

Luce Genealogy

This is an account of the Luce family in Isle Madame and environs, Nova Scotia.

Recap of family:

John Luce

- Esther Luce m. John Nicolle
- John George Nicolle m. Jane LeLacheur
- Mary Anne Nicolle m. Alexander George
- Philip Nicolle m. Judith Jane George
- Eliza Nicolle m. Christopher George
- Esther Nicolle m. Robert Grant
- Moses Luce m. Sabine Fougere
- Philomena Luce m. Thomas Rancon/Samson
- Daniel Luce m. Mary Ann Boudreau
- John Philip Luce m. Eleanor Sarah (Wilson) Amey
- John Luce m. Margaret Mauger
- Sarah Ann Luce m. George James Latimer
- Margaret Jemima Luce m. Philip J. Doyle

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John Luce (1788–1840)

- b. abt. 1788 Jersey
- m. 8-19-1802 Anne Williams at St Lawrence, Jersey [per marriage record of daughter]
- d. 2-1-1840 Arichat, of apoplexy, age 62
- bur. 2-1-1840 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat
- Children:
 - i. Esther Luce, b. 1806 Jersey; d. 5-8-1876; m. 1829 John Nicolle.
 - ii. Moses Luce, b. 1810 Jersey; d. 3-1889; m. 1842 Sabine Fougere.

iii. John Philip Luce, b. 1813 Jersey¹; d. 9-1884; m. 1844 Eleanor Sarah (Wilson) Amey.
Five other sons were born.

In Jersey the Luce family lived in St. Mary's Parish.

There was no Luce in the 1838 Arichat census, however there was a Nicolle family. The earliest Isle Madame record of this family is the baptism of Esther's first child in 1831. The later marriages of Moses and John suggest they moved to Isle Madame some time after Esther. Perhaps John and his sons Moses and John arrived Arichat in 1839; it seems doubtful they would have traveled in the winter.

Bob Dunphy, a descendant of Jane Dorey, wrote to a correspondent: " ... about 15 years ago, I had written to, and received a response from, the Channel Island history group. It was the response that provided me with the information re the first John Nicolle being from St Mary's Parish in Jersey. The letter with that response I have passed onward, but am not sure to whom. ¶ You can accept it as fact, however. By the way, Esther Luce was not, as suggested by some people, a very close relative to the Luces who settled at Isle Madame. This was also confirmed by the letter I received from Jersey Island." This is contradicted by 2011 research, see below.

The family relationships stated here are not known for sure.

Esther Luce (1806–1876) and John Nicolle (1809–1884)

Father: John Luce (1788–1840)

Mother: Anne Williams

b. abt. 1806 Jersey

bap. 4-27-1806 at St Peter, Jersey

m. 2-19-1829 John Nicolle in St Mary, Jersey

d. 5-8-1876 age 69.5 Isle Madame

bur. 5-8-1876 SJA, Arichat

Children:

- i. John George Nicolle, b. Arichat; bap. 12-26-1831 SJA; m. 1-17-1854 Jane LeLacheur in St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- ii. Ann Nicolle, b. Arichat; bap. 8-23-1833 SJA.
- iii. Mary Anne Nicolle, b. 6-21-1835 Arichat; bap. 6-30-1835 SJA; m. 1-21-1861 Alexander George at St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- iv. John Peter Nicolle, b. Arichat; bap. 7-30-1837 SJA.
- v. Philip Nicolle, b. Arichat; bap. 9-1-1839 SJA; m. 2-13-1874 Judith Jane George in Port Hastings.
- vi. Eliza Nicolle, b. Barrachois; bap. 9-12-1841 SJA; m. 1-16-1866 Christopher George at SJA.
- vii. Esther Nicolle, b. Barrachois; bap. 7-25-1843 SJA; m. 12-20-1869 Robert Grant at SJA.
- viii. Helen Nicolle, b. Barrachois; bap. 10-27-1846 SJA.
- ix. Henry George Nicolle, b. Janvrin's Island; bap. 4-16-1854 SJA.

Bob Dunphy had evidence that Esther Luce was not a sister to Moses and Philip Luce, but perhaps a more distant relation. This is contradicted by the next paragraph.

¹ The original birthdate I had for John was 1815, based on his age in the various census. On 3-11-2011 I received information from Mark Nicolle that he got from a researcher in Jersey. That person found a son of John Luce and Anne Williams, Jean Luce, baptized May 1813, likely in St Peter, Jersey. This fits with John's age, 39, in the 1852 census.

