

**Entry Island  
Museum  
Family Names  
and Their  
History**

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# Aitkens

*The first Aitkens to live on Entry Island was James William. He was born October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1882 and died May 6<sup>th</sup> 1920.*

*He married Victoria Maud Dickson originally from Entry Island on October 1<sup>st</sup> 1908. They had three sons; Edward Carlton, Freddie Wilton and Thomas Robert.*

*The house that James William built is still standing and owned by his grandson, Robert E. Aitkens, the eldest son of Freddie and Luella Welsh.*

*On August 16<sup>th</sup> 1978 a set of triplets were born to Barry and Judy Aitkens. All three were girls; Aaron Kelly Virginia, Adrian Robin Valerie and Allison Sandy Victoria. Kelly is now living in Prince Edward Island, Sandy is living in Fredericton New Brunswick and Robin remained on Entry Island and married David Aitkens. Their son Ethan Melvin Anthony Aitkens was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2004 and is the youngest Aitkens living on the island today.*

*Aitkens*



*Youngest*

# Backs

*Michael Rene Joseph Backs came to Entry Island in the winter of 1985. He moved here from Carleton Place, Ottawa. He has two children; Stephen and Selena.*

*His brother Norman Donald Joseph Backs followed in April of 1988. Norman married Norma Clark of Entry Island and they had one child, Jennifer Leanne, born May 25, 1991. Jennifer is the youngest Backs descendant living on Entry Island.*

*Norman Backs was also the mayor of Entry Island from 1993-1999. He was the 12<sup>th</sup> mayor of Entry Island.*

# *Backs*



*oldest*



*youngest*

# Brymer

*The Brymer family is one of the most recent to come to the Island. They are believed to be of the Scottish decent. Before moving here they lived in Lardoise, Cape Breton.*

*The first Brymer to arrive on Entry Island was Eric Stanley in May 1988. He was born on July 24<sup>th</sup> 1977. He moved here with his mother Alice Aitkens at the age of 10.*

*His brother James Robert followed in March 1994. Robbie met and married Teresa Chenell on July 12<sup>th</sup> 1997. They have 3 sons; Kyle James, Marcus Edward Cyril and Leo Paul. Leo was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2001 and is the youngest Brymer on Entry Island.*

# *Brymer*



*oldest*



*youngest*

# Cassidy

*John James Cassidy was born in the year 1866 and died in 1947, at the age of 81. Approximately 1910, John James ran the mail service for Entry Island.*

*He was married to Margaret Ellen Dickson. They had one son; Clifford Cassidy. Felix Cassidy also lived on Entry Island, and was a cousin of John James. Felix was married to Annie Patton. They had four children; two boys and two girls.*

*The youngest Cassidy to live on Entry Island was Deana Cassidy, born November 12, 1971. Deana is the daughter of the late Winfield Cassidy and Mildred Welsh. Winfield was the son of the late Clifford Cassidy. There are no more Cassidy's remaining on the Island.*



# Cassidy



oldest



Youngest

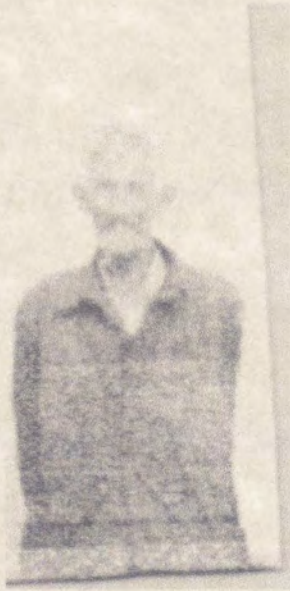
# Chenell

*Paul Chenell came into the new world with his brother. Paul was born in France around the year 1825. Paul and his brother first settled on Brian Island. Paul married Isabella, and had three children. After Paul's first wife died, he moved to Entry Island where he remarried to Sarah Harris, and had 13 children. Paul left Entry Island, while several of his children including Benjamin and Paul Jr. remained on Entry Island. Paul Sr. died tragically when a cannon exploded while working at the lighthouse on Brian Island, August 23, 1881.*

*Benjamin married Matilda Collins having three children. Later on Benjamin and his family moved from Entry Island to Boston. Not long after, Benjamin's first son Thomas Edward (known as Grampy Ed) returned to Entry Island where he remained and married Nancy "Annie" Elizabeth Dickson. Eddie and Annie had 9 children.*

*The youngest Chenell descendant living on Entry Island is Logan Warren Spencer. He was born on April 23, 2002. Logan is the son of Justine Chenell.*

# *Chenell*



*oldest*



*youngest*

# Clarke

*The Clarke's are one of the youngest families to arrive on Entry Island.*

*Nelson and his grandfather Phil lived in Grosse Isle. They originally came from Dunfre, Scotland.*

*Gerald Clarke (Jackel) the eldest son born in 1929, died in 1976. He married Elisabeth Welsh, and they had three children; Brenton, Michael and Sundy.*

*Gerald was one of the carpenters involved in building the Entry Island Community Hall.*

*The youngest Clarke to live on Entry Island today is Braiden Lindsay, son of Nicole Clarke, born February 14, 2000. Braiden is the Millenium baby of Entry Island.*

# Clarke



*Oldest*



*Youngest*

# Collins

*The first Collins to come to Entry Island was George (also known as Dick), born in 1855 and died in 1935.*

