

# The River Round Up

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#### Doris & John Brown



Doris Marilyn was born on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1957 the second of six children to Lenova (Bouchie) & Bernard Sampson. Doris attended Stella Maris before graduating from St. Peter's High in 1975. At age thirteen Doris went to Richards Pond to a party with her best friend Debbie Davidson and met her sweetheart, the handsome twenty year old John Brown.

John Anthony was born on January 31st, 1950 the seventh of twelve children to Florence (MacLellan) & Pius Brown of Dingwall. When John was six years old his mom died during childbirth. Unable to care for all the children with the eldest only fourteen years of age, the seven younger children were sent to "Little Flower Orphanage" in Sydney and the five oldest remain with dad. John spent the next fourteen years in several foster homes with the longest time on a farm in Queensville as a laborer (child). In 1970 John came to River Bourgeois to visit his younger brother, Robert who was living at the home of Carrie Beranger. He never left. It was shortly after his arrival he attended a party at Richards Pond and met

a beautiful green eyed girl with big dimples. She was Doris Sampson.

\$2.00

John courted Doris for five years while she was in high school before they wed on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1975. They have three sons: Trevor & Sue live in St. Peter's with daughter Madison (Doris's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday present), Wesley & Kim with children Raely and Gunner and Ryan & Tiffany all live in Port Hawkesbury.

Following their wedding John & Doris lived in Halifax where John was employed in security for two years. Following several scares at work John & Doris chose to return to RB for peace and serenity. They rented the home owned by Ginger & Adeline Fougere for two years while their current home was being built. John went to work in the construction of highway 104 before returning to doing security work. He was employed for several years at the Richmond Industrial Mall prior to working in Port Hawkesbury. In 2009, John opened his own company called "Impact Security". Doris was employed at Stora cafeteria from 1983 to 1987. She then went to the newly built Foodland in St. Peter's as a cashier. In 1990 following a year long strike, Doris and fifteen of the employees became the franchisees of the Foodland store owned by Sobeys. Doris plans to remain there to a ripe old age.

In 1977 John & Doris made their first trip to Dingwall to seek family members. They met John's dad, two older brothers and two older sisters. In 1988 John attended a fire fighters training course in Halifax and while there he met two guys named Lionel and Jerome Deveaux of Yarmouth. Although it seemed insignificant at the time, in 1990 his sister, Mary (who was married to Theo Martens and living in Seaview) organized a family reunion in Dingwall so all the children could finally meet each other. John got quite a surprise when in walked these two gentlemen he had met in Halifax. They were his brothers. Nine of the eleven children along with their father were at the reunion (sister Fern had perished in a fire along with her family) and two others were unable to attend.

In 2001 John & Doris took a trip to Newfoundland with her sister Darlene and husband Don. While there Don arranged a horse and buggy ride not knowing that Doris was petrified of horses. It took much convincing for her to get in the wagon when she saw the huge Clydesdales coming out of the stable attached to their wagon. The ride was through the woods and about a mile later the wagon hit a hole, the axel broke and the wagon went to one side nearly tipping. Doris was now paralyzed with fear when the driver advised them to walk back to the stable and to watch out for the moose along the way. They ran back with the large Clydesdale behind and watching out for moose. An adventure Doris never wants to repeat while John still bares the nail marks in his arm to this day. These days John & Doris spend all of their spare time enjoying their grandchildren. The people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health & happiness.

#### Children Christmas Mass



Mary: Emma Martell; Joseph: Mylan Touesnard; Star: Noah Martell; Angels: Lydia Ramsay, Emily Grimes, Abby Bona, Mila Zinck; Shepherds: Josh Grimes, Colton Burke; Kings: Jeffrey Martin, Ethan Bona, Xavier Sampson; Choir: Haley Sampson, Robyn Merrick, Meghan Merrick, Brenna Cunningham & Yasmine Sampson. Thanks to organizers: Linda Burke & Charlene Touesnard.

## Memory Tree 2011

A Memory Tree was placed in the St. John the Baptist Church where angels and doves were hung with the names of loved ones.

Donations were made in memory of the following: Edwin Bona, Bouchie Family, Joe & Margaret Bouchard, Sam & Gertie Boudreau, Darren Boudreau, Georgie Boudreau, Gerald Boyd, Burke Family, Louis Burke, Hilda & Delore Burke, Clara & Harry Bourque, Muriel Burns, Gerald Campbell, Irene Chilvers, William & Patricia Coleman, Ken Cosman Sr., Estwood Davidson, Lucille Dewolfe, Marie Dewolfe, Marlaine DeVinceutis, Victor &

