

**Heritage/Archives Newsletter**  
**August, 2004**

Summer as we know it is nearly over, not the calendar date, however, the beginning of September usually heralds the end of summer in Cape Breton. With only two more days remaining in the month of August, it is time, once again, for the monthly newsletter with an update on the Heritage/Archives Department in the Municipality of Victoria County.

August, as with the past two months, seems to have just gone by so quickly. The Archives was kept quite busy throughout the month with several visitors. Work on the built heritage continued with registry research being done and more site forms were completed. No field work, however, was undertaken in August with the exception of a couple of local buildings.

The Municipal Election is fast approaching ( 16<sup>th</sup> October), and as our Heritage/Archives Clerk also has commitments in assisting with the preparations leading up to the election, a lot of time had to be spent in August meeting certain deadlines in compliance with the Municipal Elections Act.

One visitor to the Archives in the latter part of August was Florence Yates Ahmed. Florence was a former resident of the Village of Baddeck. She came to live in Baddeck when she was a very young girl. She and her mother and other siblings moved to Baddeck following the death of her father. They came to live with her maternal grandfather, Reverend John MacNeil who resided in "Rose Cottage", one of Baddeck's heritage homes ( built in 1860 by Stephen Atwater, blacksmith). While here, she was able to visit her old home and also other older residences with which she was familiar with during the time she spent in Baddeck. She was a lovely lady and had so much information to relate about her years spent in Baddeck. She is now a resident of Nunn's Island, Montreal. She will be sending along written accounts concerning her grandfather in particular, his life as a clergyman in Victoria County.

It is expected that the month of September will be busy one for the Archives and Heritage Clerk, especially with the election so close at hand.

The final historical presentation for the summer season which will be held at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum will take place on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September beginning at 7:00 p.m. There was a very good turn out for the August presentation, so hopefully, the last one will be successful as well.

That is all for August.