



**The Lewin Family Plot**  
*with Lewin Park in the distance.*



**THE GREATER SAINT JOHN  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
HELPING YOUR GIFT BENEFIT GREATER SAINT JOHN

For more information contact:  
Jane Barry, Executive Director, The Greater Saint John Community Foundation.  
Street Address: Harbour Centre, 133 Prince William St., Saint John  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 20061, Brunswick Square, Saint John, N.B. E2L 5B2  
• tel. 506-672-8880 • fax. 506-672-8881  
• e-mail [sjfoundation@nb.aibn.com](mailto:sjfoundation@nb.aibn.com) • [www.saint-john-foundation.nb.ca](http://www.saint-john-foundation.nb.ca)

## *The Lewin Family*



***Saint John, N.B.***

# The Lewin Family

## Saint John, N.B.

The Lewin Family was descended from Hon. James D. Lewin (1812-1900) who was President of The Bank of New Brunswick, (later to merge with the Bank of Nova Scotia) and a Senator of Canada. The Bank of New Brunswick building still stands on Prince William Street in Saint John today. Senator Lewin's wife of 50 years was Sarah Anne Clarke of Miramichi, N.B., a daughter of High Sheriff Richard S. Clarke and granddaughter of the Rev. Richard S. Clarke, the first Anglican Rector of Gagetown. Both families were among the best known in 19th century New Brunswick. The family originally resided in West Saint John on Lancaster Avenue where Lewin Park, a residential development, is today. Several generations of the Lewin Family are buried on a distinctive plot at the Greenwood Cemetery on Sand Cove Road across from the former Chittick property, now Inn on The Cove.

J.D. Pollard Lewin Q.C. (1879-1957), son of Richard Samuel Clarke Lewin, was raised by his grandfather, Senator J.D. Lewin, and became a lawyer. His grandmother, Sarah Lewin passed away when Pollard was 3 years old. He practiced with a number of well-known members of the legal profession including J.B.M. Baxter K.C. ( who later became Premier and Chief Justice), Arthur N. Carter ( the first New Brunswick President of the Canadian Bar Association), and Harold Drummie Q.C. Mr. Lewin's photograph, taken on the occasion of his appearance before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London, England, in July 1928 was donated to The Saint John Law Society, as specified in his daughter, Elizabeth Lewin's will, and is to hang in the Law Society Library in the Provincial Building, Charlotte Street, Saint John. In that era, exceptional cases could be appealed in Britain after having exhausted all courts of appeal in Canada. This case had been heard before the Supreme Court of New Brunswick. Mr. Lewin and J.B.M. Baxter K.C. appeared successfully for the respondents, The N.B. Electric Power Commission. The Inglewood Pulp and Paper Co. Ltd. was appealing compensation in respect of lands expropriated in Musquash by The Power Commission.



J.D. Pollard Lewin Q.C.

Elizabeth Lewin, September 1915 -November 2000, was born and spent her lifetime in the Saint John area. Her community and charitable organizations in it were very important and of great interest to her. She was the only child of J.D. Pollard Lewin Q.C. and Ethel Baird Lewin (1884-1947). The Lewin home at the corner of Station Street and Gondola Point Road in Rothesay wasn't far from Netherwood School, which Elizabeth attended until 1933 when she was in Grade 11. She was a graduate of Branksome Hall preparatory school in Toronto. Her childhood friend, Betty Bishop Chapman, lived a short distance away on Gondola Point Road. Their lifelong friendship and usual daily conversations were a source of mutual pleasure. As a girl Mrs. Chapman remembers Elizabeth belonged to the Rothesay Tennis Club. She recalled the beloved cocker spaniel which was Elizabeth's pet until an untimely accident



Miss Lewin was a very private, retiring person but had many good friends with whom she kept regular contact. They remember her fondly as a genteel, reserved and compassionate lady. Her unassuming manner, love of nature and enjoyment and appreciation of things done for her have been mentioned more than once. She was always a generous supporter of charities and other worthy causes but shunned publicity. The late Mary McKean, a teacher, whose McKean Family Foundation contributed to The Greater Saint John Community Foundation, was a friend. The Lewin family enjoyed the country life and regularly visited the Eveleigh Hotel at Evandale on the St. John River. Farther afield, she was fond of, and lived in England briefly and had a Lewin relative there with whom she maintained contact. She returned home when her mother became unwell.

The Lewin family were involved in the establishment of St. Mark's United Church in West Saint John. Centenary Queen Square United Church was Elizabeth's church for many years.

Miss Lewin resided in the family home until the 1960's. She later lived at Shadow Lawn, The Admiral Beatty Complex, Dufferin Hall and Harbourside Apts. She enjoyed walking and the indoor benefits of the pedway system until poor health impeded her mobility. She passed away at age 85 and was laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery on Sand Cove Road.

The Board of Directors of The Greater Saint John Community Foundation and other Saint John Area charities are deeply appreciative of the generous bequests of Elizabeth Lewin.

*They remember  
her fondly  
as a genteel,  
reserved and  
compassionate lady.*