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Emily & Peter LeBlanc



Emily Ann was born on October 7th, 1949 the fifth of six children to Joe & Margaret (Beranger) Bouchard of Cannes. In 1955 Emily went to the Stella Maris School, but not because she wanted to. She cried for the first two years before realizing that mom, dad and grandma Bouchard were not going to let her stay home. As a young lady she began to visit her friend Sharon on the Southside more frequently. Everyone found out later she was only visiting on the pretence that a certain young gentleman may be at home. Following graduation from St. Peter's High in 1968, Emily attended Business College in Sydney. She was homesick that whole year, despite coming home every weekend. Upon graduation she moved to Halifax and was employed by Maritime Tel & Tel for four years. Even in Halifax, she always seemed to want to return home on the weekends. She always led everyone to believe she was homesick until it was discovered that she had other reasons for coming home. It was a handsome young gentleman from the Southside named Peter.

Peter Anthony was born January 9th, 1951 the fifth of fourteen children to Fred & Charlotte (Landry) LeBlanc of the Southside. On his fourth birthday his parents gave him a new sister named Susan. He was not impressed with this gift. Fred & Charlotte were into recycling long before it became popular. Clothes, shoes and toys were always recycled in a house of 14

children. Peter received a Tonka truck (a toy outgrown by Patrick Goyetche) for Christmas when he was three. The following year he received a red truck followed by a blue truck. Dad was a master at disguising toys to look new. At age five Peter had a pet lamb named Pierre. The family members, except sister Emily who was afraid of the lamb, as it always seemed to pick on her, loved Pierre. Finally Peter's uncle, Cletus Landry took it to the "zoo". It was a coincidence that the family enjoyed a lamb stew for supper that evening.

Following his schooling, Peter decided to become an entrepreneur and purchased a store from his uncle, Cletus on the Northside. As he did not own a car, Peter would deliver groceries to his customers by bicycle and sled. After a couple of years he purchased a car, which he used for deliveries and to attend the dances at the Caledonia Hall, where he became reacquainted with his sister's friend Emily.

Emily & Peter dated for a couple of years before they were wed on September 22nd, 1973. A year later they welcomed daughter Amanda followed by daughter Rebecca. Amanda, husband Jason, daughter Mary-Emma & son Thomas reside in Truro, while Rebecca and partner Gary call Dartmouth their home.

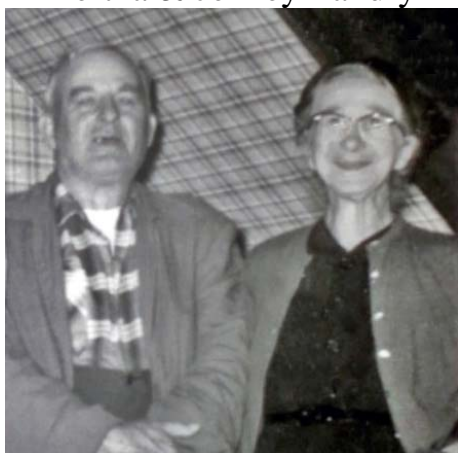
Three years after the opening of his store Peter was devastated when a fire claimed it. Unable to rebuild due to land regulations, Peter chose a different path in his life. Always interested in cooking, he went to work in a camp to cook for the woodcutters. Emily and the girls would join him during the summer months. As the machinery replaced the woodcutter, Peter saw an opportunity to learn heavy machinery. Today he still remains employed with the same company some thirty-three years later. Emily was a stay at home mom who helped with school lunches & taught religion classes.

When the girls were young Peter & Emily became involved with 4H so the children would have something to do. Both were leaders and are still involved with the program seventeen years after the last of the kids left home. Peter was honoured

numerous times and last year was named Canada's Volunteer of the Year. He has been a member of the Legion for twenty-eight years and as a result of his dedication, has received many commendations. Although Emily is no longer a member of 4H, she has continued to be by Peter's side helping him. Once Peter mastered his cooking skills (taught by Emily) they began a catering service on weekends. As both Emily & Peter love to cook, many pies, stews and homemade chocolates are also distributed to those less fortunate, ill, the lonely or to those unable to cook for themselves. Peter is perhaps better known in the area for his gardening skills and generosity to the neighbours, food bank and the elderly. Each year he donates part of his garden, known as Rows of Hope, to the food bank.

These days Emily continues to visit mom at the villa and enjoys reading. Peter takes his mom to the tavern every Sunday (to play cards). They both love to play cards, cooking and adore their grandchildren. Emily & Peter you have dedicated so much of your lives to your community and the people of River Bourgeois want to say thanks and wish you many more years of health, happiness & good cooking, especially those chocolate turtles. *Sharon Chilvers*

Bertha & Jeffrey Landry



Jeffrey Landry was born January 25th, 1887 to Jean (Landry) & Pierre Landry. Jeffrey did some fishing along the coast of Nova Scotia and down as far as Boston. Cod and herring were traded at Levesconte Store for dry goods such as flour and sugar. Jeffrey also built fishing boats in the off-season. On February 8th, 1909 he married eighteen year old Bertha Alvina Bouchard. Bertha was born October 26th, 1891, the daughter of Elias & Gracieuse (Bourque) Bouchard. In a 1971 interview with Father Hughie (The Bird) MacDonald, Bertha spoke of having no washing machine and not only having to do the wash by hand but also all other household chores along with barn work. She also said Santa

