

On June 25, 1820 from the Isle of Coll, Scotland and sailed from the port of Tobermory Mull on the ship Dunlop of Greenock commanded by Capt. John Brown. Among the families seeking a new home in Cape Breton were two brothers, Neil and James Campbell, who were married to sisters. Neil's wife was Christy MacLean and James wife was Mary MacLean. Their families: Neil had a son Charles – 14 years old also Malcolm (your great grandfather) – 12 years old, two daughters – Mary and Christy, (No certainty of their ages).

James Campbell and his wife Mary MacLean had one son, Charles – three daughters Mary, Christy and Flora. Also on the ship were first cousins – Farquhar Campbell and his brother John Campbell (who went to P.E.I). The ship's port was Pictou from which they hired passage on a smaller vessel to take them to Ship Harbor – now Port Hawkesbury. Farquhar was a widower, his sisters Sarah and Katy (their parents were dead).

Here they were met by kind hearted Scots from Long Point and Judique with their priest – Rev. Alexander MacDonald, who advised them to spend the winter with them – five families took the kind offer. The Campbell's pushed on to the Bras d'Or Lake by boat to St. Peter's Portage where the boat was hauled across to St. Peter's Bay. From there they sailed past Fiddlehead to the Boom. (Big Harbour Island formed at the Boom) St. Georges Bay on the map. [*now called West Bay*]

James Campbell, his wife Mary and their children chose a home of three hundred acres – Malagawatch Church is on his farm, also the Cemetery. (Of this I am not certain)

All the families from Coll took up farms side by side – MacKenzie's MacLean's, MacDonald's, and MacKinnon's. Farquhar Campbell took up the land, now known as Peter's Point. It was near the upper part of Big Harbour – directly across from Big Harbour Island. His sister Sarah married Roderick MacIntosh, an emigrant from Rosshire, Scotland. They were the ancestors of Rev. John MacIntosh, his son Rev. Donald MacIntosh, also Rev. Rod'k MacIntosh, and Rev. M.C.P. MacIntosh. (Nephews of Rev. John MacIntosh, son of his brother Daniel MacIntosh). The other sister Katy married a lawyer Mr. O'Hearn of Arichat. She became the mother of two prominent lawyers – David and John O'Hearn of Sydney and Halifax.

James Campbell's son Charles married Flora MacFayden of Milita Point. (Their oldest son Dan Campbell married and raised three sons and a daughter.) His sons William and John were single. Two daughters married in Port Hawkesbury. Mary became Mr. Hart (Barney's mother). Jessie (?) – Mrs MacIntosh. Flora married John (?) MacDonald from Stewartdale – was childless. Christie married her second cousin John MacLean from Eden. Her only daughter also married a MacLean. One of her sons Rev. Langley MacLean spent a year studying in Glasgow Theological College and he was sent to Coll for a summer season where he met relatives of MacKinnon's, MacLean's, and MacDonald's. He is now a dedicated missionary among the Indians of the North.

Neil (our great, great grandfather) and James Campbell's family were double first cousins and very closely knit in their lives, much more so than Farquhar's family who married Miss MacIntyre of River Denys, and had two sons – John and Peter Campbell, daughters – Mary (Mrs. Taylor, Baddeck), Sarah (Mrs. Macdonald, Estmere), Anne (Mrs. Neil Kennedy, Glace Bay *Eppa Chant's people) Charlotte (Mrs. John MacKinnon). John married Katy MacPhail – Peter married his first cousin Miss MacIntyre.

Neil Campbell and his wife Christy MacLean took up a grant of five hundred acres in what is now Estmere. It was about one mile from the Boom by water and on the opposite side of the land where his brother James took up land. Here they built the first log house, near the shore and cleared the lands by cutting timber and burning it. The rich potash of burned hardwoods yielded fine crops of potatoes, barley and oats.

