

It is said that McLaughlin, and perhaps also the Fergusons, were soldiers of the famous 42nd Highlanders or Black Watch, a regiment which at the close of the Revolution was assigned lands and disbanded on the Nashwaak River. I do not find any of their names in the roll of that Regiment preserved at Fredericton, and it is possible they belonged to another division of it, as did John Campbell of Miscou. These men took up lands at Tracadie, and established residences as shown upon the accompanying maps. Thomas Ferguson removed soon to Restigouche and became one of the founders of that important district, but William Ferguson (who married the widow of De Galley) remained, and his descendants are numerous in Tracadie to-day. Somewhat later came John McGraw or McGrath of Irish descent. These were followed later by other English families, which arrived from time to time, notably Drysdale who came about 1800, from Miramichi, but originally from England, Richardson from Liverpool, England, about 1820, Robinson from Cumberland, England, about 1825, Thomas from Prince Edward Island, about 1825, McMahon and Walsh, from Longford and Wexford, Ireland, respectively, about 1830. But the most prominent of these English settlers were Robert and James Young of Dumfries, Scotland, who came here in 1825, after a brief stay at Miramichi. They purchased lands from William Ferguson, and settled at Young's Point at the places shown (by the little circles) on the accompanying map. The descendants of these men have been, and are, among the most prominent English residents of Tracadie, and of Caraquet. They have been leaders in business, and representatives of Gloucester County in the Legislature. Most of the English-speaking settlers above mentioned have descendants now living at Tracadie, many of whom speak French rather than English, have become Catholics,