

EARLY SETTLERS: CHARLOTTE COUNTY, N.B.

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My wife Barbara and I, with the help of others, have gathered brief details of various Charlotte County Biographies and Lineages for local Settlers. Some follow.

A special thanks to **Gerry GOSS, UE** and **Patricia (Pat) McKINNEY** for their assistance.

Notes:

"PANB" = N.B. Provincial Archives, Fredericton.

"CLC Books" = refers to books, or binders on the shelves of the Editor. If details are required re Sources, etc., please contact me 506-755-6800 or by email calbarb@xplornet.com



Officer: Royal Highland Emigrants (84th Regt)

ACHESON, James Acheson, born 1801 in Ireland: came to NB in 1823; m. 4 Dec. 1828 Mary Cockburn b 1807; settled in Saint Patrick Parish, Charlotte County; children, 1) **John Acheson** b. 1832; 2) **George Acheson** b. 1834; 3) **Robert Acheson** b. 1837; 4) **James Acheson**, b.11 Oct 1840, m. 10 Sep 1865 Isabella Jane Dyer dtr. of Richard and Matilda Dyer.

PANB:MC1/Acheson#1, 11 pages, file contains 2 family group sheets, extracts from land petitions, and marriage records for Acheson family members and data on Dyer family of Elmsville, Saint Patrick Parish, Charlotte County; James may have arrived in 1823 with brothers **Thomas, George and Robert Acheson**.

Also see CLC Books 208 & 295.

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ACHESON: John Acheson, b. 1758, Ulster, Ireland m. **Sarah E. Adams**: came to NB in 1825; lived in Saint Patrick Parish, Charlotte County: the Couple had six sons and four daughters: a will for 1834 lists **Robert Acheson, John Acheson**, and **William Acheson: Robert Acheson** m. 1838 - Mary Rogers; had five children.

PANB:MC1/Acheson#2. 6 pages also see CLC Book 295.

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ANDREWS, John, b.....d....., Loyalist. Arrived in the St. George area after the Revolutionary War with Lieut. Samuel BLISS & 10 ex-soldiers from the 84th Regiment; four from the Kings Orange Rangers, (including himself); seven from the 64th Regt; one from the 7th Regt; one from the 23rd; one from the 40th; three from the N. S. Volunteers; four Loyalists and four women & two children under 10 yrs. They came from Nova Scotia - Windsor, & Halifax via Saint John to LeTang & Bliss Island, near St. George & Blacks Harbour. (Other familiar names from the 84th settlers include John CRAIG, Daniel GLEASON, John GOSS, John LANE, John SMITH, etc). Muster Rolls for the Loyal American Rangers 1780, Royal North Carolina Regt 1783, and Lt. BLISS' Return of Men, Women & Children, 1 Jun 1784 - all include a John ANDREWS.

Further detail is found on John ANDREWS Lineage by Pat McKINNEY. And MC23 D1 Series 1, v.26, Pages 179,184,227, & v. 24, pg. 178. (& CLC Bks: 295 & 14;256).

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ASH, Robert, b/abt. 1738, NH or MA, (ME), d. aft. 1810, St. George, NB. He was the son of Thomas ASH. . Robert m. Catherinebef. 15 Dec 1761 in (probably Lebanon), ME., b. in ME & d. aft. 1810. Children: (1) **Samuel**, b. c1762, Lebanon, ME, d. bet. 1808-16, St. George, NB; (2) **Martha**, b. c1764, ME, d. c1812, NB; (3) **Judith**, b. c1766 at Gouldsboro or Lebanon, ME, d. bef. 15 Jan 1818, Pine Orchard, Whitechurch, ON; (4) **Robert**, b. 27 Nov 1772, Gouldsboro, ME, d. 1816, Bonny River, NB; (5) **James**, b. c.1775, Gouldsboro, d. 18 Aug 1830, St. George; (6) **Mary**, b. 1781, ME, d. bef. 1871, Lee Settlement, NB, m. Alexander Forbes MYLNE c1800, Upper Falls, Char. Co. NB, b. Jamaica, West Indies., d. 2 May 1833, Upper Falls (Second Falls), NB. (CLC Books 95, 245, & 266).

