

PICTOU COUNTY ROOTS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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GUEST SPEAKER

The Monthly Meeting of the Pictou County Roots Society will be Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, at the temporary location of the New Glasgow Library. We will meet in the Community Room at 2pm.

The archivist from the Museum of Industry in Stellarton, Erika Wilson, will be speaking on the holdings of the museum and their research room.



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MEMBER UPDATES!

Submit your interesting finds, photos or stories to be included in future editions. They can be emailed to eacoadyDNA@yahoo.com. Timing of newsletters is still to be determined, but the more submissions from members the more often we can publish!

PICTOU COUNTY ROOTS UPDATE

The AGM was held February 11th elections results were as follows:

President – Ken Fraser

Vice President – Bob Marshall

Treasurer – Nedra Wilson

Secretary – Brenda Hutchinson

Genealogical Secretary – Susan Parker

We would like to hear from you 😊

We have been working on filling our calendar with guest speakers for our monthly meetings, suggestions are encouraged to keep up momentum!

Q. Looking forward to volunteering?

A. There are many projects that could utilize as many hours as you wish to volunteer. There is also the opportunity to volunteer in the Heritage Room to greet visitors and assist them in their searches. Talk to Ken or Nedra to sign up!

The more you submit, the more there is for others to read!

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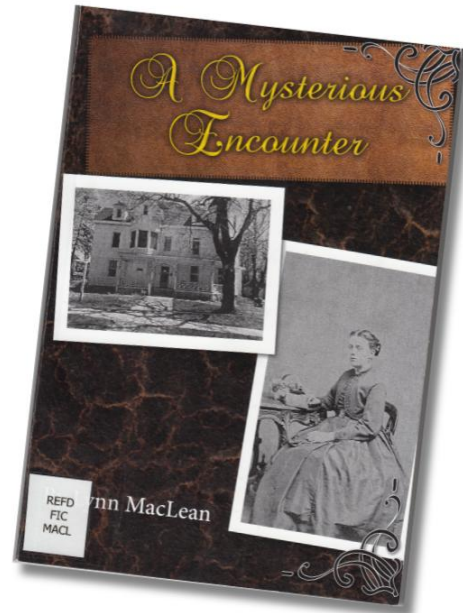
Genealogy & Library Update

Heritage Room Updates since last meeting:

Heritage Room received a new copy of Lynn MacLean's children's book on Caroline Carmichael, *A Mysterious Encounter*, for the glass cabinet. All of the books in the glass cabinets are searchable on the library's online catalogue, which can be found on parl.ns.ca. Many do have physical copies available to check out and take home as well.

There have been several local inquiries this past month, mainly looking for obituaries and newspaper articles. The Roots also received an email looking for an East River St. Mary's baptism record from a researcher in Minnesota.

We have a student from North Nova Education Centre, Penny, helping out at the library weekly until May. Penny has started to index the physical issues of the Evening News the library has in storage.



FIGURING OUT EARLY SUTHERLAND FAMILIES IN KERROWGARE

Prepared by Libby Coady ecoadyDNA@yahoo.com

Found in the Land Grants: Book N Page 67 14 August 1828

Lot 1: Alexander Sutherland	Yeoman	200 acres
Lot 2: Donald Sutherland		200 acres
Lot 3: Alexander Sutherland	Shoemaker	200 acres
Lot 4: Alexander Sutherland	Carpenter	200 acres
Lot 5: not assigned		

Lot 1: Son Robert relocated to Barneys River and sold land after Alexander's passing.

Lot 2: Donald relocated to Barneys River and sold land to Donald Sutherland

1838 Census

(Lot 3, Shoemaker) **Alexander Sutherland** Farmer. 1 male under 6, 1 female under 6, 2 males over 14, 1 female over 14.

Total in family 6

Who are they? <6: Alexander b. 1835, Temia's mother?

