

Jessie Charlotte; b. June 23, 1848; d. May 29, 1866; unmarried.

I do not know how old Catherine Fairweather was at the time of her marriage, but if it took place in 1850 she would have been twenty-one, and John Tattie, her husband, about twenty-nine. Catherine Fairweather Tattie ~~was~~ died on June 8, 1905.

Issue of Alfred Edward

1 Gladys Eileen B 1930 married Andrew Durbar
A Edith Janette
B Linda Ruth

2 Earl Grant b 1915 married Ruby Currie P.E.G.,
They live in Toronto Ont.

A Sandriem
B David Edward
C James Grant

3 Bernice Vivian born 1915 m. Dudley Lou Mingo
Salanagochu they live in New Glasgow.

A Joyce Elizabeth
B Andrew Lorenzi
C Dona Bernice
D Julia Katharine
E Patricia Janette (DeLisend)
F Faye Elover

4 Coriene B 1921 m Donald McLanders
Brule, live in New Glasgow

A Carolyn Ann
B Vernon Arthur
C Lila May
D Randy

5 Edward Alfred B 1923 m Emily Dagle N.B.

They live in in Dubbury Ontario
A Joseph
B Rex

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INTRODUCTION

This little collection of facts which I have gathered over a period of years and with the expenditure of some spare time makes no pretence of being complete or even of being without errors .

I should be very grateful if all who read it would suggest additions, and, if needed, corrections. I should appreciate receiving sketches of the lives of adult members of the family, for you will see that I have not been able to say much about most of them. I am also short of information on dates, the important ones being those of birth, marriage and death. It is also interesting to have data on the education and career of Tattrie descendants. I will gladly correspond with any interested person. My address is simply Avonport, Nova Scotia.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks for the help I have received from Mr. George Louis Tattrie of New Glasgow, Mrs. Laura (Tattrie) Langille, Mrs. Mabel (Tattrie) Murray, and Mrs. Pearl (Tattrie) MacLean all of River John, and to Mrs. D.A. Tattrie of Truro. My thanks also to the many members of the family who encouraged and helped, especially to Lyndon Langille who has searched for last minute data, and as been of great assistance in typing.

Montbéliard, the Background

George Tattrie came from the district of Montbéliard

which in his time was nominally ruled by the Duke of Wurtemberg and Teck. Today the ancient town and castle of Montbéliard are included in the modern French Department of Doubs. The Swiss border is very near, as is the Swiss town of Basel.

Of its history the Encyclopaedia Britannica (14th) tells us that, after belonging to the Burgundians and Franks, Montbéliard (Mons Peligardi) was, by the Treaty of Verdun (843) added to Lorraine. In the eleventh century it became the capital of a countship, which formed part of the second kingdom of Burgundy and latterly of the German Empire. In 1397 it passed by marriage to the House of Wurtemberg, which held it until 1793. It resisted the attacks of Charles the Bold (1473) and Henry I of Lorraine (1587 and 1588), but was taken in 1676 by Marshall Luxemburg, who razed its fortifications.

The princes of Wurtemberg were noted for their tolerance, which attracted to the town, at the end of the 16th Century a colony of Anabaptists. During the 18th Century the King of France became overlord of the County, and it was after that that intolerance came to Montbéliard. In 1793, in the wake of the French Revolution the inhabitants were voluntarily absorbed into the French Republic.

So..for those who are particular about the matter, it may be said that George Tattrie was not a Frenchman- but he certainly would be one if he were living there now.

GEORGE TATTRIE

Jean George Tattrie was born near the town of Montbéliard about 1729. It seems likely that the village of Chagey was his home, for the name of the family (rendered Tatterez or Tatterey) is recorded in connection with it.

Protestantism had apparently begun in these regions in 1524, and had made many converts. For well over a century there was complete religious toleration, then a change came. A history of the County* tells us that on the 24th August, 1740, at Chagey, a priest came, accompanied by soldiers from Belfort, to occupy the church. The village gathered in front to resist, and twenty-one of them were killed there. Similarly at the villages of Seloncourt, Bondval, Lougras, Blamont, Villars-les-Blamont, the old cult was re-established by force.

