
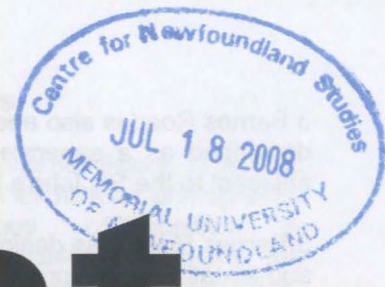


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## City of St. John's Presented with Prince of Wales Prize

The City of St. John's was presented this past fall with the Prince of Wales Prize for Municipal Heritage Leadership by The Heritage Canada Foundation. Making the presentation was David Bradley of The Heritage Canada Foundation's Board of Governors and George Chalker, Executive Director of the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland & Labrador.

The prize, the Heritage Canada Foundation's highest honour, was created with the support of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to encourage and reward sound conservation policies and practices at the municipal level.



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

Councillor Shannie Duff, Chair of the City's Heritage Advisory Committee said that, "the City owes a debt of gratitude to the heritage pioneers who through their advocacy and encouragement laid the groundwork and enabled the City to today receive this prestigious award".

Former Mayor Wells thanked the Heritage Foundation of NL, the Eastern Newfoundland Homebuilders, Downtown Development Commission and the Newfoundland Historic Trust for their nomination and support.

For more information about the Heritage Canada Foundation or the Prince of Wales Prize, visit [www.heritagecanada.org](http://www.heritagecanada.org)

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## 3 Barnes Road Designated St. John's Municipal Heritage Building

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 1913-1938) and Richard Cramm (who lived there 1939 - ca.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

3 Barnes Road is also aesthetically valuable for its landmark location within Georgetown – an area of the city that was developed as a separate community through the early 1800s. This building sits on a large area of green space, adjacent to the St. John's Ecclesiastical District National Historic Site.

3 Barnes Road was designated a St. John's Municipal Heritage Building on December 17, 2007. It is presently vacant and tentative plans for future uses are currently being considered.

## The Town of Holyrood and its Heritage Society jointly celebrates Heritage Day.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Town of Holyrood and its Heritage Society jointly celebrated Heritage Day, which Holyrood Mayor Curtis Buckle noted was "the first such day for our Town."

"On 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007, our council declared its first Municipal Heritage Designation to Mrs. Daphne Greene, owner of the former Lula-Oh! / Carroll property, 19 North Side Road, Holyrood. The property, consisting of 1940 structures and wooden buildings is meticulously maintained to this very day by its owner. The property is steeped in historic and cultural value and offers much beauty to the Town's heritage and landscape," said the Mayor.



House Exterior – Holyrood

Linda Fraser, President of the Holyrood Heritage Society outlines other Heritage assets of the community. "The *old R C Chapel Cemetery* is now recognized under the Historic Resources Act as an archaeological site and is therefore "protected and preserved" under the Act. Another phase of restoration and preservation is planned for this year. In addition, the *Refinery Road* will officially become "*Sir Albert Walsh Drive*," thus recognizing the value of Sir Albert's life and work in the culture of our Community and Province. A 'Statement of Significance' will be prepared on other properties this spring. In connection with Come Home Year Celebrations, the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, 2008 has been chosen to publicly honor our Town's Heritage Designations. This fall, our Remembrance Day Committee will unveil a publication honoring those who enlisted during World Wars I, II and the Korean War in the communities from Kitchuses through to Holyrood. We have once again nominated Wilf Doyle for the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador; we continue to promote *the Lancers'* a traditional

Newfoundland dance; Provincial Heritage Fairs in our elementary school; and the general education and interest of heritage as it relates to our Town.

Fraser also stated that "Today our shorelines are at *high risk* to modern housing developments and private estates. The world over, the focal point of our heritage is steeped in our fishery, the heartiness of our people, and the incredulous beauty of our panoramic views loaned to us by being an island enriched with vast treasured shorelines and fishing villages. It is this freedom and ancestral right to have un-encumbered physical and visual accessibility to our fore-fathers homeland that demands preservation. The historical features of our shorelines must be protected. By-laws and policies should be attractive to all parties and, more importantly, consistently applied. Undoubtedly, heritage conservation and community planning are a complex blend of art and science. We meet the second Monday of each month, 7 pm at the Town Council Office."



Rock Wall and Tower - Holyrood

The Town of Holyrood would like to thank all the volunteers and councillors who have worked to preserve our culture and heritage resources.

## Newfoundland Historic Trust Receives Collection of Historic Photographs



**The Colonial Building in August 1944**

Grace fire in 1944, the unloading and weighing of seal skins in 1945, and many photographs depicting the streets of St. John's as they looked in the 1940s. Adding to the historical importance of this collection is the fact that many of the photographs are dated. They contain captions on the back that detail not only where the photographs were taken and what they are of, but also include information that cannot be directly interpreted from the photographs, such as how much the seal skins in some of the photographs were worth, or how much the groceries cost in some stores.

