



The River Round Up

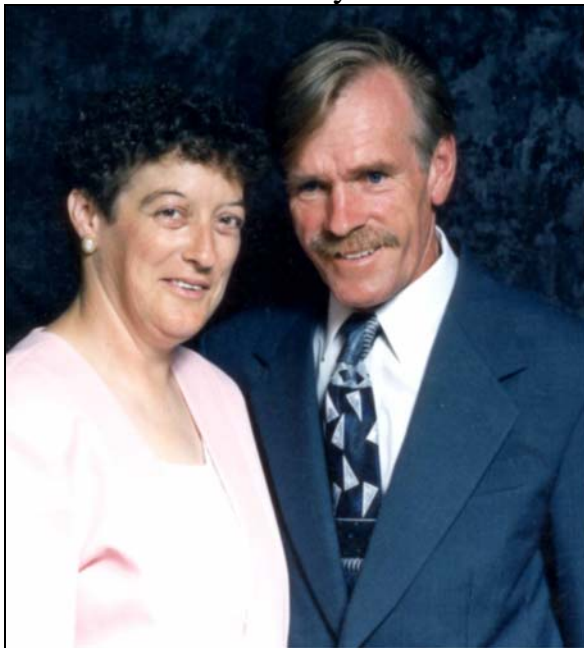
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Emma & Gary Burke



Gary Joseph was born on June 19th, 1950 the eighth/ninth child (along with twin brother Garvey) of eleven children to Obeline (Boudreau) & Tony Burke of Seaview. Gary attended the Seaview School for a year before his mom moved the family to River, Bourgeois to a home next door to his grandparents, Sam & Gertie Boudreau. Being an identical twin had its benefits, however at times it could lead to unwarranted punishments. During childhood an event occurred that allowed the family to tell the twins apart. When older brother Ronnie accidentally chopped the tip of Gary's finger with the axe Garvey's first reaction was that now "nobody will ever mistake us again". Never mind that it was not his finger that had been chopped.

Santa often forgot to stop at the Burke household with toys but would leave them a stocking with an orange and a few candies stuck to the wool at the bottom of the sock. Gary's godmother gave him a

hen for a Christmas gift and, like the story book it laid a golden egg every day, which the children took turns eating. One every twelve days made for healthy eating (no clogged arteries).

At age seventeen Gary moved to Vancouver to work in a plywood mill but he soon missed the east coast, so two years later he returned to his roots. At this time he started to work with Alcantra Landry and took an avid interest in his boss' beautiful daughter Emma.

Emma Mary was born November 10th, 1953 the second of six children to Dorothy (Sampson) & Alcantra Landry of the Church Point. Emma attended the Stella Maris School before completing her schooling in St. Peter's. She graduated from the Strait Regional Vocational School with a Diploma in Retail Merchandising. The same year, she began dating the funny and handsome Gary Burke. She & Gary moved to Halifax to seek employment. Gary worked emptying septic tanks (not a potential career) and Emma worked as a waitress.

On August 28th, 1971, Gary & Emma were wed at St. Paul's Church in Halifax. Following the wedding they motored to RB where a reception and party was held at Obeline's. Gary & Emma have two daughters, both living in St. Peter's: Laurie (1972) with husband Shawn Landry and children Kerstin & Donaven; and Kim (1973) and her husband Louis Sampson and children Zachary, Yasmine & Xavier.

A month after their wedding Gary & Emma left Halifax for Cape Breton. Not wanting to waste their money on bus fare and carrying all of their worldly goods in a bag attached to a stick, they hitch hiked home. They got a ride in a tractor trailer hauling pulp and were dropped off at Obeline's driveway. Gary went to work cutting wood, however it was at this time he was stricken with spinal arthritis, a very painful disease which continues to plague him to this day. In 1975, Gary moved his family to Calgary to work in drywall with his brothers. They returned to Halifax in 1980, where Gary continued working with drywall. In 1989 it was time to make their final move

to RB, where they purchased their current home on the North Side from Octave Chaisson. In 1990 Gary purchased a truck and became his own boss as he received a contract from the Municipality of Richmond to pick up the garbage. He has no immediate plans for retirement. In 2002 Emma became employed with Nova Scotia Home Care and continues to enjoy her career.

These days Gary & Emma enjoy their Four-Wheeler immensely. Gary loves to go fishing trout and since Emma is not always confident about his abilities to catch dinner, she brings along a supply of hotdogs. Gary loves to write songs about the locals because his only other musical talent is turning the radio on. Gary & Emma the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health & happiness and may you never lose that sense of humour. *Sharon Chilvers*

Sisters Celebrate Milestones



On May 9th Delta Babin celebrated her 99th birthday and on May 16th baby sister Angela Burke celebrated her 95th birthday with their families and friends at the Richmond Villa. Sister Margaret will be 97 in July.