Esther Luce lived in St. Peter, Jersey at the time of her marriage. Her marriage record cited her parents as "Moise Luce and Anne Williams" who were married 8-19-1802 at St. Lawrence. Her godparents were Wm Telland and wife Esther Luce. Her parents had seven more children (all males) including a Moise Luce baptized Feb 1810 and a Jean Luce baptized May 1813. This evidence makes it seem likely that Esther was indeed the sister of Moses and John Luce. [Information provided by Mark Nicolle 3-11-2011 via email; his source was a researcher in Jersey.]

Cited in 1838 census as Nicholle with six children.

Cited in 1-1852 Protestant census as Esther Luce Nicolle (44), John Nicolle (43, tailor), John Nicolle (21), Ann? Luce (19), Mary Ann (17), Peter (15), Philip (13), Eliza (11), Esther (9), Ellen (7).

Cited in 1861 census in Little Arichat as 5 males and 4 females.

Cited in 1871 census as John Nicole (62, b. Jersey), Esther (62, b. Jersey), Philip (30, b. NS), Henry G. (17), Jane (36, b. NS with Guernsey ancestry, this is Jane LeLacheur), John (14), Peter G. (12), Charles (9), Esther J. (6), and Henry W. (3). This seems to be two families: (1) Esther Luce and John Nicolle and (2) John George Nicolle and Jane LeLacheur.

Several households cited in 1881 census living in West Arichat.

- (1) John Nicole, 75, widower, fisherman, born Channel Islands. This is the husband of Esther Luce.
- (2) Henry W. Nicole (28) and Suphronie Nicole (16, Scottish, born NS). This is a son of John and Jane, and Esther's grandchild.
- (3) Jeane Nicole (44), John (24), . . . This family is that of John George Nicolle (likely dead) and Jane LeLacheur.

Husband John Nicolle was born abt. 1809 in St. Mary's Parish, Jersey. He died 1-10-1884 in Arichat age 75, buried 1-12-1884 SJA.

John Nicolle was one of the three people to sign an oath swearing the accuracy of the 1838 census that appeared at the end of the Arichat Census records. To Mark Nicolle, a correspondent of mine, it appeared that names in the census were written in hand writing VERY similar to John's signature. Also, John and Esther's names were the very first on the list recorded for Arichat, and whoever wrote their names just happened to write those two names much darker and more clearly than the other names on the list.

Moses Luce (1810–1889) and Sabine Fougere (1816–1883)

Father: John Luce (1788–1840)

b. 1810 Jersey

m. 12-28-1842 Sabine Fougere in SJA

d. 3-1889 Petit de Grat

bur. 3-31-1889 SJA

Children:

- i. Philomena Luce, b. 10-11-1845, bap. 10-11-1845 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS; m. 1-24-1871 Thomas Rancon/Samson at Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- ii. Daniel Luce, b. 4-12-1847; bap. 4-12-1847 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS; m. 10-15-1872 Mary Ann Boudreau/Boudrot in Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- iii. Marine Luce, bap. 10-20-1850 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS; d. 1860.

- iv. Desire Luce, b. abt. 1856; d. 11-22-1938 Arichat age 90 unmarried, a shoemaker; bur. 11-24-1938 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- v. Isaiah Luce, b. 12-24-1857; bap. 12-24-1857 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.

Cited in 1-1852 Protestant census as Moses Luce (42, shoemaker), living alone. Where were his wife and children?

Cited in 1861 census living in Black River with 3 males and 2 females.

Cited in 1871 census as living in Petit de Grat: Moses (68), Zabine (50), Daniel (20), Deserea (14), and Isiah (12).

Cited in 1881 census living in Petit de Grat: Mauzeise Luce (71, born Jersey) head, wife Zabine (45), and children Desira (21) and Esies (20).

Cited in 1901 census as living in Petit de Grat: Desire Luce (45, b. 5-5-1855) as head and only family member.

Wife Sabine Fougere was born abt. 1816 in Nova Scotia. She died 6-26-1883 and was buried at Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS. Parents: Joseph Hilarion Fougere (1773–1843) and Adelaide Forest (1788–1858).

