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BORN: December 20, 1944

MARITAL STATUS: Married Nola Crosby, July 6, 1974; one son, Jeffery, born January 9, 1976

EDUCATION: Grade 12, Prince Edward Collegiate Institute, Picton, ON

Diploma: Wildlife/Ecology Management, Stratford Career Institute (correspondence)

GENERAL INTERESTS:

Conservation, natural history (specializing in ornithology), freelance writing, photography, local history.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

UNTIL 1976

SELF-EMPLOYED FARMER:

Operated family farm on Big Island (Demorestville) with parents, until farm sold.

1970 - 1973

COUNTRY MUSIC PROMOTER (self-employed):

Press agent and booking agent for local bands and groups. Articles on subject to local newspapers (one in Toronto). Interviews with 30+ Nashville artists (e.g. Dolly Parton, Jerry Lee Lewis, Tom. T. Hall). Weekly Belleville radio show on CIGL (then CJBQ-FM) from 12:05 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. discussing local CM news. Emcee for live performances in Picton, Belleville and Stirling. Produced live performances in Picton and Quinte Regional Detention Centre (Napanee).

May 1974 - Oct 1979

BELLEVILLE INTELLIGENCER:

Weekend Relief Reporter out of Picton Bureau. Covered all events and news of the weekend. Police and fire reports, feature stories, photos.

1976 - 1988

RAWLEIGH PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTER (part-time):

Direct selling of product line.

Apr 15/77 - Dec 31/78

RICHARD LARRATT AND ASSOCIATES:

Farm Manager. Managed and operated 700-acre farm on Big Island (Demorestville) until employer could move from his home in Victoria, B.C. Mixed farm operations, beef and dairy. Supervised one full-time and two seasonal workers.

Dec 04/78 - Apr 27/84

GLENORA FISHERIES RESEARCH:

Scale Technician (2.5 days/week). Determined age in experimental catches of fish by scale reading. Assisted in fish autopsies, recording, and tagging. Public relations during annual Open House.

Mar 1979 - Mar 1982

B.Q. GRAPHICS-QUINTE SCANNER, DESERONTO:

Writer & Photographer. Feature writing, news reporting, photography and developing, paste-up, typesetting (2 days/wk). Business closed.

1984 - 1988

W.T. RAWLEIGH COMPANY (part-time):

Executive Distributer. In charge of overseeing sales of approximately 50 dealers from Hamilton to Gananoque. Maintained \$15,000 in stock, prepared month-end statements, published newsletter, organized business meetings, shipping (contract with UPS), handled grievances.

Oct 29/84 - Mar 29/85

SANDBANKS PROVINCIAL PARK:

Section 38, Job Creation Project. Assisted in producing a series of audio-visual programs for Sandbanks Provincial Park Annual Open House.

Jun 04/84 - Oct 27/84

Apr 28/86 - Sept 25/86

May 02/88 - Sept 12/88

May 14/90 - Sept 07/90

SANDBANKS PROVINCIAL PARK:

Visitor Services/Interpretive Naturalist. Assisted Visitor Services Co-ordinator in planning and conducting evening programs, hikes, special events, etc. within park. Public relations in Visitor Centre. Assisted in supervising Visitor Services summer staff.

Apr 29/85 - Sept 27/85

Apr 27/87 - Sept 06/87

May 15/89 - Sept 08/89

May 13/91 - Sept 02/91

Feb 02/88 - Apr 29/88

PRINCE EDWARD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY:

Section 38, Job Creation Project. Produced audio-visual shows for PERCA. Conducted sugar maple tours and guided hikes. Slide filing.

Sept 1988 - PRESENT

NATURE STUFF - TOURS AND THINGS:

Guided hikes, local tours, slide presentations, etc.

Own and maintain "Nature Stuff" Internet website at www.naturestuff.net. Daily blog summarizing birding reports ("The Quinte Area Bird Report"); the "Prince Edward County Checklist of Birds"; postings on a variety of topics (e.g. "Birds to Expect this Month", "Places To Bird and See Nature", "Feeding Tips"); links to events, regional naturalist and environmental groups, destinations for naturalists; book reviews; archive of Terry Sprague newspaper columns; etc.

