



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

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"In the thistle's shadow, violets grow stronger."

PRESS RELEASE

New Brunswick To Celebrate Heritage Week

With a population so diverse in cultural heritage, New Brunswick's Minister of Culture and Sport, Percy Mockler, has announced February 14-21, as Heritage Week 2005 in New Brunswick.

Who are we and where did we come from? New Brunswick's story of cultural heritage is abounding with fascinating stories of people who have helped shape the Province we are so proud to call home.

Over the years, many Scottish emigrants and their descendants have played a pivotal role in the settlement of our Province and the development of its' history. Saying goodbye forever to family and a discouraging way of life, they braved the Atlantic crossings with little more than strong determination and dreams of a better future for their families, to begin anew in the wilderness of New Brunswick.

After years of back breaking work and lonely heartache, many Scottish settlements began to take shape throughout our Province. Word was sent home to Scotland and more friends and family began to arrive.

Although we might not think of it often, today many of our community names still echo their strong Scottish past. Places like Kincardine, Berwick, Perth, Scotch Settlement and St. Andrews reinforce our strong Scottish cultural heritage. Today, 1 in every 5 New Brunswicker's makes proud claim to there Scottish ancestry.

Heritage week 2005 is a time for everyone to remember our Province's history and diverse ancestry of our people. The New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association encourages everyone to take an active role in this very important celebration. Organize your own activity or take in one of the many heritage celebrations throughout the Province this February.

And as well, take a "wee moment" and check out all that is offered on the new and improved New Brunswick Scottish Association web site. Membership with NBSCA allows you to stay connected to your Scottish roots while keeping abreast of what's happening in the New Brunswick Scottish community. www.nbscots.com

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