John Philip Luce (1813–1884) and Eleanor Sarah (Wilson) Amey (1820–1864)

Father: John Luce (1788–1840)

b. 1813 Jersey

bap. May 1813, Jersey

m. 1-3-1844 Eleanor Sarah (Wilson) Amey in West Bay Presbyterian/United Church, West Bay

d. 9-1884 at D'Esousse Road, age 69 (per death record²)

bur. 9-1884 St John's Anglican Church, Arichat

Children:

- i. John Luce, b. 1-10-1844 Rocky Bay; bap. 12-25-1844 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat; m. 1-9-1877 Margaret Mauger; d. 2-3-1932; bur. 2-7-1932 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- ii. Sarah Ann Luce, b. 7-2-1848 Rocky Bay; bap. 8-23-1848 SJA; m. 1-19-1876 George James Latimer.
- iii. Elizabeth Jane "Beth" Luce, b. 1-1851 D'Escousse; bap. 1-14-1851 SJA; d. 2-1871 age 21; bur. 2-11-1871 SJA.
- iv. Margaret Jemima Luce, b. 4-20-1853 Arichat; bap. 7-14-1853 SJA; m. 8-3-1875 Philip J. Doyle in Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS; d. 8-4-1935 age 82 in Rocky Bay.
- v. Mary Rosena Luce, b. 11-7-1856 D'Escousse; bap. 3-5-1857 SJA; m. 2-1-1891 William J. White in Canso; d. in Canso. One child: Mable Lillian White b. 8-4-1894, bap. 9-16-1894 at All Saints in Canso.
- vi. William Henry Luce, b. 7-1858 Rocky Bay; bap. 8-7-1859 SJA; d. age 7; bur. 3-18-1865 SJA.
- vii. Robert Moses Luce, b. 11-8-1861 D'Escousse Road; bap. 11-8-1861 SJA; bur. 11-13-1861 SJA.
- viii. Sarah Ellen Luce, b. 2-12-1864 D'Escousse Road; bap. 2-15-1864 SJA.

Between 1844 and 1875 John Luce was a tailor in Rocky Bay, per children's baptism records.

Cited in 1852 Protestant census as John Luce (39, tailor), Sarah Wilson Luce (32), James Amie (14), Catherine Amie (12), John Luce (8), Elizabeth Luce (1).

² It is not uncommon for death records to err regarding the age and parents of the deceased. After all, the person who is sure to know the truth is not available.

Cited in 1861 census in Richmond County, Polling District 2 (Petit de Grat), with 4 males and 6 females (or 5 and 7!).

Cited in 1871 census living in Petit de Grat: John Luce (55, born in Jersey, widowed), John Luce (23), Sarah A. Luce (20), and Margaret Luce (18).

Cited in 1881 census living in Petit de Grat: John Luce (66) with son John and his family.

Wife Eleanor Sarah (Wilson) Amey was born 1820 Arichat. Died 1864 at age 44, likely from childbirth, buried 2-18-1864 St John's Anglican Church, Arichat. She first married Philip Amey on 2-6-1837 in St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat. Philip died 6-27-1840, age 26, in Little Hants of scarlet fever.

Sarah and Philip Amey had children:

- i. James Amey, b. Little Anse, bap. 2-8-1838 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- ii. Catherine Amey. b. Little Anse, bap. 9-27-1840 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.

John George Nicolle (1831-) and Jane LeLacheur (1834-)

Parents: Esther Luce (1807–1876) and John Nicolle (1809–1884)

b. Arichat

bap. 12-26-1831 SJA

m. 1-17-1854 Jane LeLacheur in St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat

d. 10-1867 West Arichat

Children:

- i. John William Nicolle, b. 2-16-1857 West Arichat; m. 8-13-1882 Judith Louisa LeLacheur in Boston; d. 10-29-1919 West Arichat. Judith b. 3-25-1869, d. 1948.
- ii. Peter George Nicolle, b. 4-20-1859 Little Arichat; bap. 9-15-1859 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- iii. Charles Nicolle, b. abt 1862.
- iv. Esther J. Nicolle, b. abt. 1865.
- v. Henry W. Nicolle, b. abt. 1868.

Cited in 1871 census; see entry for Esther Luce and John Nicolle. There were Jane (36) and children John (14), Peter G. (12), Charles (9), Esther J. (6), and Henry W. (3). John George Nicolle is absent, he would have been 40.

Cited in 1881 census living in West Arichat as Jeanne Nicole (44, widow), John Nicole (24), Peter Nicole (22), Charles Nicole (17), Esther Nicole (16), William Nicole (14). It is my guess that Jeanne is Jane LeLacheur. This family lived next door to Mary Ann (Nicolle) and Alexander George. There was a second family: Henry W. Nicolle (28), and Suphrene Nicole (16, Scottish, born NS); this is a son of John and Jane.