Oct 03/88 - Apr 28/89

Oct 02/89 - May 11/90

Oct 01/90 - May 10/91

Sept 30/91 – Dec 31/1995

PRINCE EDWARD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY:

Shoreline Management Plan/Community Relations Co-ordinator. Mapping shoreline use characteristics and zoning, writing reports, beach profiles, photography. Also updated and designed brochures, aerial photography, wrote reports and press releases, presented Spring Water Awareness Program and other school presentations, conducted hikes, slide filing, OFAH/PERCA conservation dinner committee member. Experience with GIS SPANS and map digitizing.

Note: Prince Edward Region Conservation Authority amalgamated in 1996 with Napanee and Moira Conservation Authorities to become “Quinte Conservation”.

Mar 1996 – Feb 2004

QUINTE CONSERVATION:

Naturalist, Education and Special Events Coordinator.

Assisted with community relations. Developed program of outdoor guided hikes; kayak & canoe guided paddles; kayak & canoe instructional courses.

Feb 2004 – 2015

Limited contract work for Quinte Conservation and other agencies, part-time from home.

Guided hikes, paddles.

Trail cutting, Beaver Meadow CA, Macaulay Mountain CA, Massassauga Pt CA, Little Bluff CA, etc.

Coordinator, Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan, Community Wildlife Monitoring Program (Marsh Monitoring Program and FrogWatch Ontario; 50-60 volunteers) since 2002; assist with Habitat Enhancement Program, staff booth at Hastings Farm Show annually.

Avian Monitoring and Consulting:

G.D. Jewell Engineering Inc.: 2005. Highway 401, Salmon River Bridge Rehabilitation. Worked with Fisheries Biologist to devise a way to prevent barn swallows, etc. from using the bridge during construction.

D.M. Wills Associates: 2006. County Road 30/401 overpass, Brighton: inspection and evaluation of birds nesting in structure, recommendations.

NATURE COLUMNS

Jan 1965 - Present

PICTON GAZETTE: Weekly nature columnist (uncompensated)

May, 1974 - Oct 1989

THE NATURE SOCIETY, GRIGGSVILLE, ILLINOIS: Monthly nature columnist with “Nature Society News”, representing the Great Lakes area.

Mar 1979 - 1984

THE TRENTONIAN: Weekly nature columnist. Some feature stories in 1979 with photos.

Jan 2001 - Present

NAPANEE BEAVER: Weekly nature columnist; same column as Picton Gazette (uncompensated)

May 2001- 2008

BELLEVILLE INTELLIGENCER: Bi-weekly nature columnist

2007-Present

THE SCOOP (Tamworth): nature columnist, 6 columns per year

TWEED NEWS: Weekly nature columnist

2006-2013

BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS:

- ***BIRDS OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY*** (1969). Prince Edward Region Conservation Authority, 215 pp.
- ***BIRDS OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY***, Second edition (1984). Co-authored by Dr. Ronald Weir, Kingston Field Naturalists, 190 pp.
- ***UP BEFORE FIVE - The Family Farm***. (2011). Self Published, 203 pp.
- ***OUR FELLOW CREATURES*** (2013) in: Orland French (ed.), *Wind, Water, Barley and Wine: the Nature of Prince Edward County*, Wallbridge House Publishing, Belleville, Ontario, pp. 132-147.
- ***NAKED IN THE SAND***. (2016). Self Published, 206 pp.

OUTREACH ACTIVITY:**Hikes, Walks, Paddles, Workshops Led, Presentations Given, etc.**

Conducted as part of Quinte Conservation or NatureStuff Tours activity, or on a volunteer basis.

