

# Kelly Point Cemetery Interview

On September 22, 2000 as usual with this school schedule I am on, I was in bed when I got a call. It was about 11:30 in the morning when my grandmother called me and said that the CBC wanted to interview me about the Kelly Point cemetery and what exactly we are doing with it. So I called reporter Catherine Clarke at the CBC building in Halifax and we agreed to meet in Prospect to do the interview at 2:30.

Well I had a math test first period so I got to school, did the math test and jumped into my grandfather's car as he drove me to Prospect. At exactly 2:30 the CBC van arrived at my grandparents' house and that's when the fun began!

Catherine Clarke, her camera man (I can't remember his name, but I believe it was Mike), Doug Grant and I went to Kelly Point. For the next hour or so we did "artistic" shots in the woods and around the gravestone. Next, we went out onto the exposed rock of the Point and did the interview. I don't get nervous very often, but having that camera stuck in my face was freaky!

When we had finished the interview we dragged Catherine Clarke and her camera man back out of the woods of Kelly Point, and back to Prospect where they interviewed my grandmother Kathleen Coolen outside of her house. Then we did one more artistic shot of her and I walking down the road talking. Then they packed up and left. Leaving us with this remark, "It will be on Monday if nothing big happens".

All I have to say is that was an experience, and I am glad it happened. The interview aired on the CBC on Monday, the 25th of September, to great reviews by all my family members. It again later in the week on CBC Newsworld.

I hope that this interview will open the eyes of some people, and we can get something done with this grave yard. Since the interview I have had people contact me who remember the grave yard and who have been telling me what they know and the information is piling up!! I want to thank Bill Estabrooks, MLA for Prospect, for helping me with this, and for getting the CBC involved. I would also like to thank Doug Grant for making the cemetery signs (which I hope to get a picture of soon). Last but not least, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with this from the start, and after the city elections are over, we hope to take it one step further and get the city involved, but that's in the future. Thank you.

Here are some additional pictures of the headstone and the interview taken by Doug Grant:

- [Interview photograph #1](#)
- [Interview photograph #2](#)
- [Interviewing my grandmother Kathleen Coolen](#)
- [The last "artistic" shot of my grandmother and I walking down the road](#)
- [Father Fisher, the Parish priest for Prospect, and Bill Estabrooks at the gravestone](#)