

MEMORIES

OF

BEACH POINT

AND

CAPE BEAR

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CANADA

MacLeod, Salome

Memories of Beach Point Road

Cape Breton

FOREWORD

Dear Readers:

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the memory of my dear son, John Francis (Frank) MacLeod, who was killed in action near Caen, France, in World War II, on July 31st, 1944, aged 34 years.

Thank you.

Mrs. Salome MacLeod.

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Mrs. Salome MacLeod.

Salome MacLeod

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MURRAY HARBOUR DISTRICT

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At Murray Harbour North, there was a Mrs. Creed, and a family by the name of Graham. There were neither schools, churches, stores nor a post office. We had no doctor nor minister at that time. About the year 1834 the first post office was established at Thomas Bells, White Sands. A Dr. Kaye came later to Georgetown.

THE SENCABAUGH FAMILY

William Sencabaugh had seven sons, namely William, John, Jacob, James, Henry, David and Benjamin. John, David and Jacob settled at Gasperaux, next district to Murray Harbour North. John married a Mary Graham, and had three children, Ellen, Thomas, John. William Sencabaugh the second, married and settled at Guernsey Cove. They had one son Henry, and a daughter Rhuamah, later, several other daughters, who settled elsewhere. James married Charlotte Brehaut and stayed on his father's farm. Their children were Henry, John, James, Benjamin and a daughter who married M. D. Creighton. When grown, they all left home except Benjamin. Benjamin first married a LeLacheur girl and lived on part of his father's farm, in the western sector. They had a family of all girls. Henry married Margaret Brehaut, settled on the road leading from Murray Harbour to White Sands.

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owned the next farm. It bordered on Irving's Lane which runs to the Wharf from the road leading to Murray Harbour.

In the 1840's a group of settlers came from Shelburne, Nova Scotia. They were the Williams, Stewarts, MacKays, Jacksons and the Daleys, also the Cahoon family came from Canso. During this period an Edward Jordan with his wife and family came from England, and settled at Murray River. He bought up nearly all the land between Irvings Lane and Beach Point. He gave his daughter Mary, a farm next to Beach Point running back to meet the Cape Bear farms, which were owned by three White brothers, namely Thomas, Henry and Charles. The next farm was given to his son, Richard, which adjoined the other farms, and the remaining land was given to his son, Joshua.

A Dawe family from Newfoundland next settled on Beach Point, also a family headed by John MacLeod. Next, a group of settlers from Newfoundland came, namely, the Bilards, Colberts, Kings, Bennets and a Captain Sam Bowdidge. At Guernsey Cove came the Harris's, Becks, MacKays, Edward Jordan the second with his wife who was Ruhamah Sencabaugh, then the Hawkins, Howes and Robin families, Howe's, Winsloes, Sencabaughs, Davys, Gosbees, Machons and Brehauts.

Mary Herring and Mr. Millar came, their son William Millar married Margaret Penny of Beach Point. They lived on the Millar homestead in Murray Harbour North. They begat William, Fred, Robert, Benjamin, John, Maggie Ann, Eliza, Nettie and Lucy. All passed away except Fred who lives in Murray Harbour North. Nettie and Eliza lives in New Glasgow, John and Lucy (Mrs. Ben Sencabaugh) of Murray River.

THE HERRING FAMILY

William Herring and his wife had three sons, William, Frank and Pascoe, two daughters, Ann and Mary. William married Ruhamah Sencabaugh, daughter of Benjamin, and settled on half the Island. Frank married Ellen Sencabaugh, John's daughter, and settled on the other half of the Island. Pascoe married Marie MacKay and settled on the next Island. Mary married a Mr. Millar, and settled in Murray Harbour North, and Ann settled in Boston.

William, the second, and Ruhamah had eight children, William, Benjamin, Joseph, James, John, Ellen, Mary Ann and Elizabeth. Frank and Ellen had Mary, John, Elizabeth, William, Ruhamah, Ann, Jennie, Ellen and James. Pascoe and Maria had William John Pascoe, Maria and two other sons who were lost at sea. Mary and Mr. Millar had William, James, Margaret, Jean and Jessie.

Frank's family (my grandfather) whose daughter Mary, married Bart LeLacheur of Guernsey Cove. They had a large family, Angus, Julia,

Frank, Bart, Louis, James, Nettie and Minnie. Angus married Loretta Ferguson of White Sands and settled in Mattapan, Massachusetts, Julia married Malcolm MacLeod of High Bank, and with Louis went to the Western States. Frank and Bart also went to live in Boston, Massachusetts. Minnie married away. James married Celia Machon, daughter of Daniel Machon of Guernsey Cove and stayed on his father's farm until he died. Nettie married Percy White of Cape Bear. They lived on Machon's Point where she died. Later Percy married Hattie Beaton. They still live in Murray Harbour.

John married Matilda Reynolds and they built a home on Machon's Point. Their children were David, Lavinia, Etta, Thomas and Libby. David stayed on the old homestead and married Mary Colbert. She died, and he married Bessie Duncan. When David died, his brother Thomas, married Bessie. David and Bessie's son Dingwell, lives on Hampton Hawkins farm at Guernsey Cove and Dingwell is married to Ada Lenora Williams, daughter of Newton Williams of Beach Point.

Etta went to Boston, Massachusetts and finally died there. Libby married William Graham of Cambridge, P.E.I. Lavinia married Benjamin Penny, son of James Penny and migrated to Boston, Massachusetts.

William and Ruhamah Herring's son, William, married Hannah Hugh and when he died, she and her family also moved to Boston, Mass.

James married Flora Ann Kennedy, daughter of Robert Kennedy, who at one time lived on Beach Point. James died, Mrs. Herring and family moved to Sydney, Cape Breton.

Joseph died young, also Mary Ann and Elizabeth. Benjamin married Amelia Ann Leeco from Point Pleasant and their children were Louis, John, Frank and three daughters. Louis married Josie Beck of White Sands. They live at Murray River. When Benjamin died, Mrs. Herring went to New Glasgow, N.S. A son Louis 2nd married Carrie Chapman and lives in Murray Harbour.

John married Gertie Machon of White Sands and built the house where Mrs. Wallie White lives in Murray Harbour. They too, have passed on.

Ellen married Vere, son of Thomas White. They built the house Victor Strickland owns now, but later bought George Roberts farm and moved up in the Murray Harbour district, the family consists of Milton, Horace, Freda, Freeman, one other daughter Florence, married and lived near Halifax, Nova Scotia, and died there. The other four all settled in Murray Harbour.

Elizabeth or "Aunt Betsy", Frank's daughter, as she was called, married Abraham Williams. Their children are as follows, John, who was a

deep sea captain, died in Salem, Mass. at the age of forty-two years. He had never married. Martha went to Cape Cod with Aunt Emma, as a young girl, but lived in Reading, Mass., most of her married life. She married a man from Buzzards Bay, named Frank Pippin, and had six living children, five boys and one girl. Aunt Emma married a man named Babcock, and lived in Mattapan, Mass. Everett then went to live with Martha in Reading, Mass., and married Irene Gordon, formerly of the Island. After his marriage, he and Irene went to Athol, Mass., and brought up a family of four. Martha and Everett have since passed on. Herbert married Maud Giddings of Abney, later moving to Pugwash, Newton married Maud's sister, Loretta Giddings, and bought the home of Lemuel MacLeod. They too, have passed on. Three of their sons settled on Beach Point. Salome married Allan MacLeod of Beach Point, and raised five children. Frank who was killed in action in World War 2 near Caen, France. Emerson married Irene Adams of Victoria Cross, and lives at Beach Point. Dorothy married Harry White of White Sands and lives at White Sands. Olive married Gerald Bell, son of Rankin Bell of Murray Harbor, and lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Beth married Clarence Jermyn and lives in Ottawa.

Pascoe and Maria's family were John, William and Pascoe and two other boys who were lost at sea. John married Martha Beck of White Sands, and their children were George and Rosella. When John died, Martha married John's brother William, and lived and died at Murray Harbour.

