



# The Heritage Times

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## Going National Spreading Our Wings

Yes, in this digital age, our little community Museum is being seen on the World stage on several different fronts. On Facebook and on our new web site we are seen world wide. Many of our artifacts are uploaded to Artifacts Canada which can be seen again, anywhere in the world. The Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum is a member of the National Trust and in October our Executive Director, Gerry Gillcash, was invited to speak at the National Trust Conference 2018 held in Fredericton. This conference was in association with the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals and the Association Heritage New Brunswick.

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## Going National Spreading Our Wings

Gerry reports: The National Trust is Canada's national charitable not-for-profit organization that leads and inspires action for places that matter. They offer proven tools to save and renew historic places. They look at historic places as the cornerstone of a vibrant and sustainable future.

There was great diversity throughout this conference as can be seen in the following quote from the Greetings from the Organizations. "On behalf of the National Trust for Canada, the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals and Association Heritage New Brunswick, welcome to OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: Heritage as a Social, Economic and Placemaking Force. What a treat to come together on the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik in Fredericton – a historic city that has its own powerful stories to tell about the transformative power of heritage to galvanize communities, engage new audiences and create fresh options. It is our pleasure to offer delegates a rich and diverse program that reflects so many facets of the heritage sector: museums, downtown revitalization, conservation architecture, engineering, and technology, heritage planning, culture tourism, community advocacy and more. The roster of speakers is equally diverse, studded with compelling and inspiring voices, including indigenous colleagues, international thought leaders, private practitioners, elected officials, academics, artists and youth".

As part of this conference we visited the village of Gagetown and were privileged to have some of our sessions at the Queen's County Court House, a 1836 Provincial Historic site. We also visited the St. John's Anglican Church Hall, the 1786 Tilley House and the 1761 Loomcrafters Studio. Absolutely beautiful artifacts and great stories to bring the history of this village to life. Thank-you to Bruce Thomson, President of the Queen's County Historical Society, and his staff and volunteers who made for a wonderful experience in the Village of Gagetown.



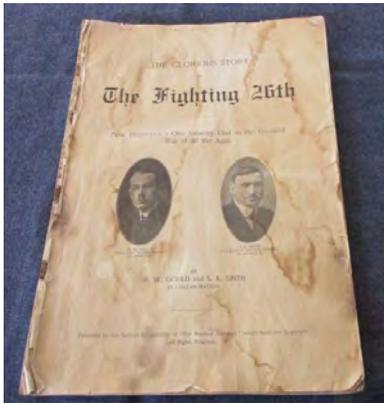
Queen's County Court House – 1836      Gagetown, New Brunswick

The conference was a great opportunity to communicate with others in the Museums and Historical Properties sector from across the country to discuss similar challenges, ideas and aspirations. It was indeed a pleasure to have had the opportunity to speak at such a conference. They had heard through the grapevine of our success for over 43 years, our great Community spirit and support and with our 2017 Museum expansion project and wanted others to learn from our experiences. We sincerely hope that this exposure will create even more momentum for the Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum as we move forward.

Gerry Gillcash, Executive Director



## Artifact



The Fighting 26<sup>th</sup> circa 1918

Featured artefact is a softcover book containing 48 pages entitled “The Glorious Story of The Fighting 26<sup>th</sup>” which tells the history of the 26<sup>th</sup> New Brunswick Battalion. This booklet includes many black and white pictures of officers, other facts about New Brunswick, many advertisements mainly from Saint John companies, and a list of those who sailed on the Caledonia.

Written by R.W.Gould and S.K.Smith in collaboration and published by the authors by courtesy of “The Montreal Standard” it dates circa 1918.

Men who sailed on the Caledonia from the Moncton area included surnames : Brown, Cooke, Crandall, Doherty, Donnelly, Elliot, Henderson, Legere, Leger, Murray (Sunny Brae), McBeath, McClure (Bridgedale) ,Pellerin (Sunny Brae), Peters, Power, Riley, Shepherd, Sowerby, Tremholm, VanBuskirk, James Alfred Wilson – next of kin George Rogers, Berrys Mills, New Brunswick. George Rogers was the grandfather of James Alfred Wilson . Thus the connection between the donor, Nancy Burlock and the Rogers family.

