



# The River Round Up

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## Simon & Germaine Carter



Germaine Theresa was born on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1939, the last of Victor & Mary Emma (Landry) Digout's ten children. Her only sister Margaret was the oldest so the arrival of a girl was met with great delight. Her eight brothers treated her like royalty and they, to this day, still consider her their 'baby sister'. Germaine attended Cannes School and completed her education at the new Stella Maris School. It was at this time she began to date *Teenie* (Anthony Burke), son of Maurice & Alice (Blanchard) of Cannes. Teenie was older and had returned to RB after a stint in Ontario and moved on to work in Halifax. Following her schooling Germaine also moved to Halifax to pursue Teenie. She worked as a telephone operator before moving on to the Royal Bank.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1959 they were wed by Father Samson at St. John the Baptist Church. The wedding Mass lasted a mere twenty minutes as it was in the middle of fishing season and Father had to attend to his traps. The newlyweds returned to Halifax and both continued to work until Germaine became pregnant with their first child and was forced to quit as women in maternity clothes were not permitted to be working in public. Germaine & Teenie had four children: Paul who resides in Bridgetown, Stephen &

David in Halifax and Monica in Dartmouth. They later had six grandchildren. Sadly Teenie passed away of heart problems in 1977. With four young children to raise, Germaine returned to the workforce at the IWK for the next ten years.

In 1991 while visiting her mother at Richmond Villa, Germaine met Charlie Mombourquette who was also visiting his mom. Charlie was born in L'Ardoise but spent most of his life in Ontario. It was love at first sight and five months later they were wed at the St. Vincent Guest House in Halifax with their best friends Monica & Stanley McPhee as their attendants. Following the wedding they moved to RB to Germaine's parent's old homestead and spent their winters in Florida. No children resulted from this union however Germaine gained two wonderful step-children. Again the marriage ended abruptly when Charlie passed away less than three years later.

Germaine spent the next nine years busy volunteering with the Parish Council and the CWL. She was a frequent participant in skits at the RB festivals and with her wonderful sense of humour she was repeatedly the recipient of pranks. If there was laughter in the room you could be sure Germaine was either the topic or the contributor. In May of 2002 she was at a benefit at the tavern in St. Peters when her niece Louise LeBlanc introduced her to Simon Carter and lo and behold husband number three was waiting in the wings.

Simon Joseph Carter was born in Sampsonville the third of eight children to Daniel & Sophie (Sampson) on May 26<sup>th</sup> 1931. He attended Lakeview School until he moved to Ontario as a teenager. He worked in Welland and Niagara Falls for some time and then moved to the Ford Plant in Oakville for three years, followed by seven years in Toronto. While in Welland, he met Lovey Locke from Glace Bay and they were wed in September of 1956 in Toronto. Simon & Lovey had four children: Karen who lives in Port Hawkesbury, Michael in California, Kim in Dartmouth and Jason in Ontario and four grandchildren ensued. In 1961 the family moved to

RB while they were building their house on the North Side of St. Peters. Simon went to work at Stora in Port Hawkesbury and stayed for the next twenty-nine years. Sadly Lovey passed away in 1981.

In 1983 Simon had a second chance at love when he became reacquainted with his childhood sweetheart, the widowed Grace Carter. Five months later they were wed in St. Peters Church and he became a step-father to seven more children who adored him. Grace passed away in 1999.

Simon spent the next four years making crafts in his wood working shop and playing cards with his friends. Little did he think that he would be love struck for the third time? In May, 2004 his life was changed forever when he met the lovely and charming Germaine. He realized that if laughter would prolong your life that he would have many more years to go. On October 24<sup>th</sup> after a five month whirlwind courtship they were married at St. Peters Church with Simon's good friend Father Duncan MacIssac officiating. With a total of seventeen children/stepchildren (also a number of grandchildren and great grand children between the two of them) and the fact that age played a factor they made a conscientious decision not to have more children. They now reside in the old homestead (Perhaps one of the oldest houses in RB. It was built with logs more than one hundred and sixty years ago) where Germaine was born. Simon & Germaine the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of love and laughter. You deserve it! *Sharon Chilvers*

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*Sweetheart couple Anne & Joe Sampson*

This past year has been a busy one for the club. Some major repairs were required following a leak in the plumbing system. Thanks to the Church Point Sampson boys who did the majority of the reconstruction. The exterior of the building received a much needed coat of paint and a new look. Fund raising was at an all time high. Tickets were sold on a clock donated by Cletus Touesnard, a quilt donated by Madeline Cook and an afghan by Monica Stone. Two merchandise bingos were held and the Club received an \$1800 grant from Richmond County Municipality, \$1000 from ECBC and \$1000 from St. Peters Lions Club for the Expo Festival. On Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> President Anne Sampson and Secretary Sharon Chilvers attended the "Celebrating Community Service" luncheon at the St. Peters Lions Club in recognition of their exemplary community service and dedication to the people of Eastern Richmond. A \$500 donation was made to the Seniors Club by the Lions Club.