George married Gertrude White of Abney and Rosella married Frank Jackson of Beach Point, however, they lived in Murray Harbour. Maria married Donald MacLeod, and after their family were all born, they moved to Western Canada.

Pascoe married Alice MacKay of Guernsey Cove, and they settled in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. Both died there.

The Herring descendents did not mind living on the Island. The girls could row a boat as well as the men. They attended Murray Harbour North school, and they would row across to Machon's Point and go to church with the young people from there. My mother often told me how they would cook in the big open fireplace, make their own candles, and even shear the sheep, card the wool, spin the yarn and weave the cloth, also make suits for her brothers, by hand sewing. She also told me how the Indians would come and camp in the woods. The natives would give them food, and found them a very friendly tribe. Recently, Treasure Hunters have found "arrow heads" on the Island.

The large trading vessels would come in to the East end of the Island, and tie to a tree. Now, with the changing of the sands, a small boat can just go in by the Island.

What faith in God those early settlers had! They were unaware of the dangers that lurked in this new land, nor what was ahead of them day by day, but they were honest God fearing hard working people with an abundance of steadfast faith in their hearts that if they did their best, and "to love God with all their heart and their neighbor as thyself," He would supply all their needs.

Frank Herring's son, William, (or Billy F.) as he was called, married Louise Dawe and settled on the Dawe homestead at Beach Point. Their family consisted of James, who married Mary Gordon of Abney, and who, later in life, moved to Murray Harbour. Lillian and Fred settled in Boston. Laurie and Mary died young. Luther married Bessie MacDonald, of Pictou Island, and settled in Murray Harbour. Whitten married Viola Buell and also lived in Murray Harbour. Sadie married John Gordon, and settled at Beach Point. They had one son Laurie. They bought Herring's Island and farmed it, and had large herds of cattle. At one time a man named Walter Fraser, (a lobster packer from Peter's Road) built a lobster cannery there, and employed a number of people. Mrs. Gordon cooked for the helpers. The Gordons owned Frank Herring's house, later moving it over to Beach Point district near Mrs. Gordon's father's home, but after Laurie was married and had a family, they moved the house up to the village of Murray Harbour. Montfort married Mary Bell MacIntosh and lived at Beach Point later moving to Murray Harbour.

Among other settlers here in the early days, was a Silas Sencabaugh of Guernsey Cove with his wife, who was Eliza Beck of White Sands. They had a family of five girls and one son. After Mr. Sencabaugh and the son died, his wife sold the home to her daughter Elsie and her husband, Wallace MacKay of Guernsey Cove. They bought a very comfortable home that Willard Jordon had built on a section of his father's farm. After Mrs. Sencabaugh died, Wallace's son Silas, moved the house up on a lot next to his Father's home. Since Mrs. MacKay has passed away Wallace (now deceased) lived with his son Gordon and family who lived in the old home. His wife was the former Ruth Beck. Silas married Bertha Chapman of Murray Harbour. Their son Milton, married Joan Sharam and built a nice new home on the land once owned by Willard Jordan. Gordon's son Wallace, married John MacNeill's daughter Sandra, and built a house near Milton.

A man named Mr. MacNeil came here from Cape Breton in the early days. He worked at the "Beach" and met and married Mary MacLean of Peter's Road. They returned to Cape Breton, where their two children Laughlin and Sarah were born. Mr. MacNeil was drowned at sea, and his young widow and two children returned to Beach Point. When the children grew up, Sarah married John MacDonald, and went to live in Glen William. Laughlin married Eliza Penny and settled here in Beach Point. They had seven sons and two daughters, the eldest daugh-

ter Isabel, died while young. A son James, married Phoebe Stewart and settled here, but both died while still in their youth. Harry married Annie Jordan. His five sons settled here. Annie and George died young. Harry now lives with George's widow, and her four boys. One daughter settled in the Murray Harbour district, and one in Ontario. Leith married Myrtle Osborne. They had a boy and a girl. Leith died, and his widow and children moved to Ontario and now live there. Cephas never married. He, too, has passed away. Wilfred married Eunice Gordon of Abney, and two of their daughters, Minetta and Marian settled here. Mildred lives in Halifax. Lauchie and June settled in Toronto. Angus married Marion Bell of White Sands, and settled in Murray Harbour. Albert married Julia Jordan and lives here. Ethel married Jerrie Nicolle and lived a short time in White Sands, later moved here and bought the house built by Lot Graham. They have one son, Orrin, who married Leotha Jackson. They bought H. P. Cahoon's property, and built a very nice new home on it.

Other settlers were the three Osborne families, whose parents came here from Port Elgin. Three boys settled here. The parents and several members of the family moved out to the coast, and others settled in Ontario.

The farm in the Murray Harbour district, next to Sellar MacKay's was settled by a Roberts family. There are still some of the descendants living here. Next to the east, is the farm of John MacDonald and his wife, the former Marion Gillis of High Bank. Their two daughters settled elsewhere, one in Charlottetown and the other in Ontario.

At one time, a steamer plied between Charlottetown and Pictou, N.S., during the summer, but in the winter the only way of travel between the two provinces was what they called "Ice Boats". They would transfer the mail and passengers. They would row in the open water, and pull the boats over the ice where it was frozen. It was a crude way to travel. This occurred at the west end of the Island.

About the year 1939, a group of business men in Charlottetown formed a company called The Northumberland Ferries Ltd., and opened a service between Caribou, N.S. and Wood Islands, P.E.I. The first steamer was a lake boat they brought down from Wallaceburg, Ontario, and fitted her out to meet the demands of the traffic. The boat carried automobiles and passengers, and the venture turned out to be very successful. The first boat was named the "Prince Nova". Later, a second boat was added and named the "Charles A. Dunning." This boat was larger and carried extra cars. Finally the "Prince Nova" became too old and obsolete, and was finally tied up at a wharf at Pictou Harbour, where later she was burned. Now two more boats have been added, the "Lord Selkirk" and "Prince Nova II" which carries many more cars. Despite the fact, the

other two good boats are busy, there are still a long waiting list of cars at each landing with passengers patiently awaiting their turn to board ship. It is very convenient for the people of King's County, as one can eat a hearty breakfast at home in Beach Point before leaving for Wood Islands only sixteen miles away, and within an hour and twenty minutes, one has crossed over. This route is only open from May 1st until December 1st, but it is excellent for the many tourists, as the boats between Borden, P.E.I. and Cape Tormentine, N.B. cannot cope with the traffic.

Now, with paved roads, one can drive cars all winter. The snow plows keep the roads nicely cleared, except in extreme blizzards, which seldom occurs during our recent winters.

If one has not visited this beautiful Island, one has missed scenic beauty that only the poets could describe; the salt sea breeze; the quaint homesteads that dot the shoreline; fields of waving grain; idle lobster traps and nets on the piers; flakes of fish drying in the summer sun; the well kept farms; the fisherman and the farmer working side by side; small churches of God scattered along the highway; the gorgeous sunsets reflecting its colors of rose and gold over the water at twilight; the proof of immortality casts its rays over this lovely Island if one has the deep heart to recognize and enjoy this picturesque land, settled by humble hard working christian people of whom we are proud to call our ancestors

CAPE BEAR SETTLERS

At one time, many years ago, three White brothers settled in Cape Bear. Thomas married Margaret Beck and their family Vere (who is mentioned elsewhere) Oliver married Bella Lowe of Murray River. He operated a lobster factory for a while, then moved to Lyon's Brook, Nova Scotia, where they spent their lives. Selina settled in Nova Scotia. Caroline married Philip Strickland and built a house near Mr. White. Their family was Victor, who lives in his uncle Vere's home. Maggie, who married Fred MacLeod, and settled on Machon's Point. Vernon settled in Village Green, his wife Cora Penny has passed away. Beatrice settled in Boston. Vance married Ruth Penny and they settled in Murray River, where they own a large farm, and have cabins. Anyone wishing to spend a delightful vacation should go there. Chester married Elsie Penny, their oldest son Eugene, settled in Ontario. Barry lives in his father's home. Chester passed away, and Elsie remarried E. A. Keeping. Peter White married Tilly Saunder of Murray River, and settled at the "Cape". They had a son, Peter, and the father was drowned while fishing on the Reef. Tillie and her baby moved away and later went to Prince County, P.E.I. Peter grew up, and became chief of police for the Town of Summerside,

P.E.I. from which position he recently retired. Walter was the youngest of Thomas White's family. He is over ninety years old, and quite active. Mary Elizabeth married William T. Irving and settled in the Lane. Her daughters—one daughter settled in Halifax, N.S. One in Pictou, N.S. James married Ruth Sencabaugh, and settled in New Glasgow, N.S. They have passed away. Willie married Lulu Sencabaugh and settled in N.B. where they still reside. Peter married Gladys Penny and lived at Beach Point. Peter died young and Gladys had a home built in Murray Harbour, where her three boys and her daughter grew up. They settled in Ontario, where Gladys lives with them.