This seems to have little in common with the account by the Rev. George Patterson in his History of Pictou County, but at least the spirit is the same. Mr. Patterson tells us, "Orders had been given that one of their chapels should be taken away from them and handed over to the Romanists. Fifty young men, among whom were George Tattrie and Peter Millard, assembled at it, armed with stones, prepared to resist. A detachment of troops was sent against them, with a priest at their head. He warned the party gathered of the uselessness of resistance. They, however, refused to yield, when a section of the troops were ordered to fire, which they

*Histoire Illustrée Du Pays De Montbéliard, 1941, p. 88.

did, killing two and wounding others, among whom was George Tattrie, who received a ball in the fleshy part of the leg. The order to fire was answered by a volley of stones, by which some of the soldiers were badly injured, and, it is said, one killed. The Protestants were again summoned to surrender but refused, until the priest called on the whole detachment to fire, when they submitted, and saw the house where their fathers had worshipped given to their enemies!

In 1744 war broke out between Britain and France, and we are told that George Tattrie took part in it, being present at the Battle of Fontenoy (1745)..but we are not told on which side. Presumably he fought for France, and therefor it is likely that the above incident happened some years later. At any rate, George Tattrie with Peter Millard and others made his way down the Rhine River to Amsterdam.

Now as it happened the British had an agent at Amsterdam seeking Germans and other Protestants to settle in Nova Scotia, which was chiefly inhabited by an Acadian Roman-Catholic population. Following the end of war with the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle (1748) the British had founded Halifax, and were advertising in Germany for more settlers. By 1753 about two thousand five hundred Germans, Swiss, and French Protestants were brought out.

Two vessels brought them from Rotterdam (read Rotterdam for Amsterdam, above), and then took most of them on to Lunenburg. Here was victualled between 19th February and 15th April, 1753, George Tatteray, who came on the SXX

"Sally" Again, in 1757-1758 the names of "George Tetteray and "Catherina Tettery" are found, together with such recognizable Pictou County names as Langille, Gammon, Baillie, Mettadel, Peterkin, Jeaudry and Grateau.

About 1772 George Tattrie and others of his fellow countrymen moved to Tatamagouche, where Governor Des Barres had been granted large estates for which he need tenants. George Tattrie must have spent the remainder of his days here, for I have not seen any record of a grant to him.

The **church** records of Lunenburg show that on May 1, 175³, the Rev. J. B. E. Moreau married "Jean Geo. Tetteray" to "Catherine Menago" (Mingo). There were no children born to this marriage. After about thirty years this wife died, and at the age of 60 George espoused a young maiden, a daughter of one of his Langille friends. This may have been Marguerite (daughter of Mathew Langille) who would be 17 in Feb. 1784, or Maria Catherine (daughter to John James Langille) age 17 in ~~August~~ July, 1784 or Catherina Margaret (d. to David Langille), 17 in Sept. It might even have been Susanne Catherine (d. of David) who would not be 16 till October, 1785.

This marriage was blessed with a family of three sons and seven daughters. The sons were Louis (born in 1785), David, and George. I have no information on the daughters.

George Tattrie died at Tatamagouche about 1827, when he was about 102 years of age.

FOOTNOTE TO STORY OF GEORGE TATTRIE

(Dominion of Canada-Report of the Dept. of Public Archives, Ottawa, 1945)

"Conditions of settlement at Tatamagouche, N.S., 1795"

The information included here was obtained on the spot by Capt. John Macdonald and transmitted to his friend, Lieutenant Governor DesBarres, the proprietor of the estate. A list of the original tenants is given, of those seven still living there we recognize David Langille, George Tatteray and George Langille. Among the thirteen either dead or moved are Matthew Langille, James Biguany, George Patterkin, Jame Langille and John James Langille.

