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Hants County Petitions K. McKay CG(C)

In preparing the 1838 Census of Hants County it was noted that a large portion of the county, namely the inhabitants of the Township of Douglas were missing from the original census papers stored with the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management. Appendix 32, p. 61 of the Journals of the House of Assembly for the year 1839 reports the census statistics for the entire county. Douglas is the only township divided into separate categories.

Douglas-	7 Female heads of household	Maitland -	10 Female heads of household
157	Male heads of household	236	Male heads of household
	Provost - 2		Female heads of household
	99		Male heads of household
	Total		511 Households

The following petitions which tell of the long proposed and long delayed action to create the new Townships were circulated after the first Monday in December 1838 and before 8 March 1839 when they were gathered together and sent to the Legislature's Session in Halifax. This is an attempt to recreate the inhabitants names that should have appeared on the lost portion of that census.

RG1, Vol.245 # 6 , Petition from the Inhabitants of Gore list 28 signatures :
 RG1, Vol 245 #7, Petition from the Inhabitants of Douglas list 150 signatures:
 RG1, Vol 245 # 27, Petition of the Inhabitants of Douglas lists 138 signatures:
 RG1, Vol 245 # 28, Petition of the Inhabitants of Douglas list 99 signatures:
 RG1, Vol 245 #56, Petition of the Inhabitants of Douglas lists 68 signatures:
 RG1, Vol 252 # 140, Petition of the Inhabitants of Douglas lists 152 signatures:
 These figures totalling 635 are more than the census figures indicated but one may conclude that as there were several petitions some persons registered more than once. A personal check of the microfilm to compare identical names to the signatures should lead to the proper conclusion. Spelling of the signatures were copied as they appeared and no attempt was made to index the names as was felt that the original sequence could provide valuable clues to desired relationships.

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House of Assembly March 8th 1839

I have now the Honor to enclose to you the Petitions of some of the Inhabitants of Douglas in the County of Hants in relation to this Act now in progress in the Legislature for dividing the Township of Douglas into various Townships for establishing the boundaries thereof. confer a favor by county these Petitions to the land before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for his information and consideration when the aforesaid bills or acts are to far matured as to be under his consideration. I have the honor to be your obt..Humble Servant

Henry Goudge

To Sir Rupert B. George

Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management
Micro: RG1, Vol 245 #6

To His Excellency Major General Sir Colin Campbell K.C.B. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Nova Scotia and its and the Honorable the Legislature now convened in General Assembly at Halifax Jan 1839

The petition of the Inhabitants of Gore and adjacent settlements humbly sheweth That in consideration of a late Town Meeting held in the Township of Douglas on the first Monday of December last to take into consideration the expediency of Dividing the Township of Douglas into three distinct Townships, that for want of being legally advertized very few attended except from one particular quarter of the Township in

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consequence of which they placed the division line where it met their own private views to the great injury of several small connected settlements particularly the Gore settlement at the new line of division Cuts off all the new settlements of the Gore on the Carver Road from the old by which the new settlers are disposed from getting any teams to assist them to make their Road work and are tacked to the outskirts of the southern division of the Township. Your Petitioners therefore beg that Your Honorable house will take case into your consideration and either establish the line of division whence it was first proposed on the top of the Mountain that divides the settlement of the Nile Mile River from the Gore settlement beginning at Rawdon line and follows the top of the Mountain until it comes to Pereau Kings or else suspend your of the division of said Township until the wishes of the Inhabitants be more generally known and your Petitioners will ever pray.