The photographs were donated by Carolyn Flynn, whose father was stationed in the St. John's area during most of the 1940s as a Chief Petty Officer in the RCN. Ms. Flynn and her husband visited Newfoundland a few years ago, and during their time here they were delighted by the "intense interest and pride that people took in their local history." As such, Ms. Flynn donated her father's old photographs of Newfoundland to the Newfoundland Historic Trust with the hope that they may be of some interest.

The Newfoundland Historic Trust greatly appreciates the donation of this collection and would like to express our gratitude to Ms Flynn. These photographs are a wealth of information of the Province's past, and we hope to preserve them so they will be available for future generations.

## Heritage Day Proclamation Signing



**L-R. Premier Danny Williams, Shannie Duff, and Kimberley Blanchard**

This past winter the Newfoundland Historic Trust was the recipient of a collection of historic photographs taken throughout various communities in Newfoundland during the 1940s. Among the communities featured are St. John's, Harbour Grace, Clarke's Beach, and Brigus; and the photographs showcase many of Newfoundland's historic buildings, including the Colonial Building and the Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, as they appeared in August and September of 1944.

Also of note are photos of the aftermath of the Harbour



**Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in September 1944.**

This past February, representatives from the heritage community joined Premier Danny Williams as he signed a proclamation for Heritage Day in Newfoundland and Labrador. Heritage Day will be the third Monday of February each year, and municipalities are encouraged to take this time to celebrate heritage in their communities.

Representing the Newfoundland Historic Trust at the proclamation signing was Newfoundland Historic Trust President, Kimberley Blanchard.

## A Hand Made Church in the Arms of Green Bay - Jackson's Cove United (Methodist) Church

Lying on the southern shore of Green Bay, Newfoundland, Jackson's Cove was founded in the 1840s by settlers engaged in lumbering, ship building, fishing and subsistence farming. Families expanded and the community grew throughout the 1800s and early 1900s, and included family names such as Knight, Langdown, Batstone, Osmond, Bowers, Moores, Newhook and Strong.

Some of the settlers, such as Jonas Newhook, a member of a well-established family of master ship builders in Trinity Bay, brought woodworking skills to the cove with them, while other men in the community quickly acquired skills in carpentry and woodworking and several developed into master carpenters, shipbuilders, and small boat builders.

Most of the early residents were staunch followers of the Methodist faith and its founder John Wesley. In 1855, Green Bay was one of 14 "circuits" of the Methodist Church across Newfoundland. It became the Twillingate Circuit in 1859. As the area developed, the Ministerial "Charge" was based in Little Bay Islands, Little Bay, Nipper's Harbour and then King's Point (where it remains today). Jackson's Cove followers established a church as early as 1869, when services were held in a small building located on the side of what came to be known as "Lodge Hill". Each Sunday, the school would be converted into a church. Before 1869, they probably gathered in peoples' homes or in venues such as store lofts.

The church was by far the most important public institution in Jackson's Cove and the other communities in the area. An active church was seen as indicative of a healthy, progressive community and vice versa. It was important to have a building that reflected this status in terms of design, quality of construction and location in the community.

When the little church on Lodge Hill burned down community leaders determined that it was time to build a substantial structure that would serve the needs of the community for a long time to come. The corner stone of the new church was laid in 1908 by Henry Knight, who at 78 was the oldest citizen of the community and a long-recognized leader of the Methodist Church in the area, with Reverend R.H. Maddox presiding. Based in Little Bay Islands, Reverend Maddox was the Minister serving Green Bay in 1908.



**Building Jackson's Cove Church c. 1915**

Construction of the church began and the main frame was erected in 1908 (planning and pre-construction work was probably undertaken for a couple of years previous), with one record stating that the church was opened to the public in 1909. This is unlikely however, as the building was designed and built entirely by hand with free labour supplied by the men of the community in their spare time. This was quite an amazing undertaking, given that everyone in the community was employed year-round fishing, building boats, working in the mining industry, cutting wood and hunting/farming for food. Completion of the building's interior took several more years.

Also impressive is the fact that the project was completed without the benefit of any previously prepared design. The building team was headed by Arthur Knight, who prepared the building plan, likely with advice from the Building Committee, the Minister

or others who had attended churches in St. John's or elsewhere. Those in the community who crewed and captained schooners were widely traveled around the Newfoundland coast and beyond and had a wide base of experience from which to draw.