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## River Bourgeois Seniors Club



*Valentine's Day Queen Gail Kenny & King Peter Boyd*

On Feb 13<sup>th</sup> sixty-four of its now one hundred and one members of the River Bourgeois 50+ club got together for lunch and a few laughs. Valentine Queen Gail Kenny and King Peter Boyd were crowned. Also the Valentine Sweetheart couple Joe & Anne Sampson were given carnations. Lunch was catered by Delores Roberts who also decorated the hall for the festivities.

## River Bourgeois Memorial Cenotaph Restoration Committee – Update

The following are excerpts from three Round-Ups of the day:

### **River Round Up - May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1954:**

*"For some time now, we have been thinking of getting some kind of a Memorial in remembrance of the boys of River Bourgeois, who gave up their lives, in defence of their country, during the First and Second World Wars. In speaking of ways and means of making money for this purpose, someone suggested starting "The River Round Up" again and as we are always being asked, "Why doesn't someone send the R.B. news in to the papers?", we decided it might be a good idea to do that and in this way raise funds for the Soldier's Memorial. Now these are our plans for the Soldier's Memorial. It is to be placed near the gate of the ball field, at the Parish Hall, and for any former citizens, who may not know where the Parish Hall is, it is on the Highway above Mrs. Joe D Burkes, right where you get one of the most beautiful views of R.B. It is to be*

made as a Cairn, made with rocks and cement, in the form of a pyramid, with brass plates, on which will be written the names of all the veterans of World Wars One and Two, who have given their lives during these Wars, either in the Army, Navy, Air Force or Merchant Navy. An iron fence will be placed around the Cairn, leaving place for the planting of the flowers, and if Peter Digout is not too old by the time we get the Memorial, he can look after the flowers."

**River Round Up - Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 1956:**

"At least I have definite news on our Monument for you. We have the concrete foundation made, and our Monument ordered. We were hoping to have it unveiled for Armistice Day, but I had word the other night that it would not be ready for two or three weeks. At first we had made plans for a Rock and cement Cairn, with a Bronze Plaque, with the names of those Killed in Action on it. Aloysius Burke, who is himself a veteran and is now a Bricklayer by Trade, was going to be at the head of it. However Aloysius has been employed at Halifax for some time now, and we could hardly expect him to leave his job, so rather than wait until next spring, we decided to order a Monument from Steele's in North Sydney. The Monument is to be made of grey Canadian Granite, Polished. It is six and a half feet high, on a one foot base, which with our base will make it about eight and a half feet high. It is supposed to be an \$800.00 Monument, which, will cost us \$675.00

**River Round Up - Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 1957:**

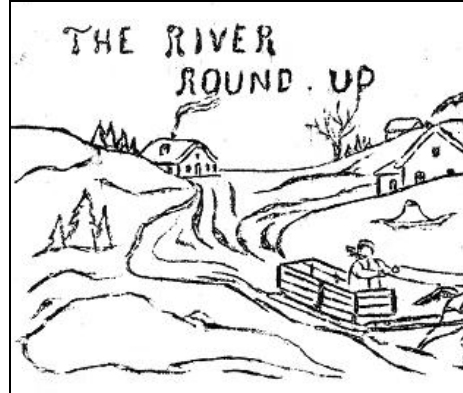
Since our last Edition a great many things have happened not the least of these being that our Soldier's (I should not say Soldier's but Veterans Monument, as it pays tribute to all our Veterans, both living and dead) Monument has been placed on its Foundation, near the Parish Hall.

Some fifty years later, in September, the River Bourgeois Community Services Society (RBCSS) presented a proposal to Fr. Mac Dow and the River Bourgeois Parish Council (RBPC) in regards to the future of our cenotaph. The proposal provided for the refurbishment, restoration and future care of the cenotaph. To be illegible for funding from Veterans Affairs Canada it is necessary to provide evidence of ownership of the lands on which the cenotaph stands. With the support of Fr. Mac Dow and the RBPC, the plan was presented to Bishop Lahey. All necessary documentation was also provided at this time. In late December correspondence indicated the acceptance of the plan and the drafting of a new deed to the RBCSS. The registration of the deed followed shortly thereafter. The committee met on February 20<sup>th</sup> to review all necessary preliminary work on getting estimates and other information required before an application can be made for assistance from

the Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program of Veteran Affairs Canada. Our goal is to complete the work in time for Remembrance Day which would correspond with the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy Ridge. Progress reports will be made available throughout the year to keep everyone informed. Thanks to all who have donated funds to date.