When Luther Jordan came to the Cape, they had a family. George, Beatrice, and Fletcher settled in the U.S.A. Fletcher was a Baptist minister, he married Daisy White (a neighbor) and during the first flu epidemic, Fletcher died. His wife Daisy, and her baby boy came home, and she later married and settled in Charlottetown. Carl spent some time in Boston, then came and worked with his father on his vessel. Wilfred and Carl died while still young men. Annie married Harry MacNeil. Haszard never married, Rayford married Clara Beck and now lives in M.H. Julia married Albert MacNeil, and Florence married E. A. Keeping. They lived out west for a while, but later came and lived at the Light, until his retirement, then they moved to Murray Harbour where they had a nice home. They had seven children. Beatrice settled in Halifax. Eileen settled in Montague, Bessie at Beach Point, Ruth in Charlottetown and Vivian and Inez settled away. A son Billy, lives at home. William married Clara White, and operates our village grocery store here at Beach Point. Their daughter Ada, married John MacKenzie, and lives at Beach Point. Marion married Roy Stewart and settled here, too. Their son Wallace is at present studying to become a Baptist minister, and George goes to high school. Across from Luther's, the old Neil Penny farm was bought by Joseph White (Henry's son). He married a girl from Peter's Road, across the river from Beach Point. Their oldest daughter, Lizzie, married Reuben Penny and settled in the Murray Harbour district. Colin married Florence Higgins from Charlottetown. As he worked for the C.N.R. they lived in several villages. However, on retirement, they built a cozy home at Murray Harbour, and lived there until they passed away. All the family settled elsewhere, except Margaret, who married Ernie Poole of New Perth. They operate the Kingsway Motel, a most enjoyable place to stay, and excellent food.

Wallace, or "Wallie" (as we called him) married Clara Barass and settled at Beach Point. After Clara's death, Wallie married Marion Cahoon. They moved to Murray Harbour. Wallie has since passed on. Susie settled in New Glasgow. Ella settled in Boston, Mass. Percy married

Nettie LeLacheur of Guernsey Cove and settled on Machon's Point. After Nettie died, Percy remarried and lived at Murray River. Years later, he came back to Murray Harbour. His wife was the former Hattie Beaton. Arthur married Mable MacLeod, and settled on Machon's Point. After Mable's death, he went to Sydney, N.S. to live. One daughter, (Mrs. Emerson Cahoon) lives at Murray Harbour. Peter married Minnie Beck of White Sands. They lived at Beach Point at one time. They also moved to Murray Harbour.

Raymond married Sadie Jordan, and lived with his parents, however, he died young, and his parents were unable to operate the farm, so his widow, Sadie, went to Boston, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. White finally sold the farm to Sadie's brother, Vernon Jordan then moved to Murray Harbour. Vernon's daughter Edith, married a neighbor's son John White, and settled in the Beach Point district. While fishing, Vernon and John were drowned. Vernon's widow, Julia sold the farm to Louis Harris and moved away. One son, Bert, married Esther Herring of Murray Harbour and settled on the Mr. William Hugh's homestead in the Murray Harbour district.

After James Lumsden was drowned, his widow married James Hume. When Elliot and Willard Lumsden (the sons) grew up, they went to the Western States. Willard remained, but Eliot, after losing an arm while hunting, returned to Beach Point. He eventually married Sarah Ellen Jordan, and built a nice home at Murray Harbour. Their daughter, Minnie died, also their parents. Another daughter, Lucy now lives in Boston, Mass.

James and Mrs. Hume were the parents of two daughters. Lizzie died. Clara married Edward Chapman. Four of their children, Nellie, William, May and James settled in Boston, Mass. A son, Alfred, married and settled in Murray Harbour. Another son, John, married Vivian Armstrong of Montague and settled in Ontario.

Allan was the only son of the George MacLeod's family who settled at Beach Point. A brother, Albert, married Fayne Harris and settled at Murray Harbour. He has passed away. Fayne lives with their son in Vancouver. His sisters, Jane, Rhoda, Jessie and another brother George, all settled in Boston, Mass. Another brother John, married Nettie MacLean and settled at Peters Road, their daughter Rhoda, married Harvey Veinot and settled in Pictou. Fred married Helen Herring and settled in New Glasgow. Basil settled in Stellarton, Nova Scotia.

THE PENNY FAMILY — THE LIGHT KEEPERS

I remember vividly the genealogy of John and James, in the old Penny family. I do not know if John & James Penny's parents lived here as they were here before I was born. They came from England and set-

tled on a point about a mile west of Beach Point. History relates that the first light was a lantern attached to a pole in range with Beach Point. The light now is automatic. John Penny married Caroline Beck of White Sands, and settled up near the main road, leading from Beach Point to Murray Harbour. They had two sons, William and Vere, and a daughter Lizzie. William married Henry Sencabaugh's daughter who lived west of Murray Harbour near the White Sands district. They had two sons, Embert and Henry. They have all passed away and their farm buildings have all been removed.

Lizzie married Thompson MacKay and settled up on the MacKay farm by the cross roads. They had one daughter, Bertha. Mr. MacKay was drowned while Bertha was young. Bertha married William Richards of Gladstone. They have passed away. Two sons, Vere and Carl reside at Murray Harbour, also a daughter Peg. Two other daughters settled away. Vere Penny married Mary Cahoon and lived with his parents on the farm. A son Reuben settled across the road from his father's home, but later moved to Murray Harbour. His wife was Lizzie White of Cape Bear. Many members of their family settled at Murray Harbour. Others settled in Boston, Mass., and other unknown places. Ernest married Selina MacKenzie and lived with their parents. They had two daughters, Ruth and Elsie, who are mentioned elsewhere in this book. Cecil married Cecelia Richards and they live on a farm. Ernest had a sister Elsie, who married LeBert Machon and lived at White Sands, later moving to Montague.

James Penny, the first, married Isabel MacKay of Guernsey Cove and settled on the Point. Their son Neil settled at Cape Bear. Sam married John MacLeod's daughter, Martha, and settled in the home at Murray Harbour, where Mrs. Beaton now lives. They moved to Boston. Ann married John Cahoon and settled down by the lane. They had no children.

James, the second, married Maria Millar of Murray Harbour North, and built a house on his father's farm up by the main road. Their family, James, married Janie Bennet and built the house now owned by Wallace Hume. They moved to Sydney, N.S. Minnie and Neil went to the U.S.A. Benjamin married Capt. John Herring's daughter, Lavina and settled on Machon's Point, later moving to Boston. None of his family settled here.

Sam, the second, married Annie MacLean and settled down near the lane. They too, moved to Sydney, N.S. Archie Gordon and his wife, the former Joyce MacKenzie own the place at present.