There were many men from the Saint John area but nearer the Moncton area surnames include Bryant (Harcourt), Cormier (Harcourt), Dewitt (Shediac), Fougere (Shediac), Geldart (Petitcodiac), Gogan (Petitcodiac), Happeny, Joseph son of John (Halfpenny) Happeny, St. John, Hughson (Cornhill), Jonah (Petitcodiac) ,Marr (Cornhill), Morton (Harcourt), Newcomb (Hopewell Hill), Palmer (Rexton), Peters (Cornhill), Searles (Richibucto), Skinner (Birch Ridge), Snelgrove (Hillsborough), Steeves (Hopewell Hill), Turnbull (Petitcodiac), Vautour (Richibucto), Wright (Riverside Albert), Wright (Hopewell Hill), White (Shediac).



The Fighting 26<sup>th</sup> circa 1918

From page 8 “Departure”: “The Anchor Line steamer Caledonia departed Saint John at 11:30 o’clock on Sunday, June 13, 1915, bearing on her heaving decks New Brunswick’s first battalion of infantry, 1150 in all, and the Divisional Ammunition column, commanded by Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Harrison.” From page 9 “The Ocean Voyage”: “After calling at Halifax the Caledonia pointed her nose across the Atlantic and made the trip in ten days.”

2018 marks 100 years since the ending of World War 1. The Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum has in its collection a number of artefacts from World War 1 and World War 2 and we invite you to visit to browse these and other archival documents in our care.

Helen Halfpenny  
Accessions Committee



## Sharing our Heritage

Back in 1972 just as the Digital Age was beginning, the Canadian Heritage Information Network or CHIN was created. CHIN, now based in Gatineau, Quebec, serves 1600 museums and heritage centres throughout Canada including Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum. CHIN started as an inventory for Canada's museum objects.



By the 1990s it had added online heritage resources for professionals and volunteers but the inventory database itself was still not accessible externally. However, as the internet has become more and more interconnected so has CHIN.

The next step in the digital journey for CHIN and its resource tool, Artefacts Canada, is to have Linked Data. Linked Open Data or LOD essentially makes digital information more interconnected and more searchable. It is often described as being a virtual data cloud. Anyone with authorized access can see and even add to data without disturbing the original data source. A successful LOD pilot project involving Canada's top art museums was completed in 2016. The goal now is use LOD programming to make Artefacts Canada a resource for all Canadians not just for heritage professionals.



Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum has been submitting objects to Artefacts Canada every year since 2006. The search pages of Artefacts Canada are open to anyone to view. If you go to the list of data contributors and click on Lutz Mountain Meeting House you will find the nearly 200 objects which the Museum has contributed to this resource. Alternatively you can search by 'Object Type'. If you are interested in quilts, for example, type the word 'quilt' in the search bar and you will be able to view all the quilts submitted by the 1600 museums in Canada.



The Province of New Brunswick is also changing the way it handles artefact information. In 2017, New Brunswick's museums and heritage institutions moved from a discrete database to Collective Access, a cloud storage system. Accessible from anywhere in the world, this system has the potential to allow a researcher, with the click of a mouse and a security password, access to view our entire collection. Together CHIN's Artefacts Canada and New Brunswick's Collective Access are reaching out to all users, heritage professionals and the general public alike, to make it easier to share our heritage.

Helen Dunstan-Blackie  
Accessions Coordinator



## Heritage Home



563 Gorge Rd.

What a fantastic piece of history right here in our own backyard. The house itself, what surrounds it and even its name.

The house at 563 Gorge Road was originally built circa 1830, not as a house but as a community gathering place. Workers would gather here in the mornings and disperse around the community for their daily work. In 1951, Thomas and Alice (Heaton) Howard and their son Martis purchased the property. Thomas and Alice were from England, met during the second world war and later married.

When the property was purchased Thomas named their new farm “Runnymede”. More about the name later.

Over the years it did become a home with the front door facing south towards the little side road that went east off the Gorge Road. At one point, the house was raised, rotated 90 degrees and a basement added. In 1970 a fireplace was added and then in 1984/85 a 24' X 30' piece was added to the back of the house. From the upstairs one would notice a difference because the master bedroom is a step down as you enter the new addition. The owner went to great lengths to replicate the wooden windows. During renovations the plaster and lathes were removed, insulation was added and the lathes replaced and the high 9 foot walls replastered. This is a great example of an owner who appreciated the historical nature of this building.

What of the surrounding historical landscape? Immediately behind the house one can see the remains of a dam on the brook which has its headwaters up by the Briggs Cross Road and by Modern Construction at the tip of the Gorge Road. These tributaries join and run along the Gorge Road passing where folks still get their water and continues down and under the Gorge Road.

