

Personal Names in the Oliver Sketches and Recollections.

[Page references are taken from indexes to McLaren, George. *The Pictou Book: stories of our past*. New Glasgow: Hector Publishing, 1954. and Patterson, George. *A history of the county of Pictou, Nova Scotia*. Montreal: Dawson Brothers, 1877. References to common surnames – Campbell, McLeod – may not refer to the individuals in Oliver’s account, largely because he does not assign years to parts of his narrative.]

Archibald, Adams G.

Became Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia
Lawyer. Active in local politics.

Archibald, David

David and his wife were teachers in the Sabbath School

Archibald, Isaac

Teacher at Sabbath School

Archibald, Tom

Courier delivering between Truro and Tatamagouche

Ash

Englishman, resident of Dartmouth, with whom author boarded during his work sojourn working on the Shubenacadie Canal.
On unnumbered page 7, author discusses Ash’s unhappy marriage to a widow

Bayley, George

Signed a petition in 1839 protesting the recent appointment of magistrates

[McLaren, p. 177]

Bayne, (Reverend) James

The controversy over whether only Elders in the Church were eligible to teach Sabbath School. See issues of *Presbyterian Witness*
Died Pictou, December 1876, aged 62.

Article in *Presbyterian Witness*, 29 (51), page 51

Beck, William

Covenanter. Loaned author many books

Bell, Gavin

Died New Annan, April 1872.

Death Notice: *Presbyterian Witness*, 25 (16), 128.

Bell, John J.

- Bell, William
 Neighbour of Oliver's
 See story about his family being pinned down in their home
 by a bull on the loose
- Bell, William [farmer]
 Born in Dunfermline, Scotland
 Older bachelor (age 45 to 50) who uses John Oliver (uncle of
 author) to pressure Oliver's teenage daughter, Margaret, into
 marriage.
 Deceased December 7, 1876, at New Annan, age 81.
- Blake, Susan (Susey)
- Bone, James
 Visitor to the author's shop late in life
- Bone, Robert (The Beaches, "Bones Cove")
 Born Dumfries, Scotland
 Arrived 1801 on a vessel sponsored by Captain Loudon
 Married Jessie Murray (Rogers Hill), 31 December 1833
 Neighbour of the Oliver family "on the side toward the Beaches"
 Sawyer. Member of McCullochs' congregation
 Squatter on the Debares Grant
 [McLaren, p.141, 146; Patterson, p. 231]
- Bonnyman [Boniman], John
 Secretary of the "West River Farming Society," circa 1817
 [Patterson, p. 297]
- Byers, (Rev.) James
 Theological discussion with author
- Cameron, Andrew
 Stores some of the author's household goods during the move to
 New Glasgow
- Cameron, Donald
 Signed a petition in 1839 protesting the recent appointment of
 magistrates
 [McLaren, pp. 137-147, 177; Patterson, pp. 450-453, 458-463
passim]
- Campbel, Alexander (Rogers Hill)
 Married Elizabeth Grant (Scots Hill), 14, July 1832
 Signed a petition in 1839 protesting the recent appointment of
 magistrates
 [McLaren, pp. 72, 177; Patterson, p. 461]
- Campbel, James
 Visitor to the home of the author's parents
 [Patterson, p. 450]

Campbell, Hannah
Visitor to the home of the author's parents
Later married to Andrew Millar

Campbell, John
[McLaren, pp. 143-145, 177; Patterson, p. 413-415]

Campbell, (Rev.) John
Baptised Robert Oliver in Tatamagouche

Campbell, Margaret
Visitor to the home of the author's parents
Later married to Patrick Hepburn

Campbell, Tom
Visitor to the home of the author's parents

Carrs, Adam
Whose daughter is raised by John Cassiday

Casiday, John [possibly Cassiday]
Teacher in elementary school "at the Brook"
Left Middle River to live in the Magdalen Islands

Chisholm, Alex
Responsible for removing chimney and bricks, windows and loft
boards after believing he had been sold John Oliver's New
Glasgow house by one John McMullan. McMullan and his sister
had been tenants in the house but did not own the property.

