

The Heritage Times

**THE LUTZ MOUNTAIN
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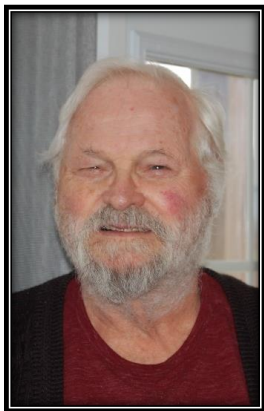
Genealogy Abounds, Thanks to a Great Gift

Recently, the Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation Inc was the recipient of a huge number of genealogical treasures. These include family records, census records, micro film, micro fiche and historical books and information from the surrounding area. In the late 1960's Bing became interested in his family roots and has enjoyed, with great passion, this world of genealogy ever since. He has recently moved to Fundy Royal Manor in Hillsborough and knowing our dedication to genealogy, he has graciously passed his collection to us.

Vincent Dean Geldart "Bing" was born in Middlesex, Albert county April 28, 1934. His father was a blacksmith in Salisbury so he began his first year of schooling in Salisbury. On his 7th birthday he moved with his family to Apohaqui and went to school there until grade 9. He attended Sussex High School for grades 10 and 11.

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Genealogy Abounds



“Bing Geldart”

He joined the Militia at the age of 14 and quickly attained the rank of Sergeant. When he turned 17 he joined the regular force retaining his rank. This was during the time that Canada was rebuilding its forces to answer the call for more troops for both Korea and Europe so he was well positioned to move ahead in his military career. He was with the 8th Hussars and was the youngest Sergeant in the Canadian Army for a time. He went with the troop from 27th Brigade called the PandA Force (Pacific and Atlantic) off to Petawawa. They ended up in Germany for a year.

During his tour in Germany, he met a British Army corporal (Margaret Haw). He returned to Canada and she followed a couple of months later. They were married in Lower Mill Stream, NB on April 14, 1954. As you may have guessed, the Army tends to move their people quite often. Two years after their marriage they had their first son, born in Petawawa. Back to Sussex in 1957 they had twins. Unfortunately, one of the twins would not survive.

In 1959 he, his wife and 2 boys were off to Germany, back to Petawawa in '62 and off to Egypt as a Staff Sergeant with A Sqn 8 CH for a peace keeping mission. Can you believe it, back to Petawawa and promoted to Warrant Officer 2 (Sergeant/Major). In our centennial year he became the Regimental Sergeant Major or because of the amalgamation of our forces at that time, he was now a Chief Warrant Officer.

In 1968 even better things were happening for the family. The family adopted a baby girl, Lisa Jane. As Lisa puts it “the chosen one”.

Bing worked with the Instructional staff in Sussex during 1969 and then moved on to the Management Study Group in Halifax under the Navy. One of his major achievements while there was to complete a study on pollution from the Canadian ships. The resulting report was adopted by the Canadian Forces and was looked upon by the US Navy with great interest.

Off to Ottawa to National Defence Headquarters for 5 years in Maritime Engineering. During this time the Director of the Armoured Corp (Colonel) brought him back into the fold as Armoured Corp RSM. The Colonel encouraged him to take his Commission. Bing did so receiving the rank of Captain.

Bing was now looking forward and seeing his retirement in the not too distant future. He was able to get a posting, first as Chief Standards Officer for a short posting in Gagetown and then on to his final posting in 1985 to Moncton as Staff Officer Operations and Training.

Bing retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in 1990. What a great career. Thank-you for your service to our country.

Meanwhile, back in Sussex in 1969, Bing's family was being moved by none other than Geldart's Moving. During a conversation with the owner of the company (Red Geldart) they discussed a book from 1962 with some Geldart genealogy. This tweaked an interest in Bing and the rest is history. He began his research in the Archives in Halifax where he found a three page document of names from the Yorkshire migration of 1774. These documents were the names of the passengers on the ship "Albion" of which two of the names were Geldart. Further research revealed Bing to be a direct descendant of one of those passengers.

Bing's dedication to genealogy has been well recognized around the Province. He was President of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society and a Director on both the Westmorland Historical Society and the Albert County Historical Society.

Our Museum has been fortunate to be associated with Bing for many years now. It started with his interest in the founding families (1766) and has continued with him assisting in setting up and training our staff in the Family Tree Maker program. He continues to visit with us and continues his genealogical research with his computer at the Manor.

Many, many thanks Bing, for the great gift you have given to our community.



Our Expansion, Phase 2 "Complete".

In our May 2017 issue we announced moving forward with a 2-phase approach to expanding your community facility. Our November 2017 newsletter announced Phase 1 complete.

We are so pleased that within a one-year period, we can say Phase 2 is complete. Because we were so successful through Phase 1, with great support from the community, and our contractors, we were able to come in under budget. With the residual funds from Phase 1 and additional funding from our sources, we were able to proceed and complete Phase 2.

