

**Heritage/Archives  
Newsletter  
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The month of June is quickly coming to an end and once again, it is time for the monthly newsletter to update everyone on the happenings and events in the Heritage and Archives Department of Victoria County.

The number of visitors was steady throughout June. People were dropping by with various inquires regarding historical and genealogical matters. Hopefully, I was successful in providing the information required. It would seem that the visitor season is now underway, as many of the people who came into the archives were searching out information with regard to their family background. Also, the archives was very busy answering e-mail and phone messages from several people.

Work continued at the Library with regard to the re-inventory of the archival materials. Beginning in April through to the middle of June, the heritage and archives clerk along with the two members of the Baddeck Public Library Society spent a total of 80 hours working on this re-inventory. During that time, over 850 pieces of archival materials which include documents, photographs, reports, historical papers, etc. to name a just a few, were identified and re-housed. During the next two months, this activity will be curtailed somewhat as the people involved will be quite busy, however, come September, the work on the remainder of these materials will be completed.

The featured heritage building for the monthly newspaper column for “The Victoria Standard” in June was the old Matheson house located in Breton Cove on the North Shore. This house which is among one of the oldest still standing in that community is in the vicinity of one hundred and forty years old. Of interest to note about this old dwelling, is that it was one of the sites for filming of the first Gaelic drama believed to be made in Canada entitled, “The Wake of Calum MacLeod”. This is yet another first for Victoria County. The film will be released in the latter part of this summer.

Of interest to local residents and visitors alike is the increasing “picture gallery” which is slowly evolving in the foyer of the Court House. Lately, the archives clerk has been able to locate several old photos depicting people and events ranging from the 1800’s to the 1950’s. These pictures have been scanned and framed and hung on cork boards in the foyer. It is hoped to keep increasing this display in the up coming months. Anyone possessing an old photo(s) which they think might be of interest and importance to the archives is encouraged to get in touch with the archives clerk so that arrangements can be made to scan such - the telephone number for the heritage and Archives is: 295-1843.

Well that is all the news for June – Happy Canada Day everyone. We will be back in touch at the end of July.