William married Lizzie Beck of White Sands, and settled on the south side of the road near the residence of James. Their two sons, Sam and Peter went to Eldon, P.E.I. where they had a tailoring business. They married, settled, and finally died there.

Lucy also went there, and married Rupert Hubley. Their family lives there. Ada married Alexander MacDonald and lived next to her fath-

er's farm. Alexander was Hugh MacDonald's son, (one of the first settlers). His sister Elizabeth, or "Libbie" as she was called, married Reuben Cahoon.

Charlie Penny settled in Sydney, N.S. Hedley Penny married Lot-tie Herring and settled at Cape Bear, later moving his canning factory and home near the Beach Point wharf. Several of their daughters settled in or near Boston. James married Annie Richards and lived at Beach Point, later moving with their family to Toronto. Phoebe Penny married Stanley Baker of Nova Scotia and settled at Cape Bear, later moving to Williams Point. One daughter, Nettie married Newton Williams Jr. and settled at Beach Point. Ada married Chester MacKenzie and settled over near the Lane. William resides in Charlottetown, but owns a home on the Point, where he and his family spend their vacations. Melida settled in Pictou, N.S. Warren and Edith, in Georgetown. Stanley, Eliza and Adeline settled near Charlottetown.

Hedley Penny's son Cyrus married Rosie Moore of Murray River and settled in Murray Harbour. Their son and two daughters also settled in Murray Harbour. Bert married Lena MacKenzie, and settled at Beach Point. Their son Roy settled in B.P., Judy at Wood Islands, Georgina at Murray River and Faye at home. When William and Annie Harris settled on the White farm at Cape Bear, they raised a family, however, Mr. Harris did not live long. Their children are as follows: Willie settled in Beach Point, Ada in Charlottetown. Jane settled in Hartford, Conn. Daniel married Marcella Haszard of Charlottetown then moved out West. Fayne married Albert MacLeod. Louis married Zettie Beck of White Sands and lived with Mrs. Harris and cared for her until her death. Beth, the youngest of the daughters, married Walter Bartlett, a wireless operator, who was working at the station at Cape Bear. He became officer in charge for a long time and when the station was closed, he was transferred to North Sydney. There they spent the remainder of their lives. Annabel Penny married Samuel Davidson and settled in Murray Harbour North. (They are mentioned in the Herring family). Kate married Richard Beck and lived in the Murray Harbour district. Their children are as follows: Ezra, (who has passed away), Ella (Mrs. Horace Hyde) who lives at Murray Harbour, Lester who lives at Murray Harbour also. John married Annie Roberts and settled on the Point near his father, but later bought land from James Hume and moved his house down on the ice and up Beach Creek to the present site. (This house has been moved on a lot of land east of Richard Jordan's orchard and the land is vacant now). The house sat on a hill top, a very picturesque place. Their children were Edith, Earl and Lexie. Edith married Horie Machon and settled on Machon's Point, and still lives there. Her sister, Lexie, resides with her. Earl married Bertha Kennedy, and after Earl died, Bertha and the children moved away. Hedley's son James and

Annie bought the place, and lived there until they went to Toronto to live.

Across the road from Newton Williams is the home of John Williams and his wife, the former Annie Giddings, of White Sands. Their daughter married and settled in Nova Scotia. Their son, Kenny, lives with his wife in his grandfather's home near the shore. John and two other sons own a large marine shop, where one can have a boat of any type built to specifications. He also worked on many homes plastering and putting on finish, but now spends all his time in his boat shop.

Robert Penny married Violet Saunders of Murray River, stayed on the farm and also tended the Light. Their daughter, Isabel married George Stewart, and another daughter Clara, married Sydney Brooks, and settled in White Sands. Their son, James Robert, married Sadie Hume of Iris, P.E.I. and lived on the farm. They had a daughter, Clara, who settled in Halifax, N.S. A son Vernon, who settled in Charlottetown and another son, Curtis, married Nora Herring of Murray Harbour and lived there on a farm.

In the long ago, two of our Islands were owned by a Mr. David Reynolds and his wife who was Jessie Graham of Gaspereaux, P.E.I. These islands were north of the Herring Islands, and nearer to Murray Harbour North. The family lived on the larger Island and I presume they used the smaller one to pasture their animals.

The family consisted of seven sons and two daughters. Benjamin married Annie Sencabaugh of Gaspereaux, and they begat John. He married and settled on the Island near his father's home. They had one son and several daughters. The one son settled in New Glasgow, and I do not know where the daughters settled. John still lives in Murray River with a grandson.

William Reynolds, son of David, married, and settled in the Murray River Road. They finally moved away to Boston, Mass., and Spencer Sharam now lives in their former home.

Alexander married, and lived a short time at Murray River, later moving to Dartmouth, N.S. where they spent their lives. A daughter resides in Pictou, N.S. George settled in Murray Harbour North. Adam married Georgina Graham, and settled near Murray River. I believe all the Adam's family have passed away.

Freeman married Pansy Machon of White Sands and lived for many years on Machon's Point, later moving to Murray Harbour. Freeman has since passed on. Pansy lives with a nephew, Robert Machon in Montague.

David married Mary Ann Roberts (Peter's daughter). They lived all their lives in Murray Harbour, except a few years in New Glasgow, N.S. Their only son, Clarence, was killed in World War I. Mary settled

in the U.S.A. Matilda married John Herring and settled on Machon's Point. She is mentioned in the Frank Herring family in this book.

The houses and all the buildings have long been removed. In later life, Benjamin and Annie moved to Murray Harbour North, where they spent their later life.

The land from whence Wilfred MacNeil moved his house at Beach Point, is now owned by Ellie Hume. He has erected a very attractive little home there.

THE EARLY SETTLERS OF BEACH POINT, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Cape Bear is a high and lofty point of land situated in King's County on the southern tip of Prince Edward Island, Canada. It is densely wooded with spruce, hemlock, pine and many other beautiful trees, except for a clearing at its peak, where one can park cars; with an excellent road leading up to this plateau. There is a beautiful panorama from this point, on a clear day one can see as far as Cape George, the Nova Scotia land and Pictou Island, north lies Souris and the land extending northward to Murray Harbour commands another scenic view. At present the road is impassable for cars due to heavy snow and rain.

To the south, there is a babbling brook which flows from a pond located in the Abney district approximately four or five miles west of here. At one time, lobster factories flourished near this brook. William Lamont canned lobsters there in the early 1900's. Later, Freeman Hewitt, of Lower Montague also had a factory there. A cook house was provided to supply food for the men who lived in what was then known as "Shanties". The "Reef", one of the best lobster fishing grounds is near by, so the men did not have far to go. Many local boys and girls were employed in this factory.

North of the "Cape", approximately one or two miles, is Beach Point. Years ago, it was a wide sandy beach. Between the Beach and Hume's Point, a large creek emptied into a pond. This was known as Beach Pond. A small vessel could sail into this pond, and the fishermen used to anchor their boats there, but with the passing of the years and the changing of the tides, the creek changed its course, finally, the pond became very small. During the winter, good skating was enjoyed on the pond. On frigid days, when the ice was very thick, one could adjust their skates while on shore and skate seven miles north west up to Murray River. Murray River flows north and forks off below Machon's Point. On the south, one tributary flows to Murray Harbour and beyond the bridge up to Abney, another tributary of this river flows up to Murray River and still another to the north to Clow's wharf in Murray Harbour North. There are three points, Machon's, Sharams and MacKays. On the north

side of the river, there is a sandy beach at Beach Point, called "Poverty" Beach. This beach joins Murray Harbour North and at its focal point is what we call the "Bluff". It was a fine site for a lobster factory, and years ago, a man named Samuel Johnstone of Peter's Road had a cannery there, another company of fishermen also had a factory there. Now, MacKay and Sons buy the lobsters from the fishermen who fish there and bring them here by truck. A cook house is still available for the fishermen. "Poverty" Beach is invaded now by the sea gulls. Years ago, however, we enjoyed going over and hunting for their nests snuggled in the warm sand. The eggs were delicious.

