

# The County's history through its buildings

by Joan MacInnes

This stately old house, located in the community of Englishtown, is in the vicinity of one hundred and twenty years old having been built 1890 (circa). It is situated on the upper side of the main road on a hill with a commanding view of St. Ann's Harbour.

The first owner was John G. Morrison, a locally based merchant and also a commissioner of fisheries for Cape Breton. Along with his business and career, he served as Municipal Councillor for the Englishtown District for two years between 1892 and 1894 and then went on to represent Victoria County as MPP for fifteen consecutive years from 1894 to 1909. He was re-elected in 1916 and served as the member until 1917. He died in April of that year.

John's son, Angus G. Morrison and his family were subsequent owners of the house and property. Angus followed in his father's footsteps with



Former John G. Morrison House - Englishtown

the fall of 1931 and he served twenty-one consecutive years in Municipal Government until his death in 1952. For two years, between 1950 and 1952 he was in the position of Warden of the County.

Architecturally, the house was built in a style which is referred to as Modified Gothic. It is two storey with a steeply pitched roof with two inset brick chimneys and return eaves. There is one pointed dormer on the elevation of the ell. The front façade is three bay and asymmetrical with a shed roof open veranda with an enclosed entry porch which has a paladian style window. The remainder of the windows are double hung and include two bay windows. The foundation is mortared sandstone.

From the time of its construction to the present time, this dwelling has been in continuous possession of members of the Morrison family.

regard to his political aspirations. He was first elected to Municipal council in

## Bookmobile Schedule

**Wednesday, September 22:** Baddeck Academy (9:30-10:45 am), North River at Church (11:45 am-12:15 pm), Barrachois Bridge at the Church (1-1:30 pm).

**Thursday, September 23:** Indian Brook at Leather Works (10:30-11:15 am), Little River at the Wharf Road (11:30-noon), Gaelic Singers Hall (noon-12:30 pm), Wreck Cove General Store (1-2 pm).

**Wednesday, September 29:** Middle River at the churches, (9:45-10:15 am), Middle River School (10:30-11:45 am), Wagmatcook Preschool & Head Start (12:15-12:45 pm).

**Thursday, September 30:** Boularderie East at the Highway Garage (9:30-9:45 am), Boularderie School (10-11:30 am), Boularderie at Grant's Store (11:45-noon), Ross Ferry (1-1:30 pm), Kempt Head (2-2:30 pm).

## Library Hours

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**Tuesday:** Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

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**Thursday:** Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

**Friday:** 10 am - 5 pm

**Saturday:** 10 am - 5 pm

Hours of operation for the Victoria North Regional Library in North Ingonish are as follows:

**Tuesday:** Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

**Wednesday:** Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

**Thursday:** Noon - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

**Friday:** 9 am - noon & 1 - 5 pm

**Saturday:** 10 am - noon, & 1 - 5 pm

The library personnel at all branches welcome your enquiries. Call Baddeck at 295-2055 and Ingonish at 285-2544.

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## FIDDLER'S CORNER by Paul S. Cranford.

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### Bronson's March

marching air

Melody Cameron, SOCAN



*Sincerely, Melody and Derrick Cameron* is a new CD from Mabou fiddler **Melody Cameron**. In addition to the fiddle tracks there are a couple of songs written by Derrick. As well, Melody dances to a Puir a Beul sung in Gaelic by Joy Dunlop. The other musicians on the CD include, J.P Cormier, Lisa Cameron, Jamie Foulds, and Mac Morin.

*Bronson's March* was written for Derrick and Melody's nephew. It can be heard as a sound clip at [www.melodyandderrickcameron.com](http://www.melodyandderrickcameron.com)

Derrick and Melody's upcoming performances include:

- September 21st & 22nd, October 4th, 5th & 6th - Red Shoe Pub, Mabou, 5 pm
- September 23rd & 30th - Baddeck Gathering Ceilidh, 7:30 pm (for info call 295 0971)
- September 28th - The Normaway Inn, 8 pm
- October 12th - Celtic Colours - Strathspey Place, Inverness, 7:30 pm
- October 13th - Celtic Colours - Louisbourg Playhouse, 7:30 pm

## Victoria County's Residential Curbside Organics Collection



Residents can now put organic material such as vegetable peelings, table scraps, meat, fish, poultry, dairy, bones and soiled paper in transparent green bags to be collected weekly along with recyclables and garbage. Special transparent green bags for compost are now available in grocery & hardware stores in Victoria County.

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