

Giddens Family Reunion
Includes Thirsty Church Service

By Linda Harrington

The Giddens family has been holding an annual family reunion since 1977, when Nelda (Giddens) Gould organized the first one. Her nephew Jack Giddens continued the tradition and few years ago his daughter Betty (Giddens) Jennings began hosting the event. This year around 40 people attended the reunion. The family had taken quite an interest in the Thirsty Church during the Aviva Contest because of their family connection to the Church. Betty thought incorporating a church service into their annual family

reunion would be very appropriate and also a good way for those who wanted to donate monetarily to the church. Betty Jennings says, "My father's grandfather, Howard Weatherby (his daughter married the Giddens) donated the land the church was built on. Many of the Giddens ancestors helped to build the church, with the men doing the physical labor, and the women taking part in fund raising through such projects as quilt making." She says the women called themselves the "Cheerful Stitchers" and used to meet in different homes to make quilts.



The Giddens Family held a reunion on July 18th and they started their day by attending the morning service at the Thirsty Church in Londonderry Station. Giddens family members in attendance included: Front (l to r) Emily MacKenzie, Hayley McCabe, Gwen Davis holding Landon Bowman, Keith Giddens, Darlene Giddens; Middle (l to r) Marhsa Bull, Vivian Vance; Back (l to r) Betty Jennings Richard giddens Jean Giddens, Murray Giddens, Kyrsten Bull, Joanne Giddens Little, Gina McCabe. (Harrington Photo)

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The attention the Thirsty Church received brought back a lot of memories for many of the Giddens family, who either used to live at the D.S. Giddens farm, still located down across the road, or who often visited the grandparents. There used to be another Giddens farm just up the road, which is no longer there. There were people in attendance, at this year's family reunion, from all three branches of the Daniel and Isabella ("Bella" Steele McLellan) Giddens family. They had three sons who went by their initials or middle names- WW, JC and DS. Keith Giddens, the oldest in attendance would have been Daniel and Bella's grandson and Landon Bowman, the youngest (at 6 months) would have been their great-great-great-great grandson. Keith was from the DS branch, Landon from the JC branch

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and Murray Giddens (of Little Dyke) was a descendant of WW Giddens. Fifteen members of the Giddens family attended the morning service at the Community Church in Londonderry Station on July 18th. The family would like to continue to make this part of their annual event. Betty says she was pleased to be able to get more signa-

tures on a petition in support of the Lucentis program, by relatives who live in other parts of Nova Scotia. Betty's mother Eva Giddens suffers from macular degeneration and can't afford the drug costs of Lucentis, which is not covered in Nova Scotia. The family has been petitioning the government to cover the costs, as they do in other provinces.

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