Churchill is home. She went to Boston when we were in Y. last winter and there are sad stories told about her.

Sunday Aug 4th - Smith took Cassie and me to Y. to the consecration of the church.

Monday Aug. 5th - Stanley's birthday. He would have been 27.

Monday Aug. 18th - Down to McKinnons at a pic-nic. Mrs. Lyons Hatfield's horse broke her carriage and she told us to bring it home, which we obediently did. Had a horrid time.

Friday Aug. 30th 1872 - Was in Y. last night at the Leap Year Ball which Miss Harrison, Cassie and Maria Killman originated. Had a very nice time and did not get home till 5 o'clock this morning. Wore white over black silk.

Sunday Sept. 1st 1872 - Cassie and Mr. Jolly have been over today, they went driving round the lakes this afternoon and are very wicked.

Wed. Sept. 4th - My Father died today 7 years ago.

Tues. Sept 10th - Cassie at a driving-party at Argyle with Mr. Jolly. She stopped a few moments and was not very nice.

Thurs. Sept. 12th - Invited to John Websters to a party today, but did not go.

Sat. Sept. 14th 1872 - My little Mother and I have been in Y. two days at Maggie Cornings.

Tues. Sept. 17th - Cassie brought Miss Harrison over to tea. C. is having very nice times in Y. and we only see her occasionally.

Wed. Sept. 18th 1872 - The ship Rossignol launched today. She is owned by Young Kinney and Corning and is the largest ship in the province. Aunt Jane, Maggie and Mrs. Corning here to dinner.

Thurs. Sept. 19th - Cassie brought Mrs. Dodds over to tea.

Tuesday Sept. 24th - Mr. Parker told us that Cassie left in the "Gladiator" this afternoon. We did not see her to say 'good-bye'!

Thurs. Sept. 26th - Invited to Mrs. Lyons tonight but have a sore throat. Sent a Power of Attorney to Mr. Arthur in Turks Island.



Caroline Bridget (Hatfield) Knowles, 1824-1911, daughter of Capt. James & Elizabeth (Lent) Hatfield of Gavelton, NS. She married as his 2nd wife, Rev. Charles Knowles. They lived in the house known in more recent times as the Dr. H. J. Fulde house. Caroline was a sister to Isaac S. Hatfield. ATCHA Photo # P1991:414



Isaac Smith Hatfield, 1827-1872, son of Capt. James & Elizabeth (Lent) Hatfield of Gavelton, NS. He married widow Sarah (Cochran) Harding and they lived in Tusket. He was an MLA and a merchant. ATCHA Photo #P1991:402

Friday Oct. 11th - Seddie and I went down to Mrs. Robbins at Chebogue Point. They are very kind but so very 'uncanny' that we could not eat anything.

Wed. Oct. 16th - Election Day and Ryerson got a small majority. Lyons failure is known.

Sun. Oct. 20th - Isaac Hatfield was found dead on the beach near his house today. A cold, dark, windy, disagreeable day and I am very blue. There is nothing worth living for.

Wed. Oct. 23th[sic] - S. went to St. John today to buy goods for himself.

Friday Oct. 25th - Florence Young here to tea. Have just finished cleaning house. Have done it nearly all myself. I do not dislike any housework except cooking, that I detest and hope I may never have to do. I am getting stronger thanks to the iron John Webster gave me and I have a little color. It used to be said of me that I was cut out of marble. John W. has a joke about my being 'hardened' some time.

Tues. Oct. 29th - Mary Webster and Helen over today. The first time I have seen Mary since her return from Scotland.

Thurs. Oct. 21st[sic] - I got home today. Had a letter from New Orleans (from James) where he is now living. He has a splendid salary, \$3000,00, but he does not send his Mother any.

Sunday Nov. 17th - Mr. Moody over today. Found the ground white with snow when I raised my blind this morning.

Sat. Nov. 23rd - Aunt Jane came over today with Lila to stay till after Lyons' auction. There are some people in the world who seem to feed on other people's misfortunes.

Tuesday Nov. 26th - Lyons household goods sold today. Mrs. Hatfield is now at her Mother's - Mrs. Hardings.

Sat. Nov. 30th 1872 - Have been in Y. a few days. Went got home with his bride Maria Bingay, this week. She is Queer and ugly, too old for Went. Am going out of my 'teens' and am not happy. I wonder if I ever shall be. Had a letter from Cassie describing Went's wedding.

Friday Dec. 6th - My 20th birthday. Went in with Seddie after Division and had some music. Stayed rather longer than S. thought proper. Botheration! He gave me a Russia leather Ladies companion, supposed to be bound with gold.