Cited in 1911 census living in Janvrin's Harbour as John Nicolle (53, b. 1-1859), Louisa (47, b. 12-1863), Everette (20, b. 12-1890), Stanley (17, b. 4-1894), and Jane Eva (76, b. 3-1835). Jane Eva must have been Jane LeLacheur. This is the family of John William Nicolle and Judith Louisa LeLacheur. [This census is notorious at getting the birth dates wrong.]

Based on the census, it appears John George Nicolle died between 1868 and 1871.

Jane LeLacheur was born 3-26-1834 in West Arichat to Perer LeLacheur and Jane L'Heureaux.

Philip Nicolle (1839-) and Judith Jane George (1854-)

Parents: Esther Luce (1807–1876) and John Nicolle (1809–1884)

b. Arichat
bap. 9-1-1839 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat
m. 2-13-1874 Judith Jane George in Port Hastings
d.

Children:

i. Philip James Nicolle born 11-10-1872, bap. 2-19-1874.

Wife Judy Jane George was born 3-22-1854 on Isle Madame, baptized 12-15-1854 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat. Parents: Martin and Abigail Eliza George.³

Martin and Abigail Eliza George cited in 1852 Protestant census as Martin (43), Abigail (38), Alexander (17), Christopher (15), and Enias Charles (2).

Her brothers Alexander and Christopher married Philip Nicolle's sisters.

The George family was cited in the 1871 census as Dutch. The first St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat record is the 1861 marriage. Perhaps the family immigrated intact.

Abigail George was buried 4-1-1876 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.

Mary Elizabeth Nicolle, b. 4-1-1871 Janvrin Island; m. 1-23-1892 Henry William LeLacheur in Arichat; d. 8-27-1954 in Martinique, Isle Madame. I do not know her parents, but as there seems to have been only one Nicolle family, she was likely a daughter of Philip Nicolle.

Mary Ann Nicolle (1835-) and Alexander George (1835-)

Parents: Esther Luce (1807-1876) and John Nicolle (1809-1884)

b. 6-21-1835 Arichat

bap. 6-30-1835 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat

m. 1-21-1861 Alexander George at St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat

d.

Children:

- i. Alexander George, b. 12-15-1862; bap. 12-17-1862 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat; m1. 1-7-1890 Eleanora Elizabeth LeLacheur in Arichat; m2. 8-11-1898 Mary Lawrence in St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat; d. 4-12-1950 Janvrin's Island.
- ii. Phoebe Ann George, b. 10-9-1865 Little Arichat; bap. 1-1-1866 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat; bur. 9-14-1859 age 4 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- iii. Elias Philip George, b. 12-6-1867 Isle Madame; bap. 1-21-1868 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- iv. Mary Elizabeth George, b. 4-1-1871 Janvrin's Island; m. 1-23-1892 Henry William LeLacheur at Arichat; d. 8-27-1954 Martinique. Five children. Henry b. 10-12-1865, d. 4-28-1955 at Martinique.
- v. Albert Martin George, bap. 9-28-1873 Immaculate Conception Church, West Arichat. Also baptized as Albert Victor George 2-19-1874 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- vi. Amanda Priscilla George, bap. 2-19-1876 Immaculate Conception Church, West Arichat. Also baptized 2-15-1876 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.

Cited in 1871 census as Alexander George (32), Mary Anne (30), Alexander (8), Feby Anne (Phoebe, 5), Elias Philip (3), and Mary E. (1 month).

Cited in 1881 census living in West Arichat as Alexander Georges (42, b. NS, Scottish), Marianna (42), Alexander (18), Phebee (15), Philippe (13), Mary (10), Albert (8), and Malenda (5).

³ Sometimes Abigail was spelled Abigail.

Alexander George and Elizabeth LeLacheur had three children:

- (1) Joseph Clinton Wellington George, b. 8-28-1891, d. Janvrin's Island 5-29-1976, converted to Catholicism, then married at West Arichat 3-29-1915 to Elizabeth Rose Forgeron.
- (2) Elizabeth Mary George. She also converted to Catholicism just before her marriage at West Arichat 1-9-1914 to George Randall Allan MacDonald, born 4-13-1887 Janvrin's Island, d. 7-2-1968 Janvrin's Island, a son of John Ronald MacDonald and Charlotte Angelique Fougere.
- (3) Gladys Beatrice George, b. 12-28-1894, d. 5-7-1895.

Alexander George and Mary Lawrence had 11 children.