Between this beach and the Murray Harbour North shore there is a large Bay. At very low tide one can walk onto the flats and pick up quahaugs and large bar clams. West of the bay, there are five islands, the first one was called Indian Island, but after William Herring and his family settled there, it was called Herring's Island.

There are two light houses in our harbour, one on Beach Point and another one on what we call Penny's Point. This light is a range light with powerful brilliant rays. With these two light houses, the ships are safely guided into port at night. At one time we had storm signals erected on Hume's Point, but later a new wharf was built at the foot of Irving's Lane, the signal was moved up there. In later years, when the weather bureau issued the weather reports by radio, this signal was removed. There is a revolving light at Cape Bear now which is automatic and does the work of a lightkeeper.

The farms on Cape Bear adjoin the farms on Beach Point, as each farm has plenty of woodland in the rear of their homes. The road from Beach Point runs out to Cape Bear and at the cross roads, one road runs east to the bill of the Cape, and the west road through Guernsey Cove and as far west as one wishes to travel. Near Guernsey Cove school house, there is another cross roads which leads through the road from Beach Point to Murray Harbour and declines to the Murray Harbour cemetery. From Murray Harbour, there is a road leading out to White Sands. White Sands district is on the west of the Cove. At the dead end of this road, there is yet another road leading north which meets the road leading from Murray Harbor to Abney, this is called the Mill Road, as at one time a John Cowan had a mill by the side of this road. There was also a starch factory there. In the fall, the farmers used to haul their potatoes there to be made into starch. The Cowan place is now owned by John Brooks. John's father David, informed me that years ago, large vessels used to sail up as far as their farm, but the tides have changed the area, and only water enough is left for small boats to enter and anchor there.

In the early 1900's a wireless station was built at Cape Bear. This was quite an innovation, and great excitements and enthusiasm prevailed.

An officer would be in charge with three or four assistants, each fall, different young men would arrive, as an act of rotation. As the winter boats passed from Georgetown to Pictou, they would hold conversation from ship to shore. We had the "Stanley" and "Minto", two efficient ice breakers. Later, the "Earl Grey" arrived, any one wishing to go to the mainland had to drive forty miles by sleigh to Georgetown, and proceed on the winter boats. Later, when the train came to Murray Harbour, and the Borden ferry was in operation, the winter boats were disposed of. In the olden days, people wishing to travel, went by vessel to Pictou, as coasting vessels were always available, as well as a large fleet of fishing vessels. The merchants were compelled to hire a man with a vessel to bring supplies. They would go to Halifax, Magdalens and St. Pierre for this service.

In the ancient days of "Iron Men and Wooden Ships", the older men sailed to ports all over the world. How we enjoyed their fascinating and exciting tales of the sea! Many fished on the banks of Newfoundland. The rails and ties for the railroad were all brought into Murray River on these vessels. This was an amazing feat in those primitive days.

At one time, we had a small steamer called the "Electra". Captain William McLaren of Georgetown was its pilot. On Mondays, the "Electra" would leave Georgetown and Montague and ply up through Murray Harbour, Murray River, Clow's Wharf, anchor at the beach and pick up passengers and freight for Pictou. On Tuesdays, she would return, disembark the passengers and freight at Beach Point, and return to Georgetown for the night. On Wednesdays, she should ply on her way to Charlottetown and return on Thursdays. Fridays, she would make the trip to Pictou and return again Saturday. After the "Electra", we had another new steamer, the "Enterprise", but by that time, the train was running to Murray Harbour, consequently, the steamer did not make the trip to Charlottetown. How delighted we would be to see our dear relatives and friends who had travelled afar to a strange land to seek their fortunes, to marry and have their families, as the young birds leave their nests." This was such a joyous homecoming, and there were many smiles and tears in this great reunion of loved ones. Sometimes, cousins would meet cousins they had never seen before. To the children of the "States" it was most exciting! To see all these loved ones was overwhelming!! Wonderful hospitality was extended to all, and in every home one was offered a "cup o' tea!"

Fresh fruits are so plentiful on this beautiful island, it was a great treat to go out and pick wild strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries and other luscious fruits.

A large excellent wharf with deep water beneath it was an asset to Beach Point in those days, however, the government has built a new wharf at Irving's Lane, the old wharf at the beach was deteriorated where

the sand had washed upon the beach changing in size by nature's storms and tides.

The first telephone was installed in the Hume homestead where the storm signal was also operated.

THE CAPE BEAR SETTLERS

The farm, west of the brook was owned by John MacKay and his good wife, Jane Chapman of Murray Harbour North. They did some farming, and had large cranberry bogs. The last of September, we would go and pick the nice ripe berries. At noon an older man would make a fire, brew a large kettle of tea, then we would share our lunches. It would taste so good out in the crisp cool September fall air. We would have our berries measured, and plan to be home before dark. How we enjoyed the friendship of those older people!

Next to John MacKay's farm, was a farm owned by Thomas Munn. He was also keeper of the Cape Bear light, then when Mr. Harris and his wife left the Beach, they bought Thomas White's farm out at Cape Bear. Mr. Harris was a lightkeeper until his death, then Luther Jordan and his wife (who was Ada Beck) bought Munn's farm, and he was lightkeeper for a number of years.

The next lightkeeper was Hiram Hyde. He was succeeded by Clarence White, a young veteran of World War I. He died young, and E. A. Keeping and family moved into the Lighthouse until his retirement. Now the light is automatic and does the work of a keeper.

The farm of Luther Jordan is now owned by Luther Williams and his wife Ella Giddings, they have three girls Ada, Beatrice, Zettie. The land west of the corner across the road from Luther Williams was at one time owned by Neil Penny, son of James Penny. His wife was a Nicolle from White Sands. He died young, then she moved to Boston, Mass., and her little daughter went to live with her Aunt Ann and Uncle John Cahoon. The land north of that and opposite our school was owned by Hector Penny and his wife who was Rhoda Bears of Murray River. They too, moved to New Glasgow, then Philip Billard bought their place, and later moved the house to Murray Harbour, where later it burned down. After John MacKay died, and Hedley Penny married Lottie, Mrs. MacKay sold the farm to Penny's, and built a little house on the corner by the school, right where the Cape Bear and Beach Point district meet. A few years later, her brother William and sister, Jessie Chapman, bought Gabriel Billards house, and moved over from Murray Harbour north. Mrs. MacKay lived with them and rented her little house to young people who were just married, and waiting to buy a place.

West of Neil Penny's was a farm owned by Charles White. His second wife was Elizabeth MacLeod of Murray River. They had two sons,

David and Simon. David stayed, and married Bella Dutney of Murray River. She and her son Wallace still live on the place, Charlie and Ann settled in Boston, Sandy settled in Borden, P.E.I., John was drowned and Gavin died while young. Simon journeyed out West, and finally died there.

Next is the home of W. S. Beck and his wife who was Lucy Lumsden. They have passed on, and the house is still vacant.

Victor Strickland and his wife (who was Hattie Jackson) and family live on the late father's home. At one time, Oliver White and his wife lived there, where he operated a lobster factory.

BEACH POINT SETTLERS

Beach Point is a very picturesque settlement overlooking the water. Many of the Williams families, the MacLeods, the MacKays, MacNeils, Grahams, Sencabaughs, Dalys, Stewarts, Cahoons, Whites, Jacksons, Jordans and others lived within a radius of a few miles from each other. John Stewart lived there and his son Elmer, bought a little house there and moved it up the ice to Murray Harbour, where he lived for some time, then moved to New Glasgow. After Robert Kennedy left Beach Point, his house was in the rear of our school. Captain Edward Chapman bought the farm and moved the Kennedy house down nearer the MacFadyen home. When the captain's wife died, his son Milton, had settled in Murray Harbour. A daughter Della went to Boston and the captain remarried Clara Hume (James Hume's daughter).