James Grant

William Mohain

Robert Grant

Henry Blois

Henry Kilup

Alexander Grant 2nd

Wm Blois

Alex Grant

Donald Grant 5th

Donald Grant 2

John Grant

William Magher

Samuel Hamilton

Donald Grant

Michael McCormick

Asa Hamilton

James Grant 2nd

Alexander Grant 3rd

James N. Hamilton

Robert Blair

Hugh Grant

James Blois

Donald Grant 3rd

Alexander Grant

John

Doanld Grant 4th

William Alex Scott

John McDonald

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To his Excellency Lieut genl Sir Colin Campbell KCB Lieut governor and Commander in Chief in power Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia And to the honourable the general Legislature of the Province.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Township of Douglas Humbly sheweth that owing to the great extent of said Township it has been necessary to divide same into three Several Townships and your petitioners knowing that the said petition has been in contemplation for several years past and having a strong desire that it should take place the way most Commodious and beneficial to the settlers generally. They (agreeably to notice previously given) held a meeting of the Inhabitants on the first Monday of December last at which a considerable number attended and Unanimously agreed to the following division. Namely the western part to be set off by a line beginning on the Bay Shore at Mungo's Creek and running thence Southwardly until it comes to the North east angle of the Kennetcook division thence by eastern line of Kennetcook division to the South east angle thereof thence Westerly by the base line of the said Kennetcook until it comes to the Gore line thence along said line to the Township of Rawdon thence westerly by Rawdon line until it comes to the Township of Newport thence north by the Eastern line of Newport until it comes to the Township of Kempt thence East and North by said Kempt until it comes to the bay at Tennacape thence Easterly by the Bay Shore to said Mungo's Creek at the place of beginning to be called the Township of McLean. The Northeastern division to be called Maitland to commence at the said Mungo's Creek and to be easterly along the Bay Shore six Miles to the Shubenacadie ferry thence southerly up the said river about fourteen miles to the south line of Francis McDonalds farm lot thence Westerly to the rear line of the said McDonald's land thence westerly until it comes to the South East Angle of the Kennetcook division Lands thence by the new Township of MacLean Northward to the said Mungo's creek

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at the place of beginning. The remaining Southern division to be called Douglas and your petitioners pray that the above described division may be sanctioned and legally set off into separate Townships accordingly and as in duty bound feel grateful.

Charles Murdoch	Joseph Teasdel	James McPhee
George	James B....	Alexr McPhee sen
William Mahan	Allan McPhee	Evan McPhee sen
John Thomas Scott	John McPhee 5th	John Grant
Calab Smith	Donald McPhee Sr	Donald Grant snr
James Alexander Scott	Alexander Sable	Alexander Grant
James Scott	John Mac Phee	William
Donald Thompson	John Calder	Donald Thompson Jnr
Job Ross	Alexander McKay	Donald Grant
William Alex Scott	Alexr McNeil	Alexander Grant
Malcolm Brown	Joseph Clement	John Grant 2nd
Stephen Hagert	John Caldwell	Peter Grant
John Braggart	James Thompson	William McPhee
Joseph Caldwell	Matthew Caldwell	Donald Ferguson
Donald McPhee 5th	Evan McPhee(of Alex)	Donald McDonald
...W. Thompson	Alex X Thompson	John Fraser
Daniel Fraser	William McPhee	John Fraser 3rd
Evan McPhie	John McPhee	James Fraser 2
Robert Croker	Alex McPhee 3rd	Duncan McDonell
John McPhee	Abraham Parker	Arch McDonell
William Teasdel	John McPhee	Donald MacDonell
John Teasdel	Archibald McPhee	Angus McDonell

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Donald Sott	William Nelson	George Tailor
Donald Scott jr	James Freize	Joseph Curry
James Wolfe	James Canty	Jas E Densmore
Duncan McKenzie	Peter Grant senr	David Phillips
Daniel McKenzie	Patrick Collins	George Phillips
John McKenzie	Bernard MacGuire	George Ross
Evan Urquhart	Alexr Ferguson	John Ross
John Urquhart	George Ferguson	Charles Ross
William MacKay	Dier Wickware	John Clow
Duncan Urquhart	Henry Tearn	Stephin Woodward
Peter Tulloch	Partick Power	Hugh Ross
John Tulloch	Timothy Graham	James McDonald
Joseph Brown	John Collins	Wm Lay
Terence Kenty	Michel Flemming	David Wickware
Mark Copeland	Alexander D.....snr	John Wickware
William Fisher	John Grant	Thomas.....
Samuel Fisher 2	James Thompson	Stephin Woodward
David Fisher	William Fraser	John Robinson
Edward Fisher	John Fraser	Wm M Nelson
Samuel Fisher	Peter McPhie	Francis Burris
William Fisher 2nd	Edmund Upton	William Wallis
John Fisher	Donald Grant	John Wallis
James Fisher	John Grant 4th	Thomas Wallis
William Rafter	Alexr Grant	John Copeland
James Nelson	Thomas McDaniel	Joseph Copeland

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James Copeland
George Nelson
John Woodwoorth

Thomas Anesley
James Parker
James Bennit

Andrew Sutherland
James Etter
Peter Etter

**Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management
RG1, Vol 245 #27**

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Colin Campbell Lieutenant Governor and Commander in chief in and over the Province of Nova Scotia. To her Majesty's Legislative Council and to the Honorable the House of Assembly convened in Gen Session.