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ASH, Robert, Jr. b. 27 Nov 1772, d. 1816, Bonny River, NB. m. 1st Elizabeth, (Betsy) BENNER, 26 Oct 1795, d/o Christopher & Thankful (Gardner) BENNER, b. 26 Apr 1778, Abington, MA, d. 20 Jan 1808, Bonny River, NB. M 2nd Margaret LEIGHTON, c1809, d/o Hatevile & Martha (DeBow) LEIGHTON, b. 20 Sep 1778, Pembroke, ME, d. 1878 Bonny River. Robert, a lumberman, was killed by a falling tree in 1816. Children: (1) **Robert**, b.16 Oct 1798, d. c1870, NB; (2) **Christopher**, b. c1799, d. aft. 1850, Lawrence, MA, m.4 Sep 1835, Eastport, ME - Mary Ann True (Coggins) GOVE, b. bet. 1809-1812, NH; (3) **Susan**, b.22 Oct 1801, m. Robert BUNTING; (4) **Jane**, b. 22 Jul 1804; (5) **Hiram**, b. 24 Apr 1807, St. George, NB, d. 20 Jan 1808, Bonny River. [He & mother Betsy, drowned by falling through the ice - Magaguadavic River; (6), b. c1810, d. bef. 1817; (7) **Jemima Bell**, b. c 1812, Whiting, ME, d. Jan 1878, Bonny River, NB, m. John Smith CRAIG, St. George, NB, 11 Jun 1835, b. 1802, d. 7 Mar 1866, Bonny River; (7) **Hataville Leighton**, b 10 Mar 1813, St. George, d. 24 Jan 1903, Augusta, ME, m. Elizabeth Gill BARTON; (9) Hiram, b. c1815, d. bef. 1861, St. George. (CLC Bk. 95, 245,& 266).

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BELL, John, b. 1814/21, d.1881. Received 200 ac. Land Grant, 25 Mar 1840 at Lot C, west side of Winders Stream, (Linton Stream), [just Southeast of Second Falls & Bonny River], Parish of St. George, NB. m: Mary Jane LOGAN - 6 Aug 1846, she was b. 1832 in Ireland. Their Grant was on the S/E edge of Digdeguash Lake just south of where the Stream flows out. There was a dam at the mouth of the stream which had two mills on it, a lumber mill and a grist mill. The Bell property was once described as being " 2 miles from Linton Mills". Their neighbours were Samuel & Mary LOGAN. John & Mary BELL had eleven children: (1) Margaret, b. 20 May 1847; (2) Mary, b.27 Apr 1849; (3) Martha, b. 22 Jun 1851; (4) Ann, b.22 Sep 1853; (5) William, b. 22 Dec 1855; (6) John Henry, b. 7 Mar 1858, d. 2 Mar 1941, m: Alice Amanda JOSLIN - 10 Apr 1895, they moved to Anoka in 1930, Alice was b. 1870/71 in NH, 6 Sep 1873, d. 28 Dec 1964; (7) Samuel E., b. 22 Mar 1860; (8) Charles, b. 8 May 1862; (9) Robert, b. 1865; (10) Hattie Helena, b.1867; (11) James Edward, b. 1870/71. John Henry & Samuel E., moved to Ham Lake, Anoka County, MN in 1881, the year their father died. CLC Books: 136,208, 498.

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BENEY, Thomas, b. Bet. 1806-1810 in England, d. 24 Jul 1872 at Lee Settlement, St. George Parish, Charlotte County, N.B., m. Sophia Mary MYLNE, 13 Oct 1846 at Piskahegan, Charlotte Co., d/o Alexander MYLNE & Mary ASH, b. 3 Aug 1848 at Piskahegan, d. 22 May 1898, Lee Settlement, NB. Children: All born at Lee Settlement, (Elmcroft), N.B. - (1) **Mary Elizabeth**, b. 28 Jul 1848, d. 21 Mar 1892, Calais, Maine; (2) **William Henry**, b. 6 May 1850, d. 12 Apr 1928, Lee Sett'l; (3) **Archibald Colin**, b. 24 Jan 1852, d. 3 Apr 1937; (4) **Sarah Alice**, b. 1855, d. Aft. 1930, Boston, MA; (5) **James Thomas**, b. 1856, m. 4 Jun 1886, Calais, ME., - Mary CRECY; (6) Harriet, b. 1858, d. 1914, Calais, ME; (7) Robert, b. 1860; (8) George Alexander, b. 12 Mar 1863, d.4 Oct 1942, Lee Settlement; (9) Lucretia, b. c1867, d..... CLC Bks: 245, 304.1 & 304.2.

