

Newsletter

Heritage and Archives

November, 2013

November is over and it is time, once again, for the monthly newsletter from the Heritage and Archives Department of Victoria County.

There were several inquiries received throughout the month – the majority of them via e-mail. As usual, they were from people who are carrying out family research – I was able to offer assistance to most and also to direct them to other sources for information.

The Baddeck and Area Historical Society did not have its usual monthly meeting in November. It was cancelled as a great many of the members were not available on the scheduled day as they would be attending a funeral service. It is hoped to have a meeting in December on the 18th at 2 p.m. here in the court room.

The Heritage Cape Breton Connection held its regular Fall Members Meeting on Friday, 22nd November. It took place at the North Sydney Historical Society building located on Commercial Street in the town. It was a very successful meeting with thirty-one member groups and individuals in attendance. There was a presentation in memory of long time member, Isabelle Harris of the Old Town Hall Heritage Museum in Glace Bay. Isabelle died earlier this fall which came as shock to everyone. She was a truly dedicated member of the Heritage Cape Breton Connection for many years. She rarely missed members meetings of connection. She was one of the driving forces in the restoration of the Old Town Hall in Glace and she will be sadly missed. The North Sydney Historical Society proved to an excellent host and provided a great lunch and snacks. Their new building which enjoys an ideal profile on the main street is very impressive. The Board met following the meeting on the 22nd, and decided to forego a board meeting in December. The next regular board meeting will take place toward the end of January, 2014.

The article which appeared in The Victoria Standard in November featured the Big Harbour/Ross Ferry. There was a ferry operation between Boularderie Island and Big Harbour for well over one hundred years. The first ferries were operated by private individuals and then taken over by the Province in the early 1920's. This service continued until November of 1961 when the bridge spanning the Great Bras d'Or at Seal Island was officially opened to traffic and the ferry service ceased to exist.

That is the news from here for now. I look forward to reporting back at the end of the year. Enjoy all the hustle and bustle that comes with December.