Conn, William
Sells author a setter named "Wasp"

Crighton, Robert
Blacksmith under whom Robert Oliver (son of author) studied
Author claims Crighton was drinker who influenced his son to
drink

Currie, (Reverend) John
James Church, New Glasgow
Had been posted to New Annan and talked Oliver into teaching
Sabbath School.

Currey, John

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Dawson, John William
Noted geologist and author.
Boyhood friend of author
Disagreement over temperance

Dawson, Robert
Involvement in Sabbath Schools, 1854

Deacon, John Douglas [perhaps incorrect]
Teacher at Sabbath School in Middle River

Denoon, George
Visitor to the home of the author's parents
In 1851 census, listed as farmer, resident of Hardwood Hill
Affiliated with Church of Scotland.
Died September 1877, aged 76. [*Presbyterian Witness*, 30 (39),
page 319]

Denoon, Hugh
Born Red Castle, Invernessshire, Scotland
Served with the 82nd Regiment and received a land grant in 1784
in East River, Nova Scotia of 500 acres.
1790 -- Settled in Merigomish – Little Harbour area
1795 -- Was a captain in the Pictou Regiment of militia
1801 -Responsible for bringing 500 passengers to Pictou on the
“Sarah” Voyage described as a 13-week hardship, plagued by
smallpox and whooping cough.
Served as a Magistrate in Pictou in 1809
Died 30 March 1835, age 70
[McLaren, pp. 47, 48, 73, 85, 93, 94, 100, 125, 128]

Douglas, (Deacon) John
Teacher at Sabbath School in Middle River

Edmonds, Billey
Friend of the author from time at Denoon's farm

Elliot, Rev. Charles
Marriage to Nancy Rogers and John Robly. First marriage
performed by Elliot, a Church of England minister

Forbes, Henrietta
Wife of John Oliver (the author)
Died 7 June 1864, aged 51.

Forbes, James
[McLaren?, p. 82; Patterson, p. 284]

Forbes, Kenneth
Described by the author as one of his earliest New Glasgow
friends.

Forbes, Nancy
Sister of Henrietta (Forbes) Oliver

Forbes, (Captain) William

Fraser, Charles
Son of Donald Fraser of West River
Cousin of William Ives of Pictou

Fraser, (Rev). Donald Alan
Preacher in New Glasgow

Fraser, Hugh
Property owner at Middle River. Sells land to author's father.

Fraser, William
Teacher in the Sabbath School

Gardener, John Wilson

Garvin, Alan

Garvin, Alexander
Boyhood friend of the author.
Adopted son of Michael Garvin
Illegitimate child whose mother died in childbirth

Geedie, (Rev.) John
Oliver family provides accommodation to Geedie's mother to help her convalescence from
Presbyterian missionary when he grew up. Knew author when they were boys.

Grant, John A.
Younger brother of Margaret
Married Effy McLean, December 28, 1864

Grant, Margaret F.
Sister of Miss Kitchen.
Second wife of the author; marries him 27 June 1865
Dies in 1889.

Grey, Ann [Anne]
Described by author as illegitimate child, who he teased and for which teasing he was punished by his father

Hardy, George

Henderson, (Dr.)
Physician

Hogg, James
Schoolmaster

Hyslop, John
Man who boarded with Robert Thompson

Ives, William
Attended a school run by Hugh Dunbar, Fisher's Grant, 1822
[McLaren, pp. 11, 171]

Johnstone, John

Kent, [forename unknown]
Advises Oliver to break his journey in Truro

Kerr, George
Husband of author's sister Mary

Kitchen, Edward [variant spelling, Kitchin]
Resident of New Glasgow.
Reference to illness

Langele, Edward
Legal dispute with I. M. Oliver

Leithead, Robert (West River)
Cartwright. Author was sent to him to learn the business.

Lepper, James

Lippenobtes, William [Lippencott?]
Connection through church

Little, Agnes
Teases author who is working at a grain mill. Accident results in
loss of tip of author's finger.