The petition of a number of the inhabitants of the Township of Douglas in the County of Hants humbly sheweth that your petitioners have applied at various times to have part of this extensive Township annexed to Rawdon and the remainder divided into two Townships to be called Douglas and Maitland as is laid down on the Map of the Province which owing to some unknown cause did not take effect. That your petitioners are informed that there is now a Bill before the House to divide this Township into three describing the dividing line between the Western and the North-eastern divisions to be at a certain brook on the Bay shore called Mungoes Creek and supported by petitions signed by many of the inhabitants of Douglas. That your petitioners consider this division would be extremely inconsistent as the extent of the Western district from Newport to this brook is not less than twenty six miles and from said brook to Shubenacadie the extent of the Northeastern district not more than seven which would make one quite too large and the other too small to be called a Township. That your petitioners are convinced that the greater part of the persons who signed the petition in support of the Bill tho men of truth and integrity are totally unacquainted with the particular situation of this Mungoes Creek and are not aware if the inconvenience that would attend the such a division. Thjat your

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petitioners do not wish to oppose the passing of a bill that would make as fair a division as the local situation of premises would advise of and beg permission to refer to the plan of the Township and the Map of the Province for proof of the above statements Mungoes creek bein the third brook to the eastward of Noel River

Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray that the Legislature will be pleased to take the premises into serious consideration and either prevent the passing of this Bill or else to leave out the description at Mungoes Creek and in its stead substitute Noel River and Your Petitioners are as in duty bound will ever pray. Douglas 23 Feb 1839

John Stinton	Philip Densmore	John S Smith
Robt Stinton	William Smith
Willm Stinton	Robert Corbett
John Stinton Junr	Andw Main	Thomas Smith
John Rhines	Andrew Esdle	Job Smith
Ezekiel Williams	John Esdle	Caleb Smith
James Stinton	Robert Main	George Smith
Richard M Stinton	Nathaniel Burden	John Smith
James M Douglas	Robert Burden	John Weldon
Thomas Dickson	Isaac Densmore	James Blair
Robert Cox	William Cock	... Atkins
Archibald Cox	John Barton	Richd Smith Jr
Archibald Cox Senr	Stephin Smith	James Walker
Joseph Brown	John C Douglas	Edward Faulkner
Richard Anthony	Charles Dunn	John Kennedy
James Densmore	John Faulkner	Isaac Smith

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William Ca...
 Thomas Smith
 George McCullah
 John Hope
 Smith
 John Clark
 Daniel Sanfor
 Wm Burgess
 George Bowes
 Anthony
 John Anthony
 Colin Campbell
 John Campbell
 John J. Campbell
 William Campbell
 James Anthony
 Archibald Anthony
 Daniel Gorman
 ben James Sanford
 William Welsh
 John Sanford
 James Russell
 James Harvie
 John Robinson
 Charles Wallace

James Sanford
 Brien MacDonald
 William McDonald
 John McDonald
 David Kilcup
 Donald McDonald
 John White
 George White
 Archibald Ettinger
 Isaiah Singer
 John Anthony
 Arch McColach
 James Anthony
 Jacob Dalrymple
 Anthony Dalrymple
 Peter McColoh
 John Dalrymple
 William Hanes
 Joseph Hanes
 Noah Hanes
 George Miller
 John Miller
 John Anthony
 George Hennigar
 Jacob Hennigar

James Hennigar
 John Hennigar
 George Singer

 John Blair
 Samuel
 James Rines
 John.....
 Jacob.....
 Daniel Henderson
 Daniel Forbes
 John Lenox
 Alex Paterson
 Robert Allison
 Hugh Burns
 John Cooke
 John Burns
 James Miller
 Thomas Miller
 William Rines
 Andrew Miller
 George Miller
 Harvey Miller
 George Miller
 George Gill

Sources for Research*Jams Dalrymple**John Laffin**Daniel Green**John Ettinger**Robert Ettinger**John McDougall**William McDougall**Donal McDonald**Robert McDonald**John McDonald**Alexander McDonald**Dougal McDonald**Hugh McDonald***Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management****Micro: RG1, Vol 245 #28**

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Colin Campbell Lieutenant Governor and Commander in chief in and over the Province of Nova Scotia. To her Majesty's Legislative Council and to the Honorable the House of Assembly convened in Gen Session.