Eliza Nicolle (1841-) and Christopher George (1837-)

Parents: Esther Luce (1807-1876) and John Nicolle (1809-1884)

b. Barrachois

bap. 9-12-1841 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat

m. 1-16-1866 Christopher George at St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat

d.

Children:

- i. Ada Jane George, b. 7-1867 Isle Madame; bap. 7-26-1867 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- ii. Christopher George, b. 5-29-1869 Isle Madame; bap. 6-30-1869 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- iii. Walter Henry George, b. 9-4-1871 Isle Madame, bap. 1-16-1772 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- iv. Margaret Ellen George, b. 9-9-1874 Isle Madame; bap. 12-6-1874 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- v. John Martin George, bap. 9-1-1876 Immaculate Conception Church, West Arichat.
- vi. Esther Florence George, b. 3-31-1880; bap. 6-27-1880 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat; bur. 7-3-1881 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.
- vii. Charles Alexander George, b. 12-2-1885 Isle Madame; bap. 3-15-1886 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat.

Cited in 1891 census living in West Arichat: Christopher George (52), Eliza (43), Jane (22), Christopher (21), Walter (18), Ellen (16), and Charles (6).

Philomena Luce (1845-1905) and Thomas Rancon/Samson (1842-)

Parents: Moses Luce (1810-1889) and Sabine Fougere (1816-?)

b. 10-11-1845 Arichat

bap. 10-11-1845 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS

m. 1-24-1871 Thomas Samson/Rancon⁴ at Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS

d. 12-21-1905 age 61

bur. 12-21-1905 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat

Children (records in St. Hyacinth's Church, D'Escousse):

- i. Helen Jane Ranson, b. 10-31-1871 Cap La Ronde; bap. 11-6-1871 St. Hyacinth's, D'Escousse; m. 2-12-1893 Basile Laurent in L'Ardoise.
- ii. Mary Judith Ranson, b. 11-28-1873; bap. 11-30-1873; d. 8-9-1874; bur. 8-11-1874.

⁴ This is a surname with many variations. The St. Hyacinth's early records spell it "Rancon." The Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church records spells it "Samson." I've also seen it "Ranson." And "Sampson."

- iii. Mary Alice Ranson, b. 4-8-1875; bap. 4-26-1875 St. Hyacinth's, E'Escousse; d. 2-14-1878 age 2y 10m; bur. 2-17-1878 St. Hyacinth's.
- iv. Sabine Marine Ranson, b. 2-2-1877; bap. 2-3-1877; d. 2-14-1878; bur. 2-17-1878.
- v. Margaret Ann Ranson, b. 11-15-1878 D'Escousse; bap. 11-16-1878; d. 1-11-1882.
- vi. Alexander Thomas Ranson, b. 7-18-1880 D'Escousse; bap. 7-18-1880; d. 1-18-1882; bur. 1-20-1882.
- vii. Charles Jean Ranson, b. 1-5-1882; bap. 1-6-1882; m. Louise Artimine Dorey; d. Arichat, killed by truck.
- viii. Marie Sabine Ranson, b. 9-30-1883 Dartmouth; d. 12-1956 West Arichat.
- ix. Amy Philomena Ranson, b. 3-30-1886 Cap La Ronde—TWIN; bap. 4-2-1880.
- x. Anne Ranson, b. 3-30-1886 Cap La Ronde—TWIN; bap. 4-2-1880.
- xi. Anne Philomena Ranson, b. 3-30-1892 Poirierville; bap. 3-21-1892.

Thomas Rancon was born 7-28-1842 in D'Escousse and baptized 8-13-1842 at St. Hyacinth's; parents Charles Rancon and Marine (Marie Anne) Bonin. After Philomena's death he married 4-23-1907 Sabine Ann Boudrot at Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS. Thomas' sister Judith Ann Rancon married George William Dorey, son of George Dorey and Charlotte Petitpas..

Daniel Luce (1847–1905) and Mary Ann Boudreau (1834–1929)

Parents: Moses Luce (1810–1889) and Sabine Fougere (1816–?)

b. 4-12-1847

bap. 4-12-1847 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS

m. 10-15-1872 Mary Ann Boudreau at Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS

d. 10-24-1905 age 59

bur. 10-26-1905 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS

Children:

- i. Elgine Victoria Luce, b. 4-13-1878; bap. 4-16-1878 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- ii. Daniel Thomas Luce, b. 8-10-1875; bap. 8-11-1875 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS; m. 7-26-1918 Elizabeth Terrio at Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS (daughter of Abraham Terrio); d. 6-19-1960 Arichat age 84y 10m; bur. 6-21-1960 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS. Elizabeth d. 7-28-1926 age 45, bur. 7-29-1926.
- iii. Felicity/Celeste Luce, b. abt. 1860; m. 10-13-1890 Lamand Landry in Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- iv. Thomas Luce, b. abt. 1875; m. 11-13-1899 Sara Fougere at Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.