Little, John

Logan, Mrs.
Puts Oliver up at her house when he is storm-stayed

Marshal, Duncan (Green Hill)
Married Nancy Crocket (Middle River), 16 December 1835

Marshall, Andrew
Teacher at Sabbath School

Mathison, (Green Hill)

McCalum,
Mentioned in the story of Oliver's trip to and from Halifax to buy
corn meal and wheat

McCulley, (Rev.)
Discusses the doctrines of election and decrees with author
in New Glasgow

McCulloch, Dr.
Reportedly banished ghost of Edward Mortimer after talking to
him. Pictou story related by author.

McCurdy, R. S.
Superintendent in the Premetive Church

McDonald, John F.
Leased house in New Glasgow to author's father.

McGregor, (Rev.) James
Leads Anti-Burgher church in Irish Town (Plymouth)

McGregor, Roderick
"a good friend"; superintendent in the Premitive Church
Author claims Roderick is well-to-do but not taking on airs about it.

McKay, Flora

McKay, William [Fish Pools, East River]
Second husband of Margaret, the author's sister.

McKenzie, (Captain) George

McKenzie [McKinzie], (Rev.) Kenneth John
Native of Stornoway, Scotland
Arrived in Pictou, 1824
Was minister at St. Andrew's Church until 1837
Edited the *Pictou Observer*.
[Patterson, pp. 282, 319-320, 362, 384, 466]

McKinley, (Rev.) John

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McLaurin, William
Joiner. Author apprenticed to him to learn carpentry.
Referred to as "recently from Glasgow"

McLeod, A.
Neighbour of the author's father. Advises use of pig dung to staunch bleeding from cut

McLeod, George
[Patterson, p. 456]

McLeod, William
Blacksmith. Resident of Bible Hill
Hosts Oliver for three days during vicious winter storm

McMullan, John.
Resident of New Glasgow who lived in a house with his sister.
On his sister's death, he fraudulently sold the house to one Alec Chisholm. The McMullans had been tenants but not property-holders.

McNaught, George
Advises Oliver to buy corn meal in Irish town
Oliver makes a pair of wagon wheels for

Millar, John (Sunday school teacher)
Millar, Mrs.
Widow of Adam. Resident of Halifax
Millar, Margaret
Daughter of Adam Millar. Married to one Wilson, a Scot and
a fancy baker
Millars, Adam
Millaw, John
Disagrees with author during Oliver's tenure as teacher
superintendent of Sabbath School
Mitchal, Doctor
Mentioned as closes physician, resident of Wallace
Muir, Michael
Purchased farm in Hopewell from the author for £220
Munro, James (joiner)
[Patterson?, p. 280]
Munro, John
Referred to as "Old Meddow Munro"
Isolated cabin is nearly vandalized during gooseberry picking
outing; author recounts the story on page 186
Murray, (Dr.)
Physician who attended Henrietta Oliver at the end of her life
Described by the author as a New Glasgow friend
Narraway, James P (Pictou)
Narraway, Henry Rowe (Pictou)
Married Elizabeth Bate (Charlottetown), 21 June 1837
Norris, (Captain) Matthew
Owner of vessel in Prince Port for which author did carving
Ogelvie, George (Musquodoboit)
Oliver, Alexander William
Son of John Oliver and Henrietta Forbes, born August 18, 1850
Oliver, Catherine
Nee Catherine Ross. Native of Ross Shire, Sutherland.
Daughter of Thomas Ross and Mary McCulloch
Emigrated to Canada in 1841.
Second wife of Robert Oliver.
Died March 30 1891, at Westville, aged 90.
Oliver, Elias
Son of John Oliver and Henrietta Forbes.
Born June 24, 1852; died July 18, 1852