Over 14: Donald Sutherland & George Sutherland

Female over 14: Betsy Sutherland b.1828, Anna Sutherland (wife) or Catherine Sutherland (mother)

(Lot 2) **Donald Sutherland** Farmer. 2 males under 6, 1 female under 6, 1 female over 14. Total in family 5

Who are they? <6: David b. 1832, male _____, female _____

Female over 14: wife (possible a 1st wife or Anne MacKenzie)

(Lot 4, Carpenter) **Alexander Sutherland** Farmer. 2 males over 14, 2 females over 14. Total in family 5

Ages not yet known, wife: Joan MacKay children: Alexander, John, Margaret, William Donald (bought lot 2 above),

Jane b. 1816, Angus b. 1819

1851 Census Page 130 Maxwellton Township

(Lot 3) **Alex Sutherland** 1 house, 1 family. 3 males 10-20, 2 females 10-20, 1 male 20-30, 1 female 20-30 I male 50+ and 1 female 50+

Angus Sutherland 1 house, 1 family. 1 male 20-30, 1 female 20-30, 1 female 50+

William Sutherland 4 houses, 1 family. 2 males less than 10, 3 females less than 10, 1 male 10-20, 1 male 30-40 & 1 female 30-40

(Lot 2) **Donald Sutherland** 1 house, 1 family. 4 males under 10, 1 female under 10, 2 males 10-20, 2 females 10-20, 1 male 40-50 & 1 female 40-50

(Lot 4) **Alexander Sutherland** 1 house, 1 family. 1 male 20-30, 1 female 20-30 & 1 female 50+

1861 Census

William Sutherland 4 males + 5 females = 9

Angus Sutherland 1 male + 2 females = 3

Deeds

1840 Land Deed Alexander to John 100 acres Book 23 Page 48

1872 Alex, shoemaker and wife Nancy to Alex, farmer 200 acres Book 63 Page 341

1878 Alex, Yeoman to John 50 acres

1893 John Sutherland to Daniel K. Macdonald Book 104 Page 688 (Lot 1)

Beginning at the north east angle of three hundred acres of land
in possession of said John Sutherland thence south sixty five
degrees east along the northern boundary of said land thirty chains to
the north east angle of Daniel Sutherland land thence south twenty
five degrees west along Donald Sutherland's north west line ninety
chains or to the lands of one Duncan McDonald thence north sixty
five degrees West along the north line of said Duncan or Donald
lands fifteen chains or to the north west angle of said lot thence
south twenty five degrees west eighty chains or to the south
west angle of said John Sutherland's lands thence north sixty
five degrees west fifteen chains or to the west boundary of said
land thence north twenty five degrees east one hundred and
fifty chains or to the place of beginning containing three hundred
acres more or less within the above described bounds. To Have
and to Hold the said lot of land with the appurtenances unto
the said Daniel McDonald his heirs and assigns to him and
them, sole use forever.

1943 Lot 1 went back to the crown. 300 acres

NINTH: ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate,
lying and being at Kerrowgare, in the County of Pictou, bounded
and described as follows: **BEGINNING** at the North West angle of the
three hundred acre lot of said John Sutherland; thence South
sixty five degrees east along the North boundary of said land
thirty chains or to the North West angle of lands now or formerly
of Donald Sutherland; thence South twenty five degrees west along
Donald Sutherland's north line ninety chains or to the lands
formerly of one Duncan McDonald; thence North sixty-five degrees
West along the north line of said Duncan McDonald's lands fifteen
chains or to the North west angle of said lot; thence South
twenty five degrees west eighty chains or to the Southeast angle
of said John Sutherland's lands; thence North sixty five degrees
West fifteen chains or to the west boundary of said lands; thence
North twenty five degrees east one hundred fifty chains to the
place of beginning, containing three hundred acres more or less.

Information from Wills

Alexander Sutherland, Kerrowgare 1891 (signed 1884) <http://haggis.mccullochcentre.ca/document/4160>

Wife: Bella . Land neighbored by: Brother John, William Sutherland, Donald Chisholm

Nephew: Alexander Neice: Temia McPherson

Nephews Alexander:

- George & Betsy (Fraser) Sutherland's son Alexander b.1848 d. 1931 in Ryswick, British Columbia
- Donald & Catherine (Sutherland) Sutherland's son Alexander b. 1857
- John A & Christy (Ferguson) Sutherland's son Alexander b. 1868 m. Lucy Palmer