It appears that in 1770 some eighteen families from Lunenburg were settled here and were supplied with cattle and provisions. They increased to twenty-eight families. They settled on the following conditions: each family was to obtain sixty acres for which no rent was to be paid for the first six years. On the seventh year each would pay five shillings; on the eighth, ten shillings; on the ninth, one pound; and on the tenth and thereafter, three pounds annually, forever. In addition one-half of the annual increase on the cattle, sheep, etc., was to go to the landlord. In 1795 four families were living up the Frederick River dividing among them a spot of rich intervale land. The four were those of David Langille, Jr., David Langille, Sr., Matthew Langille and George Tatteray. The farm they occupied had been laid out to take nine families at an annual rent of twenty-seven pounds, but only four families took it up (viz. John James Langille, father of David Langille, Jr. and the other three named above). On their complaint the rent was reduced to twenty pounds.

"George Tattrie, being an old man, and having only young children there is no doubt but (that) the farm will become vacant upon his death. It will however find a tenant, particularly if the rent shall be lowered as it is one of the sound shares of the intervale."

The writer pauses a moment to complain that the farms depend too much on intervalles and marshes and not upon clearing the uplands. "The uplands are difficult I think; but what degree of exertion are such poor old men fit for? How, but from the want of exertion have the lands returned to wood, where they have been formerly cleared?"

Louis Tattrie was born at Tatamagouche in 1785 and removed to the River John district in 1807. He received his first grant there in 1809. The region in which he located became known as Louisville because both he and Louis Langille lived there. The home he built still stands and is inhabited by his descendants.

In 1815 a grant of two thousand four hundred acres was made to "John Longille, George Longille, Peter Matatal, Lewis Tattrie, Lewis Longille and George Jowdrie of the River John in the County of Halifax, Yeomen".

Louis Tattrie must have received more grants, or perhaps he prospered so that he could buy land. At any rate he was able to divide generously among his four sons, Abram and John at the shore, and George and David at Louisville. David inherited the homestead.

Louis Tattrie married, probably about 1807, "Ellen", Hellenor (Hélènor or Eleanor) Patriquin of River John. (See Sect. Two)

They had issue:

- I Abram, born 1808, died 1898.
- II George, born 1814, died 1904.
- III John, born 1821, died 1907.
- IV David, born 1824, died 1905.
- V Sarah, b. , d. 1916.
- VI Susan,
- VII Amelia, b. 1829, d. Feb. 27, 1896.
- VIII Esther, b. 1831, d. March 21, 1857.
- IX Elizabeth,
- X Catharine
- XI Mary
- XII ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Hannah
- XIII ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Ellen.

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ABRAM TATTRIEUX, (Louis, George)

made his home at Brulé on land given him by his father. He married Susannah Langille (John David, son David, son of Daniel and Annie (Brandt) Langille of Dampierre-outre-les-Bois, Montbéliard.)

He died Jan. 9, 1893, aged 84.

She died Jan. 23, 1891, aged 81 years.

They had issue;

- 1 Benjamin.
- 2 Abram.
- 3 Nathan.
- 4 David.
- 5 Archibald.
- 6 Ann.
- 7 Elizabeth.
- 8 Lillie.

And four others who died in infancy and are buried in Salem graveyard, River John.

CHART OF DESCENDANTS

I Benjamin, married Jane Douglas. Lived on home place.

(a) William Abram Tattrie (1872-1928) married Lillian Hall Archibald of Truro, Nova Scotia. They lived on farm cut from his Father's. Issue;

i Isaac Archibald, born 1895, d. aed. 9 mos.

ii George Melville, b. 1897, married in 1922 Helen Mary MacKay. Lived at Welsford, Pictou, and latterly Toronto.

A Jean Lillian married, 1953, Clarence C. MacKenzie of Westville, N.S.

B Kathleen Alice.

C Irene.

iii Annie Jane, born 1899, married 1917 Harry Chester Patriquin. They have lived in Massachusetts.

A William Henry.

B Helen Pearl, married Rev. Odess Kneese of Wisconsin.

C Harriet Roland, married Joseph Anderson of Malden, Mass.

iv Pearl Ella, born 1905, married 1928 George Robert MacLean of River John.