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BONNEY, Joel William, b. 14 Aug 1740, Pembroke, MA.(or ME.), d. 9 Apr 1824, Portland, ME. He was a woodsman, millwright, carpenter & sometime trader in fish and furs, & lived at Pembroke, & Machias, ME., and then, as a "pre-Loyalist", in 1779 moved to Charlotte County, N.B., - Grand Manan Island, (Bonney's Brook), & in 1780 at Digdeguash, and abt. 1781 briefly, on the Magaguadavic Rvr. at Second Falls & Bonney River. Joel m. 1st Lydia KENNY, 10 Oct 1763. m 2nd Elizabeth SPRAGUE, 22 Oct 1766; this date has also been recorded as 1769. Elizabeth was the sister of Abiel & James SPRAGUE, (fellow-travellers of Joel). Joel's children: (1) **Lydia**, b. 1763/64, m. Ebenezer GILMAM, 27 Oct 1790; (2) **Joel, Jr.**, b. 26 Mar 1770, m. Hannah RITTER; (3) **Perez**, b. 16 Sep 1772; (4) **Elizabeth**, b. 6 Aug 1774, m.(1) Kelly MARSH, m.(2) John JIMISON; (5) **Hannah**, b. 26 Oct 1776, m. Hezekial MACK; (6) **Moses**, b. 2 Oct 1777, d. 4 Jul 1870, Princeton, ME., m. Jane Elizabeth CHETTIS; (7) **Alexander**, b. 1780 - first white child b. on Grand Manan, NB., Minister, died young. (8) **Asa**, b. 3 Dec 1781; (9) **Sarah**, b. 6 Mar 1784, m. David CRAIG, Grand Manan, NB; (10) **Ruth**, b. 1786, d. 1787; (11) **William**, b. 21 Mar 1788, m. Susan; (12) **Anna**, b. 12 Mar 1790; (13) **Abiel**, b. 21 Sep 1791, Minister, m. Mary SPARKS, divorced.

PANB: MC.80, p.179,180 & CLC Books: 136, 208, 245 & 303.

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BLISS, Samuel, b.19 Nov 1750 at Concord, MA., , d. 28 Feb 1803, St. Andrews, N.B., Lieut. 84th Regiment, (Royal Highland Emigrants); married 17 Jun 1779, Halifax, Nova Scotia - Mary HARWOOD/HARROD, it is believed she d. Bet. 3 & 23 Oct 1791 at Newburyport or Needham, MA. **Samuel**, (the Loyalist), was the son of Daniel & Phebe (Walker) BLISS of Springfield & Concord, MA., and grandson of Thomas & Hannah (Caldwell) BLISS. **Samuel's** siblings were: **Daniel, Phebe, John, Thomas T., Hannah, John#2, Martha & Joseph** - all born in MA., during the years 1739 - 1757. As a Loyalist, "Sam", A Shopkeeper at Greenfield, MA., enlisted in the Royal Highland Emigrants, (84th Regt.) on 14/17 June 1775 and during the Revolutionary War, his postings included Boston, Nfld., RI, NY, NJ, VA & SC, (the Carolinas). After the Revolutionary War, Sam & 10 of his men from "the 84th", & other soldier-settlers came to LeTang & Bliss Island, near St.George, NB., in the fall of 1783. Sam built a home on Bliss Island, near Blacks Harbour. Sam's lands included Bliss Island, White Horse Island, St. George Town Lots, and later lots upriver on the Magaguadavic & at Pennfield. He filed a report on Loyalists at L'etang on 1 June 1784 which included 35 people: soldiers/settlers - John CRAIG, John GOSS, John LANE, John SMITH. etc. After Samuel's death in 1803, (burial St. Andrews, N.B.), -widow Mary and family moved to the Boston area. Children of Samuel & Mary: (1) **Mary Harrod/ Harwood BLISS**, b. 8 Feb 1783, Halifax, NS., m. 'Deacon' Samuel HEWES who was born in Boston. She d. 1 Mar 1868 at Needham, MA. (2)**Sarah** **BLISS**, b. bet. 1785 & 1803, near St. George.

Soldier-Settlers CRAIG, GOSS, LANE, SMITH, & others,. came to LeTang & Bliss Island in the fall of 1783 with their Lieut. Sam and, we believe, built the Bliss home on Bliss Island, near St. George/Blacks Harbour.

PANB:MC80/1720, pg. 163, Ward Chipman Papers, MG23,Ser.1, v.27, p.284.

CLC Books: 85, 127, 136, 159, 245, & 433.3.

