

**Heritage and Archives  
Combined Newsletter  
November and December, 2007**

Once again the time has rolled around for the monthly newsletter (s). As I failed to write a newsletter for November no matter how much I was convinced that I had done so, this will be a combined one for both November and December.

Visitors for both months was steady but not as many as there had been in October. The majority of the inquiries were made via the telephone and e-mail. December, as a rule, is quieter than the rest of the year as people are so wrapped up (excuse the pun!) in preparation for the Christmas season, however, the regulars always manage to drop by for a visit – if for nothing else, just to say hello.

I have received word that phase two of the Historic Places Initiative will be going ahead in the next few months. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, I will be writing statements of significance for the registered heritage properties in the county. This will mean re-visiting the properties, re-photographing, and writing about all the history and features connected with them. To date, we have registered fourteen properties with thirteen remaining (one requested and received de-registration a few years ago). Of the fourteen, statements for four of these properties will be completed between now and the end of March. The remainder will be completed at a later date.

The featured properties for the local newspaper for November and December were:  
November – The former Carey House located in the community of New Campbellton. This old house being one hundred and thirty-five years old and is typical of the dwellings which were constructed to replace the original log structures which first built by the pioneers. These frame houses came about with the establishment of sawmills in various locations all around the county. December – St. Joachim's church which is located on the South Side of Boularderie Island near the county line. This quaint little church is one hundred and ten years old having been built in 1897. It was featured for December in part because of its name. Joachim and his wife, Anne were the parents of Mary, the holy mother of Jesus. With the Christmas season now upon us, I thought it was quite appropriate to write about this church.

Even though it is still Autumn, it looks like Winter has come early and would appear to be staying on, however, it will please the people who wish for a "white Christmas" and speaking of Christmas and the holidays, the Heritage and Archives will be closed for the whole week of Christmas as I will be taking some vacation days. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to reporting back in the new year.