The house almost opposite the school was one time owned by John MacLeod and his wife whose maiden name was Ross. She was from Vernon River. He had several daughters and two sons, Isabella married Daniel Machon and settled at Guernsey Cove. Maria married Charles LeLacheur and lived at Guernsey Cove. Rebecca married Joseph Brehaut, and lived also at Guernsey Cove. Jane married Albert Clements and lived at Murray Harbour. Emily and Lizzie married, and settled at Vernon River, the two sons, Amos and Spurgeon went away to sea, and died away.

John MacLeod was one time foreman of the ship yard at Beach Point, but died by accidental drowning. His brother George MacLeod and his wife, the former Ann Matheson of Scotland and Glen William bought the place. North of their place was a man by the name of Dawe who brought his family here from Newfoundland. He had a large family of girls and two boys. In later years, they moved to Maine, then his son-in-law, William Herring, and his wife Louisa bought their place. They then sold a lot to Alexander MacKenzie of Cape Breton and his wife Sarah, formerly of Murray Harbour North, and they built a very nice little home here.

West of William Herrings, Abraham Daley and his wife, the former Jennie MacKay lived here with their eight sons. The Daly boys all moved away, except Joseph and Abraham. They married girls from Beaver Harbour, Nova Scotia. They always had a vessel and sailed to Halifax frequently. Joseph and his wife lived with the father, however, Abraham Jr. only lived here a short time, then moved to Whim Road, where his brother Hugh lived. In later years, he and the family moved to Vancouver.

Next to James Hume's farm was Richard Jordan's farm. He married Margaret Curry from Little Sands. They had a large family. Two daughters died young, and the oldest daughter, Alice, went to Boston, Mass. as a girl, and made her home there. The oldest son Benny (as we called him) became a school teacher and was my first school teacher. In later life, he had an ailment of the knee, and walked for years with the aid of crutches. He never complained, was a good talker, and was always cheerful. How he would enjoy dropping in an evening and helping the children with their lessons, always so generous to be of service, and to lend a helping hand to those who needed any assistance.

Beach Point is a very friendly community, and noted for its excellent fishermen and farmers, its lobster factories, the salt sea air, and its strong and healthy people, just a delightful place to call "Home".

Richard Jordan's sons, Malcolm and Albert Jordan died young. John migrated to Boston and settled there, after his wife died, he returned home, and operated a hotel in Charlottetown, until his death. Fletcher went to Ontario and died there. Willard still lives in Charlottetown, and is the only remaining one of the family.

At one time, an elderly couple, Isaac Stewart and his wife lived on a lot of Richard Jordan's land near the shore. When his wife died, Mr. Stewart moved back to Shelburne and Mr. Jordan bought the house and rented it. The first family I remember moving into the house was Lot Graham and his wife who was Lizzie Roberts of Murray Harbour North. He was a clerk at the Beach store. They later bought a lot of land from W. T. Irving, and built a house over by the Lane. They had three sons, Benjamin, Willard and Spurgeon. After Mrs. Graham died, Mr. Graham married a Mary MacKay of Gladstone. They had a son and daughter. After Mary died, Lot spent the latter days of his life in Nalifax, Nova Scotia, living with his son Spurgeon.

The next family to live in the house was Edward Colbert and his wife who had come up from Newfoundland. Later when Isaac Williams died, and his wife sold the point where they had lived, Mr. Colbert bought that place. When Mr. Colbert died his wife went to Boston.

Peter Roberts, who was married to Joanna Williams, also built a house on Williams Point. Later they sold their place to Thomas White

of Cape Bear, and the Roberts family moved to Pictou, except Thomas, who went to Boston with his family. Mary Ann who married David Reynolds lived all her life in Murray Harbour.

Next to Richard Jordan's lived James Roberts and his wife who was Sarah Cahoon. When Mrs. Roberts died, Mr. Roberts moved his family to Boston, and I believe William Harris bought the place and rented it. Many people lived in the house at various times, until a Captain Samson Bowdridge and his family came up from Newfoundland and bought the place. He was always away at sea, and after a few years, he and his family moved to Sydney, Cape Breton, then Abraham Daley Jr. lived here for a short time, then moved to Whim Road. Herbert Williams bought it and he and his wife lived here a couple of years. Wallie White then bought the house and after a few years, James Herring moved to the Harbour where he was employed by the C.N.R. and Wallie bought his place, then Allan MacLeod and his wife bought the house and have owned it for the past fifty-six years. Allan has passed away.

Next to the MacLeod house is Wallace Humes, his wife Lois is the daughter of Joseph MacLeod and his wife, who was Laura Dunn. Their house was built approximately seventy-five years ago by one James Penny (son of James Penny and Maria Millar). He married Janie Bennet and lived there a short time, then sold the house to John Stewart and his wife, who was Alfreda Jordan (Joshua's daughter).

James Penny moved to Sydney. John Stewart and family, after several years moved to Murray Harbor district, then Wallace MacKay and his wife, the former Elsie Sencabaugh, bought the place. After Elsie's father died she and Wallace bought the mother's home and sold their home to Wallace Hume. I presume, at one time, those lots were part of Joshua Jordan's farm.

Next to Isaac Stewart's, by the shore was Abraham Williams homestead. His wife was Elizabeth Herring. They are mentioned in the Frank Herrings family. A grandson and wife, at present live on the same lot. Elliot and wife have passed away. After Joshua Jordan's wife died, he did not farm again, he sold the remainder of his land between Elliot Williams and the Allan MacLeods to Elliot Williams, and the land between the cemetery and the road to Wallace Hume.

We now have a fine new school. The old Temperance Hall has been moved here from Murray Harbour which we use for a Gospel Chapel where Sunday School and services are held each sabbath. Four nice new dwelling houses are now erected on a farm where one family used to live. None of Joshua nor Richard Jordan's families settled on Beach Point. The land west of Joshua's was settled first by Hugh Jackson, senior, and his wife who was Ann MacKay. They had a large family, some settled

here, but many have been dead for a long time. Their son, Hugh, Junior, was the only one of the family who lived here all his life. He married Frances Sencabaugh of Guernsey Cove. They had a large family, but only four children settled at Beach Point. There are some descendants here yet, a great grandson Hugh has a nice new home built near the site of the first home. A grandson John, has a home built nearer the shore, where he and his wife, Sadie Mason, and family still reside. The lot west of John's was once owned and lived on by David Cahoon and his wife, the former Mary Jackson, but that was a very long time ago. South of the Jackson's was the home of William Harris, Junior. His wife was Jessie Ferguson. They too, moved to Murray Harbour, and there are now four homes on their property, namely: Emerson MacLeod and family; John MacKenzie and family; Newton Williams and family; and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harris.

The farm west of the above, over ninety years old was owned by a John MacKenzie from Murray Harbour North. His wife's name was Bessie. They had a daughter Selina and two sons. Selina married Ernest Penny, her mother Bessie died, and John married Alice Roberts. After their death, the farm was sold to Isaac Stewart and his wife, who was Isabella Glover. Their family moved from Guernsey Cove. After Mrs. Stewart died, Isaac was unable to do farming, so he sold the farm to his son George and his wife, who was Isabel Penny. A son still lives there.

There is a pond on this farm where a creek runs through. In winter the young people enjoy skating there, and coasting on the hills around the pond.

Four of George Stewart's family settled at Beach Point. Fred died of wounds received in Italy during World War II. He was buried in Italy.

East of Silas MacKay's home is the home of John MacKenzie (Alexander's son). He married Bessie Barass of Canso. His son George, was killed in France in World War II. Another son, Russell, died young. John, Chester and Lena settled on Beach Point. (A brother James still lives in the father's home. Alexander's home).

