



The River Round Up

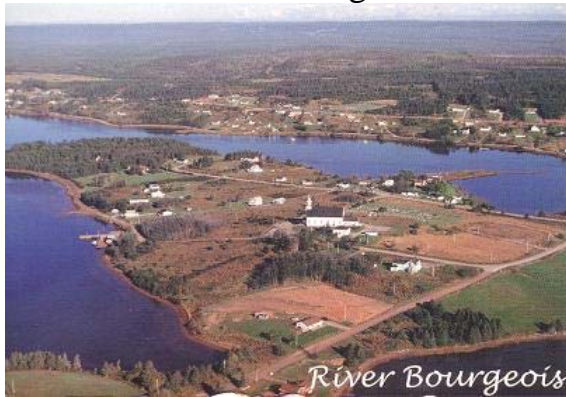
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Rivière-Bourgeois



Picture courtesy of Warren Gordon

Rivière-Bourgeois est situé dans le sud de l'île du Cap-Breton sur la route 4, une trentaine (30) de milles de la Chaussée de Canceau (Canso Causeway) et 5 milles de St. Pierre (St. Peters).

Les différentes localités du village commençant de l'est sont: Rivière-Tillard, le Grand-Goulet et la Briquiers, la Pointe de l'Église (Church Point) où se trouve l'Église et pendant 30 ans la dernière école; le Bord-du-Nord (North Side), le Bord-du-Sud (Southside), les Étangs (Richard's Pond), Thibeauville et la Fausse-Baie (False Bay).

On ne sait pas la date de l'arrivée des premiers colons mais en 1752, le Sieur de la Roque mentionnait la Rivière-Bourgeois et nous savons qu'envers 1770, on trouvait des habitants aux Étangs près de l'entrée de Rivière-Bourgeois.

Vers 1805 on trouve les noms Acadien; Landry, Boucher, Samson, LeBlanc, et plus tard (1811) Dugas, Bourque, Fougère, Pitre, Babin, Richard, Digout, Boudrot (Boudreau), Bona, Pâté, McPhee, MacDonald. Vers 1864 Bisset, Boyd, Béranger, Mac Lean, Robertson, Thibeau, Le Vesconte, Grimes. Les derniers noms ne sont pas Acadien et aujourd'hui on trouve beaucoup de noms Écossais, Irlandais, Anglais etc.

En 1869 la paroisse est devenu St. Jean Baptiste. Le premier curé était Père Guillaume LeBlanc et à présent l'an 2004 Père Reginald Currie est curé.

Nous voulons dire 'Bienvenue' à tous qui visitent Rivière-Bourgeois en 2004 et surtout à ceux/celles qui viennent pour le Congrès Mondial des Acadiens.

Nous voulons aussi vous souhaiter des belles reunions de familles et pour accès d'Internet le CAP est situé au Centre Tara Lynne. *Therese Digout*

Catherine Touesnard



Marie "Catherine" Alma was born September 29th, 1928 on Church Point, the youngest of ten children of Emile (*the first Touesnard to live in RB*) and Mary (Sampson) Touesnard. Catherine attended school in the east end of River Bourgeois and completed her grade ten. It was necessary to board in St. Peter's at that time if you wanted to further your education and her parents did not have the funds. Catherine has fond memories of her childhood and loved schooling. Her father who was born in France taught her to write in French and she was so proficient at it that even to this day she corresponds in French with her father's family in France who she personally never met.

Catherine remembers her father taking her older brother Allan at age eleven to work on the Lake boats. After several years Allan had saved enough money to start a farm across from the family home and never set foot on a boat again. Emile would also

make and repair sails for the tall ships when they docked in St. Peter's. The Touesnard family would take the rowboat over to Bistouri Island every Sunday to dig clams. In 1947, following her education, Catherine went to Hamilton, Ontario to assist her sister Rigina who had a new baby. She returned to Nova Scotia to work as a housemaid in Halifax at the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. In the early fifties, she came back to RB to take care of her ailing parents. Her mom passed away in 1958 and her dad died in 1966. During those years Catherine worked part time doing housework in many homes in RB. She recalls one place where they made her wash the clothespins before putting the clothes on the line. The most memorable homes she worked at were those of Leo & Theresa Landry and Emily & Henry Fougere of the Southside following the birth of their children.

Catherine suffered from cancer in 1981 and following her chemotherapy treatments visited the sainte Anne de Beaupré Shrine in Quebec. Being of very strong faith, Catherine believed it was a miracle that she was cured and has returned to the Shrine every July for the past twenty- three years. Her favorite time was the millennium year when there was a spectacular show called "Christmas in July" to celebrate the 2000 birthday of Jesus. It was breathtaking she recalls. Catherine loves the seven-day excursion by bus and spending time with her friend Rose Sampson from L'Ardoise.

These days Catherine enjoys reading & writing letters and visits from Florence. We the people of River Bourgeois wish you, Catherine, good health and many more trips to St. Anne's. *Sharon Chilvers*

Canada Day Celebrations



Jillian Burke & Megan Merrick enjoying the festivities. Looks like Rita Landry is also enjoying herself in the background.