- Oliver, Elizabeth (mother)
 Author's mother. Daughter of George Hardy and Isabel Graham
 Born Berwickshire, Scotland in 1794. Married September 1811.
 Died August 27, 1843, aged 49.
- Oliver, Elizabeth (daughter)
 Daughter of John and Henrietta Oliver, born May 17, 1840.
 Unwanted pregnancy in 1862, allegedly by second cousin
 Takes care of household following the death of her mother
 Died Westville, 16 January 1915, age 75. Never married
- Oliver, George Hardy
 Son of John Oliver and Henrietta Forbes, born July 13, 1847.
 John fetches a midwife.
 Son's name is John Robert
- Oliver, George H.
 Brother of the author. Helps to move him to New Glasgow
 Died, New Annan, age 40, 1858.
- Oliver, Henry
 Uncle of the author. Arrived Pictou, 28 October 1814
- Oliver, Henrietta (nee Forbes)
 First wife of author, died 7 June 1864, aged 51.
- Oliver, Isaac (New Annan_)
 Son of George and Henrietta Oliver.
 Married at age 23 to Catherine Ross of Middle River (also age 23)
 Died June 1871, aged 28, at New Annan, of consumption .
Presbyterian Witness, 24 (22), p. 176
- Oliver, Isabel
 Sister of the author. Married Joseph Shepherd [Shepherd] a
 farmer. Settled in California.
 Anecdote about teasing her for her Bible reading
- Oliver, Isabel
 Daughter of author and Henrietta Forbes.
 Married Maxwell [forename to be confirmed]
 Died May 3, 1877.
- Oliver, James
 Brother of author. Went to California during gold rush, settled in
 Mendocina County for 15 years and then returned to New Annan.
- Oliver, James
 Cousin of the author. Helps to move him to New Glasgow
- Oliver, James Douglas Forbes
 Born August 23, 1841

- Oliver, John
Son of the author. Born December 25, 1853.
Killed by influenza in New Annan
- Oliver, John (uncle of author)
Emigrated to Pictou, 1812
Member of the "West River Farming Society," circa 1817
- Oliver, John (Middle River) – the author
Listed in 1851 census as farmer; member of the Free Church
Married Henrietta Forbes (West River), 16 November 1836
Married Margaret Grant after Henrietta's death.
Died New Glasgow, 8 August 1885, age 73.
- Oliver, John Howard
Youngest son of John and Henrietta, born December 25, 1855
Married Sarah M. Langell, February 13, 1880
Family living with author in New Glasgow in 1881
Died 1919
- Oliver, John McNeil
- Oliver, John Robert
Grandson of author, son of George Oliver
- Oliver, John S.
Son of John Oliver and Henrietta Forbes.
See account of almost being mistaken for a bear by his father
- Oliver, Joseph Smith
Son of author., born January 14, 1842, twin brother of Kenneth
Henry.
Names eldest daughter Margaret after author's second wife
- Oliver, Kenneth Henry
Son of John Oliver and Henrietta Forbes, born June 9, 1845
When the family moved to New Glasgow, moved in with his uncle
Henry at Middle River.
- Oliver, Kenneth Henry
One of twin sons of John Oliver and Henrietta Forbes.
Born January 14, 1842; died May 4, 1842.

- Oliver, Margaret [sister of author]
 Sister of the author. Born Pictou, 1817
 Married Joseph Crocket. One son, Joseph, who was born after his father died.
 Second marriage to William McKay, blacksmith, Fish Pools, East River.
- Oliver, Margaret [cousin of author]
 Eldest daughter of John Oliver, uncle of author.
 Pressed into marriage with William Bell, she a teenager, he between 40 and 50 years of age.
 Died June 29, 1889.
- Oliver, Margaret F. [granddaughter of author]
 Daughter of John Howard Oliver and Mathilda Langille
 Married Hedley Cumming Gunn, 21 April 1920.
- Oliver, Mary
 Author's younger sister. Married George Kerr.
- Oliver, R. William
 Son of George H. Oliver, author's brother.
- Oliver, Robert (Father of the author)
 Reference to Parish of Wilton, Scotland
 Emigrated in 1814. Farmed in Pictou County for 57 years.
 First wife, Elizabeth, married September 1811;
 died August 27 1843.
 Second wife, Catherine Ross, outlived him.
 Died June 7, 1871, aged 85. Buried in Middle River.
 Obituary in the *Eastern Chronicle*
- Oliver, Robert (son)
 Son of John Oliver and Henrietta Forbes, born January 1, 1839.
 Goes to study the blacksmith trade with his friend John Gould.
 After Gould, emigrates to Maine, goes to study with Robert Crighton
 Was a blacksmith in Pictou, New Glasgow, Albion Mines and Bates Quarries (Wallace)
 Fought for the Union side in the U.S. Civil War
 See account of the two boys and the flooded river
- Oliver, William
 Brother of author. Son of William and Elizabeth Oliver
 Went to California during Gold Rush.
 Married [forename?] Shoemaker
 Settled in Mendocino County, California. Point Arena
 Killed by Indians, 14 June 1861
 Reburied in Point Arena Cemetery, by his brother James.
 Son was born four months after his death.

