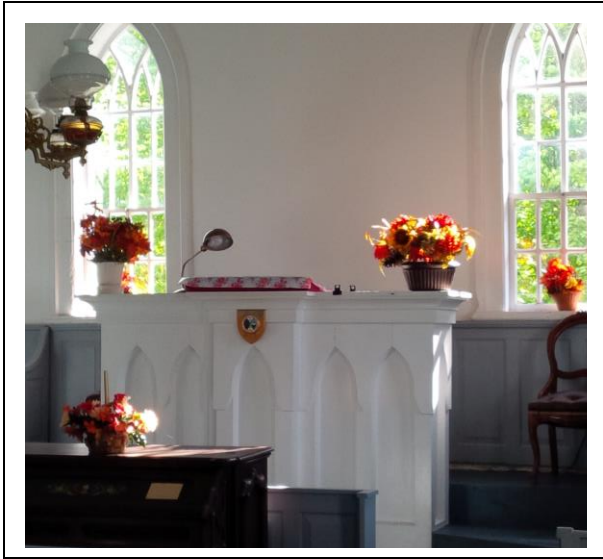




# CENTRAL NEW BRUNSWICK WELSH SOCIETY

## MAY 2019



### FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE

**When: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

*Please come to the church service and then join us for a light potluck lunch afterwards.*

**Where: Welsh Chapel**  
**2900 Route 620**  
**Cardigan, NB**

**Bring your friends, neighbours and family!**



Many hands make light work. Some of our regular crew have other commitments so an hour of your time on **Saturday, June 1st at 9:00 a.m.** at the Welsh Chapel is desperately needed. (Rain date if needed is the following Saturday).



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The **Cardigan 200** Organizing Committee gratefully acknowledges the promotional assistance provided by the City of Fredericton and the financial assistance provided by the Province of New Brunswick.



**May 28, 2019** - Welsh Society Annual Meeting, 7:00 p.m. St. John's Anglican Church Hall, 75 Main Street, Fredericton  
**June 1, 2019** – Spring Clean-up, 9:00 a.m. Welsh Chapel  
**June 9, 2019** – Founders' Day Service, 7:00 p.m. Welsh Chapel  
**June 15, 2019** – Cardigan 200 Celebration of the arrival of the Welsh settlers, 10:00 a.m. Mary H. Oland Theatre, New Brunswick, Museum, Saint John  
**August 10, 2019** - Cardigan 200 Celebration, 1:00 p.m. Welsh Chapel  
**August 11, 2019** – Cardigan 200 Church Service, 10:30 a.m. Brunswick Street Baptist Church, Fredericton  
**October 6, 2019** – Thanksgiving Service, 3:30 p.m. Welsh Chapel



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### IT'S SPRING?



In mid-February, our friend Kathy Mitchell sent us this photo of the snowdrops blooming at Penrhyn Castle in north Wales. Very unlike our New Brunswick weather in February!

While our Welsh ancestors would have found the long, snowy New Brunswick winters difficult, they weren't strangers to snow. In Wales, snow is usually confined to the higher ground. However, the ability of the hardy Welsh to cope with cold and snowy

weather was an important factor in their survival as a nation. They retreated to the snowy high ground when invaded, delaying conquest by the Romans and then the Norman English by hundreds of years.



**CHAPEL REPAIR** We have signed a contract for the completion of the exterior work on the Welsh Chapel, the largest component being the replacement of the siding. The work will begin shortly with the intention being that it is completed before our Cardigan 200 celebration. The cost is approximately \$34,000. We have not yet been told if we are receiving the grant from the Government of New Brunswick or not. To date the special fundraising campaign has raised less than half of the funds needed. If you have already given us a donation, thank you very much!! If you have not, please consider making a financial contribution. No matter how large or how small, every penny makes a difference! Cheques should be made out to the **New Brunswick Welsh Heritage Trust** and mailed to 100 Epworth Circle, Fredericton, NB E3A 2M6. A charitable donation receipt will be issued for all donations of \$10 or more.



**CARDIGAN 200** On June 15, 2019 the arrival of the Welsh settlers will be marked at the *Mary H. Oland Theatre* at the New Brunswick Museum, Market Square, Saint John, NB. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a social gathering followed by a short talk on the arrival and settlement of the Welsh settlers and ending with the launching of a memorial wreath at Market Slip. There will be an opportunity to share our Welsh heritage and culture. Please join us as we celebrate this anniversary.



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### MARGARET RICHARDS AND REES JONES

Margaret Richards left Wales on the Albion with her husband and 6 children. Her daughter, Iona, died on the voyage to Saint John.