Great crowds, good food, music by the Island Driftwood, Chinese Auction, face painting, children's games etc. all contributed to a fun packed July 1st at the Tara Lynne Center. Thanks to a grant from the County and a lot of hard work by the Youth Development Committee and all their helpers. They

were able to raise around \$1700 for the various youth related activities. Their last purchase was a large trampoline. The CAP site staff deserves a thank you for lots of help.

Award



Kirk Boudreau

Kirk Boudreau, son of Annabelle & Michael, was the recipient of the Sir Frederick Fraser Award at Richmond Academy. The \$500 award, given to one grade 12 student in Nova Scotia annually, is in recognition of academic effort and participation in extra curricular activities.

Kirk was also able to take part in the first-ever sailing school for disabled persons at the St. Peter's Marina this summer. A lot of organizations including the Lions Club and the St. Peter's Yacht Club were involved in bringing the specially adapted boats and the expert instructors to the area. Although the learning part is over, one of the boat remains at the Marina and we understand that Kirk is really enjoying his time on the Bras D'Or Lakes.

Graduations

The following are all headed to Richmond Academy in the fall: Tara Lynn Benoit (Diane Breau), Kelsey Burke (Larry & Theresa), Evan Landry (Lawrence & Janet), Joshua O'Brien (Laurie & Mike Pottie), Christine Pottie (Leonard & Cynthia), Tina Scott (John & Eleanor), and Molly Warner (Norman & Genevieve). Congratulations to: Joshua for receiving a merit award for his achievement in French; to Molly for the highest marks in French & Most Progressed Student; to Kelsey for her Effort Trophy, for 2nd highest average, certificates for 1st place in music, PDR, English Language, Arts, French Emersion & several awards for second place finishes and to Tara Lynn for her trophies for Perfect Attendance, Effort & certificates in Math, Science, French, Social Studies and English Language Arts.



Karen Burke & April Sampson

Burke, Karen (Conrad & Wanda) graduated with a Culinary Arts Degree and is employed in Halifax.

Sampson, April (Glen & Annette) graduated with Honors from the Halifax Campus with a Diploma in Photography. She is returning to take digital imaging in the fall.

Congrès Mondial Acadian

The following events will take place at the RB CAP sites as part of the congrès: **Friday**, Aug. 6: 10:30-12 Children's story hour; **Sunday**, Aug. 8: 1-2 pm Workshop on how to complete genealogy research; **Tuesday**, Aug. 10: 11-2pm Open House/local history; **Thursday**, Aug. 12: Computer Acadian Treasure Hunt.

RB Festival

Our 26th Annual will take place from Aug. 28 to Sept. 5 so please read the attached schedule.

Throughout the festival volunteers will be needed to aid with parking, canteen work, selling tickets and working at the door at several events. The festival is a time of friends getting together and having fun but its financial success decides what programs the RBCSS can provide in the coming year. Call Holly @ 3251 to join our list of volunteers.

Girls ages 8-12 interested in participating in the Festival Princess Pageant can also call Holly at the CAP site at 535-3251 to register.

For opening night, the organizers are hoping that if you still have your wedding dress/suit that you will allow your daughter or granddaughter to model it and we're need men's wear as well. The plan is to put on a show of *Reflections* from the 1930's onward. Call Elaine @2741 or Ann @2726.

The festival shirts are here (we are limited in sizes so shop early) as are a new shipment of mugs so drop in the CAP site or Bucky's garage and buy your Christmas presents early.

Births

Fougere: Leyna Evelyn weighing 7lbs 6oz. was born June 29th to Bruce and Lisa in Durham, North

Carolina. Proud grandparents are Hubert & Marguerite Fougere.

Ramsay: Lydia Anne weighed 6lbs.10oz when she was born on July 22nd to parents Genny & Jason. Proud grandparents are Ann & Danny Landry and great grandparents Theresa & Leo.

Weddings

Aarts/Landry: Congratulations to Jeffery, son of Frank & Judy Aarts of Carberry, Manitoba and Kimberly Ann, daughter of George J. Landry & Sally Baccardax on July 16th. Kim and Jeffery reside in Elk Point, Alberta.

LeVesconte/McIntosh: Congratulations to Robin & Richard who were married June 22nd in the field at Farley Mowat's. Robin is the daughter of Marilyn & Kenneth LeVesconte of St. Peter's and Richard is the son of Susan & Don McIntosh of Kenora, Ontario. They reside in RB.

Savoie/Sampson: Congratulations to Ronnie, son of Jessie & the late Bill Savoie of Hay Cove and Nicole Ann, daughter of Ann & Bucky Sampson who were married on June 26th. Nicole & Ronnie will reside in Little Judique.

Deaths

MacLean: Joseph Edwin (Jody) 71 years of Barra Head passed away June 25. Jody was a brother to Marion Maltby.