Monday Dec. 23rd - Went to Y. today with Seddie and Mrs. Crosby to call on Wents' wife at the Hotel. Bought my Mother a muff for Xmas. And bought S. a gold pen to replace one Charlie lost for him. I teach music and so make a little money for myself.

Wed. Dec. 25th 1872 - Xmas a very cold day. At Mrs. Gardners' to dinner. Got Mary to ask me first so I need not go to Mrs. Hardings'. Andy had a juvenile party this evening. S. gave me a gold pen and pencil.

Tues. Dec. 31st - Wed. Jan 1st 1873 - Bel went to Y. to make a visit at Maggie Cornings'. S. stayed till the New Year came in.

Fri. Jan. 3rd - Had a letter from Jas' wife today. She has never answered one of our letters to her since she has married but now she writes very much to the purpose and tells my Mother she must not expect Jim to support her. As if he did support us! What a hateful world!

Fri. Jan. 10th - Read the Sewing Bird to Division this evening.

Tues. Feb. 11th - Went to Y. with Seddie to call on Mrs. Chase (Fanny Took's). Aunt M. wants me to make her a visit.

Wed. Feb. 12th - Was at a party at Jim Lents' this evg. Am told that I am considered nice-looking. Don't believe it tho; am only passable.

Sat. March 1st - Have been at Aunt Marias' some time. S. came for me today and we had a lovely sleigh-ride home on the bare ground. Shall I confess it to my paper? S. is not my ideal. I want a husband who knows EVERYTHING but I suppose such a one would not have me. Besides, "once engaged always engaged" is my motto.

Wed. 5th - Been to church; found S. waiting in the bright moonlight. S. does not go to church as he does not

like Mr. Young.

Wed. Mar. 12th - Went to church found S. very cross and disagreeable because it was too muddy for me to go to church. Seddie laughed at him. I wish he were always a gentleman.

Friday March 14th - Letters from Charlie and James. My Mother has been invited to make Mrs. Wisharts house her home and I hope she will go and have some rest and happiness. Poor little Mother, she has had a hard life since my father died. I hope some day to make her happy and comfortable if she does not die before I can.

Wed. Ap. 2nd 1873 - There is a report that a large passenger steamship went ashore near Halifax and 700 lives were lost.

Mon. Ap. 7th - The wrecked steamer was the "Atlantic" of the White Star Line. 546 passengers drowned, mostly emigrants.

Good Friday Ap. 11th '73 - Church this morning and evening. I believe S. hates the church and is Baptist as his father. Well, it shall never be until he is a churchman.

Sat. Ap. 12th '73 - At Mrs. Webb Blanselt's to tea. They do nothing but eat at these Tusket parties. They are too 'Baptisty' for cards or games.

Sunday Ap. 13th '73 - Easter Sunday and Bel's Birthday. Instead of being happy and good today I have been miserable and wicked. Bel runs about with all sorts of people and makes me cross and my Mother does not prevent her. Was not very well and wanted S. to go home early and he did not want to.

Tues. Ap. 29th - Aunt Betsey Bingay died on the 20th. Seddie is to be married soon and I am to be bridesmaid. Seddie does not want to be married but she is past thirty and so thinks she must. I wonder if I shall ever feel so!

Thurs. May 15th '73 - S. went to St. John today.

Tues. May 20th - S. returned today. Brought Seddie and me a fruit knife each.

Sun. May 25th - Capt. Bond (whom Seddie is to marry) came today.

Wed. May 28th - Sarah married today. S. and I "stood up" and then went to Y. with them. They left for N. Y. at three o'clock. Maggie Corning is at our house.

Sunday June 1st '73 - Joseph Howe died today, so they say.

Wed. June 4th - Louise Meklem came today with her two children.

Thurs. June 12th - Maggie Stewart and some more here to tea. We are going to have a sale in aid of the church. I miss Seddie very much.

Fri. June 20th '73 - Stanly dead four years.

Wed. June 25th - Had our sale today, took over \$100.00. Am very tired for Mrs. Hatfield and I had most of

the work to do.

Fri. July 4th 1873 - At a pic-nic at Carleton. We all went in the big coach and came home singing God Save The Queen. Heard that Cassie is in Yarmouth.

Sat. July 5th - Cassie and Henry Lydiard came over today. He is a small, sickly looking person and has been traveling for his health. He and C. came from Boston together. Cassie says he has been wild and wicked. I detest such men. One reason why I like S. is because I know he is good. My husband (if I ever marry) must never have been guilty of any wickedness.