Cited in 1881 census living in Petit de Grat as Dan Luce (40) as head, wife Marine (40) and children Elies (22), Felicita (21), Jim (7), Thomas (6), and father-in-law Amey Boudrot (70).

Cited in 1901 census living in Petit de Grat as Daniel Luce (58, b. 6-15-1842) as head, wife Marin Luce (40, b. 3-15-1860).

Wife Mary Ann Boudreau/Boudrot was daughter of Aime Boudrot and Bridget Martel. Mary Ann died 3-1-1929 age 95, buried 3-2-1929 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.

John Luce (1844–1932) and Margaret Mauger (1843–1920)

Parents: John Luce (1815–1884) and Eleanor Sarah (Wilson) Amey (1820–1864)

b. 1-10-1844 Rocky Bay

bap. 12-25-1844 SJA
m. 1-9-1877 Margaret Mauger at SJA
d. 2-3-1932, age 88 Pondville
bur. 2-7-1932 SJA

Children:

- i. Joseph Henry Luce, b. 10-12-1877 D'Escousse; bap. 5-5-1878 in SJA; m. 10-28-1905 Margaret Fortune; d. 5-20-1912 age 34 Richmond County of typhoid. Had children.
- ii. William Henry Luce, b. 4-21-1879 D'Escousse Road; bap. 4-21-1879 SJA; d. 5-20-1912 age 33 Arichat of typhoid.
- iii. John Thomas Luce, b. 5-5-1882 D'Escousse Road—TWIN; m. Margaret MacLeod; d. 3-26-1943 Pondville. Had children.
- iv. Charles James Luce, b. 5-5-1882 D'Escousse Road—TWIN; d. 4-30-1950 age 67 Port Hawkesbury of coronary thrombosis.

In 1878 was fisherman.

Cited in 1881 census living in Petit de Grat, a Jerseyman and French: John Luce (66), John Luce (35), Margaret Luce (37), Joseph Luce (3), and William Luce (2),

Cited in 1901 census living in Petit de Grat as John Luce (56, b. 12-10-1844) head, wife Margaret Luce (58, b. 9-24-1842), and children Joseph H. (23, b. 11-12-1877), William H. (21, b. 4-21-1879), John T. (18, b. 5-6-1882), Charles J. (18, b. 5-6-1882).

Farmer in Pondville.

Joseph H. Luce owned a crown land grant on Petit de Grat located on the NNW corner by Ranteleau Point, 719 acres.

Wife Margaret Mauger was born 4-5-1843 in Cap La Ronde. She died 6-1-1920 age 77 in Pondville, buried 6-3-1920 Arichat.

Margaret Jemima Luce (1853–1935) and Philip John Doyle (1855–1935)

Parents: John Luce (1815–1884) and Eleanor Sarah (Wilson) Amey (1820–1864)

b. 4-20-1853 Arichat

bap. 7-14-1853 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat

m. 8-3-1875 Philip John Doyle in Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS

d. 8-4-1935 age 82 in Rocky Bay

Children:

- i. Mary Virginia Doyle, b. 5-13-1876; bap. 5-15-1876 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS; m. 12-24-1897 George Albert Latimer.⁵
- ii. unnamed, b. 11-4-1877; bap. 11-6-1877; lived 1 hour, died 11-4-1877; bur. 11-6-1877 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- iii. Alvina Elizabeth Doyle, b. 11-2-1878; m. 2-23-1903 James Kehoe in D'Escousse (she age 24); d. 2-1967.
- iv. Sarah Alice Doyle, b. 9-18-1880, bap. 9-19-1880 St. Hyacinth's, D'Escousse.
- v. Charles Theophilus Doyle, b. 8-2-1882; bap. 8-5-1882 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS; m. 10-20-1908 Blanche Henrietta Keating at D'Escousse (he age 26).
- vi. Philip James Doyle, b. 5-21-1884; bap. 5-25-1884 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.

⁵ George Albert Latimer was first cousin to George James Latimer who married Sarah Anne Luce.