Claus only arrived for the last three children and her most lasting memory was the day she fell in the well. Jeffrey & Bertha had fifteen children and a total of 275 direct descendents:

Marie Evangeline (Geline), 1910-2000 (RB) married Fred Doary in June of 1938. They had eight children: Everett, deceased in 2005; Roddie, Sydney; Arthur, Marie & Raymond in RB; Anna, Alice & Claire in the Halifax area; eighteen grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Hector, 1912-2004 (St. Peter's) married Adehlia Landry in 1946. They had one son, Theodore in Barra Head; and one granddaughter.

Guy, 1914-1988 (Seaview) married Eunice Landry in 1935. They had three children: Dena in Albert Bridge; Hervie, deceased in 1938; and Clarence in Seaview; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Louise, 1915-1997 (Halifax) married Gerald Muir in 1945. No children.

Albert, 1917-1990 (Sydney) married Delia Landry in 1941. They had eight children: Joan, Hantsport; Sandra, BC; Arnold, Dartmouth; Reggie, Grand Greve; Leonard, Ontario; Gregory and Brent in Sydney; Richard in Halifax; twenty grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

Jean, 1919-1998 (L'Ardoise) married Harry Lindloff in 1940. They had two children: Edward and Hazel both in L'Ardoise, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Grace, 1920 (Plymouth) married Edward Melanson in 1946. They had seven children: Caroline, Edward, Anne Marie, Harvey, Sandra (deceased), Patsy and Ruth; eleven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Everest, 1921 (Innisfil, ON) married Horner Hirschfeld in 1946. They had five children: Warren, Louise, Susan, Anne Marie and Jeffrey; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.

Joseph Alcantra: 1923-April 1924.

Annette, 1925 (PEI) married George Ling in 1946. They had twelve children: Douglas, Anne, Marie, Susan, Helen, Jane, Peggy, Gracie, Lynda, Debbie, David and Tommy; twenty-three grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Henry Michael, September 1926-December 1926.

Leger, 1928-2009 (Sydney) married Marie Stonely in 1949 and they had four children: Lawrence, Anthony, Vincent and Stephen; six grandchildren.

Cyril, 1931 (Halifax) married Marjorie Clark in 1954. They had four children: John, Bernadette, Dorothy and Blaise, three grandchildren. Cyril married Annie Burke in May 2005.

Alcantra, 1932 (RB) married Dorothy Sampson in 1952. They had six children: Peter, Halifax; Emma,

Michael, Donna and Gerarda in RB and Alcantra Jr in Louisdale; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Anna, 1938 (Halifax) married Allen Sladden. They had two children: Arlene and Ronald, two grandchildren.

I am Silent



Kelsey Sampson & Samantha Touesnard

On April 20th a group of students from Richmond Academy's Interact Club took a vow of silence for the day to raise awareness for child soldiers, gay rights and a child's right to an education. Thanks Samantha & Kelsey for participating.

CAP Site Annual Meeting

The River Bourgeois CAP site's annual meeting was held on April 14th. The slate of committee members are: Sharon Digout-*Chair*; Therese Pottie-*Vice-Chair*; Ann MacNeil-*Treasurer*; Wanda Burke-*Secretary*; Holly Stone-*Richmond CAP Rep*; George A. Landry, Heidi Leroux, Marguerite MacDonald, Ann Clow and new members Art Digout, Karin Digout & Dorothy Barnard. Our site was open the required twenty hours a week throughout the past year and we wish to thank: Gloria MacDonald, Stan Digout, Kelsey Sampson, Samantha Touesnard, Ann MacNeil, Megan Merrick, Julia Burke, Art & Karin Digout, Paula & Brandon LaFantasie, Michele McPhee & Therese Pottie for making it possible. We also wish to thank our spares: Raymond Doary, Linda Burke, Rose Merrick, George Grinnell & Bob Slade. We said goodbye and thank you to Tim Cunningham, a long time board member. We continue to offer high speed & wireless service along with faxing, photocopying and a used book section.

Many thanks to Sharon Chilvers for taking over the River Round Up when I had to step down in August & April Sampson who came on board to help out. Thanks also to Therese Pottie who continues to handle our subscription list, George Digout for

delivering; Murdock MacPherson for converting them to PDF and Lynn Boudreau for putting them online and maintaining our Website. Board members continue to work on historical projects, postcards, note cards, Heritage Walk booklets etc. In August we welcomed Sandra Phinney who came along with two photographers to RB to do a story on the Round Up and expanded it to include our beautiful community and its people. The article is due out in *Saltscapes* magazine in the next couple of months.

