

Heritage/Archives
Newsletter
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Once again, the time has arrived for the monthly newsletter from the Heritage and Archives Department.

As usual, the archives has been kept busy with visitations and inquiries. In early June, we had a visit from two guides from the A.G.Bell National Historic Site. They were on a familiarization tour of the village and stopped by to find out about the information that the archives is able to provide to visitors. Also, there were visitors from the local area as well as telephone and e-mail inquiries.

I was very pleased to have been asked to submit an article to “The Griffin”, a quarterly publication of the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia. In the latest edition which came out in June, my article appeared which depicted St. Andrew’s United Church located Baddeck Forks. This is lovely old church built between 1865 and 1872. It is situated in a tranquil rural setting beside a brook. It is a Municipally registered heritage building.

The building featured in the “Victoria Standard” for June was the former MacLeod Store which had been located on the main street of Baddeck directly opposite the street from the former White Store. It was believed to have been built in the mid-1800’s. It is no longer extant as it was razed in 1960 to make way for a new store. Two brothers, Daniel and William MacLeod purchased the store and property in 1904 from Murdoch (Buckets) MacLeod. They commenced business under the name of MacLeod and Company. Apparently, in the beginning, they had a difficult time as they had to build up their trade in order to compete with the other long established merchants operating in the village. They persevered and were successful and their business flourished for several decades. I was fortunate in having received a photograph of the store from Donnell Beaton.

The Baddeck and Area Historical Society met twice in June. On Wednesday, 22nd and Wednesday, 29th. Because of a very small turn out on the 22nd, it was decided to hold a second meeting in order to make specific plans for the picnic to be held later on in the summer. The Old Time Picnic will be held this year on **Saturday, 27th August between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.** on the grounds of the former Baddeck Academy, Shore Road (the same location as last year). The theme for this year’s picnic is “Faces of our Past”. Members of the society and residents of the community will be asked to provide information regarding people who made significant contributions to Baddeck and area. There will be a display featuring photographs along with a short write-up on these individuals. I have offered to provide information on Baddeck’s founder in the person of James Duffus. This picnic is free of charge and everyone is most welcome to attend.

The Heritage Cape Breton Connection board met on two occasions in June. Both meetings were held in Baddeck. The Heritage and Archives hosted a meeting on 17th June and the AGB National Historic Site hosted the meeting held on the 22nd. The

meeting on the 17th was the first board meeting since the AGM which was held back in May. Four new board members were welcomed in the persons of Rodney Chaisson of the N.S. Highland Village, Margaret Herdman representing the Arichat Historical Society, Christie MacNeil of the Beaton Institute, and Eddie Kennedy, Acting Superintendent at the AGB National Historic Site. The second meeting on June 22nd was with Greg Silver a graphic designer from St. Peter's. Mr. Silver is in the process of designing a new logo for the Heritage Cape Breton Connection as part of our re-branding for the organization which came about as a result of a name change (we were formerly known as the Iona Connection.)

The archives would like to welcome Cayla Kerr as the summer assistant. Cayla will be busy for the next two months indexing and re-housing materials which came from the original archives.

That's the news from the Heritage and Archives for June. Happy Canada Day everyone.