



The Heritage Times

THE LUTZ MOUNTAIN HERITAGE FOUNDATION INC.



Changing Times

As 2024 comes to a close we reflect on our challenges and successes over the past years. In 2025 we will celebrate fifty years of serving this Community. Many changes have occurred around the City and local country-side; We have also seen many changes here at the Meeting House.

In the late 70's a new room was added above the stage to provide for more museum space. The exterior has been repainted several times and the building is still in excellent shape. The main hall floor was refinished about ten years ago and looks as good as when it was installed many decades ago.

For a building that was constructed in 1883 for a cost of \$1,800.00, this place is in phenomenal shape. The wall studs are three-inch by six-inch rough lumber. Some clap boards have had to be replaced over the years but they too remain in excellent shape. ...full article on page 3

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Acknowledgement

The Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation Inc. would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) peoples.

This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet), Mi'kmaq and Passamaquaddy peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and reserves but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

We, the staff and members of the Board of the Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation Inc. pay respect to the elders, past and present and descendants of this land. We honor the knowledge keepers and seek their guidance as we strive to develop closer relations with the Indigenous people in New Brunswick.

Changing Times continued...

Back in the late 70's and early 80's, there were quilting bees, sewing classes and lots of community showers and parties. Around 1980 the Fall Ham & Scallop supper was introduced followed by the Spring Salad Supper, both of which have become a tradition to this very day. There was not the overhead in early days as compared to today so the two suppers, for the most part, paid for heat and lights and sustained the Museum.

Today with all our expansion projects in place we once again are hosting Fiber Arts, sewing classes and a far greater number of celebratory events. We welcome a fantastic cross section of cultural participation. Ukrainian, East Indian, Polynesian, African, Brazilian and Venezuelan and of course our local home-grown folks. Some born here, some second or third generation immigrants and some very recent immigrants who have chosen our community for their family. Welcome to all!

There have been changes in the volunteers who undoubtedly are the sustaining backbone here. Some have succumbed to age and other challenges of life while new and wonderful folks have stepped up with enthusiasm and are a most welcomed addition to the Meeting House family of support.

The 2017 addition of the new ground level entrance, the handicapped washrooms, a new and much larger kitchen, a new office and a most sought after genealogical library was very challenging but ever so rewarding. With major donations from the Muriel Lutes Sikorski Fund, Rick and Debbie Wood along with many donations from the community combined with support from all three levels of government, the project was a great success.

More changes came in 2022, again with support from Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments, with the addition of a new foyer, Meeting Room, more kitchen space and a new auditorium. This has allowed us to host new and larger gatherings; It is gratifying to be able to support this community in this way. In 2024 we were able to get the parcel of land adjacent to the parking lot, levelled, ditched and seeded so we now have a new park area where we can hold outdoor events such as music nights, festivals, car shows and more.

So... although things change over time, some things like community spirit, hospitality and friendship remain intact. We hope you will join us here at the Meeting House and events center and partake of the many offerings we have to share.

WATCH FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS COMING IN 2025



The Southeast Museums Zone

"Our History Will Move You"

The Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum is one of 26 museums in this southeast zone. There are 14 Anglophone and 12 Francophone museums all within an hours drive of Moncton. The "Zone" concept was a creation of the Heritage and Culture branch for the Province and is meant to assist with marketing of the rich heritage and culture this area has to offer.

Karen Valanne from the Boulten House Heritage Center and Campbell Carriage Factory in Sackville is our current chairperson. We meet on a monthly basis usually visiting a different museum each month.

Collaboratively we have just recently created a new web site www.museumsofsenb.ca which we invite everyone to visit. It has direct links to the individual museum web sites. We have also created a new brochure which makes it easier for visitors to locate the different museums in this area.

Drop by our location, visit our museum and then see what other great museums there are that are "Preserving The Past For The Future"



Board of Directors

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Under the NB Companies Act, we are allowed to have up to 15 members on our Board of Directors. If you are someone who would like to join this Board in moving this wonderful Community facility forward, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Some Memories and History of Berry Mills, New Brunswick, as I Remember it.

By: Kem Dickie



The Lumber Mills – Berry Mills Lumber Limited, later changed to Price Mills Limited was a large finishing mill located near present day CNR railway. It was built in 1930's by brothers Nelson and Irvine Price. Hanford Price of Butternut Ridge (now Havelock) was their father who owned Hanford Lumber Co. Rough lumber was brought in from various mills in this region, large machines called “matchers” planed the lumber and it was then shipped out by rail. There were two railway sidings at that time.

There was a large dry kiln on the premises for drying the lumber. This kiln was steam heated from what was called the Power House. Shavings from the lumber was burned and heated water for steam which went underground to the dry-kiln and various other buildings including the Company home.

There was a pump house on the mill pond which supplied water for the boilers and for to suppress the fires which happened occasionally. Two Ford engines pumped the water. One engine was back-up in case one failed (which was a possibility, being that it was a Ford).

Fork-lift units and large carryalls were used to move the lumber around to the holding areas and to load the rail cars. Everet Fitsimmonds drove the carryalls and there was no tread on the tires for some reason.