The petition of a number of the inhabitants of the Township of Douglas in the County of Hants humbly sheweth that your petitioners have applied at various times to have part of this extensive Township annexed to Rawdon and the remainder divided into two Townships to be called Douglas and Maitland as is laid down on the Map of the Province which owing to some unknown cause did not take effect. That your petitioners are informed that there is now a Bill before the House to divide this Township into three describing the dividing line between the Western and the North-eastern divisions to be at a certain brook on the Bay shore called Mungoes Creek and supported by petitions signed by many of the inhabitants of Douglas. That your petitioners consider this division would be extremely inconsistent as the extent of the Western district from Newport to this brook is not less than twenty six miles and from said brook to Shubenacadie the extent of the Northeastern district not more than

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Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray the Legislature will be pleased to take the premises under serious consideration and either prevent the passing of this Bill or else to leave out the description at Mungoes Creek and in its stead substitute Noel River and Your Petitioners are as in duty bound will ever pray. Douglas 23 Feb 1839

Richd Smith

Adam Dickie

Henry ..ukes

Alexander Nelson

David Freize

Alexander McDougall

William Freize

Jacob Frieze

William

John

William Rines

William Frieze

A.M. Cochran

Isaiah Smith

John Smith

James Douglas

William Douglas

Adam Roy

James Douglas

Joseph Brown

Hugh Mcollum

Jonathan Douglas

Robert Cox

John Atkins

Edward Densmore

Charles Cox

George Lindsay

John Montieth

John Graham

Caleb Putnam

Samuel Basley

William Bonnell

Isaiah Smith of Rob

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Isiah Fisher
 Caleb B.....
 John Bradley
 Caleb Jackson
 William McDougall
 William McDougall
 Robert Johnson
 Allan Cameron
 John Nelson
 Thomas Bradley
 Daniel McDougall
 William

James McArthur
 Saml .Tupper.
 Duncan McDougall
 Daniel Cahill
 Robertson Nelson
 John.....
 Norman Cole
 John Robbison
 Robert Nelson
 John Carter
 A.D. Whidden

Wm Putnam
 Daniel McIntosh
 Mal.
 Wm Hays
 Samuel Hays
 Richard Porter
 John Cohran
 George Miller sen
 George Miller jr
 John Miller
 William McQuiggan
 James Forbes
 Caleb Stuart
 Wm McDuffee
 John Cameron
 Duncan Cameron
 John B. Cain
 Hezekiah Porter
 Dougal Campbell
 Patk Ferguson
 James Whidden
 John Russell

Matthew C. Grey
 Charles Nelson
 Roderick Burl
 William Bryden
 Daniel Dimock
 Daniel B. Dimock
 Joseph Dimock
 James White
 Thomas Latty
 John Clark
 Richard Clark
 James Linton
 Robt Linton
 Edwd Griffin
 Mich Burns
 A. McDonnell
 Wm D. Laurence
 William Laurence
 Charles Moor
 Josh Ross
 John Moor

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RG1, Vol 245 #56

To his Excellency Sir Colin Campbell K.C.B. Lieut Governor and Commander in Chief and over her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia And to the Honorable the Legislature of the said Province.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Township of Douglas humbly sheweth That..... of said Township it has been necessary to divide the same into three separate townships and your Petitioners knowing that the said divisions has been contemplated for several years past and having a strong desire that it should take place in the way most commodious and beneficial to the settlers generally they agreeably to notice given held a meeting of the Inhabitants on the first Monday of December last at which a considerable number attended and Unanimously agreed to the following division. Namely the western part to be set off by a line beginning on the Bay Shore at Mungoes Creek and running thence Southwardly until it comes to the North east angle of the Kennetcook division thence by eastern line of Kennetcook didision to the South east angle thereof thence Westerly by the base line of the said Kennetcook until it comes to the Gore line thence along said line to the Township of Rawdon thence westerly by Rawdon line until it comes to the Township of Newport thence by the eastern line of Newport until it comes to Township of Kempt until it comes to the Bay at Jenna Cape, thence Eastward by the Bay Shore to said Mungos Creek the place of beginning. To be called the township of McLean the Northeastern division to be called Maitland and to commence at the said Mungos Creek and to be easterly along the Bay Shore line now to the Shubenacadie ferry thence southerly up the said river about fourteen miles .the south line of Francis McDonald's lot thence westwardly to the rear line of the said Francis McDonald's land to thence westwardly until it comes to the southeastern angle of the

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Kennetcook division.....thence by the new township of Mclean northward to the said Mungos Creek at the place of beginning. The remaining or southern division to be still called Douglas. And your petitioners pray the above described division may be and legally set off into separate Townships accordingly by and as in duty bound will feel grateful.