We have just finished our second year as an independent non-profit organization. We received \$2500 from Service Canada but the government status on CAP sites is questionable and 2010 could be our last year. We applied for a \$500 grant from Richmond County towards a new computer and thanks to the support of Gilbert Boucher it was granted. This past year we were able to hire Robyn Merrick for 12 weeks with funds from the Federal Government. We also had two students working in the site who were funded by summer grants to RBCSS. More Richmond County sites have closed due to lack of volunteers but we have been able to provide consistent service. Our success would not be possible without our great volunteers and the ongoing cooperation & support of the RBCSS. *Sharon Digout*

CWL Annual Meeting



Back row: Father McDow, Ann Clow, Wilma Landry, Tina Coleman, Linda Burke, Leona Campbell Front Row: Therese Pottie, Elaine Burke & Deirdre Boyd.

The St. John the Baptist Catholic Woman's League held their annual meeting on April 18th. During the Mass the members who reached milestone anniversaries were acknowledged: 10 years: Cathy Aitken, Sharon Chilvers, Maureen Cosman-Burke, Debra Digout; 25 years: Margie Boudreau, Barbara Robertson; 40 years: Joan Rogers, Mimi Fougere; 50 years: Margaret Bourque, Florence Sampson. Chartered members with 57 years are Margaret Bouchard, Evelyn Burke, Therese Digout, Jane Landry & Mary Touesnard. After mass, members were treated to a delicious brunch by Peter & Emily,

followed by the meeting. Reports were read by the executive and the chairperson of each committee. Special recognition was given to Sharon Chilvers for her work and dedication to raising funds for the CWL. New member Linda Bouchard was welcomed. The 2010-2012 Executive are: *Spiritual Advisor* Father MacDow, *President* Elaine Burke, *Past President* Deirdre Boyd, *President Elect* Marlaine Burke, *Secretary* Tina Coleman, *Treasurer* Therese Pottie, *Spiritual Development* Wilma Landry & Marlaine Burke, *Organization* Deidre Boyd, *Education & Health* Linda Burke & Rose Merrick, *Christian Family Life* Mary Fougere & Monica McPhee, *Community Life* Leona Campbell & *Communications* Ann Clow. *Ann Clow*

RB Volunteers

Congratulations and thanks to the RB volunteers who were honoured by Richmond County Municipality at a dinner on April 23rd. They are: *R.C. Legion* Sonya Hayter, *R.C. Ladies Aux.* Irene MacInnis, *Richmond Academy* Darren Stone, *Richmond Community Access Society* Francine Boudreau, *RB Community Service Society* Mike Fougere, *RB Economic Development* Rose Merrick, *RB Mariner Society* Clifford Landry, *RB Seniors 50+ Club* Tina Coleman, *RB Technology & Training* Sharon Digout, and *St. John the Baptist CWL* Charlotte LeBlanc.

Births

Landry/Meagher: Ethan Peter Michael, 9 lbs 12 oz., was born Easter Sunday, April 4th to Peter Jr. & Tara. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Peter Landry, Marie Landry, Joe & Pauline Meagher and great-granddad Alcantra Landry.

Morrison/Bishop: Matthew David Duane, 8lbs 9 oz., born on April 6th to Chris & Michelle of Thornhill, ON. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents David & Sue Morrison, Duane & Cathy Bishop, great-grandparents Hal Harley & Margaret Morrison.

Deaths

Burke: Elaine, 65, of Didsbury, AB passed away on April 22nd. Our condolences to her husband Sonny (Peter), her children, mother-in-law Obeline Burke and her many in-laws.

Pottie: Wilfred (Lawrence), 79, passed away on April 6th. Our condolences to his brother Terry & family.

Richard: Jean David, 50, of Port Hawkesbury passed away on April 11th. Our condolences to his mother Lucille and grand mother Marie Boucher.

Samson: Allan Francis, 52, of Halifax passed away on April 10th. Our condolences to his brother Hughie and family.

Bits and Bites

... Brunch/Concert: Thanks to Robyn Merrick who took on this project as part of her community project at NSCC. Special thanks to all who helped making it so successful under the direction of Debbie Landry. The next brunch will be held on June 13th. RBCSS is also grateful to all who supported and entertained at the concert under the direction of Wayne Bona. Concerts will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 1-4 pm. Next concert is May 9th. Take your mom (Mother's Day) for an entertaining afternoon of local talent.

... **Cribbage** every Monday, 7pm, Seniors Bldg.

... **45 Card** game every Sunday, 7pm, Seniors Bldg.

... **Bingo** every Friday night at the Tara Lynne Center. Early Birds begin at 7:45 and regular games at 8:00.

... **Exercise Program:** at Seniors Bldg Mon, Wed & Friday, 11-12 am.

... **Merchandise Bingo** May 2nd at TLC, 2pm. Proceeds to the CWL.

... **Seniors Mini Bingo** Wed., May 19th, 1:30pm.

... **Seniors Meeting.** Tuesday, May 11th 1:30pm.

... **Cap Site** meeting Wed., May 12th 7 PM

... **Knights of Columbus meeting** Wed., May 12th at St. Peter's Glebe at 6:30pm.

... **RBCSS Meeting.** Wed., May 26th, 7pm at TLC.

... **RB CAP Site hours: Mon - Thurs. 2-4 6-8 and Fri. 2-4. The RB CAP Site new web address is http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.html**

... 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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