A Lillian Lorraine

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B Marjorie Jean

C Janet Aiken

D Mary Georgina

E Fern Ann

F Donald Archibald

v. H arry Lawson, born 1907, married Louise Mingo.
He inherited the Brule homestead.

A Audrey

B Mervyn

vi Alice Marjorie, born 1909, married George
William MacKay of River John (Marshville).
They have lived in Alberta.

A George William

B Alan Frederick.

(b) Daniel Archibald (Benjamin, Abram, Louis)
left the farm to become a tailor. Spent most
of his life in Truro. From 1915 to 1939 he
was C.N.R. constable.

He married (1) Nettie Archibald of Truro.

(2) Harriet Smith, of Halifax Co.

i ~~E~~ Ina, b. 1904, m. Amos Johnston.

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A Seldon Robert

E William Douglas .

ii Muriel, b. 1905, m. Angus Hicks.

A Harriet m. Robt. Tait, Toronto

B Dorothy m. James Tedford,
Truro, Vancouver.

iii Harriet, b. 1907, d. 1952) married
Alastair Irving of Sheffield Mills
N.S.

Issue; William, Elaine, 6 others.

D.A. Tattrie married (3), Clara Leban,

iv Dorothy, m. Fred Wynn of Truro.

v Fréda, m. Alfred J. Lebric of
Vancouver.vi Leo Douglas, m. Opal Griffiths.
Living in Truro.

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vii Percy Archibald m. Bernice Clark.
Living in Truro.

A Douglas , b. 1940

B Randall, b. 1945.

viii Margery.

ix John William, "Jack", married Evelyn
Watson, lives in Truro.

A Robert, b. 1942.

B John, b. 1943.

C Bruce, b. 1949

D Candace, b. 1952.

(c) Benjamin Alexander David Tattrie , "Benny",
(Benjamin, Abram, Louis, George)
was born Dec. 17, 1878, died July 28, 1937. Spent
some years in the Canadian West, but returned
and farmed at Brule. Married Jenny Elizabeth
Gunn.
Issue;

i Angus Benjamin, b. 1913. Farming at Brule.

ii Anna Jean, b. 1915, d. 1941. Married John
Woodrow MacDonald (d. 1941) of Brule.
A David Alexander, b. 1939.

iii Donald Douglas, b. 1918. Married Anna Isobel
Sutherland.
A Angus Harold, b. 1942.

iv Mayy Kathleen, born and died 1919.

v Ruth Gunn, b. 1922, married Kenneth Langille
of Tatamagouche.

(d) Marjorie Elizabeth, "Lizzie", eldest child of
Benjamin and Jane Tattrie, married John MacDonal,d,
lived on the "Back Shore" (Seafoam) River John.

Issue: Jennie, David, George and Margaret.

(Ed. Note; I have no other information on the sons of
Abram Tattrie, and would appreciate receiving some.

George Tattrie, ^{second} ~~eldest~~ (10) son of Louis and Hellenor Tattrie lived at Louisville on a farm his Father gave him next to the home place. He had married Margaret Forbes (1822-1904) who was born on the Back Shore, whither her father had come from Scotland. They had issue;

- 1 Alexander b. 1849, d. 1900.
- 2 Susan b. circa 1853, died 1877.
- 3 Elizabeth, b. 1855, died circa 1950.
- 4 Daniel, married, but no issue.
- 5 Alma M., b. 1861, d. unm. 1943.
- 6 George Louis, born c. 1863.
- 7 Calvin F. b. 1867, d. 1949, unmarried.

Alexander married Jessie Malcolm, had sons Andrew, Malcolm, and a daughter, Edith, Mrs. Mingo, whose descendants live in Brule and Keble, Colchester County.

Elizabeth, married, in the United States, Frank ~~WXX~~ Owens. She had two sons, the elder died young, the other, Grafton R. Owens, Ph.D., lives in Phoenixville, Penn.

George Louis for a time taught school, then went to New Glasgow as agent for the C.N.R. He still lives there. He married Sabina S. Langille (1871-1922). Issue:

(a) Margaret, married J.R. Chambers of New Glasgow. Children; John, James, Rose, Laura and Marilyn.