The Boarding House – There was a large Boarding House on Pacific Junction Road for the men who came from out of town. Jimmy White was the cook. A wooden bridge connected it to the mill. There were also three company homes, one of which remains today. These were rental units. There was also a fully operational dairy farm on the premises operated by Frank and Everett Douthwright (father and son). A company home was supplied.

The company also owned a dairy farm in Shediac Cape. Nelson Price kept his riding horses there. Irvine had a beautiful Cape Cod summer home on Shediac Bay across from the farm. It had a hip-roof garage with a finished room upstairs. It housed their Willy's Jeepster which was only driven in the summer.

Family Ties – Art Dickie, my father, joined the company in the mid 1940s. He was a cousin to the Prices. He was sent to Toronto for training in retail. On his return he managed a new retail lumber yard on West Main Street in Moncton and eventually the Berry Mills mill and dairy farm as well. Our family lived in a company home at the mill and at the dairy farm in Shediac for a year and a half. Dad commuted back and forth between Moncton and Berry Mills at that time. We then moved back to the Berry Mills home.

Fun Times – We got to use Irvine Prices summer home when they weren't there. Fun times, swimming, rafting and power boating. We had friends from Berry Mills and camped out on the back lawn next to Shediac Bay. Biking – Pacific Junction to Catamount, down route 126 and back to Berry Mills. Fishing poles and peanut butter sandwiches. Jimmy Sherwood and I painted out bikes black and yellow. That was a trend in Moncton with a car club at the time. We use to drive our bikes on the roof of the Air Force buildings on the west side of the railroad tracks. Wooden ladders went up to the lower roof. We'd pull the bikes up with a rope. The roof was tar and crushed stone which made it tricky when turning not to mention coming a little close to the edge. The buildings were used by the Canadian Air Force for storage. The lands had been leased from the Prices so at the end of the lease, Price acquired these buildings which later became the Particle Board Mill.

Halloween – Who let Ernie Little's ducks out and locked his night watchman in his trailer? And then, a very large oil tank (almost as wide as the road) somehow got loose from the railway siding, rolled down the hill towards Pacific Junction crossroad just as a RCMP cruiser came to the intersection. They were nice enough to get out and push it off the road. The Mounties didn't get their men. They were hiding in the mill.

Who's there? – Sandy Christie was walking out the Rogers Road one night towards the church. As he was passing the Berry Mills Cemetery someone in a white gown was walking down the hill to the road, wailing. Turned out to be Ella O'Blenis going back home from visiting one of the graves. Sandy said he stepped it up a bit.

Sandy and I were walking past Little's store one night. We think we invented the Neighborhood Watch Program. Ernie rented out the apartment over the store. There was an older lady sitting in a rocking chair in front of the window. She was smoking a corn cob pipe.. what!. Women were hardly ever seen smoking a cigarette let alone a pipe. We had a hard time containing ourselves.

BB Guns – What kid would have three BB guns? Moi! Ask Carolyn Preston. I was generously given these by a friend of the family. Jonny Quigley, a police officer from St. John. They had been confiscated from kids for popping out big street bulbs of the day. One of these guns was chrome plated and I didn't loan that one to anyone.

About this carriage – This carriage belonged to Nelson Price who had set up his own business in Ontario. It was a rubber-tired horse carriage with leather seats and storage box in the back. We put a big sign on the front "MODEL A FORD". The shaves (shafts) were removed which made it easier to steer. Bailer twine tied to the front axle on each side, two drivers, with usually four of us on it. Two driving, usually Harold and myself. After all, we were experienced drivers on fork lifts and carryalls. Two guys standing up in the box behind the seat, we started out on the ramp of number one mill, a sharp turn to the left past the Filing Room Building, downhill all the way. Destination – uphill ramp to the barn floor. If missed, the next step was the Mill Pond. Never missed the ramp though. Thank goodness. How would I have explained that to dear old dad. But, like I said, we were experienced drivers.

Princess Louise of the Canadian Hussars – A regiment formed in 1848 in Sussex, New Brunswick area and fought in World War II. A horse was rescued from a battlefield in Italy and became the mascot of the Regiment and named Princess Louise. She had been wounded and nursed back to good health. She stayed with the Regiment as they moved around to different parts of Europe and at the end of the war she was smuggled back to New Brunswick where she had three folds. One of these colts was Prince who was purchased by Irvine Price and kept here in Berry Mills in a barn at Price Mills.

Art Dickie (my dad) and Freeman Sherwood broke Prince to carriage and sleigh where we enjoyed numerous trips around the area. Pacific Junction and Rogers Road. I hadn't heard that much about Prince's history at that time, however, many websites now have stories of the 8th Hussars and Princess Louise.

Other Residents of Berry Mills

George Peters – A black gentleman who resided in a little cabin in Pacific Junction. He and his wife settled here from the USA. Not much was known about him, probably left the US because of issues there. Dad befriended him. His wife passed away and we would bring him to our house for supper. He had never seen a television before. He was watching a program with us one evening and saw something and made a comment "that was enough to make his old cat bow his head in shame". Couldn't have been that bad in the 70's.