After Captain George Irving died, his son William D., worked the farm. He married Alice Beck, daughter of Thomas of Murray Harbour. They had two sons and two daughters, Jessie and George settled in Boston, Mary is a school teacher. She married Sellar MacKay of Murray Harbour and they lived on the farm once owned by Vere White in the Murray Harbour district. Nathan married Rebecca Derby of White Sands. After his mother died, his son Axel, worked the farm, then Nathan and Rebecca bought a place in Murray Harbour where she operates a tourist home. Another son, Chessel, owns the farm once owned by the Hugh family.

BEACH POINT DISTRICT CHURCHES

When my ancestors settled here in 1868, there were no churches and the people held church services in a grove in the rear of Richard Jordan's home. However, later the people united, and built a Methodist church. How the people would flock to that church each Sunday afternoon. It was filled to capacity.

There was a Methodist Church at Murray Harbour, also one at White Sands. The "Manse" was near the church at White Sands. When the snow was too deep, sometimes the minister would have to resort to walk four miles on snowshoes in order to be on time for the services.

Later, the Baptist denomination built a church on the corner of James Penny's land by George Irving's home. They would hold a service on one Sunday morning, and the next Sunday evening, then either church would have a prayer meeting alternating on Wednesday evenings. After the Methodists and Presbyterian churches united, the Methodists had the church at Murray Harbour (Presbyterian). For some time we kept the church here, and used it for a hall, however, for the lack of activities, it was sold and demolished. The Baptists bought the Methodist church at Murray Harbour and their church here was sold and taken away. Now the United Church Manse is at Murray Harbour located in a house built by Captain William Horton, who later moved to Bridgetown, Nova Scotia.

Soon after the turn of the century, a Church of Christ was built on the corner of Vere Penny's farm, about half way to Murray Harbour. The minister of this church lives in a manse in Murray Harbour.

The first Presbyterian church was built on Donald MacKay's property at Murray Harbour, but later it was moved across the river to Henry Brehant's place. This became a great advantage, as a few years later north and south residents united, and acquired a resident minister. About the year 1828 or 1830 their first pastor was Rev. Daniel MacCurdy.

There was also a Methodist church near. The cemetery is on the Methodist Church farm, and the church was near the shore. When there was a service, people came from near and far bringing lunches and staying for both services if by chance there were two. The first Methodist minister was the Rev. Thomas Bulpitt. The Methodist minister at Beach Point in my time was Rev. Mr. James, then Rev. Allen, Rev. Chapman, Rev. Sellars, and many more. In the olden days the services were well attended as people did not believe in sports on the sabbath day. Among the lovely old hymns sung were Jesus, Lover of My Soul, Stand up for Jesus, Oh God our help in ages past, Throw out the life line, and many more too numerous to mention. How we miss the old churches here, as well as the dear old friends who worshipped in them.

THE IRISH MOSS

In the early days during World War II we were quite concerned regarding a strange man walking down the road and around our shores. Naturally, we all thought "this man is a spy", however, on making inquiries, we found he was here from Quebec getting information regarding the Irish Moss situation. It turned out to be quite an exciting occasion for this little settlement, however, for many years there were thousands of dollars worth of moss collected and sold here.

After a big wind storm, the shore around the Cape would be piled high with this moss, and people of all ages and sexes were there, even the children would run down at low tide and earn most of their spending money.

At first they had a large building situated on land which we called the "neck of the beach", but as it was too sandy for the large vans to drive in, the building was moved to Murray Harbour where the pavement was right up to the door.

It was very healthful work in the warm sunshine and the salt water sea breeze. The moss was brought home, and spread out of doors to dry in the sun, then it was hand screened to kelp and other foreign matter, weighted in, then sold, then pressed into bales and shipped to New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The company sent their own vans to transport the moss. When we'd purchase our jello or gelatin, we would realize that the very moss from our own shores was returning to us in a different form. Now the moss is extinct here.

INDUSTRIES

At one time a brick kiln was operated on the farm now known as the Chapman farm. Hon. Daniel Davis of Charlottetown built a large lobster factory on Beach Point, with a large dwelling house and store attached. This factory was managed by a Malcolm MacFadyen from Peter's Road, and employed a large number of natives. The men worked during the winter manufacturing the cans for the next seasons pack of lobsters. Carcasses of meat had to be bought, cut up and cured to be used by the workers, and sold to the fishermen's families.

Malcolm MacFadyen built the factory at Beach Point and Daniel Davis bought the factory when he left.

There was also a ship yard erected on the beach where a large number of ships were built. After they were completed, they would load them with lumber and they would set sail for England, where the lumber would be sold to buy supplies. Fire destroyed the factory once, but it was re-built. When it caught fire the second time, they discontinued the business.

After MacFadyen retired from the business, it was under the management of William Harris of Guernsey Cove and his good wife, who was Annie Jordan. They had a very successful business until the second fire. William Hugh bought the dwelling house and dismantled it and moved it up on the ice to his farm where he built a fine big house.

In later years, Hon. A. P. Prowse bought the beach, and had his factory and cook house moved down from Herring's Island. He ran a successful business there for quite a number of years. He also owned a lobster factory out at Cape Bear, where they used to pack the lobsters caught out there; but when he started the business at the Beach, he had them carted through to be packed at the Beach.

Years ago, before people realized lobsters were a very nutritious food, Hon. Samuel Prowse had a fish plant on Herring's Island, where they would buy fresh fish, clean, salt and dry the fish and ship it to England and other ports, but when lobster meat became popular, he built the lobster cannery, then the fishermen salted their own fish and the women dried them. Imagine how busy the women were in those days, when they had to bake all their bread and cakes. No washing machines or electric lights, no canned goods, and they had to buy wool, get it carded into rolls and then spin the yarn and knit all the socks and mittens for the families. Going to a "spinning party", each woman would take their spinning wheel and spin all day. The different sizes of yarn would be available for each one's need, and such delicious meals would be served. How we enjoyed the chatter and laughter of our friends. All these wonderful "get-togethers" are now in the past.

The older women had to make all their clothes, and even the soap to wash with, yet if there were illness or death, each one always had time to lend a helping hand. This was true Christian stewardship. Today, with living at such a rushing pace, our friends are still kind and good to help in time of trouble.

Matthew MacLure also had a ship yard at the head of Murray River, also Frank Cook built ships up there. The last one built by Frank Cook was called the Francis D. Cook, which was in use up until a few years ago.

At one time, clams and quahugs were canned, but they have become so scarce it is difficult now to even find enough to make a chowder.

There was no store at Beach Point for a while after the Beach was vacated. However, John Cahoon kept a small store for a number of years. Later, James Hume had a small business. In winter, a hand sleigh was used to deliver supplies down the ice. In summer, the men would take a boat and get their own supplies. In winter, after a snowstorm, the men would all go together and shovel the roads out, if the snow was

too deep in places, they would take down the fences, and shovel through the fields. Now, with paved roads and snow plows, the roads are always plowed and passable. In winter, there was much sleighing on the ice between Beach Point and Murray Harbour. How nice it was to hear the sleigh bells ring on a frosty moon lit night!

At one time there were twenty vessels owned in Murray Harbour. Now there is but one, owned by Percy White's son, Royal. He goes to Newfoundland and other distant ports.

We had a large fleet of fishing vessels, some had a crew of six men and others only four. They towed their dories to set the lines from two men in each dory. They would set their lines in the evening, and lift them in the next morning, clean the fish and salt them in the vessel. Some time they would be away three days, and if a storm came up, they would have to go to Souris or Pictou for shelter. When they came into port, the fish would have to be moved ashore, washed out (after being salted for several days), then dried on "flakes". These flakes were made by driving stakes into the ground, and nailing long boards on the sides and laths nailed on crosswise. After the dew had evaporated in the morning, the women would spread the fish in rows across the flakes to dry, and when the sun went down, the fish had to be packed, in the meantime if a shower came up, it was a wild scurry to get the fish packed. I wonder now how we women had the strength and stamina to do all this hard work. Each settler owned a cow, to provide milk and cream for the family, a few hens for our daily fresh eggs, a vegetable garden and always a patch of potatoes. We also bought a little pig in the spring, and fed it all summer, to have pork and bacon for the winter months. How good it seemed to taste. Now, the milkman delivers milk to our door, the bread is purchased at the village store, and with the fridges and deep freezers, all the incentives and desires we worked to achieve are gone forever. Now all we have is pleasant memories.