(b) Arthur, married Daisy Holmes, lives in Halifax One son, George Arthur.

(c) Gilbert, lives in New Glasgow. Married Dora Mason. Children, Lloyd and Carolyn.

(d) ~~MX~~ George Owen, lives in New Glasgow.

(I should appreciate more details on the personal ~~XXX~~ of these family members.

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John Tattrie, son of Louis and Hellenor, was given land at Marshville on the shore of the Northumberland Straits. He married Catherine Fairweather, whose father David Fairweather had come from Scotland, and whose mother, Janet Ross was a daughter of the Rev. Duncan Ross who came as a pioneer clergyman from Scotland.

They had five living children, and others who died in infancy. Several sons, named Louis for their grandfather were among these. (e.g. "Lewis, b. Feb. 8, 1859. d. aed. 4 mos. 3 days") So they ceased to name the sons Louis.

John Tattrie died on October 14, 1907, in his 88th year, two years after his wife.

Issue;

- 1 Mary, born Aug. 23, 1852, died April, 1946.
- 2 Elizabeth, "Lizzie", b. March 7, 1856, d. Jan. 1943.
- 3 Hector MacKay, b. Aug. 9, 1862, died March 6, 1939.
- 4 George Philip, b. July 23, 1869, died 1927.
- 5 Laura Ellen, born March 16, 1872.

Mary Tattrie married William Clossen of the State of Maine. They lived at Marlboro, Mass. Two sons, Clifford, who died young, and Eugene. Eugene had a son Earl, who has a daughter Carol.

Elizabeth Tattrie married Alonzo Crselman and lived in River John.

Their children were;(i) May,married George Anderson.
(ii) Leander,m. Jessie Chisholm.
(iii) Estelle,m.Millar Kennedy.
(iv) Calvin,m. Elizabeth Langille.
(v) Aubrey,n.Anna Heighton.

Hector MacKay Tattrie farmed on his father's farm at Marshville.He married in 1892 Henrietta Frances Langille.Their children were;

(i) Amos Clifford ,b.Sept.1893.
Married(1922) Annie MacLeod.
Issue

I Harold Lornas Tattrie,b.1924,served overseas in World War II,taken prisoner.Died from wounds 1948.Married Edith Forbes,left issue;Anna,Harold Ian.

II Helen Mary Tattrie,b.1926,married J.Rae MacConnel of Meadowville.Issue; John David,born 1950.

III Annie Frances,born 1929.

IV Lloyd George,born 1936.

V Clifford Hector,born 1938.

(ii) Annie Katherine,born April,1895.Graduated from Dalhousie University,1918. Died 1923.

(iii) Louella Jean,born 1897.Married 1927 M.D.Haliburton of Avonport,N.S.Issue;

1	Gordon MacKay Haliburton,	b.1928
2	John Douglas	1929
3	Thomas Henry	1930
4	Richard Webster	1932
5	Charles Edward	1938

George Philip Tattrie was from boyhood destined for the ministry. He received his B.A. from Dalhousie in 1896,attended Pine Hill and PrincetonTheological Seminary(receiving B.D. in 1905).He was ordained at Rock Lake,Manitoba on 14 July 1896.His later pastorates were held in the Maritime Provinces. He died 1927.

He married (1) Mabel Sutherland.No issue.

(2) Helen Simpson.

Child; George Lawson Gordon Tattrie,born 1923.

Attended school in Wyandotte,Michigan.Served in U.S. forces during World War II.Studied engineering at Michigan State and at Wayne University in Detroit.Joined staff of City Engineer,Wyandotte.

Married Janice McCauley of Wyandotte.

Children; Cindy (Cynthia Margaret)b.1951
Sherry (Sharon Louise)b.1953.

Laura Ellen Tattrie married Baxter Langille of Marshville.
Issue;

(i) Clifford,married Emma Johnson.
Lives and farms at Marshville.
Sons; Lyndon
Douglas

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- (2) Hazel, married Carl Langille of Marshville.
- (3) Ralph, farmer at Marshville, and his twin
- (4) Rita.

