

Vital Statistics from
The Weeks Doings and Londonderry Times

During its heyday in the 1880's and 1890's, Londonderry, Colchester County, boasted a number of weekly newspapers. The first was The Weeks Doings which lasted from about April, 1885 until sometime after September, 1887. The paper was reborn on May 5, 1888 as the Londonderry Times and lasted until 1889. Vital statistics were far better than before but the emphasis was still on death notices.

The vital statistics section is very limited in scope (only two birth notice and a single marriage notice appears in the surviving issues) but is invaluable for genealogists due to the lack of resources for the Colchester county area in comparison with other areas.

I have attempted to extract all the relevant information and present it here in tabular format. "Obit" refers to the existence of a small obituary, usually in the editorial section and lauding the deceased's character rather than providing genealogically relevant information. When the place of death is not specified, I have assumed it to be Acadia Mines.

Unfortunately, the vital statistics section in The Weeks Doings was discontinued sometime after April 30, 1886, (V. 1, #53) and only the very occasional editorial mention of a death appeared thereafter. Vitals were not again reported until the inception of the Londonderry Times.

Births

Wife of Alexander Davis, Folly Mountain, a daughter
date of paper: April 30, 1886

Wife of Edward Walsh, Acadia Mines?, agent of Merchants' bank, a son.
date of paper: April 25, 1888

"Mrs. Cook, mother of W. A. Cook, was seventy-one years old on September 26"
date of paper: October 6, 1888

Marriages

Mr. Joseph Hiscox and Miss Anna Urqhart: September 26
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church by Rev. J. R. S. Parkham.
date of paper: October 6, 1888

December 10, 1888: 20th. Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Flemming
date of paper: December 21, 1889

Deaths

Last Name	First Name	Date of Death	Age	Location	Date of paper.
Ackles	Joseph	N/A	--	Springhill	10/06/1888
Anderson	_____	N/A	6	Cow Bay, Cape Breton	10/06/1888
Accident					
Arnold	Thomas Oliver	N/A	76	Sussex, NB	9/15/1888
drowned; "J.P."					
Berker	Thomas	March 8, 1889	--	Folly Lake	5/15/1889
Bond	John	December 12, 1889	74	East Rawdon	12/21/1889
killed by a horse; leaves a wife and family					
Bruce	Robert	May 9, 1888	--	Litle Dyke	5/12/1888
"Congestion of the lungs"					
Callow	William	December 14, 1889	--	Halifax	
accident; an Englishman					
Cameron	Catherine	April 5, 1886	57	Cleignish, Inverness Co.	4/30/1886
"Wife of Allan Cameron".					
Chrisite	Orwell	N/A	<20	Truro	9/08/1888
s/o G. M. Chrstitie					
Cook	I. D.			Riverside, Col. Co.	10/06/1888
Esq., "late of this place"					
Corkney	-----	May 9, 1888	--	Sydney Mines	5/12/1888
murder					
Cripps	James	May 21, 1888	--	Dutch Village, Kings Co.	5/26/1888
wagon accident					
Crocker	George	May 9, 1888	--	Halifax	5/12/1888
name also given as John; electrocuted, a lineman					
Cummings	John	N/A	<20	Truro	9/08/1888
s/o Ross Cummings					
Fletcher	Thomas	May 14, 1888	--	Debert	5/19/1888
"Esq."					
Fulton	Mrs. David	March 17, 1886	43	Portaupique	3/19/1886