Again, we thank

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Our Community

This support has made it possible to enhance our ability to be more inclusive and provide a great Community facility for all to enjoy.

Director Profile



Mike Read joined our Board of Directors in 2014 and has been an integral part of producing our Newsletter and upgrades to our Website. He has great abilities at the Barbeque and is always very supportive of our functions.

Mike was born in Moncton in 1986 and went to Riverview High School. Following his graduation, he went to the Canadian College of funeral service. He started as an apprentice while in Highschool and following his certification, has been a funeral director in St. John, NB, Montague, PE and here in Moncton at Fair Haven Funeral Home.

As early as 2007 and before joining our board, Mike was helping with the newsletter and designed the newsletter as we see it today.

Thank you so much for your support Mike!



Flea Market

Please join us on September 22, 2018 from 9:00am to 2:00pm (rain date September 23, 2018) for our annual flea market, we're having it separate from our Farm Fest this year so we're hoping everyone can make a special trip to come join us.

Our flea market will help fund raise to offset the operating costs here at the museum.

Tables can be rented for \$10.00 each and gently used items can be donated to us by September 21, 2018 for our volunteers to sell.

To rent a table please contact Dawn Somers (506) 384-4192

Farm Fest 2018



We cordially invite you to join us for “Farm Fest” on Sunday, July 1st from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Activities are planned for both inside and outside the Museum.

There will be games, tractors, antique cars and a barbeque.

Farm Fest is just one of the many activities planned for the summer. We are open to suggestions as to how we can make this festival even more fun for all ages.

We sincerely hope you will join us for a fun filled day at the Museum. For any further information please contact:

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OR

The Lutz/Lutes Family Scholarship



Sophia Oswald

The Lutz/Lutes Family Scholarship was established by Claudia (Lutes) Tugwell in memory of her parents Allen and Esther Lutes. The scholarship, valued at \$1,000.00 is awarded annually to a deserving high school student who will use said award toward the cost of the first year of his/her continuing education.

The recipient of the 2018 Lutz/Lutes Family scholarship is Sophia Oswald. She is currently enrolled at Moncton High and comes highly recommended. To quote from her letters of recommendation, “She is a perceptive student with a high aptitude for math and science.”

She has won awards and competitions for writing and debate. Most recently at the National Canadian Confederation Cup for debate she placed first in the individual category.

Upon graduation, Sophia’s goal is to pursue a bachelor’s Degree in Engineering. This includes studies in Physical and Mathematical Sciences. She hopes to refine her degree to Bio-Medical Engineering and go on to her Master’s Degree.

Lofty goals but we applaud and encourage her in these endeavors. Her teacher, “I am confident that an intellect like hers, with the right academic nourishment, will accomplish great things and reshape the world around her”.

Congratulations and all the best in your future endeavors.

Heritage Home

357 Ammon Road, NB



A little history lesson. “All that lot or tract of land situated and being in the Parish of Moncton, aforesaid, and described in Grant No. 16171 from the Province of New Brunswick to Edward Groundwater (1810 – 1884) and dated the 17th day of August, A. D. 1875”. This was one of the parcels of land, approximately 35 acres, that was granted to Edward and his wife Sarah. Other parcels were dated as early as 1870 and again in 1883.

Edward, born in Scotland and Sarah (Wilbur) (1819 – 1905) from Lewisville N.B, were married in 1839 and had nine children over the next 23 years.

We have been advised that this Heritage Home was built by Henry Havelock Groundwater (1856 – 1934), the seventh born to Edward and Sarah. The exact year it was built cannot be confirmed at this time, however, we would put the date as Circa 1875/1880.

As we searched the records, we find the house has been owned by several families over the years: Groundwater, Reid, Smith, Stephenson, Noel, Landry/Theriault, Evans, Gingras/Brassard and its present-day owners Xavier and Odellie Coutre.



Many changes have occurred over the years. From the picture of the farm in 1955, the outbuildings including the barn are no longer there. Harold and Marion Stephenson purchased the property in 1960 and must have had a real love for this old house. Their renovations restored many of the original features of this house. Their son Mike told us about the wood shed that used to be there (noted in the 1955 photo) but was torn off. It had a summer kitchen where everyone gathered and they added another bedroom overhead.

In 1964 the front porch entrance was added. The front upstairs gothic window is original to the house and from the inside there was room for seats to enjoy the view from up there.

When they first purchased the house it was wood heated. They installed the first hot water heating system. The foundation and basement stairways are all stone. The upstairs flooring was redone during the renovations with Pondarosa Pine. Mike tells us that that winter there was so much snow and drifting that they walked up on the snow and passed the boards in through the upstairs window. You can see in the photographs, the beautiful wide knotty pine boards on the living room floor, the hand hewn beams in the living room ceiling and the beautiful field stone fire place.