The North side and south side of Whycocomagh Bay was populated at that time. Another cousin Donald Campbell lived near Whycocomagh or Head Bay. He had a grist mill. Another cousin lived on the North side beyond Whycocomagh. Yet another cousin came to Pictou in 1828 and remained there for some time. He was later hired by the British Government to build lighthouses around the Bras d'Or Lake to warn sailors of reefs etc. He built one near Whycocomagh and his cousin who lived there became lightkeeper. He also built a lighthouse on Campbells Island owned by Neil Campbell and with whom he lived while the lighthouse was being built. Charles (Grant) Campbell became the lightkeeper. Then the British Government sent this man's first cousin John Campbell to St. Paul's Island to build a lighthouse at each end of the island and a life saving station. He became Governor of the Island. At that same time. 1837, he held the position until 1858 when his son Samuel Cunard Campbell received the appointment.

John Campbell married his first cousin in Coll. The Campbell's were so inter-married that their health suffered. He had 10 children, four of whom were deaf mutes and all died of TB of the lungs, except Samuel C. who married and had four daughters and a son, John Malcolm, who took over the Governorship in 1911 on the death of his father. Later he became Governor of Sable Island. His only son, Stewart teaches in Musquodoboit High School as Principal. Two [daughters] Jessie Campbell and Mrs. Ethel Jones live in Wolfville, N.S. (They and brother John M. are 3rd cousins of my generation of Campbells).

In 1840, when John Campbell was 34 years and Malcolm 32 years a family emigrated from Scotland. This was Capt. Hugh MacEachern, a son Alexander, and two daughters Maggie and Anne. Another daughter Flora married John Campbell (no relation to Charles) and lived in Tobermoray. He was a factory worker. Capt. Hugh MacEachern sailed into the Bras d'Or in his own vessel purchased in St. John's Nfld. He took up two hundred acres at West Alba or the Boom, as it was called then. It was scarcely a mile from Neil Campbell's home. His daughter Maggie became the wife of Charles (Grant) and Anne the wife of Malcolm. Two years later Capt. H. MacEachern died and was the first burial in the family plot on Neil Campbell's farm. Charles Campbell and Maggie MacEachern had 3 sons and four daughters. Neil was a Capt. Who sailed from Boston to the Caribbean Islands calling at Halifax with Tropical cargoes as well as at Boston. He was drowned in Boston Harbour in 1885. He was half owner of a brig called Charles Duncan, after his son. His wife Katy MacPadden from north side Little Narrows. They also had a daughter Sadie, but I have not been able to trace them. Capt. Neil was most likely murdered and thrown into the harbour. He had been to the Bank for money to pay the crew. He stopped at a tavern, most likely flashed a roll of money. When his body was recovered there was no water in his lungs. His money was gone and his watch had stopped at 2 o'clock a.m. He was a clever captain and business man, but drank too much.

Their next son Ronald was a teetotaler. He taught Sunday School and was an excellent singer. I can recall my early Sunday school lessons with Uncle Ronald and Mr. Murdo MacDonald teaching God's word and Calvinistic faith in its fundamental form, as befitted that period. He was at times called on for medical treatment – to lance with a lancet – for treatment of bleeding, to lower fevers and blood

pressure (though it was not known as blood pressure then). He could also use a catheter to relieve bladder trouble. He lived in Provincetown for some years, where he learned carpenter trade. He was an excellent cabinet maker. He married Henrietta Morrison of Big Baddeck. Their oldest daughter Katie Anne went to Boston in 1892 and died quite young. A son Malcolm John died in 1888. A daughter Minnie was a nurse in Taunton State Hospital. She married James Flynn and had two sons. Margaret married Albert Mitchell. They were childless but raised and adopted Sadie's daughter. Sadie married O'Callighan of Antigonish and died of T.B. Soon after, Charlie a son of 16 years was drowned at Wreck Cove in 1903. Malcolm born in 1892 is the only living Campbell in that branch of the family. Tena died in California, Uncle Ronald and his wife died within 4 months of each other. Aunt Hennie died in Nov. 1895 and Uncle Ronald in 1896 (March). Aunt Flora took Charlie, Malcolm, and Tena into her care and home. Margaret went to live at MacIntosh's, Big Harbour Island and Sadie to her mother's sister Johana in Grand River. Minnie went to work with Mrs. Forbes in West Bay – dressmaking and on to Boston in 1898. It was the saddest time in my life when we were parted from our Aunt Hennie who was as kind as any mother could be and we were all such a happy group together. It seemed then that T.B. of the lungs was rampant. In 10 years there were 6 deaths and funerals in the Campbell family including my half brother Fred Palmer. Not until Dr. Fraser MacAulay in 1898 explained TB germs and contagion, did anyone try to prevent it.