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David Tattrie, the youngest son of Louis and Hellenor Tattrie received the family homestead. He was born June 4, 1824, died July, 1905. He married Catherine Grant of East River (1834-1918) whose parents had come out from Scotlad shortly before.

He was musical, and for nearly forty years led the singing at Salem Church. His nearest neighbour was his brother George, and for many years they spent the evenings together arguing about predestination and like topics.

Issue;

- I James Henry Waddell, b. 1859, d. aed. 79.
- 2 Louis Archibald, b. 1860.
- 3 Emeline Mary Ann, b. 1863, married Richard Cushing. Issue.
- 4 David Charles, b. 1864, d. 1930.
- 5 Martha Alice, b. 1866, large issue.
- 6 Clara Bertha, b. 1867.
- 7 Florence Jane, b. 1870.
- 8 Alfred Edward, b. 1872.
Married, issue.
- 9 John Alexander, d. in infancy.
- 10 Alexander Renwick, b. 1876. *d. Sept. 24th 1954*
- II Sarah Mabel, b. 1880, married George Murray, No issue.

The daughters of Louis and Ellen Tattrie were;

Sarah, m. John Cameron of Truro.
Susan m. David "the Butcher" Langille.
Amelia, unmarried.
Esther, died young.
Elizabeth m. Georg Langille. Large issue.
Catherine, m. another George Langille. Large issue.
Mary, m. Robert Langille. Issue.
Hannah, m. Benjamin Langille. Eleanor (Ellen) m. Jacob Joudrey.

The Tattrie Family of River John

Part Two

The Ancestry of Helenor Patriquin Tattrie .

Among those accompanying George Tattrie from Montbeliard were members of the Patriquin (Petriquin) and Bigney (spelt in old records Bigueny) families.

Among those who came to Tatamagouche to take up Governor DesBarres' lands were James "Bigueny" and George "Patterkin". Representatives of these families appear to have removed to River John about 1784.

Here it was that John Patriquin married Kate (Catherine) Bigney, daughter of George Bigney. Their family included six sons and four daughters, to wit:

- I Alexander married a Miss Langille of New Annan.
- II James married a Miss Mattatall of Tatamagouche.
- III Danford married a Miss Langille of New Annan.
- IV John probably unmarried.
- V Mark married Elizabeth Mattatall of Tatamagouche.
- VI George married Elizabeth Perrin (Prang) of River John.
- VII HELENOR married LOUIS TATTRIE of River John.
- VIII Elizabeth married William Lambert of Tatamagouche.
- IX Catherine married David Langille of Brule.
- X Annie married William Beer of River John.

THE TATTRIE FAMILY OF RIVER JOHN.
Part III

THE ANCESTRY OF CATHERINE FAIRWEATHER TATTRIE.
Chart

Samuel Creelman married 1748 - Isabell Fleming.
(1728 - 1810)

Samuel Creelman married 1775 - Mary Campbell.
(1751 - 1834) (- 1831)

Isabel Campbell married 1796 - Duncan Ross.
(1777 - 1845) (1769 - 1834)

Janet Ross married 1824 - David Fairweather.
(1807 - 1887) (1769 - 1879)

Catherine Fairweather married 1850 John Tattrie.
(1829 - 1905) (1821 - 1907)

* Note : Isabell Campbell should read Isabell Creelman.

ORIGIN OF FAMILY NAMES.

It is said by Thomas Miller in his Historical and Genealogical Record (of the first settlers of Colchester County) - (Halifax, 1873), that the ancestors of the Creelman's originally bore the name of Ashmore. It appears that some of them secured a large contract for supplying produce to a number of convicts. They carried their produce in creels (large wicker baskets) fastened across a KORRAS back. From this the name was changed to Creelman, though in many cases Ashmore was retained as a middle name by the Creelmans.

Fleming - probably comes from those natives of Flanders (Flemings) who emigrated to Aberdeen in Scotland during the Middle Ages.