- Patterson, Abram
 Purchased Oliver's farm in 1855.
 Sells copper ore mined on the property.
 [Patterson, pp. 155, 159, 215, 304, 307,]
- Pollok, (Rev.) Alan [possibly Pollak]
 Married author and Margaret Grant, 27 June 1865
- Robly, John
 Marriage to Nancy Rogers. First marriage performed by Rev.
 Charles Elliot, Church of England
- Robson, (Rev.) James
 Landholder at the Head of Pictou Harbour
- Rogers, David
 Neighbour of Robert Watters at Middle River.
 Sold land to author's father.
- Rogers, Nancy
 Marriage to John Robly. First marriage performed by Rev. Charles
 Elliot, Church of England
- Ross, Catherine
 Nee Catherine Ross. Native of Ross Shire, Sutherland.
 Daughter of Thomas Ross and Mary McCulloch
 Emigrated to Canada in 1841.
 Second wife of Robert Oliver, the author's father. 20 years his junior.
 Marriage lasted 25 years, until father's death.
 Died March 30 1891, at Westville, aged 90.
- Ross, Catherine (wife of Isaac Oliver)
 From Middle River. Daughter of George and Christina Ross
 Married Isaac Oliver (age 23) on March 6, 1866
 Widowed 16 April 1871.
- Ross, (Rev.) Hugh (Tatamagouche)
 Married Flora McKay (East River), 20 October 1826
 Wife was a cousin of Henriette Forbes
 Was ordained in 1824, after graduating from the "Divinity Hall"
 founded by Thomas McCulloch.
 [McLaren, pp. 79, 105, 176, 193, 194; Patterson, p. 466]
- Ross, Robert
 Maker and player of bagpipes; turner
 Visitor to the home of the author's parents
- Roy, (reverend) David
 Active in the Premetive Church. Friend of John Oliver
 Minister of James Church, New Glasgow
 Previously pastor in a church in Irish Town (Plimouth)

- Steavenson, John
 Wrote scathing and scatological poetry defaming Robert and William Thomson [perhaps Thompson] allegedly for slighting Steavenson's sister.
- Sage, Phillip
- Stewart, (Rev.) John
 Succeeds Rev. Donald Allan Fraser as minister in New Glasgow
- Stiles, Easual – Probably Israel Stiles, farmer, who died 25 May 1839, age 84
- Stiles, John
 Son of "Easual" Stiles
 Married Elizabeth Hayden, 31 December 1828
 Editor and publisher of the *Mechanic and Farmer*, 1838
 [McLaren, p. 178; Patterson, p. 141]
- Tailor, John
 Merchant
- Talbot, William
 Irish weaver. Neighbour and visitor to the home of the author's parents
- Taylor [or Tailor] of Rogers Hill, mason by trade
 Near death by drowning near Halifax on Shubenacadie Canal.
 Resulting disability ends his work career.
- Thompson, Robert
 Neighbour who lived ½ mile from Oliver on the French River
 Possibly the object of an attack in verse by John Steavenson in retaliation for an alleged slight against Steavenson's sister
- Thompson, William
 Son of Robert. Included in the written attacks above.
- Underwood, (Mrs.).
 Gives shelter to the Oliver family at Carabo River during a snow storm on their journey from New Annan to New Glasgow
- Victoria, Queen of England
 How her coronation was celebrated in Tatamagouche
- Watters, Robert
 Leased farm in Middle River. 200 acres.