Mary Emma Digout, Fred Digout, Doary & Goyetche Families, Fred & Gelene Doary, Everett Doary, Deceased CWL Members, Wallace England, Jason Forbrigger, Walter & Cecile Fougere, Scott Fougere, Sam & Evelyn Fougere, Donald Henderson, Ed & Grace Henderson, Clara Jacob, Jeanette Kyte, Delphis Landry, Elizabeth Landry, Sandra Landry, Theresa & Walter Landry, Fred LeBlanc, Eugene MacDonald, John J. Macdonald, Lawrence & Eileen MacIntyre, Marguerite McKenna, Sally, Mary & Arthur Mackenzie, Guy & Gerald Mackenzie, Mary Ellen & Alex MacPhee, Arthur Morrison, Gladys Morrow, Jordan Owens, Bob Pettigrew, Amable & Minnie Pottie, Pottie & Landry Families, Richard Family, Jessica Romano, Augustine (Peter Paul) Sampson, Flo & Edward Sampson, Percy & Ronnie Sampson, Rachel Sampson, Vincent Sampson, Vivian Sampson, Michael Shea, Spiritual Advisors, Alexandra Arsenault Sydor, Charlie & Rachael Thibeau, Annie, Allan & Catherine Touesnard, Gerald & Cecile Touesnard, Rene Touesnard, Joan Viscount, White Family. Donations were made in lieu of gifts in the name of: Art & Karin Digout, David & Debbie Digout, George & Sharon Digout, Marg & Stan Digout, Simon & Germaine Carter, Therese Digout, Dorothy Bernard, & Joseph White. Funds raised totalled \$2323.57 and all monies will go towards the repairs and maintenance of the Funeral Home. Raymond Doary (Chair of the Funeral Home Committee) & RBCSS would like thank everyone who participated in this project.

Agnes & David Samson



David Sampson 1888-1956 married Mary Agnes (Sampson), 1888–1979 in River Bourgeois. David was a skilled carpenter working many years on the Cabot Trail constructing timber culverts made fast with wooden dowels. Agnes was a housewife who was a master at bread making and always wore her trademark kerchief. Agnes was the daughter of Suzanne (Thibeau) & Edward Sampson of River Bourgeois. David was the son of Cap. Anselm Gregory (1862-1938) & Catherine Bouchard, Georgetown, PEI. Anselm lived with his father Capt. David in house presently owned by Cletus & Mary Touesnard. They owned large schooners and a wharf across the road from their house. David senior's

name is engraved on the church bell. David & Agnes had 12 children, 59 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren:

James Anselm 1911-1985 married Theresa Bourque from RB where they resided on the Church Point. They have three children: Casilda: (1933-2004) married Fabian Richard in 1952, they had five children: Two died in infancy, David, Dartmouth, son, Robin; Theresa (Paul Owens) children: Tracy (Kenneth); Tanya; Tiffany (Mike); Patricia (Jonah); Paul (Lorraine), Brampton, ON., Marcus and Katie. Seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren, Garvie (1937) married Peggy Kane, August 24, 1963. They have two children: John and Susan (Adrian Scott), Oakville, Ont., two grandchildren, Marguerite (1944) married Hubert Fougere, May 13, 1967. They have six children: Michael (Kerri); Bruce (Lisa); Colette (Calvin); Denise (Tommy); Andrea (Jay) and Andrew, nine grandchildren. James worked as a construction superintendent and like his for-fathers, he loved the sea. He designed and built five Cape Island boats on weekends and upon his retirement. Edith Mae (Feb. 02, 1913 - Dec. 28, 1996) married Xavier Burke (1914-1988), Nov. 13, 1939. They have ten children: Clem; Bernard (Mary MacDougall) have four children: Blair, Brian, Brenda & Ann and four grandchildren; Lola (Harold Stevens) have three sons; David, Kevin & Paul and five grandchildren, Conrad (Wanda MacNeil) have two daughters Karen & Leanne. Warren (Debbie Burke) have four daughters; Selena, Sharlene, Nadine & Tracy and three grandchildren, Carmelita (Blair Landry) have two daughters: Patricia & Glenda and four grandchildren; Fraser (Linda) have three children; Candy, Peggy & Naomi and eight grandchildren, Richard (Madonna Boarders), Rosemary (Rhodes Kellegrew), Dartmouth have one daughter Rhonda and two grandchildren; John (Wanda Kyte) have two sons Adam & Dale.

Jean (John) Baptiste 1914-1921.

**Mary Muriel** (Richard) MacDonald 1915-1995. Muriel was very supportive to Peter and Dorothy. She loved her dogs.

**Lawrence** 1916-1993 married Linda Presong 1904–2011 of Lower L'Ardoise. Linda's children were: Raymond, Rev. Ronald Pete and foster son Albert Pottie. Lawrence was a former member of the Merchant Navy and a retired carpenter.