*Dick married Sarah MacCallum Patton and had six children. Dick was the second lighthouse keeper on Entry Island. David Collins his son, was the mayor of Entry Island in the sixties. He was involved in important projects such as the Red Cross and Airplane Service.*

*David used to sit on a rock to observe the sea and the tides. It is known today as Davies rock. Dicks house remains today on its second location.*

*The remaining generation of Collins chose to move to Halifax, Nova Scotia. The youngest Collins who lived on Entry Island was Elizabeth.*

*Collins*



*Oldest*



*Youngest*

# Dickson

*As stated in the novel, "The Cruise of the Alice May 1873" the first settlers to come to Entry Island were Dickson's.*

*Nancy Dickson and her husband came to Entry Island in 1822. It was found in a census in 1831, that David Dickson was believed to be the husband.*

*The Dickson's came from Ireland and landed in Nova Scotia around 1749. Nancy and David Dickson had twelve children. She was said to be the Queen of Entry Island. In 1837, this was written about Nancy Dickson.*

*"The old lady sat in the Ample Smoke Blackened chimney corner of her kitchen entertaining us while knitting a stocking. This was evidently a woman of a remarkable strength and character. "*

*The youngest Dickson to live on Entry Island is Madison Jackueline Dickson. She was born on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Madison is the daughter of Paul and Jackie Dickson.*



# Dickson



Oldest



Youngest

# Goodwin

*Norman Goodwin Sr. was born February 23, 1893 in Grindstone.*

*While visiting, Norman met and married Isabella Dickson and settled on Entry Island. They raised four children; Margaret, Dora, Nellie and Norman Jr.*

*Norman Sr. was a veteran of World War 1. He was stationed in Halifax during the Halifax explosion where thousands of people were killed. Norman had many talents, one of which was that he was able to speak French, a rarity among the English people at that time.*

*Norman Goodwin Jr. married Margaret Chenell and had one daughter who died as an infant.*

*When Norman Jr. died in 1969 the Goodwin name on Entry Island died with him.*

# *Goodwin*



*oldest*



*youngest*

# Josey

*The Josey ancestry is originally from Portugal. They later settled in Nova Scotia, then to other parts of the country. Herman Victor Josey was born on October 19, 1893 in Spry Bay, Nova Scotia.*

*At the age of 19, Herman came to Entry Island with his father Emmanuel and brother William. He traveled back and forth between Spry Bay and Entry Island for a few years until he met and married Sylvia Welsh in 1916. Sylvia and Herman had four children; Ancil, Ira, Bruce, and Joyce.*

*Herman was a veteran of World War 1, where he was stationed in Sydney N.S. After the war, he made his living as a fisherman and small time farmer. On February 5, 1994 Herman died at the age of 100.*

*The youngest Josey descendant living on Entry Island is Raymond, born January 20, 1990. Raymond is the son of Ralph and Cheryl Josey.*

*Josey*



*oldest*



*youngest*

# McLean

*Joseph Bonaparte McLean was born November 28, 1857 on Entry Island. Bony as he was known to the people of Entry Island, married Frances Louisa McPhail, February 1879 in Grosse Ile.*

*They had three children; Ethel Maud, Annie and Frances.*

*Many of Bony's descendants live on Entry Island today. Bonaparte died in 1939 and was buried in Grindstone.*

*The youngest McLean descendant living on Entry Island today is Marlana, who is the daughter of Larry and Phyllis McLean.*

*McLean*



*Youngest*

# Morrison

*The first Morrison's to live on Entry Island were a family of three boys and one girl; Wilfred, Neil, John Dan and Martha.*

*They were the children of John Morrison and Jane Dickson who lived in Nova Scotia. When John died Jane brought her family to Entry Island. Wilfred who was the oldest, drowned bringing his mother's cow home from Grosse-Ile.*

*Nicolas is the youngest Morrison living on Entry Island today. He was born on July 17, 1997.*



# *Morrison*



*oldest*



*youngest*

# Patton

*The Pattons came to Canada originally from Scotland. Felix came from Grindstone, and was the first Patton to live on Entry Island.*

*While visiting Entry Island he met and married Sarah McCallum. They had one son named Percy.*

*Felix died as a young man and was buried on Entry Island. His son Percy married Clara McLean and had 9 children. Many of Felix's descendants live on Entry Island today.*

*The youngest Patton descendant living on Entry Island is Jonathan, born July 3, 1988 Jonathan is the son of Lyndon and Marilyn Patton.*

# *Patton*



*oldest*



*youngest*

# Quinn

*The first Quinn to settle on Entry Island was Curtis Quinn. He was born June 12, 1894 and died April 3, 1948.*

*Curtis' father William and grandfather Jack lived in Grosse Ile, the Quinn's originally came from Ireland.*

*It was in March 1923 that Curtis came to Entry Island and bought the horse farmer ( Entry's famous horse that swam back home ). Farmer was not the only one to return to Entry. Curtis also returned in August 1923 and married Dorothy Welsh. Thus the first Quinn family on Entry.*

*The youngest Quinn to live on Entry is Blair Quinn son of Stanley Quinn, born January 1999.*

# Quinn



*oldest*



*youngest*

*Welsh*



*Oldest*



*Youngest*