PICTOU COUNTY ROOTS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING DATES

Monthly Meeting – Wed. Nov 4th, 2pm guest speaker Bruce MacDonald

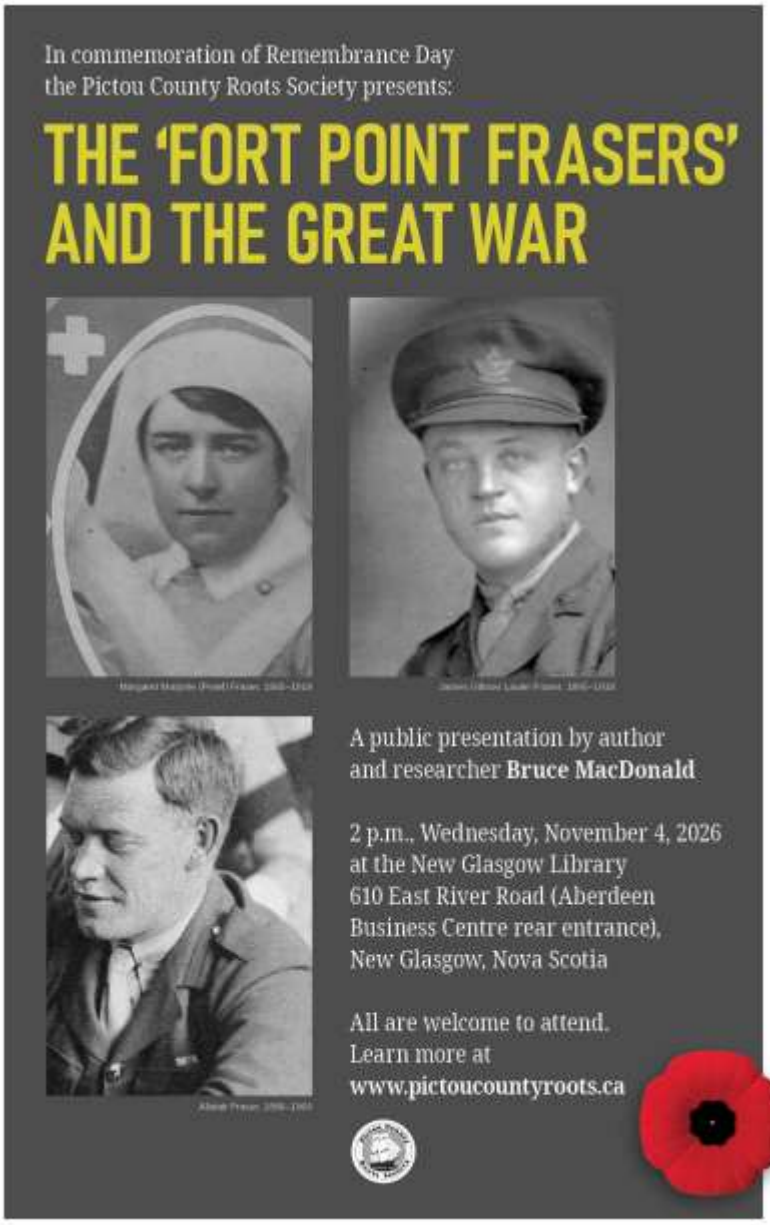
Book Launch! Sat. Nov 7th, **2pm** Judge Clyde MacDonald, Still More Tragedies & Triumphs

Monthly Meeting – Wed. Dec 9th, 2pm Show and Tell, bring a Christmas item, family heirloom or story to share.

Our website has a list of dates!

Be sure to check out the Library website for additional events!

https://www.parl.ns.ca/events/calendars/NG.php



Contact Us:

Pictou County Roots Society

In the New Glasgow Branch of the Pictou – Antigonish Regional Library

Website: https://www.pictoucountyroots.ca/

JUDGE CLYDE HAS ANOTHER BOOK LAUNCH NOVEMBER 7TH

Here's a sneak-peak of the chapter titles in Clyde F. Macdonald's upcoming book, "Still More Tragedies and Triumphs." The book launch takes place on Saturday Nov. 7, 2026 (2 p.m.) at the New Glasgow library (located at the rear of the Aberdeen Business Centre, 610 East River Road, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia). Contact the Pictou County Roots Society to reserve your copy: they go fast.

