

Heritage/Archives  
Newsletter  
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Another month has slipped by in 2010 and it went so fast that I actually didn't realize that it was over.

The archives was very busy throughout the month with numerous visitors searching their family ancestry. Fortunately, I was able to supply information and also point them in the right direction for further sources.

The Board of the Heritage Cape Breton Connection met here in the Court House on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> July with seven of the eight member board in attendance. The next board meeting will also be held in Baddeck on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. At that meeting arrangements will be finalized for the annual Fall members' meeting which we hope to have in Grand Etang.

The Baddeck and Area Historical Society is taking a summer break. It was decided to suspend our monthly meetings during July, August and September. The society's regular meetings will resume on the third Wednesday of October, ( October 20<sup>th</sup> ) at 4:00 p.m. New members are encouraged to attend.

The newspaper article which appeared in the Victoria Standard featured the former home of the Reverend Abraham MacIntosh of South Haven. In the previous issue, Cape Breton historian, Jim St. Clair wrote about Rev. MacIntosh who was the first permanent Presbyterian minister to follow the Rev. Norman MacLeod. Rev. MacIntosh accepted a call from the congregation of St. Ann's in 1856. Two years later, he built a dwelling for his family. This house is still standing and recently has undergone a restoration. Very few changes have occurred and this one hundred and fifty-two year old house maintains the architectural integrity of the original structure. Let us hope it stands for many more years as an important part of the built heritage in Victoria County.

The archives is in a bit of upheaval at the present time. In order to accommodate all the new textural materials which were recently acquired, more shelving and storage space needed to be put in place. I managed to get two more filing cabinets along with two new metal shelving units. These have now been installed so the next few months will be a busy time as all the items must be indexed and re-housed.

As part of the Baddeck Library summer programs, I was asked to make a presentation on the subject of Kidston Island. I gladly accepted and on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> July I spoke to gathering of interested people on the history of the island from 1819 to the present time. These programs which are free of charge, are available to the public every Thursday evening throughout July and August. They begin at 6:30 pm and end up around 7:45 pm with complimentary tea and oatcakes. There is a wide range of topics – for anyone who is interested in attending one of these presentation, telephone the library at 295-2055.

That is the news from the Heritage and Archives Dept. for July. I am anticipating a busy August. Hope everyone is enjoying the summer.