Goodwin "of Argyle"	Emery	N/A	20	At Sea	12/21/1889
Graham drowned; left wife and 4 children	Captain.	N/A	--	Pictou	
Hill John Hill	Bertha	March 12, 1886	2	Acadia Mines	Daughter of 3/19/1886
Hogg "of typhoid fever"; wife of John R. Hogg;	Lizzie	July 17, 1888	--	Grafton, Dakota	d/o H. C. Upham 8/11/1888
Layton From Middle Musquodobit;	Henry	N/A	--	Canyon Daiblo, CA	6/17/1887
Llyod James from "Butternut ridge", sawmill accident	May 20, 1888		--	Moncton	5/26/1888
Locke starvation	----	N/A	--	Birchtown	6/02/1888
Love From Boiestown, Miarmichi	William	May 15, 1888	60	Fredricton	5/19/1888
MacDonald son)"	John	April 20, 1886	52	Antigonish	"(John's 4/30/1886
MacDonald drowned	Ernest	December 19, 1888	8	MacDonald's Point, Queens Co	1/12/1889
MacDonald "of consumption"; wife of J. W. MacDonald, M.D.;	Grace	April 20, 1886	37	Acadia Mines	4/30/1886
McEachron "congestion of the lungs"; left wife and 5 children;	Angus	May 20, 1888	45	Acadia Mines?	5/26/1888
McFarlane son of the late Angus McFarlane	Angus	April 12, 1886	52	Lower South River	4/30/1886
McKim "Esq., J.P."	William	N/A	85	Great Village	5/12/1888
McKinnon mining accident	Neil	May 19, 1888	19	North Sydney	
MacLellan "widow of the late John MacLellan, Esq."	Margaret	April 2, 1886	77	Hillside, Judique	4/30/1886

MacLeod Mrs. Daniel April 15,1886 58 Boston
Left a husband and 5 children; eldest sister to Mrs. J. P. MacDonald of this town. 4/30/1886

The following are all children of Daniel MacLeod, "formerly of Antigonish" and all died of diptheria. Reported: 4/30/1886

MacLeod David Alex April 7, 1886 5 Waterloo, Mass
MacLeod Mamie M. April 11,1886 10 Waterloo, Mass
MacLeod John J. April 11,1886 10 Waterloo, Mass
MacLeod Peter F. April 15,1886 7 Waterloo, Mass

Murdoch William N/A -- New Annan
10/06/1888

MurrayFelix N/A -- Herring Cove, Alma, Albert Co, NB
1/18/1889

O'Brien Mrs. May 19,1888 90+ Rockport, Mass
buried at Portaupique "old burying ground" next to Mr. O'Brien;
she had been a widow in excess of 40 years 5/26/1888

Patrick John April 18,1866 -- Acadia Mines? Left a
widow and three children; obit 4/30/1886

Pepperal Walter N/A -- Boston
drowned, formerly of Halifax 5/26/1888

Putman Robert N/A -- Fort Belcher "brother to
Mrs. Fletcher of this place" 3/19/1886

Scholey Kate April 27,1886 27 Acadia Mines
4/30/1886

Schurman Albert Harris April 21,1886 14 mo. Acadia Mines
"of water on the brain"; s/o Lemmuel and Margery 4/30/1886

Smith Walter May 13, 1888 5 Lower Cove Slip, St. John, NB
"drowned while fishing" 5/19/1888

Stevens Mary Jane March 3, 1886 8 Acadia Mines Daughter of
Joseph Stevens. 3/19/1886

Stewart Robert May 9, 1888 -- Westchester
"congestion of the lungs" 5/12/1888

TattenDavid N/A 60 East Mines
a bachelor; suicide 1/12/1889

Trenkalen Frank Jan 11, 1889 16 St. Croix River [NB]
1/18/1889

murder	Webb	Mrs. W. H.	N/A	-- Brandon, Man.
				9/08/1888
	WebberAlbert	May 5, 1888	--	Halifax
	lineman, electrocuted while working on a pole			5/12/1888
	Wliks James Edward	Sept 8, 1888	9 mo. 23 days	Acadia Mines?
				9/15/1888
	Wood Thomas		N/A	Lot 30, PEI
				1/18/1889
	Woodworth Joseph	Jan 15, 1889		Demosielle Creek, Albert Co, NB
				1/18/1889
	Wright Ernest	December 29, 1888		MacDonald's Point, Queen's Co
drowned				1/12/1889
	Yates S. D.	N/A	--	New York
	"Former pastor of Dr. Clark's Presbyterian Church, Amherest"			6/02/1888