Still More Tragedies and Triumphs by Clyde F. Macdonald

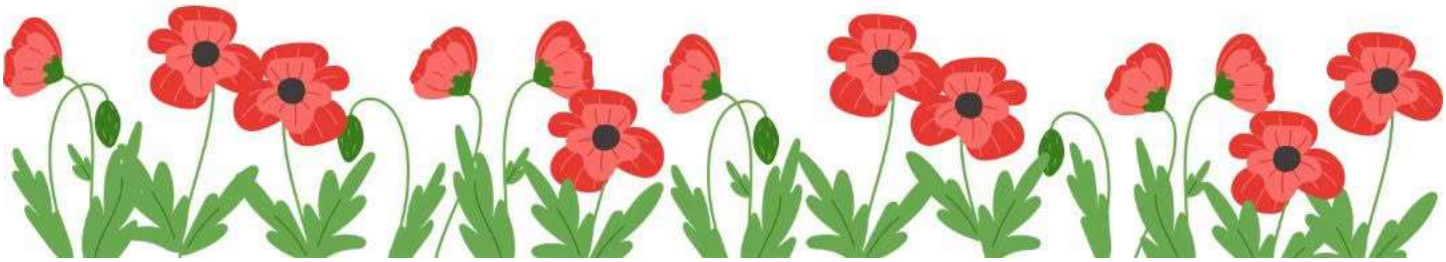
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1. English author John Stubbs, during the Elizabethan Era is punished by having his right hand cut off - 1579.
2. Galileo Galilea is punished by being placed on house arrest for writing about the theory that the earth revolves around the sun - 1633.
3. How the insult "Damned Rascal" led to a duel to the death in the year 1801.
4. The William and Catherine Cumming family of Piedmont Valley, Pictou County whose faith was shaken but not disturbed after five of their young children died.
5. The untimely death of New Glasgow's beloved physician and surgeon, William Fraser, M.D., F.R.C.S. - 1890.
6. The tragic accident at New Glasgow, Pictou County when a runaway horse and carriage crashed - 1891.
7. Frederick Hansen falls 125 feet off the spire of the Stella Maris Catholic Church at Pictou, Pictou County in the year 1905.
8. Donald Francis MacDonald, the Pictonian who won international fame as a geologist, played a vital role in the construction of the Panama Canal and headed the geology department at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish.
9. D.M. MacDonald, the iconic entrepreneur of Sunny Brae, Pictou County.
10. Sergeant Finlay Stewart Fraser, regimental number 513303, a MacLellan's Brook, Pictou County native who survived WWI.
11. Gordon Robertson, the man from Churchville, Pictou County who served as a Lieutenant during WWI.
12. Private William Nightingale Cummings, regimental number 902277; his grave is known only to God.
13. The Hopton family: father and two sons serve at the same time with the Canadian Army in France during WWI.
14. Ray Chapman, the only person to die directly from an injury received while playing in a major league baseball game - 1920.
15. The Robertson Cairn at Churchville, Pictou County is unveiled - 1934.
16. Bill Masterton, the only NHL player to die as a direct result of an injury sustained during an NHL game - 1968.
17. National Hockey League Hall of Famer Bobby Orr in New Glasgow, Pictou County, August 1983.
18. The Town of New Glasgow, Pictou County launches program to honour local veterans - July 25, 2024.
19. A story about the hatch and dispatch cycle of deer in New Glasgow, Pictou County.
20. The importance of primary sources of information.
21. The Caboose.



Remembrance Day Services Pictou County 2026

- **New Glasgow: Carmichael Park Cenotaph – Ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Westville: Westville Cenotaph – Ceremony begins at 11 a.m.**
- **Trenton: High Street Cenotaph – Ceremony begins at 10:45 a.m.**
- **Stellarton: Stellarton Cenotaph – Parade at 10:30 a.m., ceremony begins at 10:50 a.m.**
- **Pictou: Pictou Cenotaph – Ceremony begins at 11 a.m.**
- **Sunny Brae: Veteran's Memorial – Ceremony begins at 2 p.m.**
- **Glencoe: Glencoe Cenotaph – Ceremony begins at 2:30 p.m.**
- **Thorburn: Thorburn Cenotaph – Ceremony begins at 10:45 p.m.**
- **Eureka: Eureka Cenotaph – Ceremony begins at 11 a.m.**
- **Hopewell: First Presbyterian Church – Begins at 10:45 a.m.**
- **River John: River John Cenotaph – Wreaths laid at 10:45 with service to follow**





Heritage Room Updates

Heritage Room:
The display for November features local veterans and books from the Heritage Room on World War I and World War II.

A copy of Vernon Theriault's new book *The Ripple Effect: Continuing Lessons from the Westray Mine Explosion*, written with Jennifer Hatt, is now available in the Heritage Room, along with a circulating copy in the main library.

Genealogy Updates:
A few requests came in for birth records and vital statistics help. There are requests for information on the McDuff/Duff family, the MacKenzies/Watters/Coopers of Four Mile Brook, and the Rosses of Pleasant Valley.

