

Fredericton, New Brunswick

This is my great grandfather, Edward 'Curtis' Leslie of Stanley, New Brunswick.

Born in 1899 to John Robert Leslie and Laura Wheaton Jones. Edward spent the majority of his childhood and early adulthood helping his father and brothers on the farm, though the story that has been passed through the family is that he enjoyed baking from an early age.

On August 18, 1926, Edward married Annie Louise Scott in Dumfries, New Brunswick. Their marriage certificate shares that he turned what he enjoyed into a profession and was a 'chef' in Fredericton at this time.

Edward and Annie had four children: Alden Edward, Eldon Frederick, and twins, Audrey Louise and Eileen Laura, my grandmother.

In the early 1940s Edward opened his own bakery in the shed behind his house in Fredericton. He ran this bakery until his death in 1966.

Little did he ever know that his many recipe books would be passed down through his family, and end up in the hands of his great granddaughter, who cherishes them as much as he did.



Recipe

Submitted by Laura Love

Ingredients

½ cup sugar
1½ cup butter or shortening
1 cup molasses
1 egg
2 ½ cups flour
1 ½ teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon salt

Lastly, pour in 1 cup of hot water.

Recipe note: Mix well, measure cookie sizes with your heart and bake at 350 Fahrenheit for 9 to 12 minutes.