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KENT COUNTY
PARISH FORMATIONS

Kent County was formed from the County of Northumberland in 1826, out of the Parishes of Wellington and Carleton, plus unassigned lands, with some revisions of the western County line at a later date.

- *NEWCASTLE: - an original Parish in Northumberland County. It included nearly all of what is now Kent County until 1814.
- WELLINGTON: - 1814, erected as part of Northumberland County. Included Dundas, St Marys and part of St Paul.
- CARLETON: - 1814, also erected while part of Northumberland County. Included all of Richibucto (Liverpool), St Louis, Weldford and Acadieville. It was extended to County line in 1826.
- LIVERPOOL: - 1826 (Its name was changed to Richibucto in 1832) Set off from Carleton, included parts of Weldford and St Louis.
- DUNDAS: - 1826, set off from Wellington, somewhat larger than at present, but restricted to present size in 1828.
- HUSKSSON: - 1826, erected from unassigned land in the rear of Liverpool and Carleton, enlarged in 1845.
- HARCOURT: - 1826, set off from unassigned land in the rear of Liverpool and Carleton, extended westward in 1845.
- WELDFORD: - 1835, set off from Richibucto, enlarged at the N/W corner in 1854 from Carleton.
- ST. LOUIS: - 1855, Called Palmerton until 1866. Set off from Carleton and a small part of Richibucto.
- ST. MARYS: - 1867, set off from Wellington & included part of St. Paul until 1883.
- ACADIEVILLE: - 1867, set off from Carleton.
- ST. PAUL: - 1883, set of from St. Marys with some addition from Harcourt.

TEACHER'S RETURN - KENT COUNTY - CARLETON PARISH

TEACHER'S RETURN, County of Kent, Parish of Carleton, Point [auex] Safins District, Augustin Johnson teacher, Male, 28 yrs of age {Under married or single the word seems to be Boy or Qioy ??}. Dated 9 Aug 1844. This school had 13 boys and 7 girls in the summer and 11 boys 7 girls in the winter.

School hours were 6 in both seasons. Books & Apparatus used in the School: History of Old and New Testament, Manual of Christian Cathierhisne Spelling Book. Branches of Education taught: Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.

Students:

1: Daigle, Louis	ae 14	10: Mazeroll, Joseph	ae 14
2: Daigle, Francois	12	11: Mazeroll, Anne	12
3: Daigle, Appolone	12 f	12: Mazeroll, Pierre	10
4: Daigle, Fabien	10	13: Mazeroll, Frederic	8
5: Daigle, Felex	7	14: Mercure, Liocadie	12 f
6: Daigle, Vitale	6	15: Mercure, Louis	8
7: Martin, Agnes	16	16: Robicho, Elizabeth	16
8: Martin, Urcule	11 f	17: Robicho, Gregoire	14
9: Martin, [...]	14	18: Robicho, Olivier	12
		19: Robicho, Marie	13
		20: Robicho, Joseph	8

The above are found in box 3, Misc. folder of the Teacher's Returns, filed in the Department of Education files at PANB. There is one more petition for Kent County, in box 3, for the Parish of Wellington, District of Ohio Settlement. There may be others in the other boxes.

LAND PETITION - 1828, KENT COUNTY INHABITANTS

[A xeroxed copy was found in the MC 2 files at the Provincial Archive of New Brunswick, and the original was in the unsorted Crown Land material. It may now be sorted.]

Fredericton, 19 May 1828

The enclosed Petition from the Majestrates and Inhabitants of the County of Kent having transmitted to me to present to Your Excellency. I have the honor most respectfully to forward the same and beg that Your Excellency will be pleased to act with it accordingly.

I have the Honor to be Your Excellency's Most Obedient Humble Servant,

Thos. Baillie

His Excellency [...], Sir H. Douglas Bart

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble petition of the Magestrates, Public Officers and inhabitants of the County of Kent, in the Province of New Brunswick.

Sheweth,

That six years have not elapsed since shackles of a very serious nature to the rapidly encreasing prosperity of this County were removed by the wisdom of Your Majestys Government by opening a reserve of the best land in the County on the two largest of its rivers, which has offered to several hundreds of families advantageous means of permanently adding to the intrinsic value of this part of the Province by subduing the forest, increasing the productions of the earth, enlarging our trade, and adding to importations from the parent soil. In addition to these exhilarating prospects, last Spring, Proclamations

were published by Your Majestys Government giving notice of an entire alteration of the old system of granting lands, and giving facilities to poor settlers on the Crown Lands for obtaining allotments thereon, not only beneficial to themselves, but re[b]ounding greatly to the prosperity of the community at large. Yet your petitions have sustained a violent shock in their expectations by the new Regulations being carried into effect in so languid a manner, that no sale of Crown Land whatsoever have as yet been made in this County, nor can we ascertain that any are likely to take place before the season will be too loss.

Your petitioners also beg to state to Your Majesty that having emerged from restrictions in the settlement of this County so short a space of time, Your Majesty will judge of our grief and astonishment as its being made known that no sales can be offered of any land between the Richibucto River and the Nova Scotia frontier, which is all reserved for emigrants, but of which only a very small part has been surveyed for their use: and we humbly beg leave to urge on the consideration of Your Majesty the impolicy of thus arresting the use of the new settlers on an immense tract of land, the greater part of which is, in all probability, not required for the purposes of Government on that respect.

Your petitioners also humbly beg leave to lay before Your Majesty the sentiments of their full conviction, that the new Regulations, if carried vigorously into effect, will prove a permanent source of prosperity to this Province by giving stability and security to the now well-defined claims of the new settlers, who are generally so poor at first as to be unable to make present payments for their allotments, and nevertheless by this means encouraged to make improvements: - thus exchanging and insecure and precarious tenure, obnoxious alike to the law officers of the Crown as his [passers] and to the intrusions and annoyances of the unsettled claims of other individuals, for one having nearly all the effect of a Patent.

Your Petitions therefore humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into Your Royal consideration, and to make such order thereon as to Your Majesty may seem meet.

And lastly, we your Majesty's most dutiful subjects take this opportunity of humbly presenting at Your Majesty's feet our solemn protestations of the most devoted loyalty and ardent zeal for Your Majestys sacred Person and Government, bending in fervent prayer to the throne of the King of Kings, - the Giver of all good, for the precious boon of many glorious and happy years to be continued to us of Your Majestys auspicious Reign.

John Wheten, Justice C. Pleas

Thomas Lansdown

Daniel McKeen, J.C.P.

J. W. Weldon, Attorney at Law

Geo. Pagan, J. Peace

Benm. Goldsmith, Sub. Collr. of H.M. Customs

Thomas Powell, Just. Peace

Jacob Rollock, Commanding Kent Militia

[Wm.] Layton, Dep. Comr. [.. D.L.L.]

Samuel Girvass, William Napier, Peter Campbell, [...], Ralph Short, Michael Samuel, Maurice Joseph, Joseph Cogle, Shepard Hal[bork], John Steadman, ...

[Then follows 8 pages of names in double columns. Many are too faint to read.]

There is another set of papers in MC 2, which list inhabitants of the Parishes of Carleton and Palmerton, Kent County, for the year 1867. They were petitioning to have a land surveyor that had worked for them to be permitted to come back to work. It is 5 pages long.
