

THE McGARVA PHOTO COLLECTION OF PICTOU COUNTY CHARACTERS

Below you will find a guide to each of the photographs found in this Donald McGarva album. Each one includes the photo identification number and Don McGarva's title - notes left by library patrons - the date of the photograph if given - information from a local directory of that time frame - notes added by this library giving some information about where in the town the photo was taken whenever possible. Spellings of names often varied and we retained these as given to us.

Explanation of the entries

Photo Number and Photo Title: The library has added an identification number for each photo for convenience. The photo title (in capitals) which follows each photo identification number is that given by Don McGarva in this photo album from the 1949-1956 era.

Donated Information: The information following the titles has been given by library patrons and visitors. It helps to identify and perhaps give some further information on the "characters". We thank everyone who has helped in this way. You, too, can supply information if you wish, in the comments field.

Date: Where a date is supplied, it has been taken from the back of the photo.

Directory 1951: Additionally, we have added information which has been found in the Directory for Pictou County Towns 1951, published by Smith Publications, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. A copy of this directory can be found in the Glass Cabinet Collection of the New Glasgow Library. In every case, accuracy of identification was considered most important but even that does not preclude errors, which, if found, we will be happy to acknowledge. "Directory 1951:" before an entry will indicate the above source. Abbreviations used in the directory and also used here include: "r" for residence; emp for employed or employee at or by; prop. for Proprietor; Mrg. for manager or managers; off for office; manfg for manufacturing or manufactures; insc for insurance; flr for floor;

Notes: An additional entry under "Note" is an attempt to identify where the photograph was taken and to sometimes note interesting landmarks in the backgrounds.

At Present: The present location of buildings when mentioned within the notes is in reference to approximately the year 2004.