William Scott	Edward Densmore	Wm O'Brien
Samuel Densmore	John Neil jun	John Faulkner
Nicholas Dan.....	Thomas Anderson	Sam'l O'Brien
John Densmore	John G.D. McLellan	Robert Faulkner
Benjamin D.....	John O'Brien	William Faulkner
James Putnam	Robert O'Brien	Thomas Faulkner
Samuel Densmore	Ralph Russell	David Faulkner
James Densmore	James Neil	James.....
James Densmore 2	John C Archibald	
Noah Densmore	Michael McCulloch	James D. Moody
William Densmore	John McLellan	Robert O'Brien
John Mc Nabb	Andrew O'Brien	William Reynolds
James Mains X	Isaac O'Brien	Robert O'Brien
Robert Main jenor	J.J. O'Brien	Jacob O'Brien
John Morre	George O'Brien	Joseph Faulkner
Wm D.....	Robert	Nicholas Harvey
William Densmore 3rd	Wm O'Brien	John Faulkner
George McLellan	Robert Harvie	Michael Terhune
Samuel McLellan	George O'Brien	Adam Hunter
Robt McLellan	John Spencer	Timothy O'Brien

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*George Faulkner**Samuel Densmore**William O'Brien**Nicholas Harvie**Joseph O'Brien**Robert Greeno**Samuel Densmore**Cyrus Densmore**J.C. Therr....*

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RG1, Vol 252 #140

*To His Excellency Major General Sir Colin Campbell Lieutenant Governor and
Commander in Chief in and over the province of Nova Scotia*

*The petition of a number of the inhabitants of the township of Douglas in the
County of Hants most humbly sheweth that your petitioners laboured many inconveniences
in attending Town Meetings performing the duties of Assessors, Collectors and Overseers of
the poor owing to the extended limits of this Township some of Your petitioners
particularly those in the settlement of Upper Stewiacke having to travel upwards of thirty
miles to attend town meetings. That your Excellency's petitioners in the year 1828
applied to government to have the Townships of Douglas and Rawdon so equalized and
divided as would make three compact Townships agreeable to the limits designated in the
Map of the Province but from some unknown cause it has not yet gone into effect.
Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to
approve of its going into operation without further delay and your petitioners in duty
bound will ever pray*

*Douglas 10th February 1838**Richd Smith**Hugh McCollum**Arthur M. Cochran*

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Samuel Nelson	John Crow	William Faulkner
Adam Dickie	James Crow	James Densmore
David Frieze	Philip Densmore	JohnRabb
Daniel B. Dimock	Edward. Densmore	Archibald Cox
William Davidson	James Densmore	Charles Cox
Jacob Frieze	Daniel Mc.....	Robert Cox
James J.....	Samuel McLellan	Henry.....
David J.J. Walsh	Robert McLellan	William Densmore 3rd
Joseph Brown	George McLellanDensmore
Henry McBane	John Main	John Atkins
William Frieze	Robert Main	John Stinton
Nathaniel Bordon	James Main	Robert Stirling
Adam Roy	Andw Main Sen	William Sterling
Dougall Campbell	Robert Main jun	Calab Douglas
John Montieth	Andrew Main jun	William Smith
Henry.....	Johnjunior	Samuel Cook
Peter McArthur	Robert Bordon	William Forbes
Thomas Green	Noah Densmore	John Waddell
John Whidden	James Putnam	Richd Porter
Calab Putnam	Richd Anthony	Archibald Mc.....
Thomas Clark	William McKenzie	John Graham
William Bryden	John Lee	George Miller 2
John M' Dougall	John Singer	John Miller
William Smith	William Downey	John Keho
Job Smith	James Densmore	George Smith
William Douglas	Benjamin Densmore	Stephen Smith

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John Faulkner
 William.....
 John Rines
 Brian Couwey Rines
 James Douglass sen
 James Watson
 Partick Mellaly
 Michael Burris
 R.H. Smith
 William McDougall
 Charles Nelson
 Caleb Jackson
 Josiah Fisher
 John Douglas
 John Bradley
 Thos Lenox
 John Baron
 Robert of Linto.....
 Bernerd Duphen
 Thomas Latta
 Allen Cameron
 Wm Brien J.P.

Duncan McDougall
 James Nowlin
 John Smith of Mathew
 Wm Burnell
 Alexander Letson
 Elias Nelson
 John Nelson
 Charles Nelson
 Robert Nelson
 Robertson Nelson
 George Lindsay
 James White
 Charles Wm Tremains
 Francis McDonald
 James Donel
 William G....
 John Turple
 David Barb.....
 John Copeland
 Mark Capeland
 Joseph Copeland
 James Copeland
 David Whither
 David Whither

Daniel Snide
 William Nelson
 William McNi
 James Gilvre
 Francis B.....
 Samuel Nobel
 James Ellis

 William B. Wallace
 John Wallace
 Wm R. Walalce
 Duncan Cameron
 Daniel McDorey
 Josiah Wallace
 James Nelson
Robinson
 Butler
 Thomas
 James Wood...
 Hugh O'Neil
 George Taylor
 Benjamin Bill
 Edward Upton