Annie & Simon McPhee



Simon McPhee was born on the False Bay Point on Sept. 10th, 1874 son of Registe & Margaret (Pate) McPhee of L'Ardoise. On Jan. 7th, 1895, Simon married Annie Landry, daughter of Charles Landry &

Adelaide (Fougere) Landry, Church Point (born Nov. 6th, 1871). After their marriage Simon & Annie moved to their home, where they brought up their family of nine.

Simon built his own house as well as a barn, chicken coup, sheds and his sons' store. They had farm animals for their own use, planted vegetable gardens and Simon and his boys hunted and fished, thus enabling them to live off the land. Simon ran Hawker Post Office out of his home from 1919–1928, until such time the Liberals lost the election and so went the Post Office to the Conservatives across the way - to long time friend Saraphine Pottie. Annie was somewhat of a mid wife and was always called upon when Saraphine had her babies. Besides being a great cook Annie knitted, sewed and was known to be a wonderful weaver. She not only worked the looms, but could set them up, which was considered a difficult task at that time. She walked long distances to set up looms for people who could not do so themselves. (Now you all know why we McPhees' are so smart!!) Annie read in both French & English and taught her older grandchildren catechism. Jane & Mildred recall getting peppermint candy from her which was quite a treat some 75 years ago. From this union we calculate to date 553 descendents. The McPhees' were known for their great love of children and so our clan multiplied and will be around for awhile. Their children were:

Frank: (South Bar) 1896-1941 - married Mary Pate (RB). They had ten children: Patrick, 1916-1916; Emeline, 1917-2000; Elliard, 1918; Emmabelle; Elizabeth (Betty), 1921-2006; Catherine (Kate), 1922; twins Jean & Joseph 1923-1923; Leonard (Pope), 1927-1998; and Donald; 56 grandchildren, 98 great-grandchildren & 91 great-great-grandchildren.

Joseph (Joe): (RB), 1897-1988 - married Angelena Sampson of Sampsonville. They had fourteen children: Mabel, 1918-1997; Joseph Bonaventure, 1919-1920; Herman, 1920-1986; Edna, 1922-1951; Rosella, 1923- 1985; Veronique, 1924-1925; Cecelia; Eunice, 1927-2005; Jean, 1928-1939; Edgar; Gerald, 1931-1983; Bernard; Mary Veronica, 1938-1939; and Marie; 38 grandchildren , 74 great-grandchildren & 49 great-great-grandchildren.

Ausam (Sam): (RB), 1898-1987 - married Christina Pottie (RB) and they had four children: Elizabeth (Jane); Clarence, 1922-1994; Alan, 1926-1995; and Lola; 2 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren.

Richard: (Halifax), 1899-1989 - married Violet Boudreau of Petit De Grat and they had three children: Joseph, Henry and Mary, 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren & 1 great-great-grandchild.

Margaret May: (RB), 1901-1990 - married Leoni Pottie (RB) and they had four children: Delia, 1921-2006; Hilda, 1923-1981; Mildred, and Peter; 16

grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren & 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Whitney: (RB), 1903-1989 - married Nelly Bourque (RB) in Boston and they had one son, Stanley; 6 grandchildren & 9 great-grandchildren.

Elias: (RB) 1907-1981, never married.

Leo: (RB) 1911-1998 - married Mary (May) Burns of Louisdale and they had two children: Ann and Norman; 6 grandchildren & 13 great-grandchildren.

Lillian: (RB) 1913-1989 - married George Pate (RB) and they had four sons: Lawrence, 1930-2010; Wallace, deceased at eight days old 1932; Alexander, 1940-1942; and Terry; 2 grandchildren.

Thanks to Ann Clow and her many cousins for gathering the data and to Anne Louise Touesnard for the photo creation.

Talented Young Lady



Fourteen year old Hailey Sampson was the Master of Ceremonies at the Mother's Day Concert and we would like to congratulate Hailey for a job well done. Everyone in RB has listened to Hailey sing, perform and watched her blossom into a beautiful young lady since her first debut on stage at age five. Hailey also performed this month in the school rendition of "Beatlemania," which was a huge hit. We are all looking forward to the day when our RB Idol will become our Canadian Idol.

University Graduate



Sally Burke, daughter of Linda & Basil Burke and granddaughter of Ernest Burke, graduated from

Mount Saint Vincent University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Sally received the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Award for her studies in Development Biology Research and Care of Research Animals, in both 2009 & 2010. Sally was the recipient of the Lillian Wainwright Woman in Science Entrance Endowed Scholarship 2006-2010. She was on the Mount Saint Vincent University Dean's List First Class Honours 2006-2010. Sally also received the Lillian Wainwright Biology Prize and The Sisters of Charity Award in Biology in 2008. Sally is returning to Mount Saint Vincent for a Secondary Education program commencing in September.