At this dam there was a Grist Mill, probably why it was a gathering place. We understand that one of the grist stones is still in that immediate area. As well, the pump house is still intact at the base of the dam.

In the 50's and 60's a hobby fox farm was run and across the brook the remains of those fox pens can still be seen.

Now, about that name "Runnymede". -- Up the River Thames, 20 miles from London lies Runnymede, a water-meadow in the county of Surrey, where King John on June 15, 1215 fixed his seal to a strip of parchment that Winston Churchill later called "the most famous milestone of our rights and freedoms". This document was the Magna Carta, translation "The Great Charter". The Magna Carta is widely accepted as the first constitutional document that formed the basis of modern democracy. It established the principle that everyone is subject to the law, even the king, and guarantees the rights of individuals, the right to justice and the right to a fair trial. The manuscript at Salisbury Cathedral is the best preserved of four surviving original copies of the Magna Carta.

Thank-you to Earl and Cynthia (Howard) Kinnear, current owners, for their sharing of this historical past.



## From the Chair of the Heritage Foundation Betty Lutes



Betty Lutes

Wow! What a change it is to work in our new Administration office and Genealogy Research Library. The new office has 4 work stations, one is used by our Accessions Co-Ordinator Helen Dunstan-Blackie another by her assistant Helen Halfpenny, another by our treasurer George Somers and the forth by our Executive Director Gerry Gillcash. A lot of activity takes place in that room as new artifacts are received,

others researched and cataloged and inputted into the database, financial matters are dealt with and Gerry looks after the day to day operations of the Meeting House. We have recently launched a new website [www.lutzmtnheritage.ca](http://www.lutzmtnheritage.ca). We also have a Facebook account [www.facebook.com/lutzmtnheritage](http://www.facebook.com/lutzmtnheritage).

Across the hall is the Genealogy Research library where many volumes of books on local history, Family histories, and other research documents can be found along with the Genealogy data base. The large table in the centre and access to WIFI has been a great help to those doing research. We are working toward getting the library organized with a searchable database of all the holdings.

We had 4 summer students this year, Deanna Gallant, Emily Sinclair, Emily Jordan and Will Davidson. They provided tours, aided in the library, entered genealogy, coordinated and looked after Mysteries at the Museum Summer Camps, helped photograph some artifacts and many other duties both inside and outside the building. Visitation was sometimes low because of the beautiful summer weather but increased in the fall. Gerry applied for a new grant Tourism Expansion Employment Grant and we were successful. This grant was for 12 weeks so that museums could extend their season. Miriam McArdle was hired and began work in September. Miriam has a wide range of skills and is a great addition to our staff. This fall we had visitors from as far away as Hong Kong and Switzerland.

We are no longer the little country meeting place and museum. We acknowledge with growth comes additional activities and responsibilities. We are governed by a volunteer working Board elected by the membership of Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation Inc. who along with part-time staff support the mission and activities of the Foundation. Moving forward the Heritage Board acknowledges there will have to be changes as we continue to grow the organization. We will be looking at ways to meet these changes and divide responsibilities.

If asked what your greatest assets are at the Meeting House, I'd have to say it is our **great volunteers**. We wouldn't be where we are today without them. When I look at the activities of just this summer and fall, Muriel's Teas, Farm Fest, Strawberry Social, Flea Market and Dessert Theatre; they wouldn't have taken place without them. So, a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way volunteering your time, talents and financially to see that these events happened.

Change seems to be the theme I have going on here as I write this report. Another big change for us is the resignation of Gerry Gillcash as our Executive Director effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Gerry has contributed much during his time of service especially in seeking out the funding for the additions and seeing their completion. Gerry has used his carpentry skills over the years in building display cabinets, shelving, outdoor displays, the list could go on listing other areas of service such as Editor of this newsletter. We will still have access to his skills as Gerry is not leaving the Heritage Board but will continue to serve as a Heritage director. On behalf of the Heritage Board and community a **big THANK YOU GERRY** for all your contributions over the years both as Executive Director and as a member of the Heritage Board.

Betty Lutes

Chair, Board of Directors



## Director Profile



George S. Somers

George Somers joined our Board of Directors in 2016 and has been actively involved as our Treasurer. He and his wife Dawn have been great supporters at our social events and also lead a very successful Flea Market fund raiser for the Meeting House.

George is one of the nine children of the late George W. and Bertus (Randall) Somers. George's father was a City Councilor for 15 years in Moncton and was born and grew up

in Berry's Mill off of the Homestead and McFarlane Road. George grew up in the west end of Moncton and graduated from Harrison Trimble High School in 1972. He attended NBCC and received his Diploma in Accounting. Later in 1984 he graduated from Mount Allison University where he received a Degree in Commerce. In 1987 he received a fellowship from the Life Management Institute.