Hugh Campbell was the 3rd son. He was given a good education for that time, and was a book-keeper for the Hon. Chas. Campbell's store in Baddeck (this family was not related). He became a charter member of the Masonic Lodge there. He also worked for Mr. M. MacAulay at S.S. River Denys, who had a large general store. He was the natural father of Angus Campbell born to Jessie MacKinnon. Though Hugh C. paid the fine that was the usual (apart from marriage) he did not want to marry Jessie. She went to Boston later and left Angus in his grandmother's care. When about 12 years old he worked with his uncle's horse and cart at sand hauling for the I.C.R. that was built from Point Tupper to Sydney in the 1880's. He lived with other men in the rail road camp, but Aunt Flora welcomed him to her home and her oldest sons were friendly to him. Not one of the rest of the family recognized him. Before leaving for Boston in 1894, he called on Aunt Flora's to bid goodbye. Her daughters Katy and Minnie Johnena were very friendly to him in Boston. He is now 94 years and a nobler life no one has lived. He has two daughters married but childless. A son, William, who died 4 years ago leaving 3 sons to carry the Campbell name into the future. Hugh Campbell died in Sept. 1889 of T.B.

Mary Campbell was the only daughter in the family who went to Provincetown with her brother Ronald on a sailing vessel. She returned to visit her parents and was plainly ill with T.B. of the lungs. She worked with a family whose daughter died and was given all her lovely dresses and she also cared for this girl in her last illness, thus picking up the germs. She came home with intention of returning but instead married Alex MacLachlan of West Bay Centre. She died within a year giving birth to a baby who also died. She and the baby are buried in the family plot on Malcolm M. Campbell's farm.

Katy, another daughter married Rod Cummings and remained in her mother's care while he went to the Grand Banks for the fishing season. She died after giving birth to a son and Roderick was drowned before word reached him, "so in death they were not parted." Katy was buried in the family plot and was mourned in the home and community, where she was a favourite. Her son Rory Cummings was brought up by his grandparents and died in Ipswich, Mass. single.

Flora Campbell married Charles MacDonald. The oldest was a daughter Katy with beautiful golden red hair. She went to Boston in 1891, returned in 1896 and again in 1898, when she remained to marry Archie MacDonald. They had two sons – John H., an infant that died, and a daughter, Florence. John H., his young wife and sister Florence were killed in a railway crossing accident. The saddest event ever to happen in the community.

Angus, the second son was a C.N.R. brakeman. He married Julia Hall, - had two daughters, Florence and Hazel. Julia died of T.B. Later Angus married his 3rd cousin, M.B. MacQueen, who outlived him and had no children.

Charles married Katy Peach of Louisburg. He was a very clever and ambitious person, also a railroad man. He was prominent in labour circles and politics. They were childless.

Minnie was the next daughter – married to Peter MacKerron in Boston. She died leaving a baby son, Augustus.

Johnena was the next daughter – went to Boston and later married her brother in law Peter MacKerron. Besides Augustus they had two sons. She died in 1958 ???

Neil Hugh married Lena Matheson – they had a son, Campbell who was killed in World War II, and two daughters Isabel and Florence. He died of a heart attack in 19__?

Margaret married Duncan Blue – they had a daughter Isabel who died in 1958. A son Charles is now post master at Orangedale. Margaret died in 1964.

Sadie married -- had two daughters and died in 19__.

Ronald married Lillian , they had 6 children – Florence, George, Charles, Rannie, Joe, and Mary.

