

Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador

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CHURCH INVENTORY PROGRAM



Pilley's Island United Church Heritage Centre,
taken by Lara Maynard 2007

Since April 2007 the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador has been conducting a survey of churches and church-related buildings in the province. The inventory will be used for archival purposes and will serve as a record of the religious built heritage in the province.

To date, over 600 churches and 100 church - related buildings have been documented. Fieldwork has been completed in communities east of Grand Falls-Windsor, but many buildings remain undocumented west of Grand Falls-Windsor, on the Connaigre Peninsula and in Labrador.

The Heritage Foundation welcomes towns, parishes, heritage groups or interested individuals to submit information on any undocumented churches, or supplementary information on churches already documented. A church survey form can be found on our website at www.heritagefoundation.ca.

Browse through the "Property Search" page to see if the churches in your community have been recorded.

PRINCE OF WALES AWARD

The City of St. John's was awarded the prestigious Prince Of Wales prize by the Heritage Canada Foundation.

The plaque was unveiled at City Hall on November 28th, 2007.



Some of the pioneers of the St. John's Heritage community posed for a photo. L/R George Chalker, Shane O'Dea, David Bradley, Ruth Canning, Shannie Duff and Edith Goodridge



Unveiling of the plaque. L/R David Bradley - Heritage Canada Foundation, Deputy Mayor Dennis O'Keefe and Councilor Shannie Duff.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2007 was another fantastic year for the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador. We are looking forward to another year of protecting, preserving and promoting our built heritage.

Last year HFNL approved 13 structures for designation, and provided grants in the total amount of \$178,000 to 16 Registered Heritage Structures. We continue to preserve and protect fisheries-related architecture as a living symbol of our rich fisheries heritage by assisting 63 fishing stages and stores in 2007.

We continue to assist municipalities with protecting and recognizing heritage sites, buildings and structures. The survey of churches and church-related buildings continues with over 700 buildings documented since the project started.

In 2007 we also participated in a number of workshops, lectures and the Doors Open program.

As part of the Heritage Canada Foundation's 35th anniversary celebrations, the Heritage Canada Foundation theme for Heritage Day 2008 is "*Work that Endures: Careers in Built Heritage.*"

Whether working as carpenters, artisans, planners, developers, teachers, architects, or volunteers, all work in the heritage field is gratifying.

We are looking forward to another year full of challenges and successes.

- George Chalker
Executive Director

February 18th is Heritage Day!

Join us in celebrating our country's rich and diverse heritage. Our annual Heritage Day Award Ceremony will be hosted by Winterholme in St. John's at 11:00am on February 18th, 2008.

At that time the winner of our 2007-08 Heritage Day Poster Contest will be unveiled.

HFNL encourages schools and municipalities to plan an event. If your municipality would like to make a Heritage Day proclamation contact our office for certificates.

For details email whittlep@heritagefoundation.ca

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MUNICIPALITIES DESIGNATING HERITAGE CEMETERIES - Lara Maynard

Newfoundland and Labrador's Provincial Register of Historic Places currently includes listings for 28 cemeteries designated as heritage land by town councils under the Municipalities Act. The majority of the designations were accomplished within the last two years, with assistance from the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador in preparing a Statement of Significance for the designation process.

Torbay is amongst the most recent towns to designate heritage cemeteries. Jeff Green is president of the Torbay Heritage Committee, which advised Torbay's town council on the designation of the Old Holy Trinity Parish Cemetery and the Old St. Nicholas Parish Cemetery. He says, "From our point of view, cemeteries are excellent repositories of genealogical and community history. They give good insight into Torbay's history and culture. Some of the markers in our cemeteries, particularly the older ones, contain records of historic or tragic events. Cemeteries occupy a special place in our town and we value their historic significance."

Fifteen other municipalities including Anchor Point, Bonavista, Cape Broyle, Conception Bay South, Elliston, Fogo, Harbour Grace, Heart's Content, Leading Tickles, Parson's Pond, Port Kirwan, Renews-Cappahayden, St. Lawrence, Witless Bay and Woody Point have designated cemeteries. In four cases a church and connected cemetery together are designated as one heritage site, while the remainder are stand alone cemetery designations. View the listing for each on Newfoundland and Labrador's Provincial Register of Historic Places at www.heritagefoundation.ca.