The timber was cut on the hills overlooking Green Bay; the "mast" supporting the spire for example, was cut across the bay on Middle Arm Head. The men cut the logs during the winter and hauled them out of the woods by pony in the spring. The logs were squared using adzes and most of the smaller lumber was cut by pit saw. Finished lumber, such as the boards for the pews, were planed by hand using stock planes.

The structure was built on a dry stone foundation in a rectangular shape, measuring 10m x 17m (33ft x 56ft), with a front porch 3m x 3.5m (9ft x 12ft) on which the builders mounted the spire. Its other external features included a steep peaked roof and gothic-style windows, with rounded tops. It was built to seat 150 people, with 35 pews. The building and all its features are very well proportioned and designed.



L-R. Errol Knight, Arthur Knight, Len Knight

(around the late 1940s). It was repaired, but then cracked again and had to be abandoned. It spent years in Uncle Brose Batstone's yard, next to his garage; its current whereabouts are unknown. A new bell was purchased in the early 1950s.

After much hard work and a community-wide effort spanning at least eleven years, the grand opening of this newest witness to Newfoundland Methodism took place in September, 1919 with Reverend Ira F. Curtis officiating, accompanied by Reverend George Butt. Reverend Curtis was based in Springdale at the time, but was well known to the people of Jackson's Cove, having led many services in the community when no minister was available. Reverend George Butt was the minister assigned to the King's Point Charge in 1919.

Ninety-five years since the laying of the cornerstone, the hand-made Church built by Arthur and his talented crew still stands proudly at the entrance to Jackson's Cove. Its spire and weather vane are still constant companions for residents, whether they are travelling around the community or out on the water.

The building became a United Church following the formation of the United Church of Canada in 1925, with the union of Congregationalist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. The Newfoundland Methodists came reluctantly to the union, being from the strictly fundamentalist, Wesleyan tradition.

In Jackson's Cove, as elsewhere, there was a great deal of debate and misgiving about the impending union, but the majority of Methodists across Canada and Newfoundland eventually voted in favour and, in mid-June 1925, they would have gathered in their little church and raised their voices in praise as members of the United Church of Canada. However, their Methodist beliefs and practices would remain virtually unchanged for many years to come.

Dennis Knight

The finished carpentry work was done by several of the local carpenters, with prominent roles played by Arthur and Henry Thomas Knight (Uncle Tom). A bachelor and in his mid thirties at the time, Uncle Tom was a fisherman all his life but also an accomplished carpenter. He also operated a forge and was an acknowledged "Jack of all Trades". He turned most of the woodwork on the hand-operated lathe owned by him and his brother Warwick in the family workshop up on Western Point. He operated the lathe, turning the treadle with his foot. His work can be seen in the interior fittings, around the pulpit, underneath the communion rail and on the decorative ceiling pieces.

The pews (30 of the originals are still intact) were made by Charlie Strong, Arthur Knight and Allen Knight, and Samuel Batstone turned the rosettes seen at the end of the pews with an improvised jig. Features such as the altar, pulpit, window sashes and doors were all made locally. The hard wood covering the inside walls and the communion rail were shipped in, probably from St. John's, along with the stained glass for the windows, the two wood stoves (located centre front and back – since removed) and the organ. The stove pipes came from across the bay in Bett's Cove (a mining community near Nipper's Harbour abandoned shortly after 1885) and the original, inside front doors may also have come from there.

Money for these "outside" purchases was raised by community "Times" and other fundraisers, supplemented by small individual donations. The original bell was quite large and could be heard across the Bay and for miles around on a calm day. However, it eventually cracked and had to be sent away for repairs



Jackson's Cove Church, July 2003

## Windows on the West End Walking Tour, Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Come join us on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 as the Newman Wine Vaults once again takes part in the Windows on the West End Walking Tour. Free guided tours will be leaving the Railway Coastal Museum at 10 am, 11:30 am and 2 pm, and will make stops at the St. John's City Archives, Apothecary Hall, the Newman Wine Vaults, and the George Street United Church. Scavenger Hunt maps will also be available at the Railway Coastal Museum and a prize draw will be held at the end of the day from all of the completed maps.

## Napoleon Surrenders! at the Newman Wine Vaults, Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

On July 15, 1815, France's "Little Emperor" Napoleon Bonaparte surrendered to the crew of the H.M.S. *Bellerophon*, the British Naval vessel that would later carry him to exile in St. Helena. According to Dale Jarvis, local folklorist and Past President of the Newfoundland Historic Trust, stories circulate that the ship's crew toasted the occasion with 88 gallons of wine, some of which may have been Newman's port purchased in St. John's, Newfoundland from the agent of Newman and Company.

On Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 1:00pm, join the Little Emperor and his escort at the Newman Wine Vaults Provincial Historic Site, 436 Water Street, for the Napoleon Surrenders re-enactment ceremony. The public are invited to toast to the health of the Queen with a free sample of Newman's Celebrated Port, and grape juice will be provided for those under the legal drinking age. Visitors are welcome to tour the Newman Wine Vaults following the event.

For further information contact the Newman Wine Vaults at 739-7870 or visit [www.historictrust.com](http://www.historictrust.com).

## Newman Wine Vaults Featured at Local Heritage Fairs

The Newfoundland Historic Trust is pleased to acknowledge the outstanding work of local students Renee Kennedy and Patrick Browne, both of whom contacted the Newfoundland Historic Trust this past winter to express their interest in researching the Newman Wine Vaults for their Heritage Fair projects.

Renee, a grade nine student at Holy Spirit High School, won the Heritage Fair competition at her school level, and then represented her school at the Regional Heritage Fair that was held in Mount Pearl at McDonald Drive Junior High in May. Renee said that everyone that had visited her project found it to be very interesting and were surprised to know that they drive past the Vaults a lot, as they never knew where the Vaults were before.



Renee Kennedy with her Heritage Fair Project on the Newman Wine Vaults



Patrick Browne and his sister Catherine with his Heritage Fair Project on the Newman Wine Vaults

Patrick, a grade five student at St. Mary's Elementary in St.

John's, had planned on doing a Heritage Fair project on the Newman Wine Vaults since he first visited the site in September 2006 during Doors Open St. John's. Patrick is very interested in the history of the Newman Wine Vaults, especially the details surrounding how the Newman Company first came to Newfoundland with port by accident, and also the many ghost stories that exist about Wine Vaults. Patrick also enjoyed conducting his research on the Newman Wine Vaults, and telling his classmates and visitors at the Heritage Fair all about the information and stories that he had researched.

The Newfoundland Historic Trust appreciates the interest in the Newman Wine Vaults that was shown by Renee and Patrick, and wishes them all the best in their future studies.

## Special Events at the Newman Wine Vaults – Summer 2008

### June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Newman Wine Vaults Open Summer 2008	11	12 2008 Southcott Awards	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Windows on the West End
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

### July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Jazz and Poetry with Herb Hopkins and the Jimmy Thomson Trio	4	5
6 Shakespeare By The Sea	7 Shakespeare By The Sea	8	9	10	11	12
13 Shakespeare By The Sea	14 Shakespeare By The Sea	15 Napoleon Surrenders!	16	17	18	19
20 Shakespeare By The Sea	21 Shakespeare By The Sea	22	23	24	25	26
27 Shakespeare By The Sea	28 Shakespeare By The Sea	29	30	31		



# Newfoundland Historic Trust

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The registered, non-profit Newfoundland Historic Trust was founded in 1966 as a citizens' response to built heritage under threat. The Trust has a mandate to preserve the built heritage of our province through advocacy, research, education and outreach. It is membership-driven and governed by a volunteer board. Some accomplishments of which we are proud:

The Trust's **Southcott Awards** were established in 1984 and are presented annually to recognize significant preservation activity throughout the province, and to encourage it in the future. Awards have been given for projects in Petite Forte, Hopedale, Brigus, Bonavista, Tilting, Grand Bank, Trinity, Mount Pearl, Greenspond, Corner Brook, Bareneed and elsewhere around Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Trust's **Newman Wine Vaults** Restoration Project began in 1997. Now the Trust operates the Vaults as a Provincial Historic Site which is open to the public during summer months and by appointment and for special events and programming throughout the year.

In 2003 the Trust and its partners organized Atlantic Canada's first (and highly successful!) **Doors Open** event in St. John's, with 27,500 visits to 16 participating sites! We're growing on this success and expanding Doors Open to other areas of the province, with program partnerships.

The ability of the Trust to speak confidently and lobby effectively to protect our province's built heritage, neighbourhoods, streetscapes and open spaces depends to a large extent on the degree of public support it enjoys. **Memberships and donations are tax deductible. Receipts will be issued.**

**Our membership year starts in January. Please renew or join for 2008!**

## 2008 Newfoundland Historic Trust Membership Form - Membership counts!

Annual membership fees are \$25 per individual or family and \$40 for groups, institutions or organizations. Our membership year begins in January. Send form with cheque payable to Newfoundland Historic Trust or VISA information to The Newfoundland Historic Trust, PO Box 2403, St. John's, NL, A1C 6E7; fax 709-739-6596.

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I also include a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation to the Trust.

Payment by:  enclosed cheque

Visa number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date (mo/yr) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in serving on any of the Trust's committees (Southcott Awards, preservation, programming) or helping in any other way (fund-raising, newsletter, volunteer at Newman Vaults, other)? Please specify:

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