

Maryville Station

Maryville Station was a flag station with a part time agent. Here was located a small station with a short spur that held only five or six rail cars. The railway was important for business establishments in the 1900 to 1960 era, such as Hugh Beaton & Sons of Little Judique and the Maryville Lobster Cannery Co-operative at Pig Cove harbour. The train brought cars filled with feed, flour, fertilizer, barrels of molasses, kegs of nails, lumber, appliances and coal. They were shunted onto the spur until emptied. In turn, Hugh Beaton sent out carloads of pit timbers and pulpwood for his customers.



Maryville Wharf is located at what is commonly called Pig Cove. The wharf had extensive upgrades in 2005-06. This picturesque wharf/marina is a short hike from the Judique Flyer Trail. Photo by: Ted Chiasson

Hugh also sold International Harvester trucks as well as farm machinery which came in by rail. Mail order supplies from Eaton's and Simpson's catalogues would arrive at this station for local customers.

Many families stayed on the same land for generations. Sheumas "Harold Johnny Allan Ian" was brought up on the homestead, near the trail, overlooking Allan Ian's Pond, named for his great-grandfather, Allan, son of Ian MacDonald.



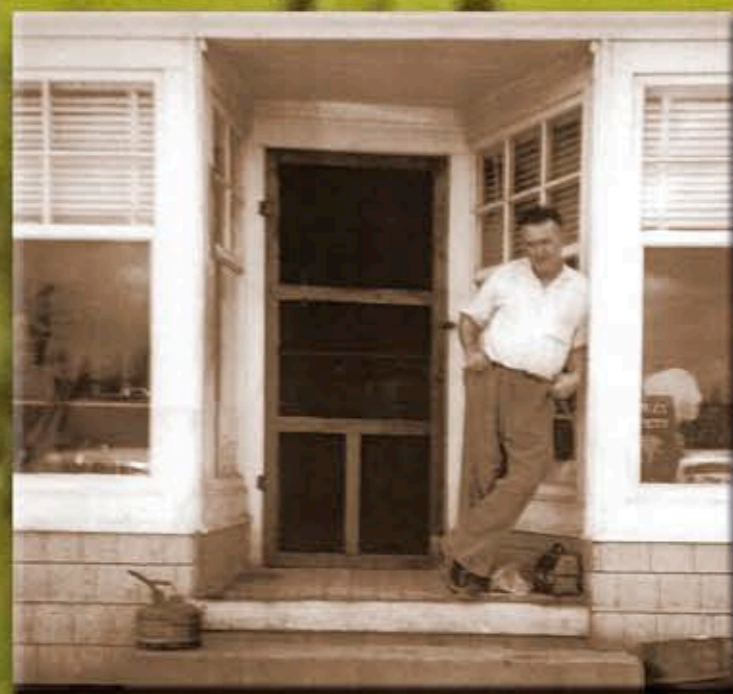
Hugh Beaton owned a forge on the corner of the main road and Maryville Station Road. Over time, fewer horses worked on the farms and eventually Hugh started a automobile sales and repair shop. 1940 Site of Beaton Garage

One of Mr. Beaton's neighbours, John Roddie MacDonald driving a tractor. circa late 1940s



Hayfields lined the Maryville Station Road on either side when subsistence farmers had to make sure the summer's hay harvest lasted through the winter. Work on the family farm changed as hand scythes were replaced by horse-drawn mowing machines, and then, horses in turn were replaced by tractors.

Haymaking on the MacDonald farm in Little Judique Ponds, circa 1960. During haymaking in the heat of summer children were given the freedom to 'tramp' the hay so more hay would fit on the wagon for each trip to the barn. Photo: Edie MacDonald



Hugh Beaton operated the general store for many years, July 1960.



Harness racing has long been a tradition in Inverness County. In the winter, wheels were replaced by sled runners for ice racing on the local ponds. Photo: Edie MacDonald

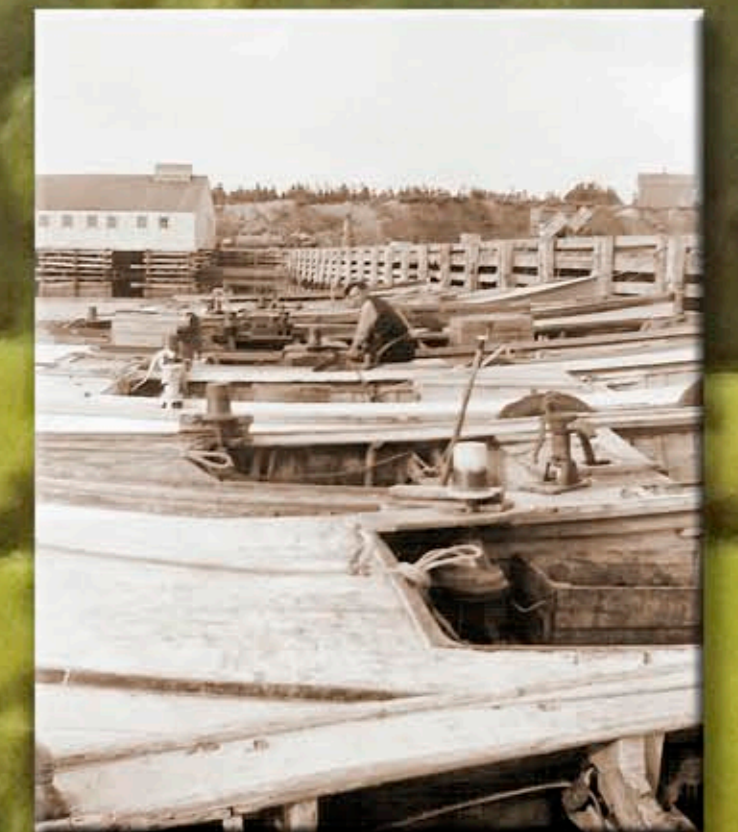


The Maryville Cannery built in 1933, was wiped out by a storm in 1944 and after being rebuilt, operated until 1953. The year the cannery was built, the fishermen were getting 3 1/2 cents a lb. for lobsters.

The fishermen's co-operative in Maryville exported from here yearly thousands of boxes of tinned lobsters under the U-M-F (United Maritime Fishermen) brand label.



Workers from the Maryville Cooperative Cannery, circa 1942. Photo: Donald Roddie MacDonald, Lenny MacDonald



Pig Cove Wharf, the location of the Maryville lobster factory, circa 1940. Photo: Lenny MacDonald



International trucks at the old Beaton Home 1966-1967



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