Marvin Lutes – owned and ran a Blacksmith shop next to the church.

Purdy Rogers – was deaf and didn't speak and yet he worked at the mill using hand signals to the Talley man of lumber sizes when loading boxcars.

Sebastian Poirier – night watchman at the mill.

Guy McKeogh, Stan Lewis, Everett Fitzsimmons, Freeman and Calvin Sherwood, Floyd Shaffer and many others worked for the Price Lumber mills. Men drove in from Canaan, Moncton and other areas.

The Lone Star Lodge – Built on the Pacific Junction Road, this was the residence of Max Wheaton of Wheaton Construction. He and his son operated the residence. A stream ran past their property which was dammed up to make a nice pond and swimming area. We were allowed to use it as long as we checked with Mrs. Wheaton first. Secondly, this area was used for baptisms by the nearby Berry Mills Church.



Genealogy Research Library

Our Genealogical Library currently has 106,412 names in the database. This, combined with cemetery records, census records and a multitude of other paper records creates a very in-depth research facility. If you are at all interested in family history this is the place to visit.

September and the first week of October were a very challenging time for us with our Family Tree Maker (FTM) genealogy system. With a generous donation from Wendy Donnahee, a new version has been installed and all the old files have been uploaded and have been backed up on an external hard drive. Our files are safe. Special thanks, once again, to Wendy Donnahee who continues to work diligently on the Muriel Lutes Sikorski and Magnetic Hill Fonds and she has been very successful in separating many documents and filing them into the various Fond boxes which are almost ready to go on the shelves.

Special thanks to Susan Copeland who continues to use her library expertise in better organizing the Research Library by organizing books on the shelves as well as labeling and entering and shelving new books.

The efforts being carried out in the Genealogy Research Library and in the Collections paper archives such as diaries, marriage certificates and land deeds is very helpful now; This also assists us with the preservation of local history for generations to come.

We are grateful for all the community support we receive.

Betty Lutes
Genealogy/ Library Director



Director's Profile



Christine Barron

We're excited to welcome Christine Barron as one of the newest members of our Board of Directors. Christine and her husband, Stephen, are both active members of the Lutes Mountain Heritage Foundation. Christine's family has called Lutes Mountain home since 1985, while Stephen's family, the Burlocks (née Rogers), has deep roots in the Berry Mills area.

Christine and Stephen have two children, Holly (married to Dan) and Luke, along with a granddaughter, Marielle.

Professionally, Christine works at Carmichael Engineering Ltd. In her free time, she enjoys quilting, camping, riding her motorcycle, and exploring the outdoors. With a long history of volunteering since her teenage years, she has been actively involved with the Moncton YMCA, Girl Guides of Canada, Stilesville United Church, the Magnetic Hill School Parent Committee, and the Magnetic Hill Lions Club. We are thrilled to have her contributing her talents to the Lutes Mountain Heritage Foundation!



The Lutz/Lutes Family Scholarship 2025

We are pleased to announce in our 50th anniversary year, that we will be offering two \$1,000.00 scholarships to deserving graduating students who will use these funds towards furthering his/her education at an accredited college, university or other educational institution in Atlantic Canada. Please apply on our web site at lutzmntnheritage.ca. The deadline for application is April 1, 2025. For further information, please call the Meeting House at 506-384-7719.

Artifacts



BERRY MILLS RAILWAY STATION

This painting by Marc Little depicting the Berry Mills train station was donated to the Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum by the Somers Family

(Harold Somers and Judy (Somers) Ayles in memory of :
Their father: Harold Matthias Somers (1918 – 1986) and
Their Grandfather: Matthias Harding Somers (1860 – 1942)



The bench seen here was donated to our museum by Mr. Albert Coates on December 1, 1977. It was used in the Berry Mills train station from around 1913. It is a dark stained and varnished wood bench with wood back and arms. There are 27 wood slats on the back 15 cm wide and 30 cm long.



Upcoming Events at Lutz Mountain Meeting House 2024 & 2025

Wed	Dec 11	Christmas Tea	11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Sat	Jan 25	Hillbilly Dinner	4:20 pm to 6:00 pm
Wed	Feb 12	Valentine's Tea	11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Wed	Feb 19	Meeting House AGM	7:00 pm
Sat	Mar 15	Spaghetti Dinner	4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Sat	May 15	Spring Salad Supper	4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Wed	May 28	Muriel's Tea	11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Wed	Jun 25	Muriel's Tea	11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Weekly Events...		Monday's Card Night	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
		Thursday's Fiber Arts	10:00 am to 2:00 pm

*This is a tentative Calendar of Events,

Please check our events board, our Facebook page or website
(www.lutzmtnheritage.ca) for any updates.

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For Special Occasion Bookings: office parties, business meetings, bridal / baby showers, or family functions; contact us at the meeting house.

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 currently managed by a 12 Member Board of Directors.

Membership is open to all.

Please see our website for details

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. We are looking for volunteers to assist with our artifact collection.

**For special occasion bookings, see our web site or contact
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