- vii. Thomas Henry Doyle, b. 2-10-1885 Rocky Bay; bap. 2-12-1885 St. Hyacinth's, D'Escousse; m. 5-27-1916 Sarah Eva McGrath in D'Escousse; d. 11-13-1961 Rocky Bay. Alternative name for wife: Sarah Ellen McGrath.
- viii. Margaret Ann Doyle, b. 3-16-1887; bap. 3-18-1887 St. Hyacinth's, D'Escousse.
- ix. Marie Anne Doyle, b. 3-15-1888; bap. 3-17-1888 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- x. Lawrence Ambrose Doyle, b. 5-29-1890; bap. 4-31-1890 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- xi. John Peter Doyle, b. 10-22-1892; m. 6-17-1911 Maggie Keating in D'Escousse (he age 20).
- xii. Honore Ellen Doyle, b. 9-28-1895; bap. 9-29-1895 St. Hyacinth's, D'Escousse.

Lived in Rocky Bay.

Philip Doyle was the son of Charles Doyle (1830–1918) and Virginia Landry. He was the eldest of 10 children. Nice discussion of the Doyle family at

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~grose/french.txt>

Felicity/Celeste Luce (1860–) and Lamand Landry (1868–)

Parents: Daniel Luce (1847–1905) and Mary Ann Boudreau (1834–1929)

b. abt. 1860

m. 10-13-1890 Lamand Landry in Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS

d.

Children:

- i. Alban Joseph Landry, b. 10-4-1891; bap. 10-6-1891 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- ii. Edward Landry, b. 5-25-1893; bap. 5-26-1893 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- iii. Honoré Walter Landry, b. 3-17-1895; bap. 3-18-1895 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS; d. 4-30-1901; bur. 5-2-1901.
- iv. Marie Beatrice Landry, b. 4-23-1897; bap. 4-23-1897 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- v. Joseph Albini Landry, b. 9-2-1900; bap. 9-4-1900 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.

Lamand Landry was born 12-11-1868 in Arichat to Lamand Landry (1848–1900) and Marie Bois; baptized 12-12-1868 Arichat.

Thomas Luce and Sara Jeanne Fougere (1870–1915)

Parents: Daniel Luce (1847–1905) and Mary Ann Boudreau (1834–1929)

b.

m. 11-13-1899 Sara Fougere at Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS

d.

Children:

- i. Emma Jeanne Luce, b. 10-25-1900; bap. 10-26-1900 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- ii. Marie Luce, b. 12-20-1902; bap. 12-21-1904 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.

- iii. Charles Luce, b. 10-16-1904; bap. 10-17-1904 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- iv. Marie Alice Luce, b. 5-16-1906; bap. 5-17-1906 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- v. Jacques Daniel Luce, b. 12-16-1909; bap. 12-17-1909 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.
- vi. Joseph Amedee/Alexander Luce, b. 6-28-1911; bap. 6-29-1911 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS; d. 3-11-1995 St. Martha Hospital age 83; bur. 3-13-1995 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.

Cited in 1901 census living in Petit de Grat as Thomas Luce (25, b. 8-10-1875) as head, wife Sarah Luce (30, b. 1-25-1871), daughter Eva J. Luce (b. 10-25-1900).

On 7-9-1996 Sadie Mary (Luce) Briand died in Evanston, NS, age 93. She was the daughter of Thomas and Sara Jeanne Fougere and was born in Pondville. She was the widow of Raymond Briand. She had sisters Eva, Alice, May and brothers Jimmy, Charles, Joseph. This woman is likely the Marie Luce who was born 12-20-1902, but I cannot be sure.

Sara Fougere was the daughter of Felix Fougere and Adele Boudrot. She died 5-17-1915 age 45, buried 5-19-1915 Notre Dame de l'Assomption Church, Arichat, NS.

Helen Jane Ranson (1871—) and Basile Laurent (1866—)

Parents: Philomena Luce (1845–1905) and Thomas Rancon (1842—)

b. 10-31-1871 Cap La Ronde

bap. 11-6-1871 St. Hyacinth's, D'Escousse

m. 2-12-1893 Basile Laurent in L'Ardoise

d.