Municipalities interested in heritage designation of cemeteries or other landscape features, as well as structures or buildings in their jurisdictions may contact Lara Maynard, Municipal Outreach Officer at HFNL for assistance: 1-866-739-6592 ext 5 / 739-6592 ext 5 or outreach@heritagefoundation.ca. Our booklet entitled *Municipal Designation of Cemeteries and the Historic Places Initiative* is available online at www.heritagefoundation.ca/docs/Graveyard_Design_web.pdf, or by contacting our office.



Old Holy Trinity Cemetery, Torbay was designated a municipal heritage site due to its cultural, spiritual, historic and aesthetic values. Its notable features include a monument to feisty Father Edward Troy (d. 1872) and another remembering four local boys who drowned during the 1884 St. John's Regatta, as well as a rock wall and stone monument built from the ruins of a stone church (b. 1859) once on the site.



Old St. Nicholas Cemetery near Torbay Beach. The earliest recorded burial occurred in 1674 to inter the body of a member of a migrant fishing crew.

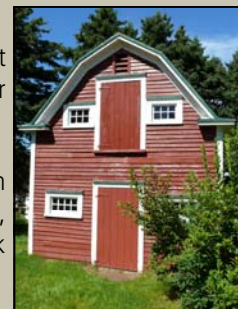
Lulah-Oh!, Holyrood's First Municipal Heritage Designation

Lara Maynard

The Holyrood Heritage Society has been successful in advising their town council to make the Carroll Property the town's first municipal heritage designation under the Municipalities Act. The motion to designate passed, on the second attempt, on December 4, 2007, much to the delight of the society's chairperson, Linda Fraser.

The Carroll Property is a collection of 1940s buildings and structures which was once home to entrepreneur Jack Carroll, who was in the cold storage business linked to the local bait fish industry, as well as a bit of agriculture. His home was known as Lulah-Oh!, which is Portuguese and translates as "Squid-Ho!" The property includes a house, two barns, a garage, a cookhouse, beach rock wall, and a water tank which supplied fresh water for washing fish at the cold storage business premises down over the hill.

View the listing for Lulah-Oh!/Carroll Property Municipal Heritage Site on Newfoundland and Labrador's Provincial Register of Historic Places at www.heritagefoundation.ca.



The smaller of two well preserved 1940s barns at Lulah-Oh!/Carroll Property Municipal Heritage Site on the north side of Holyrood.



3 Barnes Road, St. John's.

Deborah O'Rielly

3 Barnes Road lies in an area of St. John's known as Georgestown. The Second Empire style house was built between 1850 -1880 and escaped the Great Fire of 1892 by mere metres. This two-storey building is one of the last remaining Second Empire style dwelling houses with a central tower in St. John's that has most of its original features intact.

3 Barnes Road has historical significance due to the number of important persons who resided there, including James Whiteford McNeily, who lived there from 1913-1938, and Richard Cramm, who lived there from 1939 to about 1958. It is aesthetically significant because its original features have been preserved, including the central tower with a mansard roof, eaves brackets, inlaid decorative elements and two-storey bay windows.

3 Barnes Road is also aesthetically valuable for its landmark location within Georgestown – an area of the city that was developed as a separate community after the Great Fire of 1892. This building sits on a large area of green space, adjacent to the St. John's Ecclesiastical District and contributes to the cultural landscape of the historic area.

Conserving the Stories of Historic Places - Lara Maynard

In November HFNL hosted a workshop called *Conserving the Stories of Historic Places: Lessons from the Shetland Islands and Newfoundland and Labrador* at the St. John's Masonic Temple. The well-attended, day-long workshop attracted registrants from around the province, as well as some visitors in town for the St. John's Storytelling Festival.



Presenter Davy Cooper of the Shetland Amenity Trust, a charitable organization whose quite encompassing heritage conservation purview includes buildings, artifacts, flora, fauna and intangible culture, shared some of the innovative projects happening in the Shetland Islands. The folklorist, author, storyteller and heritage conservationist noted many similarities and some significant differences between Newfoundland and Labrador and his own region. His audience was wide-eyed upon hearing how a major portion of the Shetland Amenity Trust's funding comes from a per-barrel percentage

of oil industry revenue.



Archivist, folklorist, teacher, singer and storyteller Anita Best and award-winning independent radio producer Chris Brookes provided pointers on organizing oral history projects, and particularly on conducting interviews. Anita recommends the Baylor University Institute for Oral History's manual called *Introduction to Oral History* as a good reference. It is available online (see www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/43912.pdf).

The day concluded with a tour of the Masonic Temple with John Warren. "What an interesting and informed historian!" said Bill O'Gorman of Lourdes. "I thought he owned the place in the way he informed us of every detail of the remarkable history of the building."