Posties of the Past (cont)

Office Name	Postie	Start Date	Vacancy/Cause
River Tillard	Alex Young	1924-10-01	1940-03-03 (Death)
	Mary Young	1940-04-15	Acting
	Mathilda Boudreau	1945-04-09	1970-08-20 (Office Closed)
Hawker	Simon McPhee	1919-08-01	1927-06-07 (?)
	Seraphine Pottie	1927-06-30	1951-06-29 (Resigned)
	Leo MacPhee	1951-09-30	1970-08-20 (Office Closed)
South River Bourgeois	Vital LeBlanc	1917-02-01	1932-05-03 (Dismissed)
	Philemone Burke	1932-05-05	1942-08-17 (Resigned)
	Nita Landry	1942-10-22	1945-04-07 (Resigned)
	Victor Burke	1945-12-23	1970-08-20 (Office Closed)
Thibeauville	Peter Thibeau	1907-08-01	1931-05-13 (Death)
	Mrs.	1931-06-	1940-09-18

	Margaret Thibeau	04	
	Peter A. Thibeau	1941-04-21	1950-04-25 (Resignation)
	Stewart M. McLean	1951-02-10	1954-09-02 (Death)
			1954-09-09 (Office Closed)
Seaview (Rear Lands) (Sporting Mountain)	William Urquhart	1868-07-01	1900-09-10 (Death)
	Donald McRae	1900-12-01	1916-07-08 (Death)
	Wm Sutherland	1916-10-15	1927-05-14 (Death)
	Mrs. Florence C. Pottie	1927-06-15	1927-10-06 (Resignation)
	John N. Morrison	1927-10-10	1931-12-10 (Political Partisanship)
	Mrs. Lottie Annie Emma Morrison	1932-01-12	1937-02-03 (Chang in Site)
	Mrs. Annie Flora Morrison	1937-02-20	1953-08-29 (Resignation)
	Mrs. Alma Cecilia Mason	1953-10-01	Acting
	Mrs. Alma Cecilia Mason	1954-01-07	1954-12-28 Departure of former PM
	Mrs. Evangeline LeBlanc	1954-12-28	Acting
	Mrs. Evangeline LeBlanc	1955-02-02	1966-04-23 (Resignation)
	Mrs. Cecilia Elizabeth Touesnard	1966-05-12	Acting
	Mrs. Cecilia Elizabeth Touesnard	1966-06-27	1970-04-27 (Permanently Closed)

Donnie Pottie

Bits and Bites:

- Contractors, Lorne Burke and Charlie Martell, discovered a piece of history when they were doing renovations on the old house of the late Mary & Eugene Digout. In the outside wall they found a piece of a *Montreal Daily Star* dated January 17th 1898. In the scrap of paper is the story of the death of Lewis Carroll (the Rev. C. H. Dodgson), author of many stories but our

most loved is *Alice in Wonderland*. They also uncovered an old Horseshoe under the stud of the front door. Was that an old tradition?

- Day Camp** for children age 5-10 at Tara Lynne Center 10am-3pm on Aug 2nd-6th. Registration 9:30 Aug 2nd. Fee is \$10. Have the child bring a lunch, sunscreen and hat. MSI # is required at registration.
- Seniors** meeting Aug 3rd 1:30.
- Next **CAP site meeting** Wed., Aug 11th at 7
- Open house** to celebrate Lenova and Bernard Sampson 50th Anniversary on Aug 7th at 7-9pm.at the TLC. Best wishes only
- A mini/bake bingo** will be held on Aug. 8th at the Seniors Bldg at 2pm.Proceeds to Mary Babineau, sister of Anne Sampson and Ed Pentecost and former RB resident who is suffering from advanced cancer.
- RBCSS** meeting on Sept. 15th at TLC at 7pm.
- Anniversaries:** Congratulation to Linda (LeBlanc) & Frederick Richard and to Louise (Richard) & Norman LeBlanc on their 35th wedding anniversary on July 12th
- Birthday greetings** to Margaret Burke, Ann Sampson, Father Sandy McNeil, Glyn Chilvers, Ric Chenier, Carina Clattenburg, Charlie Digout. Stanley McPhee, Leo Fougere, Elaine Burke, Joe Boucher, David Burke, Mary Ellen Pentecost, Virginia Sampson, George Robertson and Estwood Davidson who was 91.
- Congratulations** to Kelsey Burke who was named "The Cadet of the Year". Kelsey is the daughter of Larry & Theresa Burke.
- We have a good selection of *new used books*. **Notices for the church bulletin should be left at the CAP site before 5pm Thurs.** Hours are 11:30-8 pm Mon-Wed & 8:30-5pm on Thurs & Fri. On weekends by appointments only, call Sherry (3182) or Sharon (3516).Cap site phone no. is 535-3251
- A reminder** that anyone wishing to book the **TLC** should call Ann Clow at 535-2726. For use of the **Funeral Home** call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 2939 to **open the church** for all special services such as funerals, weddings etc.
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