

The County's history through its buildings



J.P. MacLeod House, then and now.

by Joan MacInnes

For my last article on heritage buildings, I wrote about the J.P. MacLeod & Sons general stores which operated over a ninety year time span between 1874 and 1964 and were located on the main street in Baddeck.

As a follow up to that article, I am featuring one of the dwellings owned and occupied by the MacLeod family.

This house was built in 1890 (circa) and was initially owned by John P. Sr. Later, it became the residence of John P. Jr. and his wife, Catherine. The property

and subsequently, this home, were in possession of the MacLeod's for a period of seventy-four years from 1885 to 1959.

Pictured in the older photograph were members of the family, namely,

Malcolm MacLeod (son of John P. Sr.), his wife Mabel and their two sons, Jack and Walter (held by his mother) and their dog.

The house is extant and in excellent

condition and remarkably so, considering it is in the vicinity of one hundred and twenty-one years old. It is situated in the village on a lot of land on the corner of MacLeod and Jones Streets.

Library Hours

Hours of operation for the Baddeck branch of the Cape Breton Regional Library, located at the Baddeck Fire Hall, 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:** 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.

If you have a tune you would like to share with other Cape Breton fiddlers or a musical event that could be promoted in this column contact The Victoria Standard or Cranford Publications (www.cranfordpub.com). Email psc@cranfordpub.com

Memories of Michael Anthony

Paul S. Cranford

reel

The late Michael Anthony MacLean was a much-loved fiddler from Washabuck. Over the years I enjoyed many house parties with Michael and after he passed away, when I wrote the above reel, I felt its character would have suited him.

A couple of years back, Michael's family issue a double CD, "Good Boy M.A.!" and today proceeds from sales of the CD are being directed towards a fund which is being managed by the Highland Village Society. *Stóras na h-Óigridh* (Treasures of Youth) will provide financial support and assistance to up-and-coming Nova Scotia youth between the ages of five and twenty-one, who are eager to advance their skills in any of the Gaelic traditions including: fiddle, pipes, piano, language, storytelling, song, and step dancing. Disbursements supporting young fiddlers will be issued under the name of Michael Anthony MacLean.

For more information, including a "complete the tune" fundraising campaign go to - < www.treasuresofyouth.ca > .

Related event -

- Thursday, October 13, 7:30 PM - Highland Village "Leave it to the Ladies" a Celtic Colours Concert in Malagawatch Church. Performers include Gaelic singers Cathy Ann MacPhee & Kathleen MacInnes, piper Ryan MacDonald, accordionist Mairearad Green and local fiddle piano duo Anita MacDonald and Susan MacLean (Michael Anthony Maclean's granddaughter).

Victoria County's Residential Curbside Organics Collection

Garbage Shipped to Guysborough

For the month of August, 2011, **381.46 Tonnes** of garbage were shipped bringing the total to **16,134.68 Tonnes**

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.

For more information on Recycling or Composting Programs, call Cape Breton's **Recycling Hotline at 1-877-567-1337** or see "Recycling" in the Aliant Yellow Pages.

Organic Materials Collected

For the month of August, 2011, **17.55 Tonnes** of organics were collected bringing the total to **916.00 Tonnes**