In November 1819 a committee appointed to investigate the condition of the Welsh families, reported that William Richards and his family were 'lying in a most miserable situation, under a raging fever'. The committee bought them a stove and found them a vacant house in which to live, but one of the children, a 14-year old, died. William Richards died in 1821 or 1822 without having done anything to his land in Cardigan. Perhaps he had never recovered from the illness experienced upon arrival. He left Margaret with four children. She continued to live in Fredericton with her children until she remarried.

On November 1, 1823, Margaret married Rees Jones. It was not unusual in those days for widows to remarry. What was unusual was that Margaret was 47 years old when she remarried – Rees was 24.

Rees Jones was also a passenger on the Albion. He arrived when he was 19 years old. It appears that his parents did not accompany him as his marriage record says 'with consent of guardian'. He may have been related to Jonathan Jones who witnessed his marriage.

Margaret held the location ticket for Lot 8 West that had been originally issued to William Richards. Rees immediately set to improving this land. He built a cabin to which they moved in 1824 and a barn, and by the time he petitioned for his land in 1826, he had four acres cleared. His petition was not approved immediately. He was asked to provide additional information on the children of William Richards, which he did, stating that since William had made no improvements to the land, his children would have no claim to it. He said that he would never have settled on the land if he had known there would be an issue as there was plenty of other land available in the area to him. He stated that he had settled on the land at the request of his wife. There was an additional note from John Robinson, Justice of the Peace, saying that Rees Jones was a hardworking man and that the petition was just. Rees was granted his land in April 1831.

Margaret and Rees had no children together, not surprising given her age. But despite their age difference, Margaret and Rees were respected members of their community. Rees died in November 1863 and Margaret in January 1865. They are both buried in the Welsh Chapel graveyard in Cardigan.

#### *Colonial Farmer, November 30, 1863*

Reece JONES, an old inhabitant of Cardigan (York Co.) came to his death Wednesday eve. by a fall from his wagon, a little beyond Thompson's Mills, while on his way home from Fredericton. Dr. Dow informs us that his death resulted from the dislocation of the cervical vertebrae. He died perfectly sensible yesterday afternoon.

#### *Christian Visitor, March 30, 1865*

d. Cardigan (York Co.) 10th Jan., Mrs Margaret JONES, age 89 left 4 children, 26 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren. She was the relict of Rees JONES who was killed by falling from his wagon about 14 mos. previous to her death, which event had a lasting effect on her frail system, and she was a great mourner until the day of her death. She experienced religion in Wales and was baptized about 45 years ago in Fredericton, by the late David JAMES and united with the Baptist Church in that place. Some time after she removed with her husband to Cardigan where she resided till the day of her death. Their house was a home for the ministers of the gospel for many years. (see eulogy)



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# CARDIGAN 200

Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
 At the Welsh Chapel Heritage Site  
 2900 Route 620 (Royal Road)  
 Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.  
 At the Brunswick Street Baptist Church  
 161 York Street, Fredericton

**CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF WELSH HERITAGE**

- Featuring:
- Genealogy
  - Music
  - Crafts
  - Knitting
  - Welsh Language
  - Welsh Cakes
  - Refreshments
  - Worship



**ADMISSION IS FREE**

BYOLC: bring your own lawn chair  
 More information at [www.nbwelsh.ca](http://www.nbwelsh.ca) or on Facebook at Central New Brunswick Welsh Society



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 <b>SCHEDULE FOR THE AFTERNOON</b> 		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
1:00	Registration Begins	Registration Tent
1:30 – 2:00	Opening Ceremonies	Welsh Chapel
2:00 – 2:45	Welsh Choir	Welsh Chapel
2:45 – 3:30	Interactive Activity 1	Various, See below
3:45 – 4:30	Interactive Activity 2	Various, See below
4:30 – 5:00	Light Buffet Lunch	Registration Tent

 <b>INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES</b> 		
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Can You Say 'Diolch'?	Learn the Welsh Language	Welsh Chapel
A Welsh Favourite	Bake Some Welsh Cakes	Welsh Chapel Basement
Our Welsh Heritage	Delve Into History Through Artefacts	Artefact Tent
Symbols of Wales	Crafts That You Can Take Home	Craft Tent
Keeping Little Hands Busy	Kids Table with Puzzles and Pictures	Reception Tent
Exploring Your Family Roots	Genealogy	Reception Tent



## CARDIGAN 200 OUR STORIES

As part of our Cardigan 200 celebration, we are sharing short narratives that tell the story of the Welsh families in 1819. If you are not receiving these by email you can see them on our web site at [www.nbwelsh.ca](http://www.nbwelsh.ca)