Examples, spanning Peterborough, Northumberland, Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington and Frontenac Counties: Service Clubs, Social Clubs, Church Groups, Women's Institute Groups, Field Naturalist Clubs, School and College Classes, Historical Societies, Master Gardener Groups, Horticultural Societies, Woodcarvers Associations, Heritage Days, Bird Feeding Workshops, Prince Edward Point Birding Festivals, Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory Dinner, Day Camps, Fish & Game Clubs, Ducks Unlimited, Conservation Dinners, Land Trusts, PE Land Stewardship Council, South Shore Conservancy, Ontario Woodlot Association, Frog Monitoring Workshops, Bird Identification Courses/Workshops, Bus Tour Groups, Cooking Schools, hundreds of guided hikes, walks and paddles.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Participants/attendees</u>
1998	49	993
1999	62	1743
2000	71	1704
2001	56	1548
2002	56	1835
2003	43	1165
2004	45	994
2005	64	1470
2006	59	1612
2007	76	2208
2008	72	1781
2009	76	1716
2010	83	1770
2011	64	1351
2012	53	1277
2013	44	1341
2014	38	1214

MEMBER OF:

Ontario Nature; Prince Edward County Field Naturalists; Quinte Field Naturalists; Kingston Field Naturalists; Friends of Sandbanks Park; Friends of Algonquin Park; Friends of Frontenac Park; Bird Studies Canada; Ontario Field Ornithologists; Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory - founding and continuing member

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

- **The Friends of Sandbanks** – Chairman 1992-2000.
- **Quinte Field Naturalists**, Belleville – President (4 times), Bulletin Editor 1980-2010.
- **Ontario Beached Bird Survey**: sponsored by Long Point Bird Observatory, 1980 - 1981. Study of bird mortality (causes, sexing and aging) along 8 km stretch of Sandbanks Provincial Park.
- **Christmas Bird Count**: organized for Quinte Field Naturalists 1966 and periodically thereafter; Prince Edward County, organized 2010-2012. Ongoing participant.
- **Prince Edward Birding Festival**: Co-founder, 1997, with Myrna Wood. Ongoing participant.
- **Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas**: co-ordinator for Prince Edward County. Established breeding evidence for birds of Prince Edward County from 1981 through 1985 for the first edition (1985). Surveyed several squares, including Nicholson Island, for the second (2005) edition.
- **Cedar Sands Trail Resource Study**: volunteer agreement with Ministry of Natural Resources. May 1983 to May, 1984. Compiled flora and fauna list of trail at Sandbanks Provincial Park, established breeding evidence for birds and flowering dates for plants.
- **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Sandbanks Provincial Park** - Public relations volunteer, Oct 07/85 - Apr. 25/86 and Sept. 29/86 - Apr. 30/87. Presented slide shows and/or films to schools, local groups, organizations, etc. Hikes within Sandbanks Provincial Park.
- **Ontario Rare Breeding Bird Program**: Co-ordinator for Prince Edward and Hastings Counties (Feb/89 to 1994). Follow-up to Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas. Monitored previous sites and located new sites of "species of concern" in Prince Edward and Hastings Counties.
- **Baillie Birdathon, Bird Studies Canada**: Led a fundraising team of four birders in Prince Edward County annually in May since 2005; maximum count, 148 species in 24 hr; personally raised \$1000-\$2000 annually in sponsorships.
- **Trail cutting**: Main Duck Island, Point Traverse bird banding trails, for many years

AWARDS:

Conservation Award, Federation of Ontario Naturalists (1970)

W.T. Rawleigh Company Ltd.; sales award (1987)

Arthur D. Latornell Conservation Pioneer Award, Conservation Ontario (2002). *"Honouring individuals who have contributed significantly over their entire lifetime (either professionally or as a volunteer) to the conservation movement in Ontario"*.

Certificate of Appreciation, Ontario Field Ornithologists (2003). *"For his significant efforts over the years in providing bird reports and informing Ontario birders about birding opportunities for the Quinte area."*

Richards Education Award, Ontario Nature (2004). *"Awarded to an individual who has succeeded in helping people understand the natural world and become enthusiastic supporters of conservation and environmental protection"*.