

The County's history through its buildings



Glenvalley United Church

by Joan MacInnes

Located at the end of Glen Tosh in the community now known as South Haven, this eighty-two year old church is one of the four churches which comprise the Boularderie United Church Pastoral Charge. It was built in 1929 making it the youngest of the group.

Initially the Boularderie charge consisted of three churches following the church union vote of 1925. The first one was Burchell United Church in New Campbellton, formerly a Methodist church. It had been built in 1895 (circa) by James T. Burchell. The other two were St. John's in Big Bras d'Or (1925), and Drummond in Ross Ferry (1927) both of which were erected by the newly formed United Church congregations.

The decision was made to include the South Gut congregation as they were without a place of worship or a minister. The agreement was that the Reverend James Fraser would offer services every second Sunday and that they would contribute an equal portion of the expenses incurred in the pastoral charge.

According to diaries kept by John C. MacLeod, Neil A. MacLeod and Neil Morrison, the first United Church service for the South Gut congregation was held in the Big Harbour school house on 19th July, 1928. Rev. James Fraser conducted the service. The choir was directed by Adam MacKenzie along with John and John A. Campbell, and Mrs. Rod MacKenzie of Boularderie and Mrs Tena Morrison of Big Harbour. Afterwards, services were held regularly in the old school house in South Gut until this

church was erected.

In the spring of 1929, a group consisting of John C. MacLeod, John M. Buchanan, Neil Morrison, Duncan Smith, Neil A. MacLeod, Jack MacIver, John Ross (Big Harbour), James A. MacKillop, Rod Ferguson, Mary MacLeod, Angus Campbell and Arabelle MacLeod convened a meeting at which time a decision was made to proceed with the building of a church. John M. Buchanan donated a site, and work on the structure began at once.

By September the exterior of the church had been completed. A dedication service was held in December with Dr. Clarence MacKinnon of Pine Hill College as guest speaker along with the choir of Greenwood Church from Baddeck. Through generous offerings and donations from friends and relatives everywhere the congregation was debt free by 1931.

Architecturally, the design of this church is Neo-Classical. It is one storey with a steeply pitched gable roof with return eaves. There is a paladian style stained glass window on the front gable end. The windows in the sanctuary are double hung with frosted glass. The main doorway is located on the southern side of the building with a pedimented gable roof awning. The original doorway had been located on the front gable end, however, in the mid-1950's it was moved to the side of the church. There is a square tower situated above the main entrance.

Information on this church was sourced from a publication written by Mrs. Tena Morrison in 1975 entitled *Boularderie United Church Pastoral Charge*.



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