Edward 1918-2005 married Florence (Flo) Adeline Sampson 1922-2011, and have seven children: *David* (Glenda); *Paul* (Debra), Halifax; *John* (Cindy), Moncton, NB; *Peter* (Tammy), Stratford, PEI; *Louise* (Jim) Weatherhead, Lower Sackville; *Linda* (Fred) Graburn, Fall River: *Joan* (Charles) Wilfong, Georgetown, ON. Edward worked 42 years for the glass company PPG. They have 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Anthony 1919-1986 married Monica Burke. Children: Wayne (Lynn); Gale (Davis) Lloyd (Glenda); Terry (Cindy); Kevin, (Janice). Anthony was an Army Veteran and a carpenter building many homes in the Halifax/Sackville area. In later years he worked for the Halifax School Board. They have nine grandchildren & eight great grandchildren.

**Mary Agnes** 1920-1946 son *Leo* (Helen MacDougall). Children: Kevin, Mark, Mary & three grandchildren.

**Peter** 1923-2008 was an Army Veteran of the Second World War and wounded in action. He was a carpenter and very handy with woodworking.

**Murdock** 1925-1961 had one son *Kenneth*. Murdock worked as a millwright and loved music. He was killed in a car accident in River Tillard.

**Alfred** 1929-1973 was an auto mechanic in the USA. **Dorothy** 1923- She was well known for her work at A. O. MacLean's in St. Peter's, Gerald Touesnard's Convenience Store and Howard's Market in RB. She devoted most of her life to the care of her mother and brother Peter. *Garvie Sampson* 

#### **RB** Homes under Demolition



In 1932 Joe DeRoache constructed this house from a storage building located across the road from Kay & George Boudreau's. It was probably part of the general store owned by Fred Caree from 1882-1886, John & Mary Forturne from 1886-1901 and Peter MacLean 1902-1920. The building was floated to Joe's brook and hauled to its present location where Joe, a carpenter, built it into his home.



Maurice Fougere (brother to Henry) built this home. It was sold to his nephew Walter Fougere who had renovations made to enlarge it. The cellar was hand dug by nephew Leo Burke. John & Rita Landry

rented here while their house was being built. Remi & Celeste Chaisson and Lawrence & Eileen MacIntyre also resided here for a time. Stanley & Monique McPhee owned it and lived here while their present home was under construction. William & Nellie (Kehoe) Fougere also lived here as did son Carmen.



This was the home of Sam (son of Simon & Annie) & Christine (Pate) McPhee. Their first home burned to the ground in the fire of 1947. Sons Clarence & Allan lived here until their deaths and the house has been vacant ever since.

Thanks to Therese Pottie for the data.

### Trivia Night Winners



First: Sherri & John Grimes, Rita Fougere & Glen Sampson.



2<sup>nd</sup> Claudine Burke, Maxine & David Fraser & Elaine Burke. Thanks to Paul Zinck for the questions and the sixteen teams who participated.

#### **Births**

**Marchand**: Hunter Gerard, 9lbs 9oz, was born on January 20<sup>th</sup> to Chantal & Chris of Lower Sackville.

Congratulations to the parents, grandparents: Donna & Gerard Custard and Larry & Sandra Marchand and great grandmothers: Rita LeBlanc, Joan Marchand & Nanny O'Sullivan.

#### Deaths

**Fougere**: Anne Cecile, 93, of Halifax passed way on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to her husband Herman, his sister Jeanette Pettipas and sisters-in-law Cecelia Baccardax & Margaret Pottie and their families.

**Richard**: Fabie 85 passed away January 25<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his children: Theresa. Paul & David, sisters: Monica and Geraldine, Brothers: John, Clarence, Leo and Tony.

#### Bits and Bites

- ... **Brunch** Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30-1:00pm at Tara Lynne Center. Cost is \$8 and children under age ten \$5.
- ... **Valentine's Day Tea** February 14 at RB Seniors 1-3pm.
- ... **Mini Bingo** February 15<sup>th</sup> RB Seniors 1:30.
- ... **Celtic Kitchen Party** February 25<sup>th</sup> at Tara Lynne Center 7pm. Cost is \$5.
- ... **Happy 89th birthday** to Viola Touesnard.
- ... Seniors 45 Card game every Sun. at 7:30pm.
- ... Cribbage: every Monday at 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.
- ... **RBCSS Meeting** Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm @ CAP Site.
- ... **RB CAP Site Meeting** Tue, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. 7 pm.
- ... RB CAP Site's "new" hours are: Tues. & Thurs. 2 to 8 pm until after the March break. Please note that if schools are closed for storms, the site will be closed. If there is a real need for access outside of these hours, you can call Sharon Digout @535-3516 or Dorothy Bernard @ 535-3447. The RB CAP Site web address is <a href="http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup-archives.htm">http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup-archives.htm</a>. The cost of photocopying was \$0.25 effective December 1st. Our email address is <a href="mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com">rbcap@stpeterscable.com</a>. Phone # is 535-3251 & fax 535-3638.
- ... 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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