Children:

- i. Catherine Ann Laurent, b. 12-19-1893; bap. 12-20-1893 Church of the Holy Guardian Angel, L'Ardoise, NS.
- ii. Thomas Laurent, b. 12-24-1894; bap. 12-30-1894 Church of the Holy Guardian Angel, L'Ardoise, NS; d. 5 months; buried 5-27-1895 Church of the Holy Guardian Angel, L'Ardoise, NS.
- iii. Marie Sabine Laurent, b. 9-12-1896; bap. 9-13-1896 Church of the Holy Guardian Angel, L'Ardoise, NS; d. 5-19-1897 age 8 mos.; bur 5-20-1897 Church of the Holy Guardian Angel, L'Ardoise, NS.
- iv. Jean La Toussaint Laurent, b. 10-31-1897; bap. 11-1-1897 Church of the Holy Guardian Angel, L'Ardoise, NS.
- v. Alexander Laurent, b. 1-26-1899; bap. 1-27-1899 Church of the Holy Guardian Angel, L'Ardoise, NS.
- vi. Joseph Laurent, b. 9-2-1900; bap. 9-3-1900 Church of the Holy Guardian Angel, L'Ardoise, NS.
- vii. Philomene Laurent, b. 12-16-1901; bap. 12-17-1901 Church of the Holy Guardian Angel, L'Ardoise, NS.
- viii. Francois Laurent, b. 10-9-1905; bap. 10-10-1905 Church of the Holy Guardian Angel, L'Ardoise, NS.

Basile Laurent was born 4-9-1866 in L'Ardoise to M. Laurent and Adeline Martel; he was the only person of that name in L'Ardoise. He was a godparent in 1883 in the Holy Guardian Angels church. He married a "Helene Rancon." That seems conclusive.

Other Luce People

Margrette Luce bap. 7-19-1875 St. Hyacinth's, E'Escousse. Parents not named, age not given.

There was another Nicolle family in Arichat at this time. I found their records online.

- Frederick Balleine Nicolle, b. Jan 30, 1834 Arichat; bap. Feb. 20, 1834 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat; parents Isaac & Eliza Nicolle, Apothecary
- Frances Nicolle, b. Arichat; bap. April 20, 1836 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat; parents Isaac & Eliza Nicolle, Apothecary
- Isaac Thomas Nicolle, b. St. Peters; bap. July 29, 1838 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat; parents Isaac & Eliza Nicolle; Apothecary
- Edwin Javrin [Janvrin?] Nicolle, b. L'Ardoise. bap. Mar. 13, 1843 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat; parents Isaac & Eliza Nicolle, Trader
- Eliza Isaaca Nicolle, b. Three Islands; bap. Feb 6, 1846 St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat; parents Isaac & Eliza Nicolle, Trader

A John Luce immigrated to the Cape Breton colony soon after it was founded in 1784 and, in time, settled in Arichat, where he became a merchant, justice of the peace, and captain of the militia. His talents also ran to land and road surveying, in which he became somewhat accomplished, so much so that after the annexation in 1820 the Halifax authorities saw him as an exception to the run of Cape Breton surveyors. The name John Luce & Co. appears on a list of grants issued during the administration of William Macarmick, Lt. Governor from 1784 to 1794. In 1804 he was granted 100 acres of land at the Gut of Canso. (*Journey Through a Cape Breton County: Pioneer Roads in Richmond County* By Arthur J. Stone, 1991)

A ship's manifest dated 10-19-1839 for the 65-ton Schooner *Intended* owned by Peter DeCarteret bound from Arichat to Philadelphia and Baltimore: John Luce, age 55, male, merchant, belonging to Arichat, CB, intending to inhabit Arichat, CB, with one trunk.

In 1812 a John Luce, wrote *Narrative of a Passage From the Island of Cape Breton Across the Atlantic Ocean, With Other Interesting Occurrences, in a letter to a friend* about a voyage that occurred in the winter of 1799.

Philip Mauger Luce, son of John Luce, manager for the Robin firm, later settled at Riveire aux Renards (Fox River), Gaspé, Quebec. (*The Quiet Adventurers in Canada* by Marion G. Turk, 1979)

There are Cape Breton land petitions citing Luce:

- 1803 Luce, John & others: Petition to Despard: Petitioners ask an allotment of land south of Ship Harbour Point on the Gut of Canso [now called Point Tupper]. John Luce, William Luce and Robert Buckmaster.
- 1810 Landrie, Charles: Petition to Nepean: Petitioner was born in New Brunswick, has lived thirty years in Arichat. He is now seventy years old, has nine children, seven of whom are in C.B. He asks a grant of the land on which he has long lived, and which adjoins land granted to Robin Luce & Co.
- 1810 Luce, William: Petition to Nepean: Petitioner is a British born subject, and has lived the past eight years in Cape Breton. He asks 200 acres of land adjoining the lot of his brother on the Gut of Canso. Note: complied with.