Confirmation



Back row: Bethany King, Mark Kendall, Colton Burke, Bishop Dunn, Meghan Merrick, Jillian Burke, Julia Burke, Donna Dewolfe, Grant Sampson & Hailey Sampson. Front row: Brandon LaFantasie, Zachary Burke, Shania Boucher, Alisha Kendall & Travis Cook. Missing were Chelsey Dakai, Malorie Fougere & Austin Morrison.

Congratulations to the seventeen youth who were confirmed by Bishop Dunn on May 22nd at St. John the Baptist Church. Thanks to Arthur Doary for preparing the children.

Tidbits from Tyler Lane

Kelsey Burke has joined the Cadet Instructors' Cadre of the Reserves as of April 2009. She is excited about achieving the Queen's Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the near future. While being actively involved in the cadet movement, she is currently in her second year at St. F. X. University. She is on the Dean's List and has received a \$2000 scholarship for 2009-2010. She maintains high standards at university as well as in the reserves. She will accept a position in CFB Greenwood Air Cadet Summer Training Centre as a Financial Clerk in Administration for the second year in a row. Her younger sibling Colton has been an achiever as well: he has the highest average at Richmond Academy. Also, in June 2009, he had the highest achievement on the Board Math Assessment Testing. Regarding cadets, he has obtained the rank of Flight Corporal

and has achieved outstanding results in the Introduction to Leadership Course in Greenwood. Elder brother T.J., after returning from his hitchhiking tour of Europe, had the pleasure of hiking to Spokane, Washington to meet 109 year old Jack Babcock, the only surviving Canadian World War I veteran. He had dinner with Babcock and his wife Dot before hitching his way back home to Cape Breton. Jack passed away in mid-February. T.J., Kelsey and Colton would like to congratulate their Dad, Larry, who (after forty years in Canada) finally gained his Canadian Citizenship and their Mom, Theresa, who marked 25 years with Canada Post on April 6th. At present she is the Postmaster of D'Escousse. Other news from Tyler Lane includes congratulations to Krista (Dorey) & Ryan Ratchford on their Paper (1st) Wedding Anniversary on April 4th. They are in the process of renovating the old homestead/store of Victor & Evelyn Burke. Also, congratulations to Barry Dorey who just celebrated the BIG 5-0! *Theresa Burke*

New Family moves into RB



A family of mom, dad & eight baby foxes have taken up residence on the Church Point in the shed once owned by the late Rachael & Vincent Sampson. *Photo by Delores Roberts*

Births

Olson/St. Louis: Alexander Jonathan Robert, 8lbs 6 oz. was born on May 4th to Courtney & Jonathan of White Court, Alberta. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents George & Frances St. Louis and great grandparents Joe & Anne Sampson.

Rabjohn: Juliaet Hope, 7lbs 2oz, born to Melanie & Kevin. A sister for Colby. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Susan & Ron Walker and Bruce & Ann Rabjohn and great-grandmother Charlotte LeBlanc.

Deaths

Landry: Leo, 88, passed away on May 8th. Our condolences to his wife Theresa, children: Danny,

Vincent, Anne, Rose & Leonard, brothers, sisters and many in-laws and their families.

Bits and Bites:

- ... We, the family of the late Leo "PoPo" Landry, would like to thank everyone for your kindness. We are grateful for your prayers, mass & sympathy cards, donations in Leo's memory and food brought to the house. Especially important was your presence at the wake and funeral. God Bless you All. Theresa and the Landry & Kelly Families.
 - ... Brunch to be held on June 13th 10:30 to 1:30 at the TLC. Lots of homemade goodies. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under five. A concert with lots of wonderful talent from 1-4pm the same afternoon. Canteen will be opened and ½ and ½ tickets will be sold. Good will offering. Come and support our hall, enjoy a great brunch and good music.
 - ... Canada Day Celebrations will be held at the TLC from 11am to 1 pm. Music, good food, Chinese auction and Canada Day Cake. Fun for all ages.
 - ... **45Card** game every Sunday 7:30 pm, Seniors Bldg.
 - ... **Cribbage** every Monday 7pm, Seniors Bldg.
 - ... **Exercise Program:** at Seniors Bldg Mon. Wed. and Fri. 11-12 AM.
 - ... **Merchandise Bingo** July 4th at TLC 2pm, Proceeds to the Seniors Club.
 - ... **Seniors Mini Bingo** Wed., June 16th @ 1:30pm.
 - ... **Seniors Mtg.** Tuesday, June 8th 1:30pm.
 - ... **CAP Site** meeting June 9th, 7 PM.
 - ... **Knights of Columbus meeting** June 9th at St. Peter's Glebe at 6:30pm.
 - ... **RBCSS Mtg.** Wed., June 23rd @ 7pm.
 - ... **RB CAP Site hours:** Mon to Thurs. 2-4, 6-8 and Fri. 2-4. The RB CAP Site web address is http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm
 - ... 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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