Thurs. July 17th - Cassie and Charlotte Hatfield came over today and on their way home they took Emeline Churchill in the carriage. It broke down and they came back for S. to mend it. Cassie asked E. C. to come in and she came. I spoke to her and then blushed and trembled as if I had been the guilty one and she was very self-possessed. She told Bel afterward that she was amused at the way I looked. She has been behaving very badly since her return, but I don't want to be her judge, so let her rest, but I am sorry Cassie took her driving. Hurrah! At last I am going to N. Y.!

Fri. Aug. 1st '73 - Cassie came out today to stay a few days. We had the Hine's from N.Y. here this evening.

Sun. Arg.[sic] 3rd '73 - Cassie came over to rest after her 'good times' in Y. and she is doing so I think for she did not get up today till one o'clock and went to bed again at seven. She goes back to Y. on Wed.

Sat. Aug. 9th '73 - There was a launch today and Maggie Corning, Cassie, Mrs. Dodds and the children have been here all day. Harry Farish and Tom Moberly were here to tea. It is nice to have company when one has servants, but we have none and I am tired to death. We sell our furniture (some of it) on Tues. next.

Sun. Aug. 10th '73 - The last day in our old home. S. and I took a walk this evg.

Tues. Aug. 12th '73 - Auction today. We are all at Mrs. Gardner's. Mrs. Harding asked me to make her a visit, but I do not care to. We have stored most of our furniture at Mary's and Mother tells me I am to have it. I believe I am the favorite.

Thurs. Aug. 14th '73 - Went to Y. today with S. We had a very fast horse and it was frightened twice and stood up straight in the shafts. I was not alarmed.

Thurs. Aug. 21st '73 - My Mother and Bel left Tusket today. They are to stay at John Webster's a short time and then go to Kentville. I was very blue when my little Mother drove off. Cassie was over with Miss McNab today, and says we'll leave for N.Y. Sept. 6th.

Sat. Aug. 23rd '73 - Nellie Hatfield and I have been calling today. Maggie Corning wants me to come there till we leave.

Mon. Aug. 25th '73 - S. was in this evg. and we played cards with Mr. Gardner and Andy. Then took a walk. Very cold weather, had to have firs.[sic]

Yarmouth Tues. Aug 26th - S. brought me over this evg. A little dance at Maggie's.

Thurs. Aug. 28th '73- Bought a trunk today at which Cassie expressed her disapprobation thinking she knew

my requirements better than I do myself. She is sometimes very nice and she has also the power of being the reverse.

Mon. Sept. 1st - A thunder storm this evg. I love to watch the lightning as I do a pretty sunset and the beautiful water. The Hines and Plants have been here. I believe Henry Plant and Maggie will "make a match".

Thurs. Sept. 4th - A party at Mrs. Flints'. Thunder storm. Cassie horrid.

Tusket Sat. Sept. 6th 1873 - Did not leave as we expected, the 'Linda' being behind time, so I came over with S. tonight. A glorious moonlight night. S. wants me to promise to be married next Autumn but I will not promise. I do not like to think of being married, because I may be very unhappy. S. spoke to Mr. Corning for his store when Dodds and Jolly leave it.

Monday Sept. 8th '73 - On board the "Linda". Left Y. this morning at six o'clock. Bel was down to see us off but my dear little Mother did not come. I saw her last on Sunday evg. (last night.) She and Bel were to leave for Kentville today. I am so lonely. I have a state room with Eliza Townsend and her children, they are sick but I am not. Maggie Corning and Cassie room together and Jim Bingay is a passenger.

Sun. Sept. 14th '73 - Commenced the New Testament today. Arrived in N.Y. on Wed. 10th at 6 A.M. and came up to Stamford to see Cassie yesterday with Emma Morrison, the daughter of our land lady in Brooklyn.

Thurs. Sept. 18th - Capt. Henry Webster is in N.Y. and told me that Jim arrived yesterday from New Orleans. Jas. came to see me this evg. I had not seen him for years and find him very much changed. He and Charlie are not friends so they did not meet. I am nearly devoured by mosquitos. They lie in wait for me every night and I can scarcely see out of my eyes. Jim was nice and kind and brought me a box of grapes. I laughed and cried when I saw him. There are so many strangers about me I was doubly glad to see him. There are about twelve boarding in the house and Mrs. Morrison and her daughter Emma make up the household. I am to stay here only till I find a situation, which I hope may be very soon.

Sunday 21st Sept. '73 - Have spent the day with Jim and wife and baby. It seems to me that Mrs. Barclay is decidedly queer. I must not judge too soon however.

Monday Sept. 22nd '73 - Letter from S. today. One from Seddie Bond enclosed.

Tues. Sept. 23rd '73 - Went to see Louise Mecklem today and took her the parcel I brought from N.S.

Sunday Sept. 28th - Went to church today (Holy Trinity, Brooklyn) twice. I like the clergyman very much, as it is a grand old church.