George's career spanned over 28 years with Medavie Blue Cross in several managerial and executive capacities. Following his retirement in 2012 he worked as a consultant with the New Brunswick Department of Health. He also was appointed to the Board of the Greater Moncton Wastewater Management for two years. Over his career he has given several lectures at such bodies as the International Federation of Health Funds and he co-authored a research paper which was published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

He currently lives with his wife Dawn and their adorable adopted Beagle "BJ" who can be seen periodically roaming the halls of the Museum. George has two sons Kendall and Keith. Keith lives here in the City while Kendall lives in Banff Alberta with his wife Allison Scott and their children Connor and Reese.

George has a keen interest in genealogy seeing that he is a fourth generation Great Grandson of Mathias and Christiana Sommer, one of the original 8 immigrant families that arrived here from Philadelphia in 1766 and established the town of Monckton.

Welcome George and Dawn. Thank-you for your efforts thus far and we look forward to your continuing support. We wish you both health and happiness as we as a Board take on new challenges to keep our Community Museum active, vibrant and relevant.

## **The Lutz/Lutes Family Scholarship**

The Lutz/Lutes Family Scholarship will be offered in 2019 to a graduating student furthering their education at an Atlantic post-secondary institution.

The deadline for receipt of applications remains firm at April 1<sup>st</sup>. For applications or information, contact the Lutz Mountain Meeting House at 384-7719 or e-mail [lutzmntnheritage@rogers.com](mailto:lutzmntnheritage@rogers.com)



## **Heritage Week 2019**

New Brunswick has adopted the theme of “Our Living History” for Heritage Week 2019.

The dates for Heritage Week 2019 in New Brunswick are February 11 - 18; which also includes Black History month, National Flag of Canada Day (February 14) and National Heritage Day (February 18).

The goal for Heritage Week is to provide New Brunswickers with the opportunities to celebrate their past at local levels. This year, in the promotion of historical thinking, all interested community organizations, individuals, schools, museums, libraries, archives, seniors’ centres and historic sites are invited to reflect upon the impact of the past on our present day.

Join us on February 13<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our past and at the same time, show appreciation to all the volunteers who help make this wonderful community facility such a great success.

**Ryan's Case for Smiles  
Lutz Mountain Meeting House  
November 3, 2018  
Helping Kids Feel Better to Heal Better**



Rear Row left to right

Eddie Bannister, Marion Murray, Freda Bannister, Christine Barkhouse, Ellen Close, Carol Hamilton, Doris Brown, Eleanor Weldon (Organizer), Susan Lutes, Judy Gillcash, Lila Briggs, Ann Lutes, Nellie Simpson, Barbara Beatty, Shirley Delaney, Wendy Legassie

Front Row left to right

Maria Leger, Nancy Burlock, Janet Barton, Eleanor Sherwood, Donna Colpitts, Aura Scully, Marsha Wilson

Missing from the picture:

Evelyn Carter

## Upcoming Events at Lutz Mountain Meeting House 2018 & 2019

Thurs.	Nov. 29	Fibre Arts	10:00am – 2:00pm
Wed.	Dec. 5	Christmas Tea	11:30am & 1:00pm
Wed.	Dec. 12	Christmas Concert	7:00pm
Jan. 3 to May 30		Fibre Arts will be every Thursday	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sat.	Jan. 26	Men’s Hillbilly Dinner	7:00pm
Feb. 11-18		Heritage Week “Our Living History”	
Wed.	Feb. 13	Heritage Celebration & Volunteer Appreciation	7:00pm
Tues.	Feb. 19	Annual General Meeting	7:00pm
TBA	April	Dessert Theatre	
Sat.	May 11	Spring Salad Supper Take-outs	4:30pm & 6:00pm 5:00pm
Wed.	May 29	Muriel’s Tea	11:30am – 2:00pm
Mon.	June 10	Museum Opens	10:00am – 5:00pm
Wed.	June 26	Muriel’s Tea	11:30am – 2:00pm

\*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 the office at 384-7719.

Artists and Musicians: Please speak to any of our staff 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

Individuals ~ \$15.00 / Family ~ \$25.00

Silver

Individuals ~ \$25.00 / Family ~ \$40.00

Gold

Individuals ~ \$75.00 / Family ~ \$90.00

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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