Christina, the youngest of the family, married Capt. Richard Palmer from Halifax Co. The oldest daughter, Gladys, at her mother's death in 1892, when she was less than 8 years old, went to Halifax Co. to live with her half sister Edith, (Mrs. Robson). She returned when 16, taught school one term, went to Sydney Academy one term, taught school three years, went back to Clam Harbour and taught school and then married Stanley Robson. They had two daughters, Eva and Edna – both were teachers. Eva married Gerald Redded and has 6 children. Edna is Mrs. Davis Miller – has a daughter and two sons. One son Douglas married Francis Webber and lives in Dartmouth. Gladys is retired and is 83 years old. She spends winters with Douglas and summers alone in her cottage in Clam Harbour. (died May 5th 12 days before 86 yrs)

Margaret married A.W. MacPhail in 1912. Their first son Richard died in infancy, Alasdair, born in 1915, and Stuart in 1916. They moved from Glace Bay to Marble Mtn. in 1917 where Mabel was born in 1919. Alastair lives on the farm of the late A.A. Campbell, bought by his father in 1917. Margaret lives in the village of Marble Mtn. Her husband died in 1957.

Mabel married John C. Nicholson in 1912. They had 4 sons; - John Fraser, Donald (died in infancy), Richard Palmer, (died in 1964), Peter M. and Joyce. Mabel's husband died in 1962. She lives in her home in Baddeck.

Katy Campbell and David O'Hearn of Arichat

Katy Campbell was a maid in the home of James O'Hearn, who was a merchant in Arichat. She was a beautiful looking girl, and David O'Hearn, a lawyer from Dalhousie Law School stepped aside from social protocol of that age, and they were married. She was a convert to Roman Catholic, which went very much against the Presbyterian faith of her family, and no doubt made her acceptable to the O'Hearn's who were of Irish descent. She had two sons, who were prominent lawyers and politicians, - David and James O'Hearn. A daughter married Capt. Macdonald and her daughter, Catherine became the wife of Dr. MacLellan, eye, ear, and throat specialist of Sydney. Mar. MacLellan was a close friend of sister Mabel and I traced the family from the early days. The Campbells would not accept R.C.'s Mrs. MacLellan was a 3rd cousin to our generation but closer to the MacIntosh family.

[Addendum: It appears that "Katy" is actually "Isabella" (1811-), still identified as Presbyterian in 1871, and she was married to James Hearn (1821-) a tailor. They had at least five children: Florence (1846-), Bridget (1849-), John P. (1850-), Sarah (1851-), and David A. (1853-1920)]

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Roderick Macintosh, an emigrant from Ross-shire, married Sarah Campbell (Farquhar's sister). They took land on Big Harbour Island and Militia Point. They had 5 sons and 1 daughter, Flora. The sons Donald and Alexander were famed deep sea captains. Capt. Donald lived in New York. His son Donald became a wealthy real estate dealer. Capt. Alexander, a noted Grand Banker, settled in Dundee, where his son James now lives. (I am not sure if Roderick was Kenneth's brother or his son) Roderick died quite young. Kenneth married Miss MacFadgen. They had two sons. Rev. Dr. John, Daniel, who remained home, and a daughter Flora who married Dan MacFadgen (no relation).

Malcolm married Christy Campbell (his mother's first cousin). She was the youngest of James Campbell's family. (She and Charles and Malcolm Campbell were double first cousins.) Malcolm MacIntosh lived on the old homestead at Big Harbour Island. They had 3 daughters, Sarah, Mary and Jessie, - all single. Five sons, Capt. James, Alex, Charles, (Rev. C.C.), Roderick and Frank. Capt. James left one daughter who died single. Only Rev. C.C. had 3 sons. One died an infant, Alastair lived to 9 years, Frank C. alone lived to maturity. He now holds a prominent position as head of the Physiology Dept. for medical school of McGill Uty. and a co-worker with Dr. Pennfield in cancer research. He has 3 daughters, Christene, Barbara, Janet and two sons, Andrew and Roderick. (To trace the relationship of this doubly related family of MacIntoshes - Dr. F.C. Macintosh is a 3rd cousin of my generation, Also Hugh and Mary B. MacLachlan [second cousin through Katy Campbell.]