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CRAIG, John, (Sr), b. c.1760, d. 1833, came to NB as a Loyalist from the 84th Regiment, (Royal Edward, Windsor, N.S., after serving in the Carolinas, He married **Sarah SMITH**, c 1797, she died 1825. They were settlers at Bonny River, St. George Parish, 413 acre Land Grant. Children: (1) **John Smith**, b. c.1802, m. Jemima Bell ASH; (2) **Elizabeth**, b. c.1803 [both baptized 22 Jul 1804] ,believed to have m. Jas. WINGARN; (3) **Sarah**, b. c.1806, m. 9 Apr 1829 Samuel MORELAND, d. c.1840; (4) **Joseph**, b.1811, m. 6 Nov 1837 Elizabeth MINGO; (5) **Lydia**, b. Sep 1815, d. 24 Oct 1837, m. Benjamin WILLIAMS 22 Aug 1835, d. 24 Oct 1837.

John, arrived in the St. George area after the Revolutionary War with Lieut. Samuel BLISS & nine other ex-soldiers from the 84th Regiment, four from the Kings Orange Rangers, seven from the 64th Regiment, one from the 7th Regt; one from the 23rd; one from the 40th; three from the NS.Volunteers, four Loyalists and four women & two children under ten yrs. They came from Nova Scotia - Windsor & Halifax via Saint John to LeTang & Bliss Island, near St. George and Blacks Harbour. Lieut. Samuel BLISS' - "Return of Men, Women & Children, 1 Jun 1784", - includes John CRAIG, John GOSS, John LANE, John SMITH, etc.

My Direct Male Line:

John Smith CRAIG, c1802- .
Jeremiah L. CRAIG, 1840-1925.
Clarence E. CRAIG, 1886-1976.
Chester C. CRAIG, 1912-1992.
Calvin Lee CRAIG, 1936- (CLC - The Compiler),

PANB: MC.1/Craig#2, MC.80/1213 & MC.80/2239. -Also see: CLC Books: 84.8C, 85, 100, 127,136, 159, 208. 245, 285 & 433.3).

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GOSS, John, born at sea - 1756, d. 1820, Bonny River, N.B. He was the son of Thomas GOSS, b.1736 in Ireland, immigrated to New York, 1756. John came to N.B. as a Loyalist from the 84th Regiment, (Royal Highland Emigrants), in 1783, just after the Revolutionary War, after serving in the Carolinas, etc. He married **Hannah (Bliss) GIBBS**, b. 1772, Boston, MA., d. 1835, Bonny River, NB. He & Hannah settled at Bonny River, Parish of St. George on their 623 acre Land Grant. Children: (1) **Peter**, b.15 May 1794, Bonny River, d. 13 Jun 1868, Anoka, MN; (2) **Alice**, b. c1800, d.18 Feb 1874, m; Daniel BROCKWAY; (3) **Hannah**, b.29 Feb 1804, d. 28 May 1899, Dover-Foxcroft, ME., m: Artemas BROCKWAY; (4) **John T.**, b. 15 Sep 1806, d.26 Mar 1893, Ayer, MA., m: Mary PRATT, 7 Oct 1829, she was born in 1812 at Second Falls, NB., they moved to Presque Isle, ME., Mar 1842; (5) **Phoebe**, b. c1808, d. Bonny River, NB., m: Hiram GILLMOR, b.1791; (6) **Mary**, b....., d....., USA, m: Adaniram GILLMOR, b.1809; (7) **Priscilla**, b., d.....Bonny River, NB; (8) **Elizabeth**, b..... Bonny River, N.B., d....., m: Benjamin WILLIAMS, 17 May 1838, St. George, NB.

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CLC Books: 84.8C, 85, 127, 159, 201,208, & 245.
MG 23 D1 vol.27, p.284,& vol 24, p. 305.

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Gerry Goss has a unique connection: - he is descended from all three: BLISS, CRAIG & GOSS!

Other Records

1814: Appointments: Parish Officers Appointed: John CRAIG - Surveyor of Highways. And - John GOSS - Assessor, Constable, Fence Viewer, Surveyor of Timber & Town Clerk.

1815: Appointments: - John CRAIG - Surveyor of Highways. And John GOSS - Assessor, Constable, Town Clerk, Fence Viewer, Weigher of Hay, etc.

1816: Appointments: - John CRAIG- PoundKeeper & John GOSS - Town Clerk, FenceViewer, & Surveyor of Highways.

1817: Appointments: - John GOSS, as above.

1818: Kidron Brook NB, permit to cut logs.

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