

**Heritage/Archives  
Newsletter  
July, 2011**

With only a few days left in July, it is, once again, time for the monthly newsletter from the Heritage and Archives Department.

July has been relatively busy with visitors, a number of people in person, but, mainly prequests by phone and through e-mail. The archives was able to provide assistance with their inquiries and also refer them to other sources, i.e., Highland Village in Iona and local genealogists.

Work is progressing quite well with the re-housing and indexing of a large collection of archival materials received from the Baddeck Public Library Society.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, the board of the Heritage Cape Breton Connection will be meeting here in the court house in Baddeck. This will be a significant meeting as the board will make a final decision on our new logo for the HCBC as part of our re-branding project.

The article which appeared in the Victoria Standard for July featured Glenvalley United Church located in Glen Tosh, South Haven. This eighty-two year old church is one of the four churches which comprise the Boularderie United Church Pastoral Charge. It was built in 1929 making it the youngest of the group. The others being Burchell United church in New Campbellton ( 1895), formerly a Methodist church, St. John's in Big Bras d'Or ( 1925), and Drummond in Ross Ferry ( 1927 ). In the spring of 1929, a group of people from South Gut got together and decided to erect a new church. John M. Buchanan donated a site and work commenced immediately. By September, the exterior of the church was completed. In December a dedication service took place with Dr. Clarence MacKinnon of Pine Hill Divinity College as guest speaker along with the choir from Greenwood church in Baddeck. The building of this church came about as a result of the church union vote which took place in 1925 when the United Church of Canada was created. In South Gut, the majority of the congregation of Ephriam Scott voted against the union of churches and it remained Presbyterian.

A further reminder that the Baddeck & Area Historical Society will be holding its **2<sup>nd</sup> annual Old Time Picnic on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> August from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. It will take place in Baddeck on the site of the first Baddeck Academy on the Shore Road.** The theme of this year's picnic is "Faces of our Past". Members of the society and residents of the community are being asked to provide information regarding people from the past who made significant contributions to Baddeck and surrounding areas. There will be displays featuring these individuals to include a photograph ( if possible) and a short write-up about the person. The picnic is free of charge and everyone is most welcome to attend. There will tea, lemonade, and delicious snacks. So, mark the event and date and time on your calendars and plan to attend this fun and informative afternoon picnic.

That is the news from the Heritage and Archives for July. Please check back again at the end of August for a another update on our activities.