Respectfully, the Committee: Joe MacPhee, Maurice Landry, Raymond Doary, Debbie Fougere, Mike Fougere & Donnie Pottie

**History**



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In the cenotaph item we mentioned several excerpts from the old River Round Ups. I am sure many of our readers remember the pictures that Roderick Burke from the Southside used to draw monthly for the headers. A lot of the editions we are having transcribed have poor quality paper so we have been unable to scan his work. Several years ago we asked him if he still had the originals and luckily he found some in his attic. We have scanned them all and in the CD's that we hope to have out by August, we have them inserted in the proper issue. I understand that if Roderick was not available, his brother Richard would have filled in. Thanks Roderick for saving this piece of history.

**Who Are They?**



Front row: L - R: Angeline Sampson (Jimmy Henry's sister), Clara Landry, & ?. Back row: Jimmy Henry Sampson, Rachael Fougere (Clara's aunt), Jean Baptiste Burke (brother of Joe P. who married Rachael), ?, & ?.

This is one of the photos Donnie Pottie had developed by Bob Martin from the 'glass negatives' received from Mimi Fougere (acquired from the collection of photography equipment belonging to 'Franco' Pate which Marie Boyd was fortunate to get when A. J. (Pap) Landry cleared Franco's home after taking possession). Bob was very intrigued by the good condition and age of the negatives. I've sent the photo off to Gregory Sampson who identified a couple of the people and have since been able to identify a couple as well. Perhaps some of our readers could help identify the remainder of these people. A little later we will have a second photo (acquired at the same time) which hopefully some readers can also help us identify. The glass negatives have been donated to the CAP site and will be on display along with the photos later for anyone interested in seeing them. *Donnie 535-2740*

### Births

**St. Louis;** Jaimie Leigh, 7lbs 12oz, was born on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> to Courtney. Congratulations to grandparents George & Francis St. Louis and great grand parents Joe & Anne Sampson.

**LeBlanc:** Hanna Rene, 7lbs 3oz, was born Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. to Darin & Angie. Congratulations to sister Amber and grandparents Clarence & Elsie LeBlanc of Louisdale and Robie & Doreen MacDonald of Grand Anse.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



*Granddaughter Kayla, son Jimmy, Mary Ellen, son-in-law Ricky, daughter Heather and Ed*

On Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Mary Ellen (Sampson) & Ed Pentecost celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The following day more than forty members of their family and friends surprised them with a dinner and party in their honour. Their children Heather of Brampton, Ontario and son Jimmy from Halifax made an unexpected arrival on the special day. Daughter Sandra who lives in Vancouver was unable to attend along with grandsons Robert & Shawn who sent their best wishes. Congratulations to you both.

### Bits and Bites

- The St. John the Baptist Parish Council held a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. A sum of \$822.00 was raised for "Development and Peace". Thanks to all who flipped, served, cleaned and those who donated food.
- **Richmond County Winter Festival** took place from Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> to Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>. The winners were Bridge- Sharon Chilvers & Margaret MacNeil; Cribbage: Elaine Burke & Adolph Kehoe-Tarbish: Anne Sampson & Francis St.Louis
- On Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. **Curtis LeBlanc Jr.** from Base Gagetown; grandson of Rita LeBlanc & step-grandson of Irene MacInnis of RB left for Afghanistan along with a number of other troops. Our prayers are with Curtis for a safe return.
- **Congratulations** to Joe & Margaret Bouchard who celebrated their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Richmond Villa.
- **Happy Birthday** to Eunice Landry of Seaview who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- **Indoor Yard Sale** March 17, 2006 from 10-3 at the Tara Lynne Center. Tables \$5.00 Call Laurie @ 535-2313 or Paula @ 535-3053.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo**, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm.
- **CWL** meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 Vestry.
- **RBCSS** meeting Mar 28<sup>th</sup> (WED) 7pm.
- **Merchandise Bingo** Sun. March 4<sup>th</sup> 2pm, TLC, sponsored by the CWL.
- **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg. Mondays at 7pm.
- **45 Card** game Seniors Bldg. Sundays-7 pm.
- CAP site will open to the public from 2-6pm Mon -Fridays. CAP phone # is 535-3251. Email address is [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com) and our website is [www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap](http://www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap).
- Anyone wishing to book the TLC should call **Mike Fougere at 535-3308**. People requiring use of the Funeral Home call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special functions i.e. weddings, baptisms etc.
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