A beautiful Heritage Home on the Ammon Road.



Thank-you to Mike Stephenson and Marguerite Wilson
for their insights to this Heritage Home.



Artifact



**Wedding Dress of War Bride
Stephanie (Eads) Lutes**

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

The featured artefact this issue is a wedding dress and veil. The wedding dress was made in England in 1944 by the bride, Stephanie Mary (Eads) Lutes (1919-2015) of Bath, Somerset, England prior to coming to Canada as a war bride on the ship SS Ile de France. The SS Ile de France was used to transport American and Canadian Troops home. Stephanie Mary Eads, daughter of Frederick and Winnifred (Doble) Eads, married William Rainsford Lutes (1912-1991) of Surrey, Albert County, New Brunswick on March 23, 1945 at Highfield Baptist Church, 290 St. George Street, Moncton, New Brunswick with the Rev. Edward (Ned) Miller, cousin to William officiating. Attendants were Allen W. and Esther (Hawkes) Lutes. Allen was a first cousin of William. Stephanie is believed to be the first war bride married in the Moncton area. Mr. and Mrs. William Rainsford Lutes had three children, two boys and one girl. William and Stephanie Lutes were parents of the donor, Frederick William Lutes.

This wedding dress was made from Butterick Pattern # 1260. Dress with oval trim is of ivory brocade. Long sleeves are ruffled at the shoulders with points at the wrist with one heart shaped button closing with thread loop. Bodice is attached with scallop at waist. Six heart shaped buttons are at front V-neck closure. There are nine metal snaps at closure on left side seam. Dress is hemmed by hand. The buttons for this dress were purchased in Moncton as they were not available in England.



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Heirloom lace veil worn by Stephanie (Eads) Lutes

The lace veil, ivory in colour, rectangular in shape, is embroidered down sides and bottom. It has floral embroidery on lower half of veil. Veil is attached by gathers to wire covered wreath which has flowers, greenery and three wire loops. This veil has been in the bride's family for over two hundred years.



You can view these items at the Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum. The wedding dress can be found on a mannequin in the bedroom. The veil is part of a special display prepared prior to the upcoming marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Helen Halfpenny
Accessions Committee



Ryan's Case for Smiles



Helping kids feel better to heal better

What a great turnout here at the Meeting House on April 21st in support of the Ryan's Case For Smiles. Headed up by Eleanor Weldon with many thanks to the Forester's and the Fabric Cupboard and our wonderful volunteers. Today's effort has produced over 200 pillowcases which will be distributed, 50 at a time to both the Moncton Hospital and the George Dumont. Over 500 pillowcases were distributed in 2017. Hospital staff think they are great, parents appreciate them and the kids get to keep their own special gift.

Upcoming Events at Lutz Mountain Meeting House 2018

Wed.	May 30 th	Muriel's Tea	11:30am – 2:00pm
Mon.	June 11 th	Museum Opening	10:00am – 5:00pm
Wed.	June 27 th	Muriel's Tea	11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Sat.	July 1 st	Farm Fest	9:00am – 4:00pm
Wed.	July 11 th	Strawberry Social	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wed.	July 25 th	Muriel's Tea	11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Wed.	Aug 29 th	Muriel's Tea	11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Sat.	Sept 14 th	Museum Closes	5:00 pm
Sat.	Sept 22 nd	Flea Market	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wed.	Sept 26 th	Muriel's Tea	11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Thursdays, September 6 th to November 29 th			
		Fibre Arts	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sat.	Oct 13 th	Fall Supper Take-outs	4:30 pm & 6:00 pm 5:00 pm
Wed.	Dec 5 th	Christmas Tea	11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Wed.	Dec 12 th	Christmas Concert	7:00 pm

*This is a tentative Calendar of Events;
Please check our Events Board for updates *or*
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For Special Occasion Bookings: office parties, business meetings, bridal / baby showers, or family functions; contact Gerry Gillcash 384 - 7719.

Artists and Musicians: Please speak to Gerry Gillcash, our new Executive Director, about displaying your art work, or offering your musical talents, for one of our gatherings.

The Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation Inc. was incorporated in 1975. The Corporation is managed by a 15 Member Board of Directors.

Membership is open to all.

Bronze: Single \$15.00, Family \$25.00

Silver: Single \$25.00, Family \$40.00

Gold: Single \$75.00, Family \$90.00

(Gold includes tax receipt for \$50.00)

Donations are always gratefully accepted anytime and tax receipts can be issued for any donation over \$10.00.

We are proud of the Foundation's accomplishments over the years and seek your ongoing support and encouragement. We invite you to consider volunteering – act as a tour guide, be a waitress for Muriel's Tea Room, sign up for an hour a month to maintain the flower garden, start up or suggest a special interest program, display your collections, or lend a hand in the kitchen.



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