When the fishermen first had engines installed in their boats, a man named Howard or H. P. Cahoon decided to buy spare parts, and repair engines. Later he sold groceries and other goods, until he had quite a small business. He hired a young man or a girl to assist him in his store which was on his land by the "Lane". Later, when Samuel Prowse moved away, H. P. Cahoon bought his home at Murray Harbour. He lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Cahoon, and started a hardware store in that village, and hired a manager for the Beach Point store. Later he sold his Beach Point store to W. C. Jordan, who moved it over here on the Main Road and runs a small store. H. P. Cahoon kept his store at Murray Harbour until his death which occurred two years ago. Today, Beach Point is a prosperous fishing center, the fishermen all have nice up to date homes, cars, trucks and nearly each home has a tele-

phone. We have all paved roads. There is very little farming done here now. Axel Irving and the Gosbee brothers are the only ones who grow large crops.

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In summer, there are beautiful clean beaches where one can enjoy corn boils, etc., swimming and boating, picnics and the annual tea parties, then in winter we enjoyed skating and coasting.

Years ago, those who liked to dance would plan "kitchen dances", but in our home, the young people came and played different kinds of games, made candy, and had music. After church they would come in and have a "song fest" and the people were all so sociable in those days.

Today when friends drop in, it is usually to hear and watch T.V. and no chance to have a personal chat.

At Murray Harbour, they had a Temperance Lodge, an Orange Lodge, also the Order of Foresters, where the men from the different district attended. Sometimes, in summer, one of the orders would have a tea party to defray some worthy cause. We always had Temperance picnics and Sunday School picnics.

Each winter there would be weeks of "Revival Meetings". How we loved to hear the testimonies of the dear old people telling of God's goodness to them through the years. They were so sincere and thankful for all their many small blessings.

The older people would visit in the evening, and their great delight was to tell ghost stories. One favorite story was not about a ghost, but about a ship coming one night. They took a man ashore on a stretcher to Hume's Point, and in the morning, there was a huge hole in the ground where a treasure chest had been removed.

Regarding the Thomas Munn's family, they lived at Cape Bear. A daughter Joanna, married John Ferguson of White Sands, and settled at Murray River. Their son John married Doris MacLeod of Murray Harbour, he operates a service station. A daughter Marie, married Billy MacLeod and also resides there. Other members of the family live elsewhere.

Lemuel MacLeod's family also lived at Cape Bear. His wife was Mary MacLeod of Cambridge, P.E.I. After Lemuel died, the family consisted of William, Daniel, Howard, Charlie, Beatrice and Della. The family moved to New Glasgow, N.S. William stayed with his mother. Daniel, Beatrice, Howard and Charlie went to Boston, Mass. Howard married Edith Beck of White Sands. Charlie also married a native girl. Beatrice has now retired, and makes her home with Della in New Glasgow. Daniel, William and Howard have passed on. Emerson died young. They were nice friends, and I always enjoyed their visits.

Many years ago, Hector and Rhoda Penny took a little girl into their home, and cared for her as their very own. She grew to womanhood and married Nelson Kennedy of Montague, who was the mail carrier when the post offices were installed in private homes. The first of which I remember was in the home of Mr. Abraham Daley; the next, in the home of Laughlin McNeil, and the latter in the home of Mrs. Richard Jordan. After that the rural route delivery system came into being, where each resident had their own mail box. They lived here for some time in a house built by Willard Jordan. Hector Kennedy settled in B.C. Rhoda and Louise settled in Abney. Charlie settled in Pugwash, N.S. Bertha married Earl Penny. After Earl's death, she moved to Toronto. None of the family settled here.

Frank MacLeod, (the eldest son of the late Allan MacLeod) and myself, and to whom this book is dedicated, was employed by the Lipton Tea Co. in Halifax, N.S. until he enlisted in World War II. He was married to the former Lillian Waugh of Wallace, N.S. He met his untimely death defending his country. His widow now resides in Halifax, N.S.

Wallace Hume's son, Sheldon, married Peggy MacLeod of Uigg and settled in Murray Harbour. He is the Esso oil dealer in this district. They have one son David. His brother Alden married Valda Harris and also lives at Murray Harbour, and works with Sheldon. Another son, Sterling, married Myrna MacKay and lives here at Beach Point.

Albert McNeill's daughter Edith, married Simon White of Murray Harbour and settled near her parents. Ada lives with her parents.

On the road leading to our cemetery, and near our new school, is the home of Howard Jackson and his wife, Mary Collins of Caledonia. Next to the Jackson family lives Eber Williams and his wife, Pearl Irving of Murray Harbour North. Eber and Pearl have two children.

In the long ago, there was another fine old couple, Mr. George Irving and his wife, the former Sophia Clouston. They lived here on a hill overlooking the water, a very picturesque spot.

At one time, a family by the name of Dicks lived at Cape Bear. They had moved away before I was old enough to remember them.

In the William Penny family the youngest daughter Hattie, married Thomas Gosbee and settled with her mother, whom they cared for until her death. They bought Alexander MacDonald's farm and settled there. Thomas has passed away. Dorothy married Clifford Jackson. He has also passed away. Her son Hugh married Sarah Beck of White Sands and has a nice little home near his mother's home. A daughter Betty, married Cecil Horton of Murray River, and resides in Boston, Mass. A son, William Gosbee built a nice home opposite his father's home. He married a MacLeod girl from Murray River. Sadie married Roy Bell, and

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lives in Murray Harbour. Florence married ~~Keith~~ LeLacheur and settled on a farm in Guernsey Cove. Ruth married Lloyd Hawkins and also lives in Guernsey Cove. Several of the boys work on the farm.

The William Harris family — William married Jessie Ferguson of White Sands and settled in Beach Point. Their oldest daughter Jane, married Thomas Fraser of Peters Road and lives in the village of Murray Harbour, where he operates a large canning business. Their two sons, Harley and Timmy assists in this business. A younger son Grant is at home. A daughter, Jean operates a beauty salon in the village. Geraldine married Wilfred MacLean of White Sands and now lives in Ontario. Willie and Jessie moved their home to Murray Harbour (where Willie died). Jessie still lives at the Harbour. A grandson Brenton, lives with her.

Regarding the Hedley Penny family, Luther, Charlie and Muriel settled in Toronto.

Gerald MacNeill and his wife Edna Glover and family live near Eber Williams. Lester MacNeil and his wife Ruby Jackson live in the old Joshua Jordan land and another brother Wilbert and his wife Roma Bell of White Sands and their family live near Lucy MacNeill.

Now in this centennial year, many of the farms and cranberry fields the old settlers worked so hard to clear and cultivate, have been left vacant, the buildings taken down or moved to new locations, and the farmlands and berry fields have all gone back to nature, all overgrown with trees and wild rose bushes, due to the older people dying and the young people going away where they could get more money with less hard work. But we who are old enough to remember, miss the friendly visits, the sounds of the farm animals and sweet smell of new mown hay, the fields of grain and everything that seemed worth working for in that age. Over the past few years we have lost by death a number of our older and esteemed neighbours namely, William Harris, Nathan Irving, Thomas Gosbee, Harry MacNeill and Mrs. Jerrie Nicolle, Sr., the former Ethel MacNeill and Mrs. David White, the former Bella Dutney, Elliot Williams, Ada Harris and Louis Harris.

“And in conclusion, may I say—
That while we’ve travelled on our way,
I’m very glad our paths have met
In memories, we’ll not forget
Those who struggled through the years
To bring us comfort, instead of tears,
And from these pages, I’ll soon depart,
I’ll take you with me in my heart
For-Ever.”

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