Nelson William Adams, BScF, RPF

Nelson Adams was born in 1915 in the out port of Arnolds Cove on the south shore of Newfoundland. His career began as a fur trader on Baffin Island, but soon he left to study forestry at the University of New Brunswick. He graduated in 1941, and then entered naval service as captain of an escort Corvette.

His service included convoy duty in the North Atlantic, D-Day, and two trips to Mermansk in Northern USSR.

Nelson returned to Fredericton to work for the Dominion Forest Service and lectured to many returning veterans at the Maritime Forest Ranger School and at UNB. During these years, Nelson’s leadership and example, to forestry practitioners began and continued for many classes of students. Highlights include curriculum development and instructions, establishment of research forests and public school demonstration woodlots, and the production of a National Film Board film entitled “Trees are a Crop”.

In 1956, Nelson entered the private sector, sawmilling and river driving on the Bartholomew River at Blackville on the Miramichi. Nelson’s imagination and determination, has developed many industries in New Brunswick from uses of peatmoss to seaweed as well as wood products.

Nelson Adams is a role model for all foresters and is truly, “One of New Brunswick’s Best”.