Campbell - means "wry or crooked mouth", and was probably originally applied as a nick-name to the chief of that clan - which is in Gaelic. Chlann O' Duibhne.

THE TATTRIE FAMILY OF RIVER JOHN.

Ross - probably refers to the district of Ross, or may be descriptive. (Ross means "Red" or "Red-headed").

Samuel Creelman, the pioneer in Nova Scotia.

Samuel Creelman was born in Ireland about the year 1728, and grew up to become a cooper by trade. About the year 1748 he married Isabell Flemming, and continued to live in Ireland until 1761. In the fall of that year he and his family arrived in Halifax.

They went first to Lunenburg, where they spent a hard winter, subsisting mainly on the seals they caught. In the spring of 1762 they returned to Halifax, and he worked that summer at his trade, removing, in the fall, to Cumberland. "When he was leaving Halifax he raised his hands and voice against the town as the most wicked place he had ever beheld". (Mills)

(Halifax was at that time a bustling frontier and military settlement.)

Samuel Creelman remained at Cumberland until the fall of the year 1771, or the spring of 1772, when he moved to Black Rocks on the west side of the township of Truro. He bought a lot fronting on the Shubenacadie River and later another beside it.

Samuel Creelman (2), son of the pioneer, was born in Ireland in 1751. He married about 1775 Mary Campbell of Londonderry in Nova Scotia. In 1786 he moved his family to Upper Stewiacke, and there lived the rest of his days.

THE TATTRIE FAMILY OF RIVER JOHN.

Isabell Creelman, born in 1777, married in 1796 the Reverend Duncan Ross who had shortly before come to Pictou to minister to the people.

Of him we are told: "The year 1797 was noted among the early settlers as the date of the arrival of a second minister to share the toil of Dr. McGregor, the late Rev. Duncan Ross. The settlement of a single minister would not now be regarded as involving very important results to a county, but at that time it was regarded as of sufficient interest to call forth rejoicing, and in many devout thanks-givings-in fact, to form an era in the history of the settlers.

"Mr. Ross was a native of the parish of Farbert, Roxburghshire, but at an early period of life moved with his parents to Alyth, in Forfarshire. He received his Latin education at the parochial school of that town, after which he passed through the usual curriculum of Edinburgh University. He studied theology under Professor Bruce at Whitburn, and was, on the 20th January, 1795, ordained by the Presbytery of Forfar. In June he arrived in Pictou, by way of New York and Halifax, along with the Rev. Jehn Brown, afterwards of Londonderry. They assisted Mr. McGregor at the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, and thereafter these ministers formed the first Presbytery of Pictou, under the name of "The Associate Presbytery of Pictou".

Immediately afterward, Mr. Ross was called as assistant to Dr. McGregor, and until the year 1801 they were jointly the ministers of all Pictou.

THE TATTRIE FAMILY OF RIVER JOHN.

Mr. Ross was a man of a very clear and logical mind and strong natural powers; he could scarcely be called a popular preacher but by intelligent persons his pulpit ministrations were highly relished for their clearness variety and solidity of matter, and oftentimes ingenious and striking illustrations, while, among his ministerial brethren, for soundness of judgement, knowledge of Church matters, and intellectual capacity he took rank among the first three.

In private pastoral work he was laborious and faithful, insisting, visiting and catechising over the whole of his extensive charge to the end of his life. He also laboured for the advancement of the general interests of his people, especially by encouraging education and promoting agricultural improvement among them. The influence of his example and recommendations, was, in a variety of forms perceptible among them, so that they became distinguished among our rural population for their intelligence and public spirit ...

In bodily stature he was below the middle size, broad and strongly made, and during the latter years of his life inclining to corpulency. His appearance in the pulpit, especially at that period, was particularly clerical, his long white hair contributing to the effect. He died on the 25th October, 1834, after a short illness!

(from A History of the County of Pictou, Nova Scotia,
by George Patterson, D.D.} Montreal, 1877.

There is doubtless much more material concerning Duncan Ross which the enquiring student could in time gather together. For the present the above will suffice.

Duncan Ross and Isabell Creelman had a large family of nine sons and six daughters. Duncan Ross died on Oct. 25, 1834, aged 65. His widow died in May, 1845, aged 68.

Their children were;

- I Margaret , b. June 21, 1797; d. 1809. Unmarried.
- 2 David, b. May 18, 1799; d. 1853. Married Elspeth Brown.
- 3 Mary, b. Jan. 20, 1801; d. 1875. Married James Miller.
- 4 Magdalene, b. Oct. 17, 1802; d. 1861. Married Wm. Campbell.
- 5 Samuel, b. July 2, 1804; d. 1895. Married Jane Luke.
- 6 Daniel, b. March 20, 1806. Married (1) Nancy Crockett,
(2) Mary McDonald.
- 7 Janet, b. Jan. 21, 1808. Married David Fairweather.
- 8 John , b. Sept. 28, 1809. Married Mary Marshall.
- 9 James, b. July 28, 1811; d. 1886. Married Isabelle Matheson.
- 10 Alexander, b. Sept. 28, 1803; d. 1881. Married (1) Elizabeth Crockett
(2) Susan Russell.
- 11 William, b. July 29, 1815. Married Margaret Harris.
- 12 Anne, b. July 18, 1817, d. April 16, 1897. Married John Crockett.
- 13 Duncan, b. June 8, 1819; d. 1898. Married (1) Isabelle Hogg
(2) Sarah McCully
- 14 Isabella, b. Feb. 6, 1822; d. June, 1879. Married Simon Fraser.
- 15 Ebenezer , b. July 22, 1824. Married Margaret Matheson.

Of these, the most distinguished was James Ross, who, self taught, preached and taught, first at West River and ~~Truro~~ Truro, and then became the second President of Dalhousie University.

Fairweather Family

Janet Ross married, on May 1st, 1824, David Fairweather. He must have been about 35, she 16.

The name, Fairweather, is of considerable antiquity in Scotland, in the Menmuir district. There is a fanciful story of three brothers of

the tribe of ~~Manasse~~ who came from the north and assumed the name in remembrance of Job 37:22; "Fair weather cometh out of the North".

I am not ~~sure~~ of the district in Scotland from which David Fairweather came nor the year of his arrival. At the time that he married Janet Ross he was living at West River, where he built a fine stone cottage in the Scottish manner. It stood just above a mill pond and dam where Fairweather operated a grist mill. The house still stands though somewhat remodeled and is called "Fairweather" in honour of its first resident.

It is built of huge blocks of red and grey stone and is lined with brick made from local clay. The roof should properly be thatched or tiled (it is shingled at present) but even so it is unique and attractive.

David Fairweather lived here only a short time, and must have moved to the River John vicinity. Gordon tells us that: David Fairweather a wheelwright, came as a young man to Durham and about 1840 to the Mountain Road (River John).

The eldest child of David and Janet Fairweather married John Tattrie of River John, and in later years the parents and sisters of Mrs. Tattrie appear to have made her home their home. Here on June 24, 1879, David Fairweather died, having broken his hip some years before and from that time an invalid, and on October 29, 1887, Janet died too.

David and Janet Fairweather had eleven children:

1. Catherine, b. Aug. 27, 1829; d. June 8, 1905; Married John Tattrie.
2. Isabella, b. March 27, 1831; d. 1912; Married Isaac Langille, River John.
3. Magdalene, b. West River, Dec. 29, 1832; d. unm. July 21, 1884.
4. David, b. Jan. 19, 1835; is believed to have gone to Saint John N.B.
5. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 20, 1837; d. March 27, 1876; Married David Langille
6. Margaret, b. Dec. 1838.
7. Janet, b. Jan. 15, 1841; d. Sept. 12, 1867; unmarried.
8. Duncan, b. Sept. 20, 1842; d. April. 1843.
9. Mary Ann, b. May 18, 1844; d. May 3, 1865; unmarried.
10. Georgina Jane, b. May 27, 1846; d. Aug. 6, 1871; unmarried.