

PICTOU COUNTY ROOTS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, July 7th – 11am

Pictou Library, James Lees speaking on “Sap and Sea Power: Nova Scotia, Tar Making, and the Naval Stores Industry in the 18th-Century”

Wednesday, July 8th,

Monthly Meeting of the Pictou County Roots Society

Tuesday, July 14th – 6pm

Pictou Library, Hilary Doda will be speaking on “Fashioning Acadians: Clothing and Cultural Identity before 1755”

July 18 - Digitization Lab

Aug 8 – Clyde MacDonald's book launch

Aug 13-16 is Festival of the Tartans

Aug 22 - Heritage Fair

Aug 29 Matthew Moat's talk



A Pictou County Record

The Eastern Chronicle December 21, 1944

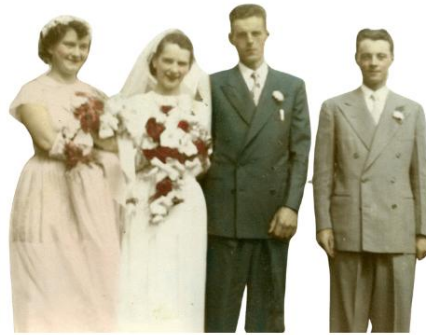
Gentlemen:

Pictonians have set many records and I think I have found another one involving a Fraser family. The subject of this short sketch is James Duncan Fraser, born at Rogers Hill, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. August 5, 1850, the youngest child of Thomas Fraser and Janet Blaikie Fraser, born 1804 and in 1809 respectively. He is the last survivor of thirteen children, born of this marriage, and at the age of 94 is still hale and hearty and possessed of all his faculties, and a keen sense of humor. As a boy of 15 he remembers of hearing on his way to Church of the assignation of President Lincon.

His mother died, and his father married a second time, and moved to Elgin where five children were born to the second marriage.

James Duncan Fraser, our subject, left his father's farm in Elgin, Pictou County, man grown, in 1869, 75 years ago. The was before Elgin, Lorne, or Centredale were named, and when that area was called WEST BRANCH. He sent to Boston,

Heritage Room Updates



Heritage Room:

The Heritage Room has a summer student – you’ll find Emma working on digitizing the *Evening News* from 1999 onwards until the end of August.

The display for July, “Wedding Season,” will feature books about marriage records from the library’s collection.

Library Events:

The Digitization Lab will take place on July 18th at 11am in the Heritage Room. We will be offering to scan photos/documents, and convert VHS tapes to a digital file.

Heritage Alive: A Living History Fair is coming up on August 22nd from 11am to 2pm. Everyone is welcome to come visit the fair and check out the displays – there will be a prize given out during the event!

Genealogy Updates:

June had a few more baptism records from Americans, largely focused on Pictou and surrounding areas. There is a request for information on the McDonald